



## Valerie Krantz

March 1, 1964 - November 27, 2009

Valerie Jean Krantz (Val to her many friends) was born on March 1, 1964, in Corvallis, and died at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center on Nov. 27, 2009, from complications stemming from anorexia, a disease with which she struggled for her entire adult life.

Val attended Corvallis High School, where she was active in band and tennis, and graduated from Oregon State University in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in environmental health and safety. She worked for many years at WinCo in Corvallis, where her warmth, wit and efficiency in the face of her profoundly compromised physical condition endeared her to patrons and co-workers alike.

Val was especially fond of her cat, Pooh, and had a remarkable talent for designing and maintaining tropical fish aquaria. She had a photographic memory for friends' birthdays, was uncomplaining and fiercely independent, and was unwavering in her compassion for others in need. She loved movies and popular music, but was never happier than when she was in a mountain forest or on an Oregon beach.

Val is survived by her parents, Gerald and Vida Krantz of Corvallis; her sister, Georgia; her brother, Wayne; her sister-in-law, Gabriela; and her niece, Marley, all of New York City.

For those who knew and loved her, a remembrance for Val will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, in the main meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the

Jackson-Frazier Wetlands Project (Benton County Parks Department) in Val's memory.