



# Beth Ellen Norman

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**B**eth; our wife, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, bonus mom, and friend, left with pieces of our hearts to soar with her mother, beloved sister and many others she loved dearly on July 6, 2023.

Beth Ellen Norman was born March 4, 1962 in Ashland, Ohio to William and Yvonne Yoder. She grew up in Ohio with a strong “Yoder” attitude and the need to give to and help others. Beth graduated from New London High School and EHOVE (where her love of caring for others began) in 1980. She then ventured to Florida and fell in love with the ocean. Eventually, she ventured to Utah to be near family and met and fell in love with Danny Wayne Norman. They married on June 20, 1984 and began their adventures together, with their life taking them to Oregon and Alaska.

Beth’s calling as a nurse was engrained early on. Beginning her nursing career in Roosevelt, Utah, continuing to Portland, Oregon, onto Sitka, Alaska and returning to Portland, Oregon. She obtained her Nursing Degree from Weber State University and Bachelor and Master Degrees from Oregon Health & Science University. In the eight years in Sitka, Alaska, Beth was more than a nurse. With the limited staff and facilities, she filled many roles beyond the nursing spectrum. Her calling took her back to Legacy Health in Oregon and for over twenty years, she continued her journey.

Beth was not just a nurse, she was “The Nurse”. Beth was a wealth of information and a great nurse leader. She was a mentor and role model for so many. She was a mover and a shaker and if it didn’t make sense, she challenged the status quo with her knowledge and data. Beth utilized her skills to give the best care for and advocate for patients. Always recognizing and acknowledging colleagues for their knowledge, skill and nurturing techniques.

Beth has been the recipient of many accreditations and awards for her achievements and dedication, with receiving news recently that she is the recipient of the most prestigious award to be granted in her career for the nurse, leader, mentor, futurist, and woman she is.



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Those who know Beth, know she spoke her mind, was very blunt but yet, very loving. She loved her family beyond measure. She will be missed by many, however, her legacy will live on in all of us.

Beth is survived by her husband Dan. Brothers and sisters; Bernie and Cindy Yoder, Debby and Alex Robert, Annette Pullin, Robert Pullin, Amber Yoder, Nikki Norman, Chris Norman, Dale and Lauri Norman, Don Norman, Dave Norman, Doug and Samantha Norman. Her Aunt Ernestine Cole, Uncles Avery Yoder and Mel Yoder, all of her beloved nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, many cousins, and extended family. Her father William and Janie Yoder and Step-father Dan Dearth. Many wonderful friends. Her fur-baby K-Boo (Bubby). All of her colleagues with Legacy Health, Sitka Healthcare, and the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

Beth was preceded in death by her mother Yvonne Yoder Dearth. Sister Jenneida Kriews. Bonus mother Peggy Norman. Father-in-law Dell Norman. Grandparents Okie Case, Inez Case Gasser, Jerry Gasser, Lola and Telford Fleming. Uncle Dan Cole. Aunts Carol Yoder and Ada Yoder. Cousins Ty Smith and Jeff Yoder. Her fur-babies Skunner and Toy. And numerous other loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a scholarship fund established in Beth's honor: <https://www.legacyhealthgiving.org/bethnorman>



## Tribute Wall

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CB

**Carly Byrne** posted:

Beth was one of a kind. Not only a great person but one of the best nurses that I knew. I loved her passion for the Clinical Nurse Specialist role and for always wanting to do what was right for patients, families, and staff. I'm going to miss her telling me she's doing "just peachy" and being able to talk about our shared connection in having lived in Alaska. She impacted a lot of people and the world is a better place because of her. I offer my most sincere condolences to her family and close friends.

July 11 at 8:49 AM

JL

**Jackie Laguire** posted:

Beth was one of the best bosses I ever had! She came to Sitka and was the head nurse at our little community hospital. She was caring, knowledgeable, and an all around great person.

July 10 at 3:59 PM

CY

**Cindy Yoder** posted:

Dear Beth, I will miss you so much. We didn't always see eye to eye, but that's ok, that's how life is and I wouldn't have had it any other way. Like two old Irish wash women butting heads but we still got along. I love you. Dear Aunt Erma, I will miss you. I want to thank you for always encouraging the younger generation in our family to better themselves. Whether it was higher education, sports or any other activity they were in. And all the birthday cards you sent out over the years "hundreds". I love you. Dear the nurse Nazi, I will miss you. I don't know what the family is going to do without you. Always there to help us through our aches and pains. I'm sure you'll find a way to send us a message one way or another. I love you. Dear Beth, I will miss you. Enjoy life in Valhalla with your mother and sister and the rest of our loved ones from our families. We will all meet again and the chain will be unbroken. God Bless, I love you. Cindy

July 10 at 12:23 PM

DY

**Derek Yoder** posted:

Our family was fortunate enough to visit Aunt Beth (and Uncle Dan) back in March. We'll never forget her generosity and how she loved having family visit. Our boys made so many core memories on that trip that'll last a lifetime. We are still numb from the news of her passing, as we were preparing for her to stay with us again in a few days for family reunions. Our fold-out couch will always be known as "Aunt Beth's bed", as Lincoln called it. We wish Uncle Dan finds peace and comfort at this difficult time. Derek, Ruthie, Atticus & Lincoln Yoder

July 9 at 2:26 PM



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**Bernie Yoder** posted:

Beth had many nicknames as she grew up from Petey Bird as a child to Erma as she got older, Dr. Norman and yes even nurse nazi. But she took them all in stride because she only wanted the best for her brother and sisters. I always loved teasing her and getting her goat as they say but I'm pretty sure she was the one getting me a lot of the time. Although as we grew older we didn't get to see each other as much as we should I always cherished the time I did get to spend with her. I will miss her dearly. My love to her and Dan always, love your big bubba

July 9 at 7:17 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Beth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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