



DAHLA ERIN MACKENNA

Dahla Erin MacKenna, 51 years of age, died tragically as the result of a fall on August 13, 2023. From her earliest years Dahla captivated everyone. She was curious, gifted and had an insatiable desire to learn, explore, and connect with the world. She was raised by her mom, Patti. When she was 16, Patti met Peter, giving Dahla the joys of belonging to a large and loving family.

Dahla cherished her family and friends above everything. Her driving inspiration and greatest support was her mother Patti, who died in 2011. Dahla is survived by her father Bob Blyth, sister Michelle Nguyen, her “Papa”/step-dad Peter Lamb and the entire families of MacKennas, Lambs and Nguyens - her “extended, blended family” - embracing her generous spirit and unstoppable energy.

She had countless caring, wonderful friends who she also insisted on calling her “family” and of course, her beloved California family, Merlene and Katherine.

Dahla was special. She was smart, beautiful, ageless, and painstakingly organized. One of her most endearing qualities was the attention she gave to details. When planning family gatherings, work, or charity events, there was an expectation of perfection, a decreased likelihood of unexpected surprises and without exception, a memorable experience!

Dahla worked tirelessly to help build and grow Improv Care, a passion project that her mother originated. Improv was created to provide tutoring and specialized childcare services in a variety of settings. Dahla has expanded the company to include services for children at major conferences, on-set and remote tutoring in film, television and live theatre. She was a major advocate for children’s rights, especially in the workplace.

Dahla will be remembered and deeply missed - most importantly for her profound and enduring capacity to care for and help others.