

Maxine Nelson-Bruin

January 6, 1973 ~ December 7, 2023

Maxine Nelson-Bruin brought so much light into the darkest corners of the world (born January 3, 1973) and continued throughout her life to do work to build up this light until her final breath on December 7, 2023. She passed away in the comfort of her home with her kids and sister, Sherri, at her side. Despite her dedication to health and wellness, she endured great pain the last few months of her life, as she courageously battled metastatic cancer of unknown primary origin. Throughout her fifty years of life, she infused every moment she had with purpose and meaning. She never required words to communicate the level of unconditional love that she intentionally cultivated in her heart. Maxine brought three beautiful children into this world, Wesley Brown, Kaden Plewe, and Raegan Plewe. She also has two grandkids, Rex Brown and Claire Brown, and one on the way (Chase Brown), whom she loved deeply. Her legacy and light will live on through them, as she has successfully been able to stop the passing of the utterly traumatic experiences forced on her in childhood. Maxine was raised in a cult that practiced satanic ritualistic abuse, disguised as an altruistic Mormon household living “the word of God”. She was not given her strength, but despite all odds, found a way to cultivate a unique kind of power. Her parents will intentionally not be honored in this text, though we do hope that her thirteen siblings will find courage through her example to support their own healing process. Not only did she dedicate her life to being an incredible mother and grandmother, but she also spent almost nineteen years working in various positions for the Utah Division of Child and Family Services. She touched many people’s lives through her work. Not only did she help families, but also her colleagues. She infused more love and consciousness into their programs and inspired people to maintain humanity in challenging environments. She will be greatly missed, though the way that she inspires will continue to live on through every person who had the honor of knowing her. Her light will continue to be felt as she expands out into the universe. Her home will be open to grieve her passing and celebrate her life on December 17, 2023. If you feel inclined to participate, please email for an invitation at raegan.plewe@gmail.com.