

IN MEMORIAM

BEVERLY JEANNE “BJ” EARLE July 16, 1947 ~ March 12, 2019



Beverly Jeanne “BJ” Earle, of Livingston, Montana, passed away suddenly during a heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, at the Billings Clinic Hospital.

Born July 16th, 1947 in Eugene, Oregon to Eugene Earle and Mary (Crane) Earle, BJ grew up in Oregon, Ohio, and Baltimore. Her father was a civil engineer and the family traveled wherever work took them, eventually that travel was around the world.

BJ attended Dulaney High School in Timonium, Maryland, graduating in the class of 1965. Following graduation, she attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and majored in Archeology. During college summers, BJ worked in Yellowstone National Park and developed a lifelong love of the park.

After her graduation from BYU, BJ joined the Bureau of Land Management and served in Dillon and Miles City, MT, and Buffalo, WY. Her work included surveying and recording prehistoric and historic sites and complexes, especially in hard rock mining areas. She worked on the bureau’s coal leasing program, and from 1986-2010 lived and worked in Buffalo, Wyoming in the Hole-in-the-Wall (Johnson County War) area. She provided input for oil and gas development, and coal, sand, and gravel sales. She loved the work and was hoping to finish her career with the Park Service but health issues precluded that dream’s fruition.

BJ was an incredibly talented artist and, following retirement, she was drawn to Livingston by the town’s vibrant art scene. She joined Toastmasters, drew from the model with a group of like-minded artists on Wednesday nights, and in 2018, participated in “Plein Aire on the Yellowstone” through the Living-

ston Center for Art and Culture. She maintained her professional interests by participating in local historic and archeological society meetings. She was a member of the Museum of the Rockies. It was her pleasure to volunteer for Livingston’s Yellowstone’s Gateway Museum.

In the last four years, she was able to renew her old love of Egyptian archeology by studying hieroglyphics and traveling to Egypt where her mother worked for the American International School of Cairo in the 1980s. She was deeply interested in new developments at the classic sites in Cairo, Luxor, and the Valley of the Kings. In early 2018, she travelled to Europe to visit Egyptian collections at Berlin’s Pergamon Museum, the Louvre in Paris, and the British Museum.

BJ is survived by her sister, Susan Vera Earle of Baltimore, MD; her brother, William Michael Earle, and sister-in-law, Susan Leonard Earle, of Beaver, PA; a half-sister, Monique Toussaint of Malmedy, Belgium; three half-brothers, Eugene Earle Jr., Edward Earle, Ernest Earle, all of the Philippines; four nephews, Jason, Jonathan, Benjamin, and Brian Earle; cousins, Howard Hoy of Altoona IA, Jacqueline Hoy of Humboldt NB, and Robin Latham of Boise IA.

Memorials are preferred in BJ’s memory to the Yellowstone Gateway Museum, 118 West Chinook Street, Livingston, MT 59047.

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