

Katy was born in Missoula, MT on December 29th 1978 to Steven Andrew and Gloria Victoria (Torgerson) Yockim. Her creativity began to show at an early age with her surprising ability to draw. She continued to astonish us with her contemplative and deep appreciation of the beauty in the world around her. It is in that appreciation that she left us with many beautiful pieces of art that now keep us closer to her presence.

Katy enjoyed her friends and teammates with whom she participated in softball, cross-country, track, and swimming at Sidney High School. Katy excelled in school, graduating near the top of her 1997 Sidney High School Class. She went on to graduate from Montana State University in 2002 with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 2010, she earned a Master's degree in Science and Civil Engineering from Boise State University.

While at school in Bozeman, Katy met the love of her life, John William Ladd. They married during their senior year and they had many happy years together. During her undergraduate studies, Katy held a job conducting research for the Center of Biofilm Engineering. After graduating from Montana State University, Katy and John moved to Boise, Idaho, where they lived for 7 years. John worked as an engineer at Micron, while Katy kept herself busy conducting research related to global climate change. Specifically, she focused on soil carbon dynamics in the Dry Creek Watershed. Katrina's research was funded by NSF-EPSCOR. She was also a recipient of a NASA Idaho Space Grant Fellowship. Katrina graduated with a perfect 4.0 in her studies and her thesis, "Identifying

Controls on Surface Carbon Dioxide Efflux in a Semi-Arid Ecosystem", can be reviewed online at boisestate.edu. After her successful thesis defense, Katy accepted a water quality engineering job at the Department of Environmental Quality in Soldotna, Alaska. Her work involved the regulation, permitting, and waste water treatment engineering to protect the beautiful Kenai Peninsula. Katy prioritized her life around her love of the earth and its inhabitants. Katy loved her nieces and nephews and would play with them whenever she came to visit. She thought of them often and always had a gift for them. Katy also selflessly supported John in his career, wherever it took them. When the local opportunity was not available for her to work in her water quality specialty, she kept herself busy teaching swimming lessons, worked part-time with the postal service, and also worked as a technician in semiconductor fabrication. Katy also enjoyed part-time work as a substitute teacher in her home town of Sidney, Montana.

Katy and John loved the outdoors and spent their precious free time together hiking, fishing, and swimming. In particular, they liked spending time in Eureka, MT, at the family cabin. Katy would make the most of every day, taking joy in the little things like singing in the shower, playing music, and dancing to her favorite songs.

Katy left us too soon after a long and difficult struggle. Katy died on Saturday, August 16, 2014 in Santa Clara, CA. We are comforted that the warmth of her gentle and compassionate heart will help lighten this burden on our hearts for the rest of our days.

Katy is survived by her husband, John William Ladd of Santa Clara, CA; her parents, Steven Andrew and Gloria Victoria (Torgerson) Yockim of Sidney, MT; brothers, Lucas Alexander (Lori) Yockim of Greeley, CO, and Zachary Jeremiah (Taycia) Yockim of Sidney, MT.

Katy is preceded in death by her sister, Melissa Ann Yockim; grandfathers, Floyd Andrew Yockim, and Marvin Phillip Torgerson; and grandmother, Eunice Josephine Torgerson (Miller).



In Loving Memory of Katy Ladd





Light

Opening my eyes
 At first glance I see light
 Drawing near with eagerness
 It disappears

I start to back up,
 Everywhere it is dark
 Old
 Familiar

Bright openings dot this blackness
 They are strange
 New
 Exciting

Why?
 I will ascend
 Explore
 All will be light

by Katy Yockim

*God looked around his garden
 And he found an empty place
 He then looked down upon his earth
 And saw your tired face.
 He put his arms around you
 And lifted you to rest
 God's garden must be beautiful
 He always takes the best.
 He knew that you were suffering
 He knew you were in pain
 He knew that you would never
 Get well on earth again.
 He saw the road was getting rough
 And the hills are hard to climb.
 So he closed your weary eyelids,
 And whispered "Peace be Thine"
 It broke our hearts to lose you
 But you didn't go alone
 For part of us went with you
 The day God called you home.*

Katrina Elsie (Yockim) Ladd

Born

December 29, 1978
 Missoula, Montana

Died

August 16, 2014
 Santa Clara, California

Funeral Service

11:00 A.M., Friday, August 29, 2014

Pella Lutheran Church
 Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Paul Balaban

Music

Mary Pfau
 Vicki Waddington

Casketbearers

Steve O'Toole	Roger Merritt	Virginia Dschaak
Stacey Collins	Ken Stennes	Cindy Osland

Honorary Casketbearers

Jamie Roberts	Jaclyn Roberts	Kelly Elletson
Leanne Togerson	Carolyn Torgerson	Jennifer Leach

Ushers

Mark Halvorson	Russ Markwald
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Interment

Sidney Cemetery
 Sidney, Montana

*Lunch will be served at the church
 following the graveside services*



You may share your remembrances and condolences with
 the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website
www.fulkersons.com