



## Kay A. Shafer

June 22, 1946 - March 6, 2021

Kay A Shafer passed away on March 6, 2021 at the age of 74 in her home of Redmond, Oregon. She fought and stayed strong till the end even though she battled with medical issues.

Kay A. Shafer was born June 22, 1946 in LaGrande, Oregon, to Carl and Nadine.

Kay grew up in LaGrande before relocating to Newport, Oregon. Where she worked as a cook and kitchen manager at the Original Mo's for 20 plus years. Kay then relocated to her final place of residence, Redmond, Oregon. It was there that she found her true passion, working for the U.S. forest service at the Redmond Fire Cache as Lead for 25 years.

Kays joys in life were her family, always putting them first, they meant the world to her and she would do anything for them. She loved to go fishing and camping. Her favorite places to go were Walton lake and Big Creek reservoir. She loved Decorating for Christmas, having the best Christmas display in her neighborhood. She also enjoyed collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia, .rock hunting, and photography.

Kay was survived by her companion, Arthur (Lyle) Abbas; four children, Annetta Bracken, Natalie Newport, Carl Shafer, and Sherri Steenkolk; nine

grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Nadine Nelson; sisters, Deanna Agan Downey and Elaine Jones; uncle, Robert (Bob) Cook; grandson, Todd Teske; and companion, Robert Hawthorne.

Celebration of life to come at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I worked with Kay for 11 fire seasons. Not always easy but alot of fun. She was an inspiration to alot of people. Prayers for her family!

**Diane Stewart** - March 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Gosh dang it Kay. I hate this part of life. Unfortunately it does take place. The more I worked with you the more I got to know you. We all get grouchy with one another during a heat wave fire season but in the end we are always hugging goodbye as the season ends. I bet you and Dave are having a blast pain free from all you've gone through. I'll be missing you Kay-bird. RIP

**Jenny Jackson** - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oh Kay, you were my sunshine. I used to tell her that so she would smile, and she did every time I said it. I was actually kinda afraid of her (yes she knew) when I first went to work at the cache, but I grew on her. To say that I'll miss her is an understatement. Love you Kay, may you Rest In Peace. ❤️🙏❤️

**Tammy Bender** - March 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Kay for 15 years at th Fire Cache. She was my friend and mentor (even when she was grouchy lol). I loved her, and will miss her dearly. My condolences to the family. Kay was a kind and wonderful woman.

**Denni Walker** - March 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM