

Obituary

Carol Elaine Kirkpatrick, 48



Carol Elaine Kirkpatrick, 48, of La Quinta, Calif, formerly of Blackfoot, passed away January 1, 2010 from undetermined causes.

She was born February 7, 1961 to Glen and Oral Kirkpatrick in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Elaine attended school in Snake River until her high school years in which she went to the Seventh Day Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. She attended college at Walla Walla University at Collage Place, WA., where she received her nursing degree. She went on a mission for the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Nepal, at the base of Mt. Everest.

Elaine moved to Palm Springs, CA area and continued her education in nursing. She graduated with a BSN from Loma Linda University Medical School in 1979. Elaine received many certificates of nursing, along with her degree, always furthering her education.

Elaine was a tireless patient advocate and had a rich background of diverse nursing experience and expertise. She worked at Loma Linda Hospital taking care of newborns, she was on the transport team for infant heart transplants, helped the elderly in nursing homes, and was part of the hospice community with Odyssey house. Most recently, she worked as the head nurse for Martha's Village and Kitchen Medical Clinic, where she was loved by her co-workers and patients alike.

One of her past times was riding her Harley-Davidson and delighted everyone whenever she arrived, driving it. She loved hot air ballooning and had her hot air license. Elaine wrote a couple of children's books that were very delightful. She enjoyed crocheting and rock collecting. Elaine impacted all she met with hope and happiness. She had a way of making those she came in contact with feel loved, understood and supported.

She married Chris Perez on January 1, 1995 in California, they were later divorced.

She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Perez, who was her greatest achievement in her eyes, father, Glen Kirkpatrick of Caldwell, ID, mother, Oral Kirkpatarick of Palm Desert, CA, two brothers, Dean (Trudy) Kirkpatrick of Blackfoot, Idaho, Fred (Sally) Kirkpatrick of Portland, OR, two sisters, Glend (Lanny) Slater of San Diego, CA and Ellen (Jim) Montgomery of Portland, OR.

A memorial service will be held in her memory, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., along with her mother, Oral who passed away after her death.

The family will meet with friends for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.