

The Arizona Fiddler

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JACK DARLAND

Jack Darland was born into a musical family on March 21, 1926, with both grandfathers playing the fiddle and his mother and grandmother playing the piano. His father also picked the mandolin a bit.

His musical career began when he was presented with a 12 base Horner accordion at the young age of eight. He learned many of the old tunes and played at the old country school-house dances with his grandfathers.

His Grandpa Sprouls passed away while Jack was serving in the Navy during World War II, and it was his wish that Jack have his fiddle. That began a long career of fiddling that continued throughout his life.

Jack spent many years playing for dances in the Council-Weiser area of Idaho. He met his future wife, Linda in 1971, they became a duo and moved to Baker, Oregon in 1972. They played their first of many contests in August of 1972.

Jack and Linda moved to Salome, Arizona in September of 1988. Their first contest in Arizona was Globe, in 1991. There have been numerous contests and campouts since, where they cherished the musical “family” they had become a part of.

Jack has won the Arizona State Senior Contest in Payson, three times, as well as many other contests through the years. He is perhaps best known for his unwavering “old time” fiddling style that he refused to abandon. Jack judged many contests over the years and became known as a fair and unbiased judge, although strictly “old time”.

He and Linda made a number of tapes and CD’s, and their music has gone all across the United States and Canada. When you attend any fiddle function, you are sure to hear a tune that the fiddler will say, “I learned that from Jack Darland”.

Jack passed away at his home on June 3, 2022, leaving his wife of 50 years, Linda,, one son Jim, from Mt. Vernon, Washington, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Clark.

A memorial will be held in Salome in November during the Fall Fiddlefest (fiddlers camp out) at the Salome Lions Club.



Roger F. Peabody, 86, passed away on May 1, 2022 in Wenatchee, Washington. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Jackie Peabody, on March 24, 2022 and middle son Steven Peabody in December 2021. He is survived by sons David Peabody, Larry Peabody (Kim), granddaughters, Tanya Hoffman (Joe), Nicole Strick (Marc), and Jodi Peabody. and one grandson, Brian Peabody, as well as a brother, Gale Peabody (Bernice) in New York state and many nieces, nephews.



. (CATHY) **Catherine Ann Freund** Age 78 went to be with Lord on June 11, 2022 after a long illness. Cathy was born in Pratt Kansas to Clyde & Marjorie Williams on December 31, 1943. Married Charles W. Freund on June 14, 1969 and moved from Kansas to Phoenix, AZ in the Fall of 1977. Shortly after the move they joined the Arizona Picker & Grinders in Phx. And the Arizona Bluegrass Association and the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association. You could always find Cathy in a card game with the Lady's or at a nearby Casino while husband Charlie was in a Jam session at the Event. Cathy is survived by Husband Charlie, Sons Monte & Mike, Daughter Cindy, 4-Grand Daughters & 1-Great Grandson and a Sister Carolyn Porter. CATHY will be missed by All that knew HER!

Bill Blankenship was born on March 6, 1935 in Shawnee, Okla. to Orb & Sarah Blankenship. When he was 3 years old they moved to Quincy, Ca. Bill went all the way through school there. When he graduated from High School in 1953 he joined the United States Air Force. He worked on planes while there. He got out in 1957. He then went one semester at Sacramento JC. That fall he moved to Modesto, Ca. and lived with his Dad to attend Modesto JC. He met his wife Ann Carlson in an accounting class. They started dating on Valentine's Day in 1959 and were engaged on April 4, 1959 and married on June 21, 1959. They were married for 63 years.



BILL & ANN

Bill went to work for Crocker National Bank in June 1960 for 26 years when the Bank was bought out by Well Fargo - he lost his job because there were 2 banks in town. From then on he took what he could find. The last 2 years he worked as a custodian at Dingle Elementary School in Woodland, Ca. He retired in 1997 and traveled. We spent the winter in Bullhead, Az. Our son and family moved to Dewey, Az in February of 2006 and we moved in June 2006. We went full-time RV until 2013 when his mental ability began to slip. We bought a home in Cottonwood, Az to be close to our kids.



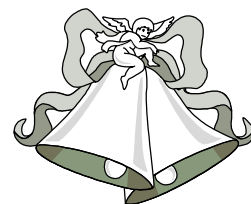
Bill & great grand daughter Ava age 2

He liked to fish, camp, play games and play Pool.

He passed away on June 12, 2022 at 12:45 a.m.

July and August Anniversaries

Bill & Jacquie Wilcox	7	11	
Gary & Mary Lee Huntington	7	14	1962
Dick & Francis Lyons	7	17	1971
Bruce & Robin Hopper	7	17	1982
Troy & Wilma Luttrell	7	7	1987



Kenny & Nancy	Reynolds	8	10	
Arline & Delynn	Peterson	8	15	1975
Wilbur & Andria	Welsh	8	28	1982
Guy & Darlene	Selle	8	5	1994

July Birthdays

Chapter Meetings

Rim Country
Payson AZ area
Caitlin Wilson
wilsonetc@gmail.com



Southern AZ
Wilbur Welsh
520-743-7086



Territorial - Yuma area
Dan Everts
509-953-0079



Verde Valley - Cottonwod area
Fran Judd
928-634-7963



Don Poindexter	7	1
Aspen Dietrich	7	5
Tom Bonn	7	7
Sherry Johnson	7	7
Mary Ann Tveit	7	12
Willi McArthur	7	14
Fred Werckle	7	16
Dallas Parker	7	17
Dick Lyons	7	22
Marshall Racowsky	7	26
Gordon Jones	7	31

August Birthdays

Caroline McArthur	8	1
Ron Smith	8	1
Charlie Freund	8	7
Diana Smith	8	11
Christine Leazer	8	16
Mr Schauer	8	18
Jack Barnes	8	30
Ranelle Dietrich	8	31



Things to Come

July 4 2022

Celebrate the birth of our nation.

Sept 23 25 2022

Vertilee Floyd

Arizona State Championship

Fiddle Contest

Green Valley Park Payson AZ

928-472-5110

email tourism@paysonaz.gov

Nov 4 - 6

Fall Fiddlefest

Salome AZ

contact LLinda Darland 928-671-0474

December 25

The guy in the red suit is watching so you better be good , he'll be coming to your house.

January

Worthen Fiddle Contest Yuma AZ

January 13 - 15

Spring Fiddlefest

Salome AZ

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January 21 2023

Grande Fiddle Contest

Casa Grande

The twin fiddle and band contest will be in the evening on Friday January 20

More info later



January 21 - 22
Blythe Bluegrass

February 2 - 5
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Ajo Country Club
contact Linda Darland
928-671-0474

February 10 - 12
Safford Fiddle Contest
Safford AZ

March 11
Tucson Fiddle Contest
more info later

March 17 18
Spring Campout
Salome Lions Club
Linda Darland 928-671-0474



Don Shrum passed away in April of 2022. He was a member of the Territorial Chapter of the AOTFA.