



## Rita Noland

January 27, 1932 - October 19, 2012

Rita Noland, age 80, long time resident of Moses Lake, Washington passed away peacefully on October 19, 2012. She was surrounded by her family, and she will be missed by the many that have had the good fortune to have known her.

Geraldine Rita Teresa Fennell was born on January 27, 1932 in Brooklyn, New York, third child and only daughter of Thomas and Geraldine (Green) Fennell. When she was 25 and living in Los Angeles, she met Loren Lewis 'Dean' Noland who became her husband of 54 years. They left California for Moses Lake, Washington where the couple settled in 1958.

Rita embraced the community through church and school activities. She worked as a teacher's aide for several years, and helped care for children with developmental challenges. Rita loved children, and was always ready with encouragement and a smile.

She was passionate about staying active. She was an excellent roller skater in her youth, and continued swimming throughout her life. She had a dream of having a permanent place to share her love of swimming with others, and after spending a number of years at a pool supply store she was able to realize her dream by building a pool and opening her own business called Rita's Swim and Trim. She invited community members of all ages and touched the lives of many with her patience, wisdom and humor.

She enjoyed spending time with relatives during family reunions and will be remembered by all for the joy she brought to the gatherings. She was a

beloved wife and caring mother to her family and a loving friend to her relatives, her neighborhood and her community.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Noland; three children, John Noland, Dawn Noland, and Michael Noland; three grandchildren Sky Beebe, Eric Noland, and Grace Noland-Randle.

Rita's family would like to express gratitude to the staff at McKay Healthcare in Soap Lake for providing safe and loving care during her final years.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Moses Lake Christian Church 200 E Yonezawa Blvd Moses Lake, Washington.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Christian Church  
200 E Yonezawa Blvd  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Noland*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - November 02, 2012 at 01:28 PM

LB

*Thinking of you again October 19, 2016. I miss you so very much, love you always! So many great memories. Dawn, I would love a copy of the picture with Rita, Sky & Eric on the house front porch. Thank you for making the video as I look back on it often. Yes, in loving memory, Rita was my friend and Mother to me.*

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**Lucinda Beebe** - October 19, 2016 at 01:27 PM

DN

*She was indeed a special lady, and I know she loved you very much. I always looked forward to hearing your and Sky's news from her. I miss her too and often find myself smiling at the thought of how should would react to situations that come up in my life now that I have a daughter of my own. She loved children and the child in everyone. I am grateful that you are part of our family and keep her memory strong. Love you!*

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**Dawn Noland** - October 20, 2016 at 12:13 PM

DN

“ *Mairi's Wedding -- we will be thinking of you Mom when we perform this song again in front of an audience. I will be playing the Bodhran, the Irish frame drum, and singing with Grace. A fellow member of Issaquah Singers will be accompanying us on fiddle.*

*I know you didn't want me to play the drums as a girl but I think you would have approved of this type of drum. Thank you for instilling in me a love of music that I have been able to pass along to Grace.*

*Miss you Mom -- I hope you can hear us singing and thinking of you!*

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**Dawn Noland** - October 20, 2016 at 12:48 PM

DN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Dawn Noland** - October 20, 2016 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ *Rita was a very important and special person to me and Sky. Very easy to love her. I remember working a few days with her at the T.V Cable company & going to see her at the pool store. Rita taught Sky how to swim before he could walk & Sky used little water. wings later. I watched Rita work & care for special needs children. I feel Rita was a master of many things. I couldn't have been blessed with a better Friend, Mother & Grandmother for my son Sky. What a wonderful Lady.*

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**Lucinda Beebe** - October 19, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DN

“ While doing some research, I ran across this video which I thought would be a fitting tribute to the anniversary of Mom's passing. I did a Facebook search of Geraldine Fennell and one of the entries held this Christmas-themed video. I am certain my Mom would have liked it :-)

Dawn Noland - October 20, 2014 at 01:01 PM

DN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dawn Noland - October 18, 2013 at 04:21 PM

DN

Mom loved the TV series 'Touched by an Angel' and this song by the Judds seemed perfect to honor her. Mom is missed but never forgotten.

Dawn Noland - October 18, 2013 at 09:59 PM

DN

“ 3 files added to the album Music for Rita



Dawn Noland - November 07, 2012 at 12:48 AM

DN

“ 2 files added to the album Rita and Grace



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**Dawn Noland** - November 07, 2012 at 12:32 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Rita



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**Dawn Noland** - November 07, 2012 at 12:30 AM

DN

“ Dawn Noland purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Rita Noland.



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**Dawn Noland** - November 06, 2012 at 08:22 PM

JE

“ i always enjoyed my swim classes with Rita in charge. She has always been so sweet, and friendly with everyone she worked with pool-side! What a little bundle of energy! To the family: When you lose someone you love, you gain an angel you know! Jeanette Ehlert Enzler

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**Jeanette Enzler** - November 06, 2012 at 08:17 PM

DN

“ Dawn Noland purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rita Noland.



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**Dawn Noland** - November 06, 2012 at 08:14 PM

PN

“ Pat, Joe and Dianne Noland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Noland.



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**Pat, Joe and Dianne Noland** - November 06, 2012 at 11:37 AM

JN

“ Joe And Dianne Noland lit a candle in memory of Rita Noland



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**Joe and Dianne Noland** - November 04, 2012 at 08:42 PM

OM

“ Ona Marr lit a candle in memory of Rita Noland



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**Ona Marr** - November 04, 2012 at 03:58 PM

ME

“ John sorry for your loss....My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family..

*A friend from high school  
Marsha Eckelbarger-Wade*

Marsha Eckelbarger-Wade - November 04, 2012 at 10:27 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Rita Noland



November 03, 2012 at 04:26 AM

DN

“ Dawn Noland lit a candle in memory of Rita Noland



Dawn Noland - November 02, 2012 at 11:29 PM

DN

*A candle lit in love, in your favorite color. I miss you, Mom.*

Dawn Noland - November 03, 2012 at 02:51 AM

L]

*Dawn you have done a great job thanks for doing this Loved your Mom so much will miss her too Aunt Pat*

Letricia {Pat ]Noland - November 03, 2012 at 02:49 PM