



## Alta M Wickham

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Alta Maria Wickham was born on July 28, 1973, in Murray, Utah. She is survived by her loving husband of 17 years, Mason Froberg; her beloved son, Zander (Alexander) Wickham; her parents, Heinz Peter and Dorla Liedtke; her brothers Wade, Tracy, and Kurt; sisters-in-law Carolyn, Shelly, and Denise; and many cherished nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Alta graduated from Hillcrest High School in Sandy, Utah, and later from Salt Lake Community College with a degree in Graphic Design. She enjoyed a successful career as a graphic designer for over 20 years, working with various companies before pursuing her entrepreneurial dreams. In 2011, she and Mason opened Dungeon's End, a board game and hobby store. They ran the business together until April 2022, when they, along with Zander, moved to Neotsu, Oregon, where the three of them opened Azure Shores, a gift store on Highway 101. After a year, they decided to close the physical location and focus on her online store, Ocean Blue Studios, which Alta was building at the time of her death.

Alta's son, Alexander (Zander) Wickham, was the light of her life. She often spoke proudly of "Zan Zan," her boy, and cherished every moment with him.

When she planned the move to the West Coast, she was thrilled when Zander decided to join her. She would often say that having Zander was one of the best things that ever happened to her.

Alta met her future husband, Mason Froberg, in April 2007 through an online game. Their connection was immediate, and by the end of that year, she and Zander moved to Minnesota to be with him. On December 22, 2007, Mason arrived in Salt Lake City, and from that day forward, they were never out of contact for more than a few hours.

Alta was a creative spirit with a lifelong love of arts and crafts. Even as a young child, she displayed her entrepreneurial side by painting rocks and selling them on the street corner. Although financial constraints prevented her from pursuing a fine arts degree, her passion led her to study Graphic Design, allowing her to continue exploring her love of art. She also played classical guitar, adding another layer to her artistic talents.

Alta was always at the forefront of technology. An early adopter of online games and chat rooms, it was through this medium that she met Mason. Games like World of Warcraft and Elder Scrolls Online were her way of socializing and making lasting connections. Alta was unknowingly charismatic, and had a gift for seeing the good in people,. Her kindness, silliness, love, and compassion touched countless lives, both online and in person. Her legacy of warmth and generosity will continue to live on in the hearts of those she impacted. The world is undoubtedly better for having had her in it, and she will be deeply missed.

Her husband, Mason, and son, Zander, are planning a Celebration of Life on what would have been her 52nd birthday, July 28, 2025, in Lincoln City, Oregon. Friends and family will gather to honor her memory, followed by a scattering of her ashes. If you would like to attend, please contact Mason at

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# Tribute Wall

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“Alta, I know I was just more of a “fan” of your work and your Duluth card and game shop and not quite as much a “friend,” but seeing you at Dungeon’s End and learning to paint minis from you was so comforting. Being a girl in a guy predominated space and seeing a woman as a co-owner of a space I liked to be in, where I could make friends and learn about Magic the Gathering...you made me feel so safe and welcome. I missed you when I left for my adventures with a partner outside of MN, when you and Mason did similar, and now.

*I am so glad you got to go on adventures with someone you love, and to see now that he still loves and values you so much, it’s amazing that you inspire him, even now, to grow and improve and connect— your absence hurts and will always hurt, but you were here, you mattered, and you will always be so loved.*

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**Brittany V. Hecker** - January 03, 2025 at 08:16 AM

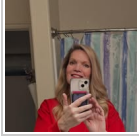
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“ Ezra restarted painting a day after Alta passed away. She was his mentor and so much more to our family. Both you and Alta, were the family we left behind in CA. The pictures are bad but it's what he considers his best model yet. He even has his own painting table. I miss her patience and kind words. Kindness...she was kindness and so much more



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**Melisa Gomez-Romo** - January 03, 2025 at 01:28 AM



“ I met Alta when I was dating her brother, Kurt. The family refers to her as Maria, so to me that’s her name though I know she wasn’t a fan of it. Her and Mas weren’t married yet, but were cleaning and fixing her house in Sandy up as they were selling it and making the move to Duluth. I remember being super nervous to meet the only sister but she put me at ease right away and was super sweet and nice and I liked her right away. We became pretty close through the years and would call each other “sis” or “sissy” and would text and catch up on things and have so much fun making plans for our next adventure we’d be taking together with Mas, Kurt and eventually Zander.

We shared lots of laughs, tons of cocktails, weird things that would happen to us in restaurants, recipes, etc.

When they told us they wanted to possibly move to Lincoln City, we made plans to stay in a VRBO and her and I shared which ones we liked and wanted to stay in and eventually settled on one in Taft. It was such a great trip and we could see why they loved the area so much and her and I would look on Trulia and share potential houses for her and Mas to buy and I’ll never forget the excitement when she told me they bought one.

To go through so many things with her, have our sisterly chats and giggles, and to talk about the things we wanted to do together as we got older, are things that I both cherish and feel anger that she’s not here to do with anymore.

I’m so lucky to have met her and to have had her in my life and I miss her. She was wonderful and a one of a kind.

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**Denise Liedtke** - September 25, 2024 at 10:44 PM

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“ I wish I'd met Alta much earlier. I met her less than two years ago in a Discord chat room. She was so friendly, and we had so much in common. As we got to talking, we realised that both of us were fascinated by AI and tech in general, both visual artists, both musicians and loved discovering new music, both gamers, both loved cooking, etc., and we became friends very quickly. From the day I met her, we did not skip a single day messaging each other, talking about everything and nothing. She was the recipient of all my random silly trains of thought. My songs in head. My deepest thoughts. The songs and bands I *\*needed\** her to hear. The stupid dream I had the night before. I told her all of it. She shared so much with me as well, she even once showed me how her laser cutter worked, and I also got to watch her paint a miniature! Alta was genuine, and I trusted her completely. She was a true friend. She came into my life at exactly the right time, and she also brought along two other amazingly dear friends that I totally needed in my life as well: Mason and Zander. I can't imagine my life without them in it now. Alta did so much for me in the time we knew each other, just by being Alta. She was special, and she was unlike anyone I have met in a very long time, and I miss my friend so damned much.

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**Clarke McMurray** - September 08, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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“ I met Alta in Elder Scrolls Online, and knew her as BluePhei and BlueGypsy. She was a kind soul and I enjoyed events she hosted there in ESO. We were in a guild together called JDK and our little corner of the game is dimmer for her loss. I am Laura McClimans, but you know me in-game as Unglm. I wish for Alta to rest easy and that her family may find comfort.

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**Laura K McClimans** - August 22, 2024 at 10:31 PM