



Roberta "Bobbie" Andrs

May 23, 1952 - September 1, 2022

If one has courage, nothing can dim the light within – Maya Angelou
Courage is born from faith, without fear, with that alone, you can conquer your challenge.

On September 1, 2022, our dear wife, mother and beloved Nana, Bobbie Andrs, lost her courageous fight with leukemia. For nearly two years, she endured countless doctor's appointments, needle sticks, pills, and side effects from her battle, with grace and dignity. During this time, she was able to deeply connect with family and friends, sharing her vulnerability and fears. She inspired others to continue through the hard times through her own tenacity and grit. Bobbie was a fighter and giving up the fight was not easy, as she had much to live for.

Roberta Louise Andrs was born May 23, 1952 in East Liverpool, Ohio – the first child of Gloria and Robert Bouman. As a young child, they moved to San Clemente, California, where later her sister, Becky, and brother, Fred, were born.

It is in San Clemente where she found her love of the sun, sand, and water. And going to the beach with friends was her most favorite past time. A graduate of San Clemente High School, she met and fell in love with her lifelong soulmate – Rick – at the young age of 15. Their love is the greatest of love stories and from the moment they met they were forever connected. They married on June 16, 1973 and recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Bobbie continued her education at Saddleback Junior College and later at San Diego State University. She pursued education and her teaching credential while meeting lifelong friends and colleagues.

In 1984, Bobbie and Rick, along with their two kids, Jennifer and Jeffrey, moved from sunny Southern California to Truckee in the Sierra Nevada mountains of Northern California. For 38 years, they have been residents of Truckee and can be considered true locals. After moving to Truckee, Bobbie soon got a job teaching third grade at Truckee Elementary School where countless students passed through her classroom for over 30 years. She loved teaching and her legacy lives on in the children, many now adults, who she taught in her classroom. She is responsible for many of Truckee's best and brightest.

Her summers were spent at the lake—toes in the sand and soaking in the mountain air. She loved the small-town life—Fourth of July parades, pancake breakfasts, Music in the Park. She loved to kayak with her friends on Donner Lake, go for long walks and read. She once challenged herself to read a book a week and ended the year with 62 books completed—far more than her original goal.

When not at the beach or the lake, her greatest passion was spending time with her four granddaughters – Macy, Maya, Carmen and Ellie. They made great memories together – beach days, boat days, shopping, and reading. The annual summer Huntington Beach and Disneyland trip became a highlight for the girls.

In retirement, she and Rick traveled the U.S., discovering towns and locations they had never been before like Nashville, Atlanta, Alaska, Seattle, and Washington D.C.

We hope Bobbie will be remembered for her deep love of family and friends, and for her fighting spirit. We would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Tahoe Forest Cancer Center and UC Davis Cancer Center for their excellent care and treatment – especially Dr. Semrad, Dr. Ritchie, Dr. Hoag and Dr. Jonas. And thank you to the nurses at Tahoe Forest for helping Bobbie find

comfort and peace in her final days.

We are humbled by the outpouring of community support that our family has received. The Truckee Tribe is real. We are so incredibly thankful for all the food deliveries, car rides, and countless acts of kindness that this community has so generously provided for our family. Bobbie read and kept every card or note which was sent to her, and the support of family and friends made all the difference in her fight of this terrible disease.

Bobbie is survived by her husband of 49 years, Rick, daughter Jennifer, son Jeffrey (Katie), granddaughters Macy Louise (14), Maya Jane (10), Carmen Leigh (7) and Elena Josephine (5). She is also survived by her sister Rebecca, brother Fred along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life and reception will be held at the Donner Lake Pavilion from 12pm-4pm on Saturday, September 17. Truckee Casual. Flip flops and shorts are welcomed. During the ceremony, we will host a traditional Hawaiian paddle out ceremony. If you would like to participate, please bring your paddleboard or kayak.

Bobbie's legacy is that of service to the children in the Truckee Community. In lieu of flowers, we have set up the Bobbie Andrs Memorial Community Education Fund. Funds donated will be used to help fund a future project at Truckee Elementary. Donations can be sent to Plumas Bank – 11638 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA 96161. Alternatively, we would encourage a donation to the Gene Upshaw Memorial Cancer Center at Tahoe Forest Hospital.

Courage is not the having the strength to go on, but going on when you don't have the strength. -Theodore Roosevelt

Nana, you taught us to have the courage to go on even when we don't have the strength. We love and miss you. Your spirit will always be with us.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 17. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Donner Lake Pavilion
Truckee, CA 96161

Tribute Wall



“ Love, Your Dr Pepper Team! purchased the Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Andrs.



Love, Your Dr Pepper Team! - September 22, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ I'm a fellow Triton with great memories of sitting on the lawn in the Senior Quad eating lunch with Bobbie and Itchy. She was always smiling! May her memory be a blessing

Monica Hutchens Tipton - September 07, 2022 at 11:14 PM



Bobbie...
You will be in my heart forever ❤️! My unfailing Faith in God brought words to my prayers to give you comfort and peace during your fight against this horrible disease! Your positive attitude and love kept you going for so long. The battle is won. You are free at last. God bless you beautiful! 🙏🕊️💜

Sharon Ellison - September 08, 2022 at 11:41 AM



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Truckee-Tahoe Mortuary & Crematory - September 07, 2022 at 06:47 PM