



Patricia Gorra Meehan

May 17, 1958 - February 20, 2011

Patricia Gorra Meehan, 52, of West Hartford, beloved wife, mother, daughter and sister passed away peacefully Sunday, February 20, 2011 after a valiant battle with cancer. The daughter of Jennie and the late George Gorra, Patty grew up in Manchester, CT. She attended local schools and graduated from East Catholic High School. Patty graduated from Boston University with a degree in anthropology. She had a successful career in film production including work on Three Sovereigns for Sarah and the Emmy-Award winning Concealed Enemies, both for PBS. She later joined the family enterprises and managed businesses in the Hartford area including The Club Car and Gentle Touch Car Wash and most recently was the director of purchasing for Simoniz USA in Bolton, CT. Patty derived great joy from reading and spending time with her family especially in Boca Raton, Florida and Newport, RI. She was an enthusiastic fan of the Boston Red Sox and UConn men's and women's basketball in addition to her son, Dillon's Northwest Catholic football team. An avid swimmer, Patty was a top competitive swimmer in her age group at Cornerstone Pool in West Hartford where she was surrounded by many friends. In addition to her mother, Jennie Gorra, Patty is survived by her devoted husband, Shawn Meehan and her cherished son, Dillon and daughters Tara Meehan of Washington, DC and Paige Meehan of Newtown, CT. Also mourning her loss are her sister, Michele G. O'Neil and husband Timothy of Manchester and her brother William M. Gorra and wife Christine of West Hartford. Patty was a favorite aunt to several nieces and nephews

including Erin Anselmo, Allison Williams, and Caitlin O'Neil, all of Manchester; Zachary, Nicholas, David and William Gorra, all of West Hartford; Kathryn Curran of Denver, CO and Kelly Curran of West Hartford; Kerry Meehan of Los Angeles, CA, Daniel Meehan and Conor Meehan of Tolland; and Griffin Meehan of Avon, CT. Patty will be dearly missed by her extended family – Robert and Veronica O'Brien of West Hartford; Joseph and Lisa Meehan Curran of West Hartford; Kevin Meehan of Middletown and Michael Meehan and Jennifer Heil of Avon. A Memorial Mass will be held Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to the Harry and Helen Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Mrs. Gorra, Michelle and William,
I have fond memories of being your next door neighbor and was deeply saddened to learn of Patty's much too early death. An old family friend sent me her obituary. What a wonderful women she grew up to be. Please know that you are all in my prayers.
Love,
Martha Buder Jodoin##imported-begin##Martha Buder Jodoin##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Family of Patty Gorra Meehan,
I am very sorry to hear about Patty. Growing up next door to the Gorra's brings back a lot of nice memories ... the whole Family are very nice. I will say a prayer for Patty and you have my sincere sympathy.
Buddy Buder##imported-begin##Buddy Buder##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ You have our deepest sympathy...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##David Kelp##imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Shawn and Family,
We wanted to let you know that we were thinking of you and praying for comfort for you and your family. Our Love Always RG, Julie, Rory and Grace Jones##imported-begin##RG and Julie Jones##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ to the meehan & gorra family. im sorry for your lost. work will never be the same with out her here.i'll keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##chris fruster##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ With deepest sympathy for your loss of Patty. May she live in your hearts forever.##imported-begin##Mark Lombard##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Shawn and Dillon,
We were very shocked to hear of Patty's death, having moved away from West Hartford last year and having no idea she was ill. I so enjoyed our chats about the challenges of raising our rambunctious boys over the years and was always delighted to have the chance to catch up on the soccer sidelines. She had the best laugh and managed to be sunny whatever else was going on. Our thoughts are with you and our hopes that this time is one of remembering and celebrating the good stuff as well as saying goodbye. With much love,
Stevie, Chris and Kit Zimmerman##imported-begin##Stevie Zimmerman##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patty,
I know the battle was long and yet, you always handled yourself
with a glint in your eye! You will be missed in business and beyond.
My condolences to your family.
Brenda Alpert###imported-begin##Brenda Alpert###imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *For Billy and Christine, Jennie, Michelle and the Meehan Family-*

