

The Arizona Fiddler

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Anniversaries in July

Monk & Wanda	Maxwell	7	1	2003
Bill & Jacquie	Wilcox	7	11	
Gary & Mary Lee	Huntington	7	14	1962
Dick & Francis	Lyons	7	17	1971
Robert & Mary Dana	Coar	7	25	2008
Leber & Nadine	Schlesinger	7	3	1959
Harold & Mary	Caulkins	7	30	1954
Ron & Kathy	Blade	7	8	

Congratulations!



Anniversaries in August

Guy & Darlene	Selle	8	5	1994
John & Penny	Emsley	8	9	2015
Kenny & Nancy	Reynolds	8	10	
Bob & Ruth	Werle	8	01	1953
Wilbur & Andria	Welsh	8	28	1982
Evert	Snetsinger	8	09	1945
Mark & Laura	Holmesley	8	12	1978
Biil & Dot	Williamson	8	17	1957
Delynn & Arline	Peterson	8	15	1975



Blaine Cone August 29, 1929 to June 20, 2020. Blaine was in the Arizona Pioneer Home in Prescott, AZ.

A couple of weeks ago he had a bout with pneumonia and spent a few days in the VA Hospital. He was able to return to APH but just never could get his feet back under him.

Numerous times and to several people he related that he just wanted to go be with Edith. They are now reunited, along with countless other loved ones and friends of Blaine.

We are so fortunate to have known his kind and gentle ways and genuine friendship. Also to have enjoyed his singing, playing and wonderful sense of humor.

It was so fitting and appropriate when Donna Zander requested all who knew her wonderful mother to play Amazing Grace in her honor. Donna, hoping you don't mind, I'm borrowing from you and request the same on Blaine's behalf.

Please pass this announcement to anyone you know who knew Blaine. service will take place prior to his burial at Heritate Memorial Park - 12000 Heritage Memorial Lane, Dewey, AZ on Friday, July 10th at 11:00 am.

Due to the virus, there is a limit of 50 people (in close proximity). Jennifer said she would love to have attendees feel free to bring instruments and play afterward.

Warmest, Kindest & Peaceful Regards To All, john kennedy

Vertilee Floyd Merorial (Arizona State) Fiddle Contest

Great news fiddlers! The state fiddle championship has officially been moved to a beautiful new location- the 13 acre Green Valley Park (on Main Street in Payson, AZ) and will be free for spectators this year. The new venue seems made to order (with plenty of room for comfortable social distancing). There are shade trees, a playground, grass, a museum (coincidentally, this museum is where I first learned of the contest, myself three years ago from a kindly docent). There is even a stocked lake (for you fishing fiddlers)! Thank you to any and all who contacted the Payson town council and staff about this issue. If anyone feels like sending a "thank you" feel free to reach out to them (see email list below). We'd especially like to thank the town manager, Shiela DeSchaff, and Courtney Spawn, Director of parks and rec, who were instrumental in getting these changes made (and John Kennedy who began the process last year). Obviously, because of Covid 19 nothing is set in stone but we think this venue change is a move in the right direction for the future. So far the contest is good to go but maybe we'll ask for a virtual contest if anything changes with COVID - hope not!

The Friday night opry concert will still be held at the Longhorn high school auditorium and tickets will have to be purchased for that, but the contest portion will be free for spectators! Dry camping will be at the Payson Event Center as in previous years (less than a mile from the park). There will be no dinner concert, but hopefully we will have more food and other vendors (let us know if you or anyone you know is interested in being a vendor this year and we'll get you connected with the town).

Also, the band competition must have at least three entries to be held (you need at least three members including a fiddler and must play three songs (one slow vocal, one fast vocal and one instrumental). So, lasso up some band members and help us keep this contest going as well!

Hope to see you all at the 50th annual AZ state fiddle championship at the Green Valley park, in Payson, this September 25-27th.

Lets make a great showing!

Caitlin Wilson and all
Rim Country chapter AOTFA

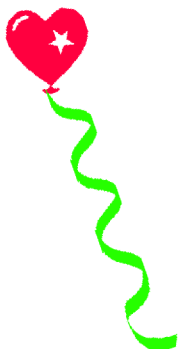
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Helen Zander, 95, passed away May 29 2020. Wonderful lady that loved the fiddle music, especially the kids. Daughter, Donna, and Bruce Wurst always brought her to the gatherings. They celebrated her 95th birthday at Ajo fiddle Contest 2019, with cake for everyone. Heartfelt condolences to family and friends. She will be missed.



