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Elizabeth Ellen Cattin passed away suddenly at her home Monday January 12, 2015. Elizabeth was born Elizabeth E. Hunt to William and Barbara (Huffman) Hunt on April 15, 1950, in Belfair, WA. She grew up in Belfair surrounded by four brothers, Jim, Dave, John and Bill. She graduated from North Mason High School in 1968. Her love of literature and writing led her to a teaching degree from the University of Washington in 1972. While attending college, she met her lifelong soulmate, Jack Cattin. They were married in Belfair on August 23, 1975, and made their home in Wenatchee, WA.

Elizabeth loved to garden, keeping vegetables and flowers in season at her home on Wenatchee Heights. Feeding local wildlife, including turkeys, helped keep her garden growing and her home full of life. She was always up for a new adventure, including traveling to Sturgis, ND for a motorcycle rally or Scotland and Ireland to experience local culture.

In 1980, her daughter, Hilary, was born, bringing more joy to her life. Taking a respite from teaching to attend to her family, Elizabeth started a small business in downtown Wenatchee, setting the hours to fit her larger family.

Returning to teaching some years later, Elizabeth taught English at Eastmont High School, taking special joy in working with the difficult students who needed an extra dose of tough love. Her passion for teaching and life was shared with everyone she met. An outgoing personality resulted in an enormous collection of true and close friends. If you met Elizabeth socially or professionally, she made a positive impression that was not easily forgotten.

Her friends and colleagues have been an enormous comfort to Jack and the family. The family would like to express special appreciation to the staff and administration of Eastmont High School and District for their care and concern for Elizabeth as she recovered from a recent injury. Their character is evidence of the good people that surrounded Elizabeth.

Elizabeth is survived by husband, Jack; daughter, Hilary; brothers, Jim, Dave, John, and Bill; mother-in-law, Eleanor Cattin; and special friends, Cody Schuyleman, Kylie Thatcher, and Dave Dearborn. She was preceded in death by her parents; and father-in-law, Jack Cattin. She will be remembered as a loving and generous soul with a vibrant personality.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015, at Eastmont Junior High School in East Wenatchee. A scholarship is being established in Elizabeth's name and donations may be made through the Eastmont School District Office.