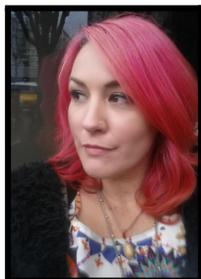


Heather “Flamingo” Clairmont

July 23, 1979 - September 5, 2022



Daughter.
Sister.
Friend.
Burner.
Wife.



Heather Clairmont embarked on her final adventure on September 5, 2022 after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was in her Portland home, “The Ranchion,” with her loving husband by her side.

Heather was born on July 23, 1979 in Saint Petersburg, Florida to Bob and Leila Clairmont, née Ledford. She and her older brother, John, were raised in Port Charlotte, Florida as die-hard Buccaneers fans. After her mother’s passing in 2000, life brought Heather west — first to San Diego, then Seattle, and eventually Portland after a quick stop in Las Vegas.

Known to many of her friends as “Flamingo,” or simply “Bird,” Heather could energize any room she entered. The ultimate hype girl, Heather left a lasting impression on everyone she met and had the superpower of making one feel like they could accomplish anything. Fueled by an inspiring level of intellectual curiosity, she dove deeply into her many interests, ranging from politics to science to music to *The Real Housewives*. Armed with punny humor, confidence, wit, and a sometimes sharp tongue, she made many reconsider their steadfast opinion on their favorite band or political alignment.

Heather was a self-taught web designer, seamstress, programmer, gardener, Scrum master, and cat wrangler. She was gifted in assembling simple components to create beautiful crafts infused with her signature design aesthetic. Heather held several jobs through her adult life, but none more important to her than Technical Project Manager at Marcus & Millichap.

A week-long trip to Black Rock City in 2013 was a transformative event for Flamingo. She eventually became a heavy lifter for the theme camp Trifucta, and later Slut Garden. Passionate about human connection, Heather was masterful at forging lasting relationships between like-minded souls. It was at Burning Man where she met her future husband, Dennis, whom she frequently referred to as “hot doc.”

Heather leaves behind a legacy of connected friends, magnificent art, lifelong lessons in love and loyalty, and countless stories to tell around the campfire with Radiohead playing in the background. The spirit of Heather’s boundless love, generosity, and energy are carried forward by her menagerie of pets, including Willamina, Luke, Grace, and Leia. She is loved. She is missed. She lives on in our memories and hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to benefit an art project dedicated to Heather, which will be installed on the playa at Burning Man 2023. Further details will be posted at <http://flamingorock.org/heather>