

Ellen Salyer

Ellen Masland Salyer had gone to Mexico for a property owners meeting.

"We had a storybook relationship," said her husband, Phil Salyer, of Sebastopol, Calif. "We've been together for 13 years and it's been the best 13 years of my life."

Mrs. Salyer, 51, was active in the community, volunteering for various organizations including the Boy Scouts, he said.

"She always gave. She gave so much. She'll be very missed," he said, choking back tears. "I don't even know where to go from here."