

Patti Ann Smith

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Patti Ann loved to say she “was born on the South Side of Chicago” to parents, Yolanda and John Gleason. She was educated in the Catholic School System through high school, and at the age of 45, decided to go back to school, getting her AA Degree from Ohlone College and graduating with the highest honors.

Patti worked as an office manager at Richard Fallows Dental Practice in Saratoga for 18 years. During this time, she met her partner of 43 years, Susie Daughtrey. Together, they spent 12 years living in Fremont. In 1995, they moved to The Villages and started their own business, PAS, together, selling promotional products. P.A.S.

officially stood for Promotional Advertising Specialty, but also for their connection, Patricia Ann Smith and Patti and Susie, a cleverness that captured the essence of their business.

Patti loved the summers she and Susie set up their own fruit and vegetable stand in Castro Valley, greeting locals and enjoying the camaraderie of the community. After this, they headed to Europe on a Eurail pass and biked from Passau, Germany to Vienna.

Two of her fondest memories are about her sons. When she turned 80, Matthew and his partner took her to The Old Spaghetti Factory, decked her out in an orange boa, her favorite color, gold crown and proceeded to spend the evening asking her 80 questions about herself to the delight of family and friends.

Patti leaves behind her life-long partner, Susie Daughtrey, and their beloved Apricot Toy Poodle, Katie. She is survived by her two sons and their partners, Randall and Allison Smith of Washington State and Matthew Smith and Suzanne Miller of Rohnert Park, her granddaughter, Alexandra Moore and her husband, Dan, of Reno, and her sisters, Luanne Gawron, Debbie Deutsch, Laura Daquilla, and brother, John Gleason.

During her 30 years of living in The Villages, Patti Ann was a member of the Villages Camera Club and the 18 Hole Ladies Golf Group. Later, due to health concerns, she turned her attention to Bocce, serving first as Captain of the All-Women's Bocce Team and last year as a Board member of the Bocce Club.

In the last four months of her life, she joined the Community Chapel, where she felt, as Pastor Bill says, she was "blessed beyond measure."