



Margaret Ruth Ellison

August 20, 1952 - October 5, 2015

MARGARET RUTH ELLISON August 20, 1952 ~ October 5, 2015 Margaret Ruth Ellison, 63, died on Oct. 5, 2015 of breast cancer at Community Hospice in Vancouver, WA. She was born on Aug. 20, 1952 in Blair, NE to Bruce and Doris Jensen. Margaret graduated from Portland State University with a MA in Linguistics. She worked at Portland City Hall in the traffic and budget offices and served as an interim director of the Portland Arts Commission. After working for city government, Margaret went to Taiwan for three years where she taught English as a second language (ESL). While in Taiwan, she became a master of Tai Chi Ch'uan and was awarded a ceremonial sword as the best student in the class. After returning to the United States, Margaret continued to teach ESL, consulted with businesses, and was a small business owner. In 2003, she became a certified Stott Pilates instructor and later established her own studio. Margaret is survived by her husband, Randy Wulff of Battle Ground, WA; her father, Bruce Jensen of Vancouver, WA; her sister, Carol Robart of Eagle Point, OR; her grandson, Waylon Kasberg of Battle Ground, WA; her granddaughter, Ava Samwel of Bend, OR; and other family members: Tom Samwel, Adrian Wulff, Matt Robart, Jonathan Garcia and Bryce Samwel. She was preceded in death by her mother, Doris Jensen; and her daughter, Sarah Samwel. A memorial service is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 17, 2015 at 3p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to one of Margaret's favorite causes: The Nature Conservancy, Heifer International or The Union of

Concerned Scientist. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. I wish I had met Margaret decades ago, instead of only two years ago. For almost two years, once a week for 30 minutes, I would have her all to myself for Pilates and wonderful conversations. I was recovering from providing hospice for my father. I was injured and grieving. Margaret helped me put myself back together, physically and emotionally. I will cherish her memory always.*

Diane McKinley - October 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our Hearts are with you in this time of sorrow. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. We will truly miss our visits and time spent together. Bryan and Cathy*

Bryan Bell/Cathy Tobin - October 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM