



Judith Anne Kuter

August 26, 1942 - December 5, 2024

Judith Anne was born to Ralph and Margaret Luna in Vancouver, Washington, on August 26, 1942. Judy grew up surrounded by cousins and with a group of girls she remained friends with her entire life. She attended Lincoln Elementary, Shumway Junior High, and Fort Vancouver High School. In 1962, while attending Clark College, she met Paul Kuter. In 1963, they married and moved to Long Beach, California while Paul earned his bachelor's degree. Upon Paul's graduation, they returned to Vancouver, where they planned to raise their children surrounded by their large and loving families. Beth was born in 1967, and Tami arrived in 1970. When their girls were old enough to see themselves home from school, Judy went back to college and in 1988, she earned a bachelor's degree in teaching from Portland State University, and her masters a few years later from the University of Portland. She proudly taught at Image Elementary for the entirety of her career, retiring in 2008. Judy loved her life and often said she would never have changed a thing. She and Paul spent their leisure time camping, gardening, going on adventures around the Pacific Northwest, and creating a beautiful family retreat in Long Beach, Washington. Judy enjoyed listening to books, cooking & baking, happy hours with friends & family, and spending time with her children and grandchildren as often as possible. "Life is good" and "family is everything" were the words she lived her life by, and often shared.

Judith Anne Luna Kuter passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by the love, laughter, and tears of her family, on December 5, 2024. She is

survived by her husband of 62 years, Paul Kuter, her daughters Beth (Cliff Pfenning) and Tami (Tim Huff), granddaughter Elly Pfenning, and grandsons Zac Pfenning (Christina Koehler), Paul Huff, and Gabriel Huff. She is also survived by sisters Lesley Larson, Koko O'Connell, and Teri Anderson, as well as siblings-in-law Barbara Thompson (Kevin), Kathy Hubbard, Jeff Kuter (Cathy), and Scott Kuter. She leaves behind many Luna and Kuter cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as friends and neighbors, all of whom she loved dearly. Judy was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Margaret Luna, parents-in-law Paul and Barbara Kuter, sister Nancy Baker, and brother-in-law Dan Kuter.

The family would like to thank the medical staff who took care of us and Judy at Sunnyside Medical Center, Avamere Rehabilitation of Cascade Park, and PeaceHealth Medical Center. Most especially, we appreciate the amazing humans from PeaceHealth Southwest Hospice, who kindly helped us all through the difficult days, with grace and respect.

There will be no funeral service, however, Judy wished for her family and friends to gather at a celebration of her life when the weather turns warmer. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to PeaceHealth Southwest Hospice or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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Beverly - April 07, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Remembering all the fun things we did over the years. Take care Paul 🙏

Gary and Barb Ripley - December 17, 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 Judith A. Kuter - December 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM