



## Judith "Gerbie" Gerber

October 26, 1948 - November 28, 2023

Judith (Gerbie) Gerber age 75 of Depoe Bay, OR passed away peacefully on November 28, 2023 at the Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, OR surrounded by her family.

Gerbie was born on October 26, 1948, in Kalamazoo, MI, the daughter of Jermone and Louis (Greenhouse) Gerber. Gerbie cared for others in many roles throughout her life. She worked as a nurse, a teacher, and an entrepreneur. She was a constant support to her friends and family. Gerbie was a staunch supporter of progressive causes and participated in activities promoting those principles and ideals locally. An avid reader, Gerbie corresponded with her favorite authors, often making suggestions when provided with drafts. Gerbie attended Harcum College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and Western Michigan University. She obtained her teaching certificate from Arizona State University. There was music constantly being played throughout her home as she cooked or baked many of her favorite recipes.

Gerbie was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are: her son, Andrew Hiestand and his wife, Samantha Larsen; three siblings: Michael (Micky) Gerber, Richard Gerber, and Robert (Bob) Gerber; as well as her dear friend and housemate of many years, Elaina Rande.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be given to her in memory to the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation. <https://willamettevalleycancerfoundation.org/>

"It's a real good bet. The best is yet to come." Frank Sinatra in The Best is Yet to Come