Rebecca J. (Becky) Bloom of Pendleton died Jan. 21, 2003 at age 51 in a motor vehicle accident. She was born and raised in Alexandria, Minn., where she was president of her high school class of 1970. She graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1974 before coming to Willamette University School of Law. She met her future husband, Steve Bloom, on the first day of law school and married him at the end of their second year of law school in June of 1976. They lived and worked in Corvallis before moving to Pendleton in 1978.

Her first job in Pendleton was to draft an economic analysis of eastern Oregon for East Central Oregon Association of Counties, an analysis that is still in use today. She then joined her husband at work in the district attorney's office, working as a deputy district attorney until temporarily becoming a stay athome mom. During her children's early years she worked as a part-time prosecutor for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and as a pro-tem municipal judge for the City of Pendleton, in addition to conducting research projects for area lawyers. She then worked for Minnick-Hayner in Walla Walla.

She is survived by her husband, Steve, two sons, a daughter, her parents in Minnesota, brothers and many other relatives.

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