



Maddy McKensey

March 19, 1953 - September 2, 2022

Maddy McKensey has left behind her cancer-impacted earthly body, traveling home via Oregon's Death with Dignity Act. At her side during her departure were Janet Phillips McKensey, her wife of 37+ years, and Arayana McKensey, their daughter.

As a classic INFJ empath and a Pisces with grand trine in water, Maddy chose her final words to be, "So long, thanks for all the fish, and the answer to the Ultimate Question is 42." She embraced David Searls' belief that "seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean." Maddy's wish was that anyone wanting to commemorate her life would choose to feed the world's people with a gift to World Central Kitchen, or to take care of the planet's creatures with a gift to a sanctuary or humane society.

In addition to Janet and Arayana, Maddy is survived by her brothers Tommy (Joyce, late), Chris (Diana), and Jimmy (Sue); sisters-in-law Robin and Carol; and niece Emily (Tim).

Tribute Wall

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Janet McKensey - October 04, 2022 at 11:09 AM

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Strolling through the McBryde Garden at the National Tropical Botanical Garden on Kauai was Maddy's favorite thing that we did during our February 2022 stay on the island.

Janet McKensey - October 04, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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“ *There was a wise woman, or as they might say, an old soul in Maddy that always enhanced my time with her. The gifts her friendship brought to my life were her insights about people and relationships, her wide-ranging knowledge about politics and social issues, and especially her keen sense of decor and design. I was privileged to watch the growth of Janet and Madelyn's relationship over 37 years, modeling communication skills and a commitment I would aspire to follow. I will miss my quiet, thoughtful and calm conversations with her. Lois Courtney*

Lois Courtney - September 25, 2022 at 10:12 AM

SF

“ Maddy was my cousin, her mother and my father were siblings. Our family lived in Florida and Maddy's family lived in Tacoma, Washington, so we didn't see each other very often. I do remember a few trips to her house as kids. Our grandmother Ryan lived close to her house and they had a close relationship, so, I was very jealous of Maddy! We did have fun together, their house was very active, filled with her brothers and sometimes four of us Ryan kids!

A few years ago I received a box from Maddy. It was filled with lovely mementos that belonged to our grandmother. They included a tablecloth she had made, silver, and a few pieces of her jewelry. But the best of all was it also included hand written notes with what each item meant to our grandmother and any history of the item. I will treasure these items forever.

Maddy probably never knew I was so jealous of her relationship with our grandmother, but her generous gift all those years later healed the old wounds. What a kind person Maddy was. I am proud to be her cousin. Rest in Peace.

Susie Ryan Farias

Susan Harrood Farias - September 09, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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“ Janet and Arayana, I often think of the wonderful dinner and evening we shared so many years ago at your home. It was lovely, delicious and so much FUN. My heart goes out to you as you walk this new road together with no road map for what lies ahead. Maddy was a much-loved soul and while I'm not in a hurry to ask her the question, I will always think of Maddy when I see the number '42' That alone is a legacy. xoxo

Terri Elander - September 07, 2022 at 12:12 PM

GT

“ Maddy, was truly one of the good one's. It is my privilege to have known her and to work beside her. My deepest condolences to Janet and the rest of her family.

Garry Turnquist - September 06, 2022 at 07:42 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - September 06, 2022 at 04:58 PM

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Maddy rarely expressed interest in being photographed, but, as we headed back to our car after viewing the iconic Napali Coast from a lookout above Waimea Canyon, she diverted to this interesting tree trunk and asked me to take her picture, for which she posed with her signature wave.

This picture means a lot to me, because Maddy was more at peace on that February 2022 trip to Kauai than I had seen her in a long while. By April, her cancer had returned and we began the journey that ended with her departure on September 2.

Janet McKensey - October 11, 2022 at 11:58 AM