

## Kathryn Ann (Keeler) McDill

Born October 11, 1937 in Yakima, WA.



Kay passed away at home with family and friends on November 18, 2014, due to acute cervical spondylosis. She was a life-long, tireless advocate for justice. A passionate feminist, and an ardent pacifist, she actively volunteered to make life better for others. She was an artist who reveled in art, photography, poetry, music and life with a child-like wonder. She loved her family; her siblings and their spouses were an important part of her life, her children and grand-children too. She had a large circle of friends, many who shared her home and community at Providence Elizabeth House in West Seattle. She gathered in people, listened to their stories, and will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Michelle Stock and Rebecca Lynn McDill, and her brother Donald Edward Keeler. She is survived by her sisters Denise (David) Coulson and Linda Keeler (Frank Campbell), and her brother Larry (Jean) Keeler; her daughter Kate (Deb) McDill, sons Quinn McDill (grandsons Owen & Caelen McDill), Jeff McDill (Rica, and grandson Joshua and granddaughter Torrin McDill), and her companion Allan Davis; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She said this poem by Mary Oliver was how she wanted to be remembered:

### Wild Geese

You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
For a hundred miles through the desert repenting.  
You have only to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.  
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting  
in the family of things.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a non-profit with a mission for peace, justice, animal welfare or environmental preservation; all causes Kay believed in and supported.