



## Karen Fancher

June 17, 1945 - March 18, 2009

Karen was born in Tonasket, Washington on Father's Day, June 17, 1945 to Frank and Helen Zolgar, joining sisters Patty and Merrie. Her tough personality was honed in the Okanogan when she was bumped out of a moving Jeep as a baby by her sisters. She was raised on the family farm in Ellisford and attended school in Tonasket. She followed the love of her life to Pullman to attend WSU (go Cougs!) On September 5, 1964 she married Bob Fancher in Tonasket. They lived the ranching life and lived in several locations around Okanogan County. In 1966 she began her first and most loved career of motherhood with the birth of son Mark. In 1969 the family was completed with the birth of Shelley. As ranching operations expanded the family moved to Quincy in 1971 to manage new feedlot facilities. It was there that Karen began her bookkeeping career, working for Ker Farms and LeMaster and Daniels accounting firm. Bob became involved in Farm and Ranch real estate sales and in 1978 the family moved to Moses Lake. Together, they purchased Fred R Doney Ranch Broker. They worked side by side and soon changed the name to Ranch and Home Real Estate. In those days, Karen accomplished all of the bookkeeping, auditing, banking and secretarial functions singlehandedly. They continued to expand and diversify the successful company into what is presently known as Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Ranch and Home. She retired from her position as CFO of the company in August of 2008.

The family enjoyed many wonderful years in Quincy, Moses Lake and the Columbia Basin where Karen was a well loved fixture in the community. She was always very active in the organizations and service clubs she became involved in. She held many offices in the Ladies Division of the Moses Lake Golf Club, was "Girl of the Year" for the Quincy Beta Sigma Phi, served on the Board of Directors for United Way, was a very active delegate for the Republican Caucus during the election of President Ronald Reagan and was an avid bridge player and golfer.

She found her true source of joy in her grandchildren, Markie, Kenzie, and Ellie Fancher and Rob Mac and Maddie Champagne. She had a sign in her kitchen that really captured her feeling "We may not be rich and famous, but we have priceless grandchildren." She loved to travel and recently returned from a wonderful vacation in Italy. She lived by the motto "Live, Love, and Laugh" and passed that down as a self-professed family motto. Karen truly exuded an "honest dignity" and her friendship was enjoyed by many. She is survived by her husband Bob, at the home in Moses Lake; mother Helen Zolgar of Omak; sisters Patty (Guy) Fisher of Oroville; Merrie (Clair) Fisher of Tonasket; son Mark and wife Cindy; their children Marquel, MacKenzie, and Elizabeth, all of Moses Lake; daughter Shelley Champagne and husband Ed of Spokane; their children Robert and Madelyn, numerous nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at First Presbyterian Church in Moses Lake at 1142 West Ivy Ave. at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday March 26, 2009. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. Please sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com)

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1337, Moses Lake, WA 98837 or Central Basin Home Health and Hospice 311 W. 3rd Ave., Moses Lake, WA

98837.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church  
1142 W. Ivy  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Bob I want to send my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the behalf of myself and the class of 61. I don't have your adress so hope they send this on to you. It is so hard to lose someone that you love and spent your life with. Our prayers are with you and your family. We love you. Bobbie Ogle Schaller###imported-begin###Bobbie Ogle Schaller###imported-end##

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March 31, 2009 at 06:22 PM



“ You and Your Family are in my Prayers. If there is anything I can do for you or your family I am here for you guys. God Bless you and your Family & be with you guys.###imported-begin###Marisol Tijerina###imported-end##

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March 26, 2009 at 12:48 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the entire family, Karen was a wonderful person and friend and I will miss her. She has been in my prayers and will continue to be. We had so much fun golfing, God Bless Her! Ronna Galbreath###imported-begin###Ronna Galbreath###imported-end##

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March 26, 2009 at 12:19 PM



“ Bob & Mark: Our deepest sympathies are with you at this time. May you have peace and wonderful memories of Karen and her rewarding life. Our prayers are with you.###imported-begin###David & Lynnette (Justesen) Plate###imported-end##

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March 26, 2009 at 11:21 AM



“ Bob, Mark and Cindy, Shelley and Ed- We wish you many wonderful memories to remember your beautiful Karen. May God bless you and comfort you in this time of sorrow. We love you.  
Shawn and Kriss Shuler and family##imported-begin##Shawn and Kriss Shuler##imported-end##

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March 26, 2009 at 01:38 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies for all of you during this time. You are in our prayers-Crum family##imported-begin##Crum##imported-end##

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March 26, 2009 at 12:37 AM



“ Bob, Mark, Shelly:

*About 18 years ago I met your family at the country club.*

*I was embraced by Karen. She made me feel special and part of that Moses Lake country club community.*

*She was very sweet and had a great smile and a way of making people feel welcomed.*

*I am thinking of all of you and hope you can all get through this pain.*

*Just remember your wife/mom was a great person and she touched many lives in great ways.*

*When I think of Karen I think of a wonderful woman who loved to golf and she was so fond of her grandkids. This is a great loss.*

*My prayers and love to you all. Michael also sends his best wishes.##imported-begin##Juanita Pina##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2009 at 12:33 AM



“ To the Family of Karen Fancher

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of your great loss.##imported-begin##Ron and Bea Stump##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ *Even though I am miles away I will always remember her laugh, wonderful sense of humor, warm heart, she will be missed by many. Bob my thoughts and prayers are with you, & your family. Diane*###imported-begin###*Diane wentworth*###imported-end##

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March 25, 2009 at 08:34 PM



“ *Bob, Mark and Shelly, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Karen and you and the kids have a very special place in our hearts. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless.*

*Tim and Linda*###imported-begin###*Tim and Linda Kenney*###imported-end##

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March 25, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ *Bob, Mark, Shelly*  
*Words cannot express the feelings of friends. We will all miss her charm and the joy she shared.*  
*We will never forget the great times we had golfing and playing bridge over the years.*  
*God Bless and keep you in your time of sorrow.*  
*Jackie*###imported-begin###*Jacqueline Dallum*###imported-end##

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March 25, 2009 at 06:47 PM



“ *Bob, Mark and Shelley,*

*We are at Becky's in So. CA and will miss Karen's memorial service but hope you know that you have all been in our thoughts and prayers since we heard of the diagnosis and as we've followed Karen's courageous fight. Karen was a special person who infected all around her with her positive attitude, smiling personality and sense of humor. She added to the lives of all who knew her and we will truly miss her.*

*Bob and Sharon##imported-begin##Bob and Sharon  
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March 25, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God grant you peace and the knowing that Karen is in a beautiful place, filled with life, love and laughter for all.*

*God bless you and keep you in his care during this difficult time.*

*Jodi, Scott & Courteney Satko##imported-begin##Jodi Satko and  
Family##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2009 at 12:53 PM



“ *Dear Fancer family*

*There are simply no words to clearly express my deepest sympathy to you and yours at this time of great lose. I can share that you can trust that the Van Keulen family's hearts and prayers are with you all.*

*Jvk###imported-begin##John Van Keulen##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2009 at 11:01 AM



“ *My Dear Fancher Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Denny often tells funny stories of the outings and vacations that you all shared together - a few are a little off color but they make us laugh. Just know that we are here for you all.##imported-begin##Denny and Carmen Weber##imported-end##*

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March 24, 2009 at 11:52 PM



“ *Bob, Our sympathy is extended to your family at this time. Karen was a favorite 'upper classman' of mine and certainly looked up to her with that great warm smile of hers. Please know that your family will be in our prayers and our thoughts are with you. Lois (Reed) Howes Spokane##imported-begin##Lois (Reed) Howes ##imported-end##*

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March 24, 2009 at 08:55 PM



“ Bob, We are deeply saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and the many friends of Karen and you. She was a joy every time I spoke with her. Karen was truly one of the "Good Guys". May you find comfort in the memories and those loved ones around you.  
Gary, Brenda, Bill and Jean Hauber##imported-begin##Gary Hauber##imported-end##

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March 24, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ We hope you find comfort in each other during this time of loss. Enjoy and treasure the memories you have of the times you shared with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
  
~The Greninger Family~##imported-begin##Daryl and Nicki Greninger##imported-end##

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March 24, 2009 at 04:56 PM



“ Bob and family, we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers as you take this journey. Karen's untimely death has left a big void and she will be truly missed. She had the best smile!##imported-begin##Terry Skeesick##imported-end##

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March 24, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“ Bob, Mark and Family, There are no words to express our sorrow for your loss. Karen was truly a gift of laughter and joy. We know you will miss her very much. "Good people will be remembered as a blessing..."Proverbs 10:7 Our prayers for you, Mike & Joyce##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Mulliken##imported-end##

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March 24, 2009 at 12:15 PM



“ Bob,  
*I cherish the memories I have of you and your Karen, me and my Karen, and my sis and her boyfriend Tommy Talbot, that we enjoyed together in our teen years at THS. You are truly old family friends that we can look back on as our fathers enjoyed together in their THS years as well. Those old days we shared with you and your Renault that you used to date your Karen, and me and my VW that I used to date my Karen, are priceless. You and your children and grandchildren have lost a very important part of your family and I feel I have lost a great friend.##imported-begin##Don Thomason##imported-end##*

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March 24, 2009 at 01:10 AM



“ Bob  
*Our condolences and thoughts are with you @ this time - brings back many school memories of you and Karen.  
Ron##imported-begin##Ron Trevithick##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“ Bob, My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. I never had the pleasure of meeting your wife Karen. Just by knowing you, I know she was an outstanding woman. Sincerely, Sarah (Day Wireless)##imported-begin##Sarah Schoenwald##imported-end##

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March 23, 2009 at 12:43 PM



“ Bob and family, my sincere condolences go out to you in this time of sorrow. I have many fond thoughts of the both of you being high school sweethearts in Tonasket. You and the family will miss Karen greatly. Al Seccomb###imported-begin###Al Seccomb###imported-end##

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March 23, 2009 at 12:42 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Karen. I have so many fond memories as a child in Moses Lake-playing junior golf and many, many days at the golf course with our families.###imported-begin###Jill A. McPherson (Dallum)###imported-end##

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March 20, 2009 at 08:40 PM



“ Dear Bob and Family

*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Your friends at Specialty Chemical Products.###imported-begin###James Trunzo###imported-end##*

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March 20, 2009 at 01:58 PM



“ Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Karen during this time of loss. She was such a gracious lady.

*Gene & Bonnie###imported-begin###Gene & Bonnie Polhamus###imported-end##*

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March 18, 2009 at 08:44 PM