

Service Summary

Funeral Service 10:00 AM Sat May 31, 2014

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop

131 SE Byers Avenue Pendleton, OR 97801

Obituary

Born: Tuesday, July 10, 1956 **Died:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Kathleen Mae (Merriman) Quisenberry passed away with her family by her side at her home in Salem, Ore., on the evening of May 14, 2014. Kathleen (Kathy) was born on July 10, 1956 in Pendleton, Ore., to Edward Roy Merriman and Virginia Delores Lucile (Livingston) Merriman. As a girl growing up in Pendleton Kathy tried everything from painting, ballet, violin and piano, but she found what she really loved was doing things with and for her family and friends. Growing up, one of her favorite things to do was making popcorn and chocolate chip cookies, climbing into the station wagon with her family and friends and going to drive-in movies. Kathy also enjoyed vacationing on the Oregon Coast, or going swimming and picnicking at Lehman Hot Springs, with the Nash and Merriman aunts, uncles and cousins.

No matter how busy Kathy was raising her own family, she found the time to call her mother nearly every night to ask about her day and to say "goodnight, I love you".

In high school was a member of the Pendleton High School Buckarettes, and was chosen as the Fall Homecoming Senior Princess. She graduated from PHS in 1975.

After High school Kathy worked a short time at her father's business Merriman Plumbing and Heating while attending Blue Mountain Community College, She studied dental hygiene and became a dental assistant. She worked for dentist Harper Jones in Pendleton before moving to Salem. In Salem she worked several years For Dr. Clifford Hill.

Kathy married Stephen (Steve) Dwight Quisenberry June 7, 1980 at the First Christian Church in Pendleton. The couple was married nearly 34 years. After the marriage, Kathy joined her husband in the family business, Quisenberry Pharmacies. She wore many different hats in the business, but her main passion was managing the gift section. Her knowledge and talent for maintaining a unique inventory was remarkable.

Many people talk about going skydiving, but Kathy and her friend Kathy Allmaras, a high school friend from Pendleton, actually went skydiving just for adventure and sense of wonder what it would be like. Her sense of curiosity extended to learning how to fix things herself. When her furniture needed new upholstery, Kathy took a course and recovered it herself. She and Steve designed two remodels of their 1889 historic house on Salem's South Hill. They also designed the patio and garden of beautiful lilac bushes and climbing roses around the house.

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Kathy shared her sense of adventure and inquiry with her sons and daughter. Kathy did everything for her children, and loved every minute of it. From taking them to the beach, sporting events, dance, or just piling them all in the car and heading to the drive-in for an all-night double feature. She was very proud of all four of her children. During the last two years some of Kathy's happiest times were spent singing, playing and taking care of her granddaughter, Allison.

She is survived by her husband Steve, son Michael Dwight and his wife Jennifer and granddaughter Allison, sons Jonathan Edward and Andrew Stephen, and daughter Kelsey Mae Quisenberry, her mother Virginia, three brothers, Edward Franklin, Charles Randolph and his wife Ruth (Lapioli), and Robert Roy and his wife Katrina (Herd) Merriman, two sisters, Kristine Kay (Merriman) Reedy and her husband Jerry, and Cynthia Lynn (Merriman) Miller and her husband Dave, along with 18 nieces and nephews.

Her father, maternal grandparents, Guy and Nora Mae (Woody) Livingston, and paternal grandparents Frank Reese and Elizabeth (Self) Merriman, preceded her in death.

Donations may be made in Kathy's name to the Cancer Treatment Center of America, Goodyear, AZ 85338.

Funeral services are at Folsom Pioneer Chapel in Pendleton at 10 a.m., May 31, followed by graveside services at Olney Cemetery and a celebration of life picnic at McKay Park in Pendleton.

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