



## Kathleen Fritsch

May 5, 1944 - February 14, 2021

Kathleen Margie Fritsch

“As these long hours have gone on, we no longer see her in the hospital or remember her struggles of the past. We will forever only remember and see Kathleen as this photo shows, the beautiful woman she was, that great smile, her awesome personality and loving, caring self. She is missed dearly by her family and many friends, but we know in our hearts that she is having a great time, has a giant walk-in closet filled with shoes, outfits, matching jewelry and looking amazing. She is scheduling tee times, playing cards with friends, making lunch and coffee dates and experiencing real live shopping, not just on line.” These are the sentiments of Coral Campbell, her friend and virtual caretaker during her last few months. Kathleen was blest with many friends who generously gave of their time, taking her to medical appointments in Billings and generally looking after her.

Kathleen Margie Fritsch was born May 5, 1944 in Spokane WA to Evelyn Hayes Fritsch (Taber) and Glen Fritsch. She died in the early morning hours of February 14, 2021 at Glendive Medical Center in Glendive MT. Kathleen’s passing was painless and she did not linger, talking about her dogs at the time.

Kathleen graduated from Dawson County High School with her classmates in 1962. From there she attended the University of MT and then Dickinson State University, graduating in 1966 with degrees in Theatre and English. After a short teaching stint, Kathleen went on to receive her law degree from

Gonzaga University. She practiced law in Glendive for a number of years before returning to teaching, eventually retiring from Dawson Community College. Thespian, athlete, card shark, artist, editor...Kathleen was capable, multi-talented and street smart. She put her acting skills to use in the Glendive Follies, was often sought out to emcee at various functions, and always gave of her talents when asked. Kathleen loved telling a good story or otherwise entertaining a captive audience.

Comments from family and friends: "She had this wonderful ability to make me smile."

Trip to visit her niece in NYC: "She made friends with neighbors I didn't even know I had."

New boy to our Kendrick Ave neighborhood: "She was my first friend and she was a girl!"

Another niece: "She turned 33 and I said 'wow that's really old' and she said 'yeah but I have this awesome car!' (it was that purple thing she bought – might've been a mustang)".

The last survivor of the Illinois Fritsch families who settled around Hodges, MT, Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband Don Plaggman, her parents Evelyn and Glen, and her half brother, Jack Taber.

She is survived by her sister Linda Fasching (Dale) of Billings. Nieces and nephews (whom she loved as her own) Christine Fasching-Writesel, Billings and Paulette Fasching, Miami, FL; Damon Fasching (Tyler) of San Francisco, CA and Michael Fasching, Billings. Grandnieces Lhanna Writesel, Missoula and Sophia Writesel and Grandnephew James Writesel, Billings.

In death, as in life, Kathleen continues her giving ways as an organ donor.

No services are planned at this time, but a gathering of friends and family will happen when circumstances permit.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Fritsch*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Am very sad to hear this. She was my advisor and instructor when I was at DCC.*



**Jason** - March 16, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Kathleen was my college advisor! So many memories made in her office. Always good advice that came straight forward from her heart! Her motto in life was never stop learning and she encouraged me to embrace life and learn! Always learn!!!*

**Tonya Self** - March 08, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ *Bobbi Haugen Silk lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



**Bobbi Haugen Silk** - March 02, 2021 at 03:22 PM

PF

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Kathleen! My husband, Paul, first became friends with Kathy when negotiating for the DCC faculty in the mid-seventies. He worked at the college with her for many years. I golfed with Kathy many summer mornings at 8:00 am. It was like a summer job for both of us. We shared lots of laughs and good times on the golf course. She was so much fun and such a joy to be around! Our thoughts and prayers are with her sister, Linda and the Fritsch family! God Bless Kathy! Paul and Sandra Fasting

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**Paul and Sandra Fasting** - February 25, 2021 at 05:53 PM

JS

“ There are so many memories of the Fritsch family growing up. Kathleen as I remember had such an wonderful personality,almost explosive,full of energy. Thespian,Teacher,Lawyer, it seems whatever she put her mind to she accomplished. Linda,you are in our prayer as is your family. God bless your memories. Judy and Jim Stegmeier

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**Judy Stegmeier** - February 22, 2021 at 03:41 PM

CH

“ I loved playing cards with Kathleen. She demanded respect but also had respect to give in return. I grew to really admire her for that as well as her humor and intellect. I will miss her.

