

### Clara Dorothy Bohn, 95

Clara Dorothy Bohn, 95, died at St. Luke Extended Care Facility on Tuesday, April 29, 2015. No services are planned at this time. The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Anthony 'Tony' Bolken, 48

Anthony "Tony" Bolken, 48, died at home in Whitefish on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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### Anthony F. 'Tony' Bolken, 48

Anthony "Tony" Forest Bolken passed away at the age of 48 on Dec. 28, 2015, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. He was surrounded by loved ones at his residence in Whitefish.



Tony was born in Springfield, Oregon, on Jan. 31, 1967. He received his education at Watford City High School in Watford City, North Dakota, and graduated in 1986.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 14 years, Annie Hedrick Bolken. Other survivors include his mother, Sue Bolken, of Whitefish; his siblings, Sue Ann Bolken and Paul Kjell Bolken, both of Whitefish, and Synnove Bolken Fitzpatrick, of Puyallup, Washington. Tony's stepsons include Robert W. Hedrick and family, of Independence, Missouri, as well as Bryan G. Hedrick and family, of Eudora, Kansas. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Alexius, Alexandria, Mikayla and Brantley Hedrick. Tony's extended family also includes several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Bolken, who passed away in August of 2010.

Tony was a caring man with a good heart who loved helping other people. He was a true gentleman who was respectful to everyone and thought the world of his wife, Annie.

Tony loved building things and was employed by High Country Builders. His talent in craftsmanship earned him several awards, particularly for his work constructing multi-million dollar houses. Tony was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed going camping, four-wheeling, fishing and hunting with Annie and their dogs. He also loved working up in the Sweetgrass Hills with his Uncle Chuck and Aunt Sally.

There will be a memorial service for Anthony at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church at 400 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Bolken family.

### John R. Bolles Sr., 65

John R. Bolles Sr., 65, "left his home in West Glacier for his home in heaven" on Nov. 29, 2015.

Born on Sept. 26, 1950, at the Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles, he was the second child, and only son, of Clifford and Jane Bolles.



for hobbies until he retired and sold his business in 2000, but he always took time to hunt and

work on projects with his family.

John grew up in Southern California spending his childhood enjoying time with his dad and Uncle John, delivering the paper and making memories with friends. His teen years were spent working alongside his dad in the family business, Azuza Towel Supply, fixing and racing cars and motorcycles, playing music (drums and guitar) as well as playing sports — again making many memories he cherished and proudly shared throughout his adult life.

Upon retirement, he fished, continued to hunt, worked on his '56 Chevy, dabbled in oil painting and experienced great joy working alongside many of his children harvesting hay on the homestead.

John accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1975. He faithfully studied his Bible and sought a relationship with the Lord. Over the years, he taught Bible studies and lead worship, and shared the Gospel at every opportunity.

John was preceded in death by his dad Clifford Bolles, and in-laws James and Mildred Wolfe.

John was the grandson of West Glacier homesteaders, John and Mary Sloan. He grew up with stories of the homestead, visits from Montana relatives, and traveling to West Glacier as a kid. From the time he could remember, the homestead was where he wanted to be. In 1968 his family sold the laundry business and moved to the mountains, following John who chose to leave the city behind and made the trek from Los Angeles to West Glacier alone. As a young man, John learned to hunt on the family homestead with Uncle Tom, enjoyed getting to know his cousins, honed his mechanic skills and met the girl next door, Elizabeth Wolfe, whom he would love and cherish until parted by death.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 43 years, Elizabeth; five children and their spouses, Carla and Clark Martin of West Glacier, John Bolles Jr. of West Glacier, Emily and Paul Olsen of Augusta, Myra and Ben McCrorie of West Glacier, and Michael and Jessie Bolles of Fairfield. John Sr. is also survived by grandchildren, Jack, Charlie and Madeline Martin, Ezra, Ruth and Silas Olsen, Dominic Bolles, and Iven McCrorie; as well as his mother, Jane Bolles, of West Glacier, and sister, Dian Haines, of Kalispell.

John and Elizabeth married Aug. 1, 1972. From this union came five children. He provided for his family by owning and operating a towing business as well John's Auto Service in Coram. He didn't have much time

A celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Hungry Horse Chapel. There will be a visitation for John from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 3, at Columbia Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Lion Hill Baptist Church's AWANA youth program.

**John Bongiani, 88**

John Bongiani, 88, passed away on May 6, 2015, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

John was born in Laurel on Feb. 26, 1927. He was the sixth of nine children born to Primo and Lucy Bongiani. He grew up near Park City, where he worked hard on the family farm as well as for neighbors. He attended a country grade school and then went on to graduate from Park City High School in 1944.

After graduating high school, John joined the U.S. Navy, serving at the U.S. Navy Ammunition Depot in Nevada. After an honorable discharge in 1946, John worked for several years at lumber mills by Seeley Lake and near Lincoln. He also spent time working for the Northern Pacific Railroad.

John married Alice Caricaburu on Oct. 2, 1954, in Glasgow. He and Alice were married for 57 years.

John joined the Billings Fire Department in 1955. He served on the fire department for 26 years, retiring as captain in 1981. He was drawn to the career by his desire to serve the community in a meaningful way. He was always eager to host the school children who visited the fire station. One of his favorite charity events was the Toys for Tots drive held annually by the firefighters.

John enjoyed the camaraderie on the fire department, spending much of his off-work time hunting and fishing with his fellow firefighters and other friends. He was also an avid reader of history and biographies. With a naturally curious mind, he was one of those few individuals who could complete the Sunday crossword puzzle in the New York Times.

John and Alice moved to Bigfork in 1986 to spend their retirement years. After vacationing in the Flathead Valley for many years, they decided to make Bigfork their home, where they enjoyed the mountains and natural beauty of the area.



John was devout in his faith, serving alongside his wife at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Even in his later years, John served

regularly as an usher at Saturday Mass.

John was a master at carpentry and do-it-yourself projects. In his patient way, he spent many hours helping friends and neighbors with a variety of construction projects. He also enjoyed gardening and working outdoors. He was still mowing his own lawn and shoveling snow when he was in his late 80s.

John and Alice also enjoyed traveling together. They toured much of the U.S., Western Canada and Europe. They especially enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren.

John was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his son Perry Bongiani, daughter-in-law Ann Bongiani, and grandchildren, Tyler and Lauren Bongiani, all in the Seattle area. He's also survived by two sisters, Jean Watson and Alma Hedges, both in Laurel; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; his parents; his brothers, Paul, Tony and Leo; and his sisters, Erma Boyce, Prina Carlson and Mary Mogan.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 15, at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Memorials can be made to the church at P.O. Box 277, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

**Sheryle Lynn Boppre, 49**

Sheryle Lynn Boppre passed away Jan. 30, 2015. Sheryle was born Jan. 1, 1966, the first baby in North Dakota that year. She was the daughter of Pat and Gene Hoff.

She is survived by her husband, James; her daughter, Amanda, and Robert Stephens, of Kalispell, a sister, Julie, and David Demke; and brothers, Fred and Dustie Hoff, Larry and Lana Hoff, Bob Hoff, and Wes Hoff; several nieces and nephews; and the light of her life, her grandsons, JJ and Cody.

Sheryle was an adventurer. She loved the outdoors; whether it be summer or winter, she was doing something. She spent the beginning of her life with her hus-



band doing anything and everything, and the last three years packing as much fun as she

could in with her two grandsons. Sheryle and Jim spent the last 20 years caretaking a ranch, which has allowed her to be doing what she loved — being outside.

Sheryle was an organ donor, so her life will live on in the others that she helped.

The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

**Kathleen H. Born, 54**

Kathleen H. Born, 54, died Thursday, June 4, 2015, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband Scott and son Spencer at the family

home.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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



**Virginia Bonnett, 77**

Virginia Bonnett, 77, died Sept. 7, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by a

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

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**Donald Everett Bosshardt, 80**

Donald Everett Bosshardt M.D., 80, beloved husband, father, papa, brother and doctor, "has gone to be with God." He died Aug. 13, 2015, after a long and hard fought battle with leukemia.

He was a gentle and giving Christian man and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, and Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He touched many lives personally and professionally and will be greatly missed.

Donald was born in Ogden, Utah, in 1934 and grew up in Ontario, California. As a teenager, he spent summers at the family cabin on Flathead Lake and fell in love with Montana.

He met Mary Lou in San Francisco while attending medical school and, upon completion of training as a general practitioner, they moved to Montana. He served patients in Glendive, Choteau, Great Falls, Whitefish and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was a compassionate and respected physician and after retirement spent winters in Las Cruces, serving at a clinic for the underserved.

Besides his passion for family and medicine, he loved the outdoors and



enjoyed hunting, hiking, horseback riding, bird watching and, especially, fishing. He

was proud to have introduced fishing to his seven grandchildren and they caught their first fish with him.

Donald is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Lou; son James and Carrie Bosshardt, Josh and Jesse; son Thomas and Louise Bosshardt, Anthony, Matthew and Elaina; daughter Rachel and Tim Lafser, Trevor and Tyler; brother Lowell and Linda Bosshardt; sister Shawna and Doyle Lyman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Don's request cremation has taken place and a private family goodbye service has been held. A celebration and remembrance service for family and friends will be held next summer on Flathead Lake at a date to be announced.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

**Warren L. Bowman, 76**

Warren L. Bowman, 76, of Columbia Falls, died Aug. 11, 2015, in Kalispell. Services are pending in

California. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

**Andrew William Bowman, 30**

Andrew William Bowman was born Jan. 29, 1985, in Walnut Creek, California.

He passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 5, 2015, in Kalispell.

Andrew began life in sunny California, attending school there before moving to Montana in 1995. Majoring in recess and jungle gym climbing, he enjoyed school but not nearly as much as he enjoyed making friends. Attending both Columbia Falls and Whitefish High schools, Andrew left school and earned his GED in 2003.

Andrew was a "jack of all trades," lending his talents to various businesses in the Flathead Valley with concrete work, janitorial skills and his ample abilities in the kitchen.

His heart opened up a little more the first time he rode a bicycle. He would spend hours riding everywhere his bike would take him. Feeling the wind rush by him gave him a sense of peace unequalled by mere walking. Andrew loved the outdoors, spending many hours fishing, hiking and stargazing up at the stars.

In 2003, he met the woman that would become his wife, Sarah Oxford. Together they made two more people for him to love — sons Atreyu William Jefferson Bowman, born July 2007, followed by Arrol Trenton Geoffrey Bowman, born June 2009. Andrew and Sarah had many wonderful years together. Their close friendship continued long after their romantic relationship ended. Andrew loved every moment spent with his sons, whether it was bike riding together,



climbing rocks, fishing, reading to them, wrestling, getting dirty in the mud or

singing them to sleep.

Andrew's friends were as close as family to him. You could talk with Andrew for hours and feel as if it were only moments. He had the most forgiving soul, seeing the good in others when they could not always see it in themselves. He will be missed by everyone privileged enough to call him a friend.

Surviving family members include his former wife, Sarah Oxford, and their children, Atreyu and Arrol Bowman, of Kalispell; brother, Michael Bowman, his wife, Brittany, and their children, Trinity, Kiri, Isabella, Hayden and Amelia, of Kalispell; father, Craig Bowman, of Roseburg, Oregon; mother, Patricia Russell, and her husband, Christopher Russell, of Bullhead City, Arizona; step-mother, Kathy Reynolds, of Vallejo, California; grandmother, Millie Bowman, of Oakdale, California; grandmother, Martha French, of Manteca, California; his non-biological family, Jefferson, Michelle and Brittany Oxford of Kalispell, and Mercedes (Oxford) Kemp and her husband Adam Kemp of Helena; as well as innumerable friends and loved ones he considered family.

He was preceded in death by grandfathers, Garry Bowman and Jimmy French; and friends, Trenton Thornton and Brandon Lingle.

# 'The only one that made it out'

Search continues for Marion couple after mountain plane crash

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — With her step-grandparents dead or dying in the burning wreckage of their small plane, 16-year-old Autumn Veatch needed to somehow find her way off the remote, thickly forested Washington state mountainside where they crashed Saturday afternoon.

Bruised by the impact, singed by the fire, fearing an explosion and knowing she couldn't help Leland and Sharon Bowman of Marion, Montana, the girl did what she could: She headed down the steep slope, following a creek to a river.

She spent a night on a sand bar, where she felt safer.

She drank small amounts of the flowing water, but worried she might get sick if she drank more.

She followed the river to a trail and the trail to a highway. Two men driving by stopped and picked her up Monday afternoon, bringing her — about two full days after the crash — to the safety of a general store in Mazza-

ma, a tiny town in north-central Washington near the east entrance of North Cascades National Park.

"We crashed, and I was the only one that made it out," she told a 911 operator after a store employee called for her. "I have a lot of burns on my hands and I'm kind



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of covered in bruises and scratches and stuff."

As authorities continued searching for the plane's wreckage Tuesday, aided by clues Veatch provided, they also marveled at the sheer will of a teenager who managed to survive — and to later joke from her hospital bed about how it was a good thing her dad made her watch the television show "Survivor."

"She's got an amazing story, and I hope she gets to tell it soon," said Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers, who had interviewed Veatch and relayed details of her

ordeal to The Associated Press. "It's pretty impressive when you talk to her."

According to Rogers, the Beech A-35 plane was flying over north-central Washington on its way from Kalispell to Lynden, Washington, when it entered a cloud bank.

Then the clouds suddenly parted, and from her seat behind the cockpit, Veatch could see the mountain and trees ahead. Her step-grandfather, Leland Bowman was piloting with his wife, Sharon, by his side. He tried to pull up — to no avail.

They struck the trees

and the plane plummeted to the ground and caught fire.

"When they came out of the clouds, she said it was obvious they were too low," Rogers said. "They crashed right into the trees and hit the ground. She tried to do what she could to help her grandparents, but she couldn't because of the fire."

Veatch had no life-threatening injuries but was dehydrated and suffering from a treatable muscle tissue breakdown caused by vigorous exercise without food or water, said Scott Graham, CEO of Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster. She

and it's going to be

stayed at the hospital overnight and was expected to be released Tuesday.

"It's a miracle, no question about it," Lt. Col. Jeffrey Lustick of the Civil Air Patrol told reporters, saying he has spent 30 years in search and rescue. "Moments of joy like this can be hard to find."

Lustick said even with the clues Veatch provided, finding the wreckage and getting to it remains a daunting challenge — especially considering that the plane may have broken apart and now be hidden under the thick tree canopy.

"It's a really steep mountain, and it's going to be

difficult to spot," he said. "This is a place where it was difficult for her to come down, but it's going to be even tougher going up. This isn't the kind of place where you can just go in by foot."

Veatch's father, David Veatch of Bellingham, told reporters outside the hospital late Monday that his daughter was exhausted but doing remarkably well. She was able to joke with him about the survival shows they watched together on television, he said.

"She's just an amazing kid," David Veatch said. "There's more to her than she knows."

Newton Goss, 16,

Autumn Veatch's boyfriend, said he and his mother were supposed to pick her up from the airport Saturday. He and Autumn were texting back and forth when his final text to her failed to go through, he said.

Later, he heard about the missing plane and his heart dropped.

"I had all the hope in the world that she was going to make it out fine," he said.

Goss said he has spoken to Autumn several times since her ordeal.

"She sounds just like she always sounded," he said. "She has good spirits and everything."



# Authorities can't identify crash victims

SEATTLE (AP) — The two people who died in a small plane crash that prompted a teenage survivor to hike to safety from a rugged Washington state mountainside were killed "instantaneously or quick" and were burned beyond recognition, a deputy coroner said Thursday.

Autumn Veatch, 16, has said her step-grandparents, Leland and Sharon Bowman of Marion, Montana, were with her on the plane.

"But there was fire involved," Skagit County Deputy Coroner Matthew Sias said, "so that has hampered us from making an identification."

Officials will use dental records to confirm the identities, which could take about a week, Sias said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

The cause of death was "blunt trauma," he said, adding "the injuries we found were consistent with them perishing very quickly."

A National Transportation Safety Board team was expected to arrive

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Thursday at the north-central Washington state site to investigate.

Veatch returned home to Bellingham late Tuesday.

It took her about two days to find help after the weekend crash that left her bruised and singed.

She had to make her way down a steep slope and follow a creek to a river. She spent a night on a sand bar and sipped small amounts of water.

She followed the river to a trail, and the trail to a highway where two men driving by stopped and picked her up Monday afternoon, bringing her to a general store in tiny Mazama, near the east entrance of North Cascades National Park.

Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers has said she and her relatives were flying a Beechcraft A-35 from Kalispell, Montana, to Lynden, Washington, when it struck the trees, plummeted to the ground and caught fire.

## Lyle Gene Bowerman, 80

Lyle Gene Bowerman, 80, of Polson, passed away on July 26, 2015. Lyle was born in Hot Springs on March 9, 1935, to Walter and Sylvia (Baxter) Bowerman.



Case; his parents, Walt and Sylvia Bowerman; his brother,

Perry Bowerman and many aunts and uncles.

He was raised in Hot Springs and lived there until graduating from high school in 1954. He then joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego, California. After his discharge, he married Bonnie Hingley. They moved to the Washington coast and had three daughters. He lived in Washington for many years where he ran his own machine shop.

In 1975, his love of Montana brought him and his family back to Hot Springs. He then moved to Superior to work in the mill. He met and married Teresa Case. After a few years they moved to Ranchester, Wyoming, where he worked at a coal mine. He remained in Ranchester until June of 2014 when he moved to Polson.

Lyle had a love of the outdoors. He loved to fish and hunt. He had many memories of fishing with his uncles, especially his uncle Chuck.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Teresa

Case; his parents, Walt and Sylvia Bowerman; his brother, Perry Bowerman and many aunts and uncles. He is survived by three daughters, Rhonda Bowerman and Leo, Kris Morigeau and Craig and Carlene Grant and Jay; two stepdaughters, Kerri Holling and Jodi Bentley; grandchildren, Josh, Jeremy, Joe, Seth, Trey, Mayce and Jae Kristie; great-granddaughter Emi-mae; stepgrandchildren, Colton, Shelby, Hunter and Chandler and his aunt Lila, his cousin Randy and many other cousins and his sister-in-law Vera.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Loneline Cemetery (Murray Memorial) in Loneline. There will be a luncheon following the service at Vera Bowerman's home.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Emogene 'Gene' Boslaugh, 92

Emogene "Gene" Boslaugh, 92, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Services will be at 11

a.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

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## Gail Mercelle Boveng, 79

Gail Mercelle Boveng "completed her final chapter of life" Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, surrounded by family and friends.

Gail had a radiant smile that lit up like sunshine. When she flashed it, spirits soared.

She was born in Rugby, North Dakota, on June 21, 1935, to Alma and Sigurd Torgerson. She grew up with two wonderful sisters, Bonnie and Karen, in McVile, North Dakota, and graduated from high school there. She furthered her education at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where she graduated with an associate's degree.

In 1955, she came to Kalispell and went to work for the superintendent of schools, Del P. Langbell, using her well-honed clerical abilities. Here she fell in with an adventurous group who dated, skied and hiked all over the valley and Glacier Park. Many of those became lifelong friends, but out of that vibrant scene was one Norwegian kid she chose to make a long ski run with.

