



Kathie Pete-Baird

May 25, 1957 - May 11, 2023

Kathie Pete-Baird, 65, of Peshastin, Washington, passed away on May 11, 2023. It is with deep sorrow and much love that we share the passing of a wife, mom, grandma, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was peacefully surrounded by her family after battling 2 years of cancer.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Roger Baird of Peshastin, WA; daughter, Stephanie Wyatt (Cecil) of Reno, NV, and their children Avory & Meadow; son, Preston Pete (Jessica) of Orcutt, CA, and their children Talon, Brooklyn & Titan; her step-dad, Ernie Templin; her step-mom, Cookie Melby; brothers Terrence Melby (Karen); Doug Melby (Gracie); step-siblings Chris Melby, Shannon Lindstrom, Tommy Melby; sister-in-law, JoAnn Baird (Danny); as well as numerous nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends. Kathie is preceded in death by her mother, Celeste (Couture) Templin and her father, James Melby.

Kathie was born in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, to Celeste Couture and James Melby. She graduated from Douglas High School in Minden, Nevada, and achieved her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies at Washington State University. "Go Cougs!" Kathie worked for UPS for many years before finding her passion working with children and families. She worked for Chelan-Douglas Child Services Association in Early Head Start programs. She was an Early Childhood Professor at Wenatchee Valley

College. She retired in 2021 from the Department of Social and Health Services where she held several positions as a social worker/case manager, supervisor, and investigator. She was an advocate for children and early childhood development. She was involved with the SAGE Crisis Center. Kathie was a proud member of the Kiwanis Club of Wacoka of Cashmere, was President for two terms, and was awarded Kiwanian of the Year in 2014.

Kathie met her husband, Roger Baird, in Cashmere, Washington. They shared their lives together for more than 35 years. They built their life on Beecher Hill overlooking the beautiful orchards and valley near Blewett Pass. She was a breast cancer survivor. Kathie was a woman of many passions including hunting, fishing, camping, watching sports, being outdoors, and gardening. She spent time at their property in Montana 4-wheeling and sitting by the fire pit with friends. She loved her Captain Morgans and Pepsi. She was very proud of her children, Stephanie and Preston, and all their accomplishments. She adored her grandkids and always shared photos and stories about them. She would make sure to watch their games online and loved to FaceTime, too.

A special thank you to Dr. Hannah Linden and staff of Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance House, Dr. Drew Stewart of Central Washington Hospital, and Central Washington Home Health & Hospice for their loving care and support during her final months.

Per Kathie's request, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to any child-based advocacy group on behalf of Kathie Pete-Baird. It would mean the world to her.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Three getting ready to face the world!*

Terrence Melby - August 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

TM

“ *Kathie Pete-Baird*

Terrence Melby - August 13, 2023 at 04:47 PM

JE

“ *So sad to hear of Kathie's passing. Worked with her for many years at Head Start. Great lady who will be missed. RIP*

Jenna - June 03, 2023 at 02:40 PM

MM

“ *I had the pleasure of being around Kathie on a couple occasions and immediately felt a strong connection. She was fun, full of life and made me feel like a long lost friend. I was sad to hear of her passing, she was a special lady💕*

Marilyn Musson - May 28, 2023 at 06:33 PM

DB

“ *Our hearts are broken. Kathie was a good friend and we have so many Montana and Wenatchee memories that we are very thankful for. She was strong, smart, caring, beautiful and brave! So very brave especially during her illness. Taken way too soon. She will forever be in our hearts, memories and will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to her children and grandchildren who she was very proud of and loved very much!*

Diane and Scott Bullock - May 27, 2023 at 01:57 PM

SW

“ Good times!!

Stephanie Wyatt - May 27, 2023 at 12:58 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of a woman who touched so many lives. I didn't personally know her but my husband did and often spoke of her so nicely. Brian works for the Wenatchee Police Department and knew Kathy through work, and also played on a pool league with her husband. "To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die." There is no doubt her memory will stay alive thru all the people who knew and loved her.

Stephanie Chance - May 26, 2023 at 12:00 PM

EL

“ Q: What will you never forget about Kathie?

