



Megan Dorothy Gerfen

September 26, 1979 - June 29, 2025

With heavy hearts, we share that Megan Dorothy (Cummings) Gerfen, 46, of Bend, Oregon, passed away on June 29, 2025. Born and raised in Amity, Oregon, Megan lived a bold, brilliant, and adventurous life that reflected the extraordinary spirit she carried. She was an accomplished artist, athlete, intellectual, mother, wife, sister, daughter, and friend.

She graduated from McMinnville High School in 1997, attended Arizona State University on a pole vaulting scholarship, and earned her B.S. in Computer Science from Southern Oregon University. Her career as a software engineer reflected her sharp mind and love of problem-solving. After college, she settled in Bend, Oregon, and married Michael Gerfen in 2010.

Megan never backed down from a challenge—riding horses, skiing, gymnastics, karate, pole vaulting, Ms. Fitness contests, rock climbing, motorcycles, ultralight aircraft, and even learning to leap and perform on ice skates in her 40s. But nothing brought her more joy than being a mom to Maya and Mazerick.

Megan was a devoted wife to Mike and loving mother to Maya and Mazerick. She is also survived by her parents, Christine and Larry Cummings of Amity; her sisters, Shana (Cameron) Coker and Sarah (Brian) Provencio of Bend; her nephews, Boden and Axel; her niece, Lily; and a wide circle of family and friends who will miss her deeply. She was truly one of a kind, and her spark will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to organizations supporting gifted

youth or girls in aviation, such as the Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines, which provides scholarships (899 Goldfinch Lane, Spirit Lake, ID 83869).

We miss you, Megan. You were loved beyond measure.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“Megan was a pole vaulter at my high school and I was a distance runner. We weren't close friends but we always cheered each other on and asked how we felt about our performances. What I remember most was how friendly she was. It's hard to imagine a person full of life has passed to the next realm so early. My heart goes out to her family, especially her children. May God, or the spirit, or the energy of life that transcends our understanding guide you all towards peace. Love you. -Hopps

Daniel Johnstone - February 13 at 10:47 AM

AD

“I was so shocked to read this and so saddened by this news. Maya (her daughter) were friends and in the same grade at Tumalo school. I got to briefly know Megan and she was such a kind and wonderful woman. Sadly, life gets in the way and the girls went to separate schools, so we didn't stay in touch. Megan was so active and full of life, she was always doing something!!!



I hope this message goes to Maya that Alaina and I are sending her our thoughts and condolences. To lose a mother so young is heartbreaking, and I hope Maya and her brother continue on growing up knowing how loved she is. Rest in peace dear Megan.

Allison Dickerson - August 19, 2025 at 01:03 PM

MJ

*Check your math, she was 45.
Either way, far too young. A loving friend with a deeply intellectual
mind, the likes of which I will never see again. I will miss you Megan,
and my thoughts and prayers go out to Mike, Maz and Maya. She
loved you all more than words can describe.*

Mjohnson - September 11, 2025 at 01:14 AM

RA

*I am so very sorry to learn of Megan's passing. She was such a warm
and engaging and dynamic person. She had a zest and enthusiasm for
life. I am send Mike, Maya, Maz and Megan's sweet parents my love.
Thinking of the sweet weekend we spent with you all. I am so very
sorry for your loss.*

Rachel Ashton - October 01, 2025 at 10:51 PM