



Leslie Claire Castillo

December 18, 1947 - December 28, 2024

Leslie Claire Morrison was born to Vance and Elva Morrison, on December 18, 1947, in Salem, Oregon. Her mother and father met at Oregon State University. Leslie also met her future husband at OSU. Interestingly, her daughter Stefanie also met her husband at OSU.

Leslie's father was a Deputy State Forester. Her mother worked in the state legislature.

Leslie grew up in Salem, Oregon, going to North Salem High School. She went to Oregon State where she received a BS degree in Child Development and Family Life. While there she met Norm Castillo in 1969 in a snowball fight. Was this Cupid's arrow?

After she graduated, she worked for two years for a Title IX migrant program in Ontario, Oregon. As such, she taught children of farm workers.

She and Norm were married in 1971, and moved to Des Moines, Iowa where Norm attended medical school. They went on to have three children.

In 1979, she helped Norm start his medical practice in Corvallis, Oregon. They had their fourth child in 1982 in Corvallis.

Leslie loved the outdoors and was an excellent skier, which she passed on to the children. She also passed on many other excellent skills, including sewing, gardening, and quilting. She had numerous other talents.

An excellent mother, she was involved with her children in many ways. Enough can't be said by her numerous other talents. She helped with 4-H projects. She attended all of their sports events and other activities. She was a very, very loving wife supporting her husband's efforts.

She had eight grandchildren, over whom she doted whenever she could.

She leaves behind Norm, her husband of 53 years, four children, Eli Castillo, 50, Christina Wright, 49, Jessica Scott, 48, and Stefanie, 41, and 8 grandchildren.

For the last twelve years of her life, Leslie had a very rare progressive neurologic disorder, which caused her to be blind in 2019. On December 29, 2024, She died comfortably at home in the care of her family.

Memorial gifts may be given to Alzheimer's PCA (alz.org) and Heartland Humane Shelter and Care (heartlandhumane.org).

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.McHenryFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (PT)

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A reception will be held following the service

Tribute Wall

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“ We have been thinking of Norm and the whole family as you face the loss of such a caring woman. Know that you are in our hearts. I remember Norm sitting with me in May of 1988. While I counted minutes between contractions, he told me stories of working in Yakima and his wonderful Leslie and their active young family. Luby remembers stopping by and chatting with Norm, his doctor and neighbor for many years. I remember Norm missing some event at Lewis and Clark College in October 1992 because he wanted to make sure he was there to deliver my third son. We miss seeing Norm and hope to visit with him soon. Know that he has old friends who want to catch up and spend time with him.
Much Love, Ann (Robinson) and Luby (Pospisil)

Ann Robinson - January 19, 2025 at 12:54 PM