



Earla Phebus

July 15, 1941 - March 26, 2024

Earla was a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. She passed away at the age of 82 after a long, brave battle with Alzheimer's.

Earla was born in Cutbank, Montana on July 15, 1941 to Jim and Jeanne Laudermilk. In 1943 Earla was thrilled with the addition of her sister Patti. The family moved to Edmonton Alberta Canada in 1949 where Earla attended grades 1-12. After graduating high school, she attended Montana State University in Missoula, Montana. Earla graduated college with a degree in Political Science.

Earla married in 1962 and had two daughters, Tricia and Terri. The family relocated to Fresno CA where Earla resided for the rest of her life.

After Earla's divorce, she won the husband lottery while looking for a new car and met Jim Phebus. They married in 1971 and were together for 52 years. Jim was so happy to have his new family, he adopted the girls. In 1980 they were blessed with their son Darren.

Earla started her career working for Fresno County as a Social Worker. After several fulfilling years, Earla took time to focus on raising her children.

In 1982, Earla went to work as a paralegal. She found her vocation and loved

the law so much she took on the challenge of going to law school, while working and being a mom.

Earla graduated from law school and passed the bar exam. Thus began her 25-year career as a lawyer, a job she loved.

Earla retired in 2010 and looked forward to spending time with family.

Jim and Earla enjoyed making the trip to Table Mountain and gambling. Jim was a tireless caregiver to Earla for the last 10 years.

Earla is survived by her husband Jim, sister Patti, children Tricia (Jon), Terri (Eddie), and Darren. Grandchildren, Tyler (Vanessa), Katelyn, Alexander, and Dylan (Stephanie).

We are grateful for her well-lived life and that we were a long for the journey!