



Jody Lynn Prestine

September 25, 1957 - February 19, 2024

Jody Lynn (Ehret) Prestine, 66, of South Boardman, Michigan, began her journey back to the stardust from which we all came on February 19, 2024. Her husband and dog were at her side as she peacefully slipped away in her own bed.

Jody was born on September 25, 1957 in Elkhart, Indiana, where she remained through high school graduation. She led a wonderfully eclectic life, primarily as a knowledgeable, capable, and compassionate registered nurse for 35 years. She had many adventures while travel nursing around the country with her husband, Pat. The Pacific Northwest was their favorite. And yet, Jody was so much more. She and her first husband opened the first microbrewery in Michigan in the early 90s. She was a fantastic chef and baker thanks to her grandmother's influence. This led to many home-based business ventures, including Chef Thyme Personal Chef Service and The Queen of Tarts, and she so enjoyed vending at the farmers market in Kalkaska. Jody also found joy in kayaking, recumbent bicycling, and hiking the North Country Trail. But her most blissful times were in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota, where she and Pat vacationed many times.

Her legacy is now entrusted to the loved ones she left behind: husband Patrick and dog Mackinac, daughters Kate (Jake) Lemon and Sara Balog; brother Mike (Deb) Ehret; sister Liz Ganger; father and stepmother Larry (Vicki) Ehret; grandchildren James Joseph, Taylor Cutler, Gus and Theo

Lemon, and Archer and Nolan Joseph; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Shelba (Loren) Bickel, and a number of beloved aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Some relatives from her first marriage still fondly remember "Cool Aunt Jody." There will be a celebration of life sometime in June, around the Summer Solstice. Friends and relatives are encouraged to contact Pat for details. Memorial gifts may be sent to Heartland Hospice of Traverse City or the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

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“ In the last few years I was able to get to know Jody somewhat, mostly through Pat, and it became immediately apparent that she and Pat were made for each other. I traveled to Kalkaska and we went to the farmers market, where they were both readily recognized by friends, and I spent the night in their lovely home that was filled with warmth and an easy family vibe. Jody was an excellent cook and Pat is not too shabby himself. Jody was also an excellent stained glass artist, so filled with talent.

Jody will be missed and I wish peace for all her family and friends and the ability to keep the remembrance of her light that shined so bright.

Deb Hull - one of many of Pat's cousins.

Deb Hull - February 22, 2024 at 02:23 PM

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“ Nick, Lacey, Ivy, and Izzy Shaw purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jody Lynn Prestine.



Nick, Lacey, Ivy, and Izzy Shaw - February 20, 2024 at 10:45 AM

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“ Nick, Lacey, Ivy, and Izzy Shaw planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jody L. Prestine.

Nick, Lacey, Ivy, and Izzy Shaw - February 20, 2024 at 10:45 AM