Barbara Bodily, 75

Monday, May 12, 2014, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Sheryl Bodily; and nine children, Teryl Bodily, Ramael Bodily, Jenala Echols, Natha-anne ary is caring for the family.

Barbara Bodily, 75, died Pugina, Valden Bodily. Jonene Ficklin, Thain Bodily, Marianne Hovanec and Mark Bodily.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Columbia Mortu-

Gary Lee Bocksnick, 71

Gary Lee Bocksnick, 71, passed away March 6, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from pulmonary fibrosis.

Gary was born March 31, 1942, in Polson to Herb and Edna Bocksnick. He was raised in the Pablo and Ronan area and graduated from Ronan High school in 1960. The highlight of his high school years was being a member of the Ronan High School State Championship Basketball Team his senior year.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edna and Herb.

Survivors include his wife, Melanie, and son JP, Mike Bocksnick, Kathy Schwartz, and Lori Black who blessed him with six grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother. Randy Bocksnick and his wife Barbara; his sister, Rhonda and her husband Jerry Emerson; stepmother, Dorothy Bocksnick; and stepsisters, Mindy, Bev and Sandy. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive him.

Gary enjoyed and had a successful career of 50-plus years in the insurance business. He had a gift of gab and was a remarkable salesman. At the time of his death



he was an agent for Farmers Union Insurance in Kalispell.

No formal servic-

es will be held but there will be a celebration of life gathering for family and friends at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12 at the home of Bev and Dan Luedtke, 34951 Creekside Lane in Ronan.

Gary's enthusiastic spirit and zest for life are gifts he passed on to his family. He will be greatly missed.

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

Theresa A. Bonneau, 95

Theresa A. Bonneau, 95, died in Kalispell of natural causes on Dec. 19, 2014. She had been a home-

maker and cook. She is survived by three sons, Fred, Wally and Jerry Bonneau.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Gertrude 'Trudy' Mary Boeke, 97

Gertrude "Trudy" Mary Boeke passed quietly at her home Saturday morning, Jan. 25, 2014, with her son, John, at her side.

Trudy was born Oct. 1. 1916, in Philadelphia. She was raised in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Trudy met her future husband, Jack Boeke, in Atlantic City, N.J. Jack and Trudy were married in November 1945, in Waseca, Minn. Their son. William Carl, was born November 1947, while in Minnesota, Trudy and Jack moved to the Seattle area where Jack was employed with the Boeing company. Their younger son, John Howell, was born in Seattle in August 1952.

Upon Jack's passing, Trudy moved to the Flathead Valley to be closer to her sons and grandchildren.

Trudy loved her home.



She made her home a showcase place decorating. cooking, baking and cleaning. She took

great pride and pleasure in hosting luncheons and dinners. Trudy also loved to garden and shop.

Her son, Bill, preceded her in death.

Trudy is survived by her son, John, and her grandchildren, Shanelle, Codi, Jesse and Wyatt; her niece, Barbara; and two great-grandchildren. Dustin and Graysen.

Contributions may be sent to St. Jude's.

As per Trudy's request, there will be no memorial service.

It was an honor to know Trudy. As Trudy would say, "I love you dearly."

Michael Boetcher, 64

Michael Boetcher, 64. died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation.

Memorial services will be held at later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Amelia Ellen Bolme, 84

Amelia Ellen Bolme. 84, died Monday, March 17, 2014, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Lee

Wilkins and Kathryn ... Anne Eff; and one son, John Stephen Bolme.

No services are planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Phyllis Bonner, 78

Phyllis Bonner, 78, died May 11, 2014, in Kalispell. She had been a bank teller.

She is survived by her son, Doug Stratton, of

Kalispell.

Services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Shelley Marie Borlandelli, 56

Shelley Marie Borlandelli passed away on Jan. 22, 2014, in Kalispell, Montana due to complications from cancer.

She was born June 19, 1957, to Mark and Shirley Grubham in Saint Maries, Idaho.

Her family moved to Mullan, Idaho, where she graduated from Mullan High School in 1975 with a 4.0 grade point average.

Shelley led a colorful life which included years of long-haul trucking, bookkeeping and small business management. Her hobbies included fishing, hunting, boating, camping, ATVing and playing with her grandchildren and her everpresent dog, Brutus.

On Aug. 26, 2006, she married the love of her life. Mathew Borlandelli. The service was officiated by her longtime family friend Clarence Homi, and held in Kalispell at Woodland Park with many friends and family present.

She was preceded in



death by her father Mark, and brother Clayton. She is survived by her

husband, Mathew Borlandelli, of Lakeside; her mother, Shirley, of Kalispell; her son, Bobby, and his wife, Gayle, and grandchildren, Mark and Robert, of Kalispell; her daughter, Crystal, and her husband, Seth, and grandchildren, Clairessa, Jason, Kevin and Issac of Kalispell; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service for Shelley will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Shelley's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Shelley's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Lucille Bosley, 94

Lucille Bosley, 94, of Hot Springs, formerly of Kalispell, died April 25, 2014, at Clark Fork Hospital in Plains.

She is survived by her

sons, Kenneth Wright and Gerry Hollimon.

A private burial service for family will take place at a later date.

She spent hours stitching yards of fabric into school dresses, and the annual Easter dresses and Christmas nightgowns and dresses. There were weekly trips to the library and Shaunna Wing. to pass on her great love of books. Excursions in spring to gather pussy willows; in summer, wild flowers; and in fall, cattail bouquets. Holidays were consistently unforgettable. Christmas, her specialty, was magic. Never athletic but a Viking in spirit, she learned to ski a graceful stem Christie

With love from her children, Kristine and John Wilkinson, Kathy Bossler and Shull Lemire, Karen Bossler and Brian Smith. Karol Bossler Cady, Karla and Jay Hart, and "her favorite son" Bill Bossler

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the American Red Cross, where Ingrid frequently volunteered, or to your charity of choice.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Please visit www. retzfuneralhome.com to offer condolences or share a memory of Ingrid.

Ingrid Marie Olson Bossler, 85

Ingrid Marie Olson Bossler died May 22, 2014. in Helena, with her children and grandchildren at her side.

Ingrid was the beloved daughter of Jessie McDougall Olson, a school teacher and certified public accountant. and Ernest Victor Olson, a Swedish sea captain. She was born on Nov. 19, 1928, in Seattle. Her early childhood was lived in Bothel, Wash., on the family's small farm, which her father named "En Sjömans Dröm" -Sailor's Dream."

Ernest was killed while driving to his ship when Ingrid was 4 years old and Jessie moved with Ingrid and her older brother, Ernest Victor Olson II, to Portland to live with family. After four years, they returned to the Bothel farm. The family later lived in Yakima, Wash., where Jessie's asthma would improve in the drier air.

Ingrid started nursing school at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle in 1947. As a student, she contracted tuberculosis and was treated for four years at Firland TB Sanatorium. She graduated nursing school in 1953, and worked at Virginia Mason Hospital as head nurse on the surgical floor. It was there that she fell in love with Dr. David Bossler, a surgical resident. They married in 1955, and moved to Helena three years later.

It was then that Ingrid's greatest work began the raising of her five daughters and her son, and later helping when able in the raising of her 11 grandchildren.



family on the many ski trips. At age 43, she learned to ride a bicycle and the family spent two months riding through Europe. She also drove countless

to join her

miles to move her children into and out of colleges and new homes.

Ingrid was always classy, always perfumed. lipsticked and coiffed. She had a soft spot for pets and became attached to each and every family dog or cat. A great cook. her dinner parties were legendary. She was also a great reader and loved to discuss the latest world events. She loved to travel and took many trips to Europe, as well as China and Mexico.

When David retired from his practice in Helena in 1988 he and Ingrid with her beloved black lab settled into their place on Angel Point of Flathead Lake. She became increasingly crippled by arthritis, but always kept most of her pain to herself and stayed as furiously independent as possible. She lived her last three years in Helena at Aspen Gardens, where she was well attended and closer to her children.

She will be greatly missed. But her family's lives, our hearts and our minds, are richer because of her.

Printer Bowler, 72

Printer Bowler was born on Aug. 1, 1941, to Larry and Beth Bowler. He grew up in Scobey.

Printer passed away at his Missoula home on April 28, 2014, with his beloved wife Kim by his side.

He lived in Bigfork from the early '70s, before moving to Missoula in 1997.

In Bigfork, he and his wife Jana owned the Bread Board Bakery and had two sons, Barley and Liam. He often said of his sons, "I want to be like these guys when I grow up." Both survive their father, Barley currently in Kalispell, and Liam in Seattle

After moving to Mis-

soula he married the love of his life, Kim Lugthart, former owner of the Mammyth Bakery and Caffe Dolce.

A memorial gathering will be held at 3 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, University of Montana, next to University Theater, in Missoula, with a tea reception following in the theater lobby outside.

There are two accounts set up in memorial for Printer, the Scobey Golf Club, groundskeeping, mail to Burl Bowler, Daniels County Leader, 214 Main, Scobey, MT 59263, call (406) 487-5303; or the University of Montana School of Journalism, Printer Bowler fund.

Oystein and Gail courted on the ski slopes and together they tore up the snow in the early days of the Big Mountain ski area. Their close group of skiing friends evolved into beloved social groups such as the Over-the-Hill Gang and Gail's sewing club that long outlasted most of their members' skiing days. He helped

He supported and was supported by the loving community of the Northridge Lutheran Church. The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Rheumatology Research Foundation (www.rheumatology.org/foundation) or Northridge Lutheran.

A service and afternoon luncheon in celebration of Oystein's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at Northridge Lutheran Church.

Oystein Mathias Boveng, 81

Oystein Mathias Boveng, 81, of Kalispell, died on November 7, 2014 with his wife and children at his side.

He was born in 1932 at Sandar, Norway, the first child of Paul and Martha Helene Tutvedt. In 1945. the family changed their name to Boveng, a surname from a branch of their family tree dating back to the early 1600s. Stories of his boyhood days in coastal southern Norway sounded idyllic, though they were peppered with memories of the World War II years; several anecdotes were humorous or prankish. perhaps a way of coping with the hardships and indignities faced during the occupation by German forces.

Oystein, his parents. and his sisters Liv Anne and Tele, emigrated to Galata, Montana in 1947. After a brief period of operating his uncle Martin's homestead farm, the family moved to Kalispell, where Oystein attended Flathead High School in the class of 1951. He brought his love of skiing from Norway and further honed his skills by competing in all four events (slalom, downhill, jumping, and cross-country) during high school and at Montana State College in Bozeman, where he earned a degree in architecture.

He returned to Kalispell and met the love of his life and wife of 57 years, Gail (Torgerson). With their first child. Peter. they pulled up stakes and moved to Sandefjord, Norway in 1961 but were drawn back to the Flathead Valley after just one year. A son, Arne, and daughter. Kirsten, soon rounded out the family. They backpacked together in the summer and skied together in the winter, often decked out in Gail's hand-knit Norwegian sweaters.



found the Kalispell Ski Club, taught skiing and coached junior competitors, and

developed cross-country ski trails with his longtime friend Jon Elliot. Oystein felt humbled to be among the five inaugural inductees to the Ski Heritage Center Hall of Fame in 2013.

