



Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle

December 6, 1954 - October 14, 2021

It is with deep sorrow that Mr. Michael R. "Mike" Fowle announces the death of his beloved wife, Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle, 66. A funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at Florence National Cemetery, 1001 Stockade Drive, Florence, SC 29506. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Patz passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at her residence.

Born in Ringgold, GA, she was the daughter of the late Homer and Lula Mae Quinn Walters. In her early years, she was educated in public schools in Detroit, Michigan where teachers encouraged her creative abilities. Although her family would experience difficult times she always had her love of art as a positive strength growing up.

In 1970, while Patz (Her nickname) attended a rural high school, she realized a genuine passion for working in clay and intuitively figured out a straightforward technique for making quirky, clay animals.

As Patz continued to develop her hand-building skills she shared her unique process with others in the classroom. As a young adult, she began her career working in the field of graphic arts. After marrying, she and her husband, Mike

started on a life-long journey and began their family.

Patz was educated received her education at The Parsons School of Design at Adelphi University, NY (Focus of study: Illustration), The Savannah College of Art and Design (Focus of studies: Drawing, Metal Fabrication/Jewelry, Illustration, Animation, Scientific Illustration, Character Design, and Ceramics.)

In the Summer of 2008 and 2009, Patz studied at the Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and also at The Kansas City Art Institute / Educators ArtLab summer program in Kansas City, Missouri. (Focus of study: Metal Sculpture & Fabrication) (Focus: Oil Painting). She also studied under Master Potter, Yosuke Haruta.

In 2013, Patz served as the Visual Arts Coordinator at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics in Hartsville, SC. Patz Fowle & Mike Fowle designed an innovative, on-campus "Open Art Studio" accessible to all high school students attending the SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics. In 2019, Patz was named Fine Arts Instructor and Visual Arts Coordinator at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics.

On May 22, 2021, the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Math and the GSSM Board of Directors officially named the on-campus art studio in honor of GSSM's Visual Arts Founder, and Fine Arts Instructor Patz Fowle: The Patz Fowle Visual Arts Studio.

While sharing an awesome life together, Patz and Mike enjoy collaborating with others in their journeys through art.

She is survived by her loving husband, Michael Ray Fowle of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Michelle Rae Morris of Hartsville, SC.

Cemetery Details

Florence National Cemetery

1001 Stockade Road
Florence, SC 29506

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Florence, SC 29506

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Mom, you will be greatly missed every day and every second. You inspired me so much and encouraged me that I can do whatever I put my mind to. You taught me so much. You are greatly missed but your art will last forever and ever. I love you mama

Michelle Rae Morris - June 24, 2024 at 09:58 AM

EE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I just discovered Patz had received her wings. God bless.

Elizabeth Eades - November 13, 2021 at 02:46 PM

MN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My HeartFelt Thoughts and Prayers are going up. My Condolences

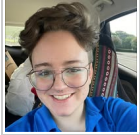


Melissa Newsome - October 25, 2021 at 11:59 AM

LS

“ Mike, I read of Patz’s passing with much sorry for you, family & all you knew & loved her. She was a Burst of Talent & Energy. You two together, creating fabulous works of art and teaching others will always be remembered by all who know and love you. I still keep her statue of The Amazing Adventures of Liz Librarian in a prominent place. It is a treasure to remind me of her. Liz Segars

Liz Segars - October 23, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ Mr. Mike, Michelle,

I graduated from GSSM in 2019 and had the privilege to spend a good chunk of my time there in the art studio. When I was there, I went by “Chaz”, but now I prefer the name Eirian.

Ms. Patz had an impact that can’t be quantified. I can’t imagine the magnitude of lives she has touched through direct interaction and through her work, and I can’t imagine the magnitude of the anguish you must be feeling. Patz brought a new meaning to the word “priceless”.

I see her in all the little parts of myself that make me who I am. I’ve often thought about Patz Fowle since graduating from GSSM. She comes to mind in the strangest places! From the habits I because of her advice, to art works I see that resemble her style, even to mannerisms I and my friends unwittingly picked up from her. In the past week, I haven’t gone for very long without thinking about her. But it’s been different. I’ve been thinking about the way she thought, the way she saw the world, the way she could see anything as something remarkable. She had a beautiful mind and spread that beauty in every interaction she had and everything she did. I’ve looked up to her and have strived to embody her spirit both purposefully and subconsciously.

As an artist, Patz Fowle will live on infinitely through her works, but as a person, a mentor, a wife, a mother, a friend: she lives on in you. She lives on in me. She lives on in GSSM, and in all the schools and communities she touched. She lives on through infinite intangible legacies that we can’t always see.

