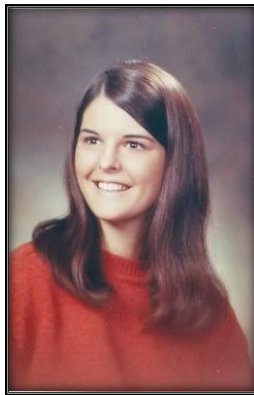


## ***Becky Gillette Dunn*** ***Class of 1970***



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Becky was a member of Ephrata High School's Honor Society. She liked to welcome and engage with exchange students through the American Field Service program. She enjoyed participating in school plays as a member of the Thespians and working in the journalism department to help publish the school newspaper, "Tiger Tracks".

Tennis, soccer, volleyball and basketball were the sports Becky participated in as a member of the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA).

Cheering with the Pep Club and marching with the Tiger Drill Team were ways that Becky showed her support for fellow students and the school.

Becky developed organizational skills and a work ethic that would serve her well after Ephrata High School.

### **After graduating from Ephrata High School, Becky...**

...completed an education curriculum with a minor in business at Washington State University, which included a student-teaching job in Spokane, WA and vocational counseling sessions for young women.

...began her lifetime real estate career when she moved to Seattle, WA and became employed with Coldwell Banker. In 1979, she moved to San Francisco, CA area and landed a job at Homequity Relocation Services. She married Mark Dunn in 1982 and together they established their Danville, CA family home with their two children.

...utilized relationships established earlier in her career to start her own company, Relocation Dimensions, which allowed her to work from home. Along with four employees, she offered relocation services to transferring employees of several major companies. As Relocation Dimension's owner and president, she was able to establish a successful female-owned and operated company. After 21 years, she sold her business to her first employee; the business is thriving to this day.

...participated in civic events, volunteered in her children's classroom and was an active member and volunteer of the mother/daughter organization, National Charity League. In addition to the carpool runs, sporting events and school activities, she managed to have a career that she loved and made time to spend with her family, which was the best combination.

...was proud to be a graduate of Ephrata High School and had made the most of her time there while preparing for adulthood. She came to have an interest in and supported the career paths of young people, particularly women looking to get into self-employment or business leadership positions.

...enjoyed her life as a teacher, advisor, planner and small business owner because it allowed her to interact with people and set a good example for others to follow.

Becky Gillette Dunn 1952-2006

**Women's Special Noted Alumni Project**

**Ephrata Alumni Association**

**Becky Gillette Dunn**

**Class of 1970**

Becky really enjoyed her small-town upbringing and the various activities that Ephrata had to offer. She was a good student and was active in Girl Scouts, cheerleading, varsity tennis, water sports, snow skiing and school events. Her personal energy was always steady and upbeat, including the difficult period between her diagnosis and passing from breast cancer in 2006. Inspirational to family and friends alike, Becky often served as a trusted advisor in important life matters or business discussions. Very approachable in nature, with a strong sense of humor and perspective, her company was always a pleasure. Her organizational skills and work ethic, much of this a result of her childhood experiences and schooling, would serve her well after high school graduation.

As a girl living with three brothers, Becky was no stranger to teasing and intrusion but was game for a good fight if necessary. Very seldom was it necessary to call in the parents for mediation, which was testimony to her independence, patience and ability to negotiate. Ultimately, these skills and family ties to education led her to consider a career in teaching.



**Education and Career**

Becky completed an education curriculum with a minor in business at Washington State University, which included a student-teaching job in Spokane and vocational counseling sessions for young women. After graduation, she moved to Seattle and began employment with Coldwell Banker in what would become a lifetime real estate career.

While working in Seattle, she met her future husband, Mark Dunn, who enticed her to pick up and move to the San Francisco area where she landed a job at Homequity Relocation Services. Becky and Mark were married in 1982 and established their Danville family home with the births of son Conor and daughter Caitlin. After having children and wanting to work from home, she utilized the relationships established earlier in her career to start her own company, Relocation Dimensions. The business grew to four employees and offered relocation services to transferring employees of companies such as Intel, Cisco, Roche, Genentech and Sony. As owner and president for 21 years, Becky sold the company to her first employee. To this day, Relocation Dimensions remains a successful female-owned and operated company.

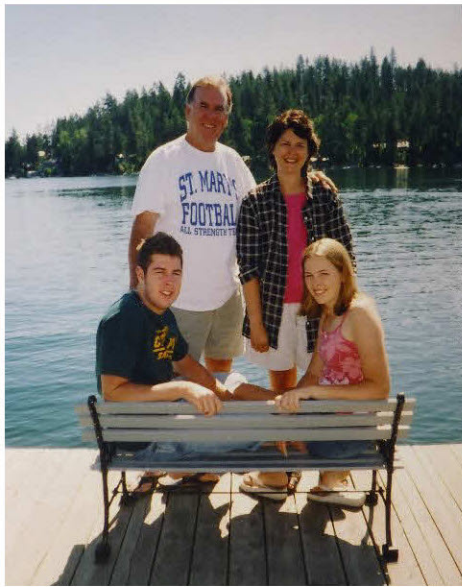


### **Work-Life Balance**

Not only did Becky have a successful career, she structured her schedule in a way that allowed her to spend as much time as possible with family and friends. She participated in civic events, volunteered in her children's classroom and was an active member and volunteer of the mother/daughter organization, National Charity League. In addition to the carpool runs, sporting events and school activities, she managed to have a career that she loved and made time to spend with her family, which was the best combination.

Becky had a strong circle of friends from all phases of her life and made an effort to spend quality time with them. She often saw her friends from Ephrata during summers at the family cabin at Loon Lake in eastern Washington. She also maintained strong associations with people she met throughout her career and with friends in her local community.





### **Noted Alumnus**

Becky was proud to be a graduate of Ephrata High School and made the most of her time preparing for adulthood. As a teacher, advisor, planner and small business owner, she enjoyed the interactions with people and set a good example for others to follow. She took an interest in and supported the career paths of young people, particularly women looking to get into self-employment or business leadership positions.

Coming of age in the 1970s, Becky leveraged the traits developed from a small rural community to create a female-owned company in a large metropolitan area. The ability to balance the demands of career and family life were testimony to her beliefs, priorities and flexibility in the pursuit of multiple life goals.

