



Terria Phillipott McNamar

April 27, 1960 - January 6, 2016

Terria Phillipott McNamar was born and raised in Corvallis. After college at Concordia in Portland she taught a couple of years in California before returning to teach at Zion Lutheran in Corvallis. A generation of third graders have all known that she loved them.

Terria was passionate about inspiring her students to embrace and enjoy learning. She found time to teach an adult fitness class at LBCC and loved dancing in Zumba class. She enjoyed good food and wine shared with friends and family. She had a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh.

She is survived by her husband, Dan McNamar; mother Margaret Phillipott; brother Tim Phillipott; and more friends than can be counted.

She liked flowers but I believe she would rather have contributions to a scholarship fund. A page has been set up on [gofundme.com/terria-mcnamar](https://www.gofundme.com/terria-mcnamar).

A service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at Zion Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Dear Dan and the family of Terria,
I was saddened to hear that Terria had died. Our children, Robert and Bonnie attended Zion Lutheran in the Mid-80's-mid 90's. Terria was by far the best teacher my children have ever had. I am so grateful I was able to share that with her over the years. My daughter has often said the reason she was successful writing papers in college was because Terria did such a great job teaching her. Bonnie often had to write a marathon of papers during her time at the San Francisco Music Conservatory—it was at those times she would share her thanks of Terria with me.
Terria's teaching skills were wonderful. Even greater was her ability to know what each student needed. Our son, Robert, was shy and she enjoyed him and brought out the best in him. She continually encouraged him to be the best person he could be. I truly do not have enough good words to express what a great teacher she was. I always enjoyed working with Terria on projects. The year we did a Talent show-cake auction is a highlight. Terria was a team player so working on a project with her was always a delight.
I remember her joy in finding you, Dan, her love and lifetime partner. The kids all joined in her happiness as did we their parents. We were all so very happy for both of you.
One very touching memory I have is the baptism of our very ill little boy, Matthew. Terria lead the little children of Zion Lutheran school singing, “I am Jesus' little Lamb”. Our son died in 1991 and that song and memory have always been very special to me.
Our children are grown with children of their own now. Robert is a successful and talented Graphic Artist. Bonnie is a talented Opera singer and vocal instructor. I know they both carry with them things Terria taught them.
The world has lost a shining star. We will be thinking and praying for you during this time of grieving. Know Terria was loved by our family and I know by so many in the Zion school family and beyond.
With love and warm thoughts,
Mary and Ron Prevost and family

Mary Prevost - January 15, 2016 at 02:11 PM

NH

“ *My heart is with you, Margaret. Nancy Myers Hill*

Nancy Hill - January 14, 2016 at 11:29 AM

SL

“ *Terria changed peoples' lives. I met Terria through Weightwatchers, first as a member with Terria as my leader (we were her members, she was our leader), and later as a WW co-worker. She was an extraordinary individual and we who experienced the 'Terria effect' were fortunate indeed. " Who can say if I've been changed for the better. But because I knew you. I have been changed for good."*
Lyric, Stephen Schwartz

Sandra Landish - January 13, 2016 at 07:30 PM

LG

“ *Terria was a wonderfull teacher to all those little 3rd graders at Zion. She will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayer go out to the entire McNamar family and Zion Luthran School. God Bless, Neil & Lisa Grossnicklaus*



Lisa Grossnicklaus - January 13, 2016 at 02:41 PM

SF

“ *Loved her smile and commitment to her students, young or older.*



susan fisher - January 13, 2016 at 11:14 AM