



## Diann Kay Bridenstine

September 6, 1948 - October 30, 2021

73-year-old Yreka resident, Diann Kay Bridenstine, passed away suddenly due to complications of Lupus on October 30, 2021 at her home with her loving husband, Lloyd Bridenstine, at her side. She was a Northern California resident for 40 years with most of those years in Siskiyou County.

Diann Kay (Blotz) Bridenstine was born in Norfolk, Nebraska on September 6, 1948 to John "Jack" Robert Blotz and Betty Ann (Hokamp) Blotz. Betty and Jack moved to Willow Creek, California in 1955 with their two young daughters, Diann and Deborah "Debbie" (Blotz) Knuttila. Diann married her lifelong partner Lloyd in 1964 in Reno, Nevada. After separating for many years, they rediscovered each other, to the delight of their six children. Diann and Lloyd remarried in Kodiak, Alaska on May 29, 2006 in a unique ceremony where her own father conducted the marriage ceremony. Diann and Lloyd spent their early years in the Happy Camp area and relocated to Ketchikan, Alaska with their three young children Robert, Steve, and Wendy. The family later returned to Happy Camp in 1979 with three more children: Neil, Shaun, and Shannon. Diann has remained in Siskiyou County ever since.

Along with being the matriarch of a large family, Diann had a variety of jobs such as a bartender, green chain puller, hardware store worker and many more professions where she always found new friends. When Diann wasn't working or devoting time to her family, she enjoyed living life to the fullest by

having good times with all her friends and family. Diann was known for her infectious laughter and happy personality that was loved by all.

Diann was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; sister, Debbie Knuttila of Ferndale, NV; son, Robert Bridenstine of Chester, MD; sons, Steve Bridenstine and Neil Bridenstine of Yreka; son, Shaun Kitka of Sacramento; daughters, Wendy Bridenstine and Shannon Kitka of Kodiak, AK; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.