



## Leslie Claire McEwen

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In the early morning hours of Thursday, April 27, 2017, a light went out in the Wenatchee Valley, when performer and educator, Leslie McEwen passed away.

Born on May 24, 1953, in Sacramento, CA, Leslie was one of six children in a musical family. A classically trained singer, Leslie performed throughout the United States and began her career as a teacher in American Samoa. A

highlight

of her career was when she was invited to sing the role of Desdemona in a Russian production of the opera "Otello." Leslie established her own vocal studio in Wenatchee, WA, in 1997, and immediately immersed herself in the local music community. Over the next 20 years, her powerful soprano voice resounded from local concert halls and theater stages across North Central Washington.

During her years in the valley, Leslie mentored and coached hundreds of high school students, many of whom went on to study in some of the top music schools in the nation, and pursue careers in opera, theater and music education. Her standards were rigorous, her perseverance relentless and her

support ever-present.

Leslie is survived by her father, Alfred McEwen of Severna Park, MD; her brothers: Mark (Denise), Sean, and Kirk (Kelleigh); sister, Karen (Chris) Dugan; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Dolores; and brother, Billy.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Numerica Performing Arts Center  
123 N Wenatchee Ave  
Wenatchee, WA