So it was she married Oystein Boveng that summer of '57. Together they made a perfect picture and raised a family. First came Peter, in 1958. Two years later they packed their bags and the young family moved to Norway. Gail fit right in, quickly learning the language and dressing her little boy in her hand-knit Norwegian sweaters. They spent weekends visiting family and places of Oystein's childhood, as well as her own relatives and the farms of her ancestors.



she still had admirers in former staff members who had worked for her. Accounts of the impact

she had on people's lives gave her a great deal of satisfaction and pride.

After tending to kids, keeping house and working a full-time job, she still had some time left over, so she devoted herself to several causes in which she strongly believed. She was a member of the committee that orchestrated the unification of three Lutheran Church branches into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Locally, she was a key member of the group that founded Northridge Lutheran Church, where she and Oystein gave their support and found fellowship until the end of their days. In the 1980s, she worked to establish Hospice care in the Flathead Valley, and later she devoted much energy expressing her opposition to the death penalty.

Gail had lots of friendships that lasted a lifetime. One group of girls she gathered with started the infamous Sewing Club more than 50 years ago and still meets monthly today. She had numerous hiking groups over the years and skied with another group of friends until very recently. At around 70 years of age, she donned a climbing harness and went rock climbing and also scrambled to the top of Mount Reynolds in Glacier Park, sort of a lifelong dream. To say that Gail was active in the outdoors is quite an understatement.

## Kathleen Mills Bowne, 68

Kathleen Mills Bowne, 68, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Louis Bowne; and daughters, Louise

Bowne and Emily Sell.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

On their return to the U.S., a son Arne was born in 1962, and two years later she got the girl she wanted, in Kirsten. Now she had her flock in order and set about becoming the "World's Greatest Mom." She hauled them all up to Big Mountain on weekends and helped teach them Oystein's native sport. She helped launch the Kalispell Ski Club in 1959 and raced through the gates once in awhile, too. Not bad for a flatlander from Dakota!

Satisfied her children had their training wheels off, she went back to work, first at Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1976 as dietary manager and later, in 1989, she became the first director of the Buffalo Hill Terrace, independent and assisted living center. For 22 years she served Immanuel Corporation, beloved by her employees, residents and superiors alike, retiring at the end of 1998.

How fitting it was, as she entered her last stage as a resident herself of Buffalo Hill Terrace, that

Gail was preceded in death by her sister Karen and her beloved husband Oystein.

She is survived by her sister, Bonnie Olsgaard, and husband Orin, of Missoula; three children, Peter and wife Lisa of Seattle, Arne and wife April of Kalispell, and Kirsten Purdy and husband Jim of Seattle; grandchildren, Nicole Randall and husband James, Karl, Sydney, Hanne, Maia Purdy and Lars Purdy; and great-grandson, Orry Randall; as well as her cherished nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation (<http://www.alzinfo.org>), the Samaritan House, or Northridge Lutheran Church.

A service and afternoon luncheon in celebration of Gail's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, at Northridge Lutheran Church.

## Terri Daun O'Neal Boyd, 55

Terri Daun O'Neal Boyd, an "angel" placed on Earth to offer love and support, and affirm God's love for us, passed away in her home on Dec. 1, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Throughout her journey, she never complained or felt sorry for herself. She always had a smile on her face and a sparkle in her eye — a beautiful soul inside and out. Terri was an inspiration to everyone she met. She was caring, generous and loving. She devoted herself to always finding the good in people and to helping others in need.

Terri was the third daughter born to Boise and Norma Jean O'Neal on June 15, 1960, in Whitefish. Terri graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1978. The day after her high school graduation she and a friend jumped on a motorcycle and drove to Phoenix to be near her mother and maternal grandparents, Matthew and Frieda Schritter.

She met and married the love of her life, Randy Boyd, in Phoenix, in 1984. Randy and Terri had a love of humanity. Together they were "Prayer Warriors," serving at the Church of Spiritual Awareness and ministering to patients at local hospitals. Terri served at Randy's side to perform weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Terri was a successful, ambitious, insurance businesswoman. She made a significant impact in the insurance business. She enjoyed the industry and worked her way to the top, becoming a chief operating officer of a major insurance company. She was dedicated to her employees and co-workers, whom she treated like family. With her positive professional manner, Terri was a respected businesswoman, admired by her peers, and loved by many. She was also featured in the Arizona Business Woman magazine.



She adored her nieces and nephews and they were her "children." She was also like

a mother to her dear friend, Adam Dizes. She had a strong love for animals and had three cats, which fascinated her and comforted her until her last moments. She grew up in and always loved Montana. She and her husband Randy made it a priority to come home to Montana and enjoy her beautiful home state and family.

Terri was also very active in the community in Arizona to helping those less fortunate. She started an annual Christmas Eve blanket drive for the homeless. One year several vehicles were full to the roof with blankets for the less fortunate. She was also involved in the Ronald McDonald House charity for ill children and their families. She once won a fundraiser drawing for a large sum of cash, and instead of keeping it, she donated every penny back to the cause.

Terri is survived by her husband, Randy Boyd, of Phoenix; her sister, Rita Blades, and her husband, Rick Blades, of Kalispell; sister, Becky O'Neal, of Arizona; nieces, Heidi Gabert and Keiven Gilham; and nephews, Boise Gabert and Ramon Molina; as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Boise O'Neal, and her mother, Norma Jean O'Neal.

Her family and friends were her life. She always managed time for work and play. Terri loved to travel. She traveled to Scotland, England, the Bahamas and especially loved Kauai, Hawaii. Terri wrote in her travel journal she made in Kauai, to always live "here and now," enjoying every moment of every day.

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## B. Colleen Braillard, 83

B. Colleen Braillard passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 4, 2015, with her loving husband by her side.

Colleen was born March 26, 1932, in Twisp, Washington, to Ruby and Boyd Eiffert. She attended school there until her marriage to Jack Cramer. She was active in the Catholic Church and served her family there.

After Jack's death, she married Larry Braillard and made a home in Snohomish, Washington, and then Coupeville, Washington, on Whidbey Island, and after his retirement moved to Swan Lake and built her dream home with a beautiful view of the lake. She suffered a stroke, leaving her with left-sided weakness in 2009.

She is survived by one sister, Lynn Bates,

and husband, Arkin, of South Dakota; stepsister, Cheryl Eglund, of Twisp; brother, Rick Eiffert, of Spokane; sons, John Cramer of Twisp and wife Carrie, and Ron Cramer and wife Shannon of Winthrop, Washington; daughters, Cindy Love and husband Monte of Swan Lake, and Diana Cramer, also of Swan Lake. She is a grandmother to 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service in her honor will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Swan Chapel.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Home Options Hospice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Please join us in celebrating Terri's life at 11 a.m. on Dec. 12 at the Shadow Mountain Mortuary, 2350 East Greenway Road in Phoenix. A reception will be held at Terri and Randy's home at 15638 North 18th Street, in Phoenix. Another celebration of Terri's life will be held in Montana in the summer of 2016.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1980 E. Cambridge Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85006; or the Ronald McDonald Room (KRH Foundation), 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.



## Velma Christine Bradley, 101

Velma Christine Bradley, 101, died Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Visitation will be from noon until 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral

Home.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at Central Christian Church in Kalispell. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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## Velma Bradley, 101

Velma Bradley passed away peacefully at Brendan House nursing facility on May 13, 2015, ten days after her 101st birthday.

After experiencing health problems, she moved from her home of about 50 years in October 2014, moving to Brendan House where she made several new friends with her winning ways and contagious smile. She had lived alone since her husband's passing in 1976.

Velma was born on May 3, 1914, in Polson to Baptiste and Appolonia (Wilhelm) Couture. Velma's father was an active musician, farmer and millwright. Her mother died in her early 20s of tuberculosis when Velma was 3 and her sister, Eula, was 2. The girls lived with various relatives in several states during their early childhood, eventually moving to Kalispell to live with their aunt and uncle, Caroline and Louie Fry where Velma attended and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932.



Velma's favorite employment, of many various jobs while growing up as a young

woman, was working for a dude ranch near Marion, where she enjoyed meeting the people and the horseback rides she was allowed to participate in when assisting with meals on day trips. Her most enjoyable and rewarding job, however, was being a homemaker for her husband and raising their four children as well as being the leader of various youth organizations.

When Velma was 22 she met her future husband, Elmo Bradley, while walking to work where she was employed as a switchboard operator at the telephone company in Kalispell and he was working at the Studebaker Garage as a bookkeeper. The couple double-dated with friends

for nearly a year and in 1937 both couples went to Missoula to elope. Elmo and Velma raised four children together: Joan, Diane, David and Janis.

Velma coped with life's difficulties by "trying to look at the bright side, and by trying to relax and not be too disappointed," and to "keep things on an even keel." Her favorite saying was, "old age isn't for sissies." Her favorite place of all was Kauai, Hawaii, where she celebrated many birthdays, the last one being when she was 99 years old. Velma was a mother to many, a friend to all, and always showed her love and affection with a beautiful smile.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmo; her sister, Eula Schumacher and her son-in-law, Tom Barton. She also leaves behind her beloved kitty, Pokey.

She is survived by her four children, Joan Stahlberg and husband, Bryan of Columbia Falls; daugh-

ter Diane Pelech and husband, Frank of Kalispell; son David Bradley of Missoula; and Janis Marshall and husband, Bryan of Bradenton, Florida; seven grandchildren, Bradley Barton and wife Laurie of Boise, Idaho, Barbara Kiger and husband Jerry of Sparks, Nevada, Beverly Wellman and husband Todd of Henderson, Nevada, Mia Wolf and husband Shawn of Port Orchard, Washington, Shawn Bradley and wife Julie of Missoula, Aaron Vandelaar and wife Carol of Anchorage, and Valee Stahlberg of Brentwood, Tennessee, and ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Viewing will be noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Velma's service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at the Central Christian Church, 240 Second Ave. E., Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Harvey Richard Branden, 70

Harvey Richard Branden, 70, died Dec. 21, 2015, in Kalispell.

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



### Evelyn Florence Branine, 79

Evelyn Florence Branine, 79, passed away peacefully, after a courageous fight with vascular disease, surrounded by her family at her home in Columbia Falls on July 18, 2015.



spent years singing in the choir, worshipping and fellowshiping with her Christian friends. She

raised her children in her Christian faith and was looking forward to being reunited with her loved ones in heaven.

Evie was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Ray, who passed away on Feb. 18, 2007, while living in Mesa, Arizona.

The times in Arizona had changed and she moved to Montana to be closer to her children.

She is survived by her children, Allen Branine, Kerin and Randy Gayner, Lori Barrick and Mark Branine; her sisters, Betty McNett and Jean Gecan; five granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She also leaves behind her ever faithful puppy dog, Punkie Joe, who shared her nickname Punkie. She was loved by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

A celebration of Evie's life and barbecue for friends and family is planned for 1 p.m. Aug. 9, at her home in Columbia Falls. As momma would say, "it's not important what we do, it's important that we be together." Her remains will be set beside Ray's in Phoenix, at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in the fall.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Evie's family.

Evie was born on Jan. 24, 1936, in Mt. Morris, Illinois, as the youngest daughter of Dudley and Florence Allen and sister of Betty and Phyllis Jean. She was also the wife of Raymond; mother of Allen, Kerin, Lori and Mark; grandmother of Tara, Demi and Amanda; great-grandmother of Aiden; aunt of many; sister-in-law; mother-in-law; daughter-in-law; cousin; niece; friend; classmate; nurse-mate; neighbor; church friend and many more.

After Evie attended high school in Mt. Morris. She attended the Swedish American Nursing School to become a registered nurse and moved to Denver where she met the love of her life, Raymond Guthrie Branine. They were married on Jan. 16, 1959.

Evie followed Ray through his years of service in the Air Force and she worked as a nurse at many different locations. The family outings were many and Evie was known for her many vacations, adventures, and road trips with her family and friends. Evie was an avid cross-stitcher and her works grace the home of extended family and close friends. The hours of love she poured into her work will provide legacy and lasting memories for generations. Evie was a devoted Methodist and

### Raymon Dean Bridwell, 63

Raymon Dean Bridwell, 63, died on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, at home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Bridwell, and children, Raymon Shawn Bridwell, Naomi Mae Einarson and Timothy

James Bridwell.

There will be a celebration of life from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, at the Nite Owl Restaurant in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

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### Raymon D. Bridwell, 63

Raymon D. Bridwell, 63, passed away on Oct. 13, 2015, of heart disease at his home in Columbia Falls.

Raymon was born in Downy, Idaho, on June 14, 1952, to Charles Bridwell and Glenna Hall Bardgett. Ray was a young boy when the family moved to Kalispell.

In the summer of '69 he met the love of his life, Susan, at a local gas station. Ray and Susan were married on Aug. 11, 1971, in Kalispell. In early 1972 they moved to Missoula where Ray worked as a mechanic at a local garage. Ray and Susan have three children together.

Ray loved the outdoors — hunting, fishing, boating and camping were soothing and relaxing to him. He loved to watch all sporting events but especially loved watching his kids/grandkids play. He also would not hesitate to lend a helping hand to anyone who may need one, whether it was helping friends move or plowing out neighbors in the winter.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan



(Sizemore) Bridwell; sons, Raymon "Shane" Bridwell, wife Christy, grand-

children Dakota and Makayla; and Timothy James Bridwell, grandchildren Naomi and Phoenix; and daughter, Naomi (Bridwell) Einarson, husband Jesse, grandchildren Colton Gove, wife C.J., and Tanner Gove.

He is also survived by sisters, Muriel (Bridwell) Mead, husband Harvey; Laura (Bridwell) Nash, husband Hal; Sherry (Bridwell) Shortell, husband Dan; Glenda (Bridwell) Garrison; Gwen (Bardgett) Pederson, husband Rick; and Tammy (Bardgett) Coulter, husband Richard; and brother, Carrol Bardgett.

He was preceded in death by his father Charles and mother Glenna.

The family would like you to join them for a celebration of Ray's life at 1 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the Back Room at the Nite Owl.

### Dennis W. Brieske, 68

Dennis W. Brieske, 68, passed away Oct. 6, 2015, of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

He is survived by his daughters, Dr. Kayleena Nelmark and husband Nicholas Nelmark of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, and Adria Stanley and her husband Brandon Stanley, and by his precious granddaughter, Mallory Stanley, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He is also survived by his former wife, Jeanette Kelly, of Kalispell.

He also is survived by five brothers and sisters, Sharon Melby of New York, Connie Schaitel of Sparta, Wisconsin, Michael Brieske of Boise, Idaho, Brian Brieske of Sparta, and Kristine Brieske of Sparta.

Dennis owned Brieske's Collision Repair Centre for many years and owned Flamin' Arrow Archery at the time of his death.

No services are planned at this time.

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### Victoria Jean Briggs, 59

Victoria Jean Briggs, 59, passed away in Kalispell on Oct. 23, 2015, from cancer.

She was born in Deer Lodge on April 5, 1956.

Victoria had been a certified nursing assistant for more than 20 years, taking care of everyone else. She had worked at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. She enjoyed spending time with her family, living life her way with USA Gold 100's.

Victoria was preceded in death by Melanie Hunt, and Gerald and Helen Briggs.

She is survived by

a son, Doug Hunt, of Columbia Falls; siblings, Frank and Gerald Briggs, Mary Lint, and Sheryl, Carol and Sheila Briggs; and grandchildren, Justin Grob, Courtney Ogdon, Dale Ogdon, Ethan Hunt, Kason Hunt and Brandon Hunt.

Services for Victoria are currently pending at this time.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

### Robin Mary Broers, 59

Robin Mary Broers, age 59, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2015 in Kalispell.

Robin was born May 27, 1955 to Dale and Betty Broderick in Spokane, Washington. She was fifth in a most unusual family of nine children, six of who had myotonic dystrophy including Robin.

When she was 3-years-old the family moved to Billings, Kalispell and then settled in Butte in 1964. Robin graduated from Butte Central High School in 1975.

Robin met her husband of 37 years, Henry, in Butte. Henry was a graduate of petroleum engineering from Montana Tech, and so they started their journey of following the oil rigs from Arkansas and surrounding states to England, Scotland and Ireland. She was able to travel through Europe during their time there and loved to tell stories about the people she met along the way. They moved back to Montana where they bought and ran the Crooked Tree Motel and RV Park for the past 29 years.

Robin is survived by her loving husband Henry Broers and son Christian, the light of her life. She was a supporter of the Special Olympics and was also a member of the Canyon Women's Pool League. Robin volunteered at Head Start in Hungry Horse as well as worked for Head Start in Butte.

She is survived by Henry and Chris Broers



of Hungry Horse; sisters Nancy Ludwick (Tom) of Spokane, Washing-

ton, Barb Cannon of Portland, Oregon, Patricia B. Miller of New Hampshire, and Susan Mohnasky of Connecticut; brother Mike Broderick of Redwood, Washington; two aunts; two uncles, and numerous nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Betty Broderick; brothers Jack and Kevin Broderick; sisters Christine, Denise and Elaine Broderick all of Butte.

Even though Robin herself had myotonic dystrophy, she and her sisters Nancy and Barb were able to continue to care for their other four siblings remaining in Butte for the past 20 years until their passing.

Robin loved and cherished her family and friends. Her thoughtful ways, her sense of humor, her strength and determination, generosity, and beauty of soul and spirit will always be remembered fondly. We will miss her, she was our angel.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 6 at Hungry Horse Chapel in Hungry Horse. Immediately following the burial at Woodlawn Cemetery there will be a reception at Hungry Horse Chapel. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association may be made.



## 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 book-keeping services, and she worked many years preparing taxes at H&R Block in Eureka. In the 1970s, Margaret raised sheep with her sister-in-law 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.

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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.

**Judith A. Bronson, 74**

Judith A. Bronson, 74, passed away at her residence at Buffalo Hill Terrace on Aug. 25, 2015, after battling brain cancer.

Judy was born Jan. 11, 1941, in Kalispell to Rudolph and Eileen Streit. She was a lifelong resident of Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1959.

She married Ronald Bronson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Oct. 1, 1960. They were married for 53 years and raised three children.

Judy was a secretary with the Evergreen School system for many years. She loved music and was a piano teacher, a member of Sweet Adelines and played the piano for worship group at church. Judy thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren and loved swimming with them at their place on McGregor Lake and challenging them to games of Skip-Bo and Scrabble.

Judy had a very deep faith in Christ and was a longtime member of the Kalispell Four Square Church. She found the good and beauty in all things and was an inspiration to everyone she knew. It was this faith and attitude that carried her through her first battle with brain cancer in 2011. Judy touched many lives and will be remembered and loved by everyone who met her.

Judy was preceded in



death by her parents, Rudy and Eileen Streit; and her husband, Ron Bronson.

Judy is survived by her daughter, Susan, and Tom Wynne, of Kalispell; son, Doug Bronson, of Milwaukie, Oregon; daughter, Julie, and Geron Wade, of Florence; brother, Dale Streit, of Missoula; brother, Kirk, and Sandy Streit, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Kaitlen Wynne and McKenna Wynne of Missoula, Sean Wynne of Kalispell, Meghan and Shea Bradshaw of Lolo, Colton and Meghan Manfredi, currently serving in South Korea, Clifford Wade of Stevensville, and Randall Wade of Fort Drum, New York; and one great grandchild, Tian Bradshaw of Lolo. She is also survived by one sister-in-law, Edie Kaps, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her family would like to request memorial donations be made to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, Attn: Donations, P.O. Box 19023, Seattle, WA 98109; or to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A private family service is planned for a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Bronson family.

**Jack E. Brott, 80**

Jack E. Brott, 80, of Libby, died Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center.

Survivors include

his son, Eric Brott, of Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

**Olive R. Brown, 86**

Olive R. Brown, 86, of Hot Springs, died April 11, 2015 in Hot Springs.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday April 18, at Hot Springs

Health and Rehabilitation Center.

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

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**Barbara Brown, 87**

Barbara Brown, 87, a resident of Whitefish for 25 years, died on July 15, 2015, at the Springs at Whitefish. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Barbara was born Jan. 9, 1928, in South Whitley, Indiana, to Victor and Florence Humble. She moved with her parents to Tecumseh, Michigan. She graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1946.

While in high school, she met the love of her life, Jack Brown. They married on Nov. 9, 1946.

Barbara and Jack moved to Teton Village, Wyoming, in 1972. The couple moved to Whitefish in 1990. Barbara embraced every community she lived in to the fullest. In Wyoming, she was involved in the art community and getting to know many of the longtime ranchers of Jackson Hole. While in Whitefish she was involved with Whitefish Theater Company, helping in whatever way she could.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi. Barbara was a Whitefish Chamber ambassador. She really loved Winter Carnival and attended as many of the functions as she could. Barbara was a member of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

Barbara spent her life making a wonderful home and caring for her family, and continued as the family grandmother and great-grandchildren.



She enjoyed many hobbies, including sewing, knitting, fashion modeling,

ing, skiing, camping and travel.

Barbara's greatest joy was spending time with her family and being their "biggest fan" in the various activities in which they were involved.

Barbara is survived by her brother, Franklin Humble, and wife, Joan, of Michigan; her daughter, Cathy Juno, and husband, Rod, of Whitefish; son, Marc Brown, and wife Betsy, of Tecumseh; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Holly Nash and husband Ron and children Kai and Ethan, Marc Blanden and wife Darcie and children Eleanor and Jack, Amy Brown, Christen Brown, Joanna Brown and Diana Brown.

Jack preceded her in death in 2003.

There will be no visitation or services. The family will gather together to memorialize their beloved parents and grandparents at a future date.

Memorials are suggested to go Whitefish Winter Carnival, P.O. Box 364 Whitefish, MT 59937; or Alzheimer's Research Foundation; Attn: Grants and Contributions; 1236 Ginger Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

**Loretta Brown, 29**

Loretta Brown, 29, died Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Columbia Falls.

Graveside urn burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Helena, with

a reception immediately following at Anderson Stevenson and Wilke Funeral Home in Helena.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



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### Grace Nadine Mong Brown, 86

Grace Nadine Mong Brown, 86, was born on May 29, 1929, to Ray and Eva Mong at their home in Yoder, Wyoming. She passed away on June 18, 2015, in Lakewood, Colorado from Alzheimer's disease.



The family will be holding a memorial service to celebrate Grace's life at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 8

Grace is survived by her husband of 67 years, Delbert Erven Brown; her sons and daughters-in-law Robert Erven Brown and Kathy of Phoenix, Arizona, Roger Kelley Brown and Susan of Golden, Colorado, Thomas Edward Brown and Katie of Bigfork, and Richard Lynn Brown of Lakewood, Colorado; eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father Ray Edward Mong, her mother Eva E. Swanson Mong, her brother Robert Raymond Mong and her sister Eva Jeanne Mong Wamboldt.

at the First Presbyterian Church, 250 West 22nd Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001.

The family requests donations in lieu of flowers to the Grace N Brown Scholarship that is held by the P.E.O. Foundation which helps women reach for the stars through higher education. Checks should be made payable to the P.E.O. Foundation - Grace N Brown Scholarship and sent to P.E.O. Executive Office, Treasurer's Department, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312. Donations can also be made online at [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org).

10 Dec 2015

### Fred R. Brown, 64

Fred R. Brown passed away Nov. 13, 2015.

Fred was born Feb. 18, 1951, in Clinton, Oklahoma. Following his birth, his parents, Royal and Bess Brown, moved to San Diego where Fred completed high school and attended Palomar College.

Fred volunteered to serve in the Armed Service, and spent a tour of duty in Vietnam, 1968 to 1969, resulting in the U.S. Army awarding him a Bronze Star for acts of heroism.

On Oct. 9, 1981, Fred married "Pookie" Tully in Escondido, California, and the following year they celebrated the birth of their daughter, Megan Sue Moore. In 1983, the small Brown family relocated from San Marcos, California to Kalispell. They settled into the Smith Lake area. Fred loved Montana and the life it offered him and his family. In 1984, the Browns celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Allison Marie Brown. Later in his life Fred considered himself very fortunate when he was reunited with his son, Tom Flori, his wife Colleen and their four children.

On Nov. 13, Fred met his final challenge under the loving care of his daughter Megan and son-in-law, Justin, in their home in Helotes, Texas, after a short battle with cancer. Prior to his health failing he was grateful to have his daughter Allison



visit from Australia to spend time at his side, as well as his niece Jeannie and Tom and his family. To Fred's family he was "Grampa" to Lily and

Jackson Moore of Helotes, and Lyric and Lennox Edwards of Warrnambool, Australia.

Fred was many things to many people — he was a great friend, an avid Friday night pool "shark," diehard Montana Griz fan, self-proclaimed comedian, Flathead River jet ski cruiser, impeccable Country Western dancer, Vietnam war hero, accomplished welder, deep sea diver, jack-of-all-trades, lifelong pilot, lonesome cowboy, rodeo bareback rider, and a complex man loved by so many people. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Fred joins his mother, father and sister, Edra Turley, "in his cowboy heaven." Sadly, he leaves behind his daughters, son, grandchildren, two sisters, Robbie Easter and Betty Gale, numerous nieces, nephews, and many cousins. In honor of Fred's life, the family invites you to make a contribution to a charity that benefits Vietnam veterans. In remembering Fred's life, please visit <http://YouTube.be/VimOyMquLU>

**Kathleen Mills (Riedy) Bowne, 68**

Kathleen Mills (Riedy) Bowne, 68, passed away Nov. 10, 2015, in Kalispell, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 68 years old. Kathy spent 34 years teaching special education in three school districts.

Kathy was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 21, 1947, to James and Ida Riedy. She attended school in Waukesha, Wisconsin, graduating from Waukesha High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and a master's degree from Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado.

She taught in the Pueblo, Colorado, Missoula and Columbia Falls, school districts. She worked as a sales clerk in Milwaukee, Missoula and Kalispell. She also worked for Head Start in Columbia Falls.

Kathy married Louis C. Bowne on Oct. 23, 1976, in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. Two daughters, Louise Mary and Emily Jean, were born to this union.

While her daughters were in high school, she and her husband hosted two exchange students, Marco from Italy and Thavikarn "Ying" from Thailand.

After retirement, she enjoyed travelling with her husband, both in an RV and on cruise ships. They visited many of the states, as well as several Canadian provinces. They visited Alaska, traveling to a village above the Arctic Circle, touring Denali and Kenai Fjords National Parks, then cruising from Seward, Alaska, to Vancouver, British Columbia. They cruised around the Hawaiian Islands and traveled to Key West, Florida, where they took a boat trip to Dry Tortugas National Park. They visited New York City seeing Central Park, the 9/11 Memorial,

One World Center, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Bowne House and Bowne Stationers. They spent several days in New Orleans. They also visited most of the national parks and monuments west of the Mississippi River and many in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Alabama. They especially enjoyed living near Glacier National Park and made annual trips into it. One very special trip was to Italy to witness the wedding of Marco and Giovanna. This trip included stops in London, Paris, Interlaken, Switzerland, Venice, the island of Sardinia and Rome. Both daughters and their son-in-law were also able to attend the wedding.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Louis, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Louise of Minnesota, and Emily Sell and Andrew and grandson Steven of Colorado; and sister, Mary Lou Riedy, and friend H. Joan Bruggink, of Wisconsin. She is also survived by an aunt, a brother-in-law and spouse, and three nephews.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, and father-in-law Robert Bowne.

Memorials may be made to Flathead County Animal Control, Columbia Falls Food Bank, National Education Association, American Cancer Society, All Saints Episcopal Church, Columbia Falls, Ascension Episcopal Church in Pueblo, Colorado, or a charity of one's choosing.

A celebration of life will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 2048 Conn Road, Columbia Falls, with a reception to follow the service.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

**Richard Stephen Brower, 68**

Richard Stephen Brower, 68, passed away April 9, 2015, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Richard was born Jan. 18, 1947 in Miles City. He grew up in Montana and California. Richard graduated from Wilcox High School in Santa Clara, California, in 1965.

In 1966, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Navy and retired 20 years later.

He worked as a cook at various places until taking a job at Lake View Care Center until full retirement.

Richard volunteered for the Relay for Life events for three years, from 1997 to 2000. He enjoyed fishing.

Richard was preceded



in death by his father, Lester Brower.

He is survived by his mother, Lula Ruth Holt, of Columbia Falls; sister, Sandra Brower, of

Whitefish; and brothers, Tim Brower of Columbia Falls, and Larry Brower of Marion.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

**Richard L. Browning, 74**

Richard L. Browning, 74, of Columbia Falls, passed away in the early morning hours of Nov. 19, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Richard was born on Sept. 13, 1941, in Oak Creek, Colorado, to Nova Rufus and Freda Vancil Browning. He attended schools in Oak Creek and Longmont, Colorado.

