



Nancy Alice Shafton

February 12, 1946 - June 12, 2010

Nancy Alice Shafton died Saturday, June 12th, 2010, at her home in Vancouver, WA after battling cancer for over a year. She was born February 12th, 1946 in Los Angeles, CA to Dorothy and Walter Farrand. She spent her childhood in Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach, CA with her siblings, Janet and Alfred. Nancy left home at the age of 17 to pursue a degree at Oregon State University. She accomplished this in four years and later earned her Master's degree in Elementary Education. She started her teaching career in the Evergreen School District in 1968. Two years later she met and married Chuck Dorsey, a fellow teacher. Her love and fascination with other cultures led her to travel across five continents beginning with a yearlong trek across Europe and Morocco. Since that time her travels have included Japan, The Soviet Union, Jamaica, Ecuador, The Galapagos Islands, Argentina and Mali. Nancy had a strong commitment to the environment and wildlife preservation. In 1985 she spent the majority of the summer releasing Peregrin Falcons back into the wild and recording their ability to adapt. Nancy married a second time in 1997 to Ben Shafton and they were married for 13 years. She retired from teaching elementary school in 2001 but the call to educate was strong. From 2002 - 2008, Nancy was very involved with volunteer work at the local National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) and taught several 12-week courses of Family-to-Family Classes to families of loved ones who are suffering from a mental illness. She eventually was certified as a trainer for other instructors all across the state. Nancy was a beloved mother,

grandmother, daughter and friend. She was deeply committed to the students she taught for 30 years in the Evergreen School District and she believed in the potential of every child. Nancy Alice Shafton is survived by her husband, Ben Shafton; daughter, Skyler Caitlin Dorsey-Schlenker; son-in law, Ryan David Schlenker; and three grandchildren, Olivia Eve Dorsey-O'Brien, 10, Norah Eve Dorsey O'Brien, 3, and Carter James Allen Dixon-Schlenker, 4.

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“ Ben, I am so sorry to learn of Nancy's passing. From the bottom of my heart, I send you kindest thoughts.

Michele - June 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM