



## Barbro Donithan

September 20, 1943 - January 12, 2026

Barbro Donithan, 82, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away at her home on January 12, 2026.

Born on September 20, 1943, in Alexandria, MN, to Marlin & Nora Hoglund. Her childhood was spent in Minnesota, moving to Seattle in 1963 and to Wenatchee in 1979. She attended college for Business, Art & Geology completing her career of 20+ years working for DSHS/OSE.

She was very ambitious, valued education, and was always up to learning something new. She saw beauty in everything and replicated it in things she made and shared with those who were lucky enough to be loved by her. She had so many amazing talents, including quilting, watercolor painting, playing piano, gardening, photography, knitting, and especially rockhounding. Her favorite times were spent with her husband, Gorman, in the motorhome traveling cross-country and being with her family.

Preceded in death by her father, Marlin, and brother-in-law Mike Guzman. She is survived by her husband Gorman, children Steve (Heather), Juli Stevens (Brian) & Dylan (Melanie), six grandchildren, Ardala Donithan, Chloe Donithan, Grace Donithan, Max Stevens, Maggie Jorgensen (Seth) & Anne Stevens, mother Nora Hoglund, sister Linda Gutzman, and brother Steve Hoglund (Yadira).

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

AR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



ardaladonithan - January 23 at 01:05 PM

LH

*We are so sorry to learn this sad news. Bev and Larry Hauff*

**larry Hauff** - January 28 at 12:08 AM

JU

“ *On our trip to Norway Barb and I flew down to England to visit her long-time penpal from Zimbabwe, then living just south of the White Cliffs of Dover. The 3 of us got on a covered double-decker bus to go to Canterbury Cathedral. There was a short tunnel of entwined trees over the road. We were all sitting in the front seats. One of the branches loudly smacked the plexi glass right in front of Barb's head and scared all of us. Just as she started to scream and cry she started laughing instead. As she would say, WHAT A HOOT.*

**Julie** - January 23 at 01:59 AM

MD

*Love this story! Thank you so much for sharing it. 💕*

**Melanie Donithan** - April 18 at 01:17 AM

BV

“ 1 file added to the album Barbro



Bev Villwock - January 21 at 01:16 PM

BV

*We believe this picture says it all.. Barb was a beautiful, strong, loving and confident person. Many times Barb and Gorman welcomed us when we stopped at their home on a weekend getaway with Linda and Mike. Our faces always needed a rest after seeing them-- we laughed so much!!*

Bev Villwock - January 21 at 01:18 PM

MD



Melanie Donithan - April 18 at 01:18 AM

AR

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ardaladonithan - January 19 at 03:53 PM

FE

“ Barb definitely made a big impact in me, with her lovely attention and smile. Always seeing beauty on everything around her. She will always be remembered and loved.



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Fabiola Eski - January 18 at 12:39 AM

MD

“ *Barbro was one of a kind. An educated classy lady with a funny quirky sense of humor and a huge heart. Loved her friends and family to the moon and back and showed it in so many ways. At times sharing her many creative talents with them, whether it be a beautiful water colored bouquet of flowers, a knitted pair of socks or a delicious rhubarb crisp. Barbro was generous with her time and loved her friends and family well. She was so very special to us and we already miss her. I am so grateful for the years I was given with Barb to learn from her, to laugh with her, to feel her love and support. She taught me to be a better person, a better cook, a better mom, a better friend. Because I knew her I have been changed for good.*



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**Melanie Donithan** - January 18 at 12:30 AM

JB

“ *I only met Barb a few times but from the minute I met her I knew she was special. What a beautiful woman inside and out. We are blessed to have known her and proud to call her family.*

