



Dr. Daniel Joseph Farren DO

August 11, 1943 - May 19, 2025

Dr. Daniel Joseph “Poppy” Farren, passed away Monday, May 19, 2025 in Butte. He was born in Butte, Wednesday, August 11, 1943 to Philip J. and Stephanie (Boksich) Farren. Dan attended Holy Savior School in Meaderville, graduated from Boy’s Central in 1961 and attended Carroll College, graduating from their pre-med program in 1965. Dan worked for the U.S. Rubber Company for a few years then returned to Butte where he worked for Ossello’s Furniture and Appliance. He returned to school and attended Pacific University for Optometry School in Forest Grove, Oregon graduating in 1974.

He opened his optometry practice in Oregon for a short time but returned to Butte where he opened his practice in 1975 on Hamilton Street. When the building was destroyed by fire he relocated and together with Dr. Fred Thomas opened their practice on Amherst Avenue. He remained there, serving the people of Butte until his retirement at the age of 75. Always dedicated, and working even in retirement, Dan would visit local assisted living facilities and provide free eye care.

During his career he received many professional accolades and served as President of the Montana Optometric Association. He also served on many local boards and participated in numerous community service clubs. He wrote the computer program that many of Montana’s optometrists used in running their practice. He also wrote computer programs to help run churches and

other private businesses as well as Silver Bow County.

Dan loved Butte and the outdoors of Southwest Montana. He loved spending time with his four sons, teaching them to fish and float on the Big Hole, four-wheeling into Cowbone Lake and camping at Hauser Lake. He took his family on numerous summer vacations during school break but was always glad to get back to Butte.

Dan is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patti A. Farren, sons, Dan Farren of Butte and Jon Farren of Boise, Idaho, sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Tammie Farren of Great Falls and Rob and Arliss Farren of Butte. Also surviving are his brothers and sister-in-law, Bob and Marylou Farren of Butte and Chris Farren of Mission, Kansas. Grandchildren include: Dani Szerszen, Amanda Barnes, Jeremy Ott, Brady Farren, Kayla Lewis, Taylor Farren, Stevi Millhollin, Tanner Farren, Dustin Farren and Dallas Farren. He is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Dan is preceded in death by his parents, Stephanie and Philip Farren, brother, Manus Gerard Farren and his sister, Phylis Farren.

His memories are cherished by all who knew him and his absence leaves a huge hole in the hearts of many.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass will be celebrated Wednesday, July 16th at 1 PM in St. Ann Catholic Church. Entombment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum

4700 Harrison Ave
Butte, MT 59701-7001
(406) 494-3812

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 16. 1:00 PM (MT)

St Ann's Catholic Church
2100 Farragut Ave
Butte, MT 59701-6102
(406) 723-4303

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Daniel Joseph Farren DO.

July 15, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Daniel Joseph Farren DO.



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“ Dear Farren family, My heartfelt condolences to you . I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Farren when he joined Dr Thomas.What a incredible kind man,you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ron Kindred - July 13, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ Dear Farren family, It is with deep sadness to hear of Dans passing. He and his family were a special part of my memories growing up as neighbors in Meaderville. Love and prayers for this family. Sincerely, JoAnna Casagranda Steele

JoAnna Steele - July 10, 2025 at 10:08 PM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - July 10, 2025 at 05:23 PM