



## Melissa Louise Peters

December 20, 1962 - November 28, 2023

On the crisp cool morning of November 28, 2023, Melissa Louise Peters (nee King) died peacefully at home, at the age of 60, after a fierce three-year battle with liver duct cancer. She leaves behind her loving husband of thirty-three years, Bruce; her three children, Benjamin Peters (Jennah Healey), Holly Lewis (Justin Lewis), and Kyle Peters (Jessica Guerin); her cousin Hilary Jackson; her brother, Michael MoGrail; her sister, Bridget Smith; and her mother, Sheila MoGrail-King.

Melissa was a great lover of people and animals. A veterinary technician, she created and operated Miss Kitty's Inn, a cat boarding establishment in Vacaville, for eighteen years. Her house teemed with cats and dogs, her beautiful and bountiful garden with chickens, goats, rabbits, and her beloved horses. She was an excellent horsewoman, from her days of grooming and stabling them to her years of dressage and jumping competitions to her riding them for pleasure around her arena and the neighboring hills.

A force of nature herself, Melissa was strong, determined, direct, funny, thoughtful, sweet, and always there for her family and for her many friends. She made friends easily. And, wherever you went with her, she seemed to know half the people there, who were always happy to see her, greeted her warmly, and took the time to chat and to catch up. She was quick to laugh, always willing to help anyone in need, and always willing to dispense her wise opinions and knowledge.

But Melissa's main focus was always her family. Bruce and their three children

formed the heart of her life.

Their happiness and success were paramount to her. Her home beat with the heart of her love for them and with their love for her.

A celebration of Melissa's life will take place in the spring, when the world warms and blossoms anew but will never quite be the same. For she will always be missed.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Solano County Animal Shelter in Melissa's name.