

Celebration of Life

1971–2023

Becky A. De Oliveira





**WELCOME**

Joyce Newmyer

**EULOGY**

David Crooker  
Joshua De Oliveira  
Jonah De Oliveira

**“THE LANYARD”**

Timothy Gillespie

**LIFE SKETCH**

Sam Leonor

**LIFE IMAGES**

Film



**MEMORIES**

Joyce Newmyer  
Elia King  
J. Murdock

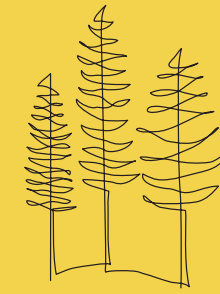
**LOVE WELL**

Japhet De Oliveira

**CLOSE**

Jessyka Dooley

Everyone is invited to join family members tomorrow morning at a come-and-go brunch from 10 am to Noon hosted at Tom & Cherie Eickmann’s home.



**ARBORETUM DEDICATION**

Becky’s father, Dave, dedicated a tree in the Washington Park Arboretum in Seattle to the memory of Becky and her late mother, Alice, both of whom loved visiting the Arboretum.

Representative of two phenomenal women: Strong. True. Lovely.

## OBITUARY

Becky De Oliveira passed away in her home in Dacono, Colorado, on June 21, 2023 after living with brain cancer for over eighteen months. She was 51.

Becky was born in Enumclaw, Washington, on November 18, 1971, to Dave and Alice Crooker. In 1975, her brother, Dan, joined the family. Becky's parents nurtured within her a love of nature that she would carry with her throughout her life.

In 1993, Becky met her future husband, Japhet, while studying abroad in England. They married in 1995. Together, they had their first son, Joshua, in 2000, and their second son, Jonah, in 2004.

While living in England, Becky took up running. For over a decade, she ran eight miles a day, six days a week. She completed four marathons — each in less than four hours — in addition to countless shorter races, often accompanied by friends and family as participants and spectators. When not running, Becky was walking. She loved long walks with family and friends.

In 2006, Becky summited Mt. Rainier alongside her father. While living in Colorado, she climbed numerous 14ers, and, on two separate occasions, she backpacked a 30-mile section of the Continental Divide known as the Tonahutu Loop with her sons. Becky was an accomplished writer and storyteller. She published essays, articles, and short stories, edited magazines, and wrote three books, including two for children. In addition to writing, Becky was a prolific reader, averaging 50 books a year. Her two large color-coordinated bookshelves stand as a testament to her love of literature.



Becky taught university courses for many years before she earned her doctorate, and she took pride in having created an inclusive, safe environment that fostered long-lasting friendships and mentorships between her and her students.

A fan of traditions, Becky worked tirelessly to make every holiday, birthday, and anniversary special. She was excellent at cooking and baking.

After her diagnosis, Becky defended her dissertation, spoke at her graduation, and won two awards for excellence in academics and research. She visited Honolulu with her son, Jonah, and husband, Japhet. She travelled to the Grand Tetons, Newfoundland, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with her son, Joshua, while planning his wedding that summer. She camped in Wyoming with her brother, niece, and youngest son. She went to London, Paris, and Dublin with Japhet to celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary. She wrote numerous thoughtful and humorous essays about living with cancer, and created a podcast with her husband.

Becky is sorely missed by her husband, children, brother, father, niece, nephew, and all of her many friends across the world.