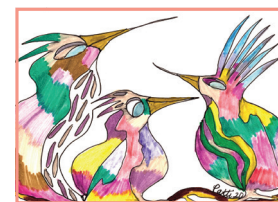




Patricia (Keister) Coopriders

April 28, 1940 – January 4, 2021



Feelings from Family:

LA JOLLA - "Flying on the wings of an angel, Mom left this earthly world to embrace a spiritual realm free of pain. Patti, wife of husband Coop for 62 years this Valentine's Day, lived life to its fullest and shared her authentic optimism with all she encountered. Artist, world traveler, art aficionado, friend, and volunteer to many charities, all while being mother to 7 children, Kyle, Tayna, Me, Kendra, Gabrielle, Molli and Shannon. I love you Mom."

— Kami

"I so loved my mom. It's sad that my being confined at Post Acute Care, in mandatory lockdown, that I was forbidden to leave with my sisters to go see my mom to say goodbye forever, at least on this earth. Until then, I love you Mom."

— Kyle (disabled)

"MOM upside down is WOW. That's my WOW mom Patti! No wonder she was chosen to be a member of the WOW group. 'Women of Wonder' Patti was my Wonder Woman."

— Tayna

"Fearless. Watching mom through the years showed me by example how to be fearless. Fearless in life, love, kindness, creativity, generosity, travel and adventure. Thank you mom."

— Kendra

"Mom showed me how to: Be kind to all. Make every moment fun."

— Gabrielle

"Mom so often said 'Nature is my church.' She felt part of the sky, the ocean, the trees, the animals in and out of water, the sand, the flowers. In her heart she connected to nature on a deep level. That resonated with me. I am glad she was able to express that to me."

— Molli

"The best way to describe my mom is she's like the energizer bunny—she just keeps going and going. Two of my favorite quotes from her: 'if you wanna be enthusiastic, you gotta ACT enthusiastic' and any time something 'bad' happens 'It's a temporary incon-



venience honey.' She was a constant, the glue that held us all together. Our hearts are heavy, yet we are relieved to know that she is pain-free forever. Cancer Sucks."

— Shannon

"Patti was the best thing that ever happened to me."

—Coop

Feelings from Patti:

"Seeing that vivid lunar rainbow from my hospice bed spanning our beautiful ocean in La Jolla was absolutely glorious. I had a really good life sharing rich and memorable experiences. Everybody should be so lucky as me. I'm leaving feeling so truly loved by everybody. Since my arrival in San Diego I have been welcomed beyond my dreams. I was even asked into the Garden Club, and I don't even garden!!! Remember, when you are enjoying New York, Paris, Montana or in St. Tropez or La Jolla looking at an awesome ocean, know a part of me is there with you. I am very much at peace. Thanks for being my friend."

—Patti

Feelings from Friends:

"Patti was so special, she was always there, always had something to talk about, to admire. She had so much energy and so much interest in the arts and with Coop, she absolutely glowed. A fabulous couple together, tall, worldly, entertaining and never a bore. Patti was a wonderful artist. I still have many of her colorful cards, which she sent often and it brightened my day."

It is a great loss for all of us and I am sorry I can not see her again."

— Erika T.

"For many years, every Tuesday, Patti would paint with me in my Mt Soledad studio. We could talk for hours and never have a disagreement. My special friend."

— Judy W.

"I always admired Patti for her down to earth wisdom and grace. We bonded with our love of art and even with cancer. The bravest woman I know and never even a complaint. One day I called Patti and she was in New York at the 9/11 Memorial on a trip by herself! Just because she wanted to go. What a gall!"

— Cindy K.

"I'm happy to say the Oceanside Museum of Art is allowing me to sponsor 'In Honor of Patti Coopriders' the March exhibition of Twenty Women Artists. Patti's name will be on the wall in big letters at the entry of exhibit."

— Robin L.

"My mom Helen loved Patti and I know how good Patti was to her. [Patti drove Helen Tasende to Montana and back in Betina's Jeep.] The last thank you note Patti sent me with her art was following the dinner after the Thiebaud 100 year birthday opening. I have kept so many, I can't believe it's my last one. I'll never forget the sound of her laughter."

— Betina T.

"Patti has been a loving friend to me for so many years. We had so many hearty laughs together, a passionate and beautiful soul who brought so much joy to so many with her gorgeous, handmade cards sent by mail. I saved them all. The US post office will never be the same without her continual support!"

— Lola S.

"My dear friend Patti, so much love. Her energy & excitement alone helped make you a better person. Her willingness to share her curiosity on any topic was inspiring. She enriched every life she touched."

— Esther N.

"Patti achieved something every artist desires, to be remembered; so kind, generous and charismatic. Patti is the whole package. Her many Patti-art filled cards will continue to sparkle like stars in the sky."

— Patricia & Darwin F.

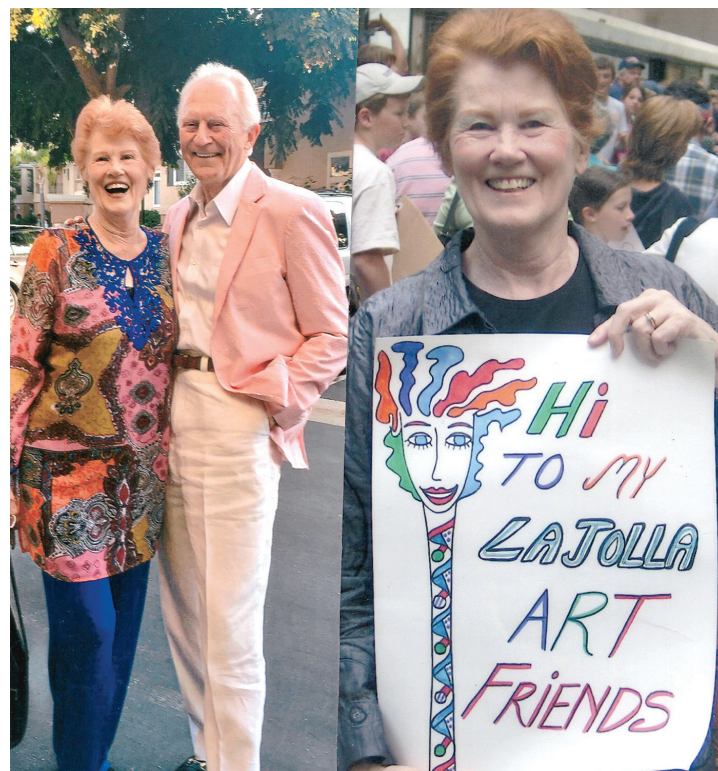
"Dear Patti, You have given kindness and sincere friendship to so many. Your love for life makes it hard for me to imagine the strength and resolve to make your courageous decision. If there is a place for blessed souls to sur-

vive, you will be among the chosen. Ana and Blu join me in saying 'Au revoir--we will meet again.'"

— Ivan B.

"I'm very sad, but no tears as Patti requested. Rather joy for her that she is free of all pain and in total tranquility in God's loving hands. I will smile thinking of Patti each time I see a rainbow."

— Lola G.



This photo of Patti holding her sign was a shot during 2005 appearance on the NY Today Show. Erika Torri was there: "Years ago, when Christo and Jeanne Claude transformed Central Park with 'The Gates', many of us flew to NY to be a part of it. The first day we were upstairs in the Jacobs' apartment right across from the ceremony in the park. Irwin had made coffee and the donuts had arrived. We were a group of maybe 20. We pressed our noses against the window, so we would not miss a thing, and then somebody got all excited and yelled out 'Look down there, the Coopriders, they have the best place in the house.' They were standing right next to the famous artists and the important dignitaries, who gave the celebratory speeches. It was so incredible, standing right next to Christo and Jean Claude. They were friends with everybody; they knew the world and its people. My friend Zandra Rhodes was always mentioning that every time she entered a bus in NY she expected them to be on the same bus, because they apparently met often that way. Patti was just magic."

Remembrance can be sent (tax deductible) to Erika Torri at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library or Kathryn Kanjo at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla.

If we missed your memory of Patti, please add yours to the Guestbook online: obituaries.sandiegouniontribune.com



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