



**Born:** May 1, 1970

**Died:** June 20, 2002

Patricia Ann "Patty" Wyzkoski was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 1, 1970, the daughter of Leo J. and Bernadette S. Wyzkoski. She was baptized in May 1970 at Saint Paul's Cathedral.

Patricia received her early education at Quail Elementary and Sam Hamilton-Martin, and then attended North Hills High School. She worked for Antonio's Pizza Shop on the North Side for several years and worked as a cleaning person at a hotel, and then she went back to school hoping to start a new career. At the time that she became ill, Patricia was attending Duff's Business School where she had earned a 4.0 GPA.

At that time of her death, Patricia was engaged to James Barnes, better known as Jim, who was born March 3, 1966.

Patricia was an artist - the most creative person in the world! She was incredibly talented in creating works of art. She collected unicorns, strawberries and teddy bears. She loved animals and shortly before she passed on, she dreamt of having a small, white dog with her.

"My Aunt Patty had a hard, painful life. She was funny, creative. She was the very best aunt ever! - Love, Joey."

"Dear Sissy, I think of you every day. Why did you have to leave us so soon? I miss your hugs. I miss your jokes. I miss going to the dollar store and having fun just being together. You are the strongest person I know. No one should have to go through the pain that you went through. How can I summarize a life of someone so dear to me with a few sentences? Well, here it goes: Patty, my sister, knew how to have fun. Everywhere she went she made people laugh or at least crack a smile. She was intelligent, caring, and the most creative person I have ever known. Her eyes were blue-green and her hair was dark blonde - she was beautiful. Like sisters usually do, we had our differences, but could never stay mad at each other for too long. I remember having so much fun through the years and that is what I will miss most. I love you, Patty. I know that God had special plans for you since you were only here for a short while. I imagine you now surrounded in light, smiling and saying 'turn that frown upside down.' You are and will always be in my heart - I know that you are with us. - Love, Sissy."

"Patty was a very loving daughter. She was a person who tried to solve everyone's problems. She loved people. When she came to visit us, she would greet us with a kiss and a hug. When she left we would get a kiss and a hug. When she was out she tried to get people to smile or laugh. She would get a sales person or a waitress to smile. She would joke with them. She brought a lot of joy to our holidays and family gatherings. We all miss Patty very much. I'm sure she is in heaven, filled with love and happiness, and out of pain. - Mom and Dad."

Compiled by her family, 2002.