



Colleen Gayle Martin

September 27, 1948 - January 31, 2020

Colleen Gayle (Geleynse) Martin, 71, of Bellingham, Washington, passed away Friday, January 31, 2020, in Maui. Colleen was born September 27, 1948 in Bellingham to Lois and Vern Geleynse. She graduated from Bellingham High School in 1966 and from Western Washington University in 1970. She married Warren Martin in 1977 and had a son, Craig Martin, in 1980.

Colleen had a long and successful teaching career, ultimately devoting her work to Early Childhood Education. She enjoyed spending time camping and vacationing with her family. She was involved with the Fourth Corner Elites car club, was in a bowling league with friends for many years, and was an avid reader. She was quick to laugh, whether at the movies or the antics of her family. Colleen loved spending her retirement in her fantastic back yard, watching her grandkids run through the maze of garden trails. She also loved vacationing along the West coast and Maui, and sharing her passion for reading by always gifting her grandkids a good book.

Colleen is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Warren. She is survived by her son, Craig Martin, of Bellingham, stepdaughters Christine Martin of Bellingham (husband Deryck Deubler and daughter Natalia Deen), and Carrie Booth (husband Doug, son Gavin, and daughter Sydney) of Redmond, as well as her loving siblings: Dennis Geleynse, Kathy Brady

(husband Jim, son Aaron Brand and daughter Amy Brady) all of Bellingham, and Anita Geleynse of San Jose.

Please join us in celebrating Colleen's life on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 12:30 pm at Greenacres Memorial Park – 5700 Northwest Dr. Ferndale, WA.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Colleen was an important member of the Early Childhood Education community in Whatcom County. I learned a lot from Colleen and always enjoyed talking to her about our profession or her love of travel and her family.. She leaves a legacy of what to means to be a great EC educator in our community.

Marilyn Chu - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Colleen was a dear friend. We are so sad that we lost them both in the last 6 months. We were in Maui trying to arrange a dinner out when Colleen fell ill and never recovered. We have watched with great admiration as the 3 kids pulled together and took care of both of them in their last days and their passing. They can be proud! They both were a joy to know and will be missed so very much by us and the Elites Car Club! Hugs to the Families!

Mike and Linda Rawls - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ I am so sorry for the loss of this lovely woman, Condolences to the whole family.

Emelie M. Jeffers - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Colleen and Warren will be missed by me and my wife Carolin. Our camping trips on memorial day have been a yearly thing for many years. Carolin was just in Maui with Colleen for the first week in January. Our condolences to the family, they both will be greatly missed

Howard Adams - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM