



## Carolyn Patricia Scott

May 27, 1948 - June 17, 2021

Carolyn Patricia Scott, fondly known to family and close friends as “Patsy”, was born on May 27, 1948 to parents Agnes (Carolyn) Scott and Kermit Jamison Scott at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California.

At an early age, Patsy exhibited her creative side, choreographing dance moves with sister Karen to melodies of classical composers Tchykowski and Griegg. During these performances, which took place in the girls’ bedroom, Patsy and her sister would wear bathing suits in place of missing tutus. Patsy would set up chairs, serve cookies and drinks to her parents and charge them an entrance fee.

This early passion for the arts and artistic expression would continue throughout Patsy’s life. In elementary school she made her parents proud when she wrote a poem about the Mayflower which was posted on the hallway bulletin board of her classroom.

With a family of writers and teachers, a good education was always at the forefront. Patsy attended Longfellow Elementary School, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School (both in Oakland), and it was in Junior High School that she was mentored by Sarah Webster Fabio and began to develop her true writing skills. Patsy graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1966. After transferring from Merritt College in Oakland, Patsy enrolled at UC

Berkeley, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English. From there, she went on to earn a Master's degree in English with an emphasis on Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. In later years, she would earn certification as a Reading Institute for Academic Preparation teacher, which provided her with specialized curriculum and techniques that reflect the best of innovative and research-based pedagogy at California State University, Northridge.

After graduating from San Francisco State, Patsy taught at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA while also teaching at a community college in Stockton CA. She wrote for various publications before moving on to work in radio (KPOP Radio Station), television (Copley Colony Cable Television Station), and then print media. Patsy made her professional home in Southern California at the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, as an Arts and Entertainment writer. While working at the Times, she was also the weekend editor of the electronic newsletter (a collection of briefs based on the coming day's top stories), and held a 5-year tenure as a feature page editor and designer.

As a writer and educator, Patsy also used her media experience to make documentaries. Patsy and production partner Andre Campbell won an AEGIS award for the documentary, "We Believe Strongly" and received special recognition from the State Assembly of California for the documentary, "Silent Killer: Prostate Cancer."

Patsy was a go-getter and an innovator with a passion for life and the arts, particularly, African culture. Patsy had a passion for ancient Egypt, which evolved when she began her frequent travels to Egypt. It was during this time that she began research for her book, *The Gods of Ancient Egypt: A Practical Guide*, which won Honorable Mention in the 2012 Hollywood Book Festival.

She was a poet extraordinaire, as founder and creator of Kuyaku, a poetry

performance group featuring herself, sisters Karen (Louie) Scott, Cynthia Scott, and family friend Renetta Walker. The group was accompanied by cousins William Scott Harralson on keyboards and Cameron Davis on Congas.

Patsy was also a photographer, a painter, and some know her for her stint as a local DJ at former Oakland Club Uppy's as the "Jazzy Lady of Disco". During her days as a Disco DJ she published "The Satin Sheet," a small local paper that highlighted Bay Area entertainment.

Patsy married the love of her life Stanley Livermon on April 1, 1983. Stanley was co-editor, along with Patsy, of the anthology "Floodwaters Rising," a collection of poetry from various authors. Unfortunately, Stanley Livermon tragically lost his life on June 19, 1983.

Some of Patsy's most cherished titles were Daughter, Sister, Niece, and Aunt. Always a supporter and often cheerleader of all family, especially her sisters, nieces and nephews, she encouraged them to reach within and embrace their own beauty and talents.

Before her retirement, Patsy was a substitute teacher in the Bay Area. Patsy taught grade school in Los Angeles and in the Bay Area for over fifteen years.

In recent years, Patsy was fortunate to be able to re-open an earlier chapter of her life, reuniting with her biological daughter, who was adopted at birth in 1968. Although the two were not able to meet in person, they were able to communicate by phone, email and text messages.

Patsy departed this life on June 17, 2021, and was preceded in death by her beloved Husband, Stanley Livermon, Parents Kermit Scott and Agnes Carolyn

Scott, and Sister Cynthia Scott. She leaves to cherish her memory Sisters Karen (Louie) Scott Price, of Hayward, CA and Tiye Scott of San Leandro, CA; Nieces Rev. Marie Wilson-Johnson (Oakland, CA), Adrienne Joseph and husband Quentin (Vallejo, CA), Jamila Price (Hayward, CA), Nataki Perry (Oakland, CA), Aisha Price (Oakland, CA), Safiya Price (Stockton, CA); Great-Nephews Neil Wade (Oakland, CA), Yamoncyia and Kaiyhan Perry (Tracy, CA); Great-Nieces Laila and Cynthia Joseph (Vallejo, CA); Best Friend of over 60 years, Nathell Glover-Buford (American Canyon, CA). Patsy is also survived by two additional blessings: daughter Rachel Cristina Conliffe (New York) and granddaughter Kamaria Hogu (Westbury, NY), as well as a host of other family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Patricia Scott*



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**Harris Funeral Home** - June 30, 2021 at 03:29 PM

RW

*Auntie Patsy..you will be missed 😞 Until we meet again I will "follow your lead"..you are a hard act to follow ❤️ Love Always your 1st niece Ree-Ree*

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**Rev. Marie Wilson-Johnson** - July 03, 2021 at 10:07 PM

KP

*Missing you so very much. Still cannot believe that you are gone. When we were young I admired you so much that I wanted to be just like you. This being said I will enjoy each day and strive to continue the family legacy.  
Love Your Sister,  
Karen aka "Louie"❤️*

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**Karen Scott Price** - September 02, 2021 at 02:31 PM

BR

“ I am so saddened to hear that my favorite English teacher passed away. I was a student in Crenshaw High School, and graduated in 2010. Ms. Scott was my favorite English teacher of all time. The way she taught was brilliant, and she made me love English so much with the assignments she would ask us to do. She was so sweet, patient, kind, and she impacted me as a student deeply. I never forgot about her after all these years. Rest in peace Ms. Scott, your beautiful soul and life lives on in our hearts!

Bridgette - June 01, 2025 at 02:30 PM

JJ

“ Carolyn Patricia Scott and I were colleagues at the Los Angeles Times for many years. Life then took us down different paths and we lost contact. I miss her. She was strong, beautiful and creative. I loved working with her. It was a crushing blow to learn that she is no longer with us. "Now, voyager, sail thou forth, to seek and find." RIP Your friend Jennifer James

Jennifer James - October 19, 2022 at 11:38 PM



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Harris Funeral Home - June 29, 2021 at 07:53 PM

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“ *Shiphrah Williams-Evans, Cousin purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Carolyn Patricia Scott.*



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**Shiphrah Williams-Evans, Cousin** - June 29, 2021 at 01:59 AM