Oystein's modernist designs and engineering are reflected in many buildings around northwest Montana, including the Summit House at Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, the visitors' centers at Logan Pass and St. Mary, Northridge Lutheran Church, several banks and schools, the skating shelter and Community Spirit Monument in Woodland Park, and the Northridge area home he built and lived in for

49 years. For 25 years, he fought with rheumatoid arthritis; it cut short his skiing and severely disfigured his physique but he steadfastly refused to let it take his independence. His family and many friends marveled at his strength, courage, determination, humility, and especially his good cheer; those were his most defining characteristics, alongside his wry smile and the unforgettable twinkle in his eyes.

Oystein is survived by his wife Gail; children Peter, Arne and Kirsten (Purdy); sister Tele (Triggs); grandchildren Nicole (Randall), Karl, Sydney, Hanne, Maia Purdy and Lars Purdy; and great-grandson Orry Randall.

Karen (Tourigny) Brandt, 63

Karen (Tourigny) Brandt, 63, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, from complications due to cystic fibrosis.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be planned for May, close to her birthday.

Karen was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lou Swensen, stepfather Ralph "Tuffy" Swensen, father Joseph Tourigny, and sister Vick-

ey Neil.

She will be deeply missed by many, and her family asks that you remember your happy experiences with her and know that she's no longer in pain.

Should anyone wish to do something in her memory, please donate to a favorite cause. Karen was an avid donor and made monetary contributions to a wide variety of charities and foundation.

Butch loved fast cars. but in his later years he also developed an appreciation for some pretty unusual vehicles as well. His children remember him taking them to school in his Corvair convertible. They begged to be let off down the block so that their friends wouldn't see Dad's funny "ride." Later. he would embarrass them even more by driving around town in his Geo convertible "clown car" or his white Honda scooter wearing his round 1960s-era helmet. Thank goodness, he eventually bought himself a real motorcycle! Butch loved playing pool and shot with his team of friends at the Radle's Club for a

Clayton 'Butch' Bradley, 67

Clayton "Butch" Bradley, 67, "went to heaven" quietly in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 29, 2014, surrounded by his family at his residence in Kalispell. For the past three years he had fought a valiant battle with colon cancer.

He was born Dec. 10, 1946, in Kalispell to Clifford and Ethel Bradley.

Butch spent most of his life in Kalispell attending both St. Matthew's School and Flathead High School, graduating in 1966.

He was a salesman. He began his sales career as a small boy selling Grit newspapers on the downtown streets. As he grew, his love of the profession shifted to his interest in cars. Even in high school, he bought and sold dozens of autos. Although he tried selling food, vinyl siding and various other products, cars were his main interest. In a career spanning more than 40 years, Butch sold cars for many of the new car dealerships in Kalispell, but his real love was used cars.

In 1980, he opened
Butch Bradley's Used
Cars on the Evergreen
strip where he specialized
in classic cars, Corvettes
and hot rods. Later, he
opened Glacier Auto and
operated that lot until he
moved to Las Vegas seven
years ago. Butch was
supervisor of the arbitration department for Manheim Auto Auction for
five years until ill health
forced him to retire.

good part of his adult life.

Being a dad and
grandpa was Butch's biggest passion. He never
missed a ballgame or
school event, and was
most proud that his kids
turned out to be such
good human beings. Isaac
and Wylie were the apple
of his eye and, thankfully,
he was still here on earth
to welcome baby Willa
Grace a little over three
months ago.

Butch was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Bradley; and a young daughter, Stefanie Susanne Bradley.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Susie "Selma" Bradley, of Kalispell; and children, Sydney and Jerry Schroeder, and Joshua and Shilo Bradley; three grandchildren; Isaac and Wylie Schroeder, and Willa Grace Bradley; his mother, Ethel Ellingson; sister, Peggy Hanson; and sister-in-law, Vinicia Johnson, also a niece and two nephews.

A rosary was said July 3 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with a reception to follow immediately after the service in the school cafeteria. A private family burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Funeral Home is caring
for Butch's family. You
are invited to go to www.
jgfuneralhome.com to
view Butch's tribute wall,
offer condolences and
share memories.

Crash kills two on U.S. 93 near Somers

By BRITTANY BREVIK The Daily Inter Lake

Two Flathead Valley men died in a three-vehicle accident south of Somers on Thursday morning.

The accident happened on U.S. 93 just north of mile marker 101 at about 9:20 a.m.

According to Montana Highway Patrolman Rick Mehring. a 61-year-old Kalispell man was driving a Ford F-150 pickup northbound and struck the guardrail on the right side of the road, overcorrected and ended up in the southbound lane, where his truck hit a southbound Jeep head-on.

The Jeep, driven by a 73-year-old Somers man, went off the road and into the ditch, leaving the Ford pickup in the southbound lane, where it was struck by a Subaru driven by a woman who was not injured.

The drivers of the Ford pickup and the Jeep were pronounced dead on scene. Their names have not been released.

Mehring said that the drivers of the Jeep and the Subaru were wearing their seat belts; the driver of the Ford pickup was not.

Both lanes were blocked and traffic was rerouted around the crash scene until the highway reopened at

about 12:45 p.m.

Mehring said that the cause of the accident is still under investigation and it wasn't immediately clear whether or not alcohol was a factor.

"The only thing we have to go on at this point is that a witness that was driving behind [the Ford pickup] said that the driver almost struck the guardrail several times before he actually did," Mehring said, noting that it could have been a medical issue and not necessarily alcohol causing the driver to swerve.

Reporter Brittany Brevik may be reached at 758-4459 or by email at bbrevik@dailyinterlake.com



THIS PICKUP TRUCK was severely damaged in a crash on U.S. 93 near Somers on Friday morning in which two people died. (Dax VanFossen/KAJ-TV)

Crash scene gets intensive scrutiny

The Daily Inter Lake

U.S. 93 south of Somers was closed Friday afternoon during an intensive investigation of the scene from a double-fatality crash on Thursday.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Rick Mehring responded to Thursday morning's accident in which two men died. He was one of three troopers conducting a total station investigation Friday afternoon on U.S. 93.

He credited the Montana Department of Transportation for the highway closure, say-

A total station investigation is like a survey that produces a two-scale diagram of the crash, Mehring said.

"We're basically surveying the crash scene, the road where the vehicles ended up, and any marks that are left on the road," Mehring said. "Total station is actually just surveying, like someone would do when they mark land."

The victims have been identified by Flathead County Sheriff Chuck Curry as 61-year-old John R. Bradstreet of Kalispell and 73-year-old Michael B. Berman of Somers.

Mehring said Bradstreet was northhound in a pickup the right-side guardrail and then into the southbound lane, where he struck a Jeep being driven by Berman.

Both Bradstreet and Berman died at the scene. A third vehicle, a Subaru, was unable to avoid hitting Bradstreet's pickup but the Subaru driver wasn't injured.

A witness reported seeing Bradstreet swerving all over the road before the crash, but investigators have not determined why.

Mehring said it could be up to a month before toxicology reports are back from the State Crime Lab in Missoula.

"Obviously the cause of the 1 11 - ----+1n

Mehring said. "What his condition was and why he crossed the center line, it could take a month for those results to come back. Whether he was impaired or it was a medical condition, we'll have to see."

Traffic on Friday was detoured onto North Juniper Bay Road/Old U.S. 93. Wide loads were escorted by pilot car, according to a news release from the Montana Department of Transportation.

"Shutting down the road makes our job much safer," Mehring said. "When we're trying to do this stuff in the middle of the road and you're trying to stop traffic, it's a lot." accident article pravious page

John Raymond Bradstreet, 61

John Raymond Bradstreet, 61, died Oct. 30, 2014, in Somers.

Johnny was born April 11, 1953, in Bigfork to John and Ruth Bradstreet. He was the youngest of five sons, grew up in Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1971.

Being a natural comedian, Johnny entertained his family and friends throughout his life with his quick wit and sense of adventure.

Johnny followed his older brothers to Fairbanks, Alaska, where he drove cement trucks until returning to Bigfork, driving many years for McElroy & Wilken. Johnny loved racing Broncos on dirt tracks and through mud bogs, and had a passion for working on Broncos.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Allen and Guy.

He is survived by his brothers, Charles and Karen, and Mike; closest



cousin and best friend, Matt, and Cindy Eklund; niece. Michelle Mecklenberg; neph-

ews, Scott, Eric, Steve, Shawn, Russ and Justin and their families; many cousins; and Laurel Tynes, his special love.

Johnny loved gathering with family and friends. He holds a special place in our hearts and will be greatly missed by all of us.

There will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Lone Pine Cemetery, followed by a gathering at Swan River Hall.

Memorials may be made to the Somers Fire Department or charity of choice.

To send a note of condolence to the family. please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond John Brandewie, 74

Raymond John Brandewie, 74, of Bigfork, passed away April 26, 2014, with his family by his side.

"Ray" was born to James and Vera Brandewie on March 12, 1940, in Kalispell. He graduated from Bigfork High School and attended the University of Montana.

Ray married Tressa (Stroisch) Brandewie in 1960, and together they raised their family on Flathead Lake.

Ray was a true, nativeborn Montanan. He lived his life on his own terms. and enjoyed everything Montana had to offer. In the spirit of this state. Ray was an avid outdoorsman, orchardist and farmer, entrepreneur and public servant. He knew where to catch the biggest fish and shoot the biggest buck. He was the steward of orchards, and then tree farms on Flathead Lake. He owned and operated many small businesses, most recently a line of jams and barbecue sauces distinctly made in Montana. Ray served his community and the state as both a volunteer and an elected official. He served his community as a volunteer in the Bigfork Jaycees, Lions Club and the Sheriff's Posse. Ray served the students in Bigfork as a school board member, and the citizens of Lake County as a member of the County Planning board, and for two terms as their elected state representative.

Ray is survived by



his wife. Tressa: three sons, Kirk Brandewie of Pinedale. Wyo., Brian Brandewie of Gulf-

port, Miss., and Brendt Brandewie of Bigfork; and his daughter, Sherri Dugan, of Bigfork. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ray was preceded in death by one brother, Robert James Brandewie.

Services for Ray will be held at 1 p.m. today, April 29, at the Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7465 Montana Highway 35, in Bigfork.

Ray's family wants to sincerely thank all members of the Bigfork QRU for their service over the last three years. Without their help and support, Ray may not have been able to remain in his home to the end. The family requests donations, in lieu of flowers, to the Bigfork QRU.

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

Ronald P. Brauer, 62

Ronald P. Brauer, 62, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at North Valley Hos-

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Brauer; and children, Beth Hashbrouck, Heather Giles and Chad Schend.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Helen Eva Oticia Brechel, 94

Helen Eva Oticia Brech- pending at this time. Bufel, 94, died Nov. 18, 2014, at her home in Kalispell. Services are currently

falo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

William "Bill" Lawrence Breen, 88

William "Bill" Lawrence Breen, 88, died at his home on Nov. 4, 2014, from natural causes.

He was born in Roxbury, Mass., to workingclass parents just prior to the Great Depression. His parents separated, leaving his mother to raise him and his brother, Dick, during the difficult Depression years. He graduated from Boston English High School and joined the U.S. Coast Guard during World War

He served in the Atlantic War Zone and the invasion of Italy. He later joined the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific War Zone during the Philippine and Okinawa invasions and the occupation of Japan.

After his military service, he attended the University of Washington on the GI Bill, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. He worked for the Boeing Company in manufacturing engineering and human resources for 35 years.

After retiring, he moved to Kalispell in 1991 and built a home on beautiful, forested land in the West Valley area.

His wife of many years



died in 1999.

He is survived by his loving companion,

Margie Gignac; children, Jennifer, Colin, Patrick and Shannon; and many grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Bill has been a strong supporter of workingclass causes and the underprivileged in our society. He had a good sense of humor and played his guitar and harmonica until everyone left the room. He also liked to dance, but not always in step. He and his companion Margie traveled around Montana to visit the small towns. He managed to find the local microbreweries or waterholes and hoisted a few with the locals. So to all who knew him, have a cold one and enjoy life.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at his request.

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Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for
Bill's family. You are
invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view
Bill's guest book, offer
condolences and share
memories.

Mary Brekhus, 57

Mary Brekhus passed away peacefully on Aug. 14, 2014, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Mary was born Oct.
17, 1956, in Kalispell to
Howard and Fern (Miller)
Brekhus. Mary graduated
Bigfork High School in
1974 where she excelled
in basketball and track
and field. She was later
inducted into the Girls'
Basketball Hall of Fame.
Mary had a great love for
her home in Bigfork.

She was an avid sports fan, faithfully rooting for the Dallas Cowboys and the Montana State Bobcats.

Mary was known and will be remembered fondly for her keen sense of humor and her ability to brighten the day of everyone with whom she came in contact.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, and her niece Kacie Brekhus. Mary is survived by



her brothers, Mel and wife Candi of Southlake, Texas, and Mark and wife Lora of

Scottsdale, Ariz./Bigfork; five nieces and nephews, Sonja, Dane, Tom, Ashley and Joshua; great-nieces, Jerry, Michael and Cora; and great-nephew, Branson.

We will dearly miss Mary and her love of life, laughter and beautiful personality.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www. buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

MEMORIALS

Mary Brekhus

A memorial service and celebration of life for Mary Brekhus, 57, who died Aug. 14, will be at 3

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the family home in Bigfork.

Helen Hoerner Weiand Brinkerhoff, 86

Helen Hoerner Weiand Brinkerhoff passed away May 29, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. with her daughter by her side. Her pain and suffering are now over, she can finally have the peace she deserves.

Helen was born April 4. 1928, to Antone and Caroline Hoerner in Hazen, N.D. She was the 18th child, the "Amen" as she used to say. Her passing is the end of an era; she was the last surviving member of the original Hoerner family.

She married Donald Weiand Nov. 8, 1949. They spent 30 happy years until Don's passing in 1979.

She started a new chapter of her life with her marriage to John Brinkerhoff on May 3, 1986. Their lives involved many, many nights of dancing; they loved to dance. They traveled to many national parks, and went on picnics and camping trips. They enjoyed a great life. She was always a homemaker. She loved to cook, and her family dinners will always be remembered by her children, grandsons and great-granddaughters; those were memories that will never be forgotten. She had an amazing green thumb and especially loved her many cactus plants. She loved her squirrels, they were the best fed squirrels in town. She had a talent not



many knew about, she was great artist. Her walls are hung with her paintings that would

put any great painter to shame.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; son, Donnie; six sisters, Carrie, Regina, Frances, Rosie, Ida and Millie; 11 brothers, Mike, Johnny, Tony, Jack, Adolph, Frank, Pete, Willie, Vincent, Ronie and Danny; and her parents, Antone and Caroline.

She is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Darlene and husband. Henry Herman; son, Randy Weiand; grandsons, Guy and Michelle Herman, and Wade Herman and Kat Ray; and greatgranddaughters, Brittney and Jade Herman. Helen was so looking forward to meeting her great-greatgranddaughter Gracelynn. who will to arrive in two months. Our lives will never be the same without her. We love and miss you mom, grandma and great-grandma.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Helen's family. You are invited to go to www. columbiamortuary.com to view Helen's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Margaret Joanne Brockmann, 74

Margaret Joanne Brockmann, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

A memorial service is

being planned for a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Geoffrey Ryan 'Jeff' Brinton, 65

Geoffrey Ryan "Jeff" Brinton, 65, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 6, 1948, in Libby to Richard and Kathryn Neils Brinton. At age 14, the family moved to Eureka and resided at the 69 Ranch. Jeff loved the ranch and his claim to fame was his avid passion for duck hunting. He also did ranch duties and carpentry.

He married Jan Joyce Nov. 15, 1975, at Kalispell.

His many hobbies included wood carving, making model airplanes and telling jokes and stories. He was a Christian and loved the Lord and His word. He made many Bible studies and shared them with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Brinton; and a brother, Paul Taylor "Jake" Brinton.

Survivors include his



three children, Leslie Littlefield and husband Aric of Missoula, Michael Brinton and wife

Ann of North Carolina, and Rebecca Brinton of Kalispell; his mother. Kathryn Brinton, of Eureka; sisters, Barbara Price of Kalispell, Marti Bushfield and husband Mike of Eureka, and Jeanne Montoya and husband Rich of Federal Way, Wash.; a brother, Robert Brinton, and wife, Penny, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p. m., Saturday, May 10, at the Chapel of Praise, south of Eureka on High-

way 93.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka

Robert John 'Rob' Brockie Jr., 60

Robert John "Rob" Brockie Jr., 60, born on Oct. 18, 1953, passed away Sept. 26, 2014, in Kalispell.

Rob was born to Bob and Jeanne Brockie and grew up in Southern California. He attended Christ Lutheran School, graduated from Costa Mesa High School and attended Orange Coast

College. He loved sports, the outdoors, was a major Dodgers and Lakers fan, and loved music, his friends and family.

In 1972, he enlisted in the Navy and served in Japan for two years. Rob worked as a manager for several major equipment companies. He loved meeting new people.

Rob met Leila Guymon and they married Oct. 18, 1982, and had two sons. The family moved to Montana in 2006.

Rob was a devoted





Christian and well loved by all who met him. His heart was tender and he was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Leila Brockie; sons, Robert John, "Robby" Brockie III and Joel Adam Brockie; stepsons, Matt and Chris; brother, Rick; sisters, Jan and Joni; grandson, Dakovan; and 10 stepgrandkids.

Rob will be greatly missed.

A memorial service and a potluck reception will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Valley Community Church of God, 2149 U.S. 2 E., in Kalispell.

Margaret J. Brockmann, 74

Margaret J. Brockmann, 74, a life-long resident of Eureka, passed away Dec. 13, 2014, in Brendan House surrounded by her family after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born in Eureka on Jan. 4, 1940, to George P. and Marie Cuffe Shea. She grew up on the family ranch and attended school locally. graduating from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in 1958. Margaret looked forward to new adventures after graduation and spent time working in Rochester, New York, before moving to West Berlin, Germany, for two years. Margaret attended the University of Montana in Missoula and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

She and David Brockmann were married in 1968 and they resided in Old Rexford, before moving to the present family home on Indian Creek Road in 1970. She spent many years substitute teaching and working as an aide at the Eureka schools. Margaret worked closely with her mother, Marie, arranging genealogies and typing the final manuscript for Marie's book, "Early Flathead and Tobacco Plains." She was a member of the Cow Bells organization, a den mother to the Cub Scouts, and enjoyed the friendly competition within her Bridge Club. Margaret was employed by numerous small businesses providing bookkeeping services, and she worked many years preparing taxes at H&R Block in Eureka. In the 1970s, Margaret raised sheep with her sister-inlaw Theresa Shea. She greatly contributed to the success of the family cattle ranch and proudly served the past 40 years as secretary/treasurer of Shea Ranch, Inc.



and countless family celebrations and special holiday memories were enjoyed in the fam-

ily home. In the '70s and '80s, she assisted her in-laws John and Elsie Brockmann with their relocation to Eureka, and spent many summers looking after her nephews, John and Karl Muchow, visiting from New York City. She appreciated music and theater and took great pleasure in attending live performances, especially at the Bigfork Theater. She enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends, especially the grandchildren in Nevada, Arizona and Connecticut. In 2008, Margaret and David purchased a second home in Kalispell where they relished their wonderful neighbors, trips to Glacier Park and the many activities offered in the Flathead Valley. One of her favorite activities was playing cards twice a month with her ladies group in Kalispell.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, two infant children and her husband, David Brockmann. She is survived by her son, Wesley Brockmann, and friend Brenda Lund of Fernley, Nevada; and daughter, Amber Holder, and husband Mitch of Ridgefield, Connecticut. She is also survived by her sister, Shannon Nelson, and husband Dayton of Ogden, Utah; and her brother, Patrick Shea, and wife Theresa of Eureka. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Joshua Brockmann, Jenny Clark, Kimberly Brockmann, Nicole Brockmann, John Brockmann, Alexander Holder and Logan Holder, and four great-grandchildren.

Margaret was a lot of fun, always offered a welcoming smile, was fond of a great story and was a very good cook. She was always appreciative of the hunters in her family and gamely served up the many varieties of wildlife they brought home. She was the ultimate hostess

At her request, no services were planned at the time of her passing and a celebration of her life will be held this summer. She requested cremation and her ashes will be spread with her late husband David on the family ranch.

Elsie D. Broden,87

Elsie D. Broden, 87, of Libby, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Care Center in Kalispell.

Survivors include sons, Robert Broden of Colville, Wash., Bruce Broden of Libby, Kirk Broden of Tacoma, Wash., and Kim Broden of Gillette, Wyo.; and daughters, Linda Randash of Clarksville, Tenn., Brenda

Cooper and Kathryn Ague, both of Libby, and Kris Reid of Adams, Tenn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Libby Christian Church. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

John Andrew Broers, 69

John Andrew Broers, 69, passed away March 14,

He was born Nov. 20, 1944. He graduated from Conrad High School in Conrad and attended the University of Montana. He served in the U.S. Army Airborne.

John worked as a powder master in California, Alaska and Montana, and was owner of Stanton Creek Lodge and Outfitters for 10 years. He retired in Martin City.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice D. Broers; and



father, Henry John Broers.

John is survived remy Bro-

by his son, Jeremy Broers, of Hemingford, Neb.; daughter, Tonya Broers, of Loma, Colo.; five grandchildren; two sisters, Patricia Miller of Henniker, N.H., and Susan Mohnasky of Canterbury, Conn.; and one brother, Henry Broers II, of Hungry Horse.

A memorial service will be held for John in June.

Elva Jessie Bronson 74

Elva Jessie Bronson 74, died peacefully on Nov. 29, 2014.

Jessie was born July 27, 1940, in Kalispell, the daughter of Alva Shefferd and Genevieve Pettit-Shefferd.

In 1959 she met the love of her life, Vernon Elroy Bronson, at Norm's News. He walked in and ordered a cup of coffee and two hamburgers to go. She forgot his coffee and he married her anyway on Oct. 1, 1960.

Jessie loved to dance. She enjoyed the outdoors and spent her time camping with her family and tending her flower gardens. She also loved to cook and left many of us with memories of her "famous" homemade pies and huge cinnamon rolls. from the days when she owned the Four Seasons Restaurant in Kalispell. It gave her great pleasure passing along to her daughters and grandchildren the family traditions in baking, sewing and card games.

She spent her later years living in the Swan Valley on Lion Creek, where she owned the Hungry Bear Restaurant with her sister and best friend Rose Gilbert. She loved entertaining friends and family there and everyone was assured that there would be music, dancing, laughter, good food and visiting.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, Alva and Genevieve Shef-



ferd; her husband, Vernon Bronson; sisters, Irene, Cora, Florence and Virginia; and a

brother Vernon.

She is survived by her children, Steven Bronson, Gordon Bronson, Terri Denzer, Jeff Bronson, Cyndie Bronson-Pluid and Val Bronson; her sisters, Vivian, Verda Jean, Rose and Lois; and a number of brothers- and sistersin-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; as well as her many friends whom she loved and considered her extended family.

Jessie's true love was to play pinochle; she would play as often as she possibly could and hated missing her cards games. A special thanks to her son-in-law Jack who made sure to get to get her there.

In lieu of flowers, Jessie had requested that all donations be made to the Senior Center of Kalispell so the card games may go on!

Alva Jessie Bronson was a woman who left few words unspoken and left this earth well loved. She was a loving mother, aunt, sister, cousin, grandmother, friend and a truly amazing woman who will be terribly missed by all who knew her.

Floretta Jean Brook, 74

Floretta Jean Brook, 74, passed away on Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center

in Kalispell.

She was born on July 29, 1939, in Hill City. Minn., to Maurice Eugene and Nethalee Floretta (James) Martin. Floretta moved with her family in 1947 to Seeley Lake were she received her early education. They then moved to the Flathead Valley where she graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

Floretta married Berle Buck in 1957 and they were later divorced.

Floretta worked in the restaurant industry most of her life and spent many of those years at the Old River Bridge Inn in Columbia Falls. In 1979, she married James Brook.

Floretta was a loving wife, mother, sister and friend. She was committed to her kids and large family. She enjoyed playing cards, doing puzzles and spending time with family and friends.

Floretta was preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents; and two sisters, Pat Blood



and Tawny Martin.

She is survived by two sons. Frosty and Colleen Buck, and Lowell and

Nancy Buck; six grandchildren, Amanda and Ryan Buck, Daniel and Kalee Haxby, Michael and Nickole Buck and Starsha McLennan; four greatgrandchildren, Jordyn and Tessa Buck and Hannah and Taylor McLennan; six brothers, Orley, Butch, Terry, Len, Wes and Chuck Martin; and eight sisters, Barb Spencer, Delores Funk, Carol Clayton, Bonnie Macioroski, Judy Trent, Connie Martin, Della Gann and Penny Rowsey.

A celebration of Floretta's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, in the Columbia Falls Junior High School cafeteria, in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Floretta's family. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary. com to view Floretta's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Kenneth Edwin Brooks, 70

Kenneth Edwin Brooks, 70, of Kalispell, "was called home to his Savior" on Nov. 27, 2014, after a lengthy battle with pulmo-

nary fibrosis.

Ken was born on April 22, 1944, in Spokane to Kenneth V. and Ila Brooks; shortly after, the family relocated to Kalispell. He attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1961.

After graduation, he served in the National Guard but was never called to active duty. Ken was also the assistant store manager at the local F.W. Woolworth from 1961 to 1965, when he became the area supervisor. He then became the divisional manager for Target Stores from 1968 to 1970. In 1970 to 1971, he owned and operated a Cessna Aircraft Dealership in Helena. After this, he moved to Southern California where he owned Security Alarms.

At this time, he obtained his Master of Arts degree in education from Kensington University, Glendale, Calif. He taught English, special education/remedial reading for a private Christian School and later became the associate principal and then principal of this same school. During his time in California, Ken was also a member of the Christian Schools Board of Education for five years and president of his homeowners association

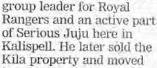
for five years.

Ken was also active in his church where he served as property deacon and youth director at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Ken was married a couple of times while in California and these ended in divorce. In the late '90s, he went back to Kensington University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

In early 2000, he moved back to the Kalispell area to be near his aging mother, and purchased prop-



erty in the mountains above Kila. In Kalispell, he was a substitute teacher and school bus driver until his health forced him to give it up. He also was a youth



into Kalispell.

Ken was always willing to help any of his students or youth group members with homework, and stressed proper English with everyone he knew. He loved reading. crossword puzzles, card and board games, fishing and helping anyone who might be in need. He liked to cook and he was always looking for new dishes to try.

Ken is survived by surrogate son, Chris Thurow, of Kalispell; sister, Patsee Parker, and family of Oregon; sister-in-law, Patricia Brooks, of Oregon, and her daughters, Kim Peterson and family of Oregon and Patricia Hickey and family of Kalispell. He is also survived by best friends, Carol Culkins and Richard Archuleta, both of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ila Brooks Gibney and Kenneth V. Brooks: his brother, Thomas Brooks: an infant brother, Robert Brooks; his grandparents, Millard and Leona Sager; aunt, Velma Olson; and uncle, Ed Sager.

At Ken's request there will be a celebration of his life at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Elks

Lodge.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ken's family. You are invited to go to www.igfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and sign Ken's guest book.

Virginia Meeks vanderEnde Broomfield, 81

Virginia died in Oregon City on Nov. 23, 2014, and was buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Virginia was born to Chester and Earline Meeks in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on May 1,1933. She moved with her family to Kalispell in 1945. In 1953 she married Jack vanderEnde, and they had two daughters, Jackie and Leah. Jack was killed in a car accident in 1960. She married Don Broomfield in 1964, and they had one son, Tom, in 1971.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, and sister Lolita Reynolds.

Virginia is survived

by her children, Jackie vanderEnde of Garibaldi, Oregon, Leah and Dan Benesch of Lakeside, Tom and Debbie Broomfield of Oregon City, Oregon, and three stepchildren. Local survivors are sisters Louise and Gene Smith and Iva and Ken Pedersen; brother, Chester and Donna Meeks; and nephew Jerry and Sabrina Reynolds and their sons Dillon, Dallas and Bailey. She is also survived by sister Rebecca and Clyde Saylor of Portland; Rena and Larry Lautaret, and Luke Lautaret and his daughter Efia: grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Anne Nelner Brown, 88

Anne Nelner Brown, 88, passed away on July 19, 2014, of natural causes.

She was born Anna Maria Moll on March 31, 1926, in a small village near Vienna, Austria. In 1927, Anne and her family immigrated to Magrath, Alberta, where she spent her youth on the family farm.

She later worked as an elementary teacher in Drumheller, Alberta, before marrying Edwin Nelner and moving to Kalispell where they raised their family.

Anne was an avid golfer and loved a good game of bridge. One of her favorite places was the cabin on Little Bitterroot Lake where the family spent most summers and vacations.

Ed preceded her in death in 1989.

Anne married longtime friend Harry Brown in 1990. They spent 18 years traveling between Arizona, Alberta and Montana, playing cribbage at the lake and spending time with family. Harry preceded her in death in 2009.



Anne was also preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Hertha Wyn-

nechuk.

She is survived by her daughters, Janet and Paul Mullis of Kalispell, and Barbara and Bill Burton of Montana City; and grandchildren, Marci (Mullis) and Billy Whitehurst of Buehl, Idaho, Dan Mullis, Krista (Burton) and Julian Nolen of Fort Collins, Colo., and Jake Burton of Helena; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 28 in the Buffalo Room at Buffalo Hills Terrace.

Memorial gifts in Anne's name may be made to the Florence Crittenton Home, 901 North Harris, Helena, MT 59601.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh. com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joanne 'Jo' Brousseau, 79

Joanne "Jo" Brousseau, 79, of Kalispell, passed away on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Jo was born in Sydney to Harold and Grace Stinger on Feb. 27, 1935. She was the middle child of eight girls and one boy. She moved to the Flathead Valley when she was 6 years old and attended Whitefish schools.

She married George Carter on April 1, 1955. Her married life involved a lot of traveling and moving, much to her delight. She had two children, Shelly and Mitch, both born in Whitefish. The traveling/moving continued with both kids in tow. After the löss of her loving husband to a heart attack in 1981, she moved back to Whitefish to be closer to her family and good friend, Bertha.

In 1983, she married Frank Brousseau. They summered in the Flathead Valley and wintered in the Arizona/Nevada area until her health prevented the constant travel. Jo and Frank divorced after 16 years of marriage but remained good friends until he passed away several years later. After the divorce, Jo moved into an apartment in Kalispell right a ross the hall from her best friend Bertha until her last few years spent at the Brendan House.

She enjoyed camping, reading, playing cards,



recipes, jokes and crafts, all of which she passed on to her children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. More than anything, she just wanted to be with family. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and, of course, her always faithful, lifelong friend Bertha.

She leaves behind daughter, Shelly, and Larry Carver; son, Mitch Carter; sisters, Ella and Chet Hill, Madonna and Dale Barber, Marsha and Jim Hunnewell, and Carla (Bob, deceased) Corbally: grandchildren, Michelle and Kelsey Klundt, Nick and Sarah Carver, Kasey Carter and Chris Harrison, and Zac Carter; and great-grandchildren, Kayla and Kaden Klundt, Kendal and baby-on-the-way Cole Harrison; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too many to mention, but all dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Grace Stinger; siblings, Doris (Lloyd) LaVoy, Carolyn McConville, Dale Stinger and Cheryl Rounds; and husbands, George Carter and Frank Brousseau.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, at the Whitefish Cemetery.

"Ni-night, Nana..."

Beulah Lucille Mangold Brown, 99

Beulah Lucille Mangold Brown, 99, passed away on June 13, 2014.

She was born in Gretna, Neb., on Nov. 24,1914, to Arthur and Florence Mangold. The second oldest of seven children, she helped with childcare while her parents attended to running the small town drug store and soda fountain, which was the center of social activity.

After graduating from high school during the Great Depression, she put herself through nursing training at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, becoming a registered nurse.

She married Benjamin Brown on June 1,1942, prior to his deployment in the South Pacific with the Seabees. Upon his return, the couple settled in Rockford, III., and raised two children. She worked as an industrial nurse and kept busy at home with

In 1971 they retired to Rogers, Ark., where she

and canning.

household duties, cooking



lived for 40 years before moving to Kalispell in 2011 to be close to her daughter.

She was active in the Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary and the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and is survived by son Edwin Brown of Auberry, Calif., and daughter Jeanne Hogan and husband Mark of Kalispell; grandchildren, Juniper Zacek, Benjamin Brown, Melody Brown, Stephanie Hogan and Geoffrey Hogan and wife Jena. Great-grandchildren are Annabelle Morgan and Faith Audrey Zacek.

Mrs. Brown requested to be cremated and to be returned to Nebraska. No service is planned and donations may be made to the giver's charity of choice.

Diana Laureen Brown, 52

Diana Laureen Brown "went home to be with the Lord" on Jan. 2, 2014. She died suddenly and unexpectedly. She was 52 years old.

Diana was born Nov. 18, 1961, in Miles City but she would say her real birthday was Nov. 11, 1981, when she was baptized into Christ at the Church of Christ. She lived her life with an unparalleled and contagious joy that permeated the lives of those fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy is love. She loved so fully and freely to all those around her.

Diana married the love of her life, Braxton Brown, on Aug. 2, 1980. Their relationship began when she asked Braxton on their first date to the Sadie Hawkin's Dance at Hellgate High School, and there began a love that multiplied in the lives of their three children, Braxton, Brenton and Briana. Their 33-year marriage is a testimony of true love and devotion. Diana's unconditional love was beyond compare and a better mother has never lived.

Diana's love and self-



lessness as a wife and mother was only outdone when she became a grandmother.

Her gorgeous smile and unmistakable laugh will be missed most by her six grandchildren, Champ, Hayli, Barrett, Oakleigh, Braxton and Annabel.

Diana was preceded in death by her son, Jonathan; her father, Clifford; and her brother, Todd.

She is survived by her husband, children and grandchildren; along with her mother, Georgene; her father, Art; sisters, Sheila and Rhonda; and her brother, Shawn.

"And let her works praise her in the gates," Proverbs 31.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, with a reception following at the Kalispell Church of Christ.

Condolences can be left for the family at www. missoulafuneralhomes. com.

Edith (Steck) Brown, 77

Edith (Steck) Brown, was surrounded by her family when she died April 5, 2014, at the Missoula Village Health Care Center. She was 77.

Edith's birthday was Jan. 1, 1937. She was born and raised on the family farm north of Edmonton, near Jarvie, Alberta.

It was on a vacation trip to Missoula and a blind date at age 18 that she met the love of her life, Braxton Brown. Three weeks later Braxton sent her an engagement ring and a bus ticket in the mail. That was the beginning of their 57 years of a beautiful marriage and the blessings of three children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Edith's legacy is love. Edith was not just "married"; she taught us the meaning of being a "loving wife." She was not just a "mother"; she was our "Mom." And she was always the Cub Scout and Girl Scout Mom, Swim Team Mom, Baseball Mom, and the "School Room Mother" too. She was our biggest fan at all our sports, music and any events we were a part of. She loved her husband, children and grandchildren with a depth of love that goes beyond words.

Edith's 35 years as a professional baker and wedding cake decorator was legendary in Missoula and throughout the Northwest. Her reputation as "The Best," especially for her famous Carrot Cake, was second to none. Many nice people still remind our family how special their wedding day was because of Mom.

Edith loved gardening, flowers and birds. Her beautiful yard and garden was a haven for her many





songbirds and hummingbirds. She also loved her fun times as a member of the Red Hat Society.

Edith was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and called

Jesus her Lord and Savior. She lived this truth in love. With God's help, she left this world a better place than she found it.

Edith is survived by her loving husband, Braxton Brown; her brother, Herbie Steck, of Edson, Alberta; children, Braxton Brown Jr. (III), Adeline Suzette "Sue" Job and Mary Emily Brown; grandchildren, Braxton Brown (IV), Brenton Brown, Briana Watson, Ryan Job, Meaghan Job, Jordan Rauk, Kendall Rauk and Logan Rauk; great-grandchildren, Champ Watson, Hayli Brown, Barrett Brown, Oakleigh Watson, Braxton Brown (V), Annabel Brown and Ember Job.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents. Henry Steck and Marbel (Therriault) Steck; brothers, Henry Jr., Allen and Frank; sisters, Alice, Tillie, Elizabeth, Marion, Freda, Jean and Ann; also her loving daughter-in-law, Diana Brown; and grandson, Jonathan Brown.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 14, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Missoula, with a reception following.

There is no "in lieu" of flowers. Moin loved flowers!

George Harold Brown, 76

George Harold Brown, 76, died Monday, July 14, 2014, at home in Kalispell.

Visitation will be at noon Friday, July 18, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Chapel on Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. Bishop Todd Cahoon will officiate. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Nora Jean Brown, 79

Nora Jean Brown, 79, passed away at Lake View Health Care on Sept. 30,

Nora was born in Anderson, Mo., to John and Ina Smith.

Nora spent most of her working career as a dog groomer. She liked to paint and go camping. She loved her family and spent as much time with them as possible. Nora also enjoyed living in Ptarmigan Village during her retirement.

Nora was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ina Smith; and her husband, Louis Brown.

She is survived by her children, Rick Hamilton and wife, Debra, of Bigfork; and Don Hamilton of Chataroy, Wash.; her sister, Irene Schuchardt of Port Angeles, Wash.; her grandchildren, Teah, Jim, Katie, Jessica and Tommie; and great-grandchild, Keegan.

Services for Nora will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Church of Creston. A potluck reception will be held following the service at the church.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Nora's family.

William E. Brown II, 72

died Feb. 13, 2014, at Bren- ny Brown, David Brown dan House in Kalispell. He had been a farmer

and milker for dairies.

He is survived by his sons and daughters, Theresa Glover, Katherine

William E. Brown II, 72, Mitten, Cindy Clark, Danand Greg Brown.

Services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Cassidy Brubaker, 30

Cassidy Brubaker, 30, died July 7, 2014 in Cut Bank.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. today, July 12, at the Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Peter F. Brucato Sr., 92

Peter F. Brucato Sr., resident of his beloved Whitefish, passed away on April 22, 2014, at the age of 92.

Peter was one of seven sons born to Agnes and Thomas Brucato of Andover, Mass. He developed a lifelong passion for skiing during winters in Andover and fell in love with sailing during his summers. He progressed first as a boat boy, and gradually worked his way to the position of captain. He captained Frank Roosevelt Jr.'s yacht one summer at Campobello, New Brunswick.

His six brothers all served their country. Peter served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II (Atlantic 1942 and Pacific Theater 1943-1944), serving mostly on LST 204. He was involved in four major campaigns and nine invasions in the Pacific. He was very proud of his family's contribution to their country.

After serving, he wintered in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he met his wife Martha. They married in 1947 and began raising their three boys, first in California and then Utah and Colorado before settling in Milwaukee, Wis., where Peter worked as a manager for U.S. Steel. In 1991, Peter moved out to Whitefish.

Peter was an avid athlete with a lifelong passion for skiing and sailing. After the war he attended St. Lawrence University and was a member of the ski team until his graduation in 1952. He was a 1948 alternate for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team and competed in the 1956 Olympic Sailing Trials, just missing obtaining a spot on the team. He completed the 54K (31 mile) American





Birkebeiner (the Birkie) crosscountry ski race yearly, for 25 consecutive years and ran over 24 marathons. Peter was widely known

as the "Mayor of Big Mountain" (Big Mountain Ski Resort). He loved to welcome new and old comers to the mountain each season. He could be seen carving turns with his many friends or relaxing at the summit house between runs. His condo was always open for wine and cheese for friends après-ski.

Peter was extremely dedicated to the Special Olympics, which he participated in both in their foundation and at ground level for the past 19 years. He always had a smile and word of encouragement for every athlete and loved leading the kickoff parade.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 43 years, Martha Beldon Sawyer Brucato; and his brothers, John, Edward, Paul, George and Thomas.

He is survived by his brother, David; his sons, William and Madge, Peter and Patricia, and Frederic and Martha; his grandchildren, Martha, Allen, Eileen, Lauren and Peter; and several nieces and nephews.

His memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Montana Special Olympics Winter Games (www. somt.org/donate).

Eric James Brush, 35

Eric James Brush, 35, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, of diabetes complications at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1978, in Parkersburg, W.V., to Monica Jean (Robey) and Leslie James Brush.

Eric loved to work on cars, auto mechanics, body work, painting, boating, camping, fishing and hunting. Eric would customize everything.

He was married to Shawna Carvey. Eric worked as a roofer for years.

Eric was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leroy and Carol Brush.

He is survived by his wife, Shawna Carvey:



children, Preston, Taylor and Logan; stepson. Ethan; parents, Leslie and Monica

Brush; sister, Mandy, and husband Nathan; grandparents, Ron and Connie Robey; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Juanita Mae Bryant, 89

Juanita Mae Bryant passed away quietly Monday afternoon, Feb. 24, 2014. She was surrounded by family and friends "when she went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ."

Juanita was born in Spokane on Aug. 24, 1924. She was raised on the family farm here in Kalispell by her grandmother Rose Strauss. They sold produce, and got their milk and butter from the family cow. Grandma Strauss, being an avid fisherman, would catch fish from the Stillwater River with their cane poles.

Juanita went to elementary school at Edgerton through grade six, and completed the eighth grade.

In 1943, she married Harold "Bud" Hembd and they had five boys, Dick Hembd of Columbia Falls, Dan Hembd of Kalispell, Don Hembd of Palm Springs, Calif., Gary Hembd and wife Michele of Kalispell, and Dennis Hembd and wife Linda of Redlands, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 21 greatgrandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.





Aridson, Jeannie Toaves, Donna Simmons of Columbia Falls, Rose and Virgil Manning, and Pat Basler of Spokane.

After 23 years of marriage, Juanita and Bud were divorced.

Juanita met Virgil Bryant and they married in 1969. They were very active in the Montana Fiddlers' Association and the Eagles. They had a lot of good times attending the Fiddlers' events. She loved dancing, socializing with friends and traveling and, most of all, her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Virgil in 2010.

A viewing will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. today, Feb. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by graveside services. A celebration of life will follow

Alexine 'Lois' Buchanan, 95

Alexine "Lois" Buchanan, 95, of Helena, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in Kalispell.

Lois is survived by two daughters, Sister Ellen Marie Dolan of Omaha, Neb., and Patricia Anne (Lee) Block of Gordon, Wis.; two grandchildren, Connie Hoffman and Eddie Block; and four great-grandchildren.

A vigil service was held March 24 at Retz Funeral Home Chapel in Helena. Funeral Mass will be at noon today, March 25, at the Cathedral of Saint Helena. A reception will be held in the Brondel Center located in the lower level of the cathedral immediately following the funeral Mass. The Rite of Committal will be 2:30 p.m. today at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorials in Lois' name are suggested to the Cathedral of St. Helena, 530 N. Ewing Street, Helena, MT 59601, or to the Lewis & Clark Humane Society P.O. Box 4455, Helena, MT 59604.

Please visit www.retzfuneralhome.com to offer the family condolences or to share a memory of Lois.

Rhonda Sue Bucher, 45

Rhonda Sue Bucher was born on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1968, and on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, surrounded by family, "she passed into eternity."

She was preceded in death by her biological father, Tom Roberts; and biological siblings, Jo Ellen Hansen and Kenny Roberts.

She left behind her spouse, Jerry Ray Downing; parents, Ellen Bucher and Russell Bucher; brother, Scott Bucher; biological siblings, Paula Hansen and Wade Hansen, biological mother, Vicki Wooster; children, Heather Bucher, Brandon Bucher and Ashley Thomen; and granddaughter, Tifa Bucher.

There will be a memorial service to honor Rhonda at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Journey Church, 54 Western Village Lane, Highway 2, in Columbia Falls. For information, call 406-471-2078.

Berl Elvin Buck, 77

Berl Elvin Buck of Kalispell was born Sept. 5, 1936. He died May 1, 2014. The eldest child of Forrest and Freda (Fladmark) Buck "crossed over to the other side" at Immanuel Nursing Home in Kalispell, with family at his bedside.

Berl was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He served six years in the National Guard with an honorable discharge.

His passions were camping, hunting, fishing, leather tooling and wood working. Berl worked in a saw mill and was a truck driver in heavy road construction. He was the truck driver for the greensman for the "Heaven's Gate" movie in 1979. He worked at the bark plant and also did cabinet making.

He met and married his present wife, Nyla Hahn, in 1976.

He was preceded in death by his father, Forrest Berl Buck; mother, Evelyn Freda Fladmark Buck; sister, Marie (Buck) Carda; and foster son, Joseph Howke Schlinger.

He is survived by his wife, Nyla G. Hahn Buck, of Columbia Falls, two sons, Forrest "Frosty" E. and Colleen Buck of Columbia Falls, and Lowell L. and Nancy Buck of Seward, Alaska; four daughters, Annalynn H. Kuper and Tim Handran of Shepherd, Mont., Teresa "Tari" G. and Glenn Bradley of Stayton, Ore., Rebecca H. Resner and Greg Sharp of Thompson Falls, and Dawna J. and Bill Erlewine of





Anchorage, Alaska; 22 grandchildren, 13 greatgrandchildren, with two more "in the oven"; one brother, Clinton, and Thora Buck, of

Sandpoint, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life and potluck) will be he held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Culture Room at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1780 Talbot Road in Columbia Falls, by the Montana Veterans Home.

Joseph Allen Buck, 44

Joseph Allen Buck, 44, "was taken by the Lord" on May 15, 2014. Joe, formerly of Kalispell, was residing in Austin, Texas, at the time of his death.

Joe was born Dec. 1, 1969. He was the older of two children born to Dennis and Connie Buck. His time with his father was cut short when Dennis passed away in 1975. He was blessed by the addition of his father, James Brown, and sister, Nichole Brown, when his mother remarried.

Joe graduated from Flathead High School in 1988 and immediately joined the Army. In 1991 he married Holly Nichol. They had two children, Cody and Kylee Buck, before later divorcing.

Joe attended DeVry
University in Phoenix,
graduating with top honors in 1994. Upon graduation, he moved to Portland to pursue his career
in electrical engineering.
His career took him many
places, with his most
recent employment being
in Austin.

Joe had a tremendous impact on the lives of everyone around him. He was someone who would always stand up for a friend in the time of need and take the time to listen when life was challenging. He was the life of every room he entered, but could also be the most tender and kind friend around. There was always a charismatic quality about him that made him easy to love.

Adored by his family, he mastered the role of soldier, son, brother and daddy. As a soldier, he proudly served his country from 1988 to 1991. As a son, he brought much happiness, laughter and joy each day. He easily made his parents proud of his life accomplishments and his caring spirit. As a brother, he supported both Brian and Nichole as protectors, teaching





and being a friend. The role of daddy was the favorite role of his life. His kids, Cody and Kylee, have always been his focus and

life lessons

he loved them more than life could measure.

The Lord was ready to take him home. He will be missed for many things, including his infectious smile, one-liners, solid character and willingness to support anyone he loved. He taught a lesson about life to everyone he knew. We were the lucky ones to have known him and been a part of his life. He will always be in our hearts and will be deeply missed, and that is a "Joe Buck Guarantee!"

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Buck; grandparents, Lloyd and Katherine Buck; grandparents, Clarence and Lois Johnson; grandmother, Shirley Konecky; and grandmother, Vivian O'Lexey.

He is survived by parents, James and Connie Brown; children, Cody and Kylee Buck; brother, Brian Buck and wife, Tammie; sister, Nichole Fenger and children, Tia and Talese Fenger; partner, Melissa Cady and children, Jared and Caitlin Peterson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. May 31 at Easthaven Baptist Church at 2010 Whitefish Stage in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1840 U.S. Highway 93 South.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up. Donations can be made to P.O. Box 545, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Norma Lois Smith Buck, 84

Norma Lois Smith Buck, 84, passed away "to be with the Lord" on Friday, May 30, 2014, in Kalispell.

Norma was born Nov. 15, 1929, on a family farm near Rago, Kan., in Kingman County to Charles and Lena Smith.

After graduating from high school, Norma met and married her sweetheart, Fred Buck. A dedicated wife and mother, she raised two children while being stationed in many cities, as well as overseas in both Germany and France.

Eventually settling in Kalispell, Norma worked for many years in the hospital cafeteria. In her later years she began a home business as a Mary Kay consultant. She loved attending Mary Kay conferences with her friends, spending time with her family, reading and playing games.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lena; her husband, Fred; her sister, Letha; and her brothers,



Marvin and Kenneth. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Doreen

"Dody" and Ray Green, of Billings; her son and daughter-inlaw, Mark and Jennifer Buck, of Great Falls; and her grandchildren, Kenton Green, Lindsey Buck and Collin Buck.

Norma will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19 at the Eagles.

Memorials may be sent to Meals on Wheels at 160 Kelly Road, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Kalispell Library at 247 First Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family would like to thank her Mary Kay family, Bill Dye, Patrice Manget, her caregivers at Brendan House and Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and all her wonderful friends.

Stanley G. Buck, 78

Stanley G. Buck, 78, of Columbia Falls passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at his home in Columbia Falls.

Stanley was born in Waterloo, Iowa, on March 22, 1936. He was the first of nine children born to Frances Hubbard and Dale Buck. He attended school in Minnesota before joining the Air Force where he served in the Azores Islands.

He was united in marriage to Betty L. Graham on March 11, 1960, a union which lasted 49 and one half happy years before her death. He and Betty had two children, Faith and Dale (deceased).

In 1971, he relocated to the Flathead Valley where he engaged in logging and heavy equipment operation. He was employed by Canyon and Royal Logging for over 20 years before retiring due to a work-related injury.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. One of his greatest joys was catching the second largest recordsetting northern pike.

On May 7, 2011, Stanley married Grace Benesh of Kalispell, who saved him in his hour of need after the passing of Betty. She survives at the family

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty;





son, Dale; parents, Dale and Frances; sisters, Wilda, Linda and Barbara; and brother, Swede.

He is survived by Grace Buck and

stepdaughters, Alycia and Astrea Bennes; daughter, Faith and Dean Calderwood of Columbia Falls; brothers, Jim Buck of Minnesota and Gary Buck of Missouri; sisters, Judy Brenny of Texas and Sharon Thomsen of Minnesota; grandchildren, Kelly Speer, Lauri Speer, Eric Speer, Brittany Calderwood, Jacob Calderwood, Emily Calderwood, Chris Calderwood, Trish Ervin, Jenny King and Brian Calderwood; and 17 greatgrandchildren; as well as a stepmother-in-law, Lorna Buck; and many loving friends.

Buck wished for memorials to be made to the Home Options Hospice at 275 Corporate Drive, Suite No. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorial services were held on July 28 at Columbia Mortuary. Interment followed after the ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Michael Wynn Buckingham, 61

Michael Wynn Buckingham, 61, died Jan. 2, 2014, at his daughter's home in Sedro Woolley, Wash., surrounded by family.

Mike was born in Windsor, England, to Ward and Doris Buckingham on Nov. 3, 1952. He graduated from Highline High School in Burien, Wash., in 1971 and began his law enforcement career a few years later by joining the Normandy Park Police Department.

In 1979, he graduated from the Washington State Patrol Academy and became a Washington State Patrol trooper. In 1981 he was severely burned when he was involved in an accident caused by a drunk driver he was pursuing. Unable to continue as a trooper, Mike pursued a law degree, graduating from the University of Puget Sound Law School. He spent many years traveling the U.S. and Canada speaking against drinking and driving. He was an active participant in the Kent, Wash., Fire and Police Departments' program to combat drunk driving.

Mike was an avid swimmer and loved spending time at his family cabin on Bitterroot Lake. He was a wonderful father, son, brother and friend. He enjoyed working on wood projects with his father in their workshops,

Mike was also an active member of Wabash Presbyterian Church and



enjoyed the camaraderie of the Wabash Men's Choir. After Mike's accident, he

knew he had a purpose. God gave him life and he wanted to live it to the fullest. Mike did not want to be glorified, but rather wanted the glory to go to God.

He is survived by his daughter, Cristina, and her husband, Matt Waters, and their daughter, Ayla, of Sedro Woolley; Cristina's mother, Cindy Tropple-Buckingham of Kirkland, Wash.; son, Rob Buckingham, of Olympia, Wash.; Rob's mother, Robin Buckingham, of Edmonton, Alberta; stepdaughter, Brianne, and her husband, Justin Radatzke, of Edmonton: brothers, Ward and his wife Cherie Buckingham of Spokane, and Mark and his wife Lorraine Buckingham of Enumclaw. Wash.

The memorial service for Mike will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at New Life Church, 15711 152 Ave. SE, Renton, Wash.

Rather than flowers or a financial donation, Mike requested that you use what you would have given to strengthen your relationship with the Lord and your relationship with your family.

Please sign the online guest book at www.weeksfuneralhomes.com

Life Celebration for Anthony Buechel

Saturday, July 26th starting at 5 pm

Potluck Gathering on Leisure Island (off Willow Glen and Leisure Drive).



Call Liz 257-0238 for information

Anthony Albin Buechel, 74

Anthony Albin Buechel, 74, died Feb. 24, 2014, at his home in Kalispell. both of Kalispell. A celebration of be held on July 2

He is survived by his Johnson-Gloschat children, Elizabeth Greenland and Andrew Buechel, for the family.

both of Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held on July 26.

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Seraphine Bufton, 91

Seraphine Bufton, 91, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at her home in Big Arm.

A rosary will be said at 8 p.m. today, Nov. 28, and the

funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, both at Elmo Hall. Burial will be in Elmo Cemetery. Grogan Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Keith Charles Burgess, 81

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dearly loved husband, dad and grandpa. Keith Charles. Burgess passed away at his beloved ranch Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the

age of 81.

Keith was born Sept. 20, 1932, in Minnewauken, N.D., to Ruby and Isaac Burgess. He was joined by brothers LeRoy and Leland, and sisters Janice and Sharon. He attended and graduated from the Eldon School,

At a very young age Keith developed a very strong work ethic that continued until his passing. When Keith was about 12 years old, one of the farmers had a 22 rifle that he really wanted. So, being short of cash, he made a deal with the farmer to shock grain for him. He shocked 27 acres of grain (by hand) and made enough money to buy the gun, which hangs on the family room wall

to this day.

After a few years of doing farm work, the "country boy" from North Dakota decided it was time to serve his country. In February 1953 Keith enlisted in the United States Army. His training began with the First Armored Division Combat Command B at Fort Hood, Texas. From there he was shipped to Korea where he continued to serve. He was assigned to bridge specialist and H/S Co 13th engineer brigade. He drove army tanks and was privileged to be asked to drive the sergeants around. He was awarded the Korean Service medal, the United Nations Service medal and the National Defense Service medal, On Feb. 10, 1955, he was honorably discharged and served eight years in the Army Reserve.





ing the hills and streams of this area. But Keith was most happy out on his John Deere tractor or his D6 Cat working up the ground.

