

JUANITA COX
Celebration of Life
Saturday, August 5, 2023
12:00noon
American Legion
730 4th St., Sparks, Nevada



Juanita Elaine Cox passed away peacefully on the morning of July 15, 2023, after suffering from cancer. Juanita was born on February 18, 1948, in Santa Monica, California, the first daughter of John and Vernetta Sopher. The family moved to Reno, Nevada shortly after Juanita was born, where she attended local schools and graduated from Wooster High School in 1966.

Juanita worked for the City of Sparks from 1966 through 1976 as a systems analyst. She was very active in the dog breeding and dog show community, where she bred collies, shelties and salukis.

In the 1980s, she became active against nuclear testing in Nevada as well as rallying against dumping nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. Later, her activism turned towards social justice and constitutional rights protections. Juanita was an activist for 50+ years, a registered (unpaid) lobbyist for 30 years, researcher for several published books, participant in a local public access television show, a paralegal, and parliamentarian.



Juanita is preceded in death by her father John, mother Vernetta, brother-in-law James Lusk and husband of 40 years, David Cox. She is survived by stepsons Greg Cox (Susan), Joe Cox, stepdaughter Deni Cox (Kevin) and daughter Lisa (Scott), eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, sisters Kathy Whalen (Bill) and Rosie Lusk, numerous nieces and nephews and a large extended family. She will be missed by many.

The family will be holding a private memorial and Juanita's friends will be holding a larger celebration of life at the **American Legion, 730 4th St, Sparks, on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at noon**. Given Juanita's passion for causes, in lieu of flowers, please donate to a cause that you are passionate about in her memory.

