In Loving Memory

Sherri Kennamer

October 4, 1959 - February 28, 2015

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done
Sherri Bruhn Kennamer, of Issaquah, died on Saturday, February 28, 2015. She was 55 years old. Sherri was born on October 4, 1959 in Denver, CO, the oldest of three daughters born to Sylvia and Earl Bruhn. She was raised in Littleton, CO and lived there until the early 1990’s, when she moved briefly to Toledo, OH, prior to settling down in Issaquah, WA in 1992.

When she was in her 20’s, Sherri spent much of her spare time in a dark basement in front of a computer, programming FoxPro and meeting people on Compuserve, an online forum for self-professed computer geeks. A friend she met on Compuserve suggested that Sherri should ask Walt Kennamer, a “very eligible bachelor” on the forum and an executive at Fox Software, out on a date. She took her friend’s advice and that date led to a brief long-distance relationship before Sherri packed up and moved to Ohio to be with Walt. They relocated to Washington when Microsoft bought Fox Software and both went to work for Microsoft in 1992. Sherri and Walt were married in Albertville, AL on November 28, 1992.

Sherri’s list of interests and hobbies was a mile long and she threw herself head first into each one, one at a time, until she was “done” and ready to move onto something new. A look at her magazine subscriptions gives a good indication of how diverse her interests were – computer programming, flying, knitting, boating, ham radio, four-wheeling, painting, guns, guitar, emergency disaster preparedness, cooking, gardening, foreign languages. Moderation was not in her vocabulary. Failure was not an option. You couldn’t tell Sherri there was something she couldn’t do…that just fueled her fire to be the absolute best at everything she did.

Sherri is survived by her loving husband, Walt Kennamer of Issaquah, WA; her parents, Sylvia and Earl Bruhn of Anacortes, WA; her sister, Rachel Cumpston (Garth) of Snoqualmie, WA; her sister-in-law, Kim Broyles (Eddie) of Huntsville, AL; her nieces, Emma, Joanna and Katie; and her nephews, Graham and Matthew. She was predeceased by her sister, Paige Bruhn.

No funeral services are planned. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Issaquah Food Bank.