



## Cindy S. Cocanower

March 20, 1965 - October 15, 2021

Cindy S (Legard) Cocanower passed away Friday October 15, 2021 at St. Charles Medical Center, in Bend, of a brief non-covid related illness. She was born in Portland, OR on March 20, 1965 to Harold and Alice Legard. Two years later the family was completed with the birth of Cindy's younger sister Kari. Cindy was an accomplished clarinet player and was involved with the Eugene Youth Symphony for many years. While with the Youth Symphony, she was the first chair clarinet player from 1977 to 1983. She went to South Eugene High School and graduated in 1983 with a 4.00 cumulative GPA.

In the fall of 1983, she headed for Oregon State University to study Pharmacy while living at Azalea House. Little did she know that her future husband would be living right next door. She was introduced to Tom Cocanower by one of her roommates during the middle of the fall term. After she and Tom went to a Mystery Date Dinner, a house dance at Azalea House, and a formal dinner and dance at Tom's House (Dixon Lodge), they definitely knew that there was good chemistry developing between them. After being apart for three weeks during Christmas break, they returned to Oregon State, became steady dates and were together ever since.

1988 was a big year for Cindy, she graduated with honors in Pharmacy, got her first full time Pharmacy job at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, passed

the Pharmacy licensing exam, and married Tom on July 30, 1988. Their wedding date was a big day for the Legard family as Cindy's grandparents were in attendance while celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

She was not in Eugene for long, in January of 1989, she took a night pharmacy position at Bess Keizer hospital in Portland. Later in the year, she moved over to a day pharmacy position at St. Vincent hospital. Tom and Cindy also bought their first house in Beaverton at the end of 1989.

In 1994, another big year of changes was up for Cindy. She got hired to work as a pharmacist at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. At the end of 1994, they moved to Bend and bought a larger home between Bend and Redmond. The next year, she became the Pharmacy Director at St. Charles.

After working at St. Charles for over 12 years, she opened her own consulting business for a few years then become the Pharmacy Manager for the Pill Box Pharmacy in Bend. A position she held for almost 10 years.

When she could find a few minutes to get away from it all, she enjoyed fly fishing at East Lake, weekend trips to the beach with Tom, gardening in her back yard, and spending time with her cats and dogs at home.

Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Tom Cocanower of Bend, her parents Harold and Alice Legard of Eugene, and her sister and brother in law, Glenn and Kari Kimsey of South Dakota. She is also survived by many cousins on Tom's side of the family.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, cash donations can be made to the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades and cash or food donations to the Humane Society of Central Oregon.



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“ *I'll always remember her laugh! She found so many things amusing and could chuckle with the best of them. She was like a favorite aunt to our kids. Always showing an interest in them and treating them like family. We'll miss her!*

**Tom Ettel** - November 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *While I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Cindy personally, she was a treasured friend of my sister-in-law, Anne Kenny Ettel, and my brother, Tom Ettel. I've have heard of Cindy's kindness, caring, brilliance, expertise, and friendship for over forty years. Cindy's love and caring extended far beyond the bounds of her own family. Another reason she will be dearly missed.*

**Deborah Ettel** - November 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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

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“ *Cindy S. Cocanower*

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