



JT Adams (1947 – 2019)

Joyce (JT) Marie Adams (Westrum) died peacefully in her sleep at 0200 hours, May 19, 2019 with Greg by her side in their home in Port Orchard, WA, following a lengthy battle with Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) with Parkinsonism. She was born on September 28, 1947 in Bremerton, Washington to her parents Mel and Flora Westrum of Purdy WA. She lived her early years there, graduating from Peninsula High School in 1965 and obtained her Master's degree in Psychology (Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling emphasis) from Chapman University in 1999. She loved her work as a mental health professional with Catholic Community Services and other social organizations. Besides the time she has spent in Washington she has also lived in Wasilla, Alaska and San Diego, California. During her time in San Diego, she and her husband, Greg, taught and eventually owned the Backster School of Lie Detection. Joyce was trained and mentored directly by the polygraph Grandmaster, Cleve Backster as an examiner, instructor and School Registrar. She and Greg taught polygraph courses all over the United States and world. She and Greg recently retired, sold the School and returned to Washington State so she could be close to her family. She is survived by her husband Greg Adams, her daughter and son-in-law Kristen and Nate Kirby, her brother and sister-in-law Frank Westrum and Jude Van Buren, a nephew, Ben Westrum of Portland, an Aunt, Helen Westrum of Cheney, and several cousins in Washington, Nevada, North Dakota and Wisconsin. A memorial service will be held in the Chapel at Chapel Hill United Presbyterian Church in Gig Harbor, Washington next month in the original Chapel she was first married in. JT was one of the few remaining original Charter Members of Chapel Hill. For more information please contact Greg at: gca1265@me.com.