



Donna Mae Porter

July 24, 1938 - August 26, 2023

Donna Mae Porter, born on July 24, 1938, in Bellingham, passed away on August 26, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was the daughter of Henry and Bobetta Brandt.

One of her fondest joys was accompanying her grandkids to Dairy Queen for ice cream, always ready to be goofy and share a laugh. Donna's love extended to quiet coffee moments at Lee's Drive In, where she found solace in the simple pleasures of life. Her meticulous care and attention were evident as she dusted her collection of delicate glass figurines, each a testament to her nurturing spirit.

The holiday season was made magical by Donna's touch as she lovingly crafted peanut butter balls and mints at Christmas, a tradition that will forever warm the hearts of her family. She found solace and delight in feeding the ducks, a reflection of her connection with nature. Skip-Bo games and her enthusiasm for travel, often organized for her birthday celebrations, showcased her vibrant and adventurous side.

Beyond her cherished roles as a mother and grandmother, Donna was diligent, affectionate, sincere, creative, elegant, and even a touch stubborn. Her elegance shone through her favorite activities: reading, participating in her card club, cheering for the Mariners, and attending her grandchildren's events.

Professionally, Donna dedicated her time to Horizon Bank, where she served as a switchboard operator. Her commitment to her work mirrored her commitment to her family – unwavering and sincere.

What will be remembered most about Donna is the love she showered upon her family. Her daily naps were her cherished moments of rest, and her travels with family were a testament to her adventurous spirit.

She is survived by her daughter Kim Thunder (Allan), son Brian Porter (Regis), sister Karen Brandt Brookshire; granddaughters Amy Klien (Jon), Molly Thunder, Ashley Porter and Alyssa Porter; grandsons Nathan Thunder (Candice), Andrew Porter (Jenny), LB Gwinner, Chance Gwinner (Ondrea) and Payton Porter (Cassandra).

Donna was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Bobetta Brandt, her sister Sharon Tutterow, sister Barbara Clary, and brother Henry Brandt. Donna was also preceded in death by her beloved son, Kevin Porter.

In this time of grief, let us remember the joy and warmth that Donna brought into our lives. Her memory will forever be etched in our hearts, and the love she shared will continue to inspire us.

A Celebration of Life for Donna will be held at the Bellingham Athletic Club on Saturday, September 9th beginning at 3:00pm.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Our sincere condolences to all of Donna’s family. I enjoyed many lunches with Donna and other Brandt girls in the past. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the memorial service. Donna Brandt Hager and family.

Donna Hager - September 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I grew up on Azalea Place with the Porters and have many fond memories of Donna. I loved spending time at her home, which was always beautifully cared for. She will live in my memories. Much love to Kim, Brian, and all of her family.

Cathy Belben - September 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of My friend Donna’s passing. I met her when she invited me to join Birthday Club in 1965. As a result I’ll forever be grateful for the friends I met and still have as a result of her invitation.

Warm thoughts and condolences to her sweet family . Love, Jane Cannon Westerfield

Jane Cannon Westerfield - September 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Speaking on behalf of the Bellingham High School Class of 1956, we send condolences to Donna’s entire family. She will be missed. The ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts. Billey Quanz Force

Billey Force - September 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM