

Christine "Kris" Reeder, 59

Christine "Kris" Reeder, 59, died in Dec. 24, 2008, at her home in Libby Mont.

She was born Oct. 26, 1949, in San Gabriel, Calif. Her family moved to Palmdale, Calif., in 1954 where she began grade school. In her senior year at Palmdale High School she was a student worker for Judge Wright in the Lancaster Court House.

She graduated from California Lutheran College in Encino, Calif. She taught grade school for several years, earning the distinction of teaching her second-graders fractions.

Missing family, she moved to Nevada City, Calif., and purchased a home. While there she worked for Grass Valley Group in electronics. To further her career, she attended college at night studying electrical engineering.

She eventually purchased a home in Lake Tahoe. Her two best friends of 25 years, Jan McHugh and Chris Donaldson moved in with her and shared the work.

Kris worked for Sierra Design Labs. She made the quick frames that made the Shrek and The Toy movies, among others. She soon became



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manufacturing manager.

Later her health was failing and she traveled to Sausalito, Calif., to see a specialist. She was advised to quit work. She decided to sell her home and recuperate in Mexico where she consulted with doctors and worked toward better health. Jan went with her, staying in Sayulita, the moun-

tains and the hot springs in San Miguel de Allande.

After much searching, Kris purchased a beautiful 10-acre parcel in Libby where she and Jan remodeled the home that Kris lived in for over 10 years. She worked as a general manager for Libby Tool for over four years before retiring.

Kris enjoyed Palmdale High School reunions and kept in touch via email, having known most of her friends since first grade. She was a talented musician, playing the guitar and piano. She wrote lyrics and music to 47 songs, author of two novels, and an excellent artist with stained glass, etched glass, wood carving and woodwork. She excelled at everything she did.

She is survived by her parents, Connie and Erv Reeder of Libby; aunts Lilian O'Banion, Pat Litchfield, Marge Hammer, Donna Hammer and Ethola Porch; uncle Randolph Hammer and many beloved cousins. She will be greatly missed by all of those who knew and loved her for the vibrant and loving person that she was.

It was her wish that there be no funeral service. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.