He moved to Montana in 1975 where he worked building log homes after arriving in the Bitterroot Valley. In 1989 he moved back to Colorado where he was a heavy equipment operator; he did that until his health wouldn't allow and in 1999 he moved back to Stevensville near his sister Janet. He then moved back to the Flathead to be with his daughters and grandchildren.

His joys were fishing, gardening and watching the Denver Broncos play football. He loved the Denver Broncos! He also enjoyed taking rafting and fishing trips down the Flathead River with his fishing buddy Andrea in the early years, and in his aging years he loved to joke and watch cartoons and to visit and tell stories. He was able to take one last fishing



trip thanks to the great staff at the Immanuel Lutheran Home — Thank you all for that; he trea-

sured that.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nova and Freda Browning; one son, Ricky Lynn Browning; and nieces, Sheila Fox and Shannon Riley.

He is survived by his daughters, Lori Browning-Elliott of Nebraska, Andrea Browning and Robby Robinson of Martin City, and Keely Cunningham and Gene Palmer of Columbia Falls; sister, Janet Browning, of Smalltown, Idaho, and her daughters, Christy and Stacie; brother, Robert, and Toy Browning of Oklahoma, and their children, Sherry, Robin and Mark; grandson, Jeremy Elliott, of Nebraska; and six granddaughters, Abbey, Destiny, Jaclyn and Allycyn of Montana, and Hannah and Harmony Browning of Illinois.

There are no services at this time. A celebration of life will take place next summer.

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## Nadine V. Bruce, 72

Nadine V. Bruce, 72, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, at her residence in Polson.

There are no services

scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

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## Marlowe Bruch, 75

Marlowe Bruch passed away Jan. 4, 2015, surrounded by his family.

Marlowe was born on June 1, 1939 in Kalispell. The youngest of two children, he was throughout his life jokingly referred to by his older sister, Virginia Dennison, as the spoiled one or mom's favorite, an indictment he always rebutted with a smile and the same explanation — If that were true, then it was only because he allowed himself to be spoiled.

His parents were Kenneth and Barbara Bruch. Both were products of the Great Depression where money and opportunity were often scarce. The constant challenges of that era galvanized them into tough, honest, hard-working people. Marlowe often reminisced about his parents, describing them as perfect. The memory always brought a smile and a tear to his eye.

For a time after his birth they lived in Bigfork but in the early '40s they moved to Kila; where his dad sawed timber with his uncle, Ory Henry, during and after the war. Marlowe loved growing up in Kila. At the time the town was filled with cousins; Chuck and Leroy Funk would remain lifelong friends. He was especially fond of his uncle, Herold "Tubby" Bruch, who took him everywhere.

Marlowe played softball for several years with the Kila team, teaching himself how to hit by throw-



ing small pebbles into the air and hitting them with a stick. This method seemed to work; in his teenage years while playing hardball in

Kalispell, he had the highest batting average in the entire league.

He joined Army National Guard in 1956, serving 11 years. In 1964 he was called to duty to help evacuate the Evergreen area from the rapidly rising flood waters. During this era he also worked at Daley's Tire Shop. The intense work put 40 pounds of muscle on his formerly wiry frame during his senior year at Flathead High.

Marlowe first saw the love of his life, Frances Carpenter, in the summer of 1958, as she swam with friends from the bridge that crosses Ashley Creek. They were married on May 9, 1959. They bought an old post office building, built in the 1890s, and moved it to 30 acres they bought in Smith Valley. He immediately went to work improving their new "house"; it wasn't long before it was a home.

They would eventually have four children, all born in the '60s, Rene', Kevin, Carla and Shawn. It was in the midst of this happiness that tragedy struck. His mother, Barbara, died while saving

the life of a little girl from a runaway truck.

In the years after his mother's passing he cut timber, often seeking advice and knowledge from his dad. Eventually they logged together. It wasn't to last; Kenneth passed away in August 1973. Marlowe always felt blessed to have gotten the chance to work with his dad, as it allowed him to know him as a friend.

He started his own logging company in the late '70s and as the years passed he formed countless friendships with those who worked with him.

On Sept. 10, 1990, Marlowe was the victim of a horrific logging accident, in which he incurred a massive head injury. Against all odds he would miraculously fully recover.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of 55 years; daughters, Rene' and Ross Bishop, and Carla Bruch, and sons, Kevin and Carrie Bruch, and Shawn and Sherrie Bruch, all of Kalispell; his sister, Virginia Dennison; 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. We will all miss him and his stories.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

**Lynn Renee Bryant, 51**

Lynn Renee Bryant, 51, of Kalispell, passed away after a short battle with cancer on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, in Smithville, Missouri, at the home of her in-laws Walter, Ginger and Bailey Bryant. She was born Nov.



huge heart and will be greatly missed.

Lynn was preceded in death by her parents.

19, 1963, in Sacramento, California, to Earl Gene and Barbara Jean (Leaf) Betts. Lynn attended school and grew up in Sacramento. In 1991 Lynn Moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she met the love of her life and soul mate David James Bryant. They were married on June 6, 1993. After their marriage they lived in Kansas City until 1998 when they moved to Kalispell to be with Lynn's family. Earlier in this year Lynn and David relocated back to Smithville to be with David's family as he was battling cancer.

Lynn is survived by her husband, David James Bryant; five children, Jessica, Kaci, Katie, Kevin and Josh; grandchildren, Brooks, Miranda and Odin; siblings, Gary, Diane, Brian, Mike and Kyle; many nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of Lynn's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a potluck reception following the service. At Lynn's request she wants a party with lots of pink and bling.

Lynn worked as a certified nursing assistant at Beehive Assisted Living in Columbia Falls for several years; she touched many people with her

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**John Douglas Buchanan, 79**

John Douglas Buchanan, formerly of Great Falls, passed away on April 28, 2015, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, following a lengthy battle with acute pancreatitis.



er they enjoyed many hunting expeditions including a great trip to Africa. John was fortunate to hunt with his many friends and

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at O'Connor Memorial Chapel, 2425 8th Ave. N., Great Falls, MT. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



John was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Dundas, Ontario. In his early years he lived in Canada, moved to Hollywood, California, and then came to Montana at the age of 17. He worked in the oil fields near Kevin, joined the U.S. Army, then became a U.S. citizen.

grandsons. These hunting trips were full of love and laughter.

He moved to Great Falls and began his career selling Singer sewing machines. John entered the real estate business and with Lee Castleman, started B&C Realty. While involved in real estate, John branched out to develop land subdivisions, commercial buildings and large multi-family housing projects in Great Falls and other Montana communities, plus a very large multi-family project in Anchorage, Alaska.

John and Sheila traveled the globe extensively and always looked into the far corners of the earth for new adventures. John involved his family and many friends in all these activities, creating treasured memories for everyone. John was a pilot and flew his own planes for over 50 years. In his semi-retirement, he captained his own boat through the Inland Passage from Washington to Alaska many times. John's crew was always friends and family, however, sometimes his only crew was his wife, Sheila. She performed many duties and occasionally called mutiny for calmer waters.

Buchanan Enterprises again branched into lending, investments and portfolio management.

John was blessed with a son-in-law, Charlie Byrne, who joined John as a partner in the business. John and his wife, Sheila, developed a small bank charter, Fidelity Savings and Loan which eventually became Heritage Bank. They sold the bank in 1996 and in 2000 they retired to Bigfork.

John is survived by his wife, Sheila, of 36 years; daughter, Barb, and Charlie Byrne, by a previous marriage; grandsons, Todd and Kapri Byrne, and Devin Byrne; great-grandchildren, Eleanor, Troy and Natalie Byrne, all of Great Falls; granddaughter, Rachael Keller, of Austin, Texas; sister, Jeannine Sohan, of Montreal, Quebec; brother-in-law, Bryan, and Linda Flaherty; niece and nephews, Erynn Flaherty, Brendan Flaherty, Chad Bauer and Eric Bauer of Missoula.

John was enthusiastic about his work as well as his many recreational activities. These included a regimented exercise program, skiing, water sports, golf, hiking and especially hunting and fishing. John raised his daughter, Barb from an early age to be his best hunting partner. Togeth-

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adrienne and John Buchanan; and brother-in-law, Tim Flaherty.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in John's name to the charity of choice.

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**Alfred Bucher, 86**

Mr. Russel Alfred Bucher, 86, died at the Montana State Veterans Home on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, in the company of his loving wife.



He will be dearly missed.

Russel was preceded in

He was born on Sept. 20, 1928, in Hinsdale to Oliver and Fannie Bucher. He was the sixth of eight children.

his death by his parents, sisters Celia Knopp and Stella Fauth, brothers Oliver, Marvin and Ralph Bucher, as well as daughter Rhonda Bucher.

Russel married Ellen Kellum in Sutherlin, Oregon, on July 3, 1959. He was the proud father of two children, Scott and Rhonda Bucher.

Survivors include wife, Ellen Bucher; brother, Clarence Bucher; sister, Doris Poor; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Marie Bucher; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A veteran of the Korean War and a 26-year career employee of the Columbia Falls Aluminum plant, Russel was admired in the community. His kind heart and giving spirit made him loved by all. His passion for gardening, hunting, fishing and his grandchildren kept him busy late into his life.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, at the Journey Church in Columbia Falls. The service will be followed by a potluck luncheon at the same location.



**Russel Bucher, 86**

Russel Bucher, 86, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Bucher; and son, Scott Bucher.

Burial has taken place

at Woodlawn Cemetery. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at Journey Church, 54 Western Village Lane, Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

**Todd N. Bucholdt, 59**

Todd N. Bucholdt, 59, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughters, Melissa

Armstrong and Christina Bucholdt.

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

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**Donna Buechle, 70**

Donna Buechle, 70, passed away in Kalispell on Oct. 2, 2015, after a battle with multiple medical issues. Donna remained positive until the end, and endeared herself to her caregivers and daily visitors with her positive attitude.

She was born in Kalispell on March 4, 1945, to Darrel and Adaline Logan. She attended the grade school at Fairview and then Flathead County High School in Kalispell, graduating in 1963. Having enjoyed her classes in 4-H, she was pleased to raise the grand champion beef in 1962.

She was an active member of her chosen church. Donna was a passionate homemaker, creating a warm environment to all those that visited. Dedicated to the family farm operation, she willingly assisted with numerous farm activities.

On Aug. 18, 1973, she married Jim Buechle in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Patti Lusby, and son-in-law, Cameron, in Federal Way, Washington; son, Bruce, and his wife, Connie, of Logan, Utah; daughter, Tatum, and her husband, Dale, living in Cle Elum, Washington; grandchildren, Samantha and Dustin, Austin and Saje, Justin and Megan, Dalton

and Savannah, Jaxton, Adie, Balin, Lydia, Cassidy and Corey, and Sierra. The light of her life in recent years were her three great-grandchildren, Lakyr, Rev and Kinnyk. Also surviving are brother Clinton and sister-in-law Linda Logan, mother-in-law Nancy Luker, as well as cherished relatives of numerous dimension.

Over the years she touched many lives and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at The Church at Creston-Lutheran, with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. A reception will immediately follow at the church.

God say you getting tired

And a cure was not to be

So he put his arms around her and whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched her

And saw her pass away

And although we love you dearly

We couldn't make you stay

A Golden Heart stopped beating,

Hard working and loving hands at rest

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best.

**Donald H. Buckallew, 94**

Donald H. Buckallew, 94, passed from this life on Jan. 4, 2015.

Don was born in Culbertson near where his family homesteaded when they moved from Missouri. They lived in a sod house.

Don married Bonnie Lewis in 1942 and was inducted into the Army in August of 1942, and served 38 months in the Air Force. Back home again, he lived in Missoula, then moved to Kalispell in 1948, worked in sawmills, logging and for the school system.

He is survived by wife Bonnie; six children, Sandra Haupt, husband Jim; Cheryl Howard, husband Jim; Vicki York, husband Cecil; Charles Buckallew, wife Lee; David Buckallew, wife Shelley; and Dean Buckallew, wife Karen; 12 grandchildren, Larry Luckey, Colter Landt, Kendra Condit, Kim Hyde, Kelly and Corey Wicklund of Mis-



souri, Ben and Cody Buckallew, Rory and Trey Buckallew,

Chance and Kyle Buckallew, and three step-grandchildren, Rick and Rob York in Missouri, and Tiffany York and spouses; and several great-grandchildren.

Don loved to hunt and fish with his sons, and fished a lot in summers with son-in-law Cecil York. He also loved building furniture with hardwood he bought in Missouri. He played a mandolin he bought in Missouri at the age of 14 by working in a coal mine with his dad. He entertained with a group at the Veterans Home and rest homes.

He was the youngest and last of 10 children.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Christ on Stillwater Road. Visitation is at 9 a.m.

**John 'Jack' C. Bulen, 88**

John "Jack" C. Bulen, 88, passed away at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, on March 4, 2015, with his wife by his side.

Jack was born April 15, 1926, in Great Falls, to Perceval and Sarah Winifred Bulen. He had one brother and two sisters. His sister Trudy survives.

He graduated from Great Falls High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts in business administration through the College of Great Falls. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1947.

Jack worked in Great Falls at his father's First Federal Savings and Loan until he retired as president. Jack met Clarice Graves in 1947, while she worked at the Savings and Loan. They were married in 1949, and had three children, Kent (deceased), Jamie and Sally. In 1972, Clarice suffered a brain aneurysm and passed away.

Jack met Sandra Metzger in 1983, and they were married in 1984. Sandra brought seven children into the marriage. Sandra's children are Rich, Keith, Jill (deceased), Patsy, Jami, Maggie and Tim.

Jack enjoyed working with his hands, working with wood, building furniture and landscaping. He was very detail oriented. He was an active member of his communities, volunteering and teaching Bible studies.



Jack worked on the city council and was mayor of Great Falls in the 1970s. He loved to walk and was quite a recognizable figure in his red

beret.

The family especially appreciates the loving care that Jack received from the Montana Veterans Home.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.funerals@buffalohillfuneralhome.com](http://www.funerals@buffalohillfuneralhome.com). There will be a family memorial to celebrate Jack's life this summer.

**Edward 'Ed' Bull, 85**

Edward "Ed" Bull, 85, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Kalispell after a lengthy illness with COPD and congestive heart failure.

Ed was born November 17, 1929 in Somers, Montana to Bert Keith and Lillian (Lee) Bull.

Ed spent his early years in Somers and at the age of 17 met a young cashier at the local theaters named Martha Morrow. The courtship began on December 21, 1946, they were married in Polson.

Ed was a hard worker, starting his work career at Roy Daley's garage and service station in Somers. From there, he worked as a sawyer for Vern Tennant around the Flathead Mines area. He also worked as a setter on the carriage for the Lost Creek Lumber Company.

As Ed and Martha's family increased with the addition of daughters Kathy in 1948 and Karen in 1951, Ed went to work for the Garey Motor Company in Kalispell for 15 years where his mechanical skills, ability, and love of this work flourished.

In 1964, Ed was offered a position with the Flathead County Road Department. He spent 27 years there retiring in 1991.

In 1974, Ed joined the Flathead Search and Rescue where he became the official "captain" of SR 00, otherwise known as "The Duck." He spent approximately 10 years as a member.

Family was very important to Ed and Martha and the weekends were filled with outings of camping, fishing, wood-getting and huckleberry picking. They could often be found following their girls to track meets all over the state.

As their grandchildren came along you could find them at football games, school plays, concerts and 4-H programs.



Ed was preceded in death by his parents; his four sisters, Amy Rydeen, Beatrice Bays, Caro-

line Porteous, Charlotte Lester; and son-in-law Rick Fister.

Ed is survived by his wife Martha of 68 years; daughters Kathy (Robert) Nockleby of Lakeside, Karen (Clinton) DeLong of Kalispell; grandchildren Lisa Nockleby of San Francisco, Jason (Shannon) Nockleby of Springfield, Oregon, Nick (Nicole) Fister of Kalispell, and Jerrod Fister of Butte; great-grandchildren Tyler (Mariah) Fister, Christina Fister and McKenzie Nockleby; and one great-great grandson, Kail Fister, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Peter Heyboer and nurse Jessie, nurse Jane and Prestige Assisted Living Team, Home Options Hospice and the second floor nursing staff at the Health Center of Kalispell, also to the Rev. Steve Hermes, Jim Cross, and everyone for their prayers and support.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation on from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 30 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers gifts can be made to Flathead Search and Rescue in Ed's name P.O. Box 358, Kalispell, MT 59903.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit [www.buffalohillff.com](http://www.buffalohillff.com).

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

**Edward 'Ed' Orval Bull, 85**

Edward "Ed" Orval Bull, 85, died March 26, 2015, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Martha, and daughters Karen DeLong and Kathy Nockleby.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.



## Martha Clara (Morrow) Bull, 86

Martha Clara (Morrow) Bull passed away Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, in Kalispell after a short battle with leukemia.

Martha was born Oct. 30, 1928, in Kalispell to John David and Clara Lovina (Rhodes) Morrow.

She attended school in Kalispell and at the age of 18 while working at the local movie theaters, she met the love of her life, Ed. They were married Dec. 21, 1946, in Polson.

Martha was a stay-at-home mom, raising their two daughters Kathy and Karen. She spent endless hours at her sewing machine making most of the girls' clothes, from everyday dresses to prom formals and wedding dresses.

Religion was very important to Martha and Ed and Sunday mornings were spent at the Episcopal church teaching Sunday School.

As the girls got older, Martha started her work career with jobs that included making grave blankets for Montana Evergreen, office work at Peterson and Edgerton schools, secretary at the Methodist Church, and legal secretary for Warden, Christianson, Johnson and Berg.

Family was extremely important to Martha and Ed. Weekends were spent camping, fishing, wood getting, picking huckleberries or hunting.

When Ed retired in 1991, Martha soon followed. For the first year after her retirement, Martha took care of her mom until Clara entered Immanuel Lutheran Home. From that time on, if you saw Ed somewhere, Martha was not far behind.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Ed,



in March 2015; her parents; her two brothers, Harold (Louise) and Elvin (Donna) Morrow;

and her son-in-law, Rick Fister.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kathy and Robert Nockleby of Lakeside and Phoenix, and Karen and Clinton DeLong of Kalispell. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Lisa Nockleby of San Francisco; Jason and Shannon Nockleby of Phoenix, Nick and Nicole Fister of Kalispell, and Jerrod Fister of Butte. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Tyler and Mariah Fister, Christina Fister, and McKenzie Nockleby, and one great-great-grandson, Kail Fister. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, by her extended family at Prestige Assisted Living and her many friends and neighbors.

The family would like to thank Dr. Peter Heyboer and nurse Jessie, Prestige Assisted Living team, Home Options Hospice and team, the Rev. Steve Hermes, Doyle and Donna Carr, and everyone for their prayers, support and visits to Martha (also known as the Puzzle Lady).

There will be a public viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Nov. 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Graveside rites for all family and friends will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that gifts be made to Flathead Search and Rescue in Martha's name at P.O. Box 358, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Loretta Agnes Buller, 77

On Sept. 10, 2015, our loving and beautiful mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Loretta Agnes Buller, left this world to begin her next chapter. She spent the final two years of her life in the Memory Care Unit at Heritage Place in Kalispell, Montana. "With a healed body and soul, she joins her husband and son who rejoice at the gates of Heaven. Our grief is great but we celebrate their unity."

Loretta was born October 26, 1937, in Glendive. On April 15, 1954, she married her life partner and soulmate, Oscar Buller. They began their life's journey in the Richey/Bloomfield area in a quaint farming community. They raised five respectful and hard working children, and enjoyed many years watching them enrich their lives.

In 1982, they ventured to the Flathead Valley to experience the mountains. They fell in love with the area, and it soon became their second home. In 1984, Loretta earned her certified nursing aide degree from Flathead Valley Community College and went to work at North Valley Extended Care until its closure in 2002. During her career, she was awarded the

Florence Nightingale Award for her service and dedication to patient care and genuine desire to be of help to the ailing. She enjoyed her work immensely.

Loretta is survived by her four children, Donald and Maureen Buller, Donna and Kevin Kramer, Delmer and Marianne Buller, and Dixie and Greg Post; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Lois and Cheryl, and a brother, Butch.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Edith and father, Emmett; her son Dale in 1989; her husband, Oscar, in 1997; and a sister, Elsie, in 2013.

The family would like to thank the CNA's, nurses, and all those who worked to ensure that Loretta lived happily in the final years of her life.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Friends and family are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lon W. Bullman, 79

Lon W. Bullman lived 79 joyful years, leaving us on Dec. 19, 2015.

Lon was about people. Lon was about giving. Lon was about love. Lon was a resident of Jacksonville, Florida, for 36 years. He resided also in Hazlehurst, Georgia, Ramsey, New Jersey and Waterloo, Iowa.

Born in Somers, he loved his beautiful home state and was proud to be a Montana native. He graduated from Libby High School in 1954 and had actively maintained those relationships for 61 years.

Lon served two years in Babenhausen, Germany, in the Army where he met and married his first wife Karin Sommer, the loving mother of his children. He returned to Montana and was employed for more than 35 years by St. Regis Paper Co./Champion International where he worked his way through the ranks to become a lumber sales manager responsible for the sales from eight mills.

Lon lived life with the belief that all people were his friends and indeed most were. He loved life and lived it with much joy and gusto. He was a man of faith who delighted in God's creation. He enjoyed being on his boat, collecting wooden carvings and presenting dollar bill rings (in exchange for a smile) to everyone he met. As a friend maker, his highest reward was bringing a smile to others. Most of all, he loved his family. He was a patriarch of joy.



He was predeceased by his parents, Carl and Hilde (Baldauf) Bullman, and daughter, Patricia Smiley.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years,

Maudie; son, Greg; daughter-in-law, Donna; his brother, Rudy Bullman; sister, Susan Cann; his wife's daughters (whom he considered his own), Mary Carroll Lewis and Emily Copus; grandchildren, Brett Bullman, Tyler and CJ Smiley, Christian, Caleb, Silas and Chloe Lewis, and Caley Grace Copus.

Lon volunteered at HabiJax and was active in organ donation awareness. He would be honored if you would choose to volunteer or give a monetary donation to HabiJax in memory of him. Additionally, would you consider organ donation? Lon received a new heart in 1997 and we all received 18 more rich years with him because of a generous organ donor.

The world is a better place because of Lon.

A gathering of friends and family will be held at the family home from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27. Please see the funeral home's website for more details on the gathering.

Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin, 11801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223; www.hgmandarin.com, (904) 288-0025.



20 Jan 2015

### Ernest C. 'Buck' Bundhund, 77

Ernest C. "Buck" Bundhund, 77, passed away Jan. 16, 2015, from complications due to cancer. He was surrounded by family in his final days.

He was born Sept. 2, 1937, in Williston, North Dakota, to Ernest and Cecelia Bundhund. He was the younger of two children. The family lived in Williston for his entire youth. He graduated from Williston High School in 1955. After a brief attendance at the University of Montana, Buck would graduate from the University of North Dakota with a degree in finance.

Growing up, Buck was an avid outdoorsman often hunting, fishing, as well as having found a love for golf — a game which he was naturally gifted at and had a passion for that lasted the rest of this life. Buck's childhood was one of adventure as chronicled in the book "The Muddy River Boys" by author and longtime friend, Jim Erickson.

In 1959, he married Louise A. Payne, whom he would stay married to for 54 years until his death. That year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and both he and Louise would move to Japan, where he was stationed for three years. He would achieve the rank of sergeant and be honorably discharged in 1962. During his time in Japan, he qualified and played on the Army golf team. This was quite an achievement as several players from that team would eventually turn professional.



Florida, in 1987 where he played a crucial role in turning around a GE Aerospace business unit responsible for satellite image technology.

He also joined Oceanside Country Club where he remained a member until 2003 and served as club president in 2001. On Sept. 2, 1996, his 59th birthday, Buck scored his first and only hole-in-one on the 17th hole at Oceanside Country Club, playing with his son John and longtime friend Don MacGlaughlin.

In 2003, Buck and Louise moved to Whitefish. Whitefish and the Flathead Valley had been a special place for Buck since he and his friends took trips to Bigfork in the '50s.

Throughout his life Buck volunteered time at church and provided financial guidance for local hospitals and other organizations.

Buck was known for his genuine caring heart, positive nature and infectious laugh. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a great friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Donna.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; daughter, Ann Carriveau; son, John Bundhund; grandsons, Taylor and Ryan Carriveau; and son-in-law, Chris Carriveau.

8 Jun 2015

### Ardith A. Bunner, 95

Ardith A. Bunner, 95, passed away at her home in Whitefish on Friday May 29, 2015, with her son Ron by her side.

Ardith was born on May 21, 1920, in Whitefish to Jack and Mirial Creon. She graduated from Whitefish Highschool in 1937.

Ardith married Thornton "Curly" Bunner on July 4, 1944. They were married for 64 years until his passing. Ardith was a Navy wife and lived in Japan, Guam, and Virginia. Ardith was an excellent mother and wife. She was hardworking and loved by many.

The family would like to thank the Flathead County Home Health employees for their great care of Ardith, which



allowed her to live at home until she passed away.

Ardith was preceded in death by her husband

band of 64 years, Curly; three brothers and a sister; her parents; son, Inlay Terry, and grandson, Patrick.

She is survived by her children, son Ronald Bunner, two daughters, Patricia Kay and Nadine Bentley; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ardith will be missed by many.

No services will be held at this time. The family will spread her ashes with those of her husband Curly at a later date.

After military service, Buck and Louise moved to Phoenix in 1963 and lived there until 1968. While living in Arizona, Buck and Louise would adopt two children, daughter Ann and son John, and Buck would get hired into the General Electric Company's Financial Managers Program, where he worked for the next 27 years. As part of the program, the family would move to Schenectady, New York, and live there until he completed the three-year program.

In 1971, after completing the GE program, the family moved to San Jose, California, and lived there until 1987. In 1986, Buck won the Club Championship at the Gilroy Golf Course where he was a member.

Buck and Louise moved to Ormond Beach,

Services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, please make donation to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

## Donald Charles Burgau, 84

Donald Charles Burgau, 84, died Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

A graveside memorial service will be at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15, at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Merriam J. Burke, 64

Merriam J. Burke, 64, died Monday, May 18, 2015, in Kalispell.

A private burial will take place at Western

Montana State Veterans Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

11 Feb 2015

## June Sanders Burns, 90

A longtime resident of Montana, June Sanders Burns, 90, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, at her home in Troy.

She was born June Frances Sanders in Potlatch, Idaho, on June 1, 1924. Her parents, Henry and Lavina Sanders (now deceased), raised their family on a ranch south of Troy on Iron Creek.

June lived a full life loving and serving her family, church and community.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jim; and husband, Earl.

She is survived by her brother, Bob Sanders of Troy; sister, Lois Smeltzer of Wenatchee, Washington; four children, Mark Burns of Troy, Marcia Burns Liske of Pasadena, California, Marianne Burns Robison of Medford, Oregon, and Jeff Burns of Fox Island, Washington; and four



grandchildren, Claire Burns, Ian Burns, and Trevor Robison, all of Seattle, and Dorian Robison of

New York City.

A photographic retrospective will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, in the sanctuary of the Troy United Methodist Church, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., and fellowship hour at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to hospice care, Home Options, 313 Montana Ave., Libby, MT 59923, in her memory.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

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## Evelyn Ruth Sedwick Bygren, 92

Evelyn "was called home" on July 8, 2015, in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 8, 1922, in Powell, Wyoming, to Veva (Hawley) and William Sedwick, early homesteaders of the Powell Valley.

She married the love of her life, John Levi Bygren, in Los Angeles, where he was stationed, on March 27, 1942. The couple farmed on Heart Mountain between Powell and Cody from 1947 until moving to Laurel in 1965.

John predeceased Evelyn in 1998.

Evelyn was a member of the Laurel United Methodist Church, a past president of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She was a longtime volunteer at Deaconess Medical Center after her retirement from the Cenex Refinery, where she worked for 14 years. A "good visit" was always important to her with family and friends. Evelyn was known for her kindness and sense of humor.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry and wife Sarah of Bigfork, and Steve and his wife Susan of Colorado Springs, Colorado; grand-



sons, Casey of Bigfork and Tyler of Billings; granddaughter, Kelley, of Mis-

soula; two great-grandchildren; as well as two step-granddaughters and their husbands and sons, all of the Flathead Valley. Evelyn is also survived by her sister, Charlotte Thoroughgood, of Reno, Nevada; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Home for their loving care of Evelyn for the past five years.

At her request, Evelyn has been cremated.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Swan River Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Home Options Hospice Care, the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork, or the charity of your choice.

Interment will be at a later date in Powell, Wyoming.