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Rosanna McInnes - A Rose Without Thorns

by Tamara Blodgett



Local born and bred Rosanna McInnes is on the eve of her departure to begin an exciting new chapter in her life. Having moved back to Seldovia in 2004, she has recently made the difficult decision to leave the only place that has ever truly felt like home to pursue her new dream with a new partner.

Upon graduating Seldovia High School in 1989, Rose attended college at North Arizona University. There she received a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management. This area of Arizona receives four-season weather, which she loved. She enjoyed a great career in the early '90's, working with people in a four and five star hotel atmosphere. Her interest in Hotel & Restaurant work can be traced back to a rural school program she was involved with in high school. An apprenticeship of sorts was offered that led the students out of town to explore different fields of endeavor. This experience led Rose to choose what would become the foundation of her interest.

In 1997, Rose returned to Alaska and helped open a cafe in Anchorage. After that project was established, she returned to Arizona briefly then moved to California in 2000. While in California, she worked in the human resource department for a biotech company specializing in heart valves. Preceding her move

Undaunted, a lesson has been learned by the astute Rose that life is short and precious. Part of the fierceness of living is to move forward with our finite time. A proactive and self-aware woman, Rose decided to make her own life path. Although she had a fulfilling job with the Seldovia Village Tribe, a supportive family and two, wonderful sons, she missed companionship. Enter Alan Meyer, the... most wonderful man on the face of the earth whom I cannot wait to spend the rest of my life with." Rose was decisive and used the compatibility service called 'yahoo personals' to initiate her personal life. This decision was an important one and liberating as well. Seldovia being the remote place it is, with single mom status, was not conducive to finding a mate. Rose felt that weeding through potential profiles was a saner and safer way to go. Her priorities could all be met in this way; God and family being at the top! She got her wish and will soon be moving to the Fairbanks area, with a ready-made family of two girls (Meyer's daughters) joining her two sons. Meyer is the fuel superintendent for Eielson Air Force Base with just 18 months until retirement. Freshly engaged Rose beams with the notion of "just" being a wife and mother to her new family. Something she has never had the option to do before.

to California was when she met her husband who she shares two sons with, Samuel, age 7 and Zachary, age 4. When the relationship ended, Rose decided to move back to Seldovia and spend time with friends and family.

It was a terrific transition for Rose. After arriving, she ended her hiatus from H&R by diving right back into work with the Boardwalk Hotel. Keith Baker, a former law enforcement officer out of Chicago, owned this hotel. A successful partnership was formed that eventually cumulated in an engagement between the two. Tragically, their romance was cut short by his premature death to colon cancer.

Rose leaves behind dear and close ties and will greatly miss her immediate family, friends and neighbors. Rose said, "No one will ever know how good it felt to be back home. The unconditional support is nothing that can ever be replaced; the love of neighbors, family and friends." There is not another place like Seldovia; it is dear to Rose, as we all are to her. We wish her well with this new adventure.



Rosanna and her boys at the B&G Club



Rosanna and her boys at Halloween Carnival



Walter McInnes, Rosanna's dad



Margaret McInnes, Rosanna's mom

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