AOTFA Memorial Scholarship Fund

A fund has been set up in lieu of flowers for Helen Zander and Elaine Carson for helping kids to play music. If you would like to donate or use it for your loved one, contact Noreen Johnston 7470 Derryberry Flagstaff AZ 86004 - 928-853-3577 or fiddlerslady@aol.com

July & August Birthdays

July 11 & 12 2020
Virtual fiddle contest
Contact Tiffany Dietrich for details

Sept 26 & 27 2020
Green Valley Park
Main Street Payson AZ

Nov 6-7- 8 2020
Salome Fiddlefest
Salome AZ
AOTFA General Meeting
Election of Officers

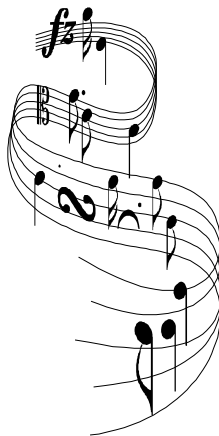
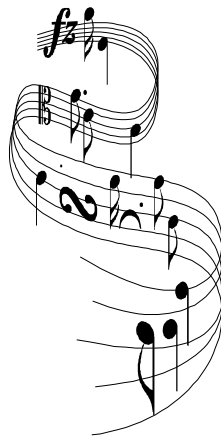
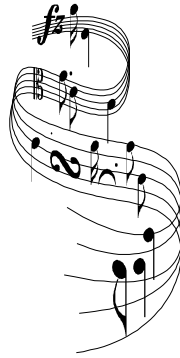
Dec 25 2020
Christmas !!!

2021
Jany 8 - 10 2021
JC's Rodeo and Fiddle Contest
Contact janet.shelby@gmail.com

Jan 15-16-17 2021
Salome Fiddling Days
Lions Club Salome AZ
Contact Linda at ldarland53@gmail.com
928-671-0474

Feb 4-5-6-7
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Country Club
Ajo AZ
Contact Linda at ldarland53@gmail.com
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March 19-20-21
AOTFA Spring Camp Out
Lions Club
Salome AZ
Contact Noreen
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Wilma Allen	7	
Patty Childs	7	1
Chris Keenan	7	1
Aspen Dietrich	7	5
Tom Bonn	7	7
Mary Ann Tveit	7	12
Willi McArthur	7	14
Fred Werckle	7	16
Dallas Parker	7	17
Marshall Racowsky	7	26
Craig Averill	7	31
Gordon Jones	7	31



Ron Smith	8	1
Caroline McArthur	8	1
Kent Chamberlin	8	2
Charlie Freund	8	7
Gail Martin	8	9
Diana Smith	8	11
Dory Dutton	8	12
Ron Blade	8	15
Harold Pangle	8	16
Roscoe Perry	8	16
Christine Leazer	8	16
Brad Schauer	8	18
Wanda Davis	8	19
Carol Porter	8	20
Marina Radman	8	24
John Emsley	8	25
Cheryl Seat	8	26
Judy Anderson	8	29
Jack Barnes	8	30
Ranelle Dietrich	8	31

Charles (Chuck) Vincent Giamalvo, 77, died peacefully with wife, Barbara, by his side, on Sat April 18, 2020. Chuck was born on July 23, 1942 in Kansas City Missouri to Charles and Irene (Jackson) Giamalvo. He attended Holy Rosary Catholic grade School, Redemptionist Catholic High School, and Kansas State University. Foreshadowing



Chuck's later career he enlisted in the Air Force and worked in the accounting dept in TX. He worked for the Ford Motor Co before founding Inventory Accounting Service (IA) with Barbara. IAS began as an inventory service or grocery stores, covering much of the Midwest. In time, IAS began contracting with the DoD and later transitioned to equipment leasing, mainly washers & dryers, for the last 30 years.

Chuck was a long-time motorcycle owner who enjoyed riding with family and friends, all over the Midwest and beyond.

Skywriting was an important part of Chuck's life. Even though he didn't get serious about it until the mid 80's he jotted down poems and lyrics long before that. Whenever inspiration struck, he had to get it down on paper, cocktail napkins or whatever was close by. He was a long time member of Kansas City Songwriters Circle and Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI). He was the NSAI coordinator for Missouri for 5 years. He visited Nashville to study songwriting several times. After moving to Phoenix AZ in 1999, his songwriting and performing continued to include music festivals all over the world. His recording studio at "Barbara's Place " brought him immense joy. While songwriting was Chuck's favorite part of music, he enjoyed traveling to experience other cultures. He visited 6 of the 7 continents and nearly all 50 states. He often traveled with Barbara in the comfort of their home on wheels. His favorite place was Las Vegas, especially in June when he would enter the World Series of Poker.

Over the past 9 years. Chuck successfully battled a number of health issues (diabetes, strokes, heart attacks, multiple cancer, etc), but his COPD and lung cancer ultimately took him home.

Chuck was a faithful Catholic, attending weekly Mass or watching on TV when his health declined and praying the rosary daily. He was a loving friend, brother, husband, father and an awesome PawPaw. He will be missed greatly.

Attend a Monthly Chapter Meeting
During this time of the corona virus - check with the chapter rep for cancellations and times

Rim Country - Payson area

1st Sunday 2 pm

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church
204 W Airport Rd Payson AZ

3rd Thursday 6 pm

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Log cabin building

601 E Hwy 260 Payson AZ

Contact Caitlin Wilson

wilsonsetc@gmail.com

Southern AZ - Tucson area

Unitarian Universalist Church

4831 E 22 Street Tucson AZ 85709

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086

Territorial - Yuma area

Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079

Verde Valley - Cottonwood area

NEW DAY !!!

Second Sunday 1 - 4 pm

Senior Citizens Hall

500 E Cherry Cottonwood AZ

Contact Fran Judd 928-634-7963



He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rob Giamalvo. He is survived by the love of his life, Barbara (Wisely) Giamalvo, daughters Maggie Giamalvo (Jeff O'Neal) and kate Jimenez (Ruben), grandsons, Dominic and Xavier Jimenez, sisters Betty Hill (Rick) and Barbara Blum, sister-in-law Chris Giamalvo and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a private funeral at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, in Gladstone MO. on Wednesday April 29, 2020 at 11:00am Celebrations of life will take place in Kansas City and Phoenix later in the year.



Elaine Marie Carlson, 1948-2020 of Sebeka, Minnesota, lost her battle with Alzheimer's Disease on May 24, 2020, at the age of 71. She was born to the late Harvey and Eleanor Johnson on June 30, 1948, in Duluth. She married Dennis Carlson in 1967 and they spent most of their years together near Sebeka. Elaine is preceded in death by her parents; her nephew, Christopher Oja, and her nephew, Timothy Lehse. She is survived by her husband and her three children: Jennifer (Steve) Roman, Leah (Brad) Carlson, and Rustin (Rachel) Carlson Flores. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Kyle Roman, Josephine Meyer, Arlo Meyer, Cedar Flores, and Nova Flores, and by her siblings: Ron (Leona) Johnson, Tom (Michelle) Johnson, Debra (Dave) Brinkman and Cindy (Mike) Oja. Elaine spent several years working in the Sebeka school system as an office assistant and as a paraprofessional. She will be remembered for her musical gifts, her wonderful cooking, her many artistic and creative endeavors and her deep love of family. Elaine and Dennis spent many joyful years together as snowbirds traveling in their RV to warmer weather and making music with their friends. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memories of Mom - by Jennifer, Leah and Rustin

Mom loved so very deeply. She gave wonderful long, connected hugs and shared her love with family and friends by giving generously of her time and many talents.

Mom was a very gifted cook. We were completely spoiled with her amazing dishes that were always "from scratch", and rarely "from a box" as she would say. She was a true gourmet and never needed a recipe to create something delicious with whatever we had on hand. Neighbors would often stop by for an afternoon coffee and they would end up staying for supper to enjoy handcrafted pizza, tacos complete with homemade tortilla shells, or spaghetti with her own sauce and handmade pasta. We ate restaurant quality food at home on a regular basis and didn't realize what a privilege it was until we reached adulthood and started cooking for ourselves!

Mom always made our birthdays special. She would cook us our favorite meal and amaze us with a homemade cake decorated into something uniquely creative. She also shared this talent with friends and family who requested specially decorated cakes for their loved ones. Mom made stunning wedding cakes as well for family, friends, and sometimes even friends of friends.

Memories of Elaine - by Dennis

Elaine and I first got acquainted in the spring of 1967 in Minneapolis Minnesota. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, I decided to drive over a couple of blocks to Lake of the Isles to relax and read a book. After I picked out my spot and got settled in, I noticed 2 girls sunbathing nearby and realized I had met them recently at a party. I went over to chat with them for a bit and ended up getting my guitar out of my car. Elaine and I spent that afternoon together passing the guitar back and forth and sharing some songs. Some of the songs I remember Elaine singing that day were: "The Cruel War", "Three Jolly Coachmen" and "Lets Get Together". That afternoon marked the beginning of 52 plus years together of love and music.

In the videos tab on this memorial page (mobile users go to posts and then gallery to find videos) there are four old recordings originally done on cassette tape available to listen to if you like. In two of the songs Elaine is singing. One of them is called "Time" and here is the story of how this song came about: In the mid 1990's, Elaine and I drove down to Dallas Texas to deliver a piano to our daughter, Leah, who had moved there to attend Chiropractic School. On the drive back home, we drove off the main highway to see some different scenery and ended up driving through Branson, Missouri. When driving through Branson, Elaine suggested that we stop for a couple days there and see a few shows. I replied, "No dear, we can't take the time right now. We need to get home so I can get back to work". As you can imagine this did not sit well with her! I could see Elaine pouting in the passenger seat of the pickup. After a bit, I noticed she had grabbed a notepad and pencil and had started writing. What she wrote became the lyrics to the song "Time."

Another song we attached is Elaine singing the song "They Call the Wind Mariah". This is a song that she used to sing quite often. Many of her friends will remember her singing this around the campfire.

Then there is some audios of me singing a couple of love songs I had written for Elaine years ago. I had somewhat forgotten about them until I recently ran across these old recordings. These were meant for my wife, the love of my life.

Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association
Application for Membership
Renewal or Change of Address

Annual Dues \$15 per family Over 80 \$10 includes partner

New Member Renewal Change of Address

Please print

Name _____
Summer Address _____
Summer City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

If Different

Winter Address _____
Address _____
Winter City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Man's Birthday _____ Lady's Birthday _____
Anniversary _____ Year _____
Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rim Country | Payson area |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial | Yuma area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verde Valley | Cottonwood area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valley | Phoenix area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | Anywhere |

Members may join One principal chapter and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:
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