



Lorraine Anna Sheppard

July 18, 1958 - March 6, 2026

Lorraine Sheppard was a person of intelligence and focus, and it is a sadness that she passed away this March 2026, peacefully at home.

Originally born in Millville, NJ as a descendant of some of America's earliest settlers, she enjoyed the wilds of her surroundings which led to her interest in biology. Education was one of her passions and she graduated with a PhD in Genetics from Oregon State University, finishing her Post-Doctorate degree at the Institute of Forest Genetics. While at OSU she was a pioneer in the genetic modification of Poplar trees and an expert at getting amazing pictures of plant microstructures. She was also on the cutting edge of Bioinformatics when she worked for Ingenuity. Her contributions in the field of Forestry will help future generations of Foresters plan for hundreds of years to come.

Her second greatness was as an artist, excelling in all that she focused on and being particularly adept at channeling light and color within her jewelry and painting compositions.

Lorraine was a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother and wife. She is survived by her son: Alex Nyers, her grandkids: Alexandra and Fox Nyers, her daughter-in-law: Kirsten Nyers (nee Petersen), and her husband: Alex Krupkin.