



Tracy Loraine Armstrong passed away December 26 surrounded by her loving family. Tracy was born October 3, 1961 to Keith and Joan King in Burlingame, California. The family moved to the Reno area in the early 1970s. Tracy graduated from Wooster High School where she was an honor student involved in many extracurricular activities such as 4-H, FFA, Band and High School Rodeo. She was a state FFA officer and earned a State Farmers Degree. She attended UNR in 1979 where she met her husband, Dave. She transferred to Kansas State University and was very active in many clubs and projects including the Livestock and Wool judging teams where she won top awards in some of the largest judging contests including Houston, Denver and Fort Worth. She completed her bachelors degree in Animal Science, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Throughout this time, Tracy and Dave continued their long distance relationship. Tracy received her Masters degree in Animal Nutrition from UC Davis, again graduating with honors. Tracy then moved back to Reno where she completed classes for her teaching certificate. She and Dave were married in 1987. She taught Biology, Chemistry and Anatomy classes at Reno High School for the next 23 years. She reached the distinction of a National Board Certified Teacher from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in 2001, the highest designation for teaching excellence. Tracy was a tireless educator who worked very hard to keep her teaching methods interesting, relevant and diverse. Her classes were very rigorous and she had high expectations for her students. She believed in preparing her students for the next level. The success of her strategy was evident in the numerous calls and letters she received from former students indicating the positive effect she had in their lives.

Tracy's greatest passion was her family. Lane was born in 1993 and Carley in 1996. She was active in all the activities surrounding her children. Her love of horses was passed down to Carley and they were together whether it was taking lessons, training a new colt or travelling to shows. She helped with 4-H projects including horses, sheep and pigs. She was the 4-H leader for pigs for 6 years. She closely followed Lane's athletic events and gave the support only a Mom can give. Tracy helped Lane and Carley be both independent and resourceful. Her dedication to academic excellence was instilled in both from an early age.

Tracy's commitment to family was evident in the relationship she had with her parents, two brothers and their families. Family time was important to her and she made the effort to make that time special, creating many good memories.

Tracy touched many people in her short time. Her concern for others and her perseverance and passion for anything she was involved in was extraordinary. She will be sorely missed by family and friends. She is survived by her husband Dave, son Lane, daughter Carley, parents Keith and Joan, brothers Kevin and wife (Randi), Scott and wife (Christi), nephew Brett and nieces Jori and Maddie as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.