Her Legacy… Napua Hayes Gibson was born on October 23, 1956 in Indianola, Oklahoma to JC and Thelma Waiau-Hano Hayes. She passed away on March 15, 2012 in Oroville, California after a courageous battle with cancer. Napua was employed by the Oroville Elementary School District as an instructional aide. She loved her job and enjoyed every facet of helping shape young minds and spirits. She was also employed by Pacific Coast Producers as a laboratory tester. She graduated from Hanford High School in 1974 and from Butte College in 1996 earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. Napua had a passion for mountains and trees and loved camping and hiking. It wasn’t unusual for her to hike the mountains for hours taking pictures of all of God’s glory in a natural setting. She also had a green thumb and spoke lovingly to her plants as she fed and watered them. Her cuttings and new generations of plants are in households and offices across the state. Her hobbies included the study of geology and she loved collecting rocks and gems as well as panning for gold. Napua will be remembered by her family, friends and acquaintances as a selfless, caring and very generous individual; deeply loved by all. If you told Napua you loved her, her response was always, “I Love You More.”

Her Family…Napua is survived by her loving sons Neil and Lance Gibson & their father William Gibson all of Oroville, CA; her sisters Moana Sawyer of Hanford, CA; Esther Wyman of San Angelo, TX; and Tammy Pitts of Adak, AK; her brothers Glenn Hayes, Paul Hendricks both of Pacific Beach WA; and Chuck Hayes of Hanford, CA; 14 loving nieces and nephews, and long-time companion David Mackey of Oroville, CA.

Her Farewell Service …Private cremation services are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to the donor’s favorite charity or the American Cancer Society.