



Rita K Mead

January 21, 1945 - April 22, 2018

Rita has gone to walk in the Wenatchee hills and mountains that she dearly loved. The wild flowers have called, and she is free to wander in the woods and meadows that created the kaleidoscope of colors that filled her heart with joy. The hills are beckoning with corn snow and warm, clear blue skies. She was an RN by training, but an artist at heart. As a natural caregiver and astute study, she excelled as a nurse, and survived the rigors of nursing school to become Nursing House Supervisor during an era when attrition was high and responsibilities were all-consuming. She loved and nurtured her children. She was a natural mother and wife. She loved to cook and was renowned for her heavenly baked desserts. She grew up in a military family and traveled around the world. She always championed the less fortunate and was a passionate supporter of the Children's Home Society, Together for a Drug-Free Youth, Special Olympics, and the United Methodist UMCOR program. Rita was a wonderful skier and skilled biker, and led her children and their friends on bikes, skis, and hiking trails throughout the Cascades, and had the scars to prove it. She drove a suburban full of kids on countless trips to Mission Ridge and many northwest ski races, and fostered their lifelong love of the mountains. Rita was also an accomplished photographer and captured many lasting images of beautiful wildflowers and scenic mountain landscapes.

Rita was preceded in death by her father and mother, Cliff and May Evenson; and her eldest brother, Dallas. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Philip

Mead; daughter, Dana, and husband, Erik Mohrmann, along with children: Violet and Andrew, all of Woodinville, WA; son, Matt, and wife, Lara, of Anchorage, AK; sister, Rapture Butler of Windsor, VA; brother, Reid Evenson of Eden Valley, MN; and very special family friend, Stephanie Chapman.

A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements assisted by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I was privileged to be a small part of Rita's life and will always remember her as a vibrant, beautiful, intelligent, strong and independent woman. She must have brightened so many lives over the course of her own-- she certainly brightened mine. She was a consummate "Southern Belle", with an unexpectedly sharp wit and humor, and endless talents from photography to baking to gardening. We were lucky to have had her in our lives and I have her family held in my thoughts.



Kelly Condefer - April 30, 2018 at 10:34 AM

LE

“ I am saddened at the passing of this beautiful soul. Rita was a regular customer at Bloomfields Mini mart for the entire 15 years i worked there. She was sweet, kind and caring. I have not seen her in several years, but remember her with love..

Lisa Earhart - April 25, 2018 at 01:22 PM

SD

“ Dearest Auntie Rita,
I shall miss your spirit here on earth. You were the best mentor for me. I learned how to mother my children, bake with butter and sugar, nurture a garden to bloom big flowers, and make others feel loved in your presence. You were polite and kind, warm and gracious, patient and generous. Thank you for these gifts you left for us all! The world is a little less sweet without you in it. With lovely memories, Stacey & Bill, Ariel & Thomas

Stacey Dorsey - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 PM

PW

“ You were my beautiful, amazing, fierce and fearless best friend for 40 years. I hope you're hiking through the wildflowers on Wenatchee Heights. ❤️❤️❤️

Pamela Wilson-Mcnamara - April 24, 2018 at 08:34 PM

JS

“ Love you Auntie Reet, and will miss you forever. Love and prayers to Philip, Dana, Erik, Violet, Andrew, Matt and Lara

Jenny Swenson - April 24, 2018 at 07:49 PM