



## Catherine Louise Bruggeman Schendel

May 21, 1948 - August 5, 2019

Catherine Louise Bruggeman Schendel grew up in Red Wing, MN. She graduated from high school there and then went on to Winona State University, earning her Bachelor's Degree. She was the first one in her family to graduate from college.

She taught high school in Fennimore, WI, before moving to the St. Paul/Minneapolis area where she worked in a variety of sales positions. In the early 1980's, Catherine began her own business, Catherine Schendel & Associates. She designed and delivered communications training programs for Fortune 500 companies around the country. She also developed a nationwide resume service.

In 1978 at a friend's Christmas party, Catherine met Ward. Catherine told people she fell madly in love with him and married him the following April. Eleven years later their son, Chris, came along and entertained his mom and dad with new sights and new sounds and wonderful travel adventures. Together the three of them hiked more than 60 of the Minnesota State Parks, and traveled around the United States and England. We are so proud of Chris!

Before and after Chris came along, Catherine was blessed with the joy of watching her two nephews, Todd and David, grow up. Seeing them get

married and lead successful lives was a joy for her.

In 2014 Catherine and Ward moved to Vancouver, Washington. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the topography, geology, geography, the culture and history of the area.

Catherine is survived by her husband, Ward; their son, Chris; her brother, Jim; her sister-in-law, Cindy; and her nephews, Todd (Lydia) and David (Ashley).

In remembrance of Catherine's life, she asked two things of her family and friends. First of all, if you are interested in a memorial, please consider Children's Home Society of Minnesota, 1605 Eustis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108. And, secondly, she asked that friends undertake a random act of kindness in her memory.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Vancouver, Washington area on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Lacamas Lake Lodge, 227 NW Lake Road, Camas, WA 98607. A second Celebration of Life will be held in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Midland Hills Country Club (Turnberry Room), 2001 Fulham Street, Roseville, MN 55113.

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ I continue to miss you everyday you were such a great friend to me

Pinaire Jan - July 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Dear Ward and Christopher, We are sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. She was kind and generous with her time way back in the 80's! She shared a recipe for carrot cake that is still a family favorite of ours. Blessings. Frank & Nancy Rondoni

Nancy Rondoni - August 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Catherine is a gift to all who knew her. She will be missed, but remembered always. Sandy and Del Brasier

Sandy Brasier - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Deepest condolences to the Schendel family. Catherine was a consistent joy at our office, telling light hearted jokes, always smiling and positive despite her challenges. I am grateful she found her way from one Minnesotan to the next. Peace and Love, Dr. Angell and the rest of the team at Dentus Dental Center.

Jacqueline Angell - August 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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**Chuck and Deb Faison** - August 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ She was a dear, loving , true friend. Oh how I miss her already

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**Pinaire Jan** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I can hear her laugh and see the twinkle in her eyes. 💕💕

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**Jeanne** - August 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM