



Stephanie Gilmore

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Stephanie passed away peacefully at home, held in love by her family. She had just celebrated her 79th birthday. Stephanie was the oldest child and only daughter of Della (Cecil) and Robert Gilmore, is survived by her brothers Tim Gilmore and Kim Gilmore and was predeceased by her brother Jim Gilmore. Stephanie was born in Des Moines, Iowa and grew up in the Sonoma Valley in California. She was valedictorian of her eighth-grade class at Dunbar Union Elementary School, graduated from Sonoma Valley Union High School in 1959 and attended the University of Minnesota. She transferred to UC Berkeley, and in 1962 married William Thomas. After she graduated from UC Berkeley in 1963 with a degree in English Literature, she and Bill went to American Samoa to teach English. Upon their return to California, they had three children, Katie, Eric and Megan. After her divorce, Stephanie attended graduate school at Antioch University and graduated in 1979 with a Master of Arts with a Concentration in Urban Studies and Planning. She worked in public health for over 30 years, eventually relocating to Columbia, Missouri and retiring in 2004 from her position as the first ever Chief of the Office on Women's Health for the State of Missouri. She then moved to Blacksburg, Virginia and became a beloved and active member of her co-housing community, Shadowlake Village, and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. She reveled in being Granny to Eric and Anna LoMascolo's children, William and Maggie, and developed a deep and affectionate relationship with Anna.

Stephanie later became Granny to Megan and Scott Barr's son Evan and built a meaningful connection with Scott around his work in social justice and underserved communities. She connected with Katie's husband, Michael Thomasson, over their shared love of history and travel. Stephanie often talked about how proud she was of her kids; she loved watching Katie build a non-profit agency and nurture many, many budding therapists; she delighted in Eric's growth and development into the amazing High School History teacher of 22 years that he is; and she treasured Megan's almost thirty-year career as an educator. She was very close to her three brothers Jim, Tim and Kim and their wives, Julie Eichenburger, Pamela Wiley, and Sue Katz. She also had close relationships with her eight nieces and nephews, who all adored her.

Stephanie was an adventurous woman, at one point strapping a kayak to the roof of her car and traveling around the US exploring, and later in life living her dream of owning a VW Westphalia Vanagon and setting off on camping and traveling adventures. She is remembered by all who knew her as a community minded, loving and giving soul who shed much light on all around her. A Celebration of Life will be held this summer at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, Virginia.

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“ George Hendry knew Stephanie (Stevie) through the church in Sonoma. He knew her at Berkeley in 1963. Wonder if we could contact any of the children to talk with George about her? My name is Jan Miller, I work with George Hendry and he recently talked about Stevie. This is not common for him, so she must have meant a lot to him.

Thank You in advance for any communication

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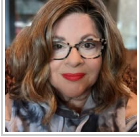
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“ I am honored to have had the pleasure of knowing Stephanie for as long as our children have been married! We also share a grandson, Evan, which definitely bonded our connection! When I think of her and see her photo on this page it beautifully captures the warmth she generated with everything she did. Her independence and adventurous spirit always amazed me! Her cross country travels and the beauty she always encountered along the way, whether it was with people or nature, was not accidental or a coincidence. It was what she emanated to those around her, her spirit was always so open, warm and wise. She will be missed by so many and I only hope she forgives me for not connecting one last time with her. Rest in peace dear Stephanie and know that your life gifted many with your presence and that your children are truly a reflection of your wisdom and love. Love to you all, Leeanne Ratner.

Leeanne Ratner - February 19, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ We were lucky that Stephanie came to Missouri, bringing her experience, energy and big heart to her job and friendships here. We'll long remember her stimulating conversation, thoughtful ideas and love of literature. The book club she helped start here in Columbia is still going strong. Mahree and Karl Skala

Mahree Skala - February 18, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Stephanie Gilmore.



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