



## Mary L Franklin

March 1, 1958 - October 21, 2017

### MARY LUELLA (BOLAND) FRANKLIN

Mary Luella (Boland) Franklin, 59, of Spokane, Washington, went home to be with Jesus on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017.

She was

born March 1, 1958 at McKay Memorial Hospital in Soap Lake, Washington to Daniel and Judy Boland.

Mary attended St. Rose of Lima School in Ephrata, Washington, graduating from Soap Lake High School in 1976.

She was a hard worker, starting first at Don's Restaurant in Soap Lake when she was 14. Mary attended Kinman's Business School in Spokane and then spent five years working for the Borough of Fairbanks, Alaska.

She moved to Spokane in 1982 and started working as the assistant for Spokane's Mayor and City Council. From 1992-2003 she worked at a variety of places in Spokane – at Momentum as an assistant to President Sam Smith at WSU, and the Community Colleges of Spokane. Mary returned to the City of Spokane from 2003-2010, working as the Council Administrator.

In March of 2010 she left for Fairbanks to work for the University, and stayed there for about three years.

Mary always considered Soap Lake as her home, and was wanting to return to help the city with her experience working for the City of Spokane.

She briefly stayed in Soap Lake while her health was deteriorating – battling COPD along with pneumonia. While hospitalized she succumbed to carbon

dioxide poisoning and hypoxia and was placed on a ventilator. She was transferred to Regency North in Spokane for recovery and remained there the past three-and-a-half years, dependent on the ventilator. She passed peacefully with family along her side.

What kept her alive was her “strong heart” – she had a big heart for people, loved everyone and was always willing to help others in need. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and being with friends. Her greatest joy in life was her daughter, Alicia and was an amazing and dedicated mother to her.

She is survived by her only daughter, Alicia (Franklin) Newman; grandson Colton; Steve Franklin; and her sister Georganne (Boland) Berg, along with nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Judy Boland.

A celebration of Mary’s legacy will be held at Spokane City Hall, Chase Lounge, on Friday, Nov. 10, from 1-3 p.m.

Memorial Service, Liturgy of the Word, will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov 11, 2017 at Nicoles Funeral Home, 157 C St. NW, Ephrata.

Mary will be missed by many friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Soap Lake Food Bank, P.O. Box 925, Soap Lake, Wa 98851, in her name would greatly give her joy, knowing she is still helping others.

Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wash.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Chase Gallery at Spokane City Hall  
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd  
Spokane, WA 99201

## Service

NOV **11**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home  
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Ephrata, WA 98823  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary L Franklin*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - November 10, 2017 at 11:42 AM

SB

“ *A note to Alicia, It was wonderful to see you. Alicia and to meet Colton. What a friend, young livewire! I was also happy to meet your husband and to see Georganne and meet her lovely family. She looks so much like Mary. I am so sad about Mary's passing and wish I had known where she was. But in my prayers, I send love to her in the Spirit World and know she hears.*

*I would love it if you would write to me at [sherisbarnard@gmail.com](mailto:sherisbarnard@gmail.com) so we can get together sometime and share stories about Mary, and spend some time together. I know you came up to Mayor Verner and myself wanting to talk about your mother, but we were interrupted and never got back to it.*

*The gathering at City Hall was very nice and a wonderful tribute to Mary who spent so many years of her life working and helping so many of us pass through the doors of City Hall..*

*Take care, Alicia, and keep in touch. Love, Sheri Barnard*

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**sheri barnard** - November 13, 2017 at 06:12 PM

DW

“ I was so sad to hear of Mary passing today...so young. I worked for the City of Spokane from 1977 to 2004 and knew Mary quite well. We would watch soap operas in the Mayors lounge during our lunch hour while Mayor Barnard and McNeal were there. I went to Marys house to go swimming with my daughter when she lived near Mead. Hope to make it to City Hall on the 10th! Thoughts/prayers to her family.

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**Debbie Wolcott** - November 03, 2017 at 05:30 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family now and in the days ahead. I was so sad to see the passing of Mary Franklin this morning. Mary worked in the Spokane City Council office when I arrived there in 1984 and was there for many years. Mary was wonderful to work with, always happy, friendly to all, and excellent in handling all the letters and other paperwork coming through. She and I were good friends. She loved you so much, Alicia, and I can remember the celebrations of your birthday each year August 8! (hope I am right.) Her love for you and your son will be with you in the days to come. I hope to be with you in City Hall on Friday, November 10. Blessings to you all.

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**Sheri Barnard** - November 03, 2017 at 01:16 PM