

For Others

Patricia Ann “Patti” Mitchell was a dedicated teacher. Teaching was her profession and her passion. Her 38-year career included teaching English and Literature in middle schools, high schools, and colleges. She even volunteered to teach in the Panama Canal Zone for a few years. Her friend, Pam, noted that Patti had no children of her own, but her legacy lives on in the imprint she made on her students.

There were many other ways that Patti lived to bless the lives of other people...

She was a friend to many, and she cherished and nurtured those friendships by staying in touch through cards, letters, and frequent phone calls. Some of her dear friends became travel companions on trips throughout the States and beyond.

Many of her friends became her family. For example, the Roe family moved into the home directly across the street from Patti in 1993. Patti met them and ultimately adopted them as her own family. She was there when the Roe’s daughter, Macy, was born. For 33 years, Patti was with the Roe family for every birthday and Christmas. It was many years before Macy understood that Patti’s last name was not “Roe.”

Patti drove for the American Cancer Society, making over 150 drives to transport cancer patients to their chemo or radiation appointments.

Patti also worked in the Meals on Wheels program of her church family, the Creekwood Church of Christ. She wanted to do what she could to help families and individuals who had difficulties by helping to prepare hot meals for them.

Her love extended to the animal kingdom. She especially loved poodles, owning and caring for several poodles in her lifetime. She was a longtime supporter of the Mobile SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and worked with the Nursing Home Visitation Therapy Team. She also organized pet food collections for the Mobile SPCA.

She'd also bake goods for active and retired members of the U.S. military in her church family around Veterans Day. She wanted them to be recognized and thanked for their service to our country.

In countless ways, Patti lived her life in service to others. She lived out Galatians 5:13: “Through love serve one another.” She embodied the life and teaching of her Lord and Savior, Jesus, “who did not come to be

served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). Patti’s motive for her service was love – love for others and love for God who saved her through the gift of His Son.

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Jesus gave His life for others. Embracing His love and salvation will also give you a heart for others. Patti Mitchell was a splendid example of that truth.

-- David A. Sargent

* In loving memory of Patricia Ann “Patti” Mitchell, January 2, 1947 – February 2, 2026. Until we meet again.