



BAMBI SPARKS CARROLL

November 27, 1951 - September 18, 2016

Bambi Carroll returned to the infinite on September 18, 2016. She was 64 years old. She passed peacefully with loved ones by her side. She was born November 27, 1951 in Marysville, to Thomas and Marion Sparks. She earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and her teaching credential from California State University, Sacramento. She had a special gift for teaching children and enjoyed more than 30 years of dedicated service to her profession in the San Juan Unified and Grass Valley School Districts. A natural and gifted musician, Bambi adored her 25 years of leading summer music camps at Camp Winthers and Donner Mine Music Camp. She loved hiking and camping in the Sierra Nevada, spending time at her family's cabin in Bear Valley, singing, playing trumpet, making music with friends and family, cooking, laughing, and her time spent with family. She joins her parents Thomas and Marion Sparks, sister Elizabeth Highley, brother Mickey Sparks, nephew Erik Sparks, and son Tyler Kinseth in the afterlife. Bambi is survived by her sister Dorothy Van Vleet, brother-in-law Carl Van Vleet, and their daughters Hannah Van Vleet and Seriah Highley; brother Thomas Sparks; sister-in-law Jody Sparks; niece Amy Gigi Alexander; niece Jenny Sparks and her sons Matt Sparks and Ben Sneed; sons Jesse and Jamie Kinseth; daughter-in-law Sadie Kinseth; grandson Tyler Kinseth; and ex-husband Bruce Kinseth. Recently, she especially loved her time with immediate family and friends, and spent most days being a loving, silly, and spectacular grandma to her beloved grandson, Tyler.