



## Sandra Lee Murphy

December 23, 1948 - July 24, 2024

Sandy Murphy died surrounded by her family Wednesday, July 24th after a long illness. She was 75.

Sandy was born in San Francisco, the daughter of Earl and Elaine Christiansen. She earned an AA degree from Fresno City College and worked as a pharmacist assistant.

Sandy married John Murphy in 1971. She studied Karate for four years followed by fencing and Tai Chi until her family relocated to Corvallis in 1986.

Sandy was a cashier at Bi-Mart for many years and attended LBCC's Culinary Arts program. Rheumatoid arthritis forced her to retire early. She was often greeted by her old Bi-Mart customers when she ran into them around town.

She expressed her artistic side by painting, crocheting, knitting, and quilting. She was a member of Quilts for Caring Hands for years and also did art quilts for her own enjoyment. She loved spending long vacations at Clear Lake.

The advancing RA ended her involvement in QCH and many of her other creative activities. She became a Red Hatter and enjoyed the field trips with her buddies.

She was a good friend, strong, practical, persistent, and feisty. She had a youthful spirit and was always up for an adventure. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed playing with them.

Sandy is survived and missed by her husband, John, a daughter, Jennifer and three grandchildren, Hannah, Liam, and Charlotte

Donations in her memory can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.