A: Kathie was honest, direct, she never sugar coated the truth, but she was always kind. In the short time I worked with her she taught me so much and continued to check in on me to make sure I would stand up for myself and that I was doing ok. She genuinely cared and made me feel seen. That means so much! You're in my heart forever Kathie! ❤️

Elsy Lusk - May 25, 2023 at 09:01 PM

LS

“ As Kathy would say once a Cougar always a Cougar. GO COUGS! ❤️

Liza Sterbick - May 25, 2023 at 06:17 PM

JS

“Kathie was not only my mentor, colleague and friend she was like family. Moving to the area to start a new job was tough but Kathie made me and my family feel loved. She was truly the kindest person I knew and I will always remember her.

Jennifer Schmidt - May 24, 2023 at 09:22 PM

ME

“I had the pleasure of working with Kathie at CPS for several years and even got to supervise her for a few of those years. Kathie was an amazing social worker and investigator. Parents loved her because she spoke to them straight and honest but they could always feel the genuine care and concern through her straight shooting. Kids loved her because she was kind and got down on their level to really listen to them. I loved Kathie's passion for her work. I loved that she never gave up and never stopped advocating for what was right. And most of all I loved her light hearted joy. In this picture you can see the baby ducks she brought back to my office from a home visit she'd gone on. She saw them alone on the Highway without a mama. She had to rescue them. Kathie was always bragging about her kids and grandkids and I always loved hearing a story about Roger! My heart is with you all in this very difficult time. Your mom/grandma/wife was one in a million! 🧡

Michelle Erickson - May 24, 2023 at 09:02 PM

TS

“We loved taking the 4wheelers down to the river and watch for the Moose at the pond in Montana ❤️

Tracy Shaw - May 23, 2023 at 11:59 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Kathie's passing. She was such a great person.

Tracy Campbell - May 22, 2023 at 11:24 AM

KT

“ Kathie, I am so blessed that we were able to have "spa day" last fall during your visit to Minnesota. I will cherish that memory forever. Love and miss you. Your cousin Kim

Kim Melby Tollefson - May 20, 2023 at 08:50 PM

SW

“ This was on a fishing trip to Pyramid Lake and my mom hooked her finger REAL GOOD!!! Cecil had to Dr. It up and pull it out with pliers.

Stephanie Wyatt - May 20, 2023 at 02:35 PM

SW

“ Kathie Pete-Baird

Stephanie Wyatt - May 20, 2023 at 02:29 PM

VK

“ Growing up with Kathie until they moved to Nevada when I was in 6th grade, she was 8th (maybe 9) grade we were the best of friends, never lost contact, always called & saw each other every 1-1/2yrs, the memories are lifelong and I will miss you forever Kathie and hold you dear until we meet again.

Val Kelsey - May 20, 2023 at 01:24 PM

VK

“ Kathie Pete-Baird

Val Kelsey - May 20, 2023 at 01:19 PM

VK

“ Growing up with Kathie pushing our baby buggies with her dog Tobie & my baby doll is one of my many favorite childhood memories. Kathie, I will miss you forever and hold you in a special spot until we meet again. Love you Girlfriend

Vsl Kelsey - May 20, 2023 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ Kathie the best Sister in Law. Will think of you always. Thanks for being the best for Roger. Love JoAnn

JoAnn Baird - May 20, 2023 at 12:28 PM

TS

“ Q: What will you miss most about Kathie?

A: Our talks, chats, video calls and texts, sitting by the fire, our 4wheeler rides in the mountains...She was ALWAYS there for me!

Tracy Shaw - May 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SW

“ I LOVE YOU MOM!! YOU TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT LOVE AND LIFE!!

Stephanie Wyatt - May 20, 2023 at 12:29 AM

CI

“ Kathie was always helpful and a resource in the office. She touched many people's lives and I remember attending a conference with her in Tacoma a few years back and having a great time with lots of laughter and stories about her loved ones. My heart is with them all.

Carissa Isaac-Miller - May 18, 2023 at 05:52 PM