



## Christine R. Baker

August 2, 1971 - July 17, 2025

Christine “Kris” Baker of Vancouver, WA, passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2025, at the age of 53. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Kris spent most of her adult life in Vancouver, Washington surrounded by family and friends.

Kris was the beloved daughter of Judy and Chris Baker, and the loving mother of Sarah Morgenthaler Burns (Kenny Burns). She is also survived by her sister, Jessica Baker; her nephew, Jeffrey Dean Baker; and extended family, including her lifelong friend and chosen family, David Crigler, and her partner and companion, Howie Sonnes. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dean Baker, and her former husband, Mark Morgenthaler. She is dearly loved and will be missed by all.

Kris lived a life full of love, generosity, adventure, dedication, and compassion. She graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School, where she studied dental assisting, and spent many years helping people through her work in dental offices as a chairside assistant, then as an office administrator. She later managed her family’s trucking business and achieved her proudest professional accomplishment: becoming a self-employed business consultant and accountant for local businesses and individuals. Kris took great pride in helping others succeed, often going above and beyond for her clients, who quickly became friends. Her independence, hard work, and the business she

built for herself were true testaments to her strength and perseverance. Beyond her work, Kris's true gift was her heart—she was genuine, selfless, and always ready to help a friend in need.

She loved being outside, especially near a body of water—camping, floating or kayaking, hosting backyard BBQs, or exploring with her pups. She found joy in crafting, creating gifts, trying new things, and gathering with friends and family. Her laughter, energy, and kindness touched everyone who knew her. She will be profoundly missed, thought of daily, and forever loved—every ladybug now a gentle reminder of her presence: bright, gentle, and full of life.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery & Funeral Chapel  
1101 NE 112th Ave.  
Vancouver, WA 98684-4950  
<http://www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com>

*In our Garden of Hope. We have garden maps available in our Chapel's Lobby.*

## Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 3:00 PM (PT)

The Clubhouse  
540 SE Columbia River Drive  
Vancouver, WA 98661