



## Reverend Patricia Ann Reiter

December 22, 1945 - November 6, 2020

Reverend Patricia Ann Reiter passed away at her home on Friday, November 6th due to complications following a severe stroke. She was born in Greenville, Alabama on December 22, 1945. As a teenager, she moved with her parents, George and Katie Nichols, to Venice, Florida.

After graduation from college she held careers in real estate and office management until 1987 when she answered the call to ministry. She was ordained as a minister by Unity School of Christianity in 1991. Patricia served congregations in Nashville, Tennessee and Charlottesville, Virginia until she returned home in 2002 to become the Senior Minister at Unity Church of Venice. The church quickly grew and due to Patricia's great leadership and vision a new 300 seat sanctuary was built and countless lives have been changed. Those who knew her described her as the very personification of unconditional love.

She leaves a great legacy behind her. She is survived by her two children, Rick Reiter (Sherry) and Reverend Robin Reiter (Linda Ware), her two grandchildren Hayley and Harrison Reiter, her great-granddaughter Emmalyn Joy and by thousands whose lives were profoundly touched and changed by her love and her ministry.

There will not be a memorial service until those that love Patricia can gather

safely. Her legacy and memory can be honored with donations in her name to Unity Church of Venice, 125 North Jackson Road, Venice, FL 34292.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I am so saddened to know of Patricia's passing. She was a dynamo! She did her work so well, and passed the baton to her wonderful daughter to carry on her work. I am so glad that we went on the cruise we did to celebrate our 50 year anniversary and got to know Patricia a bit more. She lifted all of us continually. I am grateful that our lives intersected as it did. She will remain alive in the hearts of all the lives she touched.

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**Debbie Marucci** - November 25, 2020 at 10:34 PM

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“ You were my friend and teacher. You helped me in so many ways that you did not even know. We were so lucky to have you as our minister at Unity and as our friend. I know many people whose lives you have changed for the good, forever, including mine. We will always love you for your kind leadership and friendship.

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**Neal VanDeRee** - November 12, 2020 at 10:13 PM

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“ So many - where do I begin? Some people thought we were sisters because we look so much alike. Well, we were sisters of sorts. We shared a profound love for her daughter and her daughter-in-law, for Unity, for good wine, for the sun, for adventure. I remember a certain cruise during which she landed a date with the ship's captain and three of us dressing her up, curling her hair, applying her makeup and sending her off to a grand evening. I remember shopping, sipping wine at sunset on the beach, skinny dipping just because it felt so good, giggling until we cried (or peed), crying over something and nothing, diving deep into questions about our God, and on and on. I remember going to her with questions about ministry knowing she would cut to the chase with conviction. Patricia, you live on forever in my heart and in my mind. You go ahead and expand now into the fullest expression of your generous spirit. I love you sister!

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**Linda Machesic** - November 12, 2020 at 06:27 PM

JH

“ From high school to sharing families (Rick and my daughter Terri) in Jerry Horton and Sue Reiter's wedding, to working together in real estate.....so many wonderful memories. She was a help to me through my divorce, a couple of illnesses, the loss of my fiancé due to cancer.....and many great times over holidays when family was all here. Pat I will miss you.....a wonderful, caring person full of love.....

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**Judie Horton** - November 12, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ My time as a prayer chaplain under Rev Patricia's guidance was powerfully transforming for me. A great gift in my life. I know, as Lisa has said, that her blessings continue on through the many lives she so warmly and lovingly touched. She is missed, but not forgotten.

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**Celia Marion** - November 12, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ *The lovely words in the obituary are so true but seem so small to convey the profound impact she had on an immeasurable number of lives. Her legacy lives on in those people and in the ripple effect she created by the good she has done in the world. We miss her so much but her powerful energy is on to much grander things now.*

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**Lisa Singeisen** - November 12, 2020 at 01:09 PM