

Angela Zavala, 80

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Angela Zavala, 80, of Bigfork, was born in Mexico in 1941 and passed away on March 24, 2021, in Kalispell.

She was a beloved wife, exemplary mother, grandmother, enviable mother-in-law, unmatched sister and aunt. She was known to be a warrior, loving, always smiling and an example of strength and union. Furthermore, she was an unstoppable worker and always firm with her ideas. She always sought the union and well-being of her family, of which she was always a unique pillar of love and perseverance. Visiting her home in Mexico, being with her family and tak-

ing care of her flowers gave her life because for her it was a moment of peace and love.

She was happily married for 65 years and always taught everyone that the family comes first. Her children Rosa, Robe, Chela, Hector, Lety, Baldo, Mario, Elsa, Jorge and Pete will always be grateful to have had a mother like her. God gave her husband Ubaldo the happiness and fortune of having her as a wife, friend and companion. Without a doubt, she leaves a seed of strength, love, wisdom and unity in her husband, her 10 children, 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Rosa and Serafin Castillo, Roberto and Kari Zavala, Chela and Toño Gil, Héctor and Gloria Zavala, Lety and Agustín Falcon, Baldo and Rosita Zavala, Mario and Sofía Zavala, Elsa and Marcelino Guzman, Jorge and Leslie and her youngest son Pete. You leave an empty space in each one of them, but you will always live in the hearts of all of us.

A celebration of her life and funeral services are pending. Arrangements are being made by Darlington Cremation and Funeral Services.

Blanche I. (Thompson) Zenz, 94

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Blanche I. (Thompson) Zenz, 94, died on May 11, 2021, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Blanche was born on May 8, 1927, in Max, North Dakota, to Roy and Katherine (Krebsbach) Thompson. She attended school in rural Max and Garrison High School.

Blanche married Warren C. Nelson in 1945. Two sons were born in this marriage. Warren C. Nelson died in 1949. Blanche then married Elmer R. Zenz in 1953 in Max. Four children were born to this marriage. The couple engaged in farming in rural Max until 1967. They moved to Columbia Falls and Elmer worked at the aluminum plant until his death in 1978. Blanche lived in Columbia Falls until her death.

She was preceded in death by Warren, Elmer, and one son Richard, her



parents and six brothers and three sisters.

Blanche is survived by three sons, Larry

(Cheryl) Nelson, Warren (Rose) Nelson, and Mark Zenz; two daughters, Irma (Skip) Willett and Darlene (Jeff) Cameron; six granddaughters, Tana, Tara, Trisha, Amy, Sally Rose, and Sarah Emily; and one grandson, Mike; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Thompson.

Blanche's family would like to thank the staff at Brendan House. Also, a special thank you to Mom's neighbors and friends, especially Jim and Donna who have watched over her and

treated her so well during her difficult times. We appreciate the way Bob Pierce and Deacon Doug from the Church especially looked after her.

Mom is now at peace.

A rosary service will be held on Friday, June 11, at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Memorial Mass will start at 11 a.m. following rosary services. A luncheon will follow services at the church. Blanche's urn will be laid to rest with family in Max, North Dakota, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Save a Sister Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell; or Wings, P.O. Box 7852 Kalispell; or an organization of your choice.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Blanche's family.

Virginia DeForest Zaiss

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Virginia DeForest Zaiss, 96, of Whitefish, Montana passed away on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Virginia was born in North Platte, Nebraska, on Sept. 12, 1924 to Bess (Gross) and Charles DeForest. She had four siblings, Truman, Elaine, Char, and Jeanne, all of whom predeceased her.

Virginia attended Kearney State Teacher's College and was a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a degree in journalism.

After college, Virginia moved to southern



California to be near her sister and cousin. She met and married Sam Richard Zaiss on Feb. 5, 1947, in Los Angeles,

where she was working as a radio script writer.

Virginia became a full-time homemaker in 1950 after the birth of her first son, Rick. Shortly after her second son, John, was born in 1953, the family moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, where Sam began his marketing career at Tidy House Products. His job included several moves, the last being Omaha in 1964, where the family lived until Sam's death in 1975.

An avid pioneer of women's rights, Virginia worked for the Omaha

mayor's commission on the status of women. She was also an active member of the local League of Women Voters.

After Sam's death, she worked for Nebraska Congressman John Cavanaugh until her move to Chandler, Arizona, to be near her sister. She worked in administration at the Maricopa County School District until her retirement, then spent 26 more years at her home in Arizona, where she made many friends and enjoyed golfing and playing

bridge. She had achieved Master status in bridge and was a formidable opponent, even into her 90s.

Her son Rick passed away in 2013, prompting her move to Whitefish at the age of 89 to be near her son John.

Virginia lived a long, healthy life. She had a lively spirit and enjoyed politics her entire life. She loved her grandchildren and especially her FaceTime visits with great-granddaughter Rylee.

Virginia is survived by

her son John Zaiss and his wife, Joanne Jackson, who live in Las Vegas as well as Whitefish. She is also survived by daughter-in-law Tracy

Zaiss (Omaha), four grandchildren, Zachary Zaiss (Seattle), Michael Zaiss (Boise), Stephen Zaiss (Denver), Rebecca Petersen (Omaha), and one great-grandchild, Rylee Petersen.

Friends and family will be celebrating Virginia's life in Omaha on Tuesday, June 23. For details, contact John Zaiss at 406-871-4010.

Ona Arleta Adkins Zorn, 81

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Ona Arleta Adkins Zorn, 81, of Columbia Falls, passed away Feb. 13, 2021, with family by her side.

Ona was born to Ada Lavotta Adkins "Frennie" and Charles Mathews on May 14, 1939, in Sunnyside, Washington, and raised in Kinzua, Oregon.

Ona had five children, Susan, Jim and Dennis with Jerry Sargent, and Kathy and Lee with Keith Butterfield. She married the love of her life, Raymond E. Zorn, on Dec. 31, 1973, in Chester, Montana, where Raymond accepted, raised and loved her children as his own.

Ona was known for



being a hard worker. She managed The Wagon Wheel Cafe; she also bartended and waited tables elsewhere. She was a grocery clerk at the BNW and The Green Store. She later became a nurse's aid at the Liberty County Nursing Home.

In her spare time, Ona enjoyed crocheting, reading, camping and fishing with family and friends at Timber Dam. After Raymond's passing, Ona moved to Columbia Falls to be closer to the family she cherished the most.

Here, she loved visiting with her kids, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter.

Ona was preceded in death by her husband Raymond E. Zorn, great-grandson Tucker J. Peterson, daughter Susan L. Peterson and son-in-law Gordon J. Peterson.

Ona is survived by her loving children and spouses, Jim and Sue Sargent, Kathy and Mike Reither, Dennis and Sarah Sargent, and Lee Butterfield; grandchildren, Jeffery and Ranee Peterson, Heather Peterson and Mike Allen, Susie and Jon Thompson, Lacey and Robert Smith,

Stormi Johnston, David Jeppesen, Lindsey and Donald Connolly, and Robert and Kelly Sanford; as well as her 19 great-grandchildren, Cameron, Hunter, Jeffery, Denali, Ronan, Kobe, Kaleb, Ellé, Ashtyn, Hudson, Aspen, Holly, Karsen, Cheyenne, Alli, Shayne, Ayden, Darrius and Isadora; and great-great-granddaughter, Rhori.

A celebration of life will be held at Raymond's Memorial Bench at Tiber Dam on Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. where we will spread their ashes and lay them both to rest.