



Donna Marie Alford

March 20, 1961 - October 16, 2011

Donna Marie Alford, 50, of Greenview passed peacefully at her home on Oct. 16, 2011 surrounded by her family after an intense four-year battle with cancer.

Donna was born on March 20, 1961 in San Francisco to Jack and Bertha (Bee) Tarrant. She grew up in Pacifica, Calif. She attended and graduated from Terra Nova High School. She moved to Scott Valley in 1985, where she met and married Gary Alford on June 17, 1995 and they raised their two daughters Leslie Alford and Amanda Slay as well as two sons Gary Alford Jr. and Travis Alford. She also worked at PremierWest Bank in Greenview for four years.

Donna was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to many. She loved to spend time with her very large family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling and camping. Donna had very many wonderful qualities; she was very courageous, gentle, strong-willed, loving and inspiring. She touched the lives of many and will be missed very much.

She is survived by her mother, Bertha Tarrant; her husband, Gary Alford; her children, Leslie Alford, Amanda (Mark) Slay, Gary (Samantha) Alford Jr., and Travis Alford and his girlfriend, Holly Howerton; her grandchildren, Julia, Ava and Dylan Alford, Josh Slay, Jennifer (Joe) Rennock, and Kierra and Kailyn Alford; and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Robert (Holly) Tarrant, her sisters, Georgia (Richard) Tull and Pam (Gary)

Howard, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Jack Tarrant.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 at the Fort Jones Cemetery, followed by a reception celebrating her life at the Fort Jones Community Hall. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.