

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of the day  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*  
A friendship shared,  
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life has been full, I've savored much  
Good friends, good times,  
*a loved one's touch*  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Karen Ione McNutt**

**Born to Malcom and Lucile Lussenden**  
May 13, 1942 ~ Choteau, Montana

**Passed Away Surround By Family**  
October 8, 2023 ~ Sidney, Montana

**Celebration of Life**  
Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11:00 am  
Pella Lutheran Church ~ Sidney, Montana  
*Luncheon to Follow*

**Officiating**  
Pastor Barb Haugerud

**Honorary Bearers**  
Larry Christensen Dale Roberts  
Tyler Christensen Victor Gustafson  
Olly Redfern Gordon Rambur

**Ushers**  
Mitch Shirk Chase Morehouse Richard Dahl

**Eulogist**  
Nancy Verschoot

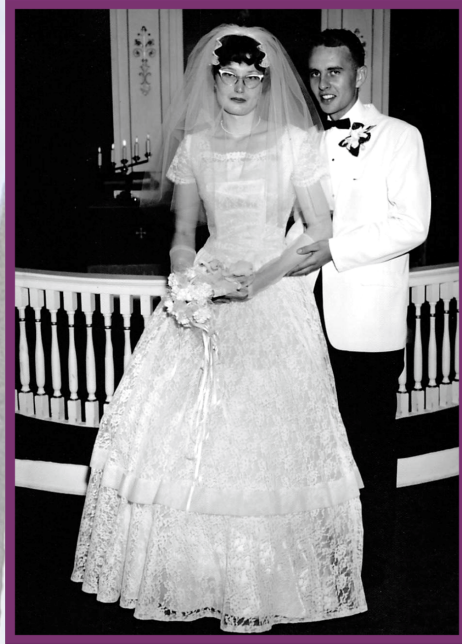
**Music**  
"What a Wonderful World" ~ Israel Kamakawiwo'ole  
"Jealous of the Angels" ~ Donna Taggart  
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" ~ Israel Kamakawiwo'ole  
Accompanist ~ Synneva Meldahl

**Arrangements By**  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, Montana

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*May 13, 1942 - October 8, 2023*





Karen Ione McNutt was born May 13, 1942, in Choteau, Montana to Malcom and Lucile Lussenden. She passed away surrounded by her family on October 8, 2023, at the Sidney Health Center.

Karen grew up on the family ranch with her two sisters, Toni and Barbara. Her childhood was filled with love of the mountains, countless hours of horseback riding and memories of a small country school where her grandmother was a teacher. She graduated from Choteau High School in 1960 and went on to the University of Montana and the College of Great Falls.

August 25, 1962, Karen married the love of her life, Walter McNutt. The marriage was blessed with two wonderful daughters, Tami and Kim. While Karen left school to focus on raising her family, she successfully returned to school, graduating from the College of Great Falls in 1970. Soon after, the family moved back to Choteau where they raised their children until 1987 when Case IH prompted

the McNutt family to plant roots in the wonderful community of Sidney.

For over 40 years she was a medical technologist working at Deaconess Hospital, Teton Medical Center and Sidney Health Center, retiring in 2012 after her battle with cancer. She made many friends at Sidney Health Center that became family.

Karen's favorite place was Kauai, Hawaii where she spent 3 months each year. She made numerous friends and loved her time there - partaking in water aerobics, Bloody Marys and whale watching. We will always think of her when we hear the song "Puff the Magic Dragon." Her favorite performer in Hawaii made her fall in love with the song, the true meaning always eluding her!

Karen's joy came from serving others. She was active in the Foundation for Community Care Board and currently served on the Sidney-Richland County Library Board. Her servant's heart carried over to how she loved her family, and enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow.

She is survived by her husband Walt of 61 years, daughters Tami (Larry) Christensen and Kim (Dale) Roberts, grandchildren Andrea (Olly) Redfern and Tyler (Nichole) Christensen and their children Everly, Boyd and Ellis, sister Toni Litzer, brother- and sister-in-law Bill and Karen McNutt and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Malcom and Lucile, her in-laws Willard and Ann McNutt, sister Barbara, grandparents, and numerous aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to Boys and Girls Club of the MonDak or the Foundation for Community Care.

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave  
an afterglow of  
*smiles*  
when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright & sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of *happy memories*  
that I leave behind  
When life is done.

