



Jennifer DeVries

April 23, 1969 - September 16, 2012

Jennifer Ruth de-Vries of Corvallis died Sunday, Sept. 16, at home after a year-and-half battle with lung cancer — she was never a smoker; cancer is just indiscriminate.

She was 43, gentle and sweet until the end, and well-loved by many.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret, and brother John de-Vries of Wappinger Falls, N.Y.; and by her wife, Angelicque White, of Corvallis.

A fitting remembrance of her life was held the evening of the 16th at her home — those close and dear joyfully celebrated her. In her professional life, Jen was an administrator at Dixon Recreation Center at Oregon State University, and formerly at University of Oregon and Elon University in North Carolina. She was a proud Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi, Africa, and a skilled whitewater raft instructor in times long gone.

She loved life and lived well. Professionally and personally, she made those around her better; she inspired widely with her gentle and open nature.

Scholarship endowments have been established in her honor (see nirsa.org) — contribute if you can — they will support our future leaders. Otherwise, join us in paying tribute to the legacy of this beautiful woman — take time today and in any others that you are blessed with to be kind, listen — really listen — smile, play, be good to yourself, and love as honestly and openly as you can bear.

There will be a public remembrance of her large and generous life on Friday, Nov. 9, on campus.