



April J Monday

April 1, 1948 - August 1, 2020

Well-known jewelry designer and art lover, April Jane Monday passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born April 1, 1948 to Blix and Celia Jorgensen in Salina, UT. She attended school in Salina until her senior year when the family moved to Salt Lake City where she graduated from South High School in 1966. She worked at the Governor's office her senior year, then attended the University of Utah where she worked at the Medical School. She was a speech writer for the McCarthy Campaign at the Chicago Convention in 1966. A job as Public Relations Director at the Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado beckoned her in 1969.

In 1970 she moved to Hawaii where she met the man who would be her business partner for the next 40 years, Gene Starcher. Together they started designing and crafting jewelry that they sold at art & craft festivals all over the United States. Eventually in 1978, they opened and operated Goldsmith Lucerne a full-service jewelry store in Chelan, WA until their retirement in 2018. In addition to the jewelry store, in 2006, April opened the Silver Star Art Gallery which showcased paintings, pottery, blown glass, jewelry, and other handcrafted items made by local artists and by those from all over the Northwest.

April was known for her strikingly beautiful designs that she crafted in the lost wax method. She created one of a kind wedding rings for people and then for their children. All of her designs were one of a kind. Her bangle bracelets and her thumb rings were her trademarks and always special for the person she

designed them for. And let's not forget the gorgeous pendants and earrings that adorn so many people today.

April was predeceased by her parents and her brother Richard Jorgensen. She is survived by her sister Roberta Summers, Farmington, NM and her brother Michael Jorgensen, Salina, UT as well as several nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind scores of friends and adoring clients. April's memory will live on in the beautiful jewelry she created as the pieces are passed down from generation to generation.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family here at www.prechtrose.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *April J Monday*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Dear April,*

I just found out about your passing yesterday two months to the day. I know you are communicating with me from the other side and I appreciate it. You are a beautiful soul. I feel sad as I will miss your kind and generous soul but I am happy knowing you are in a better place. Thank you for shining so brightly.



kate - October 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *My friend, my Angel...I will never forget you!*

RUTH CROWE - August 24, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *April herself an original . She was an amazing woman in all ways! She has left us physically but her beautiful spirit will live forever in our hearts. Lovingly,
Eddi Brownfield*



eddi brownfield - August 20, 2020 at 02:26 PM

SF

“ April light touched everyone with special kindness. She could make a dark day light. Her smile and laughter were infectious. Miss you!
Susan Fiala



susan fiala - August 19, 2020 at 11:37 PM

WI

“ I was interrupted while adding comments--- please add this to my story:

She was Chelan personified. Beautiful, friendly, a pleasure to just be in her presence. Always something funny, but not mean, to say. We will all miss you girl.
Wendy and Ed Isenhart



Wendy Isenhart - August 19, 2020 at 01:43 PM

KP

“ Karen Pate lit a candle in memory of April J Monday



Karen Pate - August 17, 2020 at 03:36 AM

KP

“O” how I am going to miss my dear friend and soul sister. We planned a get together for the end of August, and you said there would be only one reason we would have to reschedule and we laughed. April, sometimes I wish for you to come back, but I don't want you to suffer again. I know you are with me and I will always love and miss you with all my heart. You have made me and my world sparkle for 30+ years. You said you had something new for me. When the time comes and I get it, it will be my most treasured sparkly from you, and that is saying a lot because, I love every piece of jewelry you have created for me. We share a unbroken bond that will always be and now we have rescheduled to meet again my dear friend.

Karen Pate - August 17, 2020 at 03:25 AM

DB

“ I met April in 1970 when she walked out on logs at Lucerne to to visit with Bonnie Cannon (we were in her boat) Since then she designed jewelry for me and friends, visited me on Maui several times and generally remained a special friend. Sad to hear the news of her passing. Duane Baker



duane baker - August 16, 2020 at 01:31 PM

SR

“ April taught me so much about jewelry - and about life. Thank you to Michael, Conita, Patty, Seri, Julie, and all the others who gave provided love, support, and caring throughout April's illness. April, I love you and will miss you greatly.



Love, Sydney Ranney

Sydney Ranney - August 10, 2020 at 02:11 PM

GW

“ It is with deep, deep sadness that we will no longer see the lightness of being from our dear April Monday. I met her years ago when she designed wedding rings for a couple we know. Her creativity was a joy to behold. Years later, when my grandmother died at 103, I took her wedding rings into April who suggested she make one new ring out of it. She talked to me at length about my favorite memories with my grandmother. The story she said would work for a ring was when my Grandma, Bernice Gregory, and I were evacuated from an Ocean Shores motel in anticipation of a serious tsunami. We spent the entire night in their high school and my grandmother, then in her late 80s, had the time of her life! So, April created a lovely ring showing a "high tide" of teeny diamonds and a "low tide" of teeny diamonds. The small center diamond signified that Grandma was the "sun" of my life - which she was. Every time I look at the ring, then and now, I think of two special people - my grandmother and April. I will miss her dearly. My heart goes out to so many who loved her as a family member and a trusted friend.
Gaylen Gregory Willett

Gaylen Gregory Willett - August 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM

SJ

“ *Sharon E Joseph lit a candle in memory of April J Monday*



Sharon E Joseph - August 09, 2020 at 08:01 PM

KA

“ *Kalissa lit a candle in memory of April J Monday*



Kalissa - August 09, 2020 at 01:25 PM

LB

“ *My sincerest sympathy to sister, Roberta and brother, Michael and family. Thank you Michael and Conita for assisting April in her final days. April really knew how to get to know people and had a connection. She was smart, intuitive and sensitive. She traveled the world, was a avid reader and she would get to know what she didn't know in a moment. She loved Led Zepellin, Willie Nelson, and recently Hauser, the Croatian Cellist, Dancing with the Stars and America's Got Talent. I will always remember our times, at her shop buying beautiful pieces, visiting at her treasure filled home and chatting through messages and instagram exchanges. April was and is a gem, always in service to others.*

Larita Bigelow - August 09, 2020 at 12:24 AM

SW

“ Stacy Wilson lit a candle in memory of April J Monday



stacy wilson - August 08, 2020 at 05:30 PM

KF

“ Karen Feek lit a candle in memory of April J Monday



karen feek - August 08, 2020 at 11:02 AM

KF

Dearest April you will always be in my heart

karen feek - August 08, 2020 at 11:03 AM

SJ

Miss April, you are always in my heart!

Sharon E Joseph - August 09, 2020 at 08:05 PM

SM

One of the kindest, sweetest ladies I've known. I still treasure the photo of my eighteenth birthday party at my house in the summer of 1972, not long after I got home from the hospital after my skiing accident, when I was blessed by the attendance of April and several other local kids. With love, Stan Morse

Stan Morse - August 09, 2020 at 08:06 PM

BS

April Jorgenson. A very sweet ,smiling face, thruout the years at Chelan. Always friendly. A gem of a woman, a fantastic jewelry maker with a heart of gold. Hugs as always, Billy Sotiropoulos

Billy Sotiropoulos - August 09, 2020 at 10:35 PM

RS

Our aloha to her family. Sweetest lady and friend. I would like to get her family's contact information. I'll miss our wine dates...

Rod Sanches - October 02, 2020 at 02:22 AM

JF

“ *Joe Fiala lit a candle in memory of April J Monday*



Joe Fiala - August 07, 2020 at 08:16 PM