



## Rita Mae Brandt

May 22, 1964 - August 15, 2022

Rita Mae Brandt passed away suddenly on Monday August 15, 2022 in Puyallup, WA

Rita was 58 years old, born May 22, 1964 in Bellingham, WA and was the fifth of five children to Robert and Bonna (Bauthues) Beck.

Rita graduated from Ferndale High School in 1982. After obtaining her two year degree in accounting from Spokane Falls Community College she married John Brandt in 1984, after dating for many years. After supporting John during his final year of College at Washington State University, Rita and John moved to Longview, WA for John's new job. They later moved to Tacoma, WA in 2010 when John switched jobs and have lived there since.

Rita's greatest joy was being a mom to her two sons, RJ and Jake. She was a terrific wife and mom! She volunteered whenever and wherever needed at the boy's schools, running youth athletic programs and assisting with coaching all their sports teams. Rita, always financially savvy, was great at running the many fundraisers to support programs her boys were active in while maintaining a tight family budget so the family could enjoy many fun activities and allowing John to retire early.

Rita enjoyed boating and fishing, a love that was passed down from her

father. After her parents gave Rita and John the family boat (1971 24' Fiberform) in the 1990's, their family was able to spend many great nights on the Columbia River as she did as a child in the San Juan Islands. Additionally, she enjoyed playing slow pitch softball, hiking and growing a garden. She was a fantastic cook; we will miss her delicious food!

Rita will be greatly missed by her husband, John; their two children, RJ (Patty) and Jake (Bailey) and their dog Tiara; one grandchild Johnathan; mother Bonna Beck; sisters Tami (Greg Merritt) and Jodi; brothers Bret (Debbie) and Matt; mother in-law Myrna Brandt and sister in-law Janell Lyddan (Dennis).

Rita was preceded in death by her father Robert; father in-law Robert Brandt and sister in-law Jana Kortus.

A private family gathering was held in Rita's honor.

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ So sorry for you loss. I remember Rita being the sweetest gal in school. My deepest condolences and prayers for you and your family during this time.

Robert West - August 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'm very sorry to hear about Rita's passing. What a blow for the family, especially you John.

David Bernard - August 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I' can't tell you how sorry I am to hear this! I have many nice memories of Rita. My sincerest condolences to you and your families!

Delinda Nicolet - August 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Will hold Rita close in my heart forever. So many memories! She was kind, funny, and smart. She was the best friend you could ask for in high school and the years following. John – this is so unfair but you hold on to the wonderful life, marriage and family you created with her. You were both so blessed. So many memories of you and Rita. You loved her from the start! I am here for you!!! I hope you feel all the love from everyone who knew you both. (We actually are not to. far – Yelm :-)  
Love, Missy  
(sorry if this is a repeat but I posted yesterday and did not see it show up)

Michelle - August 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM