



Rhonda Vern Hamstreet

December 18, 1946 - June 18, 2015

Rhonda Vern Hamstreet died in her home on June 18, 2015 in Newport, OR after a hard fought battle with melanoma. She was 68 years old. She was awesome.

Born on December 18, 1946 in Corvallis, OR to her parents, Leonard and Doris Anderson, she grew up in Toledo and graduated from Toledo High School in 1965. Rhonda went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree from Oregon State University.

Rhonda lived, loved, worked, played and touched the lives of many folks in Newport for the last 45 years. Her years of hard work, dedication and generosity on the Embarcadero Marina, Port of Newport, Rotary, Performing Arts Center, Hospital Board, Oregon Coast Aquarium and, her favorite, Lincoln County Master Gardeners Association, literally helped build the city of Newport and make it what it is today.

Rhonda is survived by her children Kari Mueller and Brent Hamstreet; her adopted daughter Michelle D'Agostino; her brothers, Leonard and Rodney Anderson; her son-in-law Jeff Mueller; her two grandchildren, Emilie & Piper Mueller; and her dog, Lily.

Rhonda was a world class, one-of-a-kind mother, grandmother (granny), aunt,

sister, friend and person. It must be said again, she was awesome! We were truly blessed to have had her in our lives. We will miss her.

There will be a ceremony celebrating Rhonda's life on July 25, 2015 at 1:00pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newport. All are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to: OSU Extension-Endowment Fund Master Gardeners, 1211 SE Bay Blvd., Newport OR 97365. Attn: Master Gardener Program Coordinator.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Rhonda's passing. She was always so friendly and gracious. I truly admired her, a warm and classy woman. Our sincere sympathies to the whole family.

Genese Mullin - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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diana franklin - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I loved this classy woman!!! My first memory of her is when she took care of me when my parents went on vacation. She introduced me to "shit on a shingle". She was such a wonderful woman who I only have fond memories of. She will be missed terribly!

Brian Smith - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ So many of my childhood memories involved Rhonda. She and Clyde were my parents best friends for as long as I can remember. Visiting them when they lived at Embarcadero while their home was being built. Many trips to Central Oregon, ski trips, etc. Staying overnight with Kari and Brent. Sunday dinners at our house or theirs. Christmas caroling all over Newport. Flat bed truck leaving Hamstreets filled with hay bales. Making sure we had hot chocolate and sure to go to the elderly center, the Collsons, Vickers, etc. Going to the bait shop with mom to see her. Wood stove in the corner. Our moms made Kari and I take tennis lessons with them at Salishan. So in awe of her beautiful long red hair. I saw her last summer when she, mom and dad and I, went to street of dreams and lunch. She was as striking as ever. My whole family will miss her. As will Brian's.

Tracey Brenneman smith - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Rhonda was a friend for at least 45 years. We will miss her laughter and good friendship from all our visits over the years. Our meals, our adventures, our pictures and remembrances will always be special. We love you Rhonda.

Jan and John Brenneman - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM