

Kathleen Sargent 1954-2015

Mother, Friend & nurse
A Celebration of her life March 28th Fairfax, CA



Born August 29th 1954 in Webster Groves, MO to Dr Fred and Janet Sargent, Kate Sargent started out as the kid sister to four. Self declaredly not all too interested in academics. Kate excelled at tennis and auto mechanics, arguing her way into being one of the first females in her high school class to take shop. In her adolescence Kate travelled the world, picking up phrases in foreign languages that she would later employ around dinner tables, the back nine, and the communities of bedtime stories, never letting stray mispronunciations or forgotten grammar obstruct her love of connecting with others. Kate attended the University of New Mexico intending to bring her cultural curiosity to the field of anthropology but graduating as a Registered Nurse. Following a family migration to San Francisco, Kate worked various nursing jobs including the intensive care nursery at Mt Zion Hospital and recently the endoscopy unit at UCSF. She was well regarded by her colleagues and touched the lives of many around the Bay Area as she held her patients' hands through some of their scariest moments, coaxing smiles from anxious expressions. Kate had a well-rounded and fierce independence that traversed stereotypes and made her rough hands deft at just about everything, from plumbing repair and minor car maintenance to sewing her own wedding dress, adorning every window of her Fairfax home with hand tailored curtains, and clothing herself in cable knit sweaters. A lifelong sports fan, Kate loved her Bay Area teams and played weekly with her ladies golf group. She volunteered throughout her daughter's educational journey and sat on the board of Amigos de las Americas, where she sent hundreds of kids off on their own adventures in Central and South America.