Elizabeth Ann Newton

December 1, 1975 ~ July 29, 2018

Elizabeth Ann Newton was born in Walnut Creek California on December 1, 1975 and passed away on July 29, 2018 at the age of 42. She grew up in Livermore, California with father Ross Norman Castleton (deceased 1995), mother Ann Ensign Castleton, older brother Michael Ross Castleton and older sister Christine LeAnn Castleton.

Beth graduated from Vineyard Independent High School in Livermore in 1993. During her teen years she took many art classes and developed a special talent for portraiture. She also took classes in horticultural design at the local community college, igniting a life-long love of botany.

Her first son Alec Ross Newton was born in 1995, four days before the death of her father. It was a blessing for the whole family to have a new baby during such a time of loss.

In 1999 Beth married Chad Newton. Beth was radiant and beautiful but four-year-old Alec in coat in tails almost stole the show. The trio moved to Oakley, California where in 2002 son Reece Patrick was born. Son Sawyer Michael followed in 2005. Beth was completely dedicated to her boys.

The family moved to Colorado in 2008. Beth worked as Chad\s bookkeeper for his construction business while raising their boys. Beth and Chad divorced in 2014. She was able to use her bookkeeping skills to get a full-time job in accounting. She was a single full-time mother for the rest of her life.

Very recently she decided to change career paths. She was a new student at Colorado School of Healing Arts when she passed away.

To know Beth was to know she was capable of almost anything. She excelled at art in school, and by the time of Alec\s birth was doing beautiful life-like portraits. She generously shared this skill doing many drawings for family and friends. Her father taught her how to change the oil in her Toyota Celica. Before long she was replacing radiators, brakes and clutches.

Beth was always finding new and exciting ways to spend her time and relieve stress. While working at the Foothills Animal Shelter she helped all kinds of animals (even iguanas!) find homes. She spent her free time training in jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai boxing and other forms of mixed martial arts where she found an empowering and loving environment and made many incredible friends.

Beth was raised in the LDS church and her father was a bishop when she was young. His strong faith, and the many acts of kindness and compassion she experienced from the Church family had a deep and lasting impact on her life.

Beth could never get enough of the outdoors. She carried her first backpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains in the summer of 1983 at age 8. As soon as Alec was old enough to sit in a bicycle seat she rode him out into the hills around Livermore, often doing the long steep climb to Del Valle reservoir. She said those times on the bike were

some of her happiest. And of course, she hiked as often as she could while living next to Colorado\s beautiful mountains.

Above all else, Beth lived her life for her three boys. Everything she did, she did for them.

Beth is survived by her sons Alec, Reece and Sawyer, her mother Ann, brother Michael and sister Crissy, and by several aunts and cousins.

\"I\m standing in the flames. It\s a beautiful kind of pain, setting fire to yesterday. I feel the burn, watch the smoke as I turn rising, a phoenix from the flames\"

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bluffdale Stake Center, 2742 West 14400 South, Bluffdale, Utah. A viewing will take place before the service from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Interment will be at Mountain View Memorial Park in Cottonwood Heights.