



## Christine Ann Cooley

July 4, 1954 - April 24, 2019

Christine Cooley, 64, passed away peacefully at home on April 24, 2019 after a courageous 12 year battle with Breast Cancer.

Christine was born in Schenectady, New York - the first child of William and Ann Cooley. She graduated from Carondelet High School in 1972 and continued with her education at San Diego State University, where she received a Bachelors Degree in 1977. Christine moved to Benicia, California in 1994 and she retired from United Parcel Service in 2007.

Christine loved Benicia and became very involved with the Benicia Fire Department as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT. She also volunteered for many years as a Docent and then the Curator of the Benicia Fire Museum. She drove the Antique Fire Truck in the annual 4th of July parade and on Christmas caroling city tours.

She loved all sports, both participating and spectating. She loved to travel the world and was an avid scuba diver. She also enjoyed snow skiing, swimming, softball and golf. Christine adored her pets; Little Bit, Chloe, Jake and Cole who were constantly by her side. They have all found new homes.

Christine is survived by her siblings, William Cooley and his wife Melody,

Catherine Cooley and her husband Kevin Garrett and Robert Cooley and his wife Tracey, as well as her nieces and nephews whom she so adored; Jim Cooley and his wife Manon, Katie Berger and her husband Evan, Brandon Cooley and Megan Cooley. She is also survived by four great nieces and nephews. She was blessed with many faithful friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 8th at 1:00 pm at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia. Immediately following will be a Celebration of Life at the Benicia Fire Museum. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Breast Cancer Society.

"Don't cry because it is over, Smile because it happened."

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christine Ann Cooley*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Ann Cooley.*



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June 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Ann Cooley.*



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“ I met Christine when I joined the Benicia Fire Department in 2010. She was a leader among the volunteer firefighters division, and I was the new comer to the city of Benicia and to the Fire Department. During my employment with the city we had several opportunities to discuss fire operations, emergency medicine, volunteer involvement, and local fire history. Christine's knowledge was broad and deep. Her commitment to helping others was second to none. I will always remember the time we spent together on the scene of emergencies. Staffing the first aid station for community events. The Christmas Parades. Performing safety standby at the annual fireworks show. The passion she had for the fire museum and the fleet of antique fire vehicles. I also had the opportunity to talk to her about family, travel, life. Christine had the unique traits of being tough, professional, passionate, big hearted, and supportive of others. What an amazing life she lived. Christine will be missed by this community.

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**Nicolas Thomas** - June 03, 2019 at 11:54 PM



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**Coletta Hill** - May 24, 2019 at 03:56 PM