

Richard 'Dick' Ralph Yarde, 72

Richard "Dick" Ralph Yarde, 72, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Feb. 16, 2013, in Kalispell.

Dick was born June 1, 1940, in Glasgow, to Ralph and Georgina (Ferron) Yarde.

He attended Flathead County High School and received his electrical license in 1964. Dick loved working as an electrician, where you could follow the laughter and his one-liners to find where he was working on any job site.

Dick enjoyed camping and hunting with his family and sitting by the campfire telling stories. He enjoyed horseback riding and fishing throughout the Bob Marshall Wilderness, playing the accordion, guitar and jamming, also watching "Gun Smoke" reruns or any Western movie.

He liked buying Red Vines, and saying, "This is diet food" by cutting them up into bite-size pieces. He loved any homemade apple pie, chocolate chip cookies, brownies, ice cream by the gallon and Renee's deviled eggs.

He was always willing to help friends and family laugh and help them with anything they needed. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him and his laughter.

The family would like to thank all the ICU nurses at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their kindness and compassion during this difficult time.



Dick was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Yarde; mother, Georgina Yarde; son,

Richard Yarde Jr.; sister, Darlene Speer; son-in-law, Ernie Mariscal; and first wife, Gail Reed Yarde, of 18 years.

Dick is survived by his wife, Carol, of 26 years; son, Scott Yarde, and wife, Laurel, of Kalispell; son, Darren Yarde, of Kalispell; son, Rich Yarde, and wife, Teresa, of Columbia Falls; son, Mark Yarde, and wife, Missy, of Kalispell; daughter, Becky Mariscal, of Kalispell; daughter, Connie Moore, and husband, Eric, of Woodbridge, Va.; daughter, Bonnie Doepker, and husband, Jim, of Kalispell; daughter, Brenda Lynch, and husband, Mitch, of Kalispell; son, Tom May, of Kalispell; 22 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren; and extended family.

Memorial services for Dick will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Autism Society, 4340 East West Hwy. Ste. 350, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dick's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Dick's tribute wall.

Wilfred 'Bill' A. Yackey III, 91

Wilfred "Bill" Alonzo Yackey III, 91, passed away in Darby on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013.

He was born in St. Louis, Mo., on April 25, 1922, to Carl and Helen Yackey.

He married Elizabeth Anne Rosse on May 7, 1940.

He served in World War II and Korea. After leaving the service, he worked in the aerospace industry and was responsible for a program used for the guidance system in some of NASA's spacecraft. After joining the National Guard, he retired as a major in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, in 1995; an infant daughter, Rose Mary, in 1943; two brothers; and his mother and father.

He is survived by his



children, Judith Yackey of Darby, Wesley Bowden and wife Jaci of Darby, Lynn Straight of Lincoln, Ore., Paul Yackey of Baker,

Ore., Frank Yackey of Carlsbad, Calif., and Janet Galloway and husband Dennis of Deer Lodge; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous honorary children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

He will be cremated and no service is planned.

Margaret Onalee Yerkes, 82

Margaret Onalee Yerkes, 82, passed away Dec. 19, 2013, at Brendan House surrounded by her family.

She was born July 9, 1931, in Kalispell to Adam and Barbara Foster. She attended Cayuse Prairie School and graduated from Flathead High School.

She married Charles E. Yerkes and they had three children, Charles L. "Butch" Yerkes, Barbara Yerkes and Laurie Hatle-



berg. She worked for the Mode O Day clothing store and Rosauers in Kalispell. She also

worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Korn and Dr. Allison for many years. She retired from there to take care of her ailing mother. After her mother passed she still needed something to do so she

went to work for Kalispell Regional Medical Center until she finally decided to retire for good. She was a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Parish.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and a grandson.

She is survived by her son, Butch and wife Mitzi; daughters, Barbara Yerkes, and Laurie Hatleberg and husband Kirt; six grandchildren, Chris and wife Heidi, Jeff and wife Sarah, Jesse Ford, Crystal

Ford, Dan Ford and Andy Ford; and seven great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Dawson and Brady Yerkes, Zack Fisher, Kylie Mercer, Adiva Clark Zolimen and Trevor Clark. She is also survived by her niece and nephews.

Visitation will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a rosary said at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Donald R. 'Buck' Young

Donald R. "Buck" Young, passed away peacefully Dec. 15, 2013, at home surrounded by his wife Toni and family after battling metastatic melanoma, and we lost his indomitable spirit and zest for life.

He was born on Aug. 1 in Newark, Ohio, to George and Florence Young, joining much older siblings Bill, Evelyn, and Eileen, who have all passed away.

Buck attended schools in Newark where he learned his lifelong passion for basketball, baseball and golf. He attended Baldwin Wallace, studying engineering on a basketball scholarship, going on to play semi-pro ball for a few years, and later was a referee in his spare time. Buck was passionate about the game and spent most of his life coaching and teaching kids of all ages how to perfect not only their shots and play their best, but always putting in life lessons to help shape them into responsible adults. He had an amazing, generous heart and a very funny sense of humor.

He served in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer and was stationed in Korea after the war, and while there he was asked to play in the Far East Basketball Games in Okinawa, a huge thrill for him.



truly awe-struck by Montana.

Buck spent countless hours volunteering for the Flathead Lake 3 on 3, the PHS Booster Club,

Sunday open gyms, hand-placing the original bricks at the PHS Sports Complex, at basketball, volleyball, track and golf events, for Share the Spirit and all of the many volunteer organizations that Toni belongs to. He loved giving of his time and talents for the enjoyment of others, and supporting his community.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff of St. Joseph Hospital and Partners Hospice for their compassion and gentle, loving care.

Zachary, Buck's son, passed away in March of this year, the same week that Buck was diagnosed with the aggressive melanoma.

Buck worked for Owens Corning in Newark, at their Fiberglas insulation plant for many years before transferring to the Science and Technology Center in Granville, Ohio, as the purchasing manager in charge of chemicals and construction projects.

When he retired he moved with his wife Toni to Montana to be closer to her family and play on Flathead Lake, Polson's beautiful golf course, ski in the mountains and just sit on his deck watching the beauty of this amazing place in Montana. He never forgot Ohio, making a few trips each year there, but his heart was

He is survived by his wife, Toni; stepdaughters, Vanessa Hayward and Jeff, and Charity Reese and Austin; granddaughter, Nadia Reese; grandson, Zachariah Young and Kim, and kids Kyla, Talon and Caden; granddaughter, Tessa Young Harris and children Carson and Addlynn; niece, Joanne Bevacqua and Bob; nephew, Mike Young and Susie; and Toni's many siblings and their families.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, at Immaculate Conception Church in Polson, with a lunch following. Please join us and share your memories.

Memorials can be made to the Greater Polson Community Foundation for scholarship in Buck's name.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Merle Beckman York, 86

Merle Beckman York, born March 6, 1927, in Anaconda to Fay Morris Beckman and Elsie Campbell Beckman, ended her more than '86-year struggle with mortality on Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, at Riverside Health Care Center, with family at her side.

Merle grew up in the Depression and New Deal Era in Anaconda/Opportunity. She attended schools in Anaconda and graduated from Anaconda High School in 1944. After high school she worked at Woolworth's until she began working in the office of Dr. Dunlap, assisting him with whatever he needed her to do — passing instruments during procedures, cleaning up after procedures or taking care of the children who had tonsillectomies while the doctor went to lunch.

In the summer of 1943, she met Herb York in front of the Stevensville Feed Store while visiting her good friend, Betty Zebarth, whose family had moved to the Bitterroot Valley. Merle and Herb were married on July 14, 1945, in Missoula at the home of Otto and Venoy (Cox) York on Hilda Avenue. Herb was on leave from the Army Air Corps and, after the wedding and a honeymoon at The Tamaracks on Seeley Lake, Merle and Herb moved to Riverside, Calif., where Herb was being trained as a belly gunner in the B-29. Merle worked for the Army at the base as a clerk.

