

Born on August 13, 1953, to Jim and Beth O'Neill in Massachusetts, Michelene (Micki) O'Neill (later) Weisbarth moved to Pend Oreille County at the age of two, where she grew up and lived most of her life. She graduated from Newport High School in 1971 and attended Fort Wright College in Spokane, where she met her husband, George Weisbarth in 1973. They were married the following year and had two boys, Scott and Christian. After living in Spokane and Tillamook, Oregon briefly, they returned to the Newport area where they remained until her passing on June 20, 2022.

Micki was very devoted to her United Church of Christ family. She served many years on the Church Council which handles the business of the church and as Diaconate committee chairperson, which assists the pastor with services, for many years. When an interim pastor was needed while her church searched for a new pastor, she stepped up twice, once for nine months and once for two years. Micki was President of the Women's Fellowship and held many other responsibilities at the church.

Micki was a member of the Pend Oreille County Fair Board and volunteered as Superintendent Chris DeChenne's Assistant for the Clothing and Needle Arts department for several years. She also was the quilt judge's assistant. After the 2019 fair, Chris asked Micki with her sister, Shaun, and Karen Smith to take the department over as Co-Superintendents. Micki was also asked to be a judge at the Spokane Interstate Fair in clothing because of her work in Pend Oreille Co., which she did for at least three years before she passed away.

Micki's true lifelong love was for Soroptimist International of Americas. She joined the Newport Chapter on December 1, 1990. She felt it was truly a place she could make a difference in the lives of

women and girls. Although Micki in her younger years was quite shy, she completed a leadership class through Soroptimists and quickly stepped into leadership roles. Micki has held every office of the club except Treasurer and had been on the Board since 1991.

She has also participated on multiple committees: Ways and Means; Public Awareness; Newsletter; Relay for Life; Girl of the Month; Women's Opportunity Award; Live Your Dream; and Crab Feed Fundraiser for Soroptimist's Local Club.

My husband and I started coming to Diamond Lake for the summer about 12 years ago when we met Micki and George Weisbarth. Micki and George have been very close to our family as they are with many families in the area. As I began to get to know Micki, I realized the things she was doing very quietly and humbly in the area. Micki and I were both quilters and enjoyed sharing what we were making. Very quickly I realized Micki was head and shoulders above my ability in producing quilts and learning quilting techniques. Over 12 years before Micki passed away she donated 16 quilts for outgoing officers of organizations, auctions for schools and kids and military Quilts of Valor.

Micki, was a quick learner and doer in all she did. She is missed by so many of us. I am proud to have known Micki and submit this Nomination for the Newport High School Hall of Fame in honor of her. -Norma Rickman Class of 1959