



Celeste Joan Kurth

December 30, 1966 - January 16, 2018

Celebrating the life of Celeste Kurth Celeste Kurth burst into this life the youngest of five children, Victoria (Cummings), Michelle (Gerald Gray), William Gerald III, and Trudy Gerald, on December 30, 1966. Since Celeste was not quite two years old when her family moved from Prairie View, TX, Portland, OR became the only home she had ever known. The family moved into the Alameda area in Portland and Celeste and her siblings largely attended Alameda Elementary School and Grant High School in Portland. In 1991, she married Daniel Kurth of Portland and they lived in the Portland area for the next several years until Danny took a job in Vancouver, WA and family moved to Vancouver where they both lived until the ends of their lives. By that time, they had three boys, Jacob Daniel Kurth, Jered Michael William Kurth and Isaac Joshua Kurth, who were the absolute lights of their lives. Celeste homeschooled all three boys for varying periods of time during their lives. One of her greatest legacies is that wherever those young men go, everyone remarks on what great impressions they leave. Celeste talents and creativity took her life in a number of different directions. She got a cosmetology license, owned a nail shop, became a licensed masseuse, sold real estate, sold at a number of Farmers Markets imported teas, handmade soaps, lotions, jewelry, journals and anything else she willed herself to learn how to make. She was on a constant quest for new things to know and to know how to do. She had a penchant and walked the talk for her passions around wellness and a holistic approach to daily living. Celeste is survived by her three sons, Jacob, Jered,

and Isaac, three sisters, Victoria (Jay), Michelle and Trudy (Smitty), a brother, William or Billy (Cathy), sisters-in-law, Teresa Letcher, Sue Swearingen and Diane Macomber numerous nieces and nephews, a tight knit group of cousins and a number of dear friends, with some of whom she has been friends since elementary school. She is preceded in death by her mother Valerie Gerald, father, William Gerald, Jr. and husband, Daniel Kurth.

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:04 PM

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“ My dearest Smile of Smiles, You'd approved of the beautiful service in your honor. Your sons are AMAZING. I know you know that. Rest well, Celeste. I love you. Your hugs, your light, your genuine love... You've made a lot of us better by just being in the same room. I thank you for your friendship and long lasting care of humanity and nature. I know your body couldn't stay here with us ... You're still here. We'll be better people for you! Hugs and giggles and smiles my dear friend.

Lara Steele - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so impressed by and will always remember Celeste's strength and courage in life and in battling illness. (One tough woman!) It is uplifting to see that these traits have been passed along and heartwarming to see her reflected in her sons- Jacob, Jered, and Isaac. I love you boys! Rest in peace sis. Love, Teresa

Teresa Letcher - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Love you always, Celeste!!! You are at peace now, dear heart.

Victoria Cummings and family - January 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM