



Deborah (Deb) L Holland

December 14, 1948 - August 17, 2017

Deborah Lee Holland, age 68, passed away on August 17, 2017 at 9:32 PM Pacific Time at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, Oregon after a 9 month battle with metastatic cancer. She will be cremated in Newport, Oregon. Ashes will be used in ceremony, and be scattered by her closest friends in Bloomington, Indiana, and her spouse, Michael D. Main, will also scatter ashes in her favorite places in and about Newport and Lincoln County, Oregon.

Deb was born December 14, 1948 on Whidbey Island, Washington to Norman Holland and Irene Lee. She was raised and grew up in Hammond / Munster, Indiana between 1948 and 1968. She graduated from Bishop Noll Institute, a Catholic High School, in 1967. She left for Indiana University - Bloomington in 1968, marrying Ted Ostaszewski in October 1968, and giving birth to her first son, Dan, in May 1969. Her first marriage was a short one, and, in September 1974 she gave birth to a second son, Matthew, whose father was Boyd Berry. Deb struggled and sacrificed for many years in order to raise Matthew as a single mom at a time when single mothers could count on little support or respect from society at large.

Deb lived in Bloomington Indiana between 1968 and 1998, with a brief stint in Shaker Heights, Ohio (Cleveland area). She worked between 1981 and 1990 as a Lab Technician in I.U.'s Biology Dept., and she completed her B.A. in

Biology from Indiana University in 1989. Her favorite career job during this time was working as a chef for Bloomingfoods Deli between 1995 - 1998. Deb met Michael Main in 1990: they married in 1996. In 1998, Deb and Michael left Indiana for Rochester, Minnesota. They purchased a home in downtown Rochester. Between 1999 and 2000, Deb worked at Barnes and Noble Bookstore as a bookseller in Rochester, while Michael worked as a Technical Writer at IBM. Her favorite experience in Minnesota involved multiple vacation trips to the northern Boundary Waters. Deb and Michael, desiring even more access to wilderness experience, migrated to Beaverton, Oregon in January 2001, where Deb worked at Barnes and Noble in Beaverton while Michael worked at IBM-Beaverton. In October 2003, Deb and Michael moved from Beaverton to Newport on the wilds of the Pacific Oregon Coast, and worked to rehab a vintage 1939 beach cabin which they purchased. While Michael commuted daily to Corvallis to work as a Technical Writer for Fiserv, Inc., Deb worked as a Perishables Manager at Newport's Oceana Natural Foods Coop between 2003 and 2014.

Between 2004 and 2013, Deb was actively engaged as a Judge for the Oregon Daffodil Society in the Oregon Willamette Valley area. She retired from Oceana Foods in 2014, but immediately began full time volunteer work as the managing Lincoln County, OR reviewer for EBIRD.org, Cornell University's online Ornithology global bird counting database. During this time, she herself spent several hours daily in the field vetting bird sightings and working as a citizen scientist to authenticate data from other birders. The final 20 years of Deb's daily life centered around home chef activity, home gardening, statewide work with the Oregon Daffodil Society, reviewing for EBIRD as an engaged citizen scientist, and her love of multiple generations of pet Siamese cats. Deb's first grandchild, Lucy, was born in late April 2016- and Deb's last travel trip -and big adventure- in life involved going to meet her new grand-daughter in Missouri in the Autumn of 2016. Sadly, this is when her illness began its earliest stages- whose actual diagnosis and severity was

unknown to all until it was discovered upon hospital admission on July 7, 2017.

Deb is survived by both her first husband, Ted, and second husband, Michael, as well as by both her sons, Dan and Matthew, and by her 1 year old granddaughter Lucy.

Services to be announced.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have no doubt that God will remember her and keep her memory safe. He will surely be glad to bring her back to life in a perfect world when suffering will be no more and we will all welcome back our loved ones that are asleep in death. (Revelation 21:4 & John 5:28, 29) May our loving Father bring your family the peace and comfort only He can provide.

JW - August 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I regret that about a year ago Deb invited me to come over for the day and go birding, a passion we discovered over the years of talking on the phone every week that we shared....and I postponed. I never met her in person but we developed a very friendly phone friendship sharing sightings until we both felt we needed to get back to work. She usually made the first move, always with her long list of things she had to get done for Oceana. "You should just come over sometime so we can chat and look at birds"....and me the eternal procrastinator.....always showing up too late. All the years we talked and all the difficult situations we worked out amicably left me with a respect and sadness to have not shared a day watching life from the same perspective. Peaceful travels and caring thoughts for your family, Deb. Sad to find you gone..... Kristin



Kristin at Surata - August 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss Deb and our telephone conversations about birding. Below is from my email to notify the local and Oregon birding community. To: Oregon Birders OnLine , "Lincoln Co. Birding & Nature Observing" Deb Holland passed away on August 17 from cancer that was not diagnosed until July 7 (1). Deb moved to Newport in 2003 (1) and was an active birder throughout Lincoln County. Sometime before June 2010, she had shared her sightings with eBird.org (an online citizen science project of Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society). She became the Bird reviewer of Lincoln County bird sightings in 2014 (1). She had wanted to continue doing so, but then, too soon, she couldn't. She was passionate about encouraging birders to report their sightings to eBird. She was also conscientious about tactfully reviewing reports of rare species and unseasonal records of non-rare species. She had been a member of Yaquina Birders & Naturalists, and many other bird sightings were included in their newsletter. Unbeknownst to some of her birder friends in Lincoln County, she also had been a judge for the Oregon Daffodil Society between 2004 and 2013(1). She once visited Chuck Philo's home in Toledo and surprised him by correctly identifying one of his unusual daffodils. As of August 25, services have yet to be announced (1). Condolences to her husband Michael Main, her two sons, and grand-daughter can be made at Bateman Funeral Home's page for Deb (1). She will be missed. Range Bayer, Newport, Oregon. Reference 1. Bateman Funeral Home. 2017. Memorial Page for Deborah (Deb) L Holland. <http://www.batemanfuneralhome.net/notices/DeborahDeb-Holland>

Range Bayer - August 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rather than flowers, Deb's most directed wish to have an action performed in her memory would be this: please consider making a donation to a young Tibetan Monk's education in permanent residence in monestery in India. You can accomplish this by either sponsoring a Monk or by sending a one-time donation to: Drepung Loseling Educational Fund, 1781 Dresden Drive, Atlanta, GA 30319 / Phone 404-982-0051 / fund@drepung.org / or by going to this web site and using the DONATE button at the bottom of the web page: www.drepung.org/fund.cfm

Deb's Spouse - Michael D. Main - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM