

# Mary-Anna Hops

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Mary-Anna Hops, beloved wife, most loving and loyal friend, extreme animal lover, avid reader, fabulous cook, lover of art and road trips, great smokin' buddy, and mermaid spirit, died February 13, 2013 of complications during a medical procedure.

Daughter of Benjamin and Betty Hops, she was born July 7, 1952 in New York. She spent her childhood in southern California and her young adult years in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1986, she moved to Seattle where she was a well known and loved travel agent on Capitol Hill. Since 1995 she has made her home in Dockton, Maury Island with her life partner of 23 years, Judy Pells.

October 26, 2008 was one of the happiest days of her life when she legally married her partner of 19 years surrounded by dear friends and family at the home of her friend Ken Schirado in Oakland, CA.

Time spent with Judy, her many dear friends, at the ocean with her dogs, (most recently with her lab Sadie), her pets at home, reading, and eating delicious food brought her the most joy. She proudly claimed the titles of Food Snob

and Crazy Old Cat Lady.

In her work over the years, providing excellent customer service was always her desire and accomplishment, including most recently at Fair Isle Animal Clinic. She had a special gift of making each contact a sincere and supportive one.

She is preceded in death by her most cherished mother, Betty Hops.

Survivors include her wife, Judy, her father, Benjamin Hops, her brother Jerry Hops, and her beloved current cats MeMe, Gracie, Arlo, Tolliver, and Tulio. She leaves behind a world full of friends who feel blessed to have been a part of her extended family, always surrounded by her light, love, and support.

Thank you Mary-Anna, for being here for us always. You are held near and dear in our hearts as we picture you smiling as you swim endlessly in warm calm waters with dolphins and whales. We love you Mary-Anna Mermaid Hops.

The Snapdragon Café is hosting a memorial gathering on Sunday, March 10, at 5pm. A celebration of her life will be held at her home in Dockton later this year on July 7, her birthday.

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