



Patrice Helen Roberts

May 29, 2024

Patrice Helen Roberts, 73, of Westwood, NJ, a devoted sister, aunt, and great-aunt, was called home on May 29, 2024. She was born on August 7, 1950, in New York City to the late John and Mary Roberts. Patrice began her career at Scarsdale NY Public Schools. Her commitment to education continued as she worked as a teacher at Charles DeWolf Middle School in Old Tappan and later at Northern Valley Schools as the Supervisor of Professional Development.

Patrice was the cherished sister of the late Catherine and a devoted sister-in-law to Robert. She was a loving aunt to Michael and his wife Jennifer McNamara, as well as to Christopher. Patrice was also a dedicated great-aunt to Sean, Daniel, Elizabeth, Gwyneth, Ashley, Erin, Kaylee, and Madison. She will be dearly missed by many loving cousins, dear friends, and her heartbroken pet cat, Lucy.

Patrice, a committed and accomplished educator who earned her doctorate from St. John's University, embarked on a global journey driven by her fervent passion for teaching. Across continents, she wholeheartedly dedicated herself to the noble cause of educating teachers worldwide. Additionally, she served as the girls' basketball coach at Charles DeWolf Middle school for many years.

Patrice adored being with her "grand angels" and made it a point to attend every sporting event and school function. She treasured the moments spent creating memories with her family at Ocean Beach, NJ, and on numerous trips to Disney World. When away from her loved ones, she dedicated her time to traveling the world and establishing meaningful connections.

Valuing her friendships dearly, Patrice shared many memorable experiences traveling with her friends. Her impact on the community was profound, and she exuded open-mindedness, compassion, and generosity wherever she went. Her spirit of kindness and dedication to education will be deeply missed, but her legacy of love and learning will endure in the hearts of all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group 601. (PO Box #571 Cresskill, NJ 07626) Visitation will be held on June 3rd, 2024, from 3 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, located at 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly. A Funeral Mass will take place on June 4th, 2024, at 10 am at St. Therese of Lisieux Church, situated at 120 Monroe Ave, Cresskill. Interment will immediately follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, located at 10 Serpentine Rd, Tenafly.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JUN 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Therese of Liseux Church
120 Monroe Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Interment

JUN 4 (ET)

Mt. Carmel Cemetery
10 Serpentine Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Dear Pat,

Knowing about your death was very shocking to me, for a person full of energy and has a passion for teaching, you still have a lot to give to people around you as you shine with positive energy all the time. I feel sad and sorry for your loss and I'm so glad to have known a person like you. I was very relaxed with the courses you had given me with the rest of my colleagues at the American Community School in Amman- Jordan as you were my professor, my mentor, my role model, my everything for my master degree program. On the graduation day you were very happy with and for all of us, I still remember the moment you put on the sash for me around my neck after taking the certificate from your best friend and colleague Joan. We believe that God has other plans for every one of us.

I know you will be in Heaven for you are a very honest and lovable person. I'm sending my condolences to every one in your family and praying that God will heal the sorrow from their heart because they believe that you will be in a better place than earth.

May your beautiful soul and heart rest in his eternal peace.

From your student

Riham Yacoub Rihani

Riham Yacoub Rihani - June 16, 2024 at 02:09 AM

JS

“ Although I've known Pat only for a few years, she has left a lasting impact on me. We first met when she participated in an Alzheimer's Walk that our niece Ana and her husband Seth organized in remembrance of my husband Bob Suarez after he passed away with Alzheimer's. That occurred because Bob's sister, Diana Barbas, was a dear friend and college classmate of Pat's. Her kindness, humor and sparkling personality impressed me immediately and continued to do so. I knew that we could become friends. Since then we found common ground in our love of good food and wine, which has brought numerous happy memories (and always filled laughter) of trying new restaurants during my trips to NY to visit Bob's family. I'll always cherish her kindness, humor, generosity and loyalty to her family and friends — and the good times together, albeit brief. Although we have not personally met, I send my prayers and condolences to all of Pat's family. She will be missed by everyone.💕💕

Judy Schroeder Suarez

Judy Schroeder Suarez - June 05, 2024 at 04:35 PM

AH

“ Abigail H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrice Helen Roberts.

Abigail H. - June 03, 2024 at 08:01 AM

RD

“ Robert and Daisy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrice Helen Roberts.

Robert and Daisy - June 02, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrice Helen Roberts.



June 02, 2024 at 04:03 PM

PD

“ To the family of Patrice Helene Robert's please accept my wife Belinda and my condolences on the loss of a great woman and educator who touched many lives and made a difference in all of them
May she rest in peace
Peter DeVries

Peter DeVries - June 02, 2024 at 02:42 PM

PD

“ To the extended families of Patrice Helen Robert's please accept my wife Belinda's and my condolences, Aunt Pat as I knew her was a true friend and a supporter of mine when I chased my dream to become a teacher always offering encouragement and help anyway she could. I shared with her that we were both girls basketball coaches she at Seawolves Middle School in Old Tappan and I freshman girls basketball coach at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest She will be sorely missed by all whose life she touched and to the education world as a motivator mentor and her desire to help
She definitely made an effort to make the world a better place than when she found
May she rest in peace and continue her teaching style in heaven
God bless you all
Peter DeVries

Peter DeVries - June 01, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JS

“ Dr. Pat was an amazing educator, mentor, and citizen of the world. God bless you, Pat.

