

*In Memory of*

# Dana Swenson

Tuesday January 1, 2013

## Obituary



Dana Swenson, loving mother, wife, sister, daughter, and friend, passed away January 1, 2013, at home in Boulder, Colorado after battling cancer with grace and strength, surrounded by family and friends. Born in Long Beach, California in 1946 to Shirl and Lillie Swenson, she grew up in the United States, France, Finland and Germany as the daughter of an air force officer. She exuded beauty inside and out, a passion for the dramatic arts, a fierce love of family, and compassion for those less fortunate and for all animals. Dana began her professional career in high school, dancing as a ballerina with the Berlin Opera Company. She pursued her passion in college, attending Dominican University in California and finishing at the

University of Utah in 1970 with a degree in theatre. Upon graduation, Dana moved to New York to pursue her professional ambitions, landing lead parts on Broadway, touring throughout the United States and Europe in national theatre companies, and appearing in television shows, musicals, and plays. She later taught acting classes at the University of Utah. While raising her three children, Max, Swen, and Zoe, she went back to school and earned a J.D. law degree from the University of Utah in 1991 and worked as a lawyer in Salt Lake City. Dana married Steven Morrissett in 1997 and they moved from Utah to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Dana dedicated her life to her family and rescuing animals. They moved to Boulder, Colorado in 2011 where Dana enjoyed hiking the trails above Chautauqua Park. Her unique grace, beauty, and warmth for her family and for everyone she met will be greatly missed and forever remembered. Dana is survived by her husband, Steve, sons Max and Swen, daughter Zoe, father Shirl, brother Craig, nephews Dane, Ben, Sam and Joe, niece Elizabeth, daughter-in-law Jessa, and her beloved grandson, Oscar, dogs Kobi, Daisy and cat Little Girl. A memorial service will be held on March 2, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Walker Funeral Home, 187 South Main, Spanish Fork, Utah, followed by a graveside service at the Spanish Fork City Cemetery, 420 South 400 East, Spanish Fork, Utah. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HospiceCare of Boulder, Lafayette, Colorado.



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