



## Carol Ann Panion

February 16, 1949 - July 19, 2021

Carol Ann Panion our beautiful, sweet, loving wife, mom, grandma, sister, and friend passed away on Monday afternoon July 19, 2021 in Madison Valley Medical Hospital Ennis, Montana. Surrounded by so much love for her last days.

She was born on February 16, 1949 to William Stepper and Mavis Kemp in Glasgow, Montana. Mavis married Kenneth Anderson and the family relocated to Butte, Montana. Carol grew up with her six siblings in Meaderville with many interesting stories to tell.

At a young age, Carol became a mother of four to: Jamie, Tracy, Francis, and Tammy. Her wild spirit carried her down various paths during this time. Ultimately, leading her into the arms of a man named Frederick Panion, who instantly became the love of her life when he tackled her to the ground at the fishing access on the Jefferson River in Cardwell, Montana. Forever wrapping his heart around her and her children. May 8, 1976 they were wed. Together this duo raised their family to know hard work, strength, and above all love.

Throughout Carol's life she poured color and life into anything and all she did. Her art canvases weren't the only thing glowing from her touch. She wore many hats in life working for Butte School District, being a Minister's Wife, Head Supervisor at Rocky Mountain Christian Academy, dabbled in selling

real estate, and opened a consignment store. After relocating to Three Forks, Montana she continued being a bright light in the community by working for Three Forks School District, and eventually helping the Iron Horse Café flourish. Carol's adventures were limitless in exploring this life with all of her family and friends. She enjoyed the great outdoors and all its glory, along with gardening, travelling, camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, four wheeling, boating, painting, singing, dancing, and playing guitar. She made extra special bonds with her puppy dogs: Holly, Crusier, Huey, and her precious Snuggles. However, her most favorite thing in the world was definitely her grandchildren.

6 years ago, Fred and Carol permanently moved to their beloved cabin in the Gravelly Range. During that time, they alternated winter time spent in Phoenix, AZ and Huntsville, AL.

Carol was the definition of a "tough cookie". She faced life head on, and knew how to remain humble. She taught us all what perseverance looks like, and most importantly how to love. Words will never describe what Carol meant to her family and friends. Her beautiful wild spirit will forever live on through those she loved and touched.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother, Mavis Anderson; father's, Kenneth Anderson and William Stepper; brother, Roy Anderson; brother-in-law Bill Pesanti; nephew, David Stepper, mother and father-in-law Fred Panion and Darlene Panion- Berube, best friend, JoAnn McCallister.

She is survived by her husband, Frederick Panion; her four children; Jamie (Tony) Leyba{grandchildren: Brittany (Riley) Masters, A.J Leyba, Sam (Syndey) Leyba}, Tracy (Chris) Wolsifer {grandchildren: Samantha (Will) Smigel, Jessica (David) McCartan, Alex & C.J Wolsifer}, Francis Panion{granddaughter: Frankie (Dallas) Nelson}, Tammy Panion {grandson: Fred (Maleese) Panion}; Siblings: sister, Sharon Stiffarm; brother, David

(Barb) Stepper; brother, Joe (Marsha) Anderson; sister, Julie Pesanti; brother, Gene Anderson; sister, Robin (Greg) Martin; In-Laws: Darlene Hart; Danene (Marty) Petritz; Donelle (Dan) Kuchtyn; John Panion; and father-in-law, Dan Berube; Great Grandchildren: Xaiden, Leyton, Charlie; Lucas, Amelia; Jaxon, Jayden; and Rowan; many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday July 26, 2021 at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Visitations will begin at 11 AM. Service is at Noon. Memorials in her memory can be made to Three Forks Food Bank. PO Box 836, Three Forks, MT 59752.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home  
1800 Florence Ave  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-3221  
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

## Service

JUL 26. 12:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Fred, my sincere sympathy to you and yours in your time of mourning. By all accounts you had a wonderful wife in Carol and you will miss her greatly.

God Bless  
Ed McCarthy

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**Ed McCarthy** - July 25, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann Panion.



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July 24, 2021 at 01:13 PM

BP

“ Sending our deepest sympathy. May the Lord give you all comfort and peace at this difficult time. Love and prayers, Ron and Bobbie Peterson. God bless all.

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**Bobbie Peterson** - July 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM

BP

“ We send our deepest sympathy to Fred and all the family. Carol was a very nice person. May the Lord fill you all with His comfort and peace at this difficult time. With our love and prayers, Ron and Bobbie Peterson. God bless all.

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**Bobbie Peterson** - July 24, 2021 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ We met Carol and Fred when the company he worked for was purchased by my company in 1994. Little did I know that we would become great friends with him and Carol.

We have traveled together to Mexico and other places making many memories. We were with Carol and Fred in Laughlin and Pat and Carol when to a Steve Miller concert just before their trip home when Carol had her first stroke.

We did a couple of Spring Soltice trips up to the cabin going out at midnight to ride snowmobiles high up on the mountain. Carol and Fred were really the only ones that knew how to ride snowmobiles, but somehow we all survived. Carol told us after one ride that she would not have done some of the things that Fred had us do if she was just new to riding.

We will miss seeing them every year and have lost a dear friend.

Hang in there Fred and call when you can and we will remember the good times.

Love ,

Jack & Pat Buettner

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Jack Buettner - July 24, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JW

“ Fred:

*We were so sad to learn of Carol's passing. You and Carol, Lori and I had such good times together back in the NCAT days. Snowmobiling, fishing, dinners together. You and the family are in our prayers. May God hold you in the palm of His hand during this so difficult time.*

*Joe and Lori Williams*

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**Joe Williams** - July 23, 2021 at 12:27 PM

PP

“ *Pati Peterson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carol Ann Panion.*



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**Pati Peterson** - July 23, 2021 at 10:58 AM

VV

“ *I hadn't seen Carol in many years. I remember her most as a teenager. She was so beautiful with her long hair and warm smile. My sincere condolences to you sweet Jamie and all of Carol's family and loved ones.*



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**Vera Vigil** - July 22, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Ann Panion.* ”



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July 22, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Lorna Grinde purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol Ann Panion.* ”



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**Lorna Grinde** - July 22, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - July 22, 2021 at 04:10 PM