



Jewel Elaine Cripe

December 3, 1968 - January 24, 2020

Jewel Elaine Cripe, age 51, died at home on Friday, January 24, 2020 after a short battle with cancer.

Born December 3, 1968 in Seattle, to Robert and Janet Cripe, Jewel attended school in Wenatchee and graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1986. She attended LaVerne College in California for one year and transferred to the University of Washington, graduating in 1990. She continued at the UW and went to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on a Fullbright Scholarship to study language development by working with children in Swahili for her Master's Degree in linguistics.

For several years Jewel lived in Washington DC and Alexandria, VA working for Courtesy Associates as a meeting planner for organizations such as the CDC, DOJ, and the DOD. As such, she travelled to some of these meetings in the USA and abroad, including Tanzania, Switzerland, South Africa, and England. She also enjoyed doing mission work in Croatia with a National Presbyterian group. She moved back to Wenatchee in 2009. In 2010 she suffered a stroke and never stopped working to recover what mobility she could.

Jewel was on the Wenatchee Valley Museum Board, and loved traveling, hiking, theater, music and playing oboe and English horn, gardening, and

playing trivia on Wednesday nights. Theater was a large part of her life beginning with her mother's creative dramatics class for preschoolers at the Wenatchee Public Library, followed by ballet, Short Shakespeareans, Youth Theater of Wenatchee, and Mission Creek Players, including her last part as the queen in The Elephant Man.

Jewel is survived by her parents of Wenatchee, WA, her brother Rick (Jamaine) Cripe and niece Alice Cripe of Maplewood, NJ, her uncles: Florian (Carolyn) Cripe of Angola, IN, Larry Beller of St. Louis, MO, Art (Joyce) Beller of Scottsville, KY; her aunts: Christine (Jake) Bridenbaugh of FL, Susan (Rich) Koehler of Superior, MT, and several cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Rd., East Wenatchee, WA, 98802.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations for Pancreatic Cancer Research to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, P.O. Box 19024, Seattle, WA 98109-1024.

"Human Rights have nothing to do with what we as humans have a right to have, because we don't have an inherent right to anything. Human Rights are the rights we give to others to prove we are human. Kindness, compassion, love, care." ~ Jewel E. Cripe, her last written words

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I had the pleasure of working alongside and getting to know Jewel at Courtesy Associates. While she was incredibly brilliant, it was her huge heart full of compassion, love and kindness that will stay with me. This came as a shock today and I send my deepest condolences to the Cripe family and to all of her many, many loving friends.

Leslie Thornton - April 30, 2020 at 11:32 PM

AJ

“ I had the honor of working with Jewel in occupational therapy although I wish we could have worked longer. My condolences to your family. Thoughts and prayers for all of you!

Amy Jennings - February 04, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KP

“ Jewel would most likely not have remembered me but I babysat her and Ricky when they were just tots. Usually when mom and dad would go square dancing but also a bit in the summer as well. I always wondered what became of Jewel and Ricky. I always loved the name Jewel and named my first kitty Jewel. I'll never forget playing the piano and singing "Puff the Magic Dragon" with those kids and she was so stinkin' cute singing away... knowing every word. My heart goes out to the Cripe family. Jewel's final written words are absolutely beautiful! Karen Taylor Patterson - Boise ID

Karen Patterson - February 03, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CB

“ *Jewel was one of the kindest, brightest, shining examples of a person I've ever known. Always full of love and happiness, wise and gracious. I am grateful for the years I shared with her. My sincerest condolences to her family on this loss. We are praying for you all.*

Christine & Christian

Christine Brittle - January 31, 2020 at 08:19 AM

LS

“ *OOOOoooh, I am ...crushed. I met Jewel--she was a precious one--at the YMCA Therapy Session months ago and loved listening/talking to her. She was one of a kind. We STILL, have conversations to do, right , Jewel? Love and miss you, Leilani and Marmalade*

Leilani Loni Schroder-Bangs - January 30, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TH

“ *Jewel -- We've known each other since first grade and it's so difficult to know I'll never see you down here again. BUT...I know that you are pain-free and dancing and singing and hiking and enjoying your new body. You'll live on in our memories and remembrances of all the fun times we had together. Love and miss you my friend! Tonia*

Tonia Hoefner - January 29, 2020 at 02:08 PM

KP

“ *Dear Jewel, you are part of the cosmos and now it's our responsibility to live our lives in a way that will make you smile for eternity. Thank you for being. Much love, Kellie Port*

Kellie Port - January 29, 2020 at 10:21 AM