



## Mckenzie Burpee

March 15, 1944 - July 30, 2014

Mckenzie Burpee, a resident of Sunriver, Oregon and Bend, Oregon, and a former resident of Santa Rosa, California. She died of natural causes on July 30, 2014 after a lengthy illness. She was surrounded by her immediate family. A native of San Francisco, California, she was a graduate of Lowell High School and attended Fresno State University and Sonoma State University pursuing a degree in urban planning. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, St. Mary of the Virgin and after her marriage, the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Mckenzie married a young insurance man, Bob Burpee, on June 27, 1965, in Sonoma, California and settled in Santa Rosa, California to begin her life as a wife, mother and homemaker, a marriage that lasted 49 years. It was here that she raised her children, Kimberly and Reid. She later became mother-in-law to Robert Kulik and grandmother to Lauren and Jack Kulik, all of Sparta, New Jersey. As one of the original docents of the Bouverie Preserve in Glen Ellen, California, she loved leading visitors through this very special place. She also enjoyed her involvement in the Assistance League of Sonoma County and her interest in music led to her volunteering with the Santa Rosa Symphony League. She also furthered her intrigue with politics as a member of the League of Women Voters. Mckenzie spent many memorable and happy times at the familys vacation home in Sunriver, Oregon which they built in 1972. She enjoyed the love of her animals, Hope and Kylie and sharing the beauty of the Deschutes river, the mountains, lakes and forest and the solitude in living with nature. It was here she discovered her yearning to

become a full time resident of Central Oregon. In May of 2004, Mckenzie and Bob became Oregonians. Here she became a member of the Sunriver Womens Club, the Sunriver Nature Center and a supporter of the Sunriver Music Festival and the Central Oregon Symphony. She was also instrumental in the development of the new dialysis center at the St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Mckenzie will most be remembered for her generosity, as a loving partner, a caring mother and adoring grandmother. She was most grateful for the outstanding and compassionate care of her physicians and staff, the Fresenius and St. Charles dialysis Centers staff and the nurses at st. Charles. Her life-long vision and involvement will be greatly missed. A private family burial was recently held at the Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend. At her request, there will be no services held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Partners In Care of Bend and to the Central Oregon Humane Society. A reception will be held Thursday, August 21, from 5 -7 p.m. at the Depot, Village Wiestoria, 8 and Revere in Bend.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

# Tribute Wall



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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Mckenzie Burpee*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PY

“ *Dear Bob, Cindy and I want to express our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Cindy is a docent at the Bouverie Preserve where many have fond memories of McKenzie. We learned from reading the beautifully written obituary that her love of nature inspired the move to Oregon. While we have not seen you since your departure from Santa Rosa, we will always remember your warm friendship and helpfulness in assisting our transition into the local community when we moved here. We hope McKenzie passed in peace and know you and your family will be comforted and strengthened by your many wonderful memories of your lives with her. Our best wishes to your and your family, Phil & Cindy*

**Phil & Cindy Young** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Bob, So sorry to here about McKenzie. she was a very kind lady and Im glad to have met her. Hope it helps with your heal knowing she is at peace now no more pain. Prayers and Hugs to you. Our sincere Sympathy. Gayle and Russ

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**Gayle & Russ Wink** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Bob, my sympathies to you for the loss of your wife, whom I know you loved so much. May peace and comfort be with you, each day, and graditude for the good life you shared. Blessings, Julie Nation

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**julie nation** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Suzanne (thats the name well remember) was a woman of many talents. She kept a lovely home and had many outside interests. May memories bring you strength and comfort. Our sincere condolences, Bob and Rose P.S. We still call the house across the street the Burpee home.

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**Bob and Rose Norris** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Bob, Our condolences to you and your family. We did not know McKenzie, but we would have liked getting to know her because we know you are a very special person. This is a very sad time in your family, we know, but we are sure you will find peace in all the memories you share. McKenzie is in a better place now, and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you so much for your phone call. We were just returning from two weeks of camping when you called. We are sorry we will not be in town on the 21st as we will be in Boise headed for a river trip. We really hate to miss your gathering. with love, Barb & Norwyn

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**Barb & Norwyn Newby** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Bob, My sister Eloise and I want to send our sincere sympathy To you and your family. We hope that all of your wonderful memories With your wife McKenzie will help you get through this very sad time. Sincerely, Carole and Eloise Jamison

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**Carole Jamison Fitzgerald** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear McKenzie, My heart is broken. You are gone from this earth. Thank you for the support and the strength you have always given to me even when you were in the midst of suffering. Your example of magnificent courage rarely seen and a true personal living faith in your Lord Jesus Christ assure me that God is well pleased with you. Know that I love you and will always love you and hold you dearly in my inmost memory. Love, from your friend and true sister forever and ever. , Karen Burpee Wilson

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**Karen Wilson** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ When I saw you today (Sunday, August 17), Bob, I was not aware of your dear wives passing. Ted found her lovely obituary in the Sunday paper after I returned from church. Ted and I wish to express our condolences and pray that she is at peace now and no more suffering. We didnt know McKenzie but knowing you and what an upstanding citizen you are, she too was a wonderful and giving person to all that she met and dealt with. May God bless you.  
Martha and Ted Saunders

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**Ted and Martha Saunders** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM