



Maria "Naty" Manning

September 9, 1949 - August 23, 2024

Natividad, "Naty", Maria Paredes Manning, a beloved mother, athlete, and cherished friend, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2024, at the age of 74.

Born in Antigua, Guatemala, her vibrant spirit and passion for life touched everyone she met. Naty's love for sports began with basketball, proudly representing the Guatemalan National Team. Her athletic journey continued as she excelled in tennis, and later embraced pickleball, a sport she enjoyed until just five months before her passing. Her dedication and enthusiasm for sports were matched only by her tenacity.

Her romantic love story began when she was teaching Spanish to foreigners in Antigua and met William, "Sink", Sinkler Manning, a former U.S. Navy airman who volunteered as a bush pilot in Guatemala in the 1970s. After marrying, they moved to a drastically different environment in Alaska – a testament to their deep bond and commitment to each other.

Naty and Sink welcomed their first daughter, Angela, a year after their marriage, followed by their second daughter, Erika, fourteen months later. Together, the family lived in seven different states and traveled to numerous foreign countries, creating cherished memories along the way. After Sink's untimely passing in 2003, Naty split her time between North Carolina (Sink's homeland) and Washington State, where her daughters resided. Her

resilience was admirable. Naty is survived by Angela and Erika, who carry forward her legacy of strength, resilience, and adventure. Her memory will be cherished by all who had the pleasure of meeting her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice in her honor.

Naty was small, but mighty. She will be deeply missed, and her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

No services are planned.

Cemetery Details

Private (Family Only)

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences to you, we will miss you very much and our beloved aunt will always live in our hearts!! Abrazos !!!*

Delia Rodenas - August 27, 2024 at 12:52 PM