

MT. ANGEL - Judy Sweeton, 62, died peacefully at Sunnyside Hospital in Portland. She had been courageously battling a liver disease for 10 years. Judy was born to Jesse and Alice (Haines) Spain in Salem, Oregon. She attended high schools in Salem, Silverton, and Astoria. On December 11, 1965, Judy married David Gillis. They had two children. It is a testament to the character of both David and Judy that their relationship remained amicable even after they separated. Judy attended OCE in Monmouth. In 1981, Judy married Richard Sweeton. Judy spent many years as a restaurant manager for Carrow's in Salem, Portland, Springfield, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. For the last ten years of her life she worked in the dining room at Mt. Angel Towers. The residents of the Towers became like family to Judy and she truly enjoyed knowing them. Judy also loved to paint, read, and cook. Her progress from drinkable mashed potatoes to preparing gourmet meals was greatly appreciated by her family! When she left Albuquerque to care for her father-in-law in Silverton, her nephew, Patrick Trujeque sadly commented: "Well, there goes the good cooking around here." When she was able, Judy loved fly-fishing and she spent many hours fishing the streams in Oregon. She also loved going to Reno and Las Vegas with her sister, Jo. Judy felt blessed to have good friends and the family would like to say thank-you to Judy and Lynn Lundell, Gerri Purdy, Emma Fenimore, and Joyce Weigel for the friendship and love they gave her. Judy was preceded in death by her beloved brother, John Spain. She is survived by her brothers, Jeff Spain and Randy MaCallister; by her sister, with whom she had a special bond, JoAnn Youngstrom; by an aunt that Judy adored and admired, Teddy Haines; by Lisa LcClair Tripp and Susan LeClair. She is also survived by her son, Danial Gillis of Independence; her daughter, Karen Gillis of Port Angles, Wash.; grandsons, David Gillis, Dustin Gillis, Dylan Gillis, Phoenix Gillis, and Corey Gillis; granddaughters, Tiffany Gillis, Clara Gillis, Chloe Gillis and Judith Gillis; and two great-grandsons. The family would like to thank Judi Gillis for the support she gave her grandmother during the most difficult situations. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at Mt. Angel Towers.

