



## Linda Louise Lam

1942 - 2018

Linda finally escaped the grip of the Alzheimer's disease that held her captive for almost 11 years. She passed away Dec. 10, at Canyon Creek Memory Care, where they had taken wonderful care of her for the past four years.

Linda was born July 20, 1942, in Casper, Wyoming, and spent her first 12 years living in Glenrock, Wyoming. She moved with her family to Billings in 1954 when her father relocated for employment in the petroleum industry. She attended Garfield, Lewis and Clark Junior High and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1960.

She attended MSU in Bozeman, but soon set her sights on the sky and became an airline attendant for Frontier Airlines. She soon met her future husband and being the '60s, airline attendants could not be married. They moved to LA and she helped her husband through Art and Design school. They lived in Michigan and Illinois while he was employed in the automotive industry and returned to Billings in the early '70s.

Along the way, two children came along. Keith was named after his grandfather and Shilo, named after one of Linda's favorite Neil Diamond songs.

In 1984, Linda became single again and became the liberated woman she remained for the rest of her life. After a couple of shorter jobs, she went to work for Kampgrounds of America (KOA), where she worked her way to become Manager of Franchisee Services, retiring in 2000.

She met Curt Sauber in 1997 and they married Dec. 28, 1998. They spent several years in retirement remodeling their houses, traveling, sleeping in and rescuing retired racing greyhound dogs (Jenny, Bob and Casey) all of which played second fiddle to Linda's feline critters, Cleo and Taz.

She is survived by her husband, Curt; her son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Peggy Markegard of Escondido, California; her daughter, Shilo Markegard of Seattle, Washington; her grandsons Taylor Markegard of Billings and Izak Hatton of Las Vegas, Nevada; her sister and brother-in-law, Clarice and Jim Beck of Helena; stepchildren, Vince Sauber of Kirkland, Washington, Stephanie Sauber of Bothell, Washington, Valerie and Mike Henry of Billings; along with three step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

A family committal service will be held on her birthday next summer. Should friends desire, contributions may be made online to her favorite greyhound rescue charity, [www.runforadoptionmt.org](http://www.runforadoptionmt.org).