

Soon Ae Phillips

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Soon Ae Phillips of Brookings passed away on April 22, 2024. She was born in Korea on March 27, 1937, and came to the United States in 1955. She fell in love with and enjoyed the past 24 years of her life in Brookings.

She had a penchant for styling hair, worked as a beautician, and owned and operated a hair salon for more than 25 years. It has always been a labor of love, allowing her to brighten one's day and connect personally with her friends and clients.

Her key interests included: fishing, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. She was an avid fisherman. She loved taking her boat out of the harbor, enjoying the sea and the catch of the day, and competing in Fishing derbies. She won first place, hooking a 50-pound Chinook Salmon, and got her picture on the cover of the Salmon-Trout Steelhead magazine. Her garden was her pride and joy. She worked tirelessly to tend to and nurture her flowers, vegetables, and yard, which also supplied her plant sales to the locals. Soon Ae loved to cook and host dinner parties, bringing family and friends together to enjoy good food and drink.

Soon Ae will be dearly missed and fondly remembered for her acts of kindness and generosity to those in need.

Soon Ae is survived by her children, James Wolfrom, Patrick Wolfrom, Susan Johnson; her grandchildren, Jessica Wolfrom, Gregory Wolfrom, Sierra Wolfrom, Detrick Washington, Serena Chairs, Marlaina Allen, and Derek Guzman; and, by many other family and friends. She was predeceased by her son, John Wolfrom, her daughter, Marcy Guzman.