



Kristie Westover

June 14, 1950 - February 8, 2015

Kristie Lundstrom-Westover, 64, who reigned as one of Bellingham's most gregarious and fun-loving dinner and party hostesses, passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital February 8, 2015 surrounded by many friends and family who cherished her.

Born Helga Kristina Clark on June 14, 1950 in Taft, CA, to James Clark and Gunvor Solvaig, Kristie inherited a passion for the culinary and decorative arts and for fashionable shoes from her mother, an immigrant from Ålesund, Norway.

For most of her adult life, Kristie created sumptuous meals and party fare, catered weddings and other large events, and wore through many stoves and kitchens with her love of cooking for family and friends. Her fabulous recipes have been published in Sunset Magazine and the Lynden Tribune. She loved nothing more than to entertain guests, and she enjoyed a good happy hour.

At the age of 16, her family moved to Tacoma, WA, where she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1968. In the early 1970s, Kristie graduated from beauty school and soon met her first husband Larry Ivan Lundstrom.

Kristie and Larry enjoyed over 30 years of marriage in Bellingham, WA, until Larry passed away in 2005. They had two sons together, Brent and Robin

Lundstrom, along with grandchildren Ashton and Lyla Lundstrom. Soon after Larry's death, she met and married the love of her life in Jim Westover. Jim and Kristie enjoyed cooking, entertaining, traveling, shopping for shoes, and playing trivia, Yahtzee, and cribbage.

Kristie worked for Western Washington University for over 30 years, where her career blossomed as the Events Manager in the Alumni office. Students, staff, faculty and alumni remember her for putting on amazing events and trips and for helping to establish the Golden Vikings program for those who have spent 50 years or more as WWU alumni. She was also the creator of the official WWU raspberry brownies that were served at Homecoming events.

Kristie was also able to unite people with her generous spirit and volunteered her time to the Bellingham YWCA and Heart Association.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a Memorial Service starting at 3PM Monday, February 16th at Lairmont Manor in Bellingham, with happy hour to follow.

Tribute Wall

NV

“ *Jim, I am very sorry for your loss. I am very honored I was able to know Kristie and I will miss my Scandinavian friend.*
Norm

Norman Vigre - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Jim,*
We are so sorry for the loss of Kristie. We were so thrilled when you met and married her and your life became filled with joy. I'll always be impressed that Kristie catered her own wedding reception with you.
Love,
Darlene and Bruce Bock

Bruce and Darlene Bock - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Jim- So sorry to hear of your loss, my condolences and a sincere wish for peace in your soul. Jerry*

Jerry DeBacker - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My earliest memories of Kristie are meeting her in Taft California, when she was about 5 years old. She skipped ahead of us as we came to show off our two little ones, Judi & Jon, preschoolers. Kristie doted on our two little ones and the two who followed, James & Jacob.

We saw them often when they moved to Tacoma and Kristie evolved into the young woman she became.

She was always loveable, always generous with her love. Our family will miss her and never forget her.

Jo Johannesen - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Good bye my dear friend. We have had our “ups and downs’ but in the end our feelings for each other overcame our differences. I will always remember our “girls day out, our shopping trips, and shoe shopping in Spain. You fought a good fight for a very long time. I was so impressed with your upbeat attitude and your determination to keep going, I will miss you. but am going to remember all the fun times we had together.

My condolences to Jim, Brent, Robbie, and the grandchildren. It will be difficult and there will be a huge emptiness, but in time it will get easier. I know that Kristie loved you all very much. Be there to support each other and remember the good times. Kristie would want that for all of you.

Liz Sipes - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM