



Tamara Mc Farland

September 1, 1962 - June 27, 2025

Tamara McFarland nee Shimp, beloved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, teacher and friend, passed away in her home on June 27th, 2025 at the age of 62.

Tammy was born September 1, 1962 in Crawford, Nebraska to Johnna and Donald Shimp. As a teenager, Tammy and her family moved to Hermiston, Oregon. She attended Hermiston High School, where she ran track, cheered, and was elected Homecoming Queen by her peers. She later went on to attend the University of Idaho in Moscow, where she studied education. While in Moscow, she met and fell in love with her husband, Steve McFarland. They were married on June 27th, 1987. She would join him in Heaven exactly 38 years later.

The majority of Tammy's early married life took place in Moscow, Idaho, where she and Steve worked for the University Inn. Tammy worked as the catering director, and was highly praised for her attention to detail and her ability to effectively orchestrate events with style and grace. Tammy had their first child, Stephanie, in 1990. This was followed by their son, Evan, in 1993. Due to Tammy's desire to have more time at home with her young children, the couple decided to relocate the family to Moses Lake, Washington in 1995. It was here that Tammy would spend the next 15 years raising her children- dedicating her time and energy to their various educational and sporting

endeavors. It was also where she began her 28 year teaching career for the Moses Lake School District.

In her later years, Tammy became a proud grandmother to her 6 beautiful grandchildren: Matthew, Elizabeth, Evangelina, Maryanna, Eden, and Isabelle. She loved to entertain her friends and family with stories of their achievements and shenanigans. They were the pride of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband (Steve) and father (Don). In addition to her grandchildren, Tammy was survived by her daughter (Stephanie), son (Evan), brother (Tom), sister (Heather), and mother (Johnna). Funeral Services for Tammy will begin at 10:30am on August 1, 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. All are invited to celebrate her beautiful life.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Vigil)
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ Tammy was a special friend, We raised our kids and shared the beauty of a friendship that always just picked up where we left off, no matter the distance of time. She loved and cherished her kids and those little grandkids. I will miss her deeply and am thankful for the time we had. She will be missed by many. Beautiful lady! Now may she find peace in the arms of her husband Steve who she missed so much.

Melody Jenson - August 09, 2025 at 08:34 AM

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“ Stephanie and Evan, We hold such cherished memories of our family times together, especially in your elementary and middle school years. When looking back, the fun was not just Tammy, but Steve as well. Both beautiful souls, inside and out and a perfect fit. Through times of tears, love and laughter, Tammy was a calming force. I would not have made it through my anxiety of Derrick's first 500 meter swim without her. Favorite memories include annual Halloween parties, swimming, beagle puppies, CCD nights, swim meets and somewhere in there, a trampoline and sweet, innocent love letter story that we can discuss at a later time. As the two of you, Shelby and Derrick grew, our busy lives would occasionally cross paths and allow us to catch up on life. As if no time had passed, we would again laugh and pick up where we left off. Her face would light up when sharing your successes. Always with Tammy, I could just be me, she was comfort, a warm embrace and a steady hand as well as one of the smartest women I knew. She touched so many lives, many upon many will remember and miss her. Bless you and your families. Love to you all. Korrine Gonzales

Korrine Gonzales - July 23, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Tamara Mc Farland.* ”



July 23, 2025 at 05:06 PM