

Obituary

In Loving Memory

Cynthia Renee Hancock

Cynthia Renee Hancock of Portland, Ore. passed away of congestive heart failure on Aug. 30, 2020.

Cynthia was born in Portland on April 20, 1951 to James and Marion Benton. She moved to Oakland Calif. with her two children David and Treasta in 1975. She worked at Grove Valve Regulator during most of her time in California. She married Horace Hancock in 1983 and they all lived in a beautiful home in Fairfield, Calif.

Cynthia was a beloved figure known for her infectious laugh, her joyful spirit and her sweet-natured demeanor. She eventually moved back to Portland after being in California for 30+ years and surrounded herself with family, friends and neighbors.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her father James Benton, ex-husband Horace Hancock and her sister Charlotte Benton. She is survived by her children David and Treasta Benton, mother Marion Benton, sisters Toni Lincoln and Aaliyah Azeem, brothers Eddie, Ritchie, Randy, Bryon and Douglas Benton, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Sarah Lewis, cousin Linda Redford, the tenants of Kimberly Court Apartments and Cynthia's hos-



pice nurse Lisa for their tireless, selfless efforts and compassion during Cynthia's final days on earth. There are no words that can express how grateful we are for their work and kindness during this difficult time.

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Tymchuk said the museum has received new memberships and donations to support its clean-up effort, but said none of the support has affected him as

much as a gift from a neighbor named Oscar.

In a note that accompanied a \$1 donation, Oscar wrote: "Hello, I'm homeless so I don't have much to give you, just some of my bottle collecting money. But

I saw your windows got broken and wanted to help. You once gave me a free tour before the pandemic, so this is a thank you."

"In my time as executive director, I have seen OHS receive truly incredible gifts — but this one has touched my heart tremendously," Tymchuk said.



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