His work was never done. He was always adding more irrigation ditches, digging up a stump or two and he'd usually notice a little fencing that need to be fixed.

Recently he was diagnosed with COPD. His health was fading fast and on May 10 his final work on earth was done.

Keith was a John Wayne sorta guy; he seemed to be a little rough around the edges. But in reality he had a heart as big as the outdoors and was a big softy that would cry at the drop of a hat. Keith was a born-again Christian and was baptized with his son Dawain several years ago. He was a very private person and didn't talk a lot about his faith. But his actions spoke for him. It is comfort in knowing

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby and Ike Burgess; brother LeRoy Burgess; sister Janice Olson; and in-laws, Roy and Leona Simons, and Ted and Louise Burk; son-in-law Mike Lindquist; grandson Jeremy Lindquist; greatgranddaughters Peiper and Payslee Bernethy; special uncle, Sheridan Jr. Burgess; and cousin Lee Lund.

He then returned to North Dakota, where he worked for a while. He decided to come to Montana to visit his aunt and uncle who were pastoring in Libby. He fell in love with Montana and decided to try his hand at being a logger. He worked for many local loggers such as the Holder Brothers, Fred King and Jim Hurst Sr. He spent much of his time in the woods building roads and as a Cat skinner. He eventually went to work for Jim Hurst and Dan Boslaugh at Ksanka Lumber Co. While there he held many jobs such as a chip truck driver, millwright and shop foreman. After 30 years, he retired from the Plum Creek Lumber Co. as a boiler engineer.

In 1969 Keith married Lenore Simons Garbe. They started their new life together on the Meadow Creek Ranch in Fortine where they raised their six children. It was a happy time, kind of like the "Brady Bunch." The kids lived a typical ranch lifestyle with lots of horseback riding, fishing, swimming, hiking, camping, sledding and snowmobiling. Dad still tried to instill good work ethics in his children. There were bales to buck and never an end to the rock picking.

Keith loved to be outside. He spent many hours hunting and fish-

Keith is survived by wife of 45 years, Lenore; sister Sharon Grossman of North Dakota; brother Leland Burgess of Washington; son Dawain and Gail Burgess; daughters Linda Lindquist and Kristine Mitchell, SheeLa and James Beeman, Teresa and Frank Kakuk, Tarolyn and Kurt West, and Trudy and Kirk Doble; grandchildren, Ben and Sandy Lindquist, Miranda and Mike Warren, Joe and Tammy Burgess, Ashley and Alan Hahn, Kellie and Zack Bernethy, Shaleen and LeRoy Eash, Krista and Gerald Eash. Corey and Tenise Kakuk, KayLa and Ricky Brown, Keith and Kirsten Brown, Dawson and Daysha Brown, Kayci West and fiance Eric Maher and Kyle West, Alysha and Gerald Lopez, Bryon Logue, Brad and Brenden Doble, 15 great-grandchildren, and one on the way; one great-great-grandchild; and three foster kids, Kristine Mitchell. Felisha West and Jason

Keith's request was to be cremated and his remains to be scattered at the head gate where he spent much time throughout the 45 years on the ranch.

"Hon,' Dad, Grandpa we miss you terribly. Our love for you will never end, we will remember you always."

Military services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Fortine Cemetery, fellowship and potluck dinner will be held at the Fortine Community Church.

Bruce Takeshi Burk, 53

Bruce Takeshi Burk, 53, died at his home in Lolo on Jan. 28, 2014, due to complications from lifelong muscular dystrophy. He had lived in Lolo for the past 30 years, where he founded and served as editorpublisher of a community newspaper, The Lolo Peak News.

Bruce was born in Kalispell on April 7, 1960. and grew up there, where he graduated from Flathead County High School in 1978. He had attended junior high school at Stevensville. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1985, with a degree in radio and television, with a minor in international studies. He subsequently earned a Master of Science in education counseling from Portland State University in 1993. He then returned to Montana and his cherished home in Lolo, where he continued to write and established The Lolo Peak News. Over the years, he continued to attend the University of Montana in pursuit of a doctoral degree.

Early in life when he learned that he had muscular dystrophy, Bruce confronted his disease head on with an attitude that he would overcome it to accomplish the many things he wanted to do and enjoy the things in life and people that he loved. In doing so, he took on not just a "can do" attitude, but a "will do" commitment, through which he became

an inspiration to many. His hobbies included photography and music. He was a guitar player and songwriter, and during his college years he played in coffeehouse performances at the University of Montana. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially the grandeur of Montana, and in his younger years enjoyed both hunting and fishing. He even went skiing a couple of times and loved to explore the open coun-



on behalf of disabled hunters and sketched and helped develop one of the first

wheelchair gun mounts for disabled hunters.

He is survived by a son, James Burk of Butte; his mother, Katie DuPuy of Kalispell; his father and stepmother, Dale and Patricia Burk of Stevensville; three sisters, Kathleen Burk of Las Vegas, Ruth Burk of Federal Way, Wash., and Rachel Burk of Stevensville; maternal grandfather, Charles Glass of Clinton; and his first wife, Beth Burk of Butte.

Bruce was preceded in death by a brother, Ted R. Burk; his second wife, Mary; paternal grandparents, Ted and Louise Burk; maternal grandparents, Takeshi and Motoka Kondoh; and maternal grandmother, Doris Glass.

Arrangements are being handled by Garden City Funeral Home of Missoula. Viewing will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 W. Broadway, in Missoula.

A memorial service and celebration of Bruce's life will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the King's Christian Church one mile north of Lolo, on the west side of U.S. 93, with the Rev. Billy Donaldson officiating. This time is to be a celebration of our beloved Bruce's life, and we invite all who knew him to please come and share this time with us, please bring any photos and stories you may have. The memorial services will be followed by a reception and luncheon courtesy of the Ladies of King's Christian Church, which was Bruce's home church.

Samuel E. Burk, Jr., 32

Samuel E. Burk, Jr., 32, formerly of Libby, died on July 18, 2014, at his home in Kansas City, Kan.

Survivors include his children Lily, Alyana and Gavin; his parents, Sam and Aurelia Burk of Las Vegas, and Cricket and Joe Pickle of Kansas City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at the First Baptist Church in Heron.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

He was politically active throughout his adult life and helped with the writing and passage of the American Disabilities Act that was passed in 1990. He also helped get legislation enacted

Honorary pallbearers are John Glass, Ron Anderson, Bob Glass, Don Glass, Brent Roose, Dawain Burgess and Chris Hoff.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Bruce's memory.

Bettina Burke, 79

Bettina Burke "arrived in Heaven" Thursday evening, Feb. 6, 2014, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Plains on Feb. 26, 1934, to W. Penn and Alma Garber Stohr.

Bettina spent most of her life in Missoula, which she dearly loved. She attended Lincoln and Central Schools, and Missoula County High School, where she was a head majorette for four years. To be a dancer was her dream! She went on to be in the Ballet Theater at the University of Montana and had her own ballet studio. Bettina embraced her Native American heritage and was proud to be a registered member of the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe. She worked in the Native American studies department for 10 of her 20-year tenure at the University of Montana, an experience she found profoundly rewarding. Bettina finished her degree in communication studies while working at the University of Montana in 1994.

Bettina married Douglas L. Delaney and moved to Seattle in 1956, and later to Baumholder, Germany before returning to Missoula. They were later divorced. In 1984, she wed Robert F. "Bob" Burke and together they combined a family of eight children, and now have 12 grandchildren.



man, Piega and Bruce Johnson of Kirkland, Wash., Trevor Delaney of Kirkland, Perri

Delaney of Bozeman,
Dan Burke of Florence,
Mike Burke and Trudy of
Helena, and Tim Burke
of Atlanta. She is also
survived by her brothers, Dan Stohr and Marian of Boise, Idaho, and
Penn Stohr and Sylvia of
Tigard, Ore.; a brother-inlaw, Jack Burke of Butte;
and 12 grandchildren who
love their Nana Tina very
much; and numerous
nieces and nephews.

Bettina was preceded in death by her father, W. Penn Stohr Sr.; her mother, Alma Stohr Samsel; her twin sister, Barbara Stohr; her stepfather, William K. Samsel; her stepson, Robert F. "Bob" Burke Jr.; and a sister-inlaw, Nancy M. Burke.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Missoula, or to the University of Montana Foundation, Brantly Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

Private services were held for Bettina at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, but a celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17 at her beloved Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 130 S. Sixth St. E., in Missoula.

Bettina and Bob enjoyed traveling and spending time in the outdoors. They took many RV trips and loved to ski and hike. Bettina was an avid runner for much of her life. She was regularly seen in 5 and 10K races around the Missoula area and her favorite, the annual Bank Run in Sheridan. Racing her grandkids to the "M" on Mount Sentinel was a favorite tradition whenever they would visit. Bettina was also a life member of the University of Montana Alumni Association Chapter A.M. of P.E.O., where she served in several offices including a term as president. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and the Montana Athletic Club of Bigfork.

Bettina is survived by her loving husband, Bob; her adoring kids, Tyler and Jody Delaney of Boze-

Bettina was an inspiration and brought joy to all those who knew her.

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

James 'Jimmy' F. Burke Jr., 48

James F. Burke Jr. of Kalispell "went to be with his Lord" on December 7, 2014.

"Jimmy" was born March 18, 1966, in Glen Dale, West Virginia. Jimmy and his family moved to Montana in 1971 and he graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1985.

Jimmy treasured his family and was the beloved son to Ruth and James Burke (now deceased). He was a wonderful brother to Trent (deceased), Clint, Becky and Shannon. His greatest joy came from being the favorite uncle to Candice, Katie, Meghan. Nichole, Jacob, Brent. Miranda, Gavin, Camryn, Tate, Payton, Kaycee and Glenna. His happiness only increased with the arrival of his great-nieces and -nephews, Gwen, Phelan, Elijah, Heydan, Addilynn, Rielynn and Jaxson. Jimmy is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. His family was all very important to him, including his extended family Russ and Angie Olson and their children.

Jimmy loved the great outdoors and spent spare time fishing and hunting. He enjoyed time spent building things with his

Leisure pursuits for Paul down through the years included jet skiing, weightlifting, riding his ATV, hiking, fishing and camping. He further enjoyed watching college football, especially the University of Montana Grizzlies and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

His Irish heritage, and all that the culture and island of Ireland signified, were an inspiration to him.

Paul married the love of his life, Rachel Fagan of Whitefish, on a beautiful June day in 2003. Paul's best friend Russ Olson.

Jimmy was a gifted craftsman and mechanic. He enjoyed being a "grease monkey" and working with anything mechanical. Jimmy enjoyed working and tinkering on projects and constantly challenged himself to learn new skills, technologies and various other interests.

Jimmy's impish sense of humor brightened the lives of families and friends. He always made time to help those in need and was a kind-hearted friend and neighbor. He enjoyed time spent reading the Bible and learning more about his Lord and Savior. Jimmy also enjoyed relaxing and watching movies. He was a huge fan of NASCAR and "Duck Dynasty."

Viewing will be between 9 and 10 a.m. with a funeral service at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, officiated by Pastor Matt Nelson. Graveside services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, with a luncheon at the Our Redeemer Church.

"Beloved son, brother, uncle and friend, we will always carry your memory in our hearts."

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Missoula. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispe 1. Mass will be celebrate 1 at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at St. Ma thew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Inurnment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell, with luncheon to follow at St. Matthew's Parish Center.

"Son, brother, husband and father. Paul was the epitome of all four."

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Paul's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and

Paul Burke, 43

Paul Burke, 43, passed away on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, in Kalispell.

He was born in Missoula on a hot Sept. 8, 1971. He was raised and attended school in Missoula at Prescott Elementary, Rattlesnake Middle School and Hellgate High School.

In grade school he participated in Cub Scouts, Little Guy wrestling, YMCA soccer and Little Grizzly football. In high school he participated in basketball and football. He gained all-conference honors as a junior defensive end and as a senior fullback. Upon graduation from Hellgate High School, he accepted a scholarship offer to play football at Jamestown College in North Dakota, His football dream was cut short by a back injury during his sophomore year.

He then attended North Idaho College, graduating with a degree in criminology. Thus began a 19-year career in law enforcement. First, a short stint with the Coeur d' Alene City Police, followed by several years as a trooper with the Idaho State Police, culminating with the Flathead County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy and deputy coroner. In 2013 Paul decided to embark on a new career path; leaving law enforcement behind, he went back to college. He was pursuing a degree in accounting through Montana State University at Billings. He was continuing this endeavor at

To say that Paul enjoyed hunting as an avocation is an understatement. He lived to hunt. Paul bagged his share of elk, too many deer for anyone to remember, a buffalo, two cougars, three black bears, several prong-horned antelope, and most significantly, a magnificent Alaskan caribou.

the time of his death.



He enjoyed playing pickup games and the teaching of football, basketball and baseball to his son, the

result of which is a son with exceptional athletic ability, which made Paul very proud. His daughters were the apples of his eye. Another understatement is that his girls had their daddy wrapped around their collective little fingers. Paul never denied this, in fact he reveled in it.

Paul was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Don and Laura Teague; paternal grandparents, James and Marie Burke; Aunt LaVerne Strodtbeck; and Uncle Jim Burke.

He is survived by the love of his life, Rachel Burke; son Trevor, and daughters, Lauryn, Hailey and Kendal, ages 10 down through 3, residing at the family home in Kalispell; stepson, Alex Case of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho; mother, Christine Teague of Dickinson, North Dakota; father, Michael Burke of Missoula; sister, Erin Krause, and her children. Connor, Katie and Adrian, of Dickinson; aunts and uncles, Dennis and Debbie Burke of Mesa, Arizona, Ray and Jean Burke of Spokane, Donna Burke of Spokane, Andy and Kathy Teague of Seeley Lake, and Laurie Teague of Missoula. He is also survived by numerous cousins scattered across the west, many with whom he maintained a close relationship down through the years.



Wendlen 'Burke' Burckhard, 99

Wendlen "Burke" Burckhard, 99, died at The HealthCenter in Kalispell Oct. 6, 2014. A private service will be held for friends and family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Karon Emma Quist Burningham, 82

Karon Emma Quist Burningham, 82, peacefully passed away Dec. 29, 2014, in Kalispell, after a four-month battle with cancer.

We are grateful for the kind, compassionate care she received during her final days at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Brendan House.

Karon was born Feb. 4, 1932, in Salt Lake City to parents Oscar William Quist and Gladys Peart Woodbury, who preceded her in death.

She was sealed and married to her eternal companion Richard Burningham March 21, 1958, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Karon grew up in Salt Lake City (Holladay) going to school with her childhood sweetheart. She received education at Granite High School, Henagers, and LDS Business School.

Karon worked hard all her life, starting on her father's tomato farm, and delivering newspapers in Salt Lake City.

She delighted in raising five children, and loved watching them grow, helping all she came in contact with. She moved with her family to Kalispell in 1973. Karon had always given service to PTA, 4-H and the Flathead Genealogical Society. Hobbies and interests were family history, knitting and reading.

Karon was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, serving as Relief Society president, primary, young women helper, family history director, and with temple service missions to Sweden, Toronto, Ontario, and New York City.



Karon enjoyed family gatherings, celebrating special occasions, commu-

nity activities, visiting old friends and historical sites and learning about this wonderful world she lived on.

Karon is survived by husband, Richard Burningham; children, David R. Burningham of Helena, Steven K. Burningham and wife Valerie of Polson, Renae Hyer of Helena. Eileen and husband Rob Bartlett of Mesa, Arizona, and Mark Burningham and wife Misun of Salt Lake City; brothers and sisters, William, Alfred and Michael Quist, and Anne Stowel; grandchildren, Kelly, Amy, Mclaen, Crystal, Celeste and Tyson Burningham, Christopher and Michael Hyer, Halley, Savannah, and Mallory Bartlett, and Seokhee and Younhee Burningham; and great-grandchildren, Ava Rae and Guiliana Lucille Strainer and Zeleta Ann Page

A viewing will be held at noon Friday, Jan. 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel on Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. A funeral will follow at 1 p.m. Interment will follow Monday, Jan. 5, at Elysian Gardens Cemetery in Salt Lake City.

In lieu of flowers, please support your favorite charity, church or other good cause. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Karon's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and sign Karon's guest book.

Debora Burrell, 61

Debora Burrell, 61, of Polson died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Shawn Trent Burress, 52

Shawn Trent Burress died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by two daughters, Amanda Cherie Cook of Naples, Florida, and RaeAnna Marie Berger of Whitefish. Services will be held

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 1, at Kalispell Adventist Church at 1375 U.S. 93 North, Kalispell.

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Columbia Falls.

April 25, 1957, to Alvin

Rowe in Billings.

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Veronica was the

immediately following at

view chapel on Middle Road, with interment the Fairview Cemetery

DeVera and his children of Kalispell. Jody is also Mary Levitt and Lon, all and Prestin, and James Jim Rowe of Great Fall and Sam Rowe and Phy Kalispell. Jody is also survived by brothers, Conklin and Kim, and is, and sisters, Susan their children Kyann Rilee and Ryder, all enjoyed having her grand-daughters for sleepovers, of her grandchildren. She each grandchild was preand the time spent with with the arrival of each Jody was preceded cious to her.

tling in Kalispell to be near her sons and grand-Jody worked her whole ife in retail and food seradult life, taking her to Shelby, Missoula and Stevensville before setworker, always counted vice. She was a tireless her wandering in her children.

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A memorial service

Terry Hopkins.

and sister, Carol Hagen

Jody is survived by

Jody had a love of life

death by her parents;

She passed away Monheavy equipment opera-tor building highways, living in Custer, Roundfollowed Bud's job as a years traveling around Montana as the family Jody spent her early day, Oct. 27, 2014, in Kalispell Ovando.

Ruth A. Bushby, 85

On the morning of April 10, 2014, Ruth Bushby died of natural causes at her home with family at her side.

She was born Ruth Arline Powell in Vermillion, S.D., Aug. 13, 1928.

Ruth married William Bushby in 1949. They farmed in Iowa until settling in Montana with their young family in

Her primary profession was as a homemaker. She also worked as a Flathead County election judge for 25 years. Other employers include Bob and Marianne's Farm Market and Street Tax Service. Ruth was a member of Birch Grove Willing Workers for 45 years. She attended New Covenant Church.

She loved unconditionally and lived without judgment of others. Often she would comment, "Hate the sin but love the sinner.'

Reading and doing crossword and sudoku puzzles were common choices for relaxation. She also enjoyed garden-

ing, going to the gym and walking. At age 85 she still insisted on mowing



the lawn. She would say, "It might take me longer than it used to but I'm going to get it done.'

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, infant grandson Jeraemy, and seven of her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her sister, Wilma Jones, of Kalispell; daughters, Brenda Carper of Whitefish, Helen Tyree of Kalispell, and Mae Fulmer of Arlington, Wash.; and son, Fred Bushby, also of Arlington. Survivors include her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She leaves behind many cherished friends.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, at New Covenant Church on Birch Grove Road in

Kalispell.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell MT 59901.

Barbara J. Busch, 84

Barbara J. Busch. 84. died at Heritage Place on Oct. 10, 2014.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20 at C.E.

Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Priscilla Bushaw, 96

Priscilla Bushaw, 96, passed away on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her two sisters, Viola and Jeanette; two children, son Gary Bushaw and Mary Ann, and daughter Maureen Taylor and George; six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

William Jay Buzzell Sr., 77

William Jay Buzzell Sr., 77, "left this world to be with our heavenly Father" on Aug. 5, 2014, after a long battle with renal failure and cancer.

He was preceded in death by the untimely passing of his wife, Loretta; father, Curtis; mother, Martha; and his brothers, Arthur and Keith.

He is survived by his sisters, Joyce and Walt Jensen, and Luann Copeland; brother, DeWayne Buzzell, and Janice; daughter, Bonnie Buzzell; sons, Randall Buzzell, and Bill Buzzell and Colleen: grandchildren, Ryan Zimmerman and Krissy; Alina Jones and Jason, Will and Jacque, Russ, Jordan and Shalae, Kendra and R.J. great-granddaughter. Maddie; great-grandsons, Peyton and Ryker; and three expected greatgrandchildren.

While steadfastly claiming that he was not a religious man, he professed that he did believe in God, his faithfulness, truth and the gift of Jesus

Christ. As was the case with his father, Curtis, his favorite scripture was John 3:16.

Throughout his life he demonstrated that he was a true believer in second chances, frequently noting that he had received more than his share. His passing has left us all at a loss for words. He was a complex and hardworking man with a soft side that he did not like to show to the world. Despite the lack of words and outward signs of affection, we know that he loved each of us in his own way and in our own way each of us loved and respected him.

In his last days he loved to reminisce about life with his wife, Loretta, his many relatives and friends, and the things his children did to speed up his aging process.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman; www.dokkennelson. com.

Debra Byers, 60

Debra Byers, 60, died April 26, 2014, at her residence in Martin City.

She is survived by her husband, Denny; and children, Renata and Keeley. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Lietz Memorial Fire Hall in Martin City.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Blaine Byington, 86

Blaine Byington, 86, of Columbia Falls died Jan. 6, 2014.

He is survived by his wife Leona; and children, Judyth Derbidge, Craig Byington, Dart Byington, and Tori Byington. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the LDS church, 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Erwin C. Byrnes, 85

Erwin C. Byrnes, 85, died Monday, March 17, 2014, at the family residence in Missoula.

Local survivors include his daughter, Laura Zantoe, of Marion.

A celebration of life will cremation services.

be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Doubletree Edgewater in Missoula.

Brothers Mortuary and Crematory in Hamilton is assisting the family with cremation services

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Michael Brzoznowski

A private graveside memorial service for Michael Brzoznowski, 52,

who died March 30, will be held on Sunday, July 27 at Whitefish Cemetery.