Erika Cox 1981-2020 was a well loved and respected nurse working both at Sky Lakes Medical Center and St. Charles Medical Center. Erika graduated from Oregon Health Sciences University in 2011. She married her husband, Zackary Cox, in 2015 and they welcomed their son, Cody, into their family in 2017. Erika’s career in nursing was described in her obituary as “vast and exemplary. She started her career in the emergency department, where she originally crossed paths with her husband Zack, a skilled paramedic. In addition to her work in the ED, she worked for the hospital’s flex team and worked supplemental for South Cascade Surgery Center. After having her son, Cody, she later made the move to radiation oncology where she was able to enjoy shorter workdays and spend more time with him. Erika was an extremely dedicated nurse and took the utmost care of her patients.” Erika ended her generous life as an organ donor. Sky Lake BU will donate in honor of Erika to Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank, (https://www.donatelifenw.org/content/make-gift)

Mandi Cook 1982 -2020 was adored and respected by her fellow nurses at the Family Birthing Center at Sky Lakes Medical Center. Mandi graduated from nursing school in Asheville, NC. She will be fondly remembered for her infectious laugh, unique sense of humor, and her wide smile framed in bright red lipstick. She was invaluable as a leader and was a wonderful resource for newcomers, as she welcomed them with open arms and created a safe space for learning. She was notably warm and compassionate with her patients and swift to respond in an emergency. Her speech was peppered with charming southern expressions that were often affectionately emulated by her friends and coworkers. She loved comedy and would make silly Snapchat videos of herself and send them to friends. Mandi was a tremendous storyteller and would often have them "rollin' in the aisles" laughing, as she often put it. Most notably, however, she was a dedicated, loving mother to six children ranging in age from three to twenty. She loved them inside and out, "fresh or rotten," as she would have said, with all of her generous heart. In honor of Mandi’s life Sky Lakes BU will make a donation to Marta’s House (https://martashouse.org/)
Sky Lakes nurses also lost two other colleagues this year and would like to recognize their passing.

Elizabeth Noel Aguiar (Gregory) (1974-2020) a Respiratory Therapist.

Patty Hahne, (deceased 2019) she left behind her husband Jeff and her five children. She worked in the Flex Team at Sky Lakes for 15 years spending much of her time in the Pediatric Unit.