

TRANSITIONS

» SHERYL JOY WOODSIDE, 1950-2009

Sheryl Joy Woodside (pictured in front), was born on January 1, 1950 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

She moved to Portland in 1980—the year that Mt. St. Helens blew—and chose Portland, Ore. because it reminded her of New Zealand.

I had placed an ad in the *Willamette Week* in late July 1989 seeking a monogamous partner who would take a greenhorn, just-out gal to be mine; a friend showed her the advertisement. Sheryl took the chance and answered the ad, and on August 4, 1989 I met her in front of the old Montgomery Wards building at Jantzen Beach. It was the beginning of an amazing 20 years together, during which we shared the ups and downs of a partnership that has left me with millions of memories.

Sheryl was oil to my water. We were so different. She loved gardening, any type of sports, and traveling. She loved cats, big dogs, and was allergic to horses. She hated to cook and kung fu movies. She was painfully shy, a warrior, a perfectionist who made sure she made no mistakes in the 20 years that she was a payroll manager at Coffee People, and then the last 10 years at FEL, a high-tech business in Hillsboro, Ore.

When I met Sheryl, I owned The Graphic Cat, an art store and school on 23rd. I am a gregarious lover of people, lover of cats, like small dogs, and had horses for over 25 years. I am a homebody who loves to cook and mystery movies, illustrates books, teaches art, am a ghost writer, and currently a correctional officer at Coffee Creek Corrections for Women in Wilsonville. And yet throughout the years—and the twists and turns of life—we were able to easily accept one another like a



tight-fitting glove. Sheryl was my best friend, lover, and partner.

We resided in Beaverton, Ore. at the time of her passing. At 2:30 Sunday morning, November 22 in Portland's St. Vincent Hospital, she left me, and those who loved her, due to colon cancer.

Her family included daughter Keziah, and she was a stepmom to Tabatha, Deanna and Brandie. She was a grandmother to Trae, her daughter's son, and my children's kids, Mercedes, Brittney, Miranda, Kodi and Rionna.

Goodbye, my sweet Kiwi. Thank God you are out of pain and in His hands forever. I love you always.

—Gail C. Gerlach
aka Sequoia Cougar

» JARVIS LAMAR MARSHALL, 1948-2009

Jarvis Lamar Marshall was born on March 13, 1948 and was a lifelong Portland resident. The older sibling to three sisters, he attended Grant High School and was well-known among the LGBT community.

He worked at Darcelle's in the kitchen for several years before getting into Show Biz—Show Biz Video Arcade, that is. Working as a cashier at the video game room led to being an usher and cashier for Tom Moyer's

Luxury Theatre, where he worked at the Broadway theater, Guild, Southgate, and KOIN. Jarvis returned to the remodeled Broadway location after Regal Theaters bought the chain. He took early retirement in 2007 from the Pioneer Place theater and most recently volunteered for the Elder Resource Alliance's Senior Services office at Friendly House in Northwest Portland.

Jarvis passed away on December 23 from a massive stroke. He was 61.

There will be a funeral service at 11 a.m. January 11 at First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Avenue in Portland.



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