A Legacy of Compassion and Generosity

A profile of Joan Casey

Joan Casey loved life. Her bright smile and joyful laughter were a glimpse into her generous heart. “Joan had her values straight,” said John Watts, Joan’s partner of 33 years and husband since 1990. “Her love of nature and social justice, her independent spirit and Buddhist beliefs all came together in the way she lived her life and the causes she supported.”

Exploring the natural world, birding, hiking and kayaking with John and close friends were Joan’s passions. Throughout her successful career as a pioneer in computer science in California’s Bay Area to her active retirement in Whatcom County since 1990, Joan generously supported organizations dedicated to conservation and preservation of the natural world.

Whatcom Land Trust was high on her giving priorities, in life and in her untimely passing in April 2016. Joan’s gifts have helped to purchase and protect lands, waterways, birds and nature that brought Joan joy and meaning. A bequest from Joan’s estate will keep the special places that Joan loved thriving for generations.

“We’re all connected. How can you say you care about nature and not about your fellow human beings?”

- Joan Casey

LEGACY GIFTS

Legacy gifts keep conservation values dear to you and your loved ones alive in perpetuity. Have you thought about including Whatcom Land Trust in your will, retirement plan, or life insurance policy? It’s one of the simplest steps you can take to protect the Nature of Whatcom County for future generations, and is as easy as signing your name.

Let us show you how you can plan today to help nature tomorrow and make a world of difference for our community. Contact Jill Clark at jill@whacomlandtrust.org and (360) 746-3423.