



Patricia A. Kosiba

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It is with broken hearts that we announce that Patricia Kosiba, 84, passed away on December 11, 2016 at Largo Medical Center. Pat was a loving mother, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Born in Pennsylvania, her family moved to New Jersey where Pat grew up. She was a fashion model in New York and later met and married her first husband, Joseph Smith. They had 5 children together. In 1969 Pat and her family moved to Clearwater and purchased O'Keefe's Restaurant. Pat later married Walter Kosiba, who was a Police Officer for the city of Clearwater.

While raising her family, Pat went to college at night, becoming first a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1972 and then a Registered Nurse in 1977. She went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education from St. Leo's College in 1985.

Pat enjoyed a long and successful career in nursing. She worked as a nurse at Morton Plant Hospital and Clearwater Community Hospital. Pat left the hospitals to work for a local orthopedic surgeon, Dr. John Barrett, at the Florida Knee and Orthopedic Center, where she worked for 30 years until her death. Pat truly found her calling at Florida Knee where she was passionate about helping and educating people with orthopedic injuries, working both in the medical office as well as giving seminars on orthopedic surgical procedures.

It was well known that Pat was an excellent cook and she loved to host parties in her home. Other passions included shopping on HSN and QVC, going to the Hospice resale shop to find "treasures" and spending time with her family, friends and 2 fur babies.

Pat is survived by her 5 children, Kathleen Long, Sheila Johnson, Sharon Davis, Donna Smith and David Smith, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Pat also leaves behind 2 sisters, Eileen Dubs and Mary Ann Uher, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.



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A memorial mass will be held at St. Catherine's of Sienna Catholic Church, Clearwater on February 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM. A reception will immediately follow the service.


Memorial donations in memory of Pat can be made to Clearwater Hospice <http://www.thehospice.org/> , SPCA of Tampa Bay <http://spcatampabay.org/> or the Humane Society of Pinellas <http://www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org/>.




Events

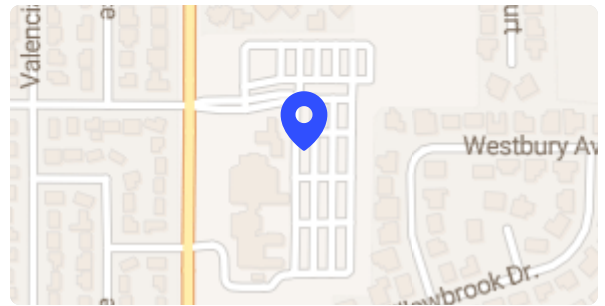
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Memorial Mass

 **Thursday**, February 16, 2017

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Catherine of Siena**
1955 South Belcher rd., Clearwater FL 33764





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SD

Susan Davis posted:

Pai was a miracle worker..she was our circulating nurse/Charge Nurse working with orthopedics (her LOVE) @ Clearwater Community Hospital . along with Dr Schuele Dr Tucke and Dr Barrett. .She made our/MY day!! she always offered support and positive feedback, before it was the thing to do!. She was very innovative and. ahead of her time amd the kindest soul..loing to care for her patients as well as her friends..You are dearly missed~a special candle was lit over advent in honor of her love for God and mankind Sue and Tank Davis

January 26 at 1:29 PM

CH

Carol Henderson posted:

I met Pat on my first day at the Knee Center in 1987. She amazed me then and continued to amaze me for the next 29 years. Pat was an innovative educator whose unique approach was a hallmark of the Knee Center. She initiated public arthritis seminars throughout central Florida attended by thousands of people over the years. She was strong-minded, a whirlwind of energy, charming, nurturing and always so full of good ideas that I affectionately called her The Idea Gerbil. Pat Kosiba was like no other. It was my privilege to call her a friend.Carol Henderson

January 9 at 6:11 AM



Angie Hernandez posted:

I truly loved Pat. I had the pleasure of working with Pat for 19 years. She was so sweet,caring and giving. She would always bring things in for my daughters that she didn't want anymore. She will be SO missed by all. HEAVEN truly received a new ANGEL.

January 6 at 10:27 AM

MW

Mary White posted:

I had the pleasure & honor to work with Pat for 30 years. She taught me the ropes working with a high volume orthopedic practice, with very high standards. I will miss you, Pat. Always asking me "what's up, how's it going & what's new?" Rest in peace & thank you. Love, Mary

January 5 at 3:48 PM



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GS

Gayle Sagro posted:

So sorry to hear of the loss of Pat. I use to work with her in the late 70"s and the early 80's. She was a wonderful nurse. Very funny. We had a lot of laughs. She will be missed. Gayle M. Sagro

January 2 at 2:07 PM

EP

Eileen Pendleton lit a candle in honor of Patricia .



January 1 at 7:57 AM



Deanna Kerstiens posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Pat for 16 years. She was always a very kindhearted, caring person to all and will be truly missed by all of us as well as our patients. Her work ethic was second to none! I feel very blessed to have known and worked with such an awesome lady! May she rest in peace!

December 29 at 5:28 PM



Cynthia Ironfield lit a candle in honor of Patricia .



December 29 at 4:22 PM



Linda Bonomo lit a candle in honor of Patricia .



December 29 at 3:16 PM

LB

Linda Bonomo lit a candle in honor of Patricia .

My deepest condolences to your family. I worked with pay for 6 yrs and had many laughs.

December 29 at 1:21 PM





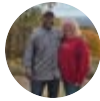
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Deanna Kerstiens lit a candle in honor of Patricia .

December 29 at 9:55 AM



Regina Robbins-Clark lit a candle in honor of Patricia .

December 29 at 9:37 AM



Deanna Kerstiens posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Pat for the past 16 years. She was always so kindhearted and eager to help anyone in any way that she possibly could, patients and co-workers alike. The love for her family was very obvious in the many conversations that we had on this topic. She will truly be missed!

December 29 at 9:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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