



Stephanie Valentine

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Stephanie Geene Valentine, 58, of Corvallis died in her home Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012.

Stephanie was born Nov. 21, 1953, in Long Beach, Calif., to Robert Brown and Heather Sallee. She moved with her family to Tillamook, and graduated from Tillamook High School in 1972.

She earned her associate's degree in fine arts from Oregon State University in Corvallis, where she made her home. There, she put her artistic talents to use, creating her own window-painting business called Valensigns.

Stephanie painted business windows throughout Oregon for 44 years. She worked in the evenings, and was known as "that window painter" — the best in town, the one who transformed plain buildings into works of art.

She cherished Christmas; it was her favorite holiday, and she was known for her lavish Christmas celebrations. She loved dogs, and bred Rhodesian Ridgebacks for years.

Stephanie taught art classes at OSU's Saturday Academy, and offered her artistic talents to local schools, fairs and community events. She loved reading, scrapbooking, embroidering, and all things creative and artistic. In recent years, she started designing and crafting jewelry.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her son, Kevin James Bodie Valentine, 5. She is survived by her parents and two children, Samyule Burton Keene Valentine and Chesirae Keegan Ruth Valentine.

A celebration of Stephanie's life will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at McHenry Funeral Home on Fifth Street in Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis.