



## Sheryl Catherine "Shelley" Johnson

August 11, 1960 - July 16, 2023

Shelley Johnson, aged 62, passed away on July 16, 2023 at Whatcom Hospice House.

Everyone who knew Shelley was inspired by her humor, intelligence, compassion, and courage. Countless friends credit her with inspiring them to persevere when facing daunting challenges of any kind.

Shelley received her BA in computer science at WWU where she met her husband Dr. James L. Johnson who preceded her in death in 2017. Together they raised two children, Jessica and James while still finding time to teach, start and run a local small business marketing locally sourced goods, and joining and attending Mensa gatherings together. Shelley is survived by her children, sister Susan, and brothers Steve and Scott, as well as her beloved cousins.

Shelley loved the Bellingham community, was always active in supporting education, contributed to several local charities, supported efforts to lessen environmental impacts, as well as being a dedicated supporter of small local businesses.

After her husband's death she established the James Lee Johnson Memorial Endowment at WWU to support the studies of computer science students at

the university. She took great pleasure in meeting two of the recipients of the endowment at this year's graduation ceremony.

A Celebration of Life event for family and friends will be held at the family home on August 11 from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Bellingham Food Bank, Lydia Place, Whatcom Hospice House or another local charity serving Whatcom County.