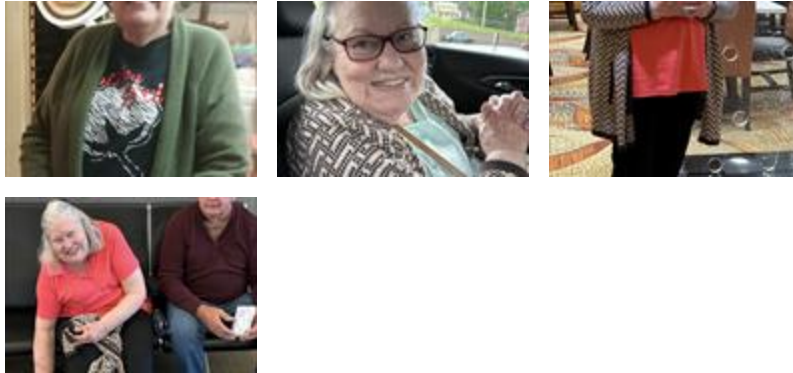
*Eric and Jenni*

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**Jennifer Busbea** - January 17 at 11:43 PM

LB

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Lena Busbea - January 16 at 06:29 PM

MD

Great pics! 💕😍💕

Melanie Donithan - January 17 at 11:33 PM

LE

♥️! RIP Barb

Lena - January 24 at 01:48 AM

SE

“ I've known Barb for many years. She was always warm and welcoming when I would visit her and her family in Wenatchee, always going places and doing fun things. She was also a good cook! I will miss her.

Sue Elliott - January 16 at 03:00 PM

KE

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Barbara as a result of being good friends with her daughter, Juli. I'm so grateful to have known her. I will never forget her beautiful smile and the way that she was always so welcoming. Heaven has definitely gained a beautiful angel..

Kim Eagle - January 15 at 10:39 PM

BD

“ I knew Barb as a positive person who never spoke badly of anyone. She was curious and down to try anything. Barb is one of the loveliest people I've ever known and I feel so fortunate to have had her in my family as well as a friend. I miss you so much already.

Becky Donithan - January 15 at 01:54 PM

DT

“ I met Barb in a strange way. We met in Merkel, Texas, several years ago. They were on their way to Lubbock when West winds blew part of the roof off their motor, and they parked it at the school bus barn. I got off the bus and walked out there to see if I could help. Sweetest people I ever met. Barb gave me 2 potholders she had made. We became friends right off. I kept in contact with them. Still do. Love You Barb! Dorothy

Dorothy Thomas - January 15 at 10:58 AM

BD

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Becky Donithan - January 15 at 10:43 AM

JA

“ You will be missed, Barbro! Till we meet again! ❤️



Jennifer Acevedo - January 15 at 10:38 AM

LB

“ Lena Busbea lit a candle in memory of Barbro Donithan



Lena Busbea - January 14 at 08:03 PM

AR

“ 17 files added to the album Barbro



ardaladonithan - January 14 at 04:57 PM

LB

*You'll So Be Missed By Many... Love Ya Buches Your in my Heart Always!!*

**Lena Busbea** - January 14 at 07:52 PM

MD

*OMG good old Barbro. That lady knew how to have fun! She was a hoot and a half! 💕*

**Melanie Donithan** - January 15 at 09:14 PM

SE

*I've known Barb for many years. She was always warm and welcoming when I would visit her and her family in Wenatchee. I will miss her. She was also a good cook!*

**Sue Elliott** - January 16 at 02:06 PM

TJ

*Barbro was a a wonderful gift to everyone who knew her. We had the great honor to have her as our daughter's bonus grandma. We all love her so much and are sending love and prayers to her amazing family all who knew and loved her. 💕*

**Teri Johnson** - January 17 at 07:39 PM

DG

*I came to know Barbro from working with her many years ago, and we just became good friends from there. She was so much fun to be around and enjoyed the get-togethers and adventures we had, especially spur-of-the-moment road trips to Tonasket. She was so wise and talented in all that she did, and I will cherish those fond memories of her forever. 💕*

**Dawn Goodman** - January 22 at 10:50 AM