



Kathleen D. Prakken

May 16, 1949 - August 23, 2024

Kathleen Diane Howery Obituary(05/16/1949 - 08/23/2024)Kathleen was born on May 16, 1949 in Marshall, Missouri to Robert Howery and Marian JeanneCox. She was their second child joining her brother James. They were joined later by sister,Barbara.They moved to Portland Oregon while she was a young child. She grew up and attended DavidDouglas High School, graduating in June 1967. While in high school, there were severalKathleens in her classes, so she began to use a nickname, Kathee.Between 1967 and 1968 she attended Portland State University. She married her high schoolboyfriend, Randy Prakken, on September 7, 1968 and they moved to Boston Massachusetts inOctober so that Randy could attend MIT. While living in Boston, she worked as a DocumentationSpecialist for MIT between 1968 and 1975. In 1971 she and Randy adopted Garrick RobertPrakken as a baby.In 1972 they moved to Southern California so that Randy could accept a position with HughesAerospace. Between 1974 and 1979 Kathee Worked as a Data and Fiscal Specialist for theUniversity of Southern California. She and Randy divorced in July 1975.In 1979 Kathee moved back to Portland Oregon and worked between 1979 and 1982for NW Regional Education Laboratory as the Management Assistant to the Associate Director.In 1981, Kathee attended night and weekend classes at City University in Portland Oregon whileworking full time for the NW Regional Education Laboratory. She had many classes with TerryThompson.They started seeing each other after school, but instead of dating, they got togetherand studied. Kathee and Terry married on April 1,

1983 in Vancouver Washington. Kathee graduated in 1982 with her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from City University. Between 1983 and 1984, Kathee began working on her Masters Degree in Business Management, attending the Atkinson School of Management at Willamette University. Between 1983 and 1984, she also worked as an Accountant and Financial Analyst for Bonneville Power Administration while she was going to graduate school. She graduated with a Masters of Management Degree in 1984. After her graduation Kathee took a job with the Vancouver Housing Authority as an Accountant and Data Analyst from 1984 to 1985. She then returned to working at the NW Regional Education Laboratory as a Management Specialist between 1985-1991. Krista Alexandra Prakken-Thompson was born at Providence Medical Center in Portland Oregon on March 14, 1987. Later in 1987, Kathee was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. In 1991, she moved to Kaneohe Hawaii. Kathee had a four year contract to help set-up the Pacific Regional Education Laboratory, a non-profit in Honolulu Hawaii. She worked as the Director of Finance and Administration from 1991 to 1994. While working there, Ryan Christopher Thompson was born at Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center in Honolulu Hawaii on January 6, 1993. She moved back to the Pacific NW in 1994 to be closer to family. From 1994 to 1996, Kathee took a job as the Director of Finance and Administration for Loaves and Fishes in Portland Oregon. In 1996 she was hired as the Corporate Controller at NW Regional Education Laboratory working there until 2009 when medical disability forced her to retire. Her mother, Jeanne Howery died while in surgery for a heart problem in April, 1988. Her father, Robert Howery died from a stroke in March, 1997. Her older brother James Howery died from long term medical issues in November, 2018. Kathee dealt with issues from her Multiple Sclerosis for 37 years and passed away in her sleep at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center on August 23, 2024. Kathee is survived by her husband, Terry, her son Garrick Prakken, daughter Krista Lasher, and son Ryan Thompson. We would like to thank the caregivers from

Providence Home Health, the nurses, doctors and staff from Legacy Salmon Creek, and our primary care doctor for over 40 years, Dr Robert Wells for their care and treatment of Kathee.

Tribute Wall



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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Kathleen D. Prakken - August 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM