



Elizabeth Carey Lawson

February 11, 1955 - June 14, 2023

Elizabeth (Beth) Carey Lawson

Beth was born February 11, 1955, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Corvallis Oregon. She died of cancer on June 14th, 2023, at home in Vancouver Washington with Bob & Carrie at her side.

Beth was raised on a grass seed farm in Halsey Oregon, with Margaret Carey (mother), Bob Carey (father), Bill Carey (brother). She graduated from Central Linn High School in 1974 and attended Willamette University where she received a bachelor's degrees in music performance and early childhood education in 1977. She received her Master of Music at the University of Portland in 1996. Beth began her career in Port Orford Oregon in 1977, teaching music at elementary and middle schools. In 1979, she relocated to Albany Oregon and ran a Yamaha music school until 1987, at which time she moved to Portland Oregon and worked at a Yamaha music school in Lake Oswego. She joined the Portland Opera and the Opera Players, where she was able to share her love of music at area schools and community events. She met Bob Lawson in June 1988, and after a short courtship they were married on December 17th, 1988. They moved to Vancouver Washington, where she taught music for the Vancouver School District from 1990 until 2014. On October 14, 1993, Carrie Elizabeth Lawson completed the family. Beth loved singing and teaching. She sang in many productions and was a soloist in church. Beth loved classical, opera and jazz. Her album in 2019 titled *Liebe und Leben: Love and Life* contains songs following a woman's life,

the first set is classical followed by jazz songs with the same theme. In January 2023 she recorded 12 classical church songs arranged by Brenda Portman, with Martin Ellis and Linda Bergman. The music videos will be available on YouTube @ElizabethCareyLawson. She was a member of The Frustrated Maestros, a musical group with Family Motor Coach association. She sang and played both the keyboard and guitar at the rallies. She first met this group in Albany OR and with the motorhome she and Bob were able to attend rallies in Indio California, Tucson Arizona and Minot North Dakota. Beth spent the last week before her death singing in a rally in Albany Oregon. Beth is survived by her husband Robert L Lawson Jr, her brother Will Carey and her daughter Carrie Elizabeth Lawson. Funeral will be on August 19th, 2023, at 10:30 at St Luke's San Lucas located at 426 E 4th Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98663.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was going through the CDs in my car today when I found the recording of Schumann's *Frauenliebe und Leben* Beth gave to me in 2022. She and I sung at the Chelan Bachfest in 2022 together and she was so wonderful. I'm so sorry to hear of her loss.

Josie Barstad - May 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Elizabeth Carey Lawson - July 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM