



Lori Jean Griffith

January 22, 1960 - August 14, 2012

Lori Griffith, 52, passed away Tuesday, August 14 at her Cashmere home after a long and valiant four-year battle with cancer.

Lori was born in Spokane on January 22, 1960 to Milton and Charlene Sannes. Lori graduated from Shadle Park High School in 1978 and proceeded to receive her degree in Business from Washington State University ('82). At WSU she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority and met her future husband John Griffith of Cashmere, whom she married on November 12, 1983.

Together they made their first home in Wenatchee where John worked as a consultant in the tree fruit industry and she was a member of the original staff of Eastern Washington Savings and Loan. In 1985 she was elected as president of the East Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce, where she helped organize the first Classy Chassis parade. After working in banking for several years she was hired as Marketing Director for Group W Cable. In this capacity she appeared on air, promoting special Disney and HBO programming.

Longing to be a business owner, she started a retail sporting goods store called "The Skate Lady" and later renamed "Hockey Plus" in the old Wenatchee ice rink as well as an outlet in Kennewick. She continued to own and operate these stores even after the birth of their daughter, Leah, in March of 1991. She eventually sold her interest in the retail stores so she could devote her full time to raising Leah. She always had a love of houses and real estate, and in finding that she could not stay away from the professional

world, she began gaining experience by working for Washington Mutual in their appraisal department. She later became a certified Real Estate Appraiser in 1998 and opened her own real estate appraising business called "Cascade Site Services, LLC", which she ran until she retired last year, due to her illness.

Lori was a charismatic and caring woman who was loved dearly by everyone who knew her. She put great effort and passion into everything she did, most of all in her occupation as a mother and wife. Her unending determination and spirit despite unfortunate odds have made a lasting impression on those around her and have inspired many.

She is preceded in death by her father, Milton Sannes. She is survived by her husband John, daughter Leah, mother Charlene Sannes of Spokane, brother Mark (Sandi) Sannes of Spokane Valley, sister Diane (Jay) Draper of Kennewick, and sister Jill (Stephan Reckie) Ross of Golden, CO.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Mandy Robertson, Celeste, and all the infusion nurses at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center; as well as Central Washington Hospital's Hospice team, namely Michele Church.

A memorial service will be held at Cashmere United Methodist Church on Saturday August 25th at 10:00 am with a reception to follow at the Monitor United Methodist Church. Those wishing to sign Lori's online memorial book may do so at www.heritagememorialchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Heritage Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations in Lori's name can be made to Cashmere Schools Foundation.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *It's been a year and the memories of you will be with us always. You were and are missed and loved always. Mom (Charlene)* ”



Charlene Sannes - August 08, 2013 at 02:13 AM

TF

“ *You lived your life one day at a time.
The words you shared were always kind.
You loved us all with your whole heart.
It saddens us to be apart, and forever we
hold you in our hearts* ”

*Today you stand in God's bright light.
Watching over us day and night.
In our hearts you will remain*

*Until the day we meet again...
Forever Your love will live on in our hearts
and the hearts of those you touched.*

The Wood Family - September 04, 2012 at 09:29 PM

DL

“ *We will always remember Lori's energy for not only her daughter Leah, but others as well! Her beautiful heart, spirit and smile are the memories we have of her.* ”

Dawn & Rachel Lippert - August 31, 2012 at 12:06 PM

ZF

“ Lori's sweet smile never failed to make my day. Her caring and positive demeanor made her a role model for me, and I always noticed how much she genuinely cared for me and everyone in her life. What a wonderful woman! Love from our family to yours.



Zosha Falteisek - August 29, 2012 at 11:11 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lori passing on. I hadn't really connected with her much since moving to the Wenatchee Valley, but I have such fond memories of her from junior high and high school days. I always looked up to her. She was very popular, but still so kind to everyone from all groups. Lori was then and remained a caring, gentle, friendly and beautiful woman! My condolences....I will be thinking about your family! Julie

Julie Roberts Christensen - August 27, 2012 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ John and Leah, You are in my daily prayers during this very difficult time. I am so grateful for the visit I had with her on August 1st. I still can't believe that she is gone. I went to Salk Jr. High and Shadle Park HS with Lori. She was a joy to be with. She will be missed by all who knew her. May God's Peace and Blessings be with you all. Love, Lisa Crisp

Lisa Broenneke-Crisp - August 25, 2012 at 12:13 AM

JH

“ It was my pleasure to attend Shadle with Lori. Later we took a summer school class together and were study partners. Seldom have I encountered a more upbeat, positive and pleasant person. The world is a less bright place because of her passing and heaven just became enriched. My prayers to her family.

