

## Natalie Congdon Brooks



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October 11, 1941 - January 7, 2015

Natalie Congdon Brooks passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Natalie was born on October 11, 1941 to Lois and Nathaniel Congdon. Her first eleven years were spent in Emmett, Idaho. She described the place as "an idyllic little town, with a Cherry Festival every year and a bandstand in the park." Her only sibling was her older sister, Carol. The family moved from Emmett to Boise in 1952 where she attended Whitney Elementary School, South Jr. High, and was part of the first graduating class of Borah High School.

After graduating from Borah High School, Natalie attended [Arizona State University](#). She then worked for a company in *Portland and Seattle processing mortgages*. When Natalie returned to Boise she was very active in the Junior League of Boise and worked for Haussey Causey Foundation.

In 1968, Natalie married Michael Cummings. During their fifteen-year marriage they had three cherished children. They were divorced in 1984. After marrying Monte Brooks in the spring of 1990 they shared many happy times in Boise; traveling; and living at their cabin on Payette Lake in McCall. This was their favorite place where they enjoyed playing bridge and entertaining their friends. She was a gourmet cook who made it look so easy and always enjoyed her glass of LaCrema while sitting on the deck staring down at the lake.

Natalie's high intelligence caused her to write wonderful poetry, interesting short stories, hilarious songs, and witty letters throughout her life. She understood irony, had a penchant for satire, and saw humor in most situations. She loved her *cats*; *talking with friends*; *she was an avid reader*; and in her later adulthood she played "killer duplicate bridge" as often as she could. One of her greatest accomplishments was becoming a Silver Life Master.

Natalie is survived by her three children and six grandchildren: Brenda Kramer and Troy Young and their three children Ryan, Tyler and Sophia Kramer; Nat Cummings and his son Raymond Sequoia; and Michael Cummings and his wife Brooke and their two children Hannah and Gavin. She is also survived by the children that Monte brought into her life: Karl and Mary Brooks and their children Dylan and Jenni; Marykay and Jeff West and their two children Zachary and Anna; and Kerrie Cox and her children Christina and Trey. There are also many cousins and dear friends who enriched her life. Natalie's parents, sister, and husband Monte Brooks preceded her in death.

The family requests that all of her family and friends attend a celebration of Natalie's life at Barber Park Event Center from 4:00pm-7:00pm on Saturday, February 21, 2015.

A memorial page has been established at: [www.facebook.com/nataliebrooksmemorial?](http://www.facebook.com/nataliebrooksmemorial?)

Thank you for all of your love and support throughout this time.