



**M**yrna Lee Long Holoubek's life was her family. Her joy was making sure they were happy and safe. She supported her husband, Louie, as they traveled around the country with his profession. She was always, always there for her two sons, Greg and Doug. She worked every day to help them mature into fine, successful men.

Myrna was born on February 20, 1940 in Caldwell, Idaho. She graduated from high school in Coeur D'Alene, in 1958, and moved with her family to Billings. During Myrna's freshman year at Eastern Montana College she met Louie, who was dating her best friend. As that relationship faded, Louie began dating Myrna. Louie knew, from their first date, he wanted to spend the rest of his life with Myrna.

And so – their love story began. They were married on December 30, 1960 in Billings. They moved immediately to San Diego, while Louie served in the Navy. This first adventure in their marriage was the beginning of many ports of call throughout their life together.

A conscientious, reliable and hard worker, Myrna easily found employment with every move. Louie was transferred often and, as time passed, Myrna became highly respected and skilled in sales. She ultimately found her niche in the meat and deli departments at Vans Thriftway.

Myrna lived in Caldwell, Boise, Emmett, Burley and Coeur D'Alene (Idaho); San Diego; Dodge City, Kansas; Spokane; Billings, Great Falls, Missoula, Helena, and Bozeman. She lived in Bozeman twice, the first time for ten years and now – for the last fifteen years.

Myrna loved to garden and the yard is always the envy of the neighborhood. Myrna also took pride in decorating her home. She was a master seamstress, a ceramic artist, and she loved to travel with Louie.

Her mother and father, Dorothy Winslow Long and Rulie Long, preceded her in death. Her husband, Louie; sons Greg and Doug; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Sharon Long; sister-in-law, Claudia Plotnick; sister-in-law and husband, Anita and Mike Varone; and several nieces and nephews survive her. She is also survived by her dear friends Dennis and Donna Grant.

Myrna was a brave fighter. She was diagnosed with brain cancer last October. She survived surgery and was determined to regain her strength so she could enjoy retirement with Louie. While she lost the battle, she won the hearts of not only her family, but of the many caregivers who helped her these many long months. A woman of tremendous courage, she will be greatly missed. Myrna passed away, as she lived, with dignity at home, in her sleep, on May 27<sup>th</sup>.