



Lisa Anne Wiggins, BSN

March 12, 1954 - January 6, 2019

Lisa Anne Wiggins, age 64, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 6th, 2019. She was a retired nurse and a long-time resident of the Lakewood and Tacoma area. Lisa was born on March 12th, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Gene B. Wiggins II in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was part of the Class of '72 at Bellaire High School, was a Bellaire Belle, and went on to complete her Bachelors of Science in nursing at Texas Women's University in 1976.

She met her would-be-husband and the love of her life, Lance Kirkegaard, while riding a shuttle bus in Houston, Texas, in 1974. She noticed his blue eyes and the Frisbee in his briefcase and he noticed her dark brown eyes and hippie floral top. They locked eyes and were married on September 10th, 1977; they were together for 44 years. In quote of her husband Lance, "Lisa, you were my one true love."

Shortly after marriage, they moved to San Diego California for Lance's medical career and had their first child, Sarah. Lisa and Lance then moved to Ruidoso, New Mexico, where they had two more children, Erin and Evan. In 1989, a career transition brought the family to Lakewood, Washington. Here, Lisa worked at St. Clare Hospital, Madigan Hospital and Tacoma Community College.

Through Lisa's career, she worked in a wide-variety of fields including pediatrics, home-health hospice, surgery and administration. Additionally, she was a nursing instructor and mentor, providing inspiration to multiple future medical providers. She retired as the pre-admission nursing director at St. Clare Hospital.

Lisa was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and friend. She was known for her infectious laugh, witty sense of humor, chicken-fried steak and having an open door for all. She was passionate about being a Texan, a nurse, and a mother.

Lisa is survived by her husband of 44 years Dr. Lance Kirkegaard; her daughters Sarah Kirkegaard Shelley and Dr. Erin Kirkegaard; her son Evan Kirkegaard; her siblings Claire and Skip Wiggins; her son-in-law John Shelley; and her granddaughters, Sabina and

Reina Shelley.

If you would like to honor Lisa's memory, please donate to Planned Parenthood or the Tacoma Art Museum in her name. These are two organizations to which Lisa wholeheartedly believed.

Lisa will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Events

JAN **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Mountain View Celebration of Life Center

4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499

Comments



“ So sad to hear of Lisa’s passing. She was my best friend in elementary, middle and high school. We were Girl Scouts together and we were Bellaire Belles together. We lived around the corner from each other so we spent many hours with each other and knew her family so well. We attended our first concert together-the Monkees. The day of the concert we made a banana cake and Betty drove us to the Shamrock Hilton to deliver the cake for the Monkees. Skipper drove us to Bellaire High School and then went I had to go to the newly built Sharpstown, we sadly lost touch. My sincere sympathy and prayers to her family.

Lisa Oyler Hendricks - February 21 at 09:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Lisa's death. She was a truly lovely person, a loyal friend and touched so many, many lives. I loved her directness and honesty. I know that this is a terrible loss to her family. I send all my love and prayers. Jimmy Gwyn Mansfield

Jimmy Gwyn Mansfield - January 12 at 09:05 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Lisa Anne Wiggins, BSN.



January 11 at 11:51 AM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Lisa Anne Wiggins, BSN.



January 11 at 10:46 AM



“ We were such good friends in high school. We were the 2 tall skinny girls! Took a fabulous trip with her and Terry Reeder to Mazatlan one summer. Had a great time. May she be in peace and she will always be remembered.

Carol Concha - January 10 at 03:35 AM



“ Thank you Lisa for being a wonderful friend . You were always there be it in time of joy or despair . Right now the sorrow fills my heart but I find comfort that you are in the Glory of the Lord. You will be missed for all the things you taught us , for all those beautiful moments that you made us live with you, now you have to Rest In Peace my friend, I hope to see you again , I will always remember you . And for The Kirkegaard's you were blessed to have her in your life . May you find peace and comfort knowing you were a part of a life well lived .



Gladys Dinglasan - January 09 at 01:23 AM



“ Erin, I remember meeting your mother at your residency class dinner party in Spokane.Had some conversation with her, and found her to be lovely and I know that she was very proud of you. Love and prayers for your strength and comfort and also for your family.

Ann Walker - January 08 at 08:29 PM



“ I loved working with Lisa. She always knew how to take the stress away in a stressful situation. Lisa was full of excellent nursing knowledge. She was loved by all of her coworkers. I have lots of fond memories of her.RIP my friend.

Sue Jacobson - January 12 at 10:22 PM