

Kathryn Weit was a force at the personal, local, state, and federal levels. Her advice was golden; her ability to collaborate was unmatched; her firmness in the right was formidable; her flexibility and willingness to learn made her always modern; her sponsorship of families coming up was always a hallmark; she spoke truth to power in a way that power would listen. She helped to create family support as we know it; she built and protected Partners in Policymaking in Oregon; she launched dozens of true leaders and partnerships wherever she went. Once you met her, you would always take her call. I am willing to bet that what we all know about her is only the tip of the iceberg: I am sure most of her power was never seen in public. She built her power on kindness and humor. I am grateful to her family for sharing her with us, and for loving her in a way that made her strong. May her life be a beacon to young parents coming up, and may you all help Oregon stay true to her principles.

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