

# PATRICIA 'PAT' FITZGERALD

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### DECEMBER 20, 1956 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

PATRICIA JEAN (PAT) FITZGERALD WAS THE LOVING DAUGHTER OF RALPH AND FRANCES SLOAN. SHE WAS BORN IN RENO, NEV. AND GREW UP IN DOWNEY, CALIF. PAT'S PARENTS MOVED HER TO ARIZONA ROUGHLY 20 YEARS AGO, WHERE SHE WAS BLESSED TO MEET RAY (STILL RAY). PAT AND RAY WERE MARRIED SHORTLY AFTER MEETING AND HAD A SON, TOMMY. PAT WAS ABSOLUTELY RAY'S BEST FRIEND AS WELL AS THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE. SHE ADORED HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE LOVED ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY DOGS. SHE CHERISHED THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE, AND WAS A HUGE SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR MANY.

SHE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL. HERE WAS A WOMAN THAT KNEW HARDLY ANYTHING ABOUT WATER SERVICES AND TAUGHT HERSELF EVERYTHING TO START AND MAINTAIN A FLOURISHING FAMILY BUSINESS. SHE SHOWED US ALL THAT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO. LOOK AT WHAT A WONDERFUL FAMILY SHE RAISED WHILE DEVOTING TIME TO BEING AN OFFICER IN ABATE.

PAT LOVED TO LAUGH AND ALWAYS WORE A HUGE SMILE. SHE WAS HAPPIEST AND FILLED WITH FREEDOM WHEN RIDING MOTORCYCLES. OUR MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT BE OR HAVE THE



FREEDOMS IT DOES WITHOUT STILL RAY; WHO COULD NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT HE HAS DONE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND STRENGTH OF HIS WONDERFUL BRIDE. PAT STOOD STRONG FOR OUR RIGHTS AND ESPECIALLY OUR FREEDOMS AND ALWAYS HAD STILL RAY'S BACK. WE (WOMEN OF BIKERS) COULD ALL LEARN A LOT FROM HER.

PAT'S MEMORIAL WAS WELL ATTENDED; NOT SURPRISING CONSIDERING HOW WELL RESPECTED SHE WAS AND IS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT DOC FROM THE JOURNEYMEN WROTE, "AS MANY OF

YOU KNOW... PAT WAS THERE WITH US, & MADE HER PRESENCE WELL KNOWN. DURING THE CELEBRATION AT WILLOW LAKE PARK, A RED TAILED HAWK CIRCLED OVER US FOR QUITE A WHILE. GLIDING MAJESTICALLY OVERHEAD, IT GRACED US WITH ITS PRESENCE... THE RED TAIL OF THE HAWK ONLY APPEARS WHEN THE BIRD REACHES MATURITY. WHEN LOOKING TO THE HUMAN BESIDE WHOM RED HAWK FLIES, THIS IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT, FOR IT INDICATES THAT THE RED FEATHERS ARE NOT EASILY GIVEN, AND MUST INSTEAD BE EARNED OVER TIME, AS PAT DID." *DOC PRATT*

SHE IS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND RAY FITZGERALD; MOTHER FRANCES SLOAN; BROTHER ROSS SLOAN; CHILDREN CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER III JEROD MURPHY, JACKIE PENNINO, CONSTANCE FITZGERALD, AND THOMAS FITZGERALD; AND GRANDCHILDREN NICK MURPHY, ALEXIS MURPHY, CHRISTIAN MURPHY, JEROD MURPHY JUNIOR, AND DOMINIC PENNINO.

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE JOURNEYMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE FOR THE FITZGERALD FAMILY. THANK YOU!!!!!!!

*BY SOMEONE WHO LOVED PAT*

*I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. - Leo Buscaglia*