

Sister of SEMANKO: Terry '58, Claudia '62; sister-in-law of Ruth '58 PERKINS

Maria (SEMANKO [CHS'71]) REED, 1953 ~ 2011

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Maria (SEMANKO) REED, 58, died Sunday, May 22, 2011, in Reno, Nev. She was born to the late Roger and Myra SEMANKO, May 6, 1953, in Albuquerque, N.M.

Maria graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School in 1971, where she participated in many activities, including the Vikette Drill Team; and also attended NIC where she participated in choir and several dance projects.

She married Ronald REED in 1973, and soon after moved to southwestern Wyoming, settling in Bridger Valley, Uinta County. Maria was never one for idleness and enjoyed the many roles she held at St. Helen's parish; also assisting with local theater and the chamber of commerce. After raising three children, the couple moved to Las Vegas, Nev. Maria worked in many different fields and especially enjoyed her latest career as an esthetician.

Maria had a zest for life and a passion for discovery. She loved to travel, having visited Canada, Mexico, Spain, Eastern Europe and Israel. In the last few years of her life, Maria cherished exploring the lower 48 states with her husband of 38 years. After fighting against the odds with a beautiful smile and positive spirit the entire time, Maria decided to live the rest of her days under the comfortable care of Circle of Life Hospice.

Maria passed peacefully in her sleep in the arms of her loving husband, Ronald REED, whom she is survived by. Also surviving - three children: Roch of Durham, N.C., Casey of Coeur d'Alene, Monica of Reno, Nev.; one grandson: Jacob of Coeur d'Alene; one brother: **Terry '58 SEMANKO** of Coeur d'Alene; and four sisters: Karilyn NICE of Twin Falls, **Claudia (SEMANKO '62) NORMAND** of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Marlene KNIZLEY of Grand Junction, Colo., and Rosalia PEAK of Coeur d'Alene.

Maria was loved and adored by everyone who knew her, and she'll be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held in Coeur d'Alene and is to be planned for the end of summer. In lieu of flowers, donations will be used toward Maria's remaining medical bills. Please visit help4maria.blogspot.com for more information regarding donations and memorial service plans.