



Patricia Clara Varney

July 29, 1982 - November 11, 2012

A loving wife, daughter and sister, Patti died peacefully in her sleep at her home in San Francisco, California, on November 11, 2012. Her beloved husband, Eric Varney, was at her side when she passed, after a four year on and off battle with colon cancer. She was only 30 years old.

The daughter of Jim and Linda Woods, and sister to Jaime, Lisa and Jacob, Patti was born on July 29, 1982 in San Diego, California. She primarily grew up in Springfield, Virginia but also attended school in Virginia Beach, Virginia for a brief period. Patti enjoyed family trips across the country and travel up and down the Eastern seaboard, helping her mom conduct nursing seminars. She enjoyed swimming, softball and cheerleading, outside of being an honor student in school. Patti spent a great deal of time with her siblings and had a particularly close bond with her older sister, Lisa. Her younger brother, Jacob, was one of her rocks as she battled cancer, assisting with her care while she underwent treatments.

Patti was educated at the University of Virginia, earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, gaining the distinction of being labeled a "Double 'Hoo.'" Her graduate studies were interrupted when she was first diagnosed with colon cancer in Fall 2008. After undergoing numerous medical procedures and rounds of chemotherapy while attending graduate business school, Patti knocked back her colon cancer by Summer 2009 and was told

that her cancer was in remission. Shortly thereafter, in August 2009, Patti met the love of her life, Eric Varney. They graduated together in May 2010 and Patti was not only healthy, but stronger than ever with Eric by her side.

Patti was a fun-loving person, a stand-up comedienne, who enjoyed playing games, socializing and watching sports, particularly football. She grew up as a Redskins fan, but became a "Packer Backer" after meeting Eric. She also adopted Eric's passion for travel, with two trips to Europe, including a surprise engagement in Paris, and spending her honeymoon in South America.

Patti's most recent project was the planning and execution of her dream wedding, a fete which took place in Charlottesville, Virginia on April 7, 2012, with 175 family members and friends present. Shortly after their wedding, Patti and Eric relocated to San Francisco, California, where she spent her final few months.

Patti is survived by her husband, Eric; her father, Jim; siblings Jaime, Lisa and Jacob; nieces Thayer and Holly; nephews Logan, Connor and Luke; her maternal grandmother, Clara DeNearing; and a wide circle of loving, caring family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda, who passed away from ovarian cancer in September 2012.

She and her mother became cancer advocates as they waged and ultimately lost their respective battles. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patti's name to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Clara Varney*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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“ *Hi Eric.....I worked with your wife while receiving Radiation treatment. She was a joy! I was thinking about her last night and had no knowledge of her passing. Bless her Soul! Be stony during this rough time.*

December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eric, Words cannot express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Patti was taken too soon from you. One thing that will never be taken away is how you feel in your heart. We only met the two of you a few times when you were at UVA grad school. You shared an apartment with Scott. I want to let you know that I have cut my hair (almost 12 inches) and donated it to Locks of Love in honor of Patti. What a beautiful person.*

November 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Eric,

I wish I could say something to take away the pain. I can't. It's the relatively small price we all pay at some point for dear love, though it doesn't feel like it at the time of loss. But I can promise that the pain will go away, while the love that was built, and the lessons and gifts it provided you, will go on giving to you and enriching you and others you love for the rest of your life -- if you let them. Patti was wonderful, amazing, precious, priceless. I hope you'll fully mourn her, cherish her, always remember her, but also honor her and love her back by moving forward once you've done that. It's what she wanted.

You are forever changed for the better for having given and received real, genuine love with Patti -- a love worth committing for. You gave the greatest thing a human being can give, and that makes you a noble champion in this difficult journey called life. It was the giving of love to your wife that brought you such happiness, and her giving it back. I encourage you, once you've healed some, to keep on giving that to others so that your life can continue to reap the returns of giving the greatest thing there is to give. And as you do, though it can't bring back Patti, it will help you pay the greatest tribute to her that you can pay -- because as you give a better love now than you could before she came into your life and made you better, you honor her and commemorate her impact on your life, who added to and increased the love you're now able to give. In fact, I think you even keep the positive impact of Patti upon the world alive, and what greater gift could any of us give those we've lost than that.

Brian Young

November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss, our hearts to go to all Patti's family and friends. Deepest condolences, Laura and Dave Albert

November 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peace be with the Woods and Varney families. Patti had such a lovely spirit about her. This seems so wrong and unfair. Life is a precious mystery. Someday I hope we will all understand.*
Nelson and Kate Swanberg

November 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Varney Family:*
I wanted to send my condolences to your family on your loss. Death is something that pains us all, I'd like to share this encouraging scripture with the family; Rev. 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." I hope you'll find comfort in this scripture.

November 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was very lucky to have had the pleasure of working with Patti over the past several years, but most of all enjoyed our chats about family, life and love. She was a true inspiration. May she rest in peace and may the loving memories you all share give you strength and comfort.*

November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the Varney, Woods and the UVa family.*

November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eric and Woods family, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of you. Joy Mislevy*

November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *May the God of all comfort become your refuge and strength during this most difficult time. (Psalm 46:1) Please accept our sincere condolences.*

November 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart is so heavy. Patti you were my first roommate at UVa, and although we lost touch over the years, I will always remember your hilarious and easy going sense of humor and wit. My deepest condolences to your family--May God comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time.*

November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *There are no words... two lives ripped away far too soon. XOXO*

November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jacob, My deepest condolences and sympathies to you and your entire family.*

November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Beautiful, smart, funny, compassionate, and a bright light, even in the darkest hour â€“ you will always be remembered, Patti.

November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Patti, I am deeply sorry that you had to leave us. Remember meeting you in Portland at the job search trip, we became immediate great friends. You taught me a lot of things about life including how to keep your head up and be strong even in the toughest times. Thank you for all the fun and brave moments you shared with us. You will be missed, and I am sure you are one of the cutest angels in heaven.

November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My deep condolences and sympathies to the Woods family and to Eric and his family. I remember Patti's zest for life so well as she walked and enlivened the halls of Darden. Such a loss for all of us, and I feel so badly for the Woods given the very recent loss of Patti's mother. I pray that God's grace and strength will lift and sustain you during these very difficult days.

November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patti,
You were a bright spot in my time at Darden. Thank you for being my friend. I will remember your unflagging zest for life; your infectious humor; and ultimately, your strength to overcome obstacles and finish the program. You have left an indelible mark on my life, and our community is diminished without your presence. Also, I extend my sincerest condolences to both the Woods and Varney families. I will be thinking of you during these trying times.*

November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patti, you are a bright star among the extended Woods-Varney family. You may be gone physically but your spirit will always be with us. In the few short years I've known you I saw how you and Eric were so in love and happy together, from your storybook engagement in Paris to the great family vacation in Italy last summer. Your wit, humor and grace will be sorely missed!*

November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *All our love goes to the Woods and Varney families during these sad times. We will take care of Lisa and her darling family here in Eugene.
-Brooke and Chris Kyle and all of Lisa and Luci's friends in Eugene Oregon*

November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Beautifully written. Patti will forever be in our hearts.*

November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patti will truly be missed. I remember her being so spunky and full of life everytime I saw her. We will continue to pray for the Woods family and their tragic losses.*

*Love,
Brad and Kate Bishop*

November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM