



Priscilla Isabelle Van Sluis

January 6, 1965 - February 9, 2023

"All My Love, All My Life."

These simple words were beautifully embroidered by Priscilla many years ago to commemorate her wedding. They resonate profoundly now as we struggle with our deep grief at the loss of Priscilla Isabelle Van Sluis, who passed in the early morning hours on February 9, 2023, at her home in Vancouver, Washington, in the embrace of her husband, David. Her death was a devastating shock as it came quickly and utterly without warning, following an aortic aneurysm at the heartbreaking age of 58.

Priscilla was born and raised in Astoria, Oregon, the younger of two children. Coming from very modest means, after graduation she was determined to choose a path of prosperity and growth for herself. And so with the help and encouragement of her brother, Les, she set off for college in the Willamette Valley, attending first Lane Community College and then the University of Oregon. Even as a teenager Priscilla was a tremendously hard worker, supporting herself through years of exhausting waitressing, without even the luxury of a car to get to classes and her multiple jobs. This she did without complaint.

In the final year of her bachelor's studies for community health at UO she moved into Chelsea House, a student residence affiliated with the Catholic Newman Center. It was here one morning where she met David over breakfast in the dining room, and they fell in love almost immediately. In each other, each of them found an adoring heart. Each felt a void was now filled, and they

were soon inseparable. Supporting one another through the remainder of college, Priscilla continued to earn a master's degree in recreation therapy. A few months later, she and David married on a beautiful summer day in 1990 and embarked on a life together filled with love and tenderness.

Their joy reached new levels with the birth of their sons Brandon in 1995, and Cameron in 1999. Priscilla was always family-focused and raising her baby boys was a particularly wonderful and fulfilling time in her life. She was simply the most loving and caring mother imaginable. Providing her sons with a happy childhood they could look back on with fondness was always extremely important to her. Even into their adulthood she had a close, loving bond with them. Her vitality, humor, and love for life lives on in her children.

Care and service to others were the hallmark of Priscilla's early career. She provided recreation therapy work, first to brain-injured adults and later to seniors in independent living communities. She found great personal fulfillment working with seniors and they loved her for her kindness and positive energy. Her devotion to the elderly can be traced back to her love for her grandmother Isabelle, after whom she was named. From Isabelle she learned sewing, needlework, and other creative crafts, which she continued all her life. She even turned these skills into a successful small business she called "Mrs. Sew & Sews" where she could be seen every weekend for many years at the Vancouver Farmers Market, spreading joy and delight to shoppers through her beautiful hand-sewn creations, and her own friendly, enthusiastic personality. It is perhaps a cliché to say that everyone who knew Priscilla for any length of time loved her, but in her case it is certainly true. She was unapologetically optimistic and sweet by nature and by choice, but also strong, fearless and totally without guile. Her tragic passing has wounded us beyond words. For her family, living without her will be supremely difficult. We will never forget her, and as we keep her alive in our hearts, we promise her this: all our love, all our life.

Priscilla's survivors include her husband David, her sons Brandon and Cameron, her mother Janice, her brother Les and sister-in-law Patty, her niece

and nephew Madalyn and Ryan, and her aunt Joyce. She is preceded in death by her father Harry and her grandmother Isabelle.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Sending all our love*

Liz, Zach, Dana, Leia and Julia - March 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ *With love and hugs*

Jim and Laurie Quinley - February 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *In loving memory*

Robert and Gail - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *My dearest Pee, I just want one more hug from my BFF . You will always live on in my mind and I look forward to seeing you again one day*

Elaine - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Priscilla, I miss you and love you so much. Keeping you alive in my heart forever.*

David - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AS

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Priscilla Isabelle Van Sluis - February 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM