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Julie Ann (Nemeth) Villani, age 63, died peacefully in loving arms at her home in Wenatchee on Wednesday morning, April 23, 2020 as a relief from an extended battle with endometrial cancer.

Born as a May Day baby (May 1st, 1956), to Stephen and Norma Nemeth, she embodied sunshine and the vibrancy of spring throughout her life. Julie attended Redmond High School and graduated in 1974. Shortly thereafter, she married Joseph Simonet and gave birth to three children.

Julie lived in several towns including Redmond, Vashon Island, Chelan and Wenatchee, WA as well as Manitou Springs, CO and Northfield, MN. She was known and recognized for her productivity, creativity and passion as a cake decorator, most notably at the Costco bakery in East Wenatchee, WA for 23 years until retiring in 2019.

Following 25 years of marriage with Joseph Simonet, Julie chose a new turn in life. Tom Villani was fortunate to meet Julie at an art presentation by a sculptor at Wenatchee Valley College. Both were fascinated by the process of

molding "life" from raw materials such as stone and soon found they were shaping a new life together.

They enjoyed travel together, reaching further afield to experience new aspects of life, cultures and art in other countries including many parts of Mexico, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Canada and the US, by car, motorcycle, plane and cruise ship. Those many trips were the warmup to the extensive travel planned for retirement, with immediate sights set on Panama, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France and Greece.

Julie was a great representative and supporter of the central Washington wine industry, enthusiastically visiting local tasting rooms and developing an incredible palate for the nuances of many varietals with little formal training. She was an eager wine student through the natural process of sampling.

Julie will be especially remembered as a loving mother to her children, an attentive, deeply caring friend, a warm and welcoming hostess and an incredibly patient, trusting and generous spouse. She gave unconditional love freely to so many and brightened innumerable days with a radiant smile, kind words and a huge heart. Despite many life struggles, hardships and pain, her smile never dimmed.

Julie is survived by her husband, Tom Villani of Wenatchee, WA; children: Carly (Deshon) Parker of Bothell, WA, Maxx (Muriel) of Brooklyn, NY, and Josie of Philadelphia, PA; sister Cathy (Craig) Koppenberg of Butte, MT and brother Kevin (Treva) Nemeth of Billings, MT and several cousins, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Les and aunt Ferne.

Julie's smile welcomed everyone and turned strangers into loyal friends. And all would receive a hug. A Celebration of Life will be held at a date, time and

place to be determined once large social gatherings are allowed again. While Julie excelled at drawing people to her, she would also respect the need to avoid close contact during a pandemic.

You are invited to share a memory and/or leave a condolence (on the memory wall section), or bask in the glow one more time of Julie's amazing, beautiful smile (on the photos & videos section).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions or donations are welcome for the Palliative Care and Hospice program of Confluence Health Foundation at 518 N Chelan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801 (available at the link below "Service Details" marked "Donations").

Special thanks are due to the nursing team of the Confluence Health Oncology Department.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Julie as we planned her wedding to Tom at Beecher Hill House. She was and will always be one of my 'standout' Brides in our 17yrs of BHH weddings. Her never ending smile, her devotion to Tom and their future and her focus on a celebration of love filled with laughs/wine/music for her fabulous friends and family made their wedding one of our favorites. She was a delight to be around and I just loved being able to keep up with her life and adventures when I would catch up with her in Costco. Her joyous spirit was a gift to anyone who knew her.

Pam Kiehn - May 05, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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“ I am not ready for Julie to go onto her next life. She had a wonderful smile and personality.
Tom I am so sorry for your loss and hope that you will come out of this time, and enjoy life as you always do.
I don't think I ever saw Julie a without smile on her face. She welcomed people and me with open arms.
Going to miss you.

Dan Kelly - May 02, 2020 at 01:14 PM

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“ Oh, Tom, these photos are timeless and a wonderful way for all to share in Julie's early days with her kids. Julie was a joy, and you my friend a devoted, supportive, and loving hubby. The devotion you show to Maxx, Carley and Josie is one of the many reasons she was so much in love with you. There truly are no words to express the sorrow of Julie's leaving, but reading your words in the tribute to her life, brings a smile to all that knew your Julie.

lisa day - May 01, 2020 at 11:46 AM