



Camy Dee Popiel

November 19, 1963 - August 2, 2018

Camy Dee Popiel, 54, of Post Falls, ID passed away peacefully at her home on August 2nd, 2018. Funeral services will be held on August 18, 2018 at 1pm at the English Funeral Chapel in Post Falls, ID. English Funeral Chapel in Post Falls has been entrusted with the arrangements. Per Camy's request, no suits or ties required (casual dress).

Camy was born on November 19, 1963 in Glendive, Montana. She was raised in Glendive and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1982. Camy moved to the Coeur d' Alene, Idaho area in 1992 where she worked 25 years as an insurance agent for Horace Mann. Camy won numerous awards for her outstanding work as an agent but will be remembered mostly for the dedication and care she provided to her clients, many of whom she considered her closest friends.

Camy's legacy lives on through the Learning with Lucky program which she co-founded in 2005 and earned her the "Friend of Education" award for multiple years. Learning with Lucky is an incentive based system that motivates first grade students to earn privileges and rewards while working alongside their "reading buddies." Each student receives a black or yellow stuffed Labrador "reading buddy" along with a book log. The students spend time with their reading buddy each day in the classroom and work together as a "team" on a variety of projects designed to encourage reading. This program has touched the lives of over 30,000 students across Idaho, Washington and Montana. To learn more about Learning with Lucky please go to www.learning

withlucky.net.

One of Camy's many passions was collecting and selling all-things vintage, especially Pyrex, where she was known as the Pyrex Queen in many circles. Whether family or friend, to meet Camy was to never forget her. Her enthusiasm for life, high energy and direct approach exemplified her uniqueness and she will be missed dearly by all those who were a part of her life.

Camy is survived by the love of her life John Proen of Spokane, WA, her mother Carolyn Toepke of Missoula, Montana, her brothers Cary (Elaine) Toepke and Lindsay (Jennifer) Toepke of Fort Collins, Colorado and Missoula, Montana, her sister Heide Toepke of Olympia, Washington, her dogs Memphis and Midas, numerous nieces, a nephew, family and friends who will all miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, Camy has requested that donations be made to the Learning with Lucky program she co-founded. This can be achieved by going to www.gofundme.com/learning-with-lucky or by sending checks to the Idaho Community Foundation on behalf of the Learning with Lucky by Camy Fund, 210 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702, (208) 342-3535.

Tribute Wall



“ *Camy Dee Popiel*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *A free spirit and a joy to know. She will always be fondly remembered.*



Teresa Hathaway - August 21, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Dale & Alisa Boehning lit a candle in memory of Camy Dee Popiel*



Dale & Alisa Boehning - August 10, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *I always appreciated Camy for the genuine person she was and the zeal she had for life and friends! She was a business college that made any routine meeting a lot more fun! Always appreciated her direct and can do attitude and for her sincerity as someone to confide in. You will be greatly missed Camy, rest in peace my friend!*

Thad Miller - August 07, 2018 at 05:01 PM

KO

“ Karen Oglesby lit a candle in memory of Camy Dee Popiel



Karen Oglesby - August 07, 2018 at 09:45 AM

RL

“ I was fortunate to have Camy as a friend and business associate. She embodied all that was Horace Mann. She loved serving her teachers, schools and students. Her energy and creative spirit will be missed. Rest well my friend. Ron Larson.

Ron Larson - August 07, 2018 at 07:07 AM

AG

“ Rest in Peace Camy



Arlene Gieser - August 07, 2018 at 04:58 AM

BT

“ It was a pleasure to have known and worked with Camy!

Brenda Truelove - August 06, 2018 at 05:17 PM

JC

“ Sorry for your loss.. I was fortunate to meet Camy at Horace Mann meetings and she was an unforgettable person! Full of life, energy, and marketing ideas! She will be missed.

Juan Cruz

Juan Cruz - August 06, 2018 at 04:22 PM

FC

“ Camy came and spoke to CA agents regarding how to work with community businesses with regards to obtaining access to our schools. Great ideas & she was a great agent. She will be missed.

Frank Clabough - August 06, 2018 at 04:20 PM

GS

“ Gayle Sharbono lit a candle in memory of Camy Dee Popiel



Gayle Sharbono - August 06, 2018 at 03:41 PM

TL

“ Traci Weinberger Lundy lit a candle in memory of Camy Dee Popiel



Traci Weinberger Lundy - August 04, 2018 at 11:15 PM

BT

“ *Becky Tipton sent a virtual gift in memory of Camy Dee Popiel*



Becky Tipton - August 04, 2018 at 09:23 AM

BT

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Camy's passing I'll always remember her smile from when she worked at Western Oil Well Services as the Secretary! She was an inspressasion to everyone that came through the doors,
RIP Camy
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton*

Becky Tipton - August 04, 2018 at 09:22 AM

BT

“ *A lifelong friend who will be greatly missed. What a blessing Camy has been to me and to whom all she touched throughout her life. May you all find comfort and peace during this difficult time knowing she is at peace and free from pain! Numbers 6:24-27 "The Lord bless you and keep you....the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

Betty Buck Thornton

Betty Buck Thornton - August 04, 2018 at 08:23 AM

TL

“ *Some of my fondest memories of Cammy are from our senior year at DCHS. Camy had the best smile and laugh! She was equally confident and talented whether she was in her cheer outfit or her basketball gear! She had so many friends that loved her and she will be dearly missed. RIP Camy.*

Traci Weinberger Lundy - August 03, 2018 at 10:50 PM