



Diana Gayle Castro

September 27, 1945 - May 5, 2013

Diana passed away quietly Sunday evening, May 5th at her home in Bend Oregon surrounded by family. Dianas memorial service will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Bend Oregon on Saturday, May 25, 2013. Dianas family suggests that those who would like to make a gift of remembrance do so to Food First or Sojourners in Dianas name. Diana is preceded in death by her mother and father, Katherine and Ernest Heymans of Hayward, CA and her ex-husband, James Castro of Bend Oregon and more recently Raton, NM. She is survived by her children: Pete Castro of Myrtle Creek Oregon and his family, wife Lora and daughters Madisen and Jenna; Tim Castro of Hermosa South Dakota and his family, wife Deana and sons Craig and Nicholas; Joanna Castro of Eugene Oregon and her family Robert Miller and son Willow; and her sister Janet Forcier of Livermore California; niece Kim Barnes of Pleasanton California and her husband Chad; and nephew Curtis Joseph and his family, wife Karen and son Kyle of Scottsdale Arizona and many friends, co-workers and students in the Central Oregon area. Diana lived in the California Bay Area early in her life and moved to Central Oregon as a Back to the Land Pioneer in the early 1970s where she raised her family on a small organic farm. Diana was active in the Presbyterian Church and was a social justice advocate, serving as a Witness for Peace in Nicaragua and being active in a local Central America Group which brought awareness to U.S. government policy in El Salvador. Diana was a humanitarian, making generous contributions of resources and time to charities such as Bread for

the World, Food First, the Oregon Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity. Diana earned her Master of Education degree in the early 1990s from Oregon State University and taught middle school topics including; math science, social studies and history in Prineville Oregon for 22 years until she retired due to health challenges in 2012. Diana served as a steward in the teachers union. Diana was also well read on many topics and involved with several local book clubs. Dianas family expresses their sincere thanks and gratitude to all of Dianas dear friends, particularly to those who shared Dianas last year and were so helpful and caring. Dianas life has been a gift to many. Her legacy lives on through all the love and compassion she shared.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Diana will be greatly missed by those of us who knew her from Juniper Swim and Fitness. My husband and I enjoyed many conversations with her. She was a delight and we are very sad at her passing.

Cynthia and Bruce DeGroat - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I knew Diana through Juniper pool. I will miss her stories of her students and how much it meant to her to be a middle school teacher. Her passing was a shock to all of us who learned of it this morning at the pool. She was very proud of her family and her students. She will be missed and thought of fondly. Marylou

marylou paterson - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I knew Diana as a teacher and as a great advocate for teachers and their rights. She helped the teachers in Crook County by being part of a team to negotiate a contract, and then as the Grievance Chairman. She was a really good person and will be missed.

Mary Wallace - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Diana was a wonderful lady and great to work with. I know she will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in Peace Diana. Sara Weeks

dadsroses@aol.com - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ I knew Diana, through working with her for many years at Crook County Middle School. She worked well with both teachers and students alike. It was an extreme surprise to learn of her passing. Diana was part of a great support system, for fellow staff members and a great sounding board as well. She always had a story to tell which would probably make you both laugh, and believe me her laugh was contagious. She will be missed by her co-workers, as well as her students. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Paul Evans - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ So sorry to hear of Dianas passing. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. It is clear to see that the values and kindness she possessed are carried on.

Cindy Kemp - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ My deepest sympathy to Dianas family. While I cannot be at her memorial on Saturday to celebrate her life, I will keep her and her family in my prayers for peace, comfort and strength.

Alice Huskey - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM