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Kathryn “Katie” Olivia Salhus passed away on January 10, 2026, after a very short but courageous battle with cancer.

Katie was preceded in death by her parents, Nick and Lucille Fetch, and Robert and Irene Salhus; her brothers-in-law, Kirby Salhus and Al Tieri; and her sisters-in-law, Joyce Fetch and Rhonda Fetch.

She is survived by her loving husband, Lowell; her sons, Jesse and Jeremy (Jamie); her grandson, Branson; her granddaughters, Makenna and Aubrey; her sister, Elaine (Wayne) Lehde; her brothers, Kenneth Fetch and David Fetch; her brother-in-law, Dennis Salhus; and her sisters-in-law, Sharon Salhus and Marsha Tieri.

Katie was born to Nick and Lucille Fetch on August 11, 1954, in Bismarck, North Dakota, where she spent the first nineteen years of her life growing up with her siblings, Elaine, Kenneth, and Davey. Katie met the love of her life, Lowell, in August of 1972, and they were married on November 23, 1973. The following day, they moved from Bismarck, North Dakota to Bellingham, Washington, where they began building their life together and raising their family—first with Jesse, and later with Jeremy.

Family was always at the center of Katie's life. In her younger years, she loved taking her boys to the park and swimming. She also enjoyed nights out with Lowell and friends, bowling, playing darts, and spending time with her dog, Maggie. As her family grew, Katie could always be found surrounded by those she loved—being the life of the party at family gatherings, camping trips, dinner with friends, or summer afternoons spent at the Logan's pool. Katie cherished her grandchildren, Branson, Makenna, and Aubrey, loving them deeply and fully. She will be missed by many, never forgotten, and will forever remain in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Whatcom Hospice Foundation.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Sending love and prayers from my home to yours... Candy Jefferson*

Candy Jefferson - January 26 at 11:27 AM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. I was a classmate of Lowell's from Bismarck .*



Julie (Harry) Hoiby- Kuhn - January 20 at 09:30 PM

VK

“ *We will miss Katie. She was a very hard worker. She brightened my day with her smile and kindness. May the Lord keep her in is arms. John and Virginia K.*

Virginia Kempinsky - January 19 at 10:16 PM

EL

“ *So sorry for your loss, being her sister, I loved her with all my heart. Will so miss all the phone calls, texts and video chats. Will miss the surprise visits she planned when our parents were still alive. Spent the evening with our brothers, we are all so lost also. Prayers to all of you. You are so loved.*

Elaine Lehde - January 17 at 11:19 PM

PW

“ *This is so heartbreaking to hear. We are so sorry! Paul and Ruth Wilson*

paul Wilson - January 17 at 08:53 PM

BJ

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Katie. Our hearts and thoughts are with you. Love Bill and Joan*

Bill and Joan - January 14 at 07:46 PM