



Jacquelyn Alden Chandler Petix, 62, of Bozeman, while surrounded by her family, went into the arms of her Heavenly Father on Sunday, September 13, 2009, in Billings, Montana, due to complications from Leukemia. She was born on July 10, 1947, in Anchorage, Alaska, on the Fort Richardson military base, to John and Edna Chandler. Since her father was in the military, Jackie grew up in a variety of states including Alaska, Texas, Georgia, and Virginia. During part of her high school years, Jackie moved to California to live with her beloved Uncle Richard and Aunt Betty, whom she adored and cherished her entire life. Jackie met Jesus for the first time during her senior year at her catholic high school, and was the valedictorian of her graduating class.

After completing high school, she attended George Mason College in Fairfax, Virginia, where she studied English literature, Accounting and Economics. In 1967, she married Dan Buckley. In 1968, Jackie's son, Dan, was born. Jackie married Jeff Petix in Silver Spring, Maryland, on July 29, 1972. After living in California for a year, they moved to Oregon, where their daughter, Calette, was born in 1974.

After living in Oregon for 10 years, Jackie and her family moved to Bozeman, Montana, in 1983. Jackie worked for the Bozeman School District in a variety of capacities as an administrative assistant from 1984 to 2007. Most recently she worked at Bozeman High School in the Guidance Department as a Student Records Management Specialist. She was very thankful for the special friendships that were developed while working in the school district and held them close to her heart. At the time of her illness, Jackie was working part time at Bridger Natural Medicine Clinic and Spectrum Medical. Jackie loved music, reading, animals, quilting, gardening, and taking pictures of her family (her pride and joy). Her favorite flowers were daisies. She loved going out for Mexican food. Jackie's passion to love, encourage, and give to others was never ending. She was gracious and caring. She had a remarkable way of putting others needs ahead of her own and was quick to help those in need. Anyone who was blessed to have known Jackie describe her as sweet and gentle in spirit. Her infectious smile, and laughter, left no question about the love she had for life and others. Her 6 grandchildren were born between 1988 and 2008, and they were the shining stars of her life; she just loved being "Nana" and, among other treats, taking her grandchildren to the movies.

Jackie was dedicated to the Lord, and carried out her life accordingly. She was a member of Journey Church. She thoroughly enjoyed greeting on Sunday mornings, and was involved in a number of ministries. She turned to God, and submitted to His will throughout her life, especially during her time of illness. During her most difficult days, she never faltered or questioned, but surrendered to her Lord and Savior. Jackie was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Lucille Hudson, and her beloved Uncle Richard and Aunt Betty Batze.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Jeff Petix of Bozeman; son, Dan (Angie) Buckley of Bozeman; daughter, Calette (Terrence) Droge of Manhattan; sister, Jeryl Chandler of Hawaii; and, her six grandchildren, Klarisa, Culley, Keavon, and Hailey Buckley, and Wyatt and Savannah Droge.

Memorial Services will be held at 4:30 p.m., on Friday, September 18, 2009, at Grace Bible Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the "Journey Church: Light It Up Campaign", c/o Journey Church, P.O. Box 10931, Bozeman, MT 59719. (Please reference in memory of "Jackie" on your contribution).