



Merrie Sue Kathryn Spaeth

June 26, 1969 - May 29, 2014

Merrie Sue Kathryn Spaeth of Corvallis passed away May 29, 2014, of natural causes, after a courageous lifelong battle with bipolar disorder.

She was born June 26, 1969, in Corvallis, to Ruth A. and Oliver W. Spaeth Jr.

Merrie Sue grew up in Corvallis, attending local schools, eventually earning a bachelor's degree in English from Oregon State University, with a minor in political science. She always loved the challenge of her studies, and excelled in them.

Although limited by her illness, Merrie Sue was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis, and throughout the years helped in the operation of her parents' business, Spaeth Lumber Co. One of her contributions was the introduction of the Benjamin Moore Paint line to the company's product offerings. She continued her service in later years by assisting with bookkeeping operations and marketing.

Merrie Sue was a warm and loving person, a source of inspiration for her family in the courageous and graceful manner in which she chose to live her life, all while enduring the trials and tribulations of her battle with bipolar. Toward the end of her father's life, Merrie Sue was there on a daily basis, assisting him with his daily needs while offering moral support and friendship

to her mother.

Survivors include her mother and best friend, Ruth; siblings Julie, Wendell and David; and eight nephews and nieces, Nicole, Austin, Alex, Anita, Melissa, Ian, Jacob and Nicholas.

Merrie Sue was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt and friend. All who had the privilege of having known her will deeply miss her.

A celebration of Merrie Sue's life was held June 8 at First Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Corvallis Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *I will always remember her smile and her quick wit. She was one in a million and certainly one of a kind with her lovely aura.*

Marilyn Williams - July 23, 2014 at 10:49 PM

LW

“ *Remember being neighbors and that Merrie Sue loved her mother Ruth and moved in with her after her father died. She went too young :-(We'll miss you Merrie Sue*



Lynn Welp - June 09, 2014 at 12:09 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Loved her mother so*



Lynn Welp - June 09, 2014 at 12:05 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to your family for your loss. It is truly terrible when someone passes away far too soon. The Bible promises a time when death and loss will be no more, merely a distant memory. "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eye," reads Revelation 21:4, "and death will be no more. Neither will mourning, nor outcry, nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Such a sure thing this future is that God's Word speaks of it as already having occurred. Take comfort in prayer, and may "the one who imparts power" give you and your family strength to endure this tragedy.

- Naomi Jellum
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Naomi - May 31, 2014 at 11:09 PM

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“ Deborah And Larry Samples lit a candle in memory of Merrie Sue Kathryn Spaeth



Deborah and Larry Samples - May 31, 2014 at 11:07 AM