



Dara Jo Smith

September 22, 1969 - September 25, 2024

Dara Jo Smith, 55, of Bend, Oregon, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2024.

Born in Corvallis, Oregon, on September 22, 1969, Dara spent her early years immersed in the wild beauty of Alaska, growing up in Fairbanks, Cooper Landing, and Soldotna. She graduated from Soldotna High School and pursued her studies at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, before bravely driving herself to Portland to continue her education at Portland State University.

Dara's professional journey led her to a successful career as an Executive Assistant. She worked with Crown Pacific before moving to Bend, Oregon, where she joined Nosler, Inc. in 1998 as Executive Assistant to Bob Nosler. It was there that she met her future husband, Matt Smith, and the two shared a loving marriage of 20 years.

Dara was a woman of fierce passion and boundless energy. She was an avid big game hunter and cherished time spent in the outdoors. Whether hunting, fishing, or waterskiing as a member of the Rose City Waterskiers and the Portland Water Spectacular show team, she brought enthusiasm and joy to every adventure. A true western spirit, she had a deep love for western fashion, collecting vintage cowboy boots with an eye for beauty and history. Her bond with her beloved horse, Captain, was a testament to her deep love of animals and the natural world.

Dara is survived by her husband, Matt Smith; her three cherished children,

Vivian, Sabra (husband Riley), and Augustus; and her beloved grandchildren, Ryder and Logan. She is also remembered with love by countless friends and extended family who will forever hold her memory close.

A celebration of Dara's life will be held on Thursday, June 12, at Aspen Hall in Bend, Oregon. An open house will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, with a memorial service beginning at 5:30 PM.

Dara lived her life with strength, heart, and grit. Her legacy of adventure, loyalty, and love lives on in all who knew her.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home of Bend was honored to serve the family.

Previous Events

Celebration

JUN 12. 12:00 AM.

Aspen Hall

Tribute Wall



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