I know that it’s hard and it’ll continue to be hard, but we will live and grow and share the love that she had for all of us. We can carry on her spirit: in our hearts, in our minds, and in our actions.

*With love,
Eirian Waldron*

ps: My number is 843-676-5242. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or if there is anything you need.

Eirian Waldron - October 23, 2021 at 12:50 AM

MR

“ Mike,
I am so sorry to hear of Patz's passing.
Mary Ridgeway

Mary Ridgeway - October 22, 2021 at 03:50 PM

ST

“ Mike, I was sorry to hear that Patz had passed away. She was such a wonderful person, artist, and friend. I am so thankful that you and Patz were visiting artists for my classes at Savannah Grove. We all learned so much and her bright spirit was so uplifting for me and my students. Thanks to God for that opportunity. Jim and David also send their condolences. Much love, Sherry Taylor

Sherry Taylor - October 21, 2021 at 07:41 PM

AR

“ Angela Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Angela Roberts - October 20, 2021 at 12:27 PM

EF

“ Amy and I are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Patz. She shared her love of art with all who had the fortune to know her. I will always remember her upbeat personality and desire to encourage anyone to give art a try. As a neighbor to us in Florence, she and Mike were the best, always there to call on when needed. We send our love and prayers.--Elizabeth and Amy Flanders

Elizabeth Flanders - October 19, 2021 at 09:36 PM

TW

“ Thomasina Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Thomasina Wilson - October 18, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DT

“ Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Dave Thompson - October 18, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ Mark Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Mark Shealy - October 18, 2021 at 11:23 AM

KC

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Patz's family. We miss her greatly already. She was such a bright light to so many.

Kiersten Cole - October 18, 2021 at 10:47 AM

BE

“ I love Patz and will really miss her. Her art studio is next door to my office and she and Mike always had a smile and friendly word to speak to everyone, whether students or co-workers or just folks passing through GSSM. A lovely person with a creative soul and a beautiful smile. She will be missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

Beth - October 17, 2021 at 01:08 PM

GP

“ michelle and family i am so sorry about your Mom she was a wonderful lady



gail peavy(walmart) - October 17, 2021 at 10:33 AM

Leslie Jerman

“ Mike, I'm so sorry to hear of Patz passing. She was a wonderful and a very dear and sweet person. She was also a gifted artist. I am so thrilled that I got to work with her while at GSSM. She will be truly missed. Prayers for you and the family.

Much Love,
Bonty & Leslie Jerman & Family



Leslie Jerman - October 17, 2021 at 03:17 AM

AR

“ A wonderful, friendly, and creative person. Love her. Meet Pats when I come aught her creative daughter. Know she will be missed by all. I will always cherish my one of a kind DECA Red Fox clay animal. She and Michelle made me feel like a special teacher.

Alice Rumpf - October 16, 2021 at 07:02 PM

FD

“ Franklin & Gloria DuRant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Franklin & Gloria DuRant - October 16, 2021 at 02:35 PM

CB

“ She was an outstanding artist and will be greatly missed. You have our deepest sympathy. Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - October 16, 2021 at 01:50 PM

MJ

“ A wonderful woman, artist, art teacher, and friend. You will be greatly missed, praying for you Mike and the family. I always enjoyed our "art teacher dinners" and the encouragement she would give me.

Melissa Johnson, Sneed Middle School

Melissa Johnson - October 16, 2021 at 09:05 AM

SC

“ I loved (and so did the students) when Patz and “mr. Mike” came to our school and taught the children how to create amazing animals/birds with clay. Wonderful sense of humor and extraordinary artist. “Oh yeah”! My sincere condolences to you Mike. She was wonderful



Sissy Carroll - October 16, 2021 at 07:27 AM

AT

“ Audrey Tripp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Audrey Tripp - October 15, 2021 at 08:07 PM

LS

“ Lori Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia A. "Patz" Fowle



Lori Strickland - October 15, 2021 at 07:49 PM

LB

“ Mike My heart is so broken for you , This was a shock . My prayers are with you and your family



Linda Tolson -H&R Block - October 15, 2021 at 05:31 PM

JR

“ So very *SORRY* for your loss. Patz was a awesomely *SWEET* person, she Will be greatly missed. *THOUGHTS, LOVE* and *PLAYERS SENT* to All. May *GOD* wrap you *ALL* in his Cloak of Comfort today and the days coming. *REST IN PARADISE*



Jan Stephens Ruple - October 15, 2021 at 05:33 AM