



Beth Walton

December 12, 1941 - February 22, 2014

In Loving Memory Beth Ellen Walton December 12, 1941 - February 22, 2014 Beth Ellen Walton of Newberg, OR was born in Oakland, CA to Albert S. and Margaret (Doyle) Walton on December 12, 1941. She grew up in Berkeley, CA attending of the Madeleine Grammar School and St. Joseph High School. Her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Anthropology are from University of Arizona. Beth's archaeological career included work on the Murray Springs Clovis Site, AZ and in the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Office, surveying the Hawaiian Islands for sites. Most of her career was with the Bureau of Land Management: Craig DO, CO; Alaska State Office; and Vale DO, OR concluding with the U.S. Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest, OR. She was active in the Ladd Hill Neighborhood Association, the Oregon Zoo, Project Vote Smart, the Newberg Library Foundation, the Yamhill County Community Emergency Response Team, and the Oregon Archaeological Society. Beth was an avid reader and a sponge for learning, always sharing her varied, broad knowledge and experiences and encouraging young and old in self esteem and to attain their potential. She was passionate about democracy, civil liberties, community service, and women's equality. She was proud of her archaeological endeavors and knowledge. Her spirit was freed at her home, Sparrowhurst, on February 22, 2014 after two months strongly enduring complications from multiple myeloma cancer. She leaves behind her spouse, Cheryl McCaffrey. Also surviving is her aunt Catherine (Kay) Remotto of Oakland, CA; numerous cousins; her Ladd Hill Neighborhood family; and many school, work, travel, social, and professional friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, an aunt, and several uncles. Family and friends are invited to come together in mutual support to remember Beth at the Frog Pond Church (a.k.a. Meridian United Church of Christ), 6750 SW Boeckman Rd., Wilsonville, OR at 10:00 a.m. March 29, 2014. Attire: neat, comfortable, casual. A catered social time will follow. Please do not send flowers. If you feel a need to make contributions, some of Beth's charities included Yamhill County Community Action Partnership, Project Vote Smart, and The Public Lands Foundation.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Good-bye Dear Friend. So happy that we found you after so many years. It was fun to have you and Cheryl come to our parties and School of the Madeline class reunions in California. We will miss you. Love....

Patty Connolly Click - April 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ My condolences to Cheryl and family members on the passing of Beth. I knew Beth through the book group, and thoroughly meeting this vibrant, full of life woman. She had such an awesome background, a wealth of experiences, and a great understanding of human nature. She was a warm and caring individual, and above all she was genuinely herself. I treasure the memory of this great lady. Love and hugs to Cheryl. Mary Ann Dickey

Mary Ann Dickey - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Although we won't be able to attend the memorial we will be there in spirit. We will not be back from Fiji until April 8th. We are saddened by your loss and will miss Beth greatly. If we can be of any assistance to Cheryl please let us know. Love Duane & Shannon

Duane & Shannon Hann - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Cheryl, we can only say a cloud of grief came over us when we read Beth's obituary in the Sunday paper. Her passing saddens us and we wish there was a way we could help you deal with her loss. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

claire and ernie Johnson - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dearest Cheryl, I wish I were standing by your side to comfort you. The facebook announcement was a total shock! I send my love to you and Beth's other family. At the same time I celebrate Beth's gifts and life, knowing the world to be better off because she lives. I believe with all my heart that her spirit and strength and decisiveness are still with us! Again sending love. Be in touch!

Carol Beene - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Cheryl, We never met, but Beth was a friend and colleague of mine in Alaska, and also for a number of years a member of our Dungeons and Dragons group. So sorry to hear of her passing and your loss. Chuck

Chuck Diters - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ May Beth rest in peace. I had not seen Beth for many years, but remember her as a caring, inquisitive and generally fine person. Our best to Cheryl at this difficult time. Sue Nutting Hutchinson- a fellow class member at School of the Madeleine and St. Joseph's High School.

Sue Nutting Hutchinson - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ We met Beth while volunteering at the Oregon Zoo. She was fun, smart, friendly and we always enjoyed spending time with Beth..it turned out that we were mutual friends with Missy Darby who Beth mentored in archeology. She will be missed but her memories will live on in our hearts. Our very best to Cheryl and Beth's family. Sandy and Gary

Sandy and Gary Ragsdale - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Beth, it has been a long time since BLM days. You always knew what road to take and had the fortitude to stand your professional ground when the environmental chips were down. I am sorry our paths had not crossed in our later years. Wishing you Peace and Light!

Robert Wedemeier - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM