

George Wayne Cada, 70

George Wayne Cada passed away Jan. 25, 2015, at Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman, where he had been a resident for the last three years.

He was born to John and Carolyn Cada in Bremerton, Washington, on Dec. 17, 1944. His father worked at the shipyards during the war. Shortly after, the family, including his two older brothers, Frank and John, moved to the Flathead Valley, Columbia Falls. The family owned a small grocery store outside of town where all the boys worked as store clerks.

George was intellectually challenged which resulted in him not "fitting in" with most of the children in those days. Despite the fact that he was the sport of some, George never complained or disliked anyone. There were a few like Stuart Sorensen that befriended George and shared time with him. Sorry, I cannot remember the names of the others worth mentioning. He never forgot those friends. He would give up his last dollar to anyone who would ask.

George lived with his folks until their passing and then moved into an apartment in Kalispell where he was very content prior to moving to Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman in 2011.



I believe his last few years there were the best of his life.

The caregivers and doctors at Mountain View treated him with love and respect. George was not talkative and maybe did not verbally express his appreciation, but I know he was. In turn, George was a very compliant and easy to work with. If you asked him, "How are these people treating you?" It was always "Good, Good." "The food?" "Good, Good." "Nice haircut!" "Ya, Ya." "Feeling OK?" "Ya, Ya." "Don't your teeth hurt?" "No, No." "Need anything?" "No."

Ah, George you did not accomplish much in your life by many people's standards, but if more people had some of your qualities, this world would be a more pleasant place.

George is survived by his brothers, and their wives, Virginia and Dorothy; nieces, Jody and Chrissy Cada; and other cousins and family. His ashes will be buried with his folks and still-born sister in Eureka.

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

Michael Sean Callaghan Jr., 48

Michael Sean Callaghan Jr. passed away in Bigfork, Montana, on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

He was born in Torrington, Connecticut, on May 22, 1966. Mike graduated from Simsbury High School and earned a B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was married to Emily Gustafson Callaghan in Bigfork on July 1, 2006.

Mike is survived by wife Emily Callaghan, mother Margy Spencer, stepmother Diane Callaghan, brother Jon (Christie) Callaghan, stepbrother Michael (Janeen) M. Callaghan and beloved yellow lab Zoe.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael S. Callaghan, of Ramsey, N.J., and his stepfather Bob Spencer, of Jackson, Wyoming, and also Shadow and Kaya, his faithful companions for many adventures.

Mike was the founder and president of Bigfork Web Development, a digital marketing and website creation company located in Bigfork, and he had just graduated from the prestigious Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program at Babson College. He was especially proud of the company he was creating for his



employees at Bigfork Web Development. Mike co-founded and operated Mountain

Bike Outfitters in Moose, Wyoming, and he was an active member of the Jackson Hole community for many years.

Mike believed strongly in giving back to the community. He is a past president of the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce and sat on the boards of the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork, the Bigfork Promotion Group and Montana West Economic Development.

Mike loved mountain biking, paddling, hiking and running the trails of Wyoming and Montana throughout his life. He blessed us all with his incredible creativity, intense curiosity, genuine warmth and good humor.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Wednesday, May 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the BruMar Estates in Bigfork, Montana. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike's name to the Charlotte Edkins Animal Adoption Center in Kalispell, Montana.

27 Sep 2015

Dana A. (DeRosier) Cameron, 57

Dana A. (DeRosier) Cameron, 57, "was received in the Lord's hands" on the morning of Sept. 15, 2015, at the Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, due to battling a long-term illness.

Services will be announced.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1957, in Whitefish, to Charles and Aletha DeRosier, and later they moved to Kalispell, where she graduated from high school in the Class of 1976.

Later she met Don Cameron and moved to Moyie Springs, Idaho, where they were married.



She loved being out in the outdoors, and enjoyed car rides.

She is survived by her lov-

ing husband, Don Cameron, of Moyie Springs; mother, Aletha Harvey, of Moyie Springs; brothers Charles DeRosier Jr. and Randy DeRosier, and sisters Mary DeSonia, all of Kalispell, and Pam Hill and husband Scott of Coeur d'Alene.

Dana will be dearly missed and forever in our memories and hearts.

Mary 'Phyllis' Campbell, 96

Phyllis Campbell, 96, of Kalispell, passed away July 4, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Phyllis was born Feb. 20, 1919, to Luther and Margaret (Johnson) Logan, in the Fairmont area, east of Kalispell. She was raised on her parents' farm in that area, graduating from eighth grade at Montford School in 1934. After grade school, she attended Flathead County High School, and graduated in 1938.

On Sept. 15, 1939, she was married to James W. Campbell. They lived briefly in San Francisco and Seattle, but returned to Kalispell after World War II, where she had lived since.

Phyllis and James had two daughters, Kathleen Lykins and Linda Walsten, both residing in Kalispell. She has nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in



death by her parents, Luther and Margaret; her husband, James; a grandson, Benjamin; and her sister and brother-in-law, Lucille and Bob Thompson.

Phyllis was a member of the United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

A visitation will be held for Phyllis from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening, July 10, with funeral services to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Following the service, burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat funeral and Crematory is caring for the Campbell family.

26 Aug 2015

Patricia Lea (Fuller) Root Campbell, 68

Patricia Lea (Fuller) Root Campbell was born Oct. 19, 1946, in Eugene, Oregon.

She passed away July 30, 2015, in St. Robert, Missouri, having attained the age of 68 years.

Patty grew up in Kalispell. She moved to St. Robert seven years ago to be near her son and his family.

Patty will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her mem-



ory, her son, Donald Root; four grandchildren, one sister, Susan Ryherd; many relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Patty was preceded in death by one son, Darren Root.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date in Montana.

Robert H. 'Bob' Campbell Jr., 73

Robert H. "Bob" Campbell Jr., of Kalispell, died peacefully in his home surrounded by family and friends on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, after a two-year struggle with cancer.

Born on Nov. 23, 1941, in Houston and raised in Longview, Texas, Bob was the oldest son of Robert H. Campbell Sr. and Jean M. Campbell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Clyde W. Campbell, his son Robert R. Campbell, and his beloved wife Linda B. "Beth" Campbell.

He is survived by his daughter, Darlina S. "Suzy" Bennett, and her children, Bobbye, Christian and Sheridan; his stepdaughter, Sheri L. Peery, her husband Bill, and their son and daughter-in-law, Trey and Katie; his grandson, Ryan Campbell; his niece, Deanna L. Lisle, and her husband Keith, and their children, Clyde and Sara; and his niece, Jennifer L. Romero, her husband Paul, and her children, Tucker, Melvin, Duval and Daisy.

A Texan at heart, but a man who was drawn to the glory of the mountains as well, Bob and his wife moved to the Flathead Valley in 1999.



Bob was gifted as a salesman and provided well for his family over the years. He took time

to notice people and take a genuine interest in them, whether it was a business associate he spoke to through email, a neighbor, the lovely ladies who assisted him in Kelly Rae's or the many members of his church family who loved and cared for him so generously over the past few years, Bob loved them and considered them family. His smile and kind heart will be missed by many.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Frontier Hospice for their compassionate care and loving support.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Family Life Christian Church in Kalispell. At a later date Bob's remains will be taken to Texas and laid to rest with his wife, Beth.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in Bob's name to Friends of Hospice, c/o Frontier Hospice, 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Joyce Carole Carlyle, 76

Joyce Carole Carlyle, 76, of Polson passed away on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at her home in Polson, with her husband at her side.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1938, in Polson, to John and Beulah Wigfield.

She worked during her high school days at the local J.C. Penney's and graduated from Polson High School in 1955. She attended Modern Business College in Missoula. In 1957, she met and married Marvin Carlyle. They moved to Bozeman where Marvin was attending Montana State. Their son, Craig Carlyle, was born in 1958. Joyce began a long employment career.

Joyce was the credit manager and desk clerk for the Diana Shop. In 1960, Saveway Drug, Roecher Drug and Gallatin Drug employed her as file clerk and customer sales.

In 1968, Marvin and Joyce were divorced. She then went to work for the Baxter Pharmacy as the cosmetic buyer and record keeper. Opportunity came again and she went to work for the large department store Chambers Fisher as cosmetics



buyer. She was there for 14 years until the store changed owners. The Bon Marche just opened a store in

Bozeman and Joyce did not miss a day of work when she went to work for the Bon in the cosmetics department for the next two years. Again the opportunity came to her at the university as head cashier.

On March 1, 1984, Joyce received the sad news that her son Craig Carlyle died. Joyce and Marvin worked together closely for the funeral services for Craig and fell in love again. They were remarried after being apart for 17 years.

In 1988, Joyce went back to work again. She had a part-time job with the Credit Bureau out of Kalispell. She also worked for Doreen's Dress Shop in Polson until it closed. With the need for collections high, she went to work for Check Collect for the next four years.

Joyce missed the customer contact and decided

to go back to work in retail sales. She worked for Boutique in Polson and Applause in Bigfork for the next two years. She then worked for the Savior Fair Dress Shop in Polson. For the last 14 years, she worked for the Family Health Pharmacy and Gift Gallery in Ronan. Joyce always said how lucky she was, as she never applied for a job and always stayed working.

In 1987, two teenage brothers, Doug and Bill Wyman, became a part of Marvin and Joyce's family. Their mother was killed in a car accident. Doug and Bill are both now married. Doug and wife Heidi, their daughter, Mia and sons, Marcus and Michael live in Oak Harbor, Washington. Bill and wife Jennifer, and their three sons, Trae, George and Max, live in Polson. The Wyman families, Marvin and Joyce have always felt very lucky to be an extended family.

The family heritage for Joyce is very amazing. She was 1/2 Norwegian, 1/8 English, 1/8 Scottish and 1/4 Cherokee card-carrier.

Joyce was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Soroptimist, Masumola Club, Business and Professional Women's Foundation, Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Nile.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Marvin; her sister, Joan Scarcella of Long Beach, California; her two honorary sons, Doug and Bill Wyman and their families; many nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Urn graveside services for Joyce will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. A luncheon is planned following the service at noon at the First Baptist Church, 40401 Montana 35, in Polson.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 36251 N. Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory (formerly Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory). Memories and condolences may be sent to thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

24 Oct 2015

Lee (Hester) Carmen, 92



She is survived by her son-in-law, Louis Davis, grandchildren John Leach, Shannon Iris and Stacey Leach-Kirchoff; great-grandchildren Carina and Joe O'Canna, Sebastian and Ashley Weiss, Sammy and Joel Corkery, Michelle Leach, Adelei Carman, Jack Anderson, and Ian and Osa Kirchoff; and her great-great-grandchildren, Isaiah Evans, Annamarie Hopkins, Liliana and Joey O'Canna, Mandey Weiss, Damian Krause, Madison and Marley Corkery; and her nephew, Mike Hester.

Lee (Hester) Carmen, 92, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, of natural causes.

Lee was born on Feb. 12, 1923, in Wilson, Oklahoma, to Claude and Ethel Hester. Lee was raised in Wilson with her two siblings, Jack and Luaree Hester.

At the peak of her career she became the first female landsman for (then) Samedan Oil Corporation, from where she retired in 1986. In life, she raised her two children, Roy and Marilee, and welcomed many grandchildren into her family over the coming years.

She was known for her love of sports, donating to several charities throughout the world in hopes of making the world a better place.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Marilee Davis, son Roy Carmen, granddaughter Petra Leach, grandson Brian Leach, parents Claude and Ethel Hester, and great-great-grandson Nathan Evans.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Her remains will be laid to rest next to her son Roy in Highlands Cemetery in Durant, Oklahoma.

May her soul eternally rest in peace, for she will be dearly missed by all those who loved her.

Missing Kalispell hunter found dead

By RYAN MURRAY
The Daily Inter Lake

The body of a Kalispell hunter was found Sunday afternoon in Beaverhead County, a week after he was first reported missing.

Rob Carter Jr., 53, was on a bowhunting trip near the Southwest Montana town of Wisdom. His body was found

a mile from where he had parked his truck.

"He was found near a tree on the edge of a heavily timbered slope," Beaverhead County Sheriff Franklin D. Kluesner II said. "That



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area had slash around it and he was found on the border, right where the terrain changed."

A massive search effort from Carter's friends, family and colleagues covered more than 80,000 acres in the search for the popular Whitefish High School track coach and Plum Creek employee.

Barbara Carter, Carter's wife, posted a thank you on

Facebook to the many people who helped the family and Beaverhead County Search and Rescue in their search. "I wish that this had not come to my family. My heart aches for my children, Rob's parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, for my brothers who loved him as their brother. But it has come, and I must deal. I'm overcome by the love, prayers and encourage-

Carter's death is still under

ment," she wrote. "I will say it again, the only way is through. And my pain is precious, because it is birthed from great love. One day my pain will be my purpose. Tonight, I'm the little engine, whispering, 'I think I can, I think I can...' Tomorrow will have new joys and sorrows."

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investigation by the coroner and state Medical Examiner's Office, but his loss is already felt deeply throughout the Flathead Valley.

Derek Schulz, the head track coach at Whitefish High School, said the death of such a talented and well-loved coach was a loss not only to his fellow coaches but also the whole Whitefish track team.

"Rob started coaching 13 years ago, and for the first 10 it was all volunteer work," he said. "He never missed a day of practice. He spent all this time with our kids, and built

both the athletes and coaching staff. Teams from the conference and around the state respected him. He'll be greatly missed."

Carter last spoke to his wife Sept. 16 and was expected to return Sept. 20. His body was found not far from Big Hole Battlefield National Park.

Bruce Christiansen, a longtime hunting companion and coworker of Carter, said he typically would have been with Carter.

"Hunting was his number one passion. We hunted down in Big Hole for the last 13 or 14 years," he said. "The only

reason I didn't go this year was because I had trouble keeping up with him. He was a very athletic guy. He was very outgoing" and and readily shared his fishing and hunting expertise with others.

Many of Carter's friends noted he was a devout Christian and active in his church. The Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office and Beaverhead Search and Rescue were assisted in the weeklong search by numerous agencies and volunteers, including Flathead County Sheriff and Search and Rescue, Ravalli County Sheriff and Search

and Rescue, the Madison County Search and Rescue, Two Bear Air, Butte Life-Flight, search dog teams from Montana and Canada, private fixed-wing and helicopters, an aerial drone company from Montana, Plum Creek Lumber Co., the Beaverhead National Forest Wisdom Ranger District, Montana DNRC Dillon Office, hundreds of citizens from Western Montana and the friends and family of Carter.

Reporter Ryan Murray may be reached at 758-4436 or by email at rmurray@dailyinterlake.com.

Robert N. Carter Jr., 53

Rob died with his bow in his hand and elk call in his mouth, pursuing one of his passions in the Wisdom/Big Hole area.

Many of his friends, family (including two of his children), co-workers and other agencies joined Beaverhead County Search and Rescue and the Beaverhead County sheriff in tireless efforts to bring Rob home. Rob's family will be forever grateful that he was found on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015.

Rob was born March 20, 1962, to Robert and Millie Carter in Redwood City, California. He grew up mainly in Redwood City and Foster City, California. He attended Peninsula Christian Center and was active in their youth group. Rob graduated from San Mateo High School in 1981.

In the mid-1980s he moved to Montana and found his home. He worked different jobs, attended Christian Center, now Canvas, and actually helped with construction of the original church building. On Oct. 1, 1986, Rob started work for Plum Creek of Evergreen. He worked many positions over his 29 years of employment there, most recently being the safety action partner, working the MDO (Medium Density Overlay) and the press.

In 1987, Rob met Barbara Marie Wilson. It was foolish and beautiful love at first sight for both of them. He proposed to her in Glacier National Park on the bridge over Avalanche Creek. They eloped to the Justice of the Peace on July 7, 1987.



ing, rifle hunting, fishing and ice fishing. He loved sharing his hobbies with his children.

In 2003, Rob found one of his callings when he began volunteering as the pole vault coach for Whitefish High School. He coached R.C. and many other vaulters to the level of ability that allowed them to place at the State track meet. He loved all his vaulters and two (Ben Brewer and Cort Rogers) became special friends into adulthood. Rob volunteered from 2003 to 2012 and was hired as an assistant coach in 2013. He held this position until his death.

For their 25th anniversary, Rob made plans secretly over the course of a year to take Barbara to Hawaii, only telling her at the last minute. Rob loved showing Barbara Hawaii and during a Maui sunset on the beach, gave her a wedding ring to replace one that disappeared years before. They dreamed and talked of moving to Hawaii.

Daughter Caitlin made Rob a grandfather to Lindsay Athene on June 20, 2013, and to Benjamin Orion on May 12, 2015. Rob was born to be a grandfather and loved his grandchildren dearly.

On Feb. 11, 1988, Rob and Barbara welcomed their son, Robert Naaman Carter III, whom they called R.C. Their first daughter, Caitlin Grace Carter, was born on May 14, 1990, followed by the birth of their second daughter Melinda "Mindy" Nicole Carter on Oct. 23, 1991. Robert was a loving, funny, proud and involved dad. His job enabled Barbara to be a stay-at-home mom until Mindy started school.

Rob and his family moved to the West Valley area where they made their home to the present day.

Rob's greatest joys were Barbara, his children and grandchildren, and his dogs Quigley and Gizmo.

Rob's hobbies were his passions — bow hunt-

Rob is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara; his children R.C., Caitlin and Mindy; his grandchildren, Lindsay Athene and Benjamin Orion; and step-grandchildren, Emily and Connor Davis. He is also survived by his parents, Robert and Millie Carter; his parents-in-law, Chuck and Mariann Norick; his brother, Stephen Carter and sister-in-law Tara Carter; nephews and niece, Marcus, David and Evie Carter; his sister, Denise Ohlin and brother-in-law Steve; niece and nephew, Becca and Kevin Ohlin; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Rob was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Charles and Esther Keys; his paternal grandparents, Howard and Grace Carter; and his niece, Mikayla Carter.

Rob's memorial service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Canvas Church at 255 Summit Ridge Road, Kalispell, with a light reception to follow.

22 Nov 2015

Margaret Goss Carter, 69

Margaret "Maggie" was born Nov. 10, 1946, in Glendive to Ernest and Annie Lou Goss. She was the oldest of five girls and granddaughter of William and Bessie Goss who homesteaded in Richey, Montana, in 1912. Maggie attended school at Edgerton Elementary, Central School and Flathead High.

For 13 years she fought valiantly against metastatic breast cancer but on Nov. 17, 2015, was released from her suffering in Newport Beach, California, where she lived.

Maggie was a successful Realtor in California but her greatest joy was her daughter, Cynthia, and Nick Rosen and grandsons, Cody and Sam of San Francisco. There



was always time for another visit to Disneyland with her family.

Additionally surviving Maggie are her sisters, Carolyn and Steve Barlow of Sammamish, Washington, and Christina Wood of Portland; her aunt, Evelyn Syth, of Kalispell; nieces, Jennifer McKenny and Shana Johnson, who called her their "fun aunt"; and cousins in Kalispell, Richey and throughout the state.

Maggie was laid to rest at Harbor Lawn-Mount Olive Memorial Park in Costa Mesa, California. We will miss her smile and that sparkle in her eyes.

15 Nov 2015

Maryellen D. Cassidy, 80

Maryellen was born an only child to Roy and Mabel Dixon on Sept. 16, 1935.

She passed away in Kalispell on Nov. 9, 2015.

She grew up in Colorado where she attended the University of Denver as a member of the Pi Phi Sorority and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree and a minor in psychology. As soon as she graduated, Maryellen joined the airlines as a stewardess for the Flying Tigers, Pan Am, and United. Her travels took her to Hawaii, Australia and Japan. She had many stories of her ventures including sunbathing on Guam during layovers and barely landing on dry land when touching down from overseas flights.

From there she moved to Lake Tahoe to be a "ski bum." Taking numerous side jobs in the restaurant and bar business working nights so she could ski during the day.

It was there she met her husband Dan Cassidy whom she was married to for 20 years. They moved to Concord, California, in 1967. Raising one daughter she began her teaching career at Palmer School in Walnut Creek, California. It was there she had her largest impact teaching fifth grade and touching the lives of many students. "Mrs. Cassidy" was known as a strict disciplinarian but also for her storytelling and sense of humor. She always had a joke and loved pulling pranks on her students.

One could go on and on from her 1968 GTO convertible with the top



down from March to October, her many years at the Kona Hut as her stomping grounds,

and her huge passion for the Oakland Raiders, quite possibly their biggest fans as they were season ticket holders for nearly 20 years. She was always quick to announce their winning score in morning assembly and even attended two Super Bowls.

She enjoyed golf, bowling, yearly trips to Kauai, Hawaii, reading and sunbathing. After 40 years in the Bay Area she moved to Bigfork to be closer to family and spend time with her two granddaughters. Three years later she accepted the Lord as her Savior and finally found peace.

As a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Home she received excellent care from numerous aides and nurses. Her family is eternally grateful and forever indebted. Maryellen died peacefully, clutching her Teddy bear.

She is survived by her daughter Danelle and Jeff Boll; two granddaughters, Abigail and Cora; along with Hunter and Brock Boll.

No services will be held except a private family celebration at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Immanuel Lutheran Communities.

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

5 Dec 2015

Mildred Maxine Casper, 87

Mildred Maxine Casper "went to be with her heavenly Father" on Nov. 30, 2015. The last few weeks she was so anxious for her "mansion to be ready."

She was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on Dec. 22, 1927, to L.B. and Lillian Starling.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Harold; her brother, Glenn; daughters Cheri, Jeannie and Mary; grandchildren Eli, Justin, Tiffany, JD and Janel; great-grandchildren Cory, Tyler, Xiah and Sadie, plus one on the way; and

great-great-grandchildren Riley and Braden, plus one on the way; nieces Pam, Cindy, Glenda and Theresa; and numerous extended family.

She will be missed by family and the many friends from years of her and Harold pastoring churches in California, Oregon and Nevada.

Mildred loved to crochet and sew (at one time she sewed wet suits). She was also accomplished at the piano and accordion.

A celebration of her life will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 11 at Canvas Church at 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell.

Myrtle Annie Zumwalt Barfoot Carter, 96

Myrtle Annie Zumwalt Barfoot Carter, 96, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was able to live on her own, in her own home, until the age of 95 and lived for 62 years at her family home, "the little pink" house on Rose Crossing.

Myrtle was born on January 25, 1919 in Saskatchewan, Canada, to parents Ernest and Edna Zumwalt. In her younger years her family tended to move from place to place. Early travels when she was young were in covered wagon, if you can imagine. A brief time was spent in Manhattan, Montana, with stops in Chico, California; Riddle, Oregon and Belgrade, Montana. The family moved from place to place depending on work availability but eventually the family settled in Ronan. Myrtle graduated from Belgrade High School in 1938.

One year later she married Ed Barfoot, the father of her natural-born children. He preceded her in death due to a logging accident in 1951.

She is also preceded in death by her parents and siblings Margaret, Vivian Tabitha, Percy "Bud," Irvin, Clifford (who died at only 15 months) and Clyde.

Her one living brother, Lloyd Zumwalt, resides in the Spokane Veterans Home in Spokane.

In her early 30s, Myrtle married Lloyd Carter on July 15, 1952. They lived in Ronan for a time and then moved to the west side of Kalispell. Soon thereafter they ended up at "the little pink house" on Rose Crossing where they blended their families and continued to raise his three kids, her three kids and then their own precious daughter, Wendy, was born on April 24, 1954.

At one time the whole family shared the tiny little two-bedroom "pink house." As the kids grew up, they moved out and found their own mates and then all that was left at the family home was their youngest child, Wendy.

After years of hard work and struggle, Myrtle and Lloyd had the time



of their lives and enjoyed their retirement years together. She accompanied him to all of his

horseshoe tournaments and fiddling contests, his accomplishments were her accomplishments. She spent hours and hours traveling all over the state watching Lloyd as he fiddled with the Old Time Fiddlers "CRAZY BUNCH." She loved to dance the two-step, the waltz, and the schottische. She was a lover of music. They camped on the Thompson Lakes with Lloyds' brother Tip and his wife Bess. They spent many happy hours together. The men caught and cleaned bass after bass and the ladies cooked them up and served them. Then they fiddled and played cards before turning in for the night. They enjoyed the company of one another.

Myrtle lost her beloved partner, Lloyd, on Nov. 15, 1993, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Myrtle was very fond of playing cards with anyone who would play. She played with her friends and she also taught her grandchildren how to play. Many of her senior years were spent at the Senior Center in Kalispell playing cards. She was always so excited when she won a dollar or two. She played pinochle, cribbage and bingo. She did crosswords and word finds by the hours to keep her mind and brain active. She also loved to read.

As was mentioned before she loved music and very much enjoyed The Three Tenors. Myrtle was an occasional visitor with daughter Lois to Glacier Symphony and Choral. She spent evenings by herself in her little house by her cozy fire putting puzzles together and watching baseball or PBS on TV.

She took care of her yard mostly by herself, raking the pine needles from her giant trees. When she needed a break she rested on her covered porch with her many

wind chimes and bird feeders swinging in the breeze. She made the best maple bars of anyone in the whole country and the family is all lamenting that no one ever watched her to get the handful of this and the pinch of that recipe. She never let any grass grow under her feet.

She remained active with old friends and made new friends wherever she went. Her roommate at Heritage House, Cecile, is missing her company greatly.

Her most precious times were when family visited or when she was able to visit them. Her son, Dee, took his "lady bug" out on Driving Miss Myrtle excursions out and about the valley and she noticed any and all new construction and commented on what was new and what was old. She cherished her phone calls and visits from her daughters Sandra and Barbara and daughter-in-law Donna. She spoke to them all by phone two days before having her third and final stroke.

She enjoyed her Tuesday lunches at Wheat Montana with daughter Lois and some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved being included in birthday parties and celebrations with the Hoerner family. Any occasion to be with any part of her large family was treasured time. One of these times was when she took her first and only airplane ride to see her stepson, Lyle, and his wife Donna at age 93. She also dressed up in borrowed leathers and took a ride on the back of a Honda VTX 1800 street bike and stayed in a fancy hotel during that same trip.

From covered wagons to jets and street bikes, it was quite a life she had.

One of Myrtle's biggest heartbreaks was the loss of her precious daughter Wendy due to complications of diabetes on Dec. 16, 2013. Myrtle missed her daughter's loving companionship greatly right to the time of her own passing. She never had expected that she would outlive her daughter and it weighed heavily on her. There was a tremendous void in her life but she

still carried on uncomplaining and unwavering. Myrtle loved all of her children and grandchildren equally and showed no favoritism whether they were hers by blood or not. She loved them all and we all loved her.

She is survived by son Elward "Dee" Barfoot of Kalispell; daughter Sandra Lee Hoye of Veneta, Oregon; daughter Barbara Ann McNamara of Summerville, South Carolina, and son-in-law Gary Hoerner of Columbia Falls.

She is also survived by her stepchildren Lyle and Donna Carter of Big River California, Joan Nussralah of Denver, and Lois and Clifford Swallow of Kalispell.

She is preceded in death by her cherished daughter, Wendy Hoerner, daughter-in-law Sue Barfoot, son-in-law Mort Hoye and son in law Ken McNamara.

She is also survived by her 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren, all of which were dearly treasured. She miraculously remembered the birth dates and life event dates of each and every one right up until her last days.

She impacted everyone she came into contact with. Her nurses commented through their tears that she was such a kind soul and a joy and they were honored to have been able to care for her. She was not demanding or insistent she just took whatever cards were dealt her and played them to the best of her ability.

She was content with what she had and her lot in life and did not desire more for herself. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements are being handled by Columbia Mortuary.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, Columbia Mortuary. Ron Pierce will be officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery for those who wish to attend.

A covered bring a dish reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at Teakettle Community Hall 234 Nucleus Ave. Columbia Falls.

Artist Cavanaugh leaves big legacy

Artist Bob Cavanaugh spent most of his last 40 years as a resident of Kalispell, and he certainly left his mark behind — not just with the art he created, but with the legacy of mentoring, community service and kindness that he was known for.

Cavanaugh, who died Sunday at the age of 87, was a distinguished sculptor and painter, but that never went to his head. He was the exact opposite of stuffy — always had time to help another artist, to tell a story or just plain to have a good laugh. He was what they call in Yiddish a “mensch” — a man of character, a real human being.

Maybe that’s because he came up through the ranks without anything being handed to him. He served his nation in the Merchant Marines during World War II, studied art and design, worked among many other jobs as an editorial cartoonist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and eventually made the transition to fine art. Lucky for the world that he did, as he taught us all to see the world better.

Artist friends such as Mark Ogle and Gary Riecke, who shared sto-

Inter Lake editorial

ries about “Cav” in Wednesday’s Inter Lake, will help to keep his legacy alive. So too will the countless paintings and sculptures made from his hand and his inimitable imagination that will grace Western art collections for years to come.

To donate to the group or to participate, visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/small-critterfoodexchange@theadvalley.

Robert Merlin Cavanaugh, 87

Robert Merlin Cavanaugh, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, at The Springs in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Cavanaugh; and children, Mary Cavanaugh of Portland,

and Patty Akovenko of Prescott, Arizona.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Beloved Western artist Bob Cavanaugh dies

By LYNNETTE HINTZE
The Daily Inter Lake

Bob Cavanaugh, a renowned Flathead Valley artist known for mentoring other local artists, died Sunday at The Springs assisted-living center in Whitefish. He was 87.

Cavanaugh was a consummate artist whose career started in the comic book business, then stretched into graphic design, newspaper illustration, watercolors and bronze sculpture through the decades. His artistic path wound from Beverly Hills, California, to Seattle and then to Kalispell in the 1970s when his fine-arts career began to flourish.

Kalispell artist Mark Ogle considered Cavanaugh not only his mentor but also one of his best friends.

"He was the best man at my wedding," Ogle said. "We were very close. It's a pretty big loss."

Ogle said Cavanaugh taught him how to paint watercolors.

"He'd take me out every week for several years and we painted on location," Ogle recalled. "That's how I learned how to paint. I worked with him decade upon decade."

"He influenced an awful lot of people," Ogle said. "He mentored people. We used to call



BOB CAVANAUGH works on a sculpture in 1979. (Daily Inter Lake file photo)

him the 'Dean of the Western Art Movement.'"

Gary Riecke, a Bigfork sculptor, also praised Cavanaugh's ability to convey to other artists the nuances of what makes a good piece of art. Riecke met Cavanaugh in 1977 when he moved to the Flathead Valley and began working at the Ace Powell Bronze Foundry, where both he and Cavanaugh worked in metal chasing.

He later took a workshop from Cavanaugh that hugely influenced his own art career.

"My background was in mathematics and physics. I was cut and dried on how I saw things," Riecke recalled. But Cavanaugh taught him how to convey the emotions and perceptions of his subject

matter. "It was an eye-opener," he said.

Cavanaugh was part of a weekly coffee klatch at the B&B grocery store in Kalispell, where up to a dozen artists routinely gathered to talk about techniques and exchange ideas. Riecke said the late sculptor Ace Powell impressed upon Cavanaugh the benefit of networking with other artists instead of competing with them.

"That [philosophy] filtered down from one generation to another; the idea you don't compete, you help each other," Riecke said.

CAVANAUGH'S art career began in the mid-1950s when he started freelancing for Western-themed comic books produced by Whitman Publishing in Beverly Hills. He wrangled that into a salaried job buying, editing and producing comic books for the company.

When the comic-book work offered no real economic future, Cavanaugh joined a friend in a less glamorous but more profitable business producing films about family, hygiene and morality that were shown in schools and churches in the 1950s.

He later headed to Seattle, where he became a commercial artist, creating designs for

advertising agencies and freelance studios. With a wife and two daughters, Cavanaugh opted for the security of a steady paycheck in the mid-1960s as an art director with Boeing.

Cavanaugh left his mark on Boeing, redesigning the company's logo from an outdated yellow-and-green design into the sleek silver-and-blue vision befitting a world leader in aircraft production.

With a blessing from his wife Doris (better known by her nickname Peggy), he jumped out of Boeing with no golden parachute into the tough job market of the late 1960s, still determined to make a living at art.

He became an editorial artist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and spent eight years at the daily newspaper.

During his time at the newspaper, though, he found enough time off the job to create his first bronze sculpture of a bear with a salmon in its mouth.

When the sculpture sold right away, it jump-started his fine-arts career and he went on to accumulate art awards from his sculpting and painting.

Through art shows he became acquainted with Ace Powell and well-known Kalispell art collector Dr. Van Kirke Nelson, and Montana was very much on his mind. By the mid-1970s he and his

wife were headed to Kalispell, where he tapped into a burgeoning art community.

Cavanaugh's art was known to reflect a blend of humor and intimate acquaintance with the subject — qualities that became the hallmark of his work. He said during a 2002 interview with the Daily Inter Lake that he didn't favor one medium over another.

"I'll sculpt for a year or two, then I'll go back to painting," he said during the interview.

Cavanaugh had a hand in many facets of developing the art community on a regional basis. He helped start the Kalispell Mural Society, a group of artists who painted murals on buildings. He was a key organizer of the Museum of Native American Culture in Spokane, according to Ogle. And he served on the Montana Arts Council.

"He was an amazing man," Ogle said. "We ran a lot of miles together. Kalispell owes a lot to him."

Cavanaugh is survived by his wife and children, Mary Cavanaugh of Portland and Patty Akovenko of Prescott, Arizona.

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Robert Lee Cheney, 85

Robert Lee Cheney, 85, passed away April 18, 2015, in Kalispell.

"Pops," as he was affectionately called by family, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on "Black Tuesday," Oct. 29, 1929. He was a healthy 11 pounds, born after a long labor by his 98-pound mother. When Bob was 14, the family moved to Southern California, where he completed high school and graduated from Compton College.

Bob married Holland-born Hetty van Gerve on July 29, 1950. In 1955 they were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Sandy. In 1956, on the same day, in the same hospital and with the same doctor, son Randy was born. They lived in the Los Angeles area for decades, enjoying summer respites in the cool woods of Oregon.

Bob served our country as a member of the National Guard and then joined the Air Force and was stationed in Oklahoma during the Korean War.

Bob and Hetty returned to Southern California in 1952, where he worked for Pacific Telephone (division of AT&T). Bob traveled with and set up communications for political campaigns. Prominent politicians would specifically request Bob for the job. He has shared many wonderful stories throughout the years.

Bob loved his family dearly and worked very hard to give them a good life. He also was a "miracle man." In 1974 he had triple bypass surgery, at a time when the procedure was still relatively new. Forty years later, we would still marvel at his



Randy both live. Bob loved the 12 years he got to spend in the slower pace and beauty of Northwest Montana. Being near family has also been precious.

In his final years, Bob remained active. He most recently served as a board member at the Agency on Aging in Kalispell. Bob and Hetty have also hosted numerous visitors to their Montana home in recent years.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Henry David and Laura Irene Cheney; and brother, Dennis Cheney.

He is survived by Hetty, his beautiful bride of 65 years; daughter, Sandy, and husband, Steve Licence, of Kalispell; and son, Randy, and wife, Jeanette, of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by grandchildren, Abigail Eyre and her husband Nate, Ian Licence and Robert Licence, all of Montana; also Jeanette Moran and her husband Dan, Leslie DaSilva and her husband Darlei, and Jacqueline Cheney, engaged to James Redifer, all of Florida. His great-grandchildren are Mira and Evelyn Eyre, Noah and Dylan Moran, Jasmin DaSilva, Scarlett Lee-fook and soon to be born Declan Redifer.

We all love and will

long-term survival.

In 2003, Bob and Hetty moved from their Apple Valley, California, home to Montana, where Sandy and

miss you Pops! See you again someday.

A graveside service for Robert will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, at Fairview Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Robert's family.

Agnes Chapin, 79

Agnes Chapin, 79, of Kalispell and Sun City West, Arizona, died Nov. 29, 2015.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Chapin;

and their three children, Mark Chapin, Bruce Chapin and Linda Chapin Fry.

No services are planned.

William Ralph Champlin, 74

William Ralph Champlin, 74, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

J. Byron Christian, 78

J. Byron Christian was born in Shelby Jan. 28, 1937, and passed Sept. 8, 2015, following a brief illness in Polson.

He attended schools in Shelby, Bigfork, Kalispell and the University of Montana and received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. He received double master's degrees at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. While at the Montana State University/U of M, Byron sang in the University choir, Opera, "Jubileers", and a performing group "Campus Capers", led by the late Dick Riddle. He sang the lead role of "Curly" in the University Musical Oklahoma. He directed and participated in United Methodist church choirs for 30 plus years, in Montana, Henderson, Nevada, and Washington, D.C. He directed and/or sang in the "Mission Valley Choral Society" and "Southern Nevada Choral Society," participated on the "Show Boat." Music was a central part of his life.

Byron was affiliated with the United Methodist Church, a youth officer at Epworth United Methodist Church — Kalispell, an officer for the local church and a Yellowstone Conference representative for finance and property sales.

Byron served in the Vietnam War, as 7th Air Force Commander Gen. "Spike" Momyer's Intelligence briefing officer, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star. He completed his Air Force career as a professor of political science at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He held a Montana Real-estate Broker's



licensed and developed with three other partners, Jette Lake development, South Hills and others. After selling his real estate office, he

worked in Gerald Newgard's real-estate store as a broker and sold Stratford homes. During his brokerage years he was an officer for Rotary Club and their music director.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Bertha A. (Ainley) Christian and James S. Christian, and a sister, Marsha Mae.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth A. (Timm) Christian; his daughter, Jennifer Ann Christian; his brother, Calvin Christian, spouse Marva Christian; his sister, Janet Royer, spouse General Erlind Royer USAF retired; Steven Christian; Doreen Christian; Glenn Timm; nieces and nephews: Kirby Christian, Barbara Christian, Bridger, Carson, Jordan, Clayton Christian, Dawn Christian, Lauren, Lindsey, and Colter; Christian Royer; Nicole Royer, spouse Chad Overcast, Brody, Bentley, Maddie, and Garret; Sandi Christian; Cari Kiepper, Kevin Kiepper, Kellie and Christian; Colin Timm, Nina Timm and Asher.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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



J. Byron Christian Memorial Service

The Christian Family invite family and friends to the **Memorial Service for J. Byron Christian, who passed away Sept. 8, 2015, to be held at the Polson United Methodist Church, Friday, Nov. 27 at 11 a.m.,** to lift Byron's memory in song and stories.

A memorial has been set up in the name of Byron Christian at Polson United Methodist Church, or contribute to a favorite charity or non-profit group in Byron's name.

23 Sep 2015

Thomas J. Cichowski, 71



Thomas J. Cichowski passed away in his Kalispell home Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Outlaw Inn 1701 U.S. 93 South, Kalispell; 406-755-6100.

Tom was born on June 13, 1944, to Henry and Jennie Cichowski in New Britain, Connecticut. He grew up in Southington, Connecticut, where he enjoyed country life and excelled in sports. He attended university in Maryland on a football scholarship. While studying in Maryland, he met

his wife Carolyn. He later played professional football for the Green Bay Packers and then the Denver Broncos. When he lived in the Denver area he began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses and was baptized in 1972. When looking for a place to raise their young family, Tom and Carolyn decided to move to Kalispell in 1976 as the area offered many opportunities to

practice the ministry of the Bible and enjoy wholesome outdoor activities.

Tom is well known in Kalispell for the Bible education work he enjoyed. He happily served as an appointed congregation elder in the valley for many years. He worked in the area as a general contractor building custom homes and renovating. Tom enjoyed hunting, trapping, horsemanship and exploring wilderness areas with his friends and family. At his death he is survived by his wife of

50 years, Carolyn; his sons, Bryan and Todd with their wives; and his siblings, Jean Sanders, Henry "Hank" Cichowski and Paul Cichowski.

The Cichowski family would like to thank the local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses for their loyal support and Dr. Wagner and the Flat-head Oncology clinic for their tender care.

Nancy Lynn Clark, 60

Our "Nancy Bella" was "called home to her perfect camp spot in the sky" Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, due to a car accident in Washington.

Nancy was born July 22, 1955, in Butte and grew up in Hamilton.

She made her home in Whitefish for the last 30-plus years.

Nancy was a pillar in the service world, working within the Whitefish community for many, many years, always giving a friendly hello to all she met. Her favorite things were thrifting, camping and spending



time with family and friends. When it was cold in Montana, you could find her reading a

book on the beach in the Baja.

She is loved by many and will be missed by all. Bring your favorite picture and memory to share with the family. Join us for a potluck celebration of Nancy's life and a couple games of dice from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Whitefish VFW.

16 Jul 2015

Dolores 'Dode' Clatterbuck, 87

Dolores "Dode" Clatterbuck, 87, passed away July 14, 2015, at the Retreat in Polson.

Dode was born April 5, 1928, to Willie and Myrtle Johnson.

She graduated from high school and went to work in the shipyards as a welder for the World War II effort. When the war was over she moved back to Montana and attended college in Havre. After that she was a teacher in Dayton. On December 31, 1946, she married Ted Clatterbuck. They had six children and over the years lived in Arlee, Missoula, Ovando, and Ronan. She was a cook for many years at various restaurants in the valley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Kay Trahan; granddaughter, Sally Jo Lambeth; sister, Lorraine Bauska, and brother Dale



Johnson.

She is survived by her sister, Marion Young; children, Jo Durand, Vivien

Lambeth, Sandy Huntley, Guy Clatterbuck, and Jim Clatterbuck. She had many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 25, at the Lake Funeral Home in Polson. A reception will follow at the Polson Senior Center. Dode's beautiful, welcoming smile and sparkling blue eyes will be missed.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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

Whitefish woman ^{DIL} dies in wrong-way collision ¹¹⁻⁷⁻¹⁵

The Associated Press and Daily Inter Lake

AUBURN, Wash. — A Whitefish woman died Thursday morning in a wrong-way highway accident in Auburn.

Nancy L. Clark, 60, died at the scene on State Route 18 after colliding with two cars heading the opposite direction.

The Washington State Patrol said Clark drove her 1997 Honda Civic east in the westbound lanes and hit a car. She kept going until she hit a second car, a 2011 Toyota Avalon. That driver, a 54-year-old Federal Way, Washington, man, was injured and taken to St. Francis Hospital.

The accident happened at 12:30 a.m. Thursday and closed the road for about four hours at the Green River Bridge.

Witnesses told KOMO News that they could see the two drivers trying to avoid one another with their headlights swerving across the lanes.

Craig Anderson, the first witness on the scene, told KOMO he first checked on the man who got hit and saw that he was alive. He was on the phone with a 911 operator as he checked the other car.

"Dispatch was trying to find out if anyone inside the vehicle was alive, so I ended up shattering the two driver side windows — checked for a pulse. I didn't feel a pulse," he said. "And so I told everyone else around to just kind of back away and not take pictures."

Troopers say they don't believe drugs or alcohol were factors in the crash.

Ardith J. Clare, 84

Ardith J. Clare passed away quietly on April 19, 2015, after a short illness in Salinas, California, where she had been living with her son Jeffrey Clare. Ardith was 84 years old.



Chapter of Eastern Star where she remained a member for more than 50 years. She was

Ardith was born in Butte to her parents Dr. Clarence W. Granger and Beulah B. Granger on June 14, 1930. She had three older sisters, Beulah Olson, Orlene Eklund and Burdette Taylor.

Ardith married Lyle H. Clare on Nov. 8, 1953, at the Lakeside Community Chapel. Ardith and Lyle first lived in Mountain Brook and later moved to the Creston National Fish Hatchery where Lyle was employed. They lived at that address until Lyle's passing in 1979 when she moved to Lakeside. Ardith and Lyle had two sons, Jeffrey and Steven Clare.

She was an accomplished artist and for several years Ardith owned and operated the Country Cottage Ceramic Shop in Creston and Kalispell where she taught ceramic classes several nights a week. She sold the ceramic business in 1979. She later worked at Herberger's department store in Kalispell, and then later at Flathead Bank in Lakeside. Ardith was retired for the past several years, living in her home at the Village Greens in Evergreen.

Ardith was a charter member of the Bigfork

also an active member of Beta Sigma Phi and Daughters of the Nile.

Ardith was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle H. Clare; and her son, Steven L. Clare; as well as her parents and three sisters.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey Clare, of Prunedale, California; and her three grandchildren, Steven J. Clare of Santa Cruz, California, Bethany L. Clare of Salt Lake City, and Michael D. Clare of Prunedale; as well as several nieces and nephews; and her two sisters-in-law, Emmerral Clare and Thallis Birk, both of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 27, at the Lakeside Community Chapel in Lakeside. There will be a reception at the church following the service with food and refreshments. Any dessert or dishes will be welcome and greatly appreciated by the family.

Donations to the Lakeside Community Chapel are encouraged and welcome.

Ardith's final resting place will be at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

10 Jan 2015

Eugene 'Gene' R. Clark, 76

of Arlington; daughter, Tammy (Clark) and son-in-law, Darrell Burton, of Marysville, Washington; son, Ray Clark of Arlington; and granddaughters, Melissa and Jamie Burton.

He married Norma Jean Brunner Sept. 2, 1960.



Gene worked at Plum Creek Lumber, as a small business owner of various establishments such as Alpen Slices Delicatessen and Spanky's Ice Cream Parlor, and as a Columbia Falls School District bus driver. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, attending car shows and gold panning.

Eugene "Gene" R. Clark, 76, of Arlington, Washington, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014.

Gene was the only child of Joseph C. and Florence (Valentine) Clark of Kalispell. Gene was born on July 5, 1938. Gene graduated from Flathead County High School in 1956; he also attended one year of college in Havre. He was a member of the FFA in High School and later part of the Columbia Falls Jaycees. Gene was part of the Montana National Guard.

He was preceded in death by both parents. He was an outgoing individual who loved his family and close friends. A celebration of his life will come later in the summer of 2015. You can share your memories of Gene and sign the online guest register at www.lemleychapel.com.

William Ray Cleveland, 50

William Ray Cleveland, 50, passed away Nov. 15, 2015, at home in Polson surrounded by his family. He had been battling cancer.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Linderman gymnasium in Polson. A reception will



take place at the Red Lion Inn following the service. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Lake Home in Polson.

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23 Feb 2015

Jim J. Clouse, 53

Jim J. Clouse (aka Jimmy, Poppy and Man of Many Words) of Kalispell, passed away on Feb. 22, 2015, in his home, surrounded by his family and friends.

Jim was born on Dec. 30, 1961, in Kalispell to John and Eilleen Clouse.

Jim worked as a logger and a farmer all of his life. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, working in his "club house" and in the woods.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, John.

Jim is survived by his wife of 28 years, Marti Jo; his sons and their families, Brandon and Jessica, and their two children, Ryder and Reagan; and Ty and Randi, along with their children, Kayden



and Autumn; his mother, stepfather, three sisters and one brother; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of funeral services, a celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 28, at the home of Bo and Lisa Holst, 1395 Bucks Lane, Bigfork.

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

Michael William Clouser, 65

Michael William Clouser of Whitefish passed away July 14, 2015, at home. He was 65.

Michael was born June 2, 1950, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, to Eugene and Naomi Jean Villars Clouser. He graduated from Darlington High School and then went to Vincennes University, graduating in 1970.

He was a diesel mechanic and heavy equipment operator. He relocated to Whitefish in the 1980s.

His survivors include Phillip and Janice Clouser of Frankfort, Indiana, Connie Clouser, sister-in-law, of Rossville, Indiana, Delores Hicks of Valparaiso, Indiana, Catherine and Clifford Foreman of Lewistown, Montana, and Martha and Rick Carroll of Venice, Florida.

He was preceded in death by brother Paul Clouser, and sister Anna Harness Simmons.

At the age of 10, Mike joined the family of his uncle and aunt, Francis and Julia Clouser of rural Darlington in



Indiana. His siblings with that family include Marj Clouser, sister-in-law of Carmel,

Indiana, Richard and Sandy Clouser of Darlington, Dennis and Frances Clouser of Darlington, and Mary Clouser of Muncie, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Clouser.

Services were held July 20 at Burkhardt Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, led by Father Christopher Shocklee. Burial took place at Greenlawn Cemetery in Darlington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Darlington Forever for use at the Darlington Community Center, P.O. Box 187, Darlington, IN 47940; or the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Online condolences may be made at www.burkhardtfh.com.

11 Jun 2015

Valgene Clothier, 80

Valgene Clothier passed away on May 30, 2015, at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City after a long struggle with cancer. Now may he rest in peace without pain.

Val was born June 15, 1934, in Kila at the Colby ranch to Archie and Queveene Clothier. Later the family moved to Swan Valley and made a home on 80 acres along the Swan River.

Val married Anna Mae Harmon in 1956 and had three children, Clifford, Lannie and Lisa. Val made a living for his family in the woods, harvesting timber all around Western Montana for years.

Then he followed the timber trail west and then north to log in southeast Alaska. After suffering a serious accident in Haines, Alaska, and recovering, he went back to school and became the manager for a welding supply store in Fairbanks, Alaska. The family lived in Fairbanks for several years until Val heard the call of the timber again.

He moved to Seward, Alaska, and became the timber buyer for the Seward sawmill and

the family lived there for years. This was his dream job, to search for and develop timber sales. He enjoyed flying out to look at prospective timber sales all around south central Alaska. His gift for gab and love of stories made him many friends as he roamed around looking for timber to buy for the mill. He had a good eye for the value of a stand of timber, but also the ability to see possibilities in areas along Alaska's coast that were piled high with storm-wracked trees.

Later, he retired back in Montana.

Val is survived by his mother, Queveene Talley, of Kalispell; his three children; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his brother, George Beck.

He was predeceased by his father, Archie Clothier, and his sister, Nancy Clothier.

Val had been living in Ashland, Montana, to be near his good friends, Roger and Amanda Dilard.

In memory of Val, the family asks that you take time to reach out to those you love wherever they are.

Dewitt H. Coe Jr., 72

Dewitt H. Coe Jr., 72, died at St. Joseph Medical Center Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

No services are planned at this time.

The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, formally Grogan Funeral Home, is assisting the family with arrangements.

22 Dec 2015

John Taylon Cogar, 18

Taylon fought an extremely courageous battle with cancer and came out the winner on the night of Dec. 17, 2015. He was surrounded by his family and so many of his amazing friends. A true warrior to the very end, he inspired everyone with his positive attitude and drive for life.

"He's finally running again, but instead of a ball field, he's now running on streets of gold."

We were blessed to have Taylon come into our lives on Nov. 22, 1997.

He was born in Kalispell and attended Edgerton Elementary School, Kalispell Middle School and was currently a senior at Flathead High School. Taylon was planning on attending Montana State University after graduation. Although he didn't get to graduate and go on to college to do great things, he lived a very fulfilling life.

He had an athletic talent and was very active in sports until his cancer diagnosis cut it all too short. Taylon was diagnosed with osteosarcoma during the Lakers baseball tryouts his sophomore year.

Taylon had a truly unique personality which naturally attracted others. He was tough, stubborn and determined. Whatever Taylon did in life, he approached it at full speed and on his terms. He had a fierce love for his friends and nothing could come between that.

He was an amazing son and a wonderful big



brother. His younger brothers looked up to him and adored him. Taylon seemed

to inspire others by his effortless approach to life. He gave people a reason to be happy just by being near him and he impacted each and every one of their lives.

He is loved and remembered by all who knew him. He is survived by his parents Darren and Susanne, his brothers Dalton and Gavon, and grandparents John and Judy Cogar, and Dick and Sharon Roseburg. Taylon will never be forgotten and he is forever in our hearts.

As our hearts break with sadness, we have a peace that surpasses all understanding.

"Taylon is now in heaven enjoying God's brilliant perfection."

A viewing of Taylon was held Dec. 23 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Canvas Church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the church.

We welcome all to attend these celebrations of Taylon's life.

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

Laurie Jean Cohen, 57

Laurie Jean Cohen, 57, of Kalispell, died Dec. 2, 2015.

She is survived by her parents, Michael and

Carol Cohen, of Grants Pass, Oregon.

At the request of the deceased, funeral services will be private.

20 Jan 2015

John T. Cohenour, 93

John T. Cohenour, 93, died of natural causes on Jan. 14, 2015, at his Kalispell residence.

John was born in Colorado and raised in Polson and Troy. He graduated from Troy High School with the Class of 1939.

He served in the U.S. Army Airborne during World War II in central Europe. He was in the Infantry and was also a radio repairman.

In September 1942, John married Evelyn V. Dale. The couple were married 58 years.

John worked in the mines around Wallace, Idaho. He was also a mechanic for W.R. Grace in Libby, and retired from Royal Logging as shop foreman in 1986.

John loved golf, pool, traveling south in winter to play golf and visit with his grandkids, great-grandkids and his great-great-grandson, John V.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Cohenour; parents, James and Ruth Cohenour; brother, Robert Cohenour; sister, Pat Krajewski; and sister, Morna Bennet.

John is survived by his sons, John and Diana Cohenour, and Alan



and Susan Cohenour; stepson, Jerry, and Ricki Bowen; grandchildren, Kellianne Tayler, John T. Cohenour III, Annette Croteau,

and Harold Boggs II; great-grandchildren, John Cohenour IV, Christopher Cohenour, Brandilynn Tayler, Tara Hogan, Brook Hogan, and Landen Boggs; great-great-grandson, John T. Cohenour V; brothers, Gene Cohenour and wife Sharren, and James Cohenour; and niece, Leslie Holden.

There will be no services. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jason Jay Lee Collier, 42

Jason "Jay" Lee Collier, 42, passed away Oct. 24, 2015, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Jay was born Aug. 15, 1973, in Kalispell and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1992.

He had worked in the construction trade.

Jay enjoyed fishing, hunting, wood cutting and just going to the river.

He was preceded in death by his Grampa Jack Barrett and Grandma Pat Collier.

Jay is survived by his parents, Jake and Wendy Boll, of Bigfork; Randy Collier of Marion; son Slade Collier of Billings; siblings, Lyle and Trish Boll, Jeff and Danelle Boll, and Becky and Steve DeSimone; Gramma Shirley Barrett and Grandpa Dick Collier; as well as numerous nieces

and nephews.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Friends are encouraged to make contributions to the Ray or Hope.

Friends may visit the website www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Marilyn Claire Collum, 84

Marilyn Claire Collum, 84, of Libby, passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Sep. 13, 1930, in Great Falls, to Arthur and Belle Boettcher. She grew up in the Square Butte area. Marilyn received her education at a rural school there and graduated from Geraldine High School in 1949. She got her Bachelor of Arts in education at Western Montana College in Dillon.

She was a member of the Kappa Zeta Nu Sorority while attending college. She became a member of the Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society while teaching. She was a teacher for 30.6 years, she taught at the Eureka Elementary School, the Iowa Flats School, the Rexford School and the Glen Lake School.

On Nov. 1, 1952, Marilyn married Robert Byers and they resided in Rexford until the Libby Dam was constructed and they moved to Eureka. They were in the Christmas tree and cattle business. They moved to Libby later on where Robert passed away in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert, a brother Vernon and a son Robbie.

Marilyn loved life and people and will remember her laugh and smile. She'll be remembered as an avid gardener and for her lovely flowers she grew. Many of her friends called her the "Dahlia lady." Her efforts and her love for cooking, raising



beautiful flowers and doing watercolors and oil paintings earned her the honor of

being "Our Fair Lady" at the Lincoln County Fair in Eureka two different times. She also loved fishing and playing cards. She enjoyed dancing and bowling and was a member of a bowling league in Eureka for several years. Marilyn loved to dress up and will be remembered as making all her colors in her wardrobe match. She enjoyed all music which inspired her so much, especially western tunes.

She cherished her family so much, and she'll be remembered for her generosity, her love of family and will be missed by all.

Survivors include her daughter, Ella Jean Sanders and Art, of Fortine; siblings, Dolores Schumacker and Joanne Dors, both of Great Falls; her beloved grandsons she was so proud of, Travis Sanders and Rochelle and their children Darya and Dylan, of Eureka, and Justin Sanders, of Fortine.

Marilyn wished to be cremated with no funeral services. Memorials may be made to a charity of the giver's choice in Marilyn's name.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Charles 'Chuck' Collins, 82

Charles "Chuck" Collins, 82, died Jan. 1, 2015, in Whitefish.

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

Charles Collins, 82

Charles Collins of Bigfork, age 82, died Jan. 1, 2015.

He is survived by his

children, Doug Collins of Bigfork, Mike Collins of Florida, and Anna Collins-Christie of Arizona.

Dino Combs, 52

Dino Combs, 52, of Polson, died at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula on March 28. Services are pending.

The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donald C. Conat, 91

Donald C. Conat, a resident of Keizer, Oregon, for over 23 years, passed away on June 20, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. He died peacefully, surrounded by family and friends and the wonderful staff at Avamere Court at Keizer.

Don was born on Feb. 28, 1924, in Bemidji, Minnesota, to Roy and Ella Conat.

He was a proud World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy with honor and distinction. He was even prouder to have been married 69 years this July 13 to the love of his life, Blanche Conat.

He moved to Montana in 1946 and ran C & C Timber in Olney with his father and brother. Don was involved in the start up of Little League baseball in Whitefish in the '50s. In 1961, he began a career in professional baseball and rose to the AAA League. He decided to leave baseball to spend more time with his family.

He worked for Dunne Paint Co. in San Jose, California, for 19 years before retiring to Oregon. He published a newsletter in McNary Estates for 23 years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Sr. and Ella; brother, Roy Jr.; and sister, Dorothy.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche; sons, Terry and Rick Conat, of Whitefish; daughter, Linda Carpenter, and husband, David, of Mount Vernon,



Washington; five grandchildren, Stacey Taylor and Col. Michael Taylor, Brandie Elia and Jeff, Sara Kurashige and Aaron, Weston

Conat and Enya Chiu, and Lexie Conat; and six great-grandchildren, Tyler, Morgan and Zack Elia, Kate and Owen Taylor, and Benjamin Kurashige.

Services were held on June 26 at Faith Lutheran Church in Keizer.

The family is requesting donations in lieu of flowers to one of Don's favorite charities — Make-A-Wish Foundation or Wounded Warriors.

Dylan Taylor Cornett, 23

Dylan Taylor Cornett, 23, of Kalispell passed away Oct. 22, 2015.

He was born in Kalispell on Feb. 17, 1992, to Mark Cornett and Theresa Axelson.

Dylan was an amazingly talented musician. He could play many instruments, but man could he thump that bass and rip up the guitar. That is something special he and his father shared and it meant so much to Dylan. He had a love for cars even before he could walk, whether it was racing them or taking them on long drives with many of his dearest friends.

He had the greatest sense of humor; he sure loved to prank his mom. He could always make you laugh, even when you didn't think you could. He had the biggest heart. Dylan was loved by many and touched a lot of lives in his short time on this earth. He will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his mother, Theresa Axelson; and father, Mark Cornett and wife Nancy and



Runyon; maternal grandparents, Hazel and David Jones, and Ted and Jean Axelson;

paternal grandparents, Ralph and Asenath Cornett; aunts and uncles, Rocky Cornett and Sandy, Ralph Cornett and Teresa, and Tami Axelson and Ken; cousins, Kayla and Carmen Rowland, Sam Cornett and Jennifer, Crystal Mjelde and Chris, Alicia Fladager and Matt, Derrick, Katie, Devin Cornett and Alexa and Alyvia Cornett; and countless friends that loved him very much, many he considered brothers.

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

Sunset Memorial Funeral Home of Missoula is assisting with arrangements. Condolences for Dylan's family may be left at www.missoulafuneral-homes.com.

William 'Bill' Cook, 91

William "Bill" Cook, 91, of Polson, died at Polson Health and Rehab on Monday, March 31, 2015.

The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

William 'Bill' Coppock, 73

William "Bill" Coppock, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2015, in Kalispell. His passing was the result of failing health from an auto accident 31 years ago.

Bill, the second of three children, was born on Nov. 3, 1941, in Battle Creek, Michigan, to Clyde Coppock and Edna (French) Coppock. The family eventually moved to Omak, Washington, where Clyde worked in construction on various dams and bridges. Clyde "retired" to become an apple orchardist, with hay for a sideline.

Bill graduated from Omak High School where he was a fearless football player. He worked for the Department of Natural Resources while still in school, and then as a logger for Art Fulford.

He married Barbara Doner from Okanogan, Washington, and they had two children, Catherine and Donald. Bill worked a short time for Biles Coleman, Omak and then Columbia Valley Millworks in Okanogan. His last job was for Okanogan County Department of Public Works as a traffic control officer and in vegetation management.

A better father could not be found. He was always there for his children, doing everything from coaching Don's Little League team to helping with the 4-H horse project kids.

On Aug. 4, 1984, he had spent his usual vacation as an adult volunteer at the Lost Lake 4-H Camp. Driving home, he fell asleep at the wheel and was critically injured, just 2 miles from home. Hospitalized a year in Harborview Hospital, Seattle, he came home a paraplegic with limited use of his right arm and hand.

A lesser man would have given up, but he worked hard to regain full use of his right hand, and started making picture frames for Barbara's art. A dream for both was to live in a forest with a lake. Flathead Valley in Montana fit the bill. Their art business made



it possible. Bill loved the wild-life surrounding him, the view from the deck, picnics

in their Haker Woods, and great friends in the Kalispell area.

In 2008, came the long predicted kidney failure and dialysis treatment began. Bill lived for seven years under the incredible care of the DCI Clinic in Kalispell. The staff and the patients were a second family for him. Finally, his long courageous battle ended at the Northwest Healthcare Hospice Center.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Coppock; and sister, Vivian (Coppock) Bergstrom.

Survivors are his mother, Edna; wife of 52 years, Barbara; daughter, Catherine (Coppock) Laws; grandson, Kevin Laws; son, Donald Coppock, and wife Lonni, with granddaughter Katelyn Coppock and grandsons Trace and Gage Coppock; brother-in-law, Phillip Bergstrom; and last, but not least, best friend and brother, Dick Coppock, and wife Bonnie.

There will be two memorial services: the first for friends and family in the Flathead will take place at 1 p.m. on April 11, at Volunteer Park, right in the center of Lakeside. Also, Bill will be going home to the Okanogan Valley for a celebration of life at 1 p.m. on June 20. Friends and family will gather at the Old Flour Mill, 96 Pine Street across the river in Okanogan.

In lieu of flowers, family asks that memorials be made to the Lakeside Community Club, P.O. Box 481, Lakeside MT 59922; Okanogan-Omak Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2031, Omak, WA 98841; or the charity of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements. Visit www.buffalohillfh.com for online obituary and comments.

Josephine C. Cordi, 96

Josephine C. Cordi, 96, died May 9, 2015.

She is survived by her son, Sam Cordi of Whitefish.

Interment has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Donald 'Corky' Corkum, 84

Donald "Corky" Corkum, 84, passed away peacefully in Portland on May 8, 2015, with family at his side.

Don was born March 25, 1931, in Chicago then moved to Portland with parents Gordon and Beulah Corkum. He graduated from Grant High School and attended Oregon State University where he was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

In Oregon, Don owned and operated Mount Hood Building Supply. He moved to Polson in the early 1990s and started a new business, Rae's Motor Mocha.

Corky was an active member and volunteer for the Mission Valley Elks Club where, for many years, he organized and helped prepare the annual Chinese dinner. Don was a member of the Polson Bay Golf Club.



Don was blessed with loyal fiends throughout his life and in recent years found great joy

with his dog and best buddy, Hudson.

Don is survived by sister, Judy Richins; sons, Michael, and David and Susan; daughters, Lynn Grice and Dennis, and Jill Reynolds and Mark; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A remembrance of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Mission Valley Elks Club in Polson.

