



Frances D Smalley

September 18, 2024

Frances Dianne Smalley, 80, of Foley, passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2024. Dianne was born on August 20, 1944, to parents Roland and Sylvia Fink of Topeka, Kansas. Later, they moved to the Bay Area when Roland was stationed in Alaska with the Navy.

Dianne and her husband Dave met while living in San Jose, California and were married on November 17, 1970. Later in life, they were blessed with 2 children, Melanie Waltrip and Christopher Smalley. A few years later, she was blessed with a bonus daughter Melissa Alexander Somsen.

Dianne and Dave were married for over 53 years and owned a restaurant in Salinas, California for 28 years. They retired in 2005 and relocated to Oregon where they spent time traveling and doing many things together. She also spent time learning tap dance, playing Mahjong and Mexican Train with friends, and enjoying time with her grandchildren; playing video games with her daughter.

Dianne had a heart of gold and loved her family and friends. She was generous and considerate, putting everyone before herself. She will always be

remembered for the kindness she gave to others.

Dianne is preceded in death by her mother and father, Roland and Sylvia Fink. She is survived by her husband Samuel David Smalley, daughters Melanie Waltrip (Jeff), Melissa Alexander Somsen (Sean), son Christopher Smalley, brothers Allen Fink (Gale), Don Fink (Kim), Ray McKinley, many nieces and nephews, and grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. We spent many years line dancing, basket making and playing MahJongg. I have missed visiting with her and o one you are comforted by your memories with her.* ”

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