*We always remember Patty as lighting up a room with her presence
and laughter. Gene and I will keep your families in our thoughts and
prayers.*

*Love, Kate and Geno###imported-begin##Kate and Gene
Pena###imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers and heart go out to all of you with Patty's passing. Patty
showed an incredible spirit and strength. The courage, pride and
love that you all share for Patty continues on.###imported-
begin##Ellen Nassiff###imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry for your lost you are in my prayer###imported-
begin##John Denise Sederquest###imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Shawn and the rest of Patty's family --

I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I first met her at the Club Car and, as our lives grew, we continued to cross paths. I often saw her at Cornerstone and around West Hartford. She was always upbeat and a real joy.

I know she will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Phyllis Parizek Benton##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To all who have had the privilege of working with and knowing Patty, we are deeply sorry for your loss.

I had the honor of working with Patty on several products and personally enjoyed knowing Patty and working with her and Bill Gora from the early 1990's from the days of Syndet to Simoniz.

Patty was a consummate profession and always saw the product as of utmost importance while also valuing the relationship that existing in and around the product. I remember working together with Patty on numerous products adding her own creativity to design and function that best represented the Simoniz Brand.

Our sympathies and condolences. Patty will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Ken Goldberg##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences. As a breast cancer survivor, I truly understand what you have been experiencing. If there is an afterlife, I wish Patty to be able to be greeted by her Father, who I knew personally for many years.*

*Debbi Hardesty
Chemical Direct Inc.##imported-begin##deborah
hardesty##imported-end##*

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Meehan and Gorra Families,*

*I have worked with Patty for many years coordinating projects involving promotional products. She was always so straightforward and efficient; a joy to deal with. I will miss her immensely and know that you have many happy memories to help you through this difficult time. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Kerry
Rochefort##imported-end##*

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened by the loss of our neighbor. Patty was a wonderful person, friend and neighbor. She was always a pillar of strength during her battle and is a true hero in our book.##imported-begin##Sean & Melinda McKeown##imported-end##*

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Guys Im so sorry for your loss she was a great lady. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dan Petrelle##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Be strong as a family and remember the special times with Patty. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dave & Keith Wegscheid##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Meehan & Gorra family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Patty will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sue & Tim Lang##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Jennie, Michelle and Tim, Bill and Christine, Shawn and Dillon and family,
My heart goes out to you over the loss of Patty. I spent some time under to warm Florida sun, sending my prayers of love to Patty on her journey, which is paved with everyones love. You have an incredible family and Patty had to know how cherished she is, by you all.
Much love,
Nancy Nassiff##imported-begin##Nancy Nassiff##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Meehan and Gorra families we extend our love,our sympathy and our gratitude for the relationship. Patty's friendship, all too brief will last because she cared.
George Korper, Shanta Syal, Ernie Gazda and the people at SKM Industries.
+++++###imported-begin##George Korper##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts go out to the Meehan & Gorra families for the loss of your beloved Patty. Although mere words cannot ease your grief, please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during your time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Donna Phillips & Trip Barnett##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Gorra and Meehan families with the passing of Patty. She will be remembered for the courage and dignity she displayed in meeting the challenges she faced in her life.

John & Lori Kelliher###imported-begin##John Kelliher##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of your loss.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Your friends at Apollo Technologies##imported-begin##Maria
Callas##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ "May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you
and yours through this time of sorrow."

Our Deepest Sympathy To The Meehan And Gorra Family's.

Patty will truly be missed.

*Bob & Jayne Broderick##imported-begin##Bob
Broderick##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and sorrow goes out to the entire Meehan
and Gorra families. Patty will be deeply missed and I personally will
miss our discussions about Aztec Two Step.
Dennis and Tammy Joy##imported-begin##Dennis Joy##imported-
end##

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