Just before Christmas Eve, with Merle being 2 months pregnant, they traveled by train from Riverside to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where they had to get a taxi to travel to Butte in order to catch the bus to Anaconda. Merle stayed in Anaconda with her parents until their daughter Gerrie was born the end of July 1946. The war ended before Herb saw active duty.

Shortly after, they moved to Missoula so Herb could enroll at, what was then, Montana State University



with National Science Foundation grants. Merle was ever the good sport, either staying in St. Ignatius with the kids or packing up to move for the summer or, in the case of New Mexico Highlands University, to Las Vegas, N.M., for the whole year. While in New Mexico, she worked as the secretary for Coach Gibson and the athletic department.

After returning home in the fall of 1962, Merle began working as the secretary of St. Ignatius High School and the superintendent. She worked there for 10 years until the multiple sclerosis led her to a disability retirement. Her office counter was always populated with high school students seeking her counsel or wanting to share something with her.

Merle never allowed MS to define her life. During many trying years she continued to maintain her blithe spirit and positive demeanor. She faced her disability with a strength and dignity we all only hope we will be able to muster in the face of such adversity.

After Herb died, her 10 years at Riverside Care Center brought many new young people into her life as the staff often sought her out to tell her stories of their lives or share a Grizzly Game Day tailgate party with her. And her constant stream of family and friend visitors from hither and yon helped her fill her hours and create new stories and memories for her to share with all.

sclerosis (MS). This diagnosis was not officially confirmed for more than 20 years.

During these years Herb spent numerous summers attending post-graduate classes

Johnny F. Young, 43

Johnny F. Young, 43, a resident of Idaho, went to the Lord on Sept. 8, 2013, as a result of a stroke.

Johnny was born on Dec. 9, 1969, in Long Beach, Calif., the son of Mark and Rose Young. He moved to Kalispell, attended Trinity Lutheran School through the eighth grade and graduated from Flathead High School.

As a child, he spent all of his summers on Flathead Lake. He loved spending time with family and enjoyed boating, bonfires, camping, four-wheeling and riding his motorcycle. He moved to Idaho and worked at Merritt Brothers Lumber yard for 11 years until it closed down.

He later found employment at Coeur d'Alene



Resort as a prep cook. He will always be remembered by his sweet demeanor and willingness to help those in need.

Johnny was a single man with no children and is survived by his parents, Mark and Rose Young; one sister, Sheila (Young) Bradford; one niece, Heather Bradford; one nephew, Nathan Bradford; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Yates Funeral Home in Coeur d'Alene is caring for Johnny's family.

Please refer donations in memory of Johnny to Trinity Lutheran School and Church.

Merle was preceded in death by her husband, Herb York; father, Fay Beckman, and mother, Elsie Beckman; sisters, Fran (Beckman) Harris and husband Glen, Betty (Beckman) Anderson, and Ralph (Beckman) York and husband Ken; brother, Ronnie Beckman, and wife, Betty (Zebarth); brother-in-law, Ray Gann; and grandson, Cameron Ryan York.

She is survived by her daughter, Gerrie, and Bruce Hedquist, of Albuquerque, N.M.; sons, Randy and Marty York of Missoula, John and Corey York of Kalispell, and Steve and Kim York of Helena; along with eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; close nephew, Mike, and Michelle York, of Seattle; sister, Audrey Gann, and Maurice Baker, of Salt Lake City; brother, Frank, and Dee Beckman of Denver; sister-in-law, Margaret "Maggie" York, of Superior; and numerous dearly loved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will follow during the summer of 2014.

In November of 1948, Randy was born while they were living in the post-war era married student housing referred to as the "strip houses." John was born in June of 1951. Herb had graduated with a degree in biology and the family spent the summer of 1951 at the Coram Workstation for the U.S. Forest Service where Herb was a biologist. The following school year Herb returned to U of M to complete his teacher's certification and then the family moved to St. Ignatius where they made their home for the next 44 years. During the 1954-55 school year Merle provided an in-home kindergarten for five children. In September of 1955 the family was complete with the birth of Steve.

In the late 1950s, Merle was battling problems with mobility, partial paralysis and balance. After a process of elimination the doctors felt quite certain she was in the throes of multiple