



## Frances Catherine Kingsbury

October 4, 1931 - April 25, 2020

Frances Catherine (Lunney) Kingsbury passed away peacefully on April 24th, 2020 with her family by her side. Frances was born on October 4, 1931 and was a life long resident of Butte, Montana. She loved her family and enjoyed family pot lucks, outings to see the Virginia City Players, and going to her grandchildren's sporting games, dance recitals and any event they were involved in. All the kids looked forward to getting their annual birthday gifts, Easter baskets and Christmas PJ's from Gramma.

On September 4th, 1949 Frances married Ernest Kingsbury and in 2019 they were blessed to celebrated their 70th anniversary at a surprise party with family and friends. Fran often joked that their marriage lasted so long because "Ernie married me for my money and he was staying until he found it."

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, James and Frances Lunney, her brother, James Lunney Jr., her children, David Kingsbury, infant daughter, Tami Kingsbury and numerous sisters and brothers-in-law.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Kingsbury who never failed to kiss her goodnight or goodbye and continued this loving tradition to the end. She will be missed dearly by her children, Robert (Julie) Kingsbury, Carol (Bill) Biggers, Karen (Mike) Danylo and Dani (Matt) Steel. She was blessed with and will be missed by her 10 grandchildren: Dawn (Tom) Malone, Tricia Kingsbury, Thad (Marcia) Biggers, Thad and Trent Biggers, Cory (Cassie) Biggers, Kasey, Erin and Anna Steel and Alexander and Nicole Danylo. Her 8 great-grandchildren, Wesley and Wyatt Biggers, Maddie and Sarah Biggers,

Will Kingsbury, Gavin Malone, Timber Biggers and Alexandria Kovensky all brought her so much joy. She is also survived by her caring sister, Mary Ellen Moe, and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A memorial service will be held at a later date with family and friends. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and love during this difficult time. They would also like to thank Dr. Yates and her team, Big Sky Senior Living and Memory Care staff, nurses and CNA's and Frontier Hospice for their support and kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Butte Carousel in Frances's name or to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ In April 1970 we moved from Illinois to Butte due to a job transfer. The following month we sat at the Kingsbury dinner table to share Fran’s good cooking and their family’s hospitality. Fran Kingsbury was constantly serving and doing: she served her family with smiles and a loving hand every single day. She was doing all she could for other people, whether she knew them or not. As a new housewife, I looked to Fran for hints on cooking, how to fit in living in Butte. Ernie and Fran and their family provided many hours of fun, good conversation, and a life example of marriage. They included us when family picnics or celebrations happened. Fran told us to watch “All in the Family”. We did and every Saturday night afterwards for many years. Fran convinced me to eat elk, which I enjoyed because she knew how to cook it. We chose Ernie and Fran to be our first baby’s godparents, but had to do that by proxy since we lived in Spokane by then. Our two years in Butte were memorable and fun thanks to Fran, Ernie, Bobby, Carol, Karen, and Dani. Also, Rob and Nita Kingsbury who were also a part of this family. You can’t think of Fran without talking about Ernie too. This family - just good, sincere, honest people with a grand sense of humor. And we were lucky enough to know them for a brief time. Thank you! Fran and I exchanged letters for several years. Fran, I’ll answer your last one soon.

*Alex and Joan Pacewic  
Oregon City, OR*

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**Joan Pacewic** - April 27, 2020 at 04:55 PM

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*Fran was a loving person. I don't ever remember her raising her voice. She and Ernie raised a beautiful family! We lived in the same neighborhood. Carol became a dear friend. Karen babysat for me and Dani became friends and went to school with my daughter. They are all so kind and thoughtful. I'm so thankful that she went peaceful as I'm sure the family is. Prayers that Ernie stays strong without his beloved wife and for the family. Love u guys and sending hugs!!❤️😊*

**louette** - April 27, 2020 at 08:48 PM

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*Fran was a wonderful second Mom to me! Soft spoken but firm. I'll remember her cute chuckle she had! Can't believe she put up with Karen and Me rocking out to MeatLoaf's "Bat Out of Hell". Love you, Fran!!*

**Laura Wagner** - April 27, 2020 at 09:39 PM

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*I can remember my Mom, Audrey, and Auntie Gerry calling Fran...Little Fran. I so remember the fun family times at Basin Reservoir, also. Fran and MaryEllen would make the best salads. Fran is now with the rest of the family surrounded by angels' wings. Love you, Little Fran!❤️*

**Kathy Roberts** - April 28, 2020 at 09:16 AM