



Patricia Caine Rosoff

March 25, 2014

Patricia Rosoff's life ended all too soon on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. In addition to being a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and aunt, Patricia was a painter, art critic, lecturer, and board member. But first and foremost she was an educator.

Born on July 22, 1949 in Turlock, California she crossed the continent in 1967 to attend the Rhode Island School of Design where she met and married her husband of 42 years, Neil. Pat began her 39 year career as an educator at Kingswood Oxford School in 1975 rising from classroom teacher to Creative Arts Department chair to Academic Dean of Humanities. Along the way she added motherhood to her credentials with the birth of her beloved son, Jared. She earned a Masters Degree from Hartford Art School where her love for abstract art developed.

Her award-winning abstract painted works have appeared in numerous solo and juried group exhibits and are cherished possessions of many private collectors.

Pat carried over her passion for abstract art into critical writing with articles appearing in Art New England, Sculpture Magazine, Hartford Advocate and Arts Magazine, among others. Her recently published book *Innocent Eye: A Passionate Look at Contemporary Art* was one of her final proud accomplishments.

Doing her best to serve the local art community, she was a board member of Artists in Real Time and was recently named a Corporator on the board of

University of Hartford. An artist's scholarship established in her name by an anonymous donor is awarded each year at KO.

Left behind to cherish her memory along with her husband are son, Jared, his wife, Betsy and their son Arlo, her mother, Barbara Jean Caine, siblings Michael Caine and wife Linnie, Beverly Vanderberg and Barbara Joyce Caine, Mother-in-law Blanche Rosoff, sister-in-law Jill Cristo and partner Bob Seaman, nieces Stacy Cristo and husband Ben Hall, Shiloh Ferreira and husband Jeremy, Kirsten Asturi and husband Ira and Elizabeth Raven, nephews Chad Cristo and wife Melissa and Brandon Vanberberg and wife Michelle, along with legions of past and present students, colleagues, artists and friends.

Through her tissue donations Pat continues to serve her community after death.

A private funeral is planned with a public memorial service to take place at Kingswood Oxford on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Pat's name to support the arts at the Kingswood Oxford School, Office of Institutional Advancement, 170 Kingswood Road, West Hartford, CT 06119. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Mem'l Celebration

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingswood Oxford School
170 Kingswood Rd
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-9631

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I was Patricia's teacher at RISD: she was a superb writer, and we became friends. I visited her at her home in California. She wrote to me to thank me for the course and the counsel about composition and its connections to the visual arts. My wife and I also were guests at her and Neal's home in West Hartford. Patricia painted a portrait of me, and gave it to me some years ago. I keep it in my office/salon at school. I was shocked and very much dismayed to learn today in our XYZ magazine of her passing. I would like to express my sympathy to Neal, to Jared, and to her relatives, friends, and students. She was a remarkable, loving, caring, creative person, totally unique in her imaginative breadth and good will! I am so very sorry to lose her! mike fink

mike fink - June 05, 2014 at 05:09 PM

LH

“ Dear Rosoff family, Thank you for a thoughtful tribute and sharing your memories of Pat at K-O this past Sunday. The multi media presentation, and stories by the speakers captured the essence of Pat and her unbridled commitment to her students. I am thankful that both my daughters, Sarah (01) and Lauren Hutnick (03) had the opportunity to share time with such a smart, dynamic, generous, and positive person. My encounters with her as a parent were brief, but always a pleasure, and she had a way of putting a smile on your face. Thank you for sharing her with us.
Larry Hutnick

Larry Hutnick - May 05, 2014 at 08:21 PM

JA

“ My heart is breaking for your family. After my art history class with Ms. Rosoff, she was always in my mind. A true teacher who opened my eyes to seeing the world, its beauty, and in turn, my own beauty and worth.

Johanna Ahn - April 28, 2014 at 02:01 PM

LF

“ The best souls always get taken away too soon. Sending love to her family and friends.

L Fauliso - April 09, 2014 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ I remember Mrs. Rosoff for the car pooling back-and-forth to karate classes with Jared and for the welcome invites to the Rosoff home. It was also great to see Mr. & Mrs. Rosoff stroll the West Hartford neighborhoods while walking the dog - always a friendly and cheerful couple to converse with. My condolences to the family. ~
Jeff Mathew

Jeff Mathew - April 04, 2014 at 09:51 AM

JP

“ Pat's shining light will live on through the arts community. My condolences to her family and all who knew her. -JoAnne Bauer



JoAnne Bauer, Ph.D. - April 02, 2014 at 08:58 AM

AL

“Mrs. Rosoff was one of my favorite teachers in high school. She inspired me as a shy awkward 15-year old to think creatively, and be myself. One of my memories of her were her honest yet caring critiques of our artwork. She knew how to push us further in our work without making us feel like we weren't good enough to be artists. She took our class to the Met and the Cooper-Hewitt design museum in New York City. She excitedly pointed out Cristo's gates in central park which were installed there during our visit in 2005. She taught us that art took many forms, and challenged our beliefs about what good art was by simply asking questions. My views about art have been forever revolutionized by Mrs. Rosoff, and I don't think I could ever go to a gallery or a museum without hearing her words or her laugh echoing in my head! Her laugh breaking through the silent, serious air of our all-school assemblies is probably my favorite memory of her. She had color, light, zest, and she was never afraid to hide it. She helped me learn never to hide my true self either- even if it means laughing so loud the whole school can hear you. I will keep laughing out loud for you, Mrs. Rosoff!

Much Love and Peace from Boone, North Carolina

Angela Langevin - March 31, 2014 at 10:00 AM

ES

Neil,
I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.
Eileen Sytulek

Eileen Sytulek - April 01, 2014 at 05:43 PM