

Lorraine Swain Samuels, 86, died peacefully on July 26, 2020 due to complications of advanced dementia disease.

She was born in Great Falls to Robert Henry Swain III and Alice Pearl (Dickson) Swain.

Her love for ice skating started at age 8 and spanned much of her life. As a teen, she met her future husband, Sam (Glen "Al" Samuels), at the Civic Center ice rink. Lorraine performed and competed as a member of the Great Falls Figure Skating Club where she trained during the school year. She trained in Canada during the summers and competed all over the Northwest. She was the Montana Senior Ladies champion in back to back years of 1951 and 1952. A year after graduating from Great Falls High School in 1951, Lorraine turned pro and joined the Butte Figure Skating Club at its founding in November 1952. She returned to Great Falls as the pro in 1954-55. In addition to teaching, she produced and performed in ice skating shows in Great Falls, Butte, Denver, Nelson B.C., and other cities. But it was not all so serious; some of her fondest memories are of Ice Dancing with her Dad and their good friends, the McAndrews (another father-daughter team).

In July 1955, Lorraine and Sam married at First Presbyterian in Great Falls. They shared 64 years of life and love together until his passing in January this year. Over the years they lived in Great Falls, Spokane and Lewistown, moving for Sam's work and school. Lorraine was always drawn to teaching children about many things, but most of all about Jesus. She was active in the Presbyterian church wherever she lived.

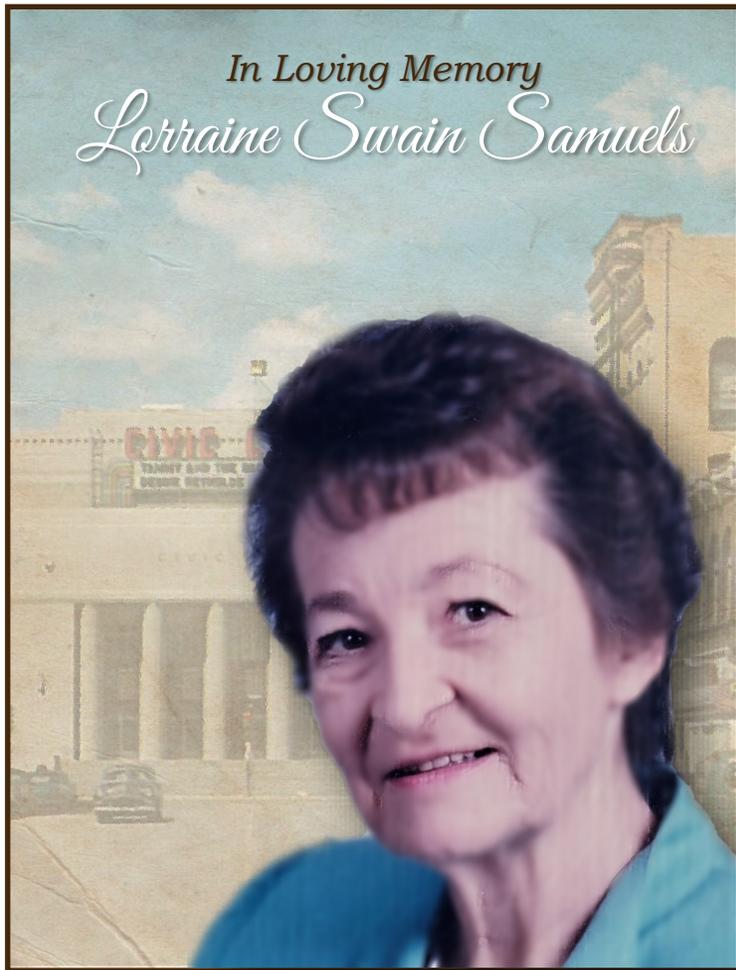
Lorraine deeply loved family and kept connections to them over the years. She and her two dear sisters were part of a 'dirty dozen' of cousins who gathered for a reunion most summers at a family cabin in Monarch (built by their grandparents). Her nieces filled her heart whether they lived near or far. And Lorraine's favorite role in life was being mom to her daughter and two sons. Her extended family included her high school friends including Bob (Sally) Wallace, whom she called brother.

In addition to her husband, Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Shirley Bowlin and Dorthie Fullerton, two nieces, Marvilee Slack and Kathy Gannon and a nephew, David Samuels. She is survived by her three children, Kristen, Blake (Katie), and Kurt (Tracie); six grandchildren, James (Riki), Jenny, Terriell, Aaron, Kelsey, and Kaylee; three great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family deeply appreciates the people at The Grandview at Benefis for the love and attention shown Lorraine while she lived there. You touched us profoundly and permanently.

Condolences may be shared with the family at
www.croxfordfuneralhome.com.

In Loving Memory
Lorraine Swain Samuels





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September 9, 1933 - July 26, 2020

Croxford Funeral Home
Saturday, August 29, 2020
Two O'clock P.M.

Officiant

Pastor John Ritchie

Music

“Jesus Loves The Little Children”
“Amazing Grace”
“It Is Well With My Soul”

Honorary Pallbearers

Blake Samuels
Kurt Samuels
James Emerson
Aaron Payne

Final Resting Place

First Presbyterian Church Columbarium

And they brought young children to Him,
that He should touch them: and His disciples
rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, He was much
displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the
little children to come unto me, and forbid
them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not
receive the kingdom of God as a little child,
he shall not enter therein.

(Mark 10: 13-15)