Jennifer Suleiman - June 01, 2024 at 09:49 AM

TM

“ Pat you were a kind, caring friend to our mom and supported us when we needed it the most. Thank you for being such a beautiful soul. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

With sympathy and love,
Todd, Eugenie and Brett



Todd Molé - June 01, 2024 at 01:03 AM

WI

“ When we were in Amsterdam we would laugh that you got 3 glasses of wine at dinner & that was because Marge & I did not drink. How we chuckled how Lucy & Ricky could text you with their paws with their holiday message to you. I have many moments of laughter because of you. God put you on earth to be an educator to impact the lives of many many young people & you my friend completed Gods mission. God says " job well done you get an A " Being human, I will miss you & very sad you left us all to soon. One more thought, I will smile & remember "the slightly used ice cream you gave me" Willie

willie - May 31, 2024 at 01:50 PM

KM

“ Pat was a person with great strength, humor and kindness. It is hard for me to believe that such a big personality is no longer on this earth. She loved her family deeply and greatly missed her sister. May she be with Catherine now and in her loving arms. She will forever be in our hearts

Karen and Neil Manus

Karen Manus - May 31, 2024 at 12:01 PM

DB

“ Diana Barbas lit a candle in memory of Patrice Roberts



Diana Barbas - May 31, 2024 at 10:08 AM

DB

“ I am so saddened by the news of Pat's passing. She was a dear and terrific friend from our college days at STAC. Pat was such a strong, involved, & accomplished woman that made a lasting impact on anyone who met her. As an Educator, a career she was so passionate about, she made a difference. Pat was also very inquisitive and eager to learn and understand new things. We were looking forward to taking a cooking course together. Pat had a BIG heart, she cared about people and made them feel good and was there to help when needed, never a hesitation. Such a selfless, kind, and compassionate friend. I miss her already and will especially miss her stories, she always had anecdotes which ended in laughter. I am consoled that Pat lived life to the fullest. I hold many fond memories that will be treasured. RIP mi amiga.

Diana Barbas - May 31, 2024 at 10:06 AM

MR

“ My heart broke 💔 when I learned of Pat's passing. When I started Graduate School at LIU over 20 years ago, I met Pat and her sweet side-kick, the late Linda Maloof! We clicked, but if you know Pat's mathematical/scientific brain vs 2 language arts charmers: fireworks! 🌟 We did celebrate our graduation! Our friendship continued and we went about our teaching careers, so full of promise. The loss of Linda tightened our friendship. Then retirement snuck up on us. First Pat, then me! A random dinner nite together, she suggested I apply to SUNY BUFFALO STATE where she was teaching international graduate courses. And just like that, she gave me my second career for the next decade til Covid. I am forever grateful to Pat, this awesome woman, friend, and colleague who literally gave me the WORLD!! Rest easy, my friend! You made the world a better! 🥰



Marilyn Ryan - May 30, 2024 at 09:19 PM

KD

“ Pat’s goal in life was “to change the world”. She did!!! KD



Kathleen Donohue - May 30, 2024 at 02:09 PM

KD

Pat’s goal in life was to “change the world”. I’d say she succeeded!!!

Kathleen Donohue - May 30, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BZ

“ If I’ve ever done anything right as a teacher, Pat Roberts deserves a lot of the credit. She was a tremendously positive influence on me as a teacher during my early days in the profession. RIP Pat.

Brook Zelcer - May 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM

EA

“ We will miss our dear friend. When you walked into a room all you had to do was find the group that was laughing and she was right in the middle of it all. Don’t know how we will manage without her. She left way too soon. Ellen and Mike

Ellen De Angelo - May 30, 2024 at 11:35 AM

CK

Ellen, I was in shock (and still am) when my son called to tell me. I was chatting and joking (as usual) with her on Tuesday morning as I was packing my car to leave until the end of June. The Roxbury will never be the same. I only hope she didn’t suffer and is now reunited with her beloved sister. <3 Cyndi

Cynthia Kucera - May 30, 2024 at 06:36 PM

LV

“ Pat, Dear Pat. It is inconceivable that I am writing this to you. I still can't believe you've left us. I was so lucky to have met you. Little did I know it would just be for a few short years. The only explanation I can think of is that sometimes God is a little selfish and calls the extraordinary ones home way too early. I admired you so much. Your wit and humor were outstanding! Your ability to make complete strangers feel at ease and valued was beyond compare. It was a gift that was rare and so much fun to watch. It takes a special person to look at a person and find the good in them so easily. The only way we can take some solace in your passing, is to know you are once again with your beloved sister and our wonderful Jeanmarie.
I miss you already.

leslie vonderlieth - May 30, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patrice Helen Roberts.



May 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM