



Marina Jane Romary

June 9, 1938 - January 17, 2021

Marina Romary, 82, passed away peacefully at home on January 17, 2021. Marina was born to George and Joyce Notaras in Wenatchee, Washington on June 9, 1938. She was one of 7 children and was raised in Soap Lake. She graduated from Ephrata High School.

Marina started working at the Porterhouse in Moses Lake, WA, in the mid '60's and from there never stopped. She became the manager of the Soap Lake Businessmen's Club in 1969, bought Don's Restaurant in 1974 and built the Notaras Lodge in 1984. She was very active in the community from heading the Greek Festival to putting that damn Christmas tree up in the middle of the street in downtown Soap Lake and many other ventures too numerous to count. She was on the City Council for several years and served 2 terms as Mayor of Soap Lake. Marina decided to retire June 2016 after successfully owning her businesses: 47 years managing the SLBC, 42 years running Don's and 32 years owning Notaras Lodge.

Marina loved to fish. When at her property in La Ventana, Mexico, she would get on the water every chance she could. When at home, go to the coast and rent a charter or closer to home go fishing with son-in-law Ken for Walleye. At family gatherings, Marina loved to play poker for pennies or play a mean hand of Pinnacle. She was always in the kitchen cooking something. She, with her mother Mrs. No and sister April loved to cook Greek food and embrace her

Greek heritage. She had the opportunity to travel to Greece 3 times. First time in the 1970's, then in 2009 with her daughters, Carmen and Denise and visited her father's birth place and met several relatives. Third time in 2012 she went with Denise, grandson Kris and other family members and always hoped to return someday.

Marina was preceded in death by her parents; brothers David Monte and Tony Notaras. She is survived by her two daughters Carmen (Ken) Eckhart and Denise Romary. Three grandsons, Camden (Cayleen) Eckhart, Colby Eckhart and Kris Romary. Two great grandchildren, Kendrick and Everleigh Eckhart. Four siblings: Freida Sebok, April Leask, Nick Notaras and Joyce (Jim) Conklin. And numerous nephews and nieces. Good friends Linda Gunderson, Carol Gunderson, Pam Leseman and Francis Taber.

Marina's final resting places are Valley View Memorial Park, Soap Lake; La Ventana, Mexico and Ermioni, Greece. No service is planned at this time. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

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Tribute Wall

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“ Was impressed and awed by Marina after attending the "Greek Festival" in 1982 or 83 (not sure, but went two times). I had been to Greece in '79 for the first time (but not the last) & loved discovering Soap Lake, the Business Men's Club & Don's restaurant. Being quite shy, never had the courage to speak with Marina but admired her active way with the town. Loved the mud wrestling!!! Sad to learn of her passing, but happy she did so well. Blessings to her family.

Bonnie Taylor - November 15, 2021 at 06:52 PM

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“ My family used to spend 2 to 3 weeks every summer in Soap Lake. During those stays we rarely had dinner in our rooms at Tumwata Lodge. We would have dinner several nights of each week at Don's and when Marina took the helm we all became fast friends. My grandparents, my parents and my Aunt and Uncle along with my brother and I and our two cousins would take on a large table in the dining room and sometimes near the bar. Soap Lake and Don's and Marina and her sister April were all a huge part of our home away from home (Seattle area) summer vacation experience. I remember Martina as always friendly and always greeting and hanging out to talk with us all and the food was always amazing 5 star greatness. What I would give for the Don's dressing recipe! Marina was the Mayor of Soap Lake before she actually became the Mayor. She was the center and the one person who really kept the town thriving. Her addition of the Greek cuisine to Don's was fabulous. Until reading the obituary, I did not realize she worked at the Porterhouse in Moses lake early on which we used to visit as well. I bet we ran into her there as well. Although her retirement was short, I am glad she was able to realize her dreams and was never afraid to take risks. A life well lived for a person well loved. Rest in Peace Marina. You earned it. You enriched our lives in many ways.

Robin Zambrowsky - January 22, 2021 at 11:13 PM