

In Memoriam Heidi [Reitz] Carlson

September 2, 1950 – February 8, 2024.

Heidi Carlson, daughter of Gerhard and Jean Reitz passed away on Thursday, February 8 about 1:00pm at Hospice House Spokane after a long tenured management of her kidney disease. This past year she went through several amputations and declining health. She faced her lot in life with courage, trust and an indomitable spirit. She faced each setback with 'a day at a time!'

Heidi was a award winning athlete in her youth. She was an accomplished swimmer and softball player and won trophies in grade school and high school. Her nursing career brought out her strong love of serving people and keeping focused on bringing the best out of her patients and staff. She won awards for her nursing leadership and helped several nursing homes stave off state closure due to her trusted relationships with state regulators and her firm leadership in motivating staff toward excellence in patient care.

In her later years her great love was her grandsons! She also poured herself into her love of all things quilting and weaving. She excelled with her creativity in artistic quilting using paint, organic matter and all sorts of materials in specially designed wall hanging art.

She is survived by three sons David [Siv], Peter [Erin], and Matthew, two grandsons Isaac [Peter], and Kolbjorn [David], and her brother Philip [Reitz] and sisters Gretchen [Weiss] and Ingrid [Maddox]. A celebration of her life and many gifts will be held in a private gathering of her close friends and family.

For those of you who remember Heidi, we wanted you to know that she is now at rest where her earthly and broken body cannot separate her from the full joy of her created wholeness.