The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the Mission Valley Elks Scholarship Fund.

"Go Beavs and Cubs!"

MEMORIAL**Donald G. "Corky" Corkum, 84**

A memorial service for Donald G. "Corky" Corkum, 84, who died May 8 will be held at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Mission Valley Elks Lodge in Polson.

Andrea Leigh Corpron, 31

Andrea Leigh Corpron, daughter of Norma (Moses) Jones of Ronan and Steve Corpron of Kalispell, died unexpectedly on Oct. 3, 2015.

She was born in Kalispell on Aug. 1, 1984, and raised in Ronan.

On Oct. 5, 2014, her son and the light of her life, Soren James "Beans" Jolstead-Marquess, was born and made Andrea the proudest mommy ever.

Andrea loved with her whole heart. If anyone was in pain or in need of a friend, she was the one person they could count on. She also hated bullies and was always the one standing up for the little guy, no matter how big the bully.

Andrea was always a hard worker and had several past jobs, but one of her favorites was tending bar, most recently at the Elks Lodge in Polson. She really loved her customers and they loved her.

Also, Andrea comes from a family full of singers and musicians. Anyone who knew her knew how much she loved music. She had a beautiful voice and really loved singing, either with the family band or with



any of a number of her friend's bands, and also loved to sing karaoke.

Andrea is survived

by her son, Soren; her fiancé, Joshua Barker; her parents, Norma and Steve; her stepdad, Lubert Jones; her sister and stepsisters, Raena, Karla Walhood and Clarence, Patti Jones, and Carol Jones; and her brother and stepbrothers, Kendall Jones, Brandon Jones and Brennan Jones. She is also survived by her great-grandmother, Dorothy Meyers; her grandmother, Lois Corpron; her grandfather, Jim Moses; and her nephew, Jace Yazzie, as well as numerous other loving relatives and friends.

The family wishes to thank all of those who gave support, love and friendship throughout her life and during this difficult time.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a celebration of life at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12, at the Elks Lodge in Polson for a potluck luncheon.

Greg's pride and joy were his two children, Jerrica and Keaton. Although he lived apart from them for some of their childhood, he made every effort to visit them on weekends and have them spend summers with him in Whitehall. He loved summertime when they came to stay with him in Whitehall. Greg was a kind, gentle and generous soul and made everyone around him comfortable. He had a warm genuine smile and was a good listener and counselor. He donated gallons of his blood to the Red Cross and United Blood Centers. He started a coin collection drive in Whitehall to

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Flathead Hospice, Bigfork Ambulance or the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation. There will be a Funeral Service held for Greg at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell with Burial to take place following the service at Bigfork Community Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Corr family.

Gregory Roe Corr, 57

Gregory Roe Corr, 57, of Bigfork, passed away July 1 from cancer. His soulmate and wife Cheryl was at his side. He fought bravely since being diagnosed in 2014 with lipo-sarcoma.

Greg was born in Seattle on June 24, 1958, the third child to Carolyn (Lien) and Odon Corr. They eventually moved to South Dakota where Greg graduated high school and enrolled in South Dakota State University, earning a degree in journalism in 1982.

Greg began his long and accomplished career in the small newspaper business while interning at various newspapers in South Dakota during his college years. He then worked for and/or owned numerous newspapers in Colorado, Iowa, Alaska, North Dakota, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Cascade, Montana and lastly, was owner/publisher of the Whitehall Ledger in Whitehall, Montana, for the past nine years. His newspapers won many achievements and awards and in June of this year, he was awarded Master Editor/Publisher by the Montana Newspaper Association, a prestigious accolade to top off his 35 years in the business.

Greg had a love of the outdoors, and during his younger days, he worked summers at Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park and Denali National Park in Alaska. He was also athletic and rode his bike on 20-mile rides for exercise.

In 1991, he married Lisa Connors and they later divorced.



help travelers who were down and out and needed a boost.

He was on the board of direc-

tors at Liberty Place in Whitehall and served on the board of the Montana Newspaper Association.

Greg was everyone's friend and gave freely of his time and energy. He loved small communities and served each one in which he lived.

In 2008, Greg met the love of his life, his wife Cheryl. They spent their days running the newspaper, walking their dogs and enjoying life. They took many trips and vacations together as the newspaper would allow. Their favorite trip was to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Greg loved Mexican restaurants and he and Cheryl frequented their favorite one in Butte often.

When Greg was diagnosed with cancer, he and Cheryl made plans to sell the Whitehall Ledger and move near Cheryl's hometown of Kalispell. They bought a small cottage along Highway 35 with some cherry trees and a gorgeous view of Flathead Lake. This is where Greg spent his remaining days.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn. He is survived by his wife Cheryl Cheman Corr of Bigfork, children Jerrica and Keaton Corr of Post Falls, Idaho, father Odon Corr and wife Joan Corr of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, sisters Jodie (Mike) Dirksen of Mason City, Iowa, Nancy Froning and her fiancé Wayne Kolbeck of Iowa, Karie Waters of Wessington Springs and numerous nieces and nephews. His two faithful canine companions Pica and Yukon will miss him dearly.

Aunika Katelyn Corrigan, 16

Aunika Katelyn Corrigan, 16, of Polson, died June 24, 2015. Services will be

announced at a later date. The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is handling the services.

Darrell M. Cottrell, 76

Darrell M. Cottrell, 76, of Kalispell died Sept. 12, 2015. He is survived by son Dan Torrence, and daughter Terri Boyle.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

11 Jun 2015

Edwin Forrest Covell, 85

Edwin Forrest Covell, 85, passed away June 8, 2015, due to an accident at his Whitefish residence.

Edwin was born Dec. 13, 1929, in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, where he grew up.

Edwin had been a logger for many years in the Flathead Valley.

On Dec. 5, 1988, he married Betty Stevens in Casper, Wyoming. They were married for 26 years.

Edwin loved hunting, fishing, and camping. He attended the Whitefish congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Edwin was preceded in death by a daughter, Dianne Gravlin, and

his first wife, Violet "Vi" Covell, in 1986. Edwin is survived by his wife, Betty Covell; sons, Bob and Bill Shanks, and daughter, Bonnie Long; four brothers; two sisters and their families residing in New Hampshire, and 9 grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, at the Whitefish Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

Columbia Falls man, 85, dies in tractor accident

By MATT HUDSON
The Daily Inter Lake

An 85-year-old man died Monday evening after a tractor rolled on top of him at his home on Montana 40 near Columbia Falls.

According to Flathead County Sheriff's Office Patrol Commander Nic

Salois, Edwin Covell was standing in front of the tractor working on the radiator.

It began rolling and ran over Covell, who was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency responders.

An investigation into Covell's death is still under way through the Sheriff's Office.

Kevin Arell Coverdell, 52

Kevin Arell Coverdell, 52, passed away Sept. 19, 2014, in Glasgow.

Kevin was born Aug. 16, 1962, in Kalispell. He grew up in Kalispell, was on swim team and wrestled. He attended Hedges Elementary School and Flathead High School.

As a young man, he moved to California where he met and married Mia Easley. From that marriage came the blessing of two wonderful sons, Braden and Bret. The marriage ended and he moved back to Kalispell. He then met and married Beth Larson in 1994.

Kevin worked at various different jobs which included construction, delivery driver for a plumbing supply company; he also installed gas fireplaces and drove trucks in Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana. Most recently, he had moved back to Montana and was working in Glasgow as a driver.

Kevin enjoyed hunting



and camping. He loved the Lord and his church families. He loved animals, especially

his dogs. He was always ready to help others and had a great sense of humor. Kevin loved everyone. He was a big, warm-hearted guy, who gave the best bear hugs and loved to laugh and tell jokes.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Arell and Madeline Coverdell and Alton and Vera Vinge.

He is survived by his wife, Beth; sons, Braden and Bret; his brothers, Marion, Doug and Stan Coverdell, as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Trish and Pat Walsh; stepsister and husband, Judy and Ron Rabidue; nieces, nephews, cousins and birth family.

A memorial will be planned for a later date.

13 Sep 2015

Robert Mack Cox, 79

Robert Mack Cox, 79, left us on Sept. 7, 2015, to begin a new journey. Granddaughter Mackenzie Bond said it best when she said "Papa is fishing with Jesus now."

Bob was born on Feb. 2, 1936, to Tom and Ella Cox in Pierre, South Dakota.

After high school Bob went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Air Force as a communication systems radio operator.

Later he moved to the Seattle area where he met and married Carol Takacs. They moved on to Kalispell to raise their family.

He is survived by his children, Tom Cox, Brian Cox, Laura Thomas and Wendy Bond; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen Schillinger, Judy Losea and Evelyn Holcomb; brother, Ralph, and countless nieces, nephews and cousins.



His many accomplishments include high

school football star, wood carver, avid fisherman and outdoorsman. His love of family and friends endeared him to all who knew him. He was always up for any adventure. "Papa Bob" had a very special bond with all his grandchildren and their friends, and was loved by all. Often times you could find him camping, hunting, or fishing with his children and grandchildren.

A private family service was held on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the NRA or American Heart Association. Thank you for all your support and for being a part of Bob's life.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Bob's family.

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Iven 'Butch' Cranmer, 73

"Heaven has received another angel." Butch passed away on March 18, 2015.

He was born in Deer Lodge on Feb. 20, 1942 to Porter Cranmer and Martha Mero.

He moved to the Flathead in 1977 and spent his life working as a contracted painter.

Butch was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sisters, Maxine Nelson and Gladys Cranmer.

He is survived by his children, Teri Lee Cranmer-Trainor, Lil' Butch Jr. Cranmer, Ronnie Cranmer, Tom Cranmer, Kris Moore, Crystal Cranmer and Richard Cranmer; one



sister, Sherry Caverly; one brother, Jim Cranmer; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren;

nieces, nephews, and friends and family. Butch also leaves behind his best four-legged friend, Cookie.

He was a loving dad, grandpa, brother and friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Services will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell. Food will be provided.

Johnnie J. Crawford, 90

Johnnie J. Crawford, 90, died on Nov. 17, 2015, at Home Sweet Home in Eureka.

Services will be at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov.

24, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

29 Mar 2015

Ray M. 'Eric' Creekmore, 77

Soldotna, Alaska, resident, Mr. Ray M. "Eric" Creekmore, 77, died Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

No services will be planned at this time.

Mr. Creekmore was born May 3, 1937, in Pine Knot, Kentucky. He made it through his freshman year in high school, then no longer attended after that. Sooner after, he joined the Air Force where he served and was honorably discharged after service. He moved to Alaska on Oct. 1, 2014, to be closer to his son who lives in Kenai.

The family wrote, "He was a God fearing man that was: a loving father,



a lifelong friend and a resolute patriot to the very end."

