



Beth Moore

Beth Moore lived an extraordinary life. When she was only a year old, her family relocated to Japan, where her father had been promoted to Vice President of Goodyear Tire Company. The family remained in Japan until 1968 when they returned to the USA and settled in Los Alamitos, California. It was in Los Alamitos where Beth developed into a phenomenal and lifelong athlete.

Born to Patricia and George Moore in Akron, Ohio on February 6th, 1957, Beth was most proficient in basketball and was recruited to play at UCLA in 1975. As a defensive-minded point guard, Beth contributed mightily to the Bruins National Championship in 1978. Upon graduating, Beth was awarded the Outstanding Senior Award. Commended as having a "nearly perfect 3.9 grade point average and keen understanding of the intricacies of the fast break," UCLA athletic officials described Beth as being "the most outstanding candidate the Department has ever had" for the prestigious award. After graduating from college, Beth attended Stanford Law School.

Beth picked up running in college, which would become one of her greatest and constant joys. She completed multiple marathons and never missed a morning run, as she believed there was no better way to start her day than running the hills of Oakland or on the beaches of Santa Barbara with her beloved dogs by her side.

In 1988, Beth's life was transformed when she gave birth to her only child, Laura. For the remainder of her life, Beth dedicated herself fully to being the best mother anyone could ask for. The final nine months of her life were filled with the joys of being a grandmother to her first grandson.

So many people counted on Beth for friendship, advice, counsel, love, support and inspiration. During her courageous and unrelenting battle with cancer, Beth exhibited a supernatural level of strength, resiliency and determination to live to see her daughter and grandson grow up. She was also involved in the Santa Barbara community, continuing her love for basketball. She supported the Cate School basketball programs where daughter Laura is Coach as well as Westmont College Men's basketball where her brother John Moore served as Head Coach for so many years. She was never shy about stepping in and assisting with game operations when needed. She also accompanied her mother, Pat, to these games with anticipation that she might have to "arbitrate" if and when Pat "engaged" with the game officials, disagreeing with their judgemental calls against her Cate and Westmont troops competing on the hardwood floor and sidelines.

Beth passed away on December 28th, 2022 but will be long remembered in our community for her smile, love for people, jogging and biking along the beaches of Santa Barbara and contributions to the game of basketball.