
In Memoriam: Patricia B. Adler

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on March 25, 2003, of Pat Adler, administrative assistant for the Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society since its inception in 1985. Over its eighteen years of operation, she gave an extraordinary amount of time and effort, at the highest professional level, to promoting and advancing ACES.

Introduced to the community of applied computational electromagnetics practitioners through her husband, Pat embraced his worldwide colleagues as members of her extended family. Her kind consideration and cheerful demeanor won her many close friends in ACES. Beyond her careful attention to the business of the society and respect for each member she dealt with, those of us who came to know her personally appreciated her sincere concern for our personal welfare. Pat extended warm friendship and innumerable small kindnesses to thousands of Annual Review of Progress conference attendees, especially international visitors, and her smiling greeting at the registration desk was a pleasant annual anticipation. She was a superb advocate for ACES, and her role in local arrangements was key in securing the annual conference as the centerpiece activity of ACES.

Born a Pennsylvanian, Pat Adler found her destined home in Monterey after Dick received the Ph.D. degree from Penn State in 1970 and joined the Naval Postgraduate School faculty. Pat also worked as a Naval Postgraduate School staff member early on, but later devoted her fulltime attention to the combined duties of administrative assistant for ACES and homemaker for a growing family of children and grandchildren. She loved and thoroughly enjoyed both the environment and vibrant spirit of the Monterey Peninsula.

Pat was a person of deep religious conviction. The strong and abiding faith she found through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints guided and illuminated her life. Mormons are widely known and respected for living daily lives that honor and reflect their spiritual principles, and for their strong desire to be a positive influence on everyone they meet. Pat was a worthy emissary and, indeed, a positive influence on all those who came to know her. Among the beneficiaries of her faith are some thirty-nine children who, in their time of crisis and greatest need, found a foster home with the Adler family.

ACES was founded largely to provide an alternative to existing organizations dominated by a majority view and agenda that actively discouraged the healthy exchange of new and "different" developments in the emerging science of computational electromagnetics. In particular, ACES has been uniquely receptive to reports dealing with practical applications. Pat was rightfully proud of her contributions to providing an influential outlet, through ACES publications and the annual conference, for the public distribution and archival preservation of many meritorious works. The fruits of her labor on behalf of ACES, for which we are all deeply grateful, will continue to grow in the future, and are part of her legacy.

We trust that, for Pat, joy and rejoicing have now banished all pain, griefs, and anxious fears. With faith in the hope of the resurrection, we long to see her again when our days on Earth are done.

Perry Wheless