



Rose Marie Kinnebrew

July 6, 1933 - November 30, 2023

KINNEBREW, Rose Marie (Rose), age 90, formerly of Oak Harbor, Washington, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023 in Ferndale, Washington. She was born July 6, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Otto (Hub) Ullrich and Josephine nee Kische. She grew up in Mundelein, Illinois with 5 siblings.

Rose graduated from Libertyville High School in 1951 and received a BS from Marquette University in medical technology and an MS from Texas A&M University in exercise physiology. After Marquette she moved to south Texas and met Robert “Keith” Kinnebrew where they were married on April 20, 1956, and raised 10 children together. As a military family, they moved often, learned to be flexible and raised their children to become successful adults.

Rose enjoyed her career as a medical technologist as it paired well with her innate sense of curiosity and love of science. Rose also volunteered with the Peace Corps in Belize and taught physical education in Honduras. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family, dancing, gardening, hiking, sports, traveling, and above all, cruising the world’s seas. Rose was unpretentious, practical, and called it like she saw it.

Rose is survived by her 10 sons and daughters: Blaine (Jackie Foskett), Ben (Sandy Keathley), Mary Ann (James Lee), Quin (Tania Gonzalez), Dan

(Teemaria), John (Bonnie), Ellen (James Skinner), Nick (Nicole), Lynn Eno and Neil. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, her sister Margaret (Marvin) Kiefer and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Keith Kinnebrew in 2006, sisters Mary Ann Starkey and Grace (Mitzi) Van Landuyt, and brothers James and Charles.

Rose was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, community volunteer, and friend. She had her quick wit and sense of humor till the very end. She will be missed but her life lessons will not be forgotten.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“*Rose was so much a great friend and a terrific trivia player! We met on ship playing trivia! Became fast friends! We did quite a bit of walking in diff ports! Just to enjoy the people. In Bora Bora we met a bus driver and wife who toured us all over! Such wonderful., and crazy memories! She early to bed , early to rise and exercise! Not me late bed then Me sleep and dream I was a late bed late sleeper! She would have 3 miles walking in before I even woke up! Loved her very much crazy sense of humor crazy fun to be with just just adorable and I'm gonna remember her the rest of my life* 🗨️👁️🎵🙏!!

Cheri Smith - December 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“*I'm so sorry to hear of Rose's passing. I remember her as being funny, tough, and resourceful. She always made me feel welcome. My best memory of your mom is one evening I was invited to have dinner with your family. As the food was brought out there was a platter of some funny looking meat I didn't recognize. I asked what it was and Rose said matter of factly... "tongue". The look on my face made everyone laugh! She will be missed.*
God bless, Chris

Chris Phillips - December 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM