

Obituaries

Lorel Berg

October 16, 1947 – October 25, 2019

Lorel Berg (Lolo), 72, died October 25, at Hospice House in Bend, from COPD exacerbating respiratory failure and pneumonia. Lorel died peacefully in her sleep.

She leaves her daughter, Sheryl Timm; son-in-law, Brian; granddaughter, Annika; grandson, Anders; as well as her beloved dog, Lucy; and cat, Honey.

Born in Eugene on October 16, 1947, to Roberta and Orel Hopper, Lorel lived in the Eugene area until 1978.

Lorel had a love of all animals, particularly horses. Her horse was her great escape, a way to explore while bonding with her four-legged friend. Her horse eventually led her to meet her husband, John Berg, in Alvadore, Oregon. Their relationship grew over four years, and the couple married in 1965. They had a daughter in 1966, the joy of their lives. They divorced in 1969.

Lorel's love of horses continued as she bred, raised, and trained horses in the Eugene area. This led to a move to Sisters, to work at the Patterson Ranch. There she was a first-string team member nurturing horses, elk, llamas, and camels. She loved this work and the joy it brought her. She even bottle-raised two baby elk in her home that had been rejected by their mothers.

It was an honor for her to deliver Arabian horses to Italy from Peach Creek Equestrian Center. Later,



she worked for Willows Ranch where she imported and trained the first Friesian horses in Oregon. She had an eye for horses, wisdom, and a reputation built on hard work and a love of learning. She had such fond memories of the times she was involved with importing and exporting horses between the U.S. and Europe.

After an injury, Lorel was retrained at COCC and began working as a phlebotomist at St. Charles where she worked primarily in the emergency room for 16 years.

Lorel was an artist, gardener, cook, photographer, singer and trumpet player. But above all she loved Jesus, her family, her friends, and the beautiful creation that God made. She was particularly intrigued by clouds and waterfalls.

A memorial service was held at Christian Life Center in Bend on November 30.

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Barry James Hurt

February 8, 1947 – October 31, 2019

Barry "Jim" Hurt was born in Wichita, Kansas to Robert and Bonnie Hurt and was the second of three sons. The family moved to San Diego and purchased a home on Sunset Cliffs where all three boys grew up. Jim graduated from Point Loma High in 1965 and went on to San Diego State where he earned a degree in biology in 1972.

He married Patricia Walmsley and they had four children: Michelle, Kathleen, Ian, and Danielle. The marriage ended in 1987. Jim worked for 30 years as a laboratory technician for Mesa College, City College and Grossmont College in the areas of biology, chemistry and physics.

In 1994, Jim married Darla Newman and they began their life together in San Diego which lasted for a total of 34 years. During their life together they traveled a lot, and fell in love with Central Oregon as far back as 1988. With every visit he would say, "We have GOT to move up there. It's beautiful, peaceful and the perfect representation of God's country." After Darla retired they began to seriously think about relocating.

The Sisters area was particularly compelling so that is where they focused their search. They purchased a home in Sisters in December 2018 and moved in on January 7, 2019. Just in time for the big snow dump!

Jim passed away from cardiovascular complications on October 31, after a routine surgery. He is survived by his wife, Darla; her three children: Darren, Cassandra, and Danielle; his four children; 11 grandchildren: Randall, Kristal, Nicholas, Tiffany, Joshua, Timothy, Christopher, Anastasia, William, Michael, and Jonathan; and his only surviving brother, Robert Hurt.

He will be remembered



for his dry sense of humor, his passionate interest in all things science, his love of science fiction/fantasy books as well as his abiding love for his family. He can now enjoy his rest with his parents; brother, Tim; grandson, Joey; and his beloved Yorkie, Woogie. We imagine he is now "Fine as frog's hair".



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