

## Obituaries

### Karen Irene Langeliers

June 15, 1941 – December 23, 2015

Karen passed away unexpectedly in a car accident on December 23, 2015, near Sisters.

She was an amazing mother, a loving wife, a wonderful grandmother, and a special sister.

Karen was born with her twin sister, Sharon, on June 15, 1941 to Fred Ryan and Irene Martin in Newberg, Oregon. She attended Sisters High School, where she met her husband Leonard. They were married on August 27, 1960, in a double wedding with her twin sister. Karen and Leonard spent 23 years in the military, living in many places in the U.S. and overseas. Following retirement, they built their dream home near Sisters, which has an incredible view of her favorite mountains.

Karen loved spending time with her granddaughters, and her family and friends. She loved traveling, shopping, playing golf with her husband and sister. She loved the sound of the ocean and made many trips to the beach and various casinos.

Karen is survived by her husband



of 55 years, Leonard Langeliers; her daughters Kristi, LeAnn, and Lisa Langeliers; her granddaughters Isabel, Ava, and Josephine Fries; son-in-law Casey Fries; sisters Sharon Nesbitt and Marlene Glasgow; and brother Doug Cole.

Karen had a beautiful smile, a sparkle in her eyes and a contagious laugh. She will be greatly missed, and will always remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Sisters, 68825 Brooks Camp Rd.

### Mary Ann DeGaetano

March 7, 1929 – March 4, 2016

Mary Ann DeGaetano of Sisters passed away peacefully on March 4, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. She was 86.

Mary was born March 7, 1929, in Brooklyn, New York, to Jack and Sara (Patero) DiSalvo. In 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, Benny DeGaetano. Immediately after getting married, she and Benny left Brooklyn and traveled across the country, landing at Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert.

Mary was a military wife, supporting her husband and his career in the Air Force, traveling throughout the United States and Japan. Upon Benny's retirement from the Air Force, she and Benny moved to Sisters and started the MB Cattle Ranch.

Mary was a devoted mother to her two sons, and as their families grew, her love grew along with them. Her family knew they could always drop in and be treated to an authentic Italian feast with take-home goodies for the road. This was just a small



example of Mary's true spirit of giving.

Mary was an active member of St. Edward the Martyr Catholic Church in Sisters and always shared with her family the joy she got from the Alter Society at St. Edward's.

Mary is survived by her husband, Benny DeGaetano of Sisters; eldest son, John (wife Virginia) DeGaetano of Salem; younger son, Jim (wife Patty) DeGaetano of San Diego, CA; three grandchildren, Joyce, Tara and Jake; and one great-grandchild, Ava. Other survivors include her sister Christine of Brooklyn, New York.

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