



## Afton Reynolds Richards

November 26, 1985 - April 11, 2024

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Afton Reynolds Richards on Thursday, April 11, 2024, after a long battle with cancer.

Born November 26, 1985, to Layne and Elaine Reynolds in St. Anthony, Idaho, Afton grew up on the family farm in Echo, Oregon. She attended high school at Ephrata High, where she loved pole vaulting with the track and field team and graduated in 2004. Afton competed in track and field at Spokane Falls and Eastern Washington Univ while pursuing studies in Art and Secondary Education. It was there that she met the love of her life, James Richards. They were married in Spokane, Washington November 18th, 2006. Following James in his engineering career, they lived in Tacoma, WA, Hawaii, Orting, WA, Stevensville, MT, and Ephrata, WA. Afton loved being a wife, mother, friend, chef, home educator and artist. She was a garage sale-bargain-finding- extraordinaire, creator of fun, seamstress, and friend to all. She inspired hope in many when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017. She spent 7 years courageously fighting cancer of different forms, so that she could do the thing she loved the most which was be with her children.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, James Richards, and sweet children Riley (15), Elijah (13), Lincoln (11), and Emma(8). She is also survived by her parents, Layne and Elaine Reynolds, and siblings James (Teri), Brian (Aliza), and Paula (Jeff Cobb).

Afton will be remembered for her friendship, service, and loving heart.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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