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**Connie Hilger** - February 20, 2021 at 01:29 PM

MK

“ Wonderful memories of this spunky delightful woman.....my deepest sympathy to Linda and her friends.



myrna kintz - February 19, 2021 at 01:48 PM

PH

“ Kathleen was a friend of mine in grade school and junior high. I stayed over night st her home and remember she liked purple even then. She was always a person that made the day happy, she was so much fun. . Penny Lavender Humbert

Penny Lavender Humbert - February 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM

SB

“ Kathleen, my bestest friend ever, rest in peace you have left me with many memories. My thoughts, prayers to you, Linda and all. Sandee Barth

Sandee Barth - February 19, 2021 at 09:38 AM

AW

“ As a beginning golfer I was talked into joining ladies golf league by a coworker. She said, “what better way to learn the game?!” I don’t know how about that but lucky for me I got Kathleen as my partner. She was so gracious & kind. And her sense of humor helped take my mind off the fact that I didn’t really like the game of golf! She was a wonderful lady & I’m so sorry to hear of her passing.

Arnell Wagner - February 19, 2021 at 01:13 AM

PA

“ Pat lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



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pat - February 17, 2021 at 10:37 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. She was such a joy to be with and I remember many fun times on the golf course with her. Condolences to her sister, Linda, and all of her friends.  
Debbie McGovern

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Deborah McGovern - February 17, 2021 at 07:57 PM

AH

“ So glad to have known Ms Fritsch as my teacher at DCC. Spunky, funny, and creative!

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Amy Hull - February 17, 2021 at 03:35 PM

DV

“ Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



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Deb Pete Vogel - February 16, 2021 at 11:20 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Denise Stoddart** - February 16, 2021 at 08:36 PM

BT

“ *My Sympathies to Kathleens FAMILY! She was an Amazing Lady! She will be missed by Many!  
RIP Kathleen!*



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**Becky Tipton** - February 16, 2021 at 07:18 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Stockert lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Brenda Stockert** - February 16, 2021 at 03:57 PM

MD

“ *Marilyn Dutton lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Marilyn Dutton** - February 16, 2021 at 03:55 PM

JA

“ *Joyce Ayre lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Joyce Ayre** - February 16, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Janette Legato** - February 16, 2021 at 12:47 PM

KS

“ *Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Karen Schock** - February 16, 2021 at 11:04 AM

GE

“ *Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch*



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**Grace Koffler Evinrude** - February 16, 2021 at 09:08 AM

RA

“ Rolly And Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



Rolly and Barb Anvik - February 15, 2021 at 10:44 PM

GR

“ Gail Ring lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



Gail Ring - February 15, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Haggerty lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



Cheryl Haggerty - February 15, 2021 at 01:22 PM

CL

So sorry to hear of the passing of Kathleen!! Many fun memories of her on the golf course, always made the round fun! RIP Kathleen!! 🙏❤️

Cathy Lobdell - February 19, 2021 at 10:14 AM

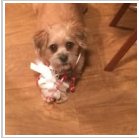
GW

“ Gerrie Warner lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



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**Gerrie Warner** - February 15, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Linda, my heart goes out to your family. you know i always loved her and I have great memories

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**Sandy Snow** - February 15, 2021 at 11:51 AM

RY

“ Rita Young lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



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**Rita Young** - February 15, 2021 at 10:24 AM

TD

“ Terra Doll lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fritsch



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**Terra Doll** - February 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Oh, the good times! Thanks for the memories! Such a privilege to call her my friend. Kathleen was such a strong person, always having a smile even during the worst of times. Rest in eternal peace, my dear friend.

Terra Doll - February 14, 2021 at 11:59 PM

LG

“ I remember Kathleen as one of my high school teachers. She was one of the best. So sorry to read of her passing. My condolences.  
Laura Grzanic

Laura Grzanic - February 14, 2021 at 11:28 PM

PF

“ Pat Feldmann lit a candle in memory of  
Kathleen Fritsch



pat Feldmann - February 14, 2021 at 09:17 PM

GG

So saddened by the news of Kathleen's passing !! Such a happy joyous personality!! The realm on high is gaining a vibrant angel!!

gloria guffey - February 15, 2021 at 01:51 PM

KM

Kathi was a unique and fun gal!

kevin mcgovern - February 15, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RA

*When I moved to Glendive in 1960 my greatest ambition was to direct Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice. But I was willing to wait a long time until I saw the right cast. Then I met Kathleen. She was so uninhibited, so physical on stage, so eager to act dumb. That play was such fun and Kathleen as Mrs. Bennett made the production and lifted the whole cast to become 18th century landed gentry. She was Oscar worthy.*

*When I decided to retire I knew she'd give up her law practice and apply for my job and she did. That position was in the best hands.*

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**Rose Marie Aus** - February 15, 2021 at 08:59 PM

LF

*Your responses to Kathleen's exceptional life are heartwarming and uplifting. We all thank you for taking the time to share your feelings and comments. It means the world to us.*

*In gratitude, Kathleen's family*

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**linda fritsch fasching** - February 23, 2021 at 07:53 PM