



## Karen R. Gutzwiler

March 22, 1957 - December 14, 2017

December 14, 2017, Karen R. Gutzwiler, a native to Wenatchee passed away at home. She fought a brave and courageous battle against cancer for nine years, but that never kept her from doing what she loved or enjoyed. She is survived by parents Richard and Helen Blue, two sisters; Marny and Chris and brother David. She was the loving wife of Richard Gutzwiler, and mother of Michael and Joseph Gahringer. Chad, Adam and Sarah Gutzwiler were stepchildren that she also loved and enjoyed.

Karen attended ITT Peterson School of Business and graduated in 1976. She began her career in Seattle in whole sale marketing. Karen married Ray Gahringer in August 1980 and in 1985 she had her first child, Joseph and in 1987 Michael was born. She returned to Wenatchee in 1989 where she continued in the Graphic Arts Business. Later in her career she was offered a position at Northwest Wholesale in 2011 in Wenatchee. She enjoyed her position and was very dedicated to the job and the people she worked with. In 2010, Karen married Richard Gutzwiler were they held a ceremony in the Glacier Peak Wilderness area after back packing in seven miles. In 2014, they were formally married in the Holy Apostle Catholic Church.

Karen loved to travel, She and Richard, close friends and family enjoyed visiting Hawaii, Givemy Paris, Reims, Lourdes, London, and various road trips to different parts of the United States. Karen and Richard also enjoyed going on motorcycle adventures and rode all over the Pacific Northwest. Karen's interests involved backpacking, hiking, photography, and many other outdoor

activities after meeting Richard. The last months of Karen's life was filled with love, laughter, and adventure; including skydiving, and traveling to Europe with her sister Chris.

A Rosery will be held on Thursday, December 21st, at 6pm, at Chapel of the Valley/Betts Funeral Home, 302 9th Street Wenatchee. A celebratory Mass will be held in memory of Karen on Friday, December 22nd, at 10:30am., at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 1315 8th Street NE, East Wenatchee.

Following the mass, a luncheon will be provided.

If any memorial donations in memory of Karen would like to be made, please contact Knights of Columbus Ken Paulus at 884-1529 or Confluence Health Hospice at 665-6049. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard & Helen, I want to extend my condolences to you at the loss of your daughter and am thinking of you at this difficult time.*

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