



Bridgette E. Bonner

November 27, 1967 - February 3, 2019

Everyone knows Brigid Bonner (born November 27, 1967) through her gardening, even though she hated weeding as a child. Or they knew her through her love and care of children. Or they knew her through her social justice concerns. She was born in China Lake, CA, spent a few early years in Flagstaff, AZ, when the family moved to Colorado where she went through school. She graduated high school at Green Mountain High School. After working in Durango, she moved to Corvallis OR in 2003 and graduated from OSU Horticultural School in 2007.

She was the middle child of seven children -- three brothers (one deceased) and three sisters. She loved the Hardy Boys show, the Lord of the Rings and Star Wars. Grew up on John Denver and loved all things Celtic. She loved hiking, nature and travel.

Brigid, as we know, was gregarious and beloved. She was someone you could always turn to with a problem. As so when she was diagnosed with a brain tumor, glioblastoma, in December 2016, she turned to her community and family for support. Everyone who was close to her learned from her and how she processed living with cancer. She died Sunday, February 3, 2019 surrounded and held by her community of family and friends.

Tribute Wall

SB

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Susie Bassett - February 13, 2019 at 04:49 PM

JS

“ *Brigid was a dear person who always sought to contribute to her community. Her love of children was inspiring, and their mutual love for was rich and beautiful. When I hear the phrase "It takes a village," I think of Brigid as the exemplar. She was candid, loving, frank, committed, and selfless.*

She long suffered with back pain, and ultimately lived for two years with unpredictable, incurable brain cancer. Through it all, she was amazingly present and honest with her situation, without seeking pity. She accepted her condition as a challenge that must be addressed physically and spiritually. She kept humor and love throughout her life, which inspires many of us in her community. There was no justice in her suffering, but she understood this, and rather than seeking meaning in her illness, she found truth in the love that surrounded her. Many Adults, children, and gardens will deeply miss Brigid. I am relieved that her suffering is done, and that she was part of my life. John Selker

John S Selker - February 05, 2019 at 08:54 AM

KS

Bridget was a very special member of our kirtan/meditation group here in Corvallis, we all loved her. She was last with us in the fall, she came in a wheelchair and it was evident how difficult it was for her. A week ago members of our group went to Timberhill Place to sing kirtan to Bridget. Her face was so peaceful as she listened to the sacred music, she seemed transformed by it. I'd like to think that it perhaps eased the way for her to leave. Godspeed, dear Bridget. I hope you're now aware of what a great gift you were to everyone who knew you.

Kitzie Stern

Kitzie Stern - February 05, 2019 at 09:06 PM

MV

We were saddened to hear of Brigid's passing. She was a friend and a part of the 17th street ladies circle. My favorite memory of her was Halloween in general. She loved the costumes and surprised us once by coming over as Princess Lea from Star Wars. She was spot on! She is in peace.

*Marianne Vydra
Julie Williams*

Marianne Vydra - February 07, 2019 at 11:09 AM

ME

I met Bridgette when she was my student at LBCC. We bonded over our passion for tending plants. What a kind soul. Hopefully she is no longer suffering and in a better place.

Miriam Edell

miriam edell - February 07, 2019 at 05:52 PM

PO

I won't try to remember Brigit as she was in her last year. What I carry as a memory is this amazing, frank and frankly sweaty gardener with a long braid of hair and a big smile. This sits comfortably in my heart.

Patricia A Omidian - February 13, 2019 at 04:39 PM