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Denise M. Briggs was born to Harold & Marion McKim at Ft. Devens Air Force Base, Massachusetts, on March 27, 1953. She passed peacefully into the arms of her heavenly Father on January 4, 2020, following a 5-year battle with cancer.

Denise grew up in the Columbia basin, graduating in 1971 from Ephrata HS. She attended North Idaho College and then worked in banking. Denise decided she enjoyed working with people more than money and went to work in the catering business for Iron Horse Restaurant. In 1972, she married Dave Bernett in Post Falls, ID, then moved to Wenatchee where they owned and operated their own landscaping business. Working outside with flowers, trees, and plants was a creative time for her.

Denise then entered the medical field as an ophthalmologist assistant at the Eye and Ear Clinic for Drs. Radewan and Scull. In 1992, she married Steve Briggs, of East Wenatchee. She ended her medical career at WVC Research Dept. working clinical trials. At this time, she acquired the nickname "The Emu Lady" as she raised emus and sold emu products at the local farmer's market.

Denise was a member of Eastmont Community Church and earlier a member of Sage Hills Free Methodist Church, where she worked with the youth group for many years. She was a 4H leader for horses, which fulfilled the desire to learn to ride in all phases, embarking on many trail and camping outings with her husband.

Steve and Denise shared many adventures boating, swimming, camping, skiing, biking, and dancing, where they were members of many square dancing and clogging clubs. They enjoyed their time spent at Lucerne, Lake Chelan, and were members of the Lake Chelan Boating Club.

Denise is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Ginger, and her brother, Rick. Denise is survived by her husband, Steve; two stepdaughters: Cyndi Newman and Samantha Briggs; four nephews and one niece: Jeremiah Hutchins, Joe Hutchins, Josh Hutchins, John Hutchins, and Joanna Hutchins and four grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Eastmont Community Church, 783 4th St NE #4976, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. You are invited to view her online tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com to share a memory or leave a condolence. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Denise for all your "Lucerne love and laughter"! It was a pleasure to know you. We are humbled by the courage and candor with which you battled the enemy for so long. We will be bringing wildflower seeds to Lucerne this year in your honor to grow the garden you began.

We send our prayers to friends and family...and ask for the same loving Father's arms which now cradle you to also embrace them in their grief. Dennis and Loni Rahm

Loni Rahm - January 22, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ We had only known Denise a short period in time but what a wonderful and strong woman she was, We will miss her beautiful smile and warm heart, Rest with our father now,

Rick and Schrelle Specht

Rick Specht - January 15, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ Denise was such a great person. I, along with another mutual friend hiked the hills of Wenatchee and Lucerne. I was so very impressed with her commitment to transparency in local government. She was both kind and strong.

Emilie Fogle - January 12, 2020 at 07:22 PM