



## LaReva Brown

November 23, 1942 - August 5, 2014

LaReva Lou Fink Brown first visited Royal Slope in 1963 as a newlywed and claimed it was love at first sight. It was on her beloved Royal Slope that she passed peacefully away August 5, 2014.

She was born in Pocatello, Idaho November 23, 1942, the second child of Charles "Lorin" Fink and Etta "Jean" Davis. She enjoyed her early childhood surrounded by her extended family but when she was about 5, her father, who up to that time had farmed with his father, decided it was time to set off on his own. The family moved to a ranch just outside of Bozeman, Montana where they lived for the next 8 years. Concerned about their children's educational opportunities, Lorin and Jean once again moved their family, this time to Charlo, Montana, a small community just outside of Missoula. LaReva started school that fall at Charlo High School, where she participated in 4-H and school activities including the school play and twirling team. It was while on the twirling team that she got to know a handsome football player two years her senior. LaReva married Wayne Brown August 2, 1962 in Idaho Falls, Idaho and planned to settle in Missoula, Montana until that fateful trip to visit LaReva's parents, who by that time had moved to Ephrata, WA. It was the view Wayne and LaReva encountered as they drove over Frenchman Hills on Dodson Road that convinced them they were home.

After their move, LaReva immersed herself in the community and was very active in church. She worked at People's Bank in Royal City as a bookkeeper while Wayne worked for several farmers including Dick Rex and Lee Iverson.

Soon children came along and LaReva had her hands full with 2 girls and 2 boys. She loved her role as mother and was happiest when she was doing something for her family. She found outlet for her creativity in sewing both for her home and her children as well as baking fancy cakes and other craft projects. She was an avid canner and worked through the summer to stock her pantry with the bounty from Wayne's farm and garden. LaReva always looked forward to the Community Days celebration and was especially fond of following the Junior Miss contests. She loved the floats in the parade. When her kids were old enough, they followed in their parents' footsteps and joined 4-H. LaReva and Wayne served with Tom and Hazel Freeman as leaders of their 4-H club.

As much as LaReva loved her children, it could be argued that she loved her grandchildren even more. She was their greatest fan and loved to watch them compete in sports or perform in dance or music. She surrounded herself with their pictures at home and always looked forward to their visits. She loved to put together special packages containing treats she had baked or fruit grown in her garden which she would then mail or hand deliver. It was important to her to attend their big life events and during the past year especially, she did so at great personal sacrifice.

It took some convincing, but Wayne persuaded LaReva they should leave their home on Royal Slope and the grandkids she loved for an 18 month LDS church mission. In April 2002, Wayne and LaReva set off for Sofia, Bulgaria. It is debatable which left the greater impression—LaReva on those she encountered in Bulgaria or the Bulgarians she encountered on LaReva. While there she put her sewing skills to use completing 100 quilts for an orphanage. She returned with a deep, abiding love for those she served.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, loyalty, and service. She is survived by her devoted husband, Wayne; four children, Glenda Lou Brown Reilly, Ronda Jean Brown, Reid Wayne Brown, Ricky Lee Brown; thirteen grandchildren, and one great-grand daughter; as well as her younger brother, Lamar Fink. Viewing hours will be held Friday, August 8, 2014 between 5:00 and 7:00pm

at Kayser's Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake and from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. at the Royal Camp Church on Saturday, August 9th. A funeral will be held Saturday, August 9, 2014 2:00pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Royal Camp. Interment will be at Royal Memorial Gardens. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Royal Memorial Gardens

6000 Road 12 SW  
Royal City, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Visitation

AUG 9. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Royal Camp Chapel  
357 Christensen Road Royal Camp  
Othello, WA

## Service

AUG 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Royal Camp Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ For La Reva's Family--

*All of us at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so saddened to hear of La Reva's passing.....she fought her battle with such courage, and was such an inspiration to us all. I know you will miss her very much.*

*Sending our deepest sympathies....*

*Jean Copley, Patient Services Coordinator*

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**Jean Copley** - August 11, 2014 at 03:53 PM



IL

“ I am so sorry to hear my childhood friend has passed. I only found out the day of the funeral, but want to extend my heartfelt best wishes to Wayne and the children and grandchildren. LaReva was a very caring person and though I have not had the opportunity to build on our friendship in the last few years I am indeed sorry to hear of her journey to the otherside She will be met with joy from her family who passed before..My deepes sympathy.

*Irene Lake*

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**Irene Lake** - August 10, 2014 at 02:26 PM

NT

“ I am very sorry to learn of LaReva's passing. We met last year in Wenatchee. LaReva, you were blessed with a wonderful and attentive family. Thank you for making sure your husband brought me some of your apples, they made the BEST applesauce! My deepest condolences to your family.

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**Nancy Tracy** - August 09, 2014 at 10:24 AM

DH

“ There are not words to tell of our sadness in the passing of LaReva. She was a very sweet woman whom we know was a joy to all who knew her. Ned and I want you all to know that we were impressed with her gracious ways and her most loving spirit. Wayne, a wonderful blessing you have had in having LaReva as your sweetheart. To be married for over 50 years is quite an accomplishment and that tells all of us about your great "teamwork". Ronda, I want you to know that we care. You had a choice mother and friend. She is an example of a Christ-like life and her special ways will be missed by all of you. I know you will see her again and she will remain by your side as your very special angel. I admired her ambition...her hard work and smiling while she did it. She leaves you all a legacy of love to you and the generations to come. Lovingly, Deanna and Ned.

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**Deanna Hirz** - August 07, 2014 at 12:36 AM