

Lorraine May Rafferty

December 6, 1961-September 7, 2017



Lorraine May (aka Mae) Rafferty, age 55, of Selma, Oregon, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2017. She was laid to rest with a private gathering in the Deer Creek Cemetery in Selma on September 9th.

She was born to Mildred Lucile and Eugene Samuel Healy in Caldwell, Idaho on December 6, 1961. She graduated from Caldwell Senior High, NW Nazarene College Nampa, and earned a bookkeeping and accounting diploma from McGraw Hill. While in Idaho, she worked at the Idaho Statesman as a paper delivery person. She also worked at Ferry Morse Seed Company. Later she left her job in Caldwell and moved to Medford, Oregon, to start her new life in a housecleaning and woodworking business. For a while she lived in Grants Pass, Oregon, later settling in Selma, Oregon.

In 1992, she married James Edward Rafferty. They were married 24 years. Lorraine was a loving and caring wife. She was a good seamstress, making her own wedding dress and many other things. Together they owned Hardwoods Plus Company.

As a weekend surveyor, she drafted her own plans for a future business building in Selma. She built a greenhouse of her own design. In their home, she installed hardwood flooring, built and installed her kitchen cabinets, installed tile, built a rock wall behind the woodstove, and numerous other wood projects.

Lorraine had high principles and a sense of urgency that sometimes got in the way of other tasks, but she was faithful to GOD, the United States Constitution, and was a steadfast patriot. She lived by the United States Constitution and supported those who did: Ron Paul, Aaron Auer, and others.

She was a courageous Patriot and model citizen, becoming a Republican PCP to support Ron Paul's 2012 bid for the Republican big for U.S. President, and later in 2014, was one of six candidates for the Republican Oregon Governor. Lorraine finished fourth, being a strong Right to Life, 2nd Amendment and Property Rights advocate.

In 2007, when Jim had a forklift accident, Lorraine took over the daily running of Hardwoods Plus and also took care of Jim's injuries for one and half years. During that period, they did not have a social life, they had each other.

When the Apple Rogue Times newspaper started in 2012, Lorraine became active as a director and newspaper reporter.

Lorraine enjoyed woodworking, surveying, sewing, organic gardening, music and hiking.

She is survived by her husband, James "Jim" Rafferty of Selma; older brothers, Dennis and Rodger Healy; older sister, Karen Loader; numerous nieces and nephews living in Idaho; her cousin, Linda of Eagle Point, Oregon; and many more.

A public memorial service and potluck is planned by her family and friends for Saturday, October 14, 2017, at the Selma Grange Hall and Deer Creek Cemetery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Service will be held around noon.



Lorraine requested in lieu of flowers, please send donations to:
Foundation of Human Understanding, P.O. Box 1000, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.