



Elizabeth Harper Quackenbush

March 3, 2021

Elizabeth Harper Quackenbush was born June 7, 1981, in Concord, California. She departed this life unexpectedly in her New Orleans, Louisiana home Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Liz was an exceptional educator who touched many lives. Her work was captured by the nationally recognized nonprofit StoryCorps in Rochester. She was a co-creator of the Rochester ALC Green Thumb Initiative. She worked tirelessly to help the students in her classroom make a difference in the world they lived.

At New Harmony High, she was loved and admired by the students who recognized the absolute honesty and fearlessness with which she approached everything she did. Liz's spirit will forever be preserved at New Harmony through the many projects she founded and lives she touched, including teaching Chemistry, designing a project-based Algebra curriculum, founding the Outdoor Adventures PE program and planning garden activities. As an educator she was inspired by the following quote from Point Break "This was never about the money. This was about us against the system. That system that breaks the human spirit". That inspiration was evident in her teaching style - a blend of intelligence, compassion and tenacity that touched so many lives.

Liz was thankful for family and friends, honesty, butterflies and dragonflies, moonbeams and rainbows, flowers, smiles and laughs, wishing stars, imagination, good conversation, forgiveness, and love. She could not tolerate: watching people suffer, sitting when there is something she could be doing, judging people on their differences, or jeopardizing her integrity. She was an artist in every facet of her life, including her beautifully designed home and most notably, her sense of fashion.

She will be deeply missed by her mother, Diane Holland, her brother Michael Quackenbush and sister-in-law Jax Quackenbush, her two nieces Redding and Sloan Quackenbush, many dear aunts and uncles, cousins, friends, colleagues, and her students.

Relatives and friends of the family, the family is hosting a small gathering at New Harmony School in New Orleans, LA on Saturday, March 13, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Rochester, MN. As mandated by the State of Louisiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance is limited. Everyone is required to adhere to all restrictions. You must wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing. Interment: Private. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences for the family.

Do we soon forget the things we cannot see? Never.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 3:00 PM.

New Harmony School

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Liz was a dear friend of my sister.

Jess LaBrash - March 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM

AN

“ Mrs Q was my favorite teacher and I loved her so much like my family.

I knew that whatever I was going through she would be right there for me & that I could count on her at RALC, I'm so devastated.

you have touched many lives many hearts , that's one thing about it in life you want to be like Mrs Q not just a teacher but a shoulder to lean on when it's needed the most for your students , colleagues ,family & friends.



Love your Mrs Q you will be missed ❤️

Anonymous - March 21, 2021 at 06:50 AM

LW

“ Although I knew Liz only a short time, I loved her dearly. She was beautiful, in body and in spirit, and will be missed so much. She brought joy to all of us who knew her.

Lilah Weber - March 12, 2021 at 02:15 PM

AJ

May her soul rest in God's eternal peace.

Anita Jefferson - March 16, 2021 at 08:59 PM

ML

“ So very sorry for your loss of Liz. I'm also especially sorry for the students that will never have the privilege of having her as their teacher. Liz once said something at one of our staff meetings that I will never forget. I believe I even shouted an "Amen" and clapped. She said, "just because I'm not touchy-feely" doesn't mean I don't care (about the students). I couldn't agree more. Liz's spirit lives on because she was larger than life.

Margaret Lundquist, Rochester Alternative School.

Margaret Lundquist - March 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM