



# Hilma Rose McNerney

May 7, 1960 - March 17, 2020

Hilma Rose McNerney, 59, a resident of Port Orchard, passed away on Tuesday March 17, 2020.

She was born on May 7, 1960 to the late Arthur and Alma (Willey) Tharp in Denver, Colorado. She grew up and attended schools in Wenatchee, Washington. She was lovingly called "Mouse or Mousey" by her father as she was so tiny and petite.

She married Ardell Chaffin (Sonny) McNerney in Monitor, Washington on August 13, 1977, and Ryan Randant on December 13, 2003. Over the years, she has made her home in California, Tennessee, Michigan, Delaware moving back to Washington in 1995. She resided in Port Orchard at the time of her passing.

Hilma raised four daughters and was a foster parent to many. She has worked for Kitsap Home Care Service where she was a caregiver for the last several years. She loved her clients and they were like family to her. When she could, she loved to travel around the United States and see the wonders of this great nation and even venturing to Canada several times. She found she loved to cruise when she first went on a Disney Cruise with Brandi, Thomas and Bubby Everson and then later on a cruise to Aruba. She loved Light Houses and Wind Chimes. Hilma was passionate about learning new things and expanding her mind. She never just went along with what others thought or said but would study things out until she came to her own conclusions, even if it wasn't what everyone else was thinking or doing. She loved exploring nature and more than anything she loved going to the beach. The beach had the power to rejuvenate her.

She is survived by 2 Sisters, Julia Zerfass, Washington, Lillie (David) Baird, Colorado and 1 brother Peter Tharp, Washington, 4 daughters, Brandi (Thomas Everson) McNerney, Texas, Shana (Adam) Insley, W. Virginia, Stephanie (Josue) Pichardo, Florida, Cassandra "Cassie" McNerney, Washington; nine grandchildren, Thomas "Bubby" Everson II, Texas, Hayley, Carson, Asher, & Sloane Insley, W. Virginia, David, Sebastian, Autumn Pichardo, Florida. Anthony McNerney, Washington, Ardell Chaffin (Sonny) McNerney, and Ryan

Randant, Washington, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an Aunt, one Granddaughter, Adalyne Grace. She will be cremated and ashes scattered at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made in Hilma's name to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at <https://afsp.donordrive.com/campaign/HilmaMcNerneyMemorialFund>

# Comments

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“ From the day I met Hilma I knew she had a big heart.

She wanted to talk to someone about integrating nutrition into her beautiful idea of a retreat center for women that have survived abuse. A friend had recommended she talk to me, so we had a lunch meeting at Whiskey Gulch. Her compassion and engagement in life were evident from that first day I met her.

She started to attend My Sustainable City meetings. Her presence was like a light and her participation was appreciated by many. She really believed in what she believed in. She was a strong woman and was not hesitant to bear (at least some of) her scars with pride. She was an unfiltered voice for the “little guy”.

I’m sad she’s gone and that we didn’t have more time to dream and create for our community together. I’m glad she’s at peace, and my heart breaks over and over for her grieving family.

I thank the universe and God for sharing her with me while she was here.

**Tiffany Schindler** - March 25 at 05:40 PM

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“ Such a world changer that was filled with so much love for others. It was an honor and a pleasure to get to know her.

She taught so many of us some really important lessons in life that I will never forget. I will keep her family in prayer and I will never forget Hilma Rose.

Rest In Peace precious friend.



**Heidi Smith** - March 24 at 01:54 AM

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“ Midge Rauch lit a candle in memory of Hilma Rose McNerney



**Midge Rauch** - March 23 at 04:25 PM



“ YOU WILL GREATLY MISSED HILMA ROSE !! LOVE YOU CUZ !!

**Midge** - March 23 at 04:26 PM

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“ This is one of her visits to Texas.



**Brandi McNerney** - March 23 at 02:53 PM

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“ This is GG, grandma, mom, Pete, Brandi, Shana, Hayley, Stephanie, Cassie.

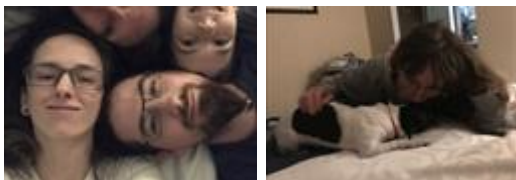


**Brandi McNerney** - March 23 at 02:13 PM

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“ These were taken some time ago. She really love my dog, Abby!  
Brandi, Thomas, ThomasII, Nana



**Brandi McNerney** - March 23 at 01:54 PM