



## Paige Christine Boulé

October 25, 1949 - July 23, 2022

Paige Boulé's great smile and warm heart became memories to cherish for family and friends on the morning of July 23, 2022, when she died following a sudden rare and acute brain disease. She was 72 and living in Bellingham with her husband of 51 years, Steven Payne.

Paige was born in Los Angeles, California to Herb and Rita Boulé. Paige and Steve had two creative and loving boys together, Forest (Maria) and Wilder (Erin). She earned a bachelor's degree in English from San Diego State University. Jobs took Paige and Steve across the country, spending time in Oregon, D.C., Minnesota, and Idaho, before returning to the northwest in 1985 to Washington. She became a budget planner for the Department of Ecology where she worked for 23 years.

While she dabbled in writing and other creative outlets, her greatest passion was making functional and artistic quilts. She was a co-founder of the Tumwater Hill Association, which helped reshape Tumwater governance. She loved reading, watching romantic comedies and period movies, hiking and snowshoeing, and spending time on the Oregon Coast with Steve. Paige enjoyed feeding and watching birds and gardening in her yard. She was a volunteer gardener at Big Rock Garden Park in Bellingham. She valued her friendships and loved talking with friends and relatives on a long walk or on the phone. She dearly loved time with her sons and their families, especially

playing and talking with her grandchildren—Gaven, Dahlia, and Leo.

She is preceded in death by her father, Herb, and brother, Marc. She is survived by Steve, sons Forest and Wilder, daughters-in-law Maria and Erin, and grandchildren Leo, Gaven and Dahlia, as well as her mother, Rita, who Paige enjoyed nearly daily conversations and frequent visits and outings.

In honor of Paige, please consider giving a donation to Wild Whatcom at [www.wildwhatcom.org](http://www.wildwhatcom.org).

The family wants to express its heartfelt appreciation to the nurses and medical team at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and the Whatcom House Hospice for their care, support, and compassion.