In Loving Memory Of June Ardella Fritz

Born June 16, 1946 Killdeer, North Dakota

*Died*September 6, 2025
Gillette, Wyoming

Celebration of Life
Saturday, October 4, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Weston County Senior Citizen Center
Newcastle, Wyoming

Officiants
Her Family

Musical Selections

"Take My Hand" - Elvis

"Dancing In the Sky" - Dani & Lizzy

"Two Sparrows In a Hurricane" - Tanya Tucker

Honorary Pallbearers
John Michael Alleman Drew Hill Ty Hill
Nathan Fields Steve Hill Doug Unterseher

Final Resting Place
Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota



June Ardella Fritz

June Ardella Fritz passed away peacefully and beautifully in her home September 6, 2025, surrounded by family and the love of all who knew her.

June was born in Killdeer, North Dakota June 16, 1946 to Arthur and Agnes (Herman) Unterseher. As she was born on Father's Day, she was named by her father. She joined an older sister, Judy, who would be her best friend for life. Later three brothers, Skip, Jim and Doug, would complete the family. During her school years the family lived in Idaho and Wyoming. The family moved to Lead, SD in 1958 when June was 12. At the age of 13 she was in a serious car accident, causing many physical problems that she dealt with her whole life. She spent some time in a wheelchair and unable to finish school she chose to get on with the business of life. Holding a variety of jobs as a pre-teen and teen, in addition to being one of the older children in the family, she became equipped with an array of knowledge and talents to be very successful in the times in which she grew up.

In February of 1963 she married (and tamed!) Daryld Fritz in Deadwood, SD. They would have two daughters, Penny and Tina, and would live in Deadwood until 1970 when they would move their little family to Newcastle, WY. June mostly stayed home taking care of the family, but as the girls got older, she ventured outside the home and held various jobs. But she was never as happy as when she could just be home cleaning – cooking – cleaning – gardening – cleaning – or crafting of some sort.

All who knew her were blessed to learn so much from her and carry that knowledge to future generations. She never gave herself enough credit for how smart she was, rather thought of herself as quite inept. Her friends and family however were always impressed by her ability to make something out of nothing. She truly enjoyed cooking and baking and sharing the secrets to family favorites from her German heritage. She also loved to sew and crochet, often donating blankets to hospitals and senior facilities.

Being one of the biggest Elvis fans that ever was, you'd see collectibles and memorabilia everywhere. And 'pink'! Oh, how she loved pink. Even getting her hair dyed twice in her last months by her sister-in-law, Maryann and niece, Jessica and regretting she hadn't done it before.

She cherished her family and friends at a level most will never comprehend. And sadly, that most never knew. Cards, letters and phone calls meant so much to her. Gifts, no matter how small or large, were on another level and each one is marked fondly with the date, occasion, and name of the one who gave it. She loved so purely and had such a sweet spirit. But unfortunately, didn't let everyone – including her family – always see it.

April 1st of this year she received the news that she had advanced and very aggressive pancreatic cancer. Her last five months were beyond difficult as Daryld became ill and passed away quickly and unexpectedly on May 26. She wanted so desperately for this not to be her reality and fought, harder than anyone ever thought, to beat it.

June is survived by her daughter, Penny Sander, Gillette, WY; granddaughter, Alisha Fields; great grandchildren, Ayla, Ayvree, Ayden and Aynslee; granddaughter, Tamra Bruns; great grandchildren, Kaydence, Camren, Presleigh and Waylon; grandson, John Michael (Hilary) Alleman; great grandchildren, Joseph Michael and Hailey; granddaughter, Hannah Sander; great grandchildren, Noah, Niya, Ebin and Salem; daughter, Tina Fritz, Hot Springs, SD; grandson, Drew Hill; great granddaughters, Parker and Payzlea; grandson, Ty (Leanna) Hill; great granddaughter, Daisy; sister, Judy Unterseher, Rapid City, SD; brothers, Doug (Deb) Unterseher, Gillette, WY and Skip (Dori) Unterseher; sister-in-law, Maryann (Jerry) Derby, Sturgis, SD and many nephews, nieces and friends who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daryld; parents, Arthur Unterseher and Agnes Herman; brother, Jim Unterseher, and grandson-in-law, Edward Bruns.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the following:

Campbell County Senior Citizens Center - In Home Services, 701 Stocktrail Avenue, Gillette, WY 82716 or Campbell County Hospice, 300 S. Burma Avenue, Gillette, WY 827165.

We could not have given our parents the love and dignity they deserved in their final months without them.

Condolences may be sent to: Penny Sander, 516 Daisy Dr, Gillette, WY 82716 or Tina Fritz, 1638 Albany Ave, Hot Springs, SD 57747.

