



Terry Jill "TJ" Crunkilton

July 8, 1941 - October 15, 2021

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Terry Jill "TJ" Crunkilton, 80, of Bend passed away on October 15, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, with her beloved husband Bob Crunkilton by her side, as well as her devoted dog, Ginger.

Born July 8, 1941 in Westerville, Ohio, Terry grew up in Mansfield, Ohio, graduating from Mansfield High School in 1959. She attended the Ohio State University and graduated with degrees in French and Education in 1963, and married her first husband, Robert Wells. She subsequently earned a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. In the Ohio State - Michigan game each year, she would root for whichever team was winning, which often meant changing allegiances several times per game.

She spent many years in the Washington, DC, area and raised her family there, while working in adult education and training, most notably as a Program Coordinator with the Graduate School, USDA.

After divorcing and eventually leaving the Washington, DC, area, she reconnected with a longtime family friend, Bob Crunkilton, who proved ultimately to be her soulmate. They were married on January 17, 1998 and lived many happy years together in Mukilteo, Washington; Bandon, Oregon;

Hood River, Oregon; and Bend.

Terry was a member of Unity congregation and found great peace in nature. She was most happy running a bookstore with Bob, speaking French, drinking green tea smoothies, and laughing until she cried with her family, who visited often. She and Bob enjoyed traveling, throughout the American west and also in Europe. Particular favorites were France and Switzerland.

Terry was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie Lewis Mishey (1983) and June Iona Leathers Mishey (1998), as well as numerous aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband Robert Crunkilton, daughter Andrea Wells-Edwards (Paul), son Robert Wells II (Kim), and stepsons Jeff Crunkilton (Susan McFarlin) and Greg Crunkilton (Janis).

Terry was also proud Grandma to Abbey Wells, Bryn Wells-Edwards, Rowan Wells-Edwards, Teagan Wells, Rhys Wells-Edwards, Ian Crunkilton, Olivia Wells, Pierce Crunkilton, Silas Wells-Edwards, Liam Crunkilton, Dylan Crunkilton, and Silvia Crunkilton.

A memorial service is planned for next summer, with details to follow. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth...and touched the face of God."

"High Flight," by John Magee

Tribute Wall



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 03:03 PM

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“ We in the Upper Valley loved Terry. We all wish she and Bob stayed with us a little longer. Bob, I know what a super caring husband you have been for these many years. God will surely bless you for your this. To her Children and Grandchildren, I know the heartbreak you are suffering. I lost my son and my husband of 57 years in the past year. The grief is almost unbearable at times. Take comfort in the fact that she is not suffering and is in God's hands. She was the most beautiful and gracious woman that I known, and talked to me about all of you and how happy you made her with your visits. May you find peace. All my thoughts are with you now. Marianne Kaczynski

Marianne Kaczynski - October 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your Forester husband will have trees planted in your memory

Bob - October 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *In memory of my beloved friend Terry. I only knew her for a short time but she touched my life with her grace, dignity and enduring smile. With love.*

Marianne Kaczynski - October 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *TJ was petrified of bears. We were hiking in Colorado and we stopped to have lunch along the trail. I had a chocolate chip giant cookie and as I was unwrapping it she stopped me (forcefully) and told not to eat it until we got back to the car or a bear might come after us.*

Robert Crunkilton - October 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Terry Jill "TJ" Crunkilton*

Bend Funeral Homes - October 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Terry Jill "TJ" Crunkilton - October 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM