



Mary E. Buxton

October 4, 1942 - August 7, 2012

Mary grew up in Seattle and lived in Bellingham, Walnut Creek in California, New York, Houston, and Connecticut before moving to Bend in 1999 to help her brother Jon Rhoads and his wife Pauline Rhoads care for Mary and Jons aging parents, Bob and Dorothy Rhoads. Mary will be deeply missed by her husband Neal Buxton of nearly 50 years. They had a great marriage with many amicable happy years of mutual respect and caring and they shared many interests. Mary will also be deeply missed by daughter Cindy Buxton of Alaska, and daughter Jill Minus of California, and Marys 4 grandchildren Eli, Emily, Sheeshao, and Eliot. She will also be missed by her brother Jon Rhoads and wife Pauline who graciously helped her husband Neal take care of Mary during her illness. She leaves behind many good, good friends from her childhood, as well as various other friends she collected as she moved around the country and as she explored her different interests, including her many quilting and other friends in Bend. Mary also leaves behind many cousins, second-cousins, nieces and nephews, a father in-law and relatives on her husbands side of the family. She was respected and loved by many. Mary has had many interests in her life. At various times she focused her energy on political activism, sailing a cruising sailboat, writing, managing a staff for the electric company in Houston, and researching Mayan archeology, genealogy, and history, among other things. In later years she spent many happy hours as accomplished quilter, always willing to take on the challenge of learning a new skill or experimenting with a new technique. She was a true

artist. She faced adversity with grace. She was good at accepting things she couldn't change and focused her energy on things she could change. She did not give up easily and always made the effort to see the bright side of things. She was good at setting her priorities right. She was a caring wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was an amazing woman. Mary's memorial service will be at Aspen Hall, Shevlin Park on Thursday August 16th at 11:30am, followed by a reception lunch. Contributions could be made to Partners in Care Hospice, 2705 NE Wyatt Court, Bend Oregon, 97701. Their help was a blessing to Mary and her family.

Funeral Home:

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