



Heidi Ellen Powell (nee Kreye)

April 25, 1963 - July 21, 2024

Heidi Ellen Kreye was born a springtime baby on Long Island, New York, in 1963. She had a beautiful imagination as a child and loved flowers, animals, and her dolls. Sailing was always part of her life, and she loved sitting out on the bow of the boat daydreaming. She learned to snow ski at age 3 and continued to ski with her family into adulthood. Heidi attended Happy Time Nursery School, where she met two lifelong friends. Her family moved to Uniondale, NY, when she was 3, where she attended school and graduated as a member of the Honor Society. She was also part of the cheerleading squad. While in college, she backpacked throughout Europe with one of her nursery school friends. While in Switzerland she met Tom Powell when she asked him for directions from across the street. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from Boston University with a BA in Business she went on to be a sales representative for RR Donnelly. She and Tom reconnected and married in 1989. After being married for about one year they both left their jobs and backpacked around Asia for a year before moving permanently to Corvallis, OR. She began working at Sound Concepts media company. Tom and Heidi had two wonderful children, Jocelyn and Trent, who absolutely adored her. She joined Powell Construction as co-owner and business manager alongside Tom. She ran the company with kindness and fairness and forged beautiful, life-long relationships with many of her team. She was a dreamer with everything she did and always found ways to surround herself with beauty. During the 32 years she lived in her current Corvallis home, she grew a

brehtaking English-style garden. She added touches big and small to her home which made it the beautiful cottage it is today. She traveled all over the world capturing beauty in her photography, although many of her favorite pictures were from right in her own garden (or of her dogs). She loved her family more than anything and was always there to help with whatever journey her loved one was on.

She was tenacious and dedicated and always used her lengthy attention span to help others. This led her to be a book co-editor for Tom, the editor of countless papers and journal articles for Jocelyn, a business mentor for Trent, and a life saver for her father when he was going through his own illness. She was a rock for both of her children, as well as Alex and Brianna, who she considered her own. Most of all she was the best friend her family could have asked for.

She is deeply mourned by her husband: Thomas J. Powell; daughter: Dr. Jocelyn Powell (spouse Dr. Alexander Aversano); son: Thomas Trent Powell (spouse Brianna Powell); mother-in-law: Kathy Powell; sister-in-law: Jennifer Powell; her parents: Siegfried and Mary-Ellen Kreye; brother: Luke Kreye (spouse Gabrielle Kreye), as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, business associates, and friends.

Her life was too short but the ripples of her spirit will linger long. A celebration of life will be held in her garden on Saturday, September 28th at 1 pm. If you would like to be added to the guest list for Heidi's service, please call Powell Construction at 541-752-0805 or email: Shannon@powellconstruction.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to S.T.A.R.T (Shelter Transport Animal Rescue Team); an organization that was close to her heart.

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“ I met Heidi Kreye on her stay in Austria some 40 years ago with others from Boston University. Heidi and a friend felt unease in a disco in first district of Vienna as there were young men getting too close and wanting to dance. I went over and asked if I could help them and so I did. Heidi introduced me later to her friends from Boston University (never forgot 'Rob', a huge football player and so easy to fall for red wine). Friends and I invited all of the team to join in a night at a friend's (Heinz) Heurigen ("Wolf Heurigen") in Perchtoldsdorf south of Vienna as the parents of Heinz were on holiday. An awesome night to remember sitting on huge wine-barrels of red and drinking directly from hoses inserted from the top. We all stayed overnight and I still remember how charming, witty and well-educated Heidi was. A beautiful soul, always caring and great to be with. I once, many years later, wrote a letter to her home in Uniondale and her mother informed me, that Heidi found her love and happiness in Oregon. I was so happy for her and even thought of visiting her great family there. I am sad now to have learned of her demise and happy for all the positive impact she had on all who had the privilege to share a short or long way along this kind soul. I will always remember her. Markus

**Please forgive all mistakes in writing. English is not my native language and I wanted to write without help from AI's or translation sites.*

Markus - February 25 at 12:50 AM