



Mary Brookes

April 8, 1961 - January 15, 2020

Mary Brookes, a longtime resident of Corvallis, died early morning on January 15. Mary was born in Corvallis in 1961 to Victor and Martha Brookes. Although she spent a number of years in other parts of the country working and going to school, she spent most of her life here.

After graduating from Corvallis High School Mary went on to graduate from Southern Oregon State College in Early Childhood Education. She worked as a kindergarten teacher, first in Waldport and then in McMinnville. She then decided to change careers and pursued a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy from Boston University, graduating in 1996. Mary returned to Oregon and became an Occupational Therapist for Peace Health in Eugene. She returned to Corvallis in 2010 as an Occupational Therapist for Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, so that she could spend more time with her family

Mary is survived by her three brothers: Richard, Allen, and Thomas, and her six nieces and nephews: Harrison, Margaret, Zoe, Alexander, Jackson, and Leo. Mary loved being with her family and we loved being with her.

Mary loved cooking and crafts. She especially loved making desserts for her nieces and nephews and would provide them with cookies and cakes on every possible special occasion. One of her favorite activities at Christmas

time was to make gingerbread houses. Mary was gifted in crochet and needle work and left behind many beautiful items created for family and friends.

Mary's other big love was for all things Disney. She loved going to Disney properties with family and friends and each of her nieces and nephews were guided through the Magic Kingdom on at least one occasion. Mary dreamed of writing a mystery novel that took place in Disneyland and did extensive research into the secrets and lore.

Mary had a love for Pug dogs that began when she got her beloved Pearl. She enjoyed attending the Pug Crawls in Portland and following all the famous pugs on the internet.

Mary's family will host a celebration of her life at an open house February 15th, beginning at 5:00 PM at 1851 N.W. Jameson Place in Corvallis

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pacific Pug Rescue, 15532 SW Pacific Highway C1B#134, Tigard, OR 97224.

McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements. www.mchenryfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Miriam Musafija-Girt lit a candle in memory of Mary Brookes*



Miriam Musafija-Girt - January 23, 2020 at 06:35 PM

RK

“ *Mary was so thoughtful of others and was so dedicated to her patients . I always loved working with her . Her light was always shining.*

Ramona Kenyon - January 22, 2020 at 09:19 PM

LF

“ *Mary was an amazing woman, friend and colleague. She often went with my kids and I to dinner when their dad was out of town and took a special interest in each of them. She went with us to frozen on ice and loved it as much as we did! We talked of meeting up for a Disney cruise after our move to Colorado and I'm sad that I didn't make the time for that to happen! I always enjoyed getting her messages as they made me smile and reminded me of good times with good people!*

Leigh Flowers - January 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

CZ

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mary's passing. She was so kind, loving and caring. My condolences to all her family and friends.*

Christine Novak Zetterberg - January 22, 2020 at 02:03 PM

JD

“*Mary was a wonderful person. I loved to work with her and her kindness and compassion exuded to all her patients. The world has lost a light.*”

Jacqueline Dillon - January 21, 2020 at 01:02 PM

GE

“*Mary was an incredibly kind, thoughtful soul. She was someone who truly touched my heart.*”

I met her while working at Gsrmc and she always brought a smile to my heart and face whenever I saw her. She was a happy part of my work day.

When she had hand surgery she let me bring over some food. One meal was meatloaf that turned out quite dry, I was embarrassed. She was so good and replied “well isn’t that what ketchup’s for?” We both laughed.

I will miss her bright light in this world.

My condolences and prayers to her family.

Gae East - January 17, 2020 at 09:20 PM

LG

“*She was my fieldwork educator and a great therapist. I am shocked and extremely saddened to learn of her passing. The world and the field of Occupational Therapy has suffered a great loss. My heart goes out to her family and friends during this difficult time.*”

Leanne Geyer - January 17, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ *Mary was an amazing human being. She advocated for me to get my job at GSRMC and be hired on as a student. We shared love for Disney, crafting & dogs. We bonded over our chronic illness as some days were harder than others. She taught me to love myself and not let other people get me down. She always made sure to make me feel special and loved. My heart hurts so much hearing of her passing.*

If there is anything I can do to help the family through this rough time, please feel free to reach out to me.

-Molly Dagg



Molly Dagg - January 17, 2020 at 04:40 PM

MJ

“ *Condolences to the family. Mary was an amazing, person, co-worker, supervisor, mentor, and friend. Peace be with you.*

mj - January 16, 2020 at 10:31 PM