



Monica Ann Merlino

April 8, 1936 - February 23, 2013

MONICA ANN (O'ROURKE) MERLINO April 8, 1936 ~ February 23, 2013 A homemaker who also worked as a classroom assistant at the Washington School for the Deaf, Monica A. Merlino died Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Vancouver. She was 76. Mom was born April 8, 1936, in Easton, Minnesota to William B. and Hazel Egeness O'Rourke. She graduated from the Minnesota School for the Deaf, and attended Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. where she met her future husband, Robert Merlino. They were married on October 27, 1956. Mom was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She loved to read, and was a devoted fan of the athletic teams of her children and grandchildren and of the Seattle Mariners. Above all she valued her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother James O'Rourke and sister Karen Schulz. She is survived by her daughters, Kathy (Mark) Feeney and Julie (Steve) Pagel of Vancouver and Laurie (Therese Lavallee) Merlino of Portland; her sons Tim (Shelly) Merlino and Mike (Karley) Merlino of Vancouver; twelve grandchildren; her brother Rick (Kay) O'Rourke of Mankato, MN and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church followed by a funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made in Monica's name for Alzheimer's disease research to the National Institute on Aging.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:54 PM

LB

“ *Monica was my classmate during our senior year. With my impression, she learned sign language so fast. She was a wonderful friend. May she be in peace and also with her husband.*

Lucretia Bonheyo - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Monica was my classmate at MN School for the Deaf graduating in 1953. We kept in touch at Christmas time with cards and letters. Micky was a very good friend and gentle person. Sending our sympathy to the family. with love and God's blessings.*

Dorothy Rasmussen - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Mickey was a great girl and a good friend while students at the school in Minn. At Gallaudet we became roommates and she met Bob and in time became everyone's Monica. I had a delightful visit in 1971, the last time I saw Monica. My prayers are with you all.*

Erickson,Louise - March 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I remember Monica she is my computer teacher and She teaches me to improve my typed. She is very sweet and kind woman. Now Bob and Monica dance in heaven as love one. I give my condelonce to all kids,grandkids,many families that they love. God Bless you all. God love you all..

Annetta Buckley-Fink - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ What a wonderful and caring person. May she be blessed with Bob in heaven and watch over their family from there with love.

Michael & Maryann OBrien - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I remembered Monica fondly at Washington School for the Deaf. Monica was my computer teacher. She always greeted students with her irish smile and sparkly eyes in her computer room. She had good laugh with students and teachers include her people in her life. Monica always made proud comments about her children and grandchildren because she loved them so dearly. She was not only one to brag about her children. Monica's husband Robert too. I will never forget Monica's smile and irish sparky eyes. Monica finally met her husband Robert and walked along with holding hands in heaven. I send my deepest sympathy to Monica's children and grandchildren. God bless Monica. Pamela

Pamela Randol - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Kathy, your brother and sisters ... I'm Lester and Mavis's daughter. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Have thought about your Mom (ALL OF YOU) for a long time. I'm truly glad that she can now be at rest! I remember seeing you at Aunt Hazel's funeral and glad for the chance! I remember going to your Mom and Dad's wedding so many years ago and your visits back to Aunt Hazel's and Uncle Bonny's. Thank the Lord for good memories! Carol Egeness Arndt

Carol Egeness Arndt - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Many nice memories with Monica from school and college days. Wife and I will miss her, but are glad she is at a better place.

Ronald Nomeland - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Mom, Dad, Carol, and I are thinking of you all and your loss. I always loved seeing your mom and dad and you kids whenever you came back to visit Aunt Hazel and Uncle Bonny. Those were good times. Seasons change, time passes, but love endures both in this life and the next, so, I send our love. Just me, Paul E.

Paul Egeness - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mickey was remarkable in so many ways. I know that she's at peace and with Bob.

Marsha Crowder - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM