



Katrina Sue Cummings

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Tina Cummings passed away peacefully on Sunday May 1st with family and friends at her side. A loving and devoted mother and wife, Tina is survived by her husband Dale Cummings, daughter Crystal, son Jon , and step-children Conner and Cassie (Alfonso) and grand children Sebastian and Arianni. Tina was one of six children born in Madrid Spain to Frank and Joan Manchak. She is also survived by her siblings; Susan, Frank (Gloria), Michael (Catherine), Marie, and Peter; as well as her in-laws Richard and Karen Cummings, Ed and Paula Nelson, and David and Mary Cummings. After growing up in Singapore and Malaysia, the family moved to Santa Barbara where Tina's love of animals began. As a teenager, Tina volunteered at the Santa Barbara Humane Society where she cared and fostered many animals and made some a part of her life. Upon dedicating herself to a career as a registered nurse, Tina attended the nursing program at Santa Barbara City College despite a busy schedule managing her family. Through persistence, she earned her degree and became a Registered Nurse starting at Sansum Medical Clinic in the Oncology and Cardiology Departments. She then worked at the Santa Barbara Rehabilitation Institute, Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara as an ER nurse, and then at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center in San Luis Obispo for the last 12 years.

She was known for her loving support of her family, patients and co-workers, helping to save many lives over the years. A resident of Santa Barbara and Paso Robles, Tina is known throughout the region as a compassionate, dedicated, and skillful Registered Nurse. Considered by all as the go-to person for advice, she was a great listener to anyone who needed help, and provided support to those she didn't even know. She was always available to her family and helped with the care of her aging parents. Tina was an amazing wife and mother who actively and wholeheartedly participated in her family's lives. She was a guiding force with great pride of her children, who gave her tremendous joy. Her son Jon's wisdom, maturity and career in the medical field made her immensely happy. As a passionate horse enthusiast, Tina took great pleasure in her daughter Crystal's exceptional talent in horse competitions (which quickly became TINA'S DREAM),

and both shared a love of animals. Her concern for all her children and step-children was always present. With her beloved husband and soulmate Dale, they were married in Pismo Beach on October 2000. They shared a true commitment to their family, their work, their horse community, and to each other. Tina has left many family and friends who loved and cared for her. She is loved and will never be forgotten. A celebration of life will be held on May 28. Letters of sympathy can be sent to The Cummings Family at P.O. Box 1502, Goleta, CA 93116. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made for the "Benefit of Crystal Cummings" at Rabobank.