



Christine "Chris" M. Nelson

April 13, 1956 - October 27, 2021

Christine "Chris" M. Nelson, 65, passed away peacefully in her home in Redmond, OR on Wednesday October 27, 2021, after a 30-year battle with breast cancer.

Chris was born on April 13, 1956, in Milwaukie, OR to Leonard and Shirley Stang. Chris attended Rex Putnam High in Milwaukie. During her high school years the family moved to Eugene where Chris graduated from North Eugene High School.

Chris was a natural athlete. While growing up she participated in track and rally/dance squads. While attending North Eugene High she participated in a mentor program with the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Upon graduation she joined the Sheriff's Office as a police dispatcher and later became a civil deputy in the Sheriff's Civil Division.

In 1979 she married her husband, Ron Nelson, and moved to Cottage Grove. After the birth of the first of three children, Chris left the Sheriff's Office and became the volunteer mom with a van participating in virtually every event her active children were involved in.

In 1993 the family moved to Redmond. Shortly thereafter Chris was diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite the diagnosis and many years of

treatments that followed, Chris remained extremely active. She enjoyed a wide variety of outdoor activities including water skiing, fishing, hunting, camping, and horseback riding.

Chris became a certified scuba diver and enjoyed dive trips throughout the world. She later followed her true passion of raising training and competing on barrel racing horses. For the next 15 years Chris competed throughout the state in barrel races, winning many awards and making wonderful friends. Chris's greatest joys were her family, tending her flowers on the family farm, her horse, friends, and anything competitive.

Chris is survived by Ron, her husband of 42 years, daughters Jessica Hadfield (Nathan), Meghan Holmes (Richie), both of Redmond, son Dan Nelson (Mimi) of Canby, brother Greg Stang (Ginger) of Salem, sister-in-law Nancy Birkemeier (Rich) of Canby and 7 grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be planned in the months that follow. In lieu of flowers the family is asking to either donate blood or to make a donation to your favorite cancer charity.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Sending so much love to you all Nelson family!!!*

ALJ - May 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Ron and family I was sorry to read about your loss. Mitch Southwick*

Mitch Southwick - November 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *In memory of a precious soul. Thinking about all of you. Clif & Shelley Hadfield*

Clif & Shelley Hadfield - November 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Chris has been my best friend for over 43 years and although I am relieved that she is no longer suffering I am also heartbroken. I have so many wonderful things to say about Chris that there is not enough room on this computer. Chris - I love you and you will always be in my heart. May you see many hummingbirds in heaven. Sending hugs your way, Becky Walter*

Becky Walter - November 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Thank you Cindy for sharing! Love this!💕*

Jessica Hadfield - November 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Chris and I met in the summer of 1999. The first thing you noticed about Chris was her beautiful blue eyes. She had an inner light that always glowed around her. We became the Nelson's neighbors 10 years ago today when they went out of their way to help us find a place to live. A few years ago we got pretty socked in with snow. Ron was terrific about plowing our road so we could get to work but it was too slick and curvy to get our horse trailer out. Chris knew I was going through terrible withdrawals not getting my horse riding time in so she volunteered to drive her truck and trailer to the end of her driveway and Mike and I would lead a couple horses down ours and load up to go to a local indoor to ride. It was heaven!!! Chris just about became stuck after stopping on the way back home when she stopped to let us out with our horses. All and all it was a success but a lot of trouble for her. That's the kind of neighbor and friend she was. Always giving and helpful. She will be greatly missed.

Cindi Holland - November 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ With heartfelt condolences,

Linnay Lowery - November 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My endearing friend Chris, I will never forget your glow; So much goodness radiated from you. Ill always remember our sister days together.

Scottie - November 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

A Memorial Tree was planted for Christine M. Nelson - November 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM