

Biography for Patti Beth Anderson

A true hometown girl, Patti Beth was delivered by Dr. N. A. Cotner in Miami before Grove General Hospital was up and running. Patti Beth's parent's long-time Grove residents, Paul and Betty Roberts still operate their family farm and cattle ranch east of Grove where she and her sister Julia grew up.

Patti Beth attended all twelve years at Grove Schools. The Grove Sun can document her activities in 4-H, Future Homemakers of America, the marching band, as a twirler, and in Speech and Drama. She graduated in 1979 as co-valedictorian. Education was important to Patti and she competed in a variety of contests in order to secure scholarship monies to pursue her interest in speech and theater education.

She participated in Miss Grand Lake Scholarship pageants, Miss Huckleberry, Fairest of the Fair of Delaware County. She competed for Farmer's Union, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, Rotary and Cherokee Nation Scholarships. She held the title 1981 Oklahoma Pork Queen of Oklahoma and used the scholarship to obtain her degree Patti Beth graduated with honors in 1981 from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M with an Associate Degree of Fine Arts. She went on to Oklahoma City University where she was very active in the theater productions. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from OCU in 1984.

Patti Beth entertained two years at Silver Dollar City in Branson Missouri as a singer/dancer in the Saloon Show. She also worked the themed restaurant Molly Murphy's in Oklahoma City. Returning to NE Oklahoma, she was employed at Shangri-La as activities director for two seasons. Patti Beth was also co-owner of Country Gardens nursery and Gift Shop.

Ms. Anderson fulfilled her college dream by returning to NEO as an instructor and professor of Speech and Theatre. She taught at the college level for seven years, directing plays and musicals, instructing speech, acting and theatre classes.



A career highlight was the development of a theatre troupe RisQue Business. This original show toured for tow years promoting healthy choices to high school and college students nationwide. During this time, Ms. Anderson obtained her Masters Degree in communications from Pittsburg State University.

Patti Beth has acted in numerous television and radio commercials, programs and educational and industrial films including a Sonic spot with Frankie Avalon. She has worked as a professional model and spokesperson.

She is probably best known for her twenty-some years entertaining as the character of Willamae at Grove's Kountry Kuzin's Jamboree Show. Her down-home style of comedy has been enjoyed by thousands of folks visiting the Grand Lake area. Willamae is still available to take the fun on the road by traveling and performing at churches, conventions, corporate functions and travel show all over the Mid-West. She has shared the stage and entertained such notables as Ray Price, Porter Wagoner, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Kitty Wells and Jerry Clower. She is asked to speak as Patti Beth or one of her many character creations at events as varied as The Governor's conference o Tourism, National Travel Shows, OCU Alumni Sports Banquets and as a guest platform speaker at the Oklahoma State Evangelism Conference, just to list a few.

Some of Ms. Anderson's honors have included Grand Laker of the Year 1991, Honorary Rotarian, and Honorary Member South Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the Grove Education Foundation for Excellence as a board member. Patti Beth was featured in the 1999 Bank Travel Magazine for her accomplishments as tour director for the Grand Travelers a travel club she developed while employed by Grand Savings Bank in Grove.

She is the tour director and owner of Good to Go with Patti Beth, specializing in group Travel at its best. She and her travelers have logged literally thousands of miles through out the world visiting places such as Africa, New Zealand, and China and beyond.

Ms. Anderson is a "Good Will Ambassador" for Grove as she treats visitors to the delights of her home town by providing comedic commentaries as a step-on guide for motor coach travelers. With her world-wide experience by plane, rail, cruise ships and coach, Patti Beth can be considered the local 'Travel Expert' and her humorous presentation entitled "Packing It In" gives upcoming travels tips and laughs.

Patti Beth and her husband comedy magician Doug Anderson attend Cayuga Mission Church in Grove. One of her favorite roles is being mom to a great son, Caleb Paul Abbott attending Oklahoma State University.

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