

In Memory Of



Thereasa "Tres" Lynn Polet
1963 - 2011

Tres, Karen & I instantly became the three caballeros when we met up on my first WomanTours cycling trip, riding along at the same pace & sharing our views on the world, politics, & life in general. Tres had been in the U. S. Marine Corps. During her nine year enlistment she served at Camp Pendleton, spent a year in Okinawa, and, from 1983 to 1985, was a drill instructor at Parris Island. After the Marines, she had served as a sergeant in the Army reserves for four years, and was currently a California Highway Partrolman. Having been promoted to Sergeant, Tres lived in San Diego.

My son is a Marine, and on the morning of the Marine Birthday 11\10\03, she and I stood together to remind our group that even while we were enjoying a lovely ride on the Outer Banks, our young Marines were fighting and dying, perhaps that very day. Today, They're Still There!

Tres was not a smoker, but she lost her courageous, nearly 2 year battle with lung cancer last year. I was not able to ride another trip with her, but we stayed in contact. Finding happiness, she was legally married to Shari Ressel on July 7, 2008 and they met their soon-to-be son, Adam (Sunny)Polet, 6 months of age, that same day. His adoption was completed in November 2009, and her family remained her top priority throughout her treatments and struggle.

Tres lived a life of integrity and bravery. Her influence, love of life, and dedication to service affected the lives of her family, friends, colleagues, and workforce as well as many others with whom she came into contact on a daily basis. She leaves a lasting legacy and I hope to honor her and her service to the Marine Corps, through Moss Creek Marines and their mission to provide support to Marines serving in harm's way.

