



Patricia Lynn Kirkley

May 3, 1959 - July 15, 2022

Patricia (Patti) Kirkley

On Friday, July 15, 2022, Patti Kirkley, loving sister, aunt, friend and neighbor passed away too soon at age 63 after a battle with cancer.

Patti was born on May 3, 1959 in Orlando, Florida. After attending Dommerich Elementary, Maitland Junior High, and Winter Park High School, she went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Central Florida.

Patti loved children and spent much of her life sculpting young minds as an educator. She taught elementary grades at Dommerich, Stenstrom, Eastbrook, and Heathrow. She also served as a Technology Facilitator, taught at the UCF Creative Center, and held the role of Media Specialist for many years. She received numerous professional accolades and was nominated Teacher of the Year at Dommerich Elementary and achieved further recognition as a National Board-Certified Teacher.

Though much of her time was spent in the classroom, her true passion was taking care of her beloved labs, Chesapeake, Lexi, Emma, and Chase.

She clung to her faith and knowledge of the promises of Heaven where she

would one day be reunited with those she loved who went before her. Patti was a dedicated member of her church and regularly attended mass at St. Margaret Mary in Winter Park.

She was an active member in her community and was always there to provide meals or friendly conversation to her family, neighbors, and friends. Keeping up with Patti, the Queen of Puns, was an increasingly competitive battle within the family, making for lots of laughs at every get-together.

She was very creative and enjoyed scrapbooking, landscaping, and journaling. Patti loved spending her Saturday's perusing garage sales and stocking Cool Breeze Cottage, her eBay store. She was an excellent cook and was well-known for her culinary specialties, including many holiday casseroles and her ever-famous, Christmas Trash.

Preceded in death by father, Earle L. Kirkley; mother, Rose Kirkley; sister, Diana; sister, Elizabeth; and niece, Sarah.

Patti is survived by Debbie Kirkley, Karen Kirkley Conrad (Jack), Don, James (Ashley), Rob Conrad and Diana Dalton; Earle Kirkley III (Robin), Earle IV (Rebecca), Katelyn Knapp (Caleb), Diana Jeffers (Anthony), Doug (Sarah); Robert Kirkley (Cindi), Robbie Kirkley, Rachel Kirkley; Kenneth Kirkley, Ryan Kirkley, Lauren Kirkley; Allen Gast Jr. (Jodi), Bryan Gast (Elizabeth), Kevin Gast; Brendan Best; Great Nephews (12) and Great Nieces (7); Uncle George and Aunt Nancy; Many cousins and friends.

Visitation – Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – 5:00pm-7:00pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Ave. Maitland FL 32751

Funeral Mass – Wednesday, August 3, 2022 – 10:00am at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 526 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park FL 32789

Burial following the service at Glen Haven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in memory of Patti Kirkley.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Park

2300 Temple drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 North Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to learn of Patti’s passing. We were neighbors and friends on Chinook Trail for 25 years. Over the years we had numerous curbside chats and shared many laughs together as she was out walking her dogs. Patti was always a bright ray of sunshine and willing to help out a friend whenever needed. We became even better friends after I moved to the west coast a few years ago. I’m so grateful I was able to see her in June during my visit to Orlando. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed!

Ann Reisch - August 11, 2022 at 11:14 PM

 Kristen Norton-Zellem

“ Like so many, I was fortunate to have Ms. Kirkley as a teacher. She was my 1st and 4th grade teacher at Dommerich, and she was the very best!! My family would see her at church from time to time in the years that followed, and she was always so genuine and warm. She will be missed, but certainly not forgotten. My most sincere sympathies to her family and friends. May your many happy memories bring you comfort.

Kristen Norton-Zellem - August 06, 2022 at 08:57 PM

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“ Ms. Kirkley was my 4th grade teacher and aunt to my good friend Kevin. I lived in the neighborhood and would walk past her place on the way to hangout with Kevin. She would be sure to always say hi to me and ask how my family was doing. Over the years she would talk with my mom and ask about me. I always appreciated her thoughtful and caring nature. A saying that serves her well, "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal." May her memory be a blessing.

Eric Baskauskas - August 02, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ Patti came knocking on our door the day after we moved into our house on Ponca across the street from her. She brought us a plant and a smile! We had many conversations over the next many years about gardening tips, her babies (dogs), etc. We loved Patti so much! She will be so missed!

Laura Jackson - July 31, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ Ms. Kirkley was my 4th grade teacher at Dommerich. I remember her fondly. May her family find peace in knowing that she is no longer having to battle her illness. I am grateful that she was a part of my educational journey. May she rest in peace.

Erin - July 29, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Patti was our neighbor, and friend, for over 20 years and she will be dearly missed. We were just a phone call away if we needed favors from each other and I will miss out chats and visits. Our deepest sympathy to her family.
 The McKinleys.

Carol Mckinley - July 28, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ I was blessed to have Patti as my supervising teacher when I was in college. She was an awesome teacher! I was hired at Dommerich and taught kindergarten next door to Patti for several years. She was always a true friend; I am so thankful for knowing her! I already miss her! Lisa Ameno

Lisa Ameno - July 28, 2022 at 06:18 PM