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On Monday, March 10, 2025, Patricia "Pat" Foote, transitioned to her next journey. While of course we will miss her something fierce, we are relieved to know she is no longer suffering. As she so eloquently shared a while back, "this Parkinsons is a bitch."

Pat was the daughter of Catherine and Edwin Foote and the oldest (the Big Toe) of the five Foote sisters: Kathie Corley, Mary Buchanan, Betsy Foote, and Sue Rodriguez. Their family was based in Nutley, New Jersey, alongside scores of cousins, starting back "to when Franklin Avenue was a dirt road." Now, the family resides throughout the country. Pat moved to Cape Coral, Florida in 2004, and lived in the same neighborhood as her son Kevin, daughter-in-law Christine, and grandchildren Anthony and Anna. Pat's daughter Linda relocated to the same neighborhood in 2014.

Pat was a surrogate mother to many throughout her life, and if you were

called one of her “urchins” you knew you were in her sphere of support and protection. Her door and heart were always open, and to the day she passed, she continued to hear from this extended family. She did not suffer fools and could be blunt. However, her capacity to care for others was extraordinary.

Pat was an artist, writer, baker, exceptional cook, and entertainer. She hosted many festivities over the years and created beloved annual traditions that live on today with family and friends including the Tree Lighting Party held on the night of the Rockefeller Christmas tree lighting, writing an original new Christmas story each year that she sent out as her holiday card, and baking Valentine’s Day cupcakes, St. Patrick’s Day cupcakes, Irish soda bread, Hot Cross buns, and Challah bread all which were distributed to family and neighbors on their respective holidays.

Pat lived a colorful life, which from her hand-painted pink garage door, array of brightly colored clothing, and love of turquoise and other Native American jewelry, was immediately obvious. Her garden was her sanctuary, and at each place she lived, she created an oasis for wildlife and humans alike.

Pat continues her uniqueness in perpetuity by donating her body to the forensics department at Florida Gulf Coast University. If you knew her, you realize this is a completely apt choice – the woman loved her crime shows and volunteering for the community.

At Pat's (insistent) request, there will be no service. If you are so inclined to honor her memory, use your good dishes and antiques, and light the candles. There is no need to save them for a special occasion as every day is worthy. Choose to wear a bright jewel tone color in her honor and "put your face on." Pat was always fully color coordinated and accessorized with her makeup on. Or contribute to the charities she supported, St. Jude's Hospital and/or Shriners Hospital for Children.

There is a quilted piece of artwork that has been hanging in Pat's home for years that says: "Live so that when your children hear these words they think of you...Fairness, Caring, Integrity, Honesty, Love, and Trust." Fly free, Pat – those words are true.

Pat rarely said goodbye on the phone and instead preferred to say "ta-DAH."

"Ta-DAH," Pat.

Tribute Wall

RB

“*Mrs Foote was one of our favorite irrigation customers, she would always feed us treats she was making or invite us in to rest after working at her pink house. A very kind and wonderful artist/writer. She encouraged my daughters to pursue the arts as well. We will miss her very much. -The Borgias*

Rossi Borgia - December 09, 2025 at 07:22 PM

EM

“*Dear Linda, Kevin and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have to say it was an honor and pleasure knowing your mother. I didn't know her well. Most of what I heard were funny stories about what happened at work.
Bob and I were so glad to visit her last year. Even tho she wasn't feeling well, she was charming and kind. I loved touring her "art studio". What a wonderful memory. It was a pleasure to know her.
Take care.
Liz Moody*

Elizabeth Moody - May 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM

SR

“ Though it does not seem real, my sister Pat passed away this week. She was an incredible aunt to my children, & had quite the hotline of perpetual questions from me when they were babies. Always supportive & encouraging, she cheered them on and celebrated their highs.. held steady in their lows. Rachel is a master crochet queen..Julia works in design..& if you were in listening range..you would know that from Aunt Pat! As with our mother, I know we will continue to see her in them, her children & grandchildren. Being 20 years apart- opposite ends of a large family- our sibling experience was not traditional, but it was ours & I am so sad it has reached its end. Her children were incredible with her care, thank you Kevin & Linda. She left us on her terms & none of us would have expected it any other way. Heaven gained a powerhouse, but we lost ours.



Susan Rodriguez - March 16, 2025 at 09:19 AM

BB

“ Pat was our Roche EH&S departments Senior Admin for many years and she was amazing . All of us were her urchins. I will never forget the time we had a critical shipment of activated carbon delayed in transit. Pat took the reins and contacted the company and even tracked down the truck driver who was delayed in arriving at our site. Pat was so highly motivated and helpful to us all. That carbon shipment arrived on time preventing a costly delay to our project because of her diligence. Her art talents and direct communication of the facts will always be remembered. RIP Pat you were a friend and colleague to our entire department.

Bob Baldisserotto - March 14, 2025 at 09:12 PM

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“ We hope these pics bring back wonderful and colorful memories of Mom.

Love,
Linda & Kevin



Linda Onorevole - March 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM