# Patricia Alice Goff Borg

*November 4, 1948 ~ November 15, 2023*

Patricia Alice Goff Borg, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and friend to all, passed away November 15, 2023 from the effects of cancer. The final hours of her life were spent surrounded by her family, sharing memories and all the stories, feeling grateful for this remarkable woman who made life so happy for each of us. We sent her off with all our love and look forward to the day we will be together again.

Patty was born November 4, 1948 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Arliss Herman Goff (Ike) and Ruth Curtis Goff. She grew up in a little pink brick home in Union on 1300 East, with her two brothers, Randy and Scott. They were not just siblings, they were best friends. They always had each other's backs, sharing the fun and adventures that bind siblings together. Theirs was a happy childhood, filled with neighborhood friends and wonderful family memories. Patty inherited her mother's kind and gentle heart. At her side, Patty learned to love everyone and how to make others feel important. From her father, Patty inherited a joyful nature and positive outlook. Her eyes twinkled just like her dad's.

When Patty was twelve years old she was diagnosed with neuromyelitis, which was the cause of excruciating pain, partial paralysis, and lengthy hospital stays. For months she struggled, too sick to go to school, too sick to do anything. This was a defining time in Patty's young life where she learned to overcome fear and to keep going. These lessons would be important to her throughout her life. When other challenges came, she faced each with the same courage and persistence. After months of struggle, Patty finally began to improve. Doctors called her complete recovery a miracle.

During her school days Patty made many lifelong friends. Stories of their antics together have been told throughout the years, making us all laugh and giving us reason to feel grateful for these people who were such a special part of her life. Patty was an expert at friendship. She mastered the art of showing up for her friends and making them all feel like favorites. It was a term of affection if she called you "Banana" or "Jean' or "Peeboo." So many were drawn to her for her kindness and happy ways. It's no wonder they stuck around all these years.

At Hillcrest High School Patty enjoyed a large circle of friends, serving as student body secretary and being involved in many organizations. She was well-known and well-loved. While at Hillcrest Patty met Alan Borg and after going to the winter formal dance together, they became inseparable.

From the time they were fifteen years old, it was always Alan and Patty. They were married on August 24, 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. They made quite a team, were the perfect balance, always working together to provide for their family and serving others. For them, life was happy because they were together. WIth their combined talents and sacrifices they made everywhere they went a better place to be. Alan was the hands and Patty was the heart.

Patty was good at so many things, but she was, and always will be, especially masterful at being Mom to Marty, Tyler, Brian, Todd, Katie, and Jill. She gave her all to what she considered her most important work: being a mother. She created a happy home, was devoted and loving, a constant support and advocate, her children's biggest fan. She tended to their needs with love and good humor. She taught them to pray, to read the scriptures, and to have faith. Patty prioritized family time: skiing, camping and epic trips to Lake Powell were family favorites. She was a fun mom and hers was the house where all the neighborhood kids wanted to be. She made the best chocolate chip cookies and her homemade spaghetti sauce is practically famous. When her children got married, she welcomed their spouses with open arms and treated them as her own. Patty was also really good at being a mother-in-law.

When the grandchildren started to arrive, Patty took on the role of Grandma with joy and enthusiasm. Her Halloween and Christmas parties were legendary with costume parades, spooky walks down the lane, bingo, prizes, candy houses, gifts, food, the works! Every holiday was extra special at Grandma's house, but so were the regular days because she was there with her laughter and her hugs. Patty took a genuine interest in her grandchildren's lives, always wanting to hear about everything. Later in her life when getting around was more difficult, they'd leave extra early, with Alan making every accommodation so that she could still attend her grandchildren's many sporting events, concerts, plays, and graduations. Sometimes they'd even cross state lines, driving 600 miles to see these special performances. There are 30 grandchildren, each convinced they are her favorite. She made life magical for them all.

Although they lived in other areas in Utah and in Colorado for a short time, her neighborhood in Sandy had her whole heart. Alan and Patty invested almost all they had as a young family and bought a plot of land on Siesta Drive. They built their home themselves, being the one of the first families in the neighborhood. The neighborhood seemed to grow up around them and followed their lead in open doors and friendly greetings from the porch, kids running from yard to yard. Neighbors became family. The relationships Patty developed in her little corner are among her most cherished.

Patty was blessed with many talents that she worked hard to develop. She was our favorite artist and we always enjoyed seeing her newest paintings. We love having a Patty Borg original art hanging on our walls. She was a skilled and meticulous quilter. Among our favorite treasures are her handmade quilts with her signature "Made by Grandma B" tags on the back. When she wasn't creating with her hands she was creating with her words, writing family histories and recording the many stories of her own life.

Throughout her life Patty took every opportunity to express her love for her Father in Heaven and for her Savior. She was an "example of the believers" and had a firm testimony of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. She served faithfully in many callings in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including as a stake missionary as a young adult and in presidencies of Relief Society, Young Women, and Primary organizations. She used her many gifts to minister to others. In 2012 she was called with Alan to be mission leaders of the Peru Lima Central Mission. She was beloved by the missionaries and always had a piece of candy for them and a listening ear. She loved the people of Peru and was a trusted, capable leader and a joy to the elders and sisters serving there. Leaving her family for three years was hard for Patty, but she did it because she loved the Lord. Through her example we knew where she stood. She leaves her family a legacy of serving the Savior and putting your trust in Him.

Some people spread sunshine wherever they go; and Patty was one of them. We are deeply grateful for her life. It was impossible to be in her presence and not feel good. Even when her health was failing, she still made us laugh. The only side Patty could see was the bright side. Her trademark smile, her sense of humor, her counsel, and her ability to be happy in any circumstance, are just a few of the many reasons we will miss her. To us, she was pretty much perfect. We cling to the promise that our family is eternal, and we feel peace knowing that "the grave hath no victory and the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ" (Mosiah 16:8).

Patty is survived by her loving husband Alan, sons Martin (Adrie), Tyler (Shawna), Brian (Kristin), Todd (Lexie), Katie (James), and Jill (Ryan), 30 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held Tuesday evening, November 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Sandy Utah Cottonwood Creek Stake Center, 1535 Creek Road, Sandy UT., 84093. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, November 22, at

the same location at 12:00 noon, with a viewing before from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Interment will follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery.

Those wishing to view the COMPLETED services via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/jGyCD5KfjmCRceAhjrrCfmLM8jBZCUFxFl-qlI9rNDx8x8bObqPBbQTajoGXq7EU.Pt3O