

Jeri Lynn Salisbury Miyatake

September 17, 1954 ~ July 1, 2023

This is such a beautiful tribute to your mom. We were lucky to know her and send your family our deepest condolences. We love you.

- Andrea and Greg Summerhays

Wow! What a great friend. Teaching was my love and still is but that didn't mean I didn't have off days and needed the support of someone who knew me and when I was in need. We shared good times and bad and felt we always had each other's backs. I missed her the moment she left Bella Vista. There are some people who transcend personality and see the deeper connection between us all. I was one of the lucky "stuffed animals" Jeri refused to let lie fallow on the shelves. What a wonderful world it was shared with you. I really don't believe in death. More in the spirit a person uses to invade our hearts. I'm blessed to have you still here in my heart. Love, Jaybird

- jay sharp

I met Jeri when she replaced me at Brighton High. She was such a sweet and caring person. I am so sorry for your loss.

- Deanne Curtis

We loved Jeri dearly. She was such a light to our entire family. Her obituary beautifully captures Jeri's essence in every way. We saw every quality mentioned and more in Jeri and she was always there to help our family especially Jan. Our thoughts are with your entire family and hope your beautiful memories with Jeri carry you through this difficult time. We will miss her.

- Jim & Anne Bell

She was always quick with a wink and an encouraging, yet scolding side eye as I made many visits to the principal's office in my Bella Vista days. To think, decades later I remember her fondly.

- Maddie

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- Carol Lasson

Jeri's empathy, compassion, and kindness were the hallmark of her life. She touched countless lives in her school career including students, parents, and colleagues: I was fortunate to be among those honored by her grace when I began teaching at Bella Vista Elementary School in the fall of 2005. Jeri and I became fast friends and shared a close spiritual bond and friendship for the next 20 years, both while at school, during family celebrations, personal visits, and while enjoying memorable trips to Las Vegas, Palm Desert, and Sonoma. Our memories include bonding with nature and beauty, hilarity, sadness, sorrow, frustration, as well as hope during our personal challenging times. Jeri is in my heart always and continues her lasting presence in the hearts and minds of all of those who had the privilege to be touched by her gracious life. Godspeed, Jeri; I know you and dear Betty are commiserating right now. My condolences to your family and friends who will sorely miss you in their daily lives but will carry your strength and love with them.

- Jan Maack

I was one of the very lucky ones to have been Jeri's neighbor and co-worker. I loved working with Jeri at Bella Vista. We started as aides in the teacher workroom and on the playground. Jeri would stop at Beans and Brews and grab muffins on the way to school which she would happily share with the rest of us at the ditto machine. She had such a kind and giving heart. Jeri will be remembered fondly and missed by all who crossed her path. All my love to her family.

- Kerrie Mawhinney

What a beautiful and inspiring tribute to someone who was clearly a light to so many! I am sorry we never had a chance to know her, but we can see her spirit so clearly in her children and grandchildren. Our deepest

condolences to Mitch and the entire family. Thinking of you as you celebrate Jeri's life.

- Brian and Kathi Walters