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**S**haron Ann (McMaster) Parker was born on October 20, 1956, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Janet Louise (Chester) Clenney and Amiel McMaster. She passed away on December 11, 2025, in Renton, Washington. A devoted educator and loving mother and grandmother, Sharon lived a life centered on education, music, and family.

At a young age, Sharon moved with her father and sister from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Southern California, where she lived with her father, grandmother, and uncle Rocky. She attended school in California and developed a lifelong love of reading, including books, poetry, and stories that could transport her imagination. Sharon also had a deep passion for music and singing, which remained a cherished part of her life.

Sharon went on to build a family, welcoming three children: Phyllis Ann, Amanda Elizabeth, and Frankie Jr. In the early 1980s, she relocated to Washington State with her children, where she worked in the restaurant industry and as an office assistant.

Sharon held a deep and unwavering belief in the power of education. In the early 1990s, she began pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher at Yakima Valley Community College, where she earned an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education in 1993 with high honors. She was actively involved in campus leadership, serving as Student Council President, a member of the Tenure Review Committee, and contributing as an English tutor and member of the Five-Year Strategic Plan Task Force. Sharon continued her studies at Central Washington University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education with a major in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Elementary Education in 1996, graduating Summa Cum Laude as a Dean's Scholar and recognized as Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year. She pursued further graduate coursework toward a master's degree in Reading, completing her studies in the summer of 2004. Throughout her academic career, Sharon's scholastic excellence was consistently recognized with repeated placement on the Dean's List and the President's List.



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During her career, Sharon taught students across various grade levels, ultimately finding her greatest purpose in teaching kindergarten. She believed that educating children at the very start of their academic journey allowed her to positively shape their lives and instill strong foundations before negative habits could take hold. Sharon served as a kindergarten teacher for many years with the Tacoma School District until her retirement in 2021. She was known as a patient, dedicated, and passionate teacher who cared deeply for her students and their growth. In addition to her work in the classroom, Sharon was a mentor to many other teachers, sharing her knowledge, guidance, and passion for education to help them grow and succeed.

Above all, Sharon loved her family. She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Ann Colletti Ermey (Steve), grandsons, Steven I. Ermey III and Nicolas Andrew Ermey; granddaughters, Meira Amend and Clare Ann Colletti-Mruzik (Nicholas); great-granddaughter, Chloe Mruzik. She is also survived by her sister, Debra McMaster Henson, and half-sisters Deanne Clenney Wilk and Karen Clenney Gordon (Barry). She was preceded in death by her two beloved children, Amanda Elizabeth Colletti Amend and Frankie Andrew Colletti Jr., her mother, Janet Clenney, and her father, Amiel McMaster.

Sharon will be remembered by her children and grandchildren as a devoted and nurturing mother and grandmother who cherished lifelong family traditions, treasured holiday gatherings, and the sharing of memories, and by all who knew her for her dedication to education, love of music, gentle spirit, and the lasting impact she made on generations of children.

A service to honor Sharon's life will be held at Mountain View Funeral Home.



## Events

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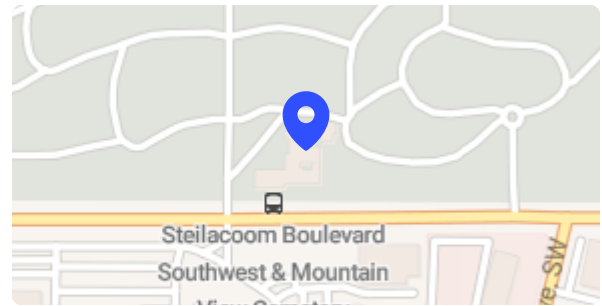
### Service Information

 **Friday**, December 26, 2025

 11:00 AM PT

 **Mountain View Funeral Home - Garden Chapel**

4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499





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**Lynn Westbrook** posted:

Our family was just driving to California and was recalling her classic “you get what you get and you don’t throw a fit” lesson and so I was trying to look her up so we could send her a hello and tell her that our kids who were in her Kindergarten class are now graduating from college Oregon State and another attending Gonzaga. We left Washington 13 years ago when the Army moved us to El Paso Texas but she was memorable and important in our lives! Love, the Westbrook family

December 24 at 5:35 PM



**Carol Lancey Jewell** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Parker family.



December 17 at 12:06 PM



**Tracey Erak-Lundquist** posted:

I had the privilege of working alongside Sharon in her reading class and witnessing her gift firsthand. She was, without question, one of the finest teachers I have ever known. Teaching kindergarten is no small feat, yet Sharon did it with grace, humor, and heart. She taught far more than letters and sounds—she taught children how to carry themselves in the world. Her words, that I lovingly called, “Sharonisms,” were lessons wrapped in warmth and wisdom, delivered in a voice children trusted and remembered. Her love for the fine arts was evident in her classroom for it moved like music - full of rhythm, patience, and compassion. She taught far more than letters and sounds; she taught children how to listen, how to grow, and how to become their best selves. Her expectations were high, her lessons intentional, and her influence everlasting. After more than 40 years in education, I still carry what I learned from Sharon taking much of her style into my own classroom. One thing I know for certain, Sharon’s melody lives on in the lives she shaped, and her legacy will continue to echo—softly, beautifully...and forever. With love, Tracey Erak-Lundquist

December 16 at 9:00 PM



**Tammie Berman** posted:

Sharon was one of the very first teachers that I worked with when I was an AmeriCorp/ Washington Reading Corp member at Tyee Park. I had the honor and privilege of working with her. She was always smiling and welcoming to coworkers and students. She was one of a few who took me under her wing and helped shape me as an educator. Sharon will be missed deeply.

December 16 at 6:19 PM



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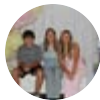
**Susan And Family** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Parker family.

December 16 at 5:39 PM



**Susan And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Ann.

December 16 at 5:39 PM



**Kathleen Marie** lit a candle in honor of Sharon Ann.

I met her at University of Washington Tacoma when we were both working on our Master's Degrees! She was a great classmate! So sorry for your loss

December 16 at 5:29 PM



**Karen Swanson** lit a candle in honor of Sharon Ann.

I'm so sorry for your loss auntie... you have been through so much but have continued to be so resilient. I know that aunt Amanda, grandma Sharon, and uncle Frankie are with you all of the time now. They may be gone but never forgotten. I'm sending all my love to you all during this time.

December 16 at 5:26 PM



**Phyllis Ermey** lit a candle in honor of Sharon Ann.

Mom, I can't put into words how much I miss you and love you. From the first breath I took to the last joke we shared, you were with me through it all and I am truly lost without you. I feel comfort knowing that you are with Frankie and Amanda now. Until we are all together again. - Phyllis

December 16 at 4:39 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Sharon Ann by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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