He was preceded in death by his mother, Madeline Blanton; and father, Merrill F. Creekmore.

He is survived by his sons, Brett Eric Creekmore of Kenai, Alaska, and Shane Lucas Creekmore of West Jordan, Utah; grandsons, Jeremy Lee McKnight of Raeford, North Carolina, and Joshua McKnight of Raeford, North Carolina.

Arrangements have been made by Peninsula Memorial Chapel & Crematory in Kenai.

Driver, 85, killed in accident

By RYAN MURRAY
The Daily Inter Lake

The name of a woman involved in a fatal car accident Tuesday morning in Somers has been released by the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

Shirley E. Crary, 85, died around 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday after her vehicle crashed on Best View Drive.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Patrick Herman described the accident.

"She was headed east-bound on Best View Drive when she came to a switch-back," he said. "For an unknown reason she did not negotiate the curve and went down the cliff about 50 feet. Her vehicle continued until it struck a rock embankment, where it came to rest."

Crary was wearing a seat belt. She was the sole occupant of the vehicle and no other vehicles were involved. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the Montana Highway Patrol.

Shirley E. Crary, 85

Shirley E. Crary, 85, of Somers, died Aug. 25, 2015.

She is survived by her son, Mike Crary.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Henry 'Huck' Baumgardner Cross III, 64

Henry "Huck" Baumgardner Cross III, 64, passed away surrounded by his family on Sept. 4, 2015, in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 8, 1950, in Orange, New Jersey, to Henry and Marion Cross. Huck graduated from The Winchenden School in Massachusetts where he was an active member of the student council and a varsity letterman in hockey, soccer and lacrosse. He graduated from Belknap College in New Hampshire with a degree in elementary education and went on to get a Master's degree from Eastern Montana College in Billings.

On Sept. 10, 1988, Huck married the love of his life, Jennifer Hagan. Together, they raised three children; Madisen, Dan and Heidi. Huck always put his family before himself. He coached Madisen through soccer and softball, and helped her earn a scholarship to play college soccer. There, Madisen followed in her father's footsteps graduating with a degree in elementary education.

Huck loved the outdoors



and spent many an hour with family and friends golfing, hunting, fishing and camping.

He was an accomplished cook and an avid reader. Huck loved carpentry and woodworking, spending many years as a builder, contractor and furniture maker.

Huck was always there to help his family and friends with a smile on his face. He was the type of guy who could fix just about everything. He could always turn a bad day into something great and his love was felt unconditionally.

Huck is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his mother, Marion; his brother, Gordon; his sisters, Leigh and Carin; his children, Madisen, Heidi and Dan, and his grandchildren, Tyler, Travis, Tiawna, Haley and Zach.

There will be a celebration of his life from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Whitefish Lake Golf Course. Everyone is welcome.

Jimmie Sue Coulter, 83

Jimmie Sue Coulter, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Susan, David and Linda.

A memorial ser-

vice will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at North Valley Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Charles Arthur Cunningham Jr., 74

Charles Arthur Cunningham Jr. "went to the heavens to spend eternity with his beloved wife and dogs" on Sept. 19, 2015, with family in attendance in Portland, at the age of 74.

Charles is survived by his children, Tamara Thomson and her husband John of Columbia Falls, Michael and Kathy Gilman of Redmond, Washington, Elaine and Bret Bentzinger of Redmond, and Matt and Nicole Gilman of Kalispell; along with brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laurie Cunningham, and his mother and father.

Chuck was born on March 12, 1941, in Aberdeen, Washington, to LuEllen and Charles Cunningham Sr.

He enlisted in the Army and eventually went to work for the U.S. Forest Service, completing 22 years of service in 2001. Chuck received many awards for his



service to the public and also received a 20-year commendation for membership to the

American Legion.

Chuck was a talented carpenter and avid woodworker, completing many projects in his shop. One of his greatest accomplishments was building the home that he and his late wife Laurie resided in.

A funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 25 at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 N.E. 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684, with a reception to follow. Robert Cunningham will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Charles's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation to the local ASPCA or animal shelter be made in his name, as one of he and Laurie's passions was to rescue elderly dogs from the local shelter.

Dian F. Crowley, 77

Dian F. Crowley, 77, died Monday, March 2, 2015.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30

p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Silver Courtney, 42

Silver Courtney, 42, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, at her home in Kila.

No services are

planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ignace Victor 'T-Bone' Couture, 77

Ignace Victor "T-Bone" Couture, 77, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2015, at home in Elmo.

The wake for Ignace will begin at noon Sunday, Dec. 13, at Elmo Hall with a Rosary at 8 p.m. and

funeral services at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Elmo Hall followed by burial in the Elmo Cemetery.

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

14 Aug 2015

Charles Lee Culbert, 83

Charles Lee Culbert was born Oct. 12, 1931, and "went to be with the Lord" at the age of 83 on Aug. 12, 2015, at his home in Woods Bay.

Lee was born in Roscoe Township, Minnesota, to Francis "Slim" and Bessie Ann (Peg) Culbert. He moved to Woods Bay in the 1930s and, except for a brief time in California, spent his entire life in Montana.

He married Bonnie Lou McKnight on Feb. 5, 1952, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Lee served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 as an aviation mechanic aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte.

Lee spent his working life in commercial construction as a foreman and superintendent on large projects such as the General Motors assembly plant in Fremont, California, and the Fresno County Courthouse. Projects in Montana included the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls and schools in Missoula. Starting in about 1976, Lee assumed



leadership of the family corporation Red Gate Village at Woods Bay.

Lee is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of 63 years as well as his sister, Mary Layne Fitzgerald. In addition, he had five children, Douglas, David, Daryl, Dale and Shari; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Lee will be remembered at a memorial service to be held 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

Lee's legacy lives on in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Rausie Louise Solberg Cummings, 89

Rausie Louise Solberg Cummings, 89, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell.

Rausie was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Big Timber to Selmer H. and Rausie Roecher Solberg. She attended school in Big Timber and graduated from Sweet Grass County High School in 1943. She went on to graduate in home economics education from Montana State College at Bozeman in 1947, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi, Spurs and Mortar Board.

On Aug. 17, 1947, she married Bayliss Evans Cummings Jr., and they lived in Bozeman and Roundup before moving to Kalispell in 1950.

She was active in early childhood education. She taught private kindergarten classes from 1958 until 1976. She also taught in the Epworth Methodist Church Sunday School and was a longtime member of the church choir. She was a member of PEO since 1952. For a number of years, she assisted Bayliss in the family business, Central Data Service.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Carolyn Ann, and by her husband, Bayliss.

She is survived by three sons and their families, all of Kalispell, Steven E. Cummings and his wife, Susan, grandsons David and Jay; Charles A. Cummings and his wife, Laurie, granddaughters Elizabeth and Emily; and John M. Cummings and his wife, Lois, grandchildren Julie and Christopher Jon. She is also survived



by 12 great-grandchildren, Emma, Margo, Bayliss, Beckett, Oliver, Charlie,

Maxwell, Gabriel, Anika, Elijah, Eleanor and Brody.

Rausie always had a terrific, loving attitude. She came to be called "Grandma Honey" by her toddler grandchildren after asking them, for example, to "give your coat to Grandma, Honey." The nickname stuck and was perfectly appropriate to Rausie's sweet personality — no one was sweeter. She brought a lot of joy to a lot of people all through her life, and she'll be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service to celebrate Rausie's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Epworth United Methodist Church, with luncheon to follow at the church.

Donations in memory of Rausie may be made to Epworth Methodist Church or to Glacier Symphony and Chorale.

Carol J. Curtis, 80

Carol J. Curtis was "welcomed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Nov. 13, 2015, in Maple Valley, Washington. Carol was 80 years old and resided in Kalispell most of her adult life.

She was born on March 15, 1935, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, daughter of Ralph and Margaret Wittrock.

A short time after graduating high school in 1953 at Kennewick, Washington, and while on the work force, Carol had acquired a pen pal from the Navy and family acquaintance, to whom she later married.

Carol married Howard Curtis in Kennewick on Sept. 9, 1955. They moved to Kalispell in 1956. Carol fell in love with the local area and settled in to the first of several churches both her and Howard



visited regularly. Carol began a family in the fall of 1957.

Raising a family was the highlight of her life. Carol was very proud of her four children and worked diligently to give each one a great quality of life. She consistently kept an immaculate house, clean clothes for the family, and loved working in her kitchen preparing canned goods. She was always prudent in planning ahead for her family.

Carol leaned on her personal Savior Jesus Christ for her strength and direction throughout her entire life. Her ever grateful and thankful spirit was a strong testament of her belief and could be seen in her daily Christian walk. Her walk

with Jesus was most evident in her kind and loving heart through her prayer life. Carol would involve herself in ones life with genuine care and concern, and was open about praying with them. Her involvement with several churches during her life, helped mold her into the strong Christian she was growing into each and every day. Carol took everyone for who they were and would expand on the good in them with pure intentions. Carol was a pillar of encouragement in the lives of those she loved.

Carol was preceded in death by her father Ralph Wittrock, mother Margaret Rheingans, brother Loren Wittrock, and loving Husband Howard Curtis of 54 years.

Carol is survived

by her four children, son Randal Curtis and spouse Jill Curtis, daughter Robbin Taylor and spouse Ron Taylor, son Rodney Curtis and spouse Teresa Curtis, son Ronald Curtis and spouse Shirleen Curtis; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren; and numerous valued friends.

Graveside services for Carol will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015, at Fairview Cemetery on Middle Road East of Kalispell; with Pastor Ronnie Pierce of Bigfork officiating.

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

30 Dec 2015

Nancy Sacrison Curtis, 53

Nancy Curtis died at home in Missoula Dec. 19, with her family by her side, after living with cancer the past two years. She was 53.

Nancy was born June 1, 1962, to Hans and LeAna Sacrison. As a young girl she lived all over the western United States, and then spent three years in Australia before settling with her folks in the Flathead Valley. Nancy was a Flathead Brave where she became heavily involved in journalism, cheerleading and tennis. After high school she attended the University of Montana and earned both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. As a high school Spanish teacher in Malta, Red Lodge and Missoula she, no doubt, touched hundreds of lives. All along the way Nancy made lifelong friends.

Nancy married Ray Curtis on the first day of school the fall of 1991. Their daughter, Jadi, was born in 1993.

Together they enjoyed many adventures traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe, but her favorite place was home and the farm in the Flathead. She always had a camera in hand, earning her the nickname Snapshot.

What you really need to know about Nancy, and what she will be remembered for, is her legacy of caring and kindness. She was elegant, yet simple. She was extremely beautiful inside and out. She was admired and loved by many including her students. She never wanted to be courageous but she was. She learned to see the glass as half full and her faith became bigger than her fear.