

Elizabeth (Betsy) Katherine Revenaugh

December 29, 1966 ~ December 10, 2022

Elizabeth (Betsy) Katherine Revenaugh passed away on December 10, 2022, at the age of 55. Betsy spent her early years in Madison, WI, later moving to Mequon, WI, where she graduated from Homestead High School. Betsy received her bachelor's degree from Colorado College and obtained her master's degree in Environmental Toxicology from Colorado State University as well as a master's degree in Education from Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

Betsy spent her life in nature and her career fighting for the environment. She was an avid skier, mountain biker, traveler, tennis player, camper, and hiker. She enjoyed an early career as an Environmental Epidemiologist for the State of Utah, then later shifted to teach middle school science to the next generation of problem solvers.

Her friends and family appreciated her for her wealth of knowledge and her never-ending kindness. In the multitudes of "tea times" that she hosted, she made sure her guests were treated like royalty and would share with them countless details about something she had recently researched: anything from her favorite new Russian soap opera to a new addition to her extensive list of possible climate change solutions. In any group setting, she gravitated towards the new person and would make it her mission to do anything humanly possible to make that person feel included and seen.

No matter what challenges she faced in her life, her priority was to stoically (and stubbornly) push through so she could be there for her friends, and most of all, for her daughter Elli. Betsy drove Elli to every violin, ski, tennis, piano, ballet, karate, lacrosse, and soccer practice while working full-time in a challenging profession. No matter how ridiculously cruel the weather conditions were, no matter how many hours to rural Utah she had to drive, she would watch every second of her daughter's lacrosse, cross country, and soccer competitions. To Elli's occasional (if not frequent) dismay, Betsy was always yelling her daughter's name, cheering her on aggressively even if the team had just lost a point.

Betsy gave everything she had to her daughter, but also to her friends, and also to her middle school students. She was a bottomless pit of kindness, generosity, and light in the toughest times. We will miss her kindness, her tea times, and her eternal sense of humor.

Betsy is survived by her daughter Elli, mother Katie Smith, sisters Anne Cornelius (James) and Peggy Johnson (Brad), nieces Betsy, Maggie, Emily, and Laura, aunt Jessie Fiedler, cousins Bill Fiedler (Kim), Carol Fiedler (Claude), Ted Papenthien (Jeanne), second nieces and nephews Austin, Mary, Tommy and Teddy Papenthien, Benjamin, and Laura Therien, Ingrid and Will Fiedler, human best friends Cindy, Kirsten, Ann, Katrina, Romella, Shellie, and other dear friends, and canine best friend Aelsaey.

A memorial service honoring Betsy’s life will be held at 10:00 am on December 28th, 2022, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Salt Lake Arts Academy Science Department, 844 S 200 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.