



Camelia Ann Markham

November 8, 1951 - March 3, 2015

After a protracted battle with cancer for 18 years, Donna Elaine Thompson passed away on March 8th, 2015, at the age of 55 in Rancho Bernardo, CA. Donna was born (Donna Elaine Ray) on August 26th, 1959 in Visalia, Ca, growing up there and graduating from Mt. Whitney high school in 1977. She grew up in a loving family with one sister and two brothers in the San Joaquin Valley. In college, she graduated from College of the Sequoias with an AA degree and also earned a BA degree in Geography, with a minor in Meteorology, from California State University Fresno (Fresno State) in 1984. Donna is survived her husband, Gary Thompson and their son, Thomas Thompson, both of Ramona, CA; her mother, Carol Russell in Visalia, CA and her two brothers, Jeff Ray of San Antonio, TX and Clark Ray of Santa Rosa, CA. Donna was preceded in death by her father, Harold Ray and sister, Daisy Ray.

After they met in Visalia, Donna married Gary Thompson on March 14, 1987 in Los Angeles, CA. Gary is retired now and worked for Raytheon Company as a Program Manager. Donna and Gary have lived in Visalia and Los Angeles, CA, Tucson, AZ, Hanford, CA and moved to their current residence in Ramona, CA in 2000.

Donna worked in sales at a bookstore, as an administrator in banking and other industries and worked as a cost accountant for Hughes Aircraft Company. After the birth of Thomas, Donna became a full time homemaker and mother, her greatest passion in life. Donna's interests included her sewing

projects, raising Thomas, a love of reading science fiction, and her pet cat “Kitty”.

When diagnosed with brain cancer in 1997, Donna remained dedicated in her family and in her will to fight her illness. She remained a brave woman, even throughout the difficult last five years and in her final months since her last surgery in September, 2014.

A Celebration of Life ceremony for Donna will be held in her home town of Visalia, CA, at 11:00 AM on Saturday the 21st of March at the Salser and Dillard Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
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