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Obituary: Ann Elizabeth Thompson

Ann Elizabeth Thompson, 50, lost her life in a train wreck in Bayard, N.M., on November 30, 2013.

A memorial service and inurnment will be held at Two O'clock on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Schuerman/Red Rock Cemetery located Red Rock Loop Road near Sedona, Arizona. Cremation has been entrusted to Baca's Silver City Crematory.

She was born January 8, 1963, in Cottonwood, Arizona to Paul R. and Cora Mae (Boswell) Thompson of Indian Gardens in Oak Creek Canyon.

She had a wonderful childhood growing up in the National Parks where her father was a Park Ranger.

She started school at the Petrified Forest NP, attended schools at the Nation's Capitol and Grand Canyon NP. High School graduation was at Bisbee, Arizona. While living at Organ Pipe Cactus NP, she enlisted in the United States Air Force.

She was recalled during "Operation Desert Storm" and served in England. She was married while in the military.

She is survived by her son, Ian Heffelfinger (Meghan), grandson, Nathan and granddaughter Gemma. Ian is with the United States Air Force in Germany, daughter Carly Jean Heffelfinger is a college student in Austin, Texas; brother Joe Thompson, of Palominas, AZ; sister Paula Thompson of Lodi, CA; her parents Paul R. and Cora Mae Thompson of Duncan, AZ and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her life companion a Sedona native, Steve Crose a train engineer who also lost his life in the train wreck.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sedona Historical society in Ann's Memory.