John Herberholz - August 21, 2012 at 08:42 PM

DP

“ We feel as though we knew you Lori through your lovely daughter, Leah. Her smile, laughter, exuberance for life and love for others are a testament to you.



Leah, words cannot express our sadness for your loss and know that we are sending love and hugs your way!

Dominic, Joyce and Jovanna Pieri - August 21, 2012 at 08:28 PM

TF

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. You have to be strong.

The Bernstein Family - August 20, 2012 at 06:30 PM

LJ

“ Lori was an awesome lady, she was truly a friend to everyone she met and we will miss her very much, but I know we will see her someday again!

Lindee Juette - August 20, 2012 at 03:18 PM

LC

“ When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Devan and I both have such wonderful memories of spending time with Lori at Loon Lake, taking long walks, and enjoying the Monday night ritual of watching T.V. with "the girls" We will miss you Lori.



Lyn and Devan Courtois - August 19, 2012 at 11:03 PM

AR

“ My aunt, Lori, was such an amazing person. She had this way of making everyone around her laugh just as her father did. Lori was such a beautiful person. She had such a big heart. I cannot quite believe that she is gone. Even when things look so terribly bleak, Lori stayed strong and showed everyone around her just what it meant to be alive. Her loss echos within all of those who knew her and loved her. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her family and friends as we celebrate the wonderful, beautiful, awe-inspiring life that she so proudly lead. I grieve, not only for the loss of such a wonderful woman, but for the grief and hardship of her husband, John, her daughter, Leah, her mother, Charlene, sisters, Diane and Jill, and her brother, Mark.

Life lasts for the briefest of moments, a pinprick of light in a dark universe, but love lasts forever, burning more brightly than the sun. Lori will always be a part of who I am. She will always live on in the love that is held withing the hearts all those she touched.

Ashley Ross - August 18, 2012 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss and our daily prayers for strength are with you all. We were honored to have known Lori and will see her again in Heaven some day.

The Fox Family - August 18, 2012 at 06:00 PM

MC

“ I had the privilege of knowing Lori at Shadle Park High School in Spokane, Washington. Lori was one of our school cheerleaders. Everyone can see from the pictures that Lori was a very beautiful woman but I have to say that her exterior beauty was overshadowed by the beauty inside of her. I recall Lori that was a sincere, humble and caring person. And though we didn't see each other too frequently after high school, I still enjoyed those times we did get back together and found Lori to be the same sweetheart she was back in high school. Rest in peace, sweet Lori.

Michael Crisp - August 18, 2012 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ We loved and will always love you, prayed for you and you will always be in our hearts and memories. Your family... Mom - Charlene (DAD - Milt),

Mark, Sandi, Cameron, Marissa; Diane, Jay, Jennifer, Reed, Jack, Jill, Steph: Ashley, Garrett and Stephanie. Our deepest sympathy to John and Lea



The Sannes Family - August 18, 2012 at 03:59 PM

NF

“ Lori and I called each other "Valentine" after our trip to New York in February of 2012. We went out to dinner on Valentine's Day in downtown New York and later shared Valentine cupcakes. It was a wonderful trip with a most amazing woman that I will never ever forget!

Lori was truly a beautiful person inside and out, a great friend so loving, genuine, and humble. She was a role model for us all!



Nan Falteisek - August 18, 2012 at 01:28 PM

HL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I know it had been a long journey and hope you can all find peace that she is at rest. You are in my thoughts and prayers*

heather larson - August 18, 2012 at 02:54 AM

MW

“ *Lori was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love always.*

Maryann Wood - August 17, 2012 at 09:34 PM