

Patty O'Rork Higgins, 65

Patty O'Rork Higgins, 65, passed from this world on Dec. 17, 2015, at 12:45 a.m. at her home in Columbia Falls, surrounded with love from her friends and sister.

Patty was born in Peoria, Illinois, on Sept. 17, 1950, to Dave and Bonnie O'Rork.

Patty is survived by her mother, Bonnie Steinberg; brothers, Mike, and Danny and Donna O'Rork; sister, Kathy Melonas and Gust; five nieces and nephews who adored her; nine great-nieces and -nephews; her dear friends of the Flathead Valley, and her lovely stepmother Mable O'Rork.

Patty was preceded in death by her father David O'Rork, nephew Colin Grider, husband Tom Higgins, stepfather Phil Steinberg, and her very dear friend Nancy Clark.

Patty graduated in 1968 from Santa Barbara High School. She married Tom Higgins on Nov. 12, 1979. They moved to Montana in 1990. She legally separated from Tom in 2001, but he always remained the love of her life.

Patty worked as a bartender or waitress in several locations in the Flathead Valley. She also worked at the Remington as the daytime bartender for nine years. Patty built herself a beautiful home and moved in the summer of 2006. She enjoyed this home so much and shared it with all her Montana friends. The girls in her group were



her girls. She had so much love for each and every one of them. She loved them and

Montana so much she wanted to come home to die. She had been caring for family members in South Lake Tahoe, California, for the past two years. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in September 2013; she sold her home in March 2014.

Patty loved the country, camping, fishing, campfires and the parties. She loved playing dice and cards, lots of games, gambling, but what she loved most was the closeness of her friends during gaming time. She also loved to dance. She loved music.

Patty also had a great love for her family. She started our family reunions which have been going for 32 years. She was loved by all and she gave us all her love.

"We will miss you so much. Patty. We love you."

A local celebration of Patty's life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the VFW in Whitefish. Potluck is welcome.

Thank you hospice for helping her to cross over beautifully and peacefully.

"The trouble is, you think you have more time" — Buddha

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Patty's family.

Stephen Victor Hinck, 59

Stephen Victor Hinck, 59, passed away on Dec. 6, 2015, at home in Polson.

Steve was born March 16, 1956, in Minneapolis to Maurice (Peterson) and Irving Clarence Hinck.

Steve was the grandson of world famous aviator Clarence W. Hinck, inventor of the Hinck Flying Circus. Aviation was in the blood of all male Hincks.

Steve had many careers during his lifetime and many challenges along

the way, but give Steve a big cigar, a glass of scotch and let his 22-year-old dog Elvis come along, Steve could not be happier.

Steve was preceded in death by all in his family — his father Irving C. Hinck, his mother Maurice (Peterson) Hinck, his brother William Hinck, his brother Peter R. Hinck, and his brother Charles C. Hinck.

Next spring a celebration of Steve's life will be celebrated in Polson, with

a sprinkling of his ashes on a private island on Flathead Lake.

Special thanks go out to all his friends, especially Curtis Ward, his hospice caregiver, Dr. John Williams, and the staff at Home Options. If one would like to make a donation, please do so to the charity of one's choice or the American Cancer Society. The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting with arrangements.

June Arvilla Hill, 89

June Arvilla Hill, 89, of Kalispell, died Oct. 13, 2015, in Kalispell. No services are

planned at this time Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Linda Lee Hill, 52

Linda Lee Hill, 52, of Kalispell passed away May 22, 2015, in Kalispell.

Linda was born in Carmel, California.

Linda Lee is survived by her mother, Lauralee Drake; her father, Bobby Brown; three children, son, Dalton Allen Hill, and daughters, Carlee Ann Hill and Morgan Rae Hill.

A chapel service will be held for Linda Lee at 10 a.m. on Tuesday June 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Following the chapel service will be the committal service at 11:30 a.m., to be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Robert Ira Hislop, 96

Robert "Bob" Hislop died peacefully at his home in Ferndale on May 4, 2015. Born in Hinsdale, Montana, on April 18, 1919, he was the second youngest of the eight children raised by Andrew and Annette Hislop who had emigrated from Scotland to find their fortune in America.

After several hard years of "living on the prairie," his family moved to Butte and, at the age of 16, Bob quit school and went to work for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) to help support his family during the Great Depression. He subsequently found work in the Butte mines and in 1941 married Charlotte Kindt. Upon her death in 2010, they had been happily married for 68 years.

While living in Butte, Bob and Char raised three children. He utilized his many talents in a variety of occupations to provide a good quality life for his family. Besides mining, he worked as a mechanic, carpenter, and owned and operated a full-service gas station. His work day never ended after an eight hour shift, however, as he built and remodeled many homes in Butte in an effort to "get ahead."



hunting at the South Fork Ranch in the Big Hole, his "favorite place on earth," or in the Ruby

near Butte. When the hunting was over at the ranch, he loved to play the role of "rancher" and greatly enjoyed helping with haying and branding chores.

There weren't many weekends during their time in Butte that Bob and Char couldn't be found fishing on the Big Hole or Madison Rivers or on many of the lakes in the Butte area. They especially enjoyed their times camping with their "Potluck Gang" and family at Hungry Horse and at Two Medicine in Glacier Park. He loved telling stories about his days growing up in Centreville and the rival gangs of that era. Due to his mischievous exploits, he earned several titles and would answer to any of them ... Spook, Pidge, Doody, Ugly, as well as others better not mentioned.

Bob never missed a Grizzly football game or a Mariners baseball game on TV. He was a very proud grandpa and took great pride in watching his grandchildren in their various sports throughout the years. Later in life, he enjoyed playing at local casinos where he made many friends and established an amazing record of never losing!

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As a result of that hard work and determination, Bob and Char were able in 1959 to purchase Elm Resort which was located in the present location of Bigfork Harbor. They operated the resort for 11 years. Following, he continued to build homes in the Bigfork area and also operated a successful tree farm near Echo Lake. He was very determined in all his endeavors. Imaginative and uncanonically resourceful, there was never an obstacle he couldn't overcome ... he could fix anything! His work ethic and integrity served as a constant inspiration to his family.

Throughout their years in Bigfork, Bob and Char were pillars of the community. He served as president of the Bigfork School Board, was instrumental in the planning and building of the current Bigfork High School, was assistant chief of the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department for a time, strongly supported the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce and was an active member of the Lions Club.

Fishing and hunting were his passions throughout his entire life; it was a rare year when he didn't bag an elk while

Besides his beloved wife, Bob was preceded in death by his grandson, David Benson. Bob was the last remaining of his siblings.

He is survived by his daughter, Bonnie, and her husband, Hilary Nickel, of Bigfork; his daughter Lindy McGill, also of Bigfork; and son, Robert, and his wife, Donna Hislop of Polson. Additionally, he is survived by seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his longtime friend and hunting partner, Charlie Bradstreet, and his wife, Karen.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 11, at St. John Paul II Catholic Church with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. A reception will follow in Brady Hall.

If desired, memorials in memory of Bob may be made to the Bigfork Fire Department or a charity of choice.

Lillian F. Hinkley, 87

Lillian F. Hinkley, 87, "went home to be with her Father," Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, peacefully in her sleep at her home in Evergreen.

Lillian was born in Stevensville to Fred and Agnes Fehrenkamp on July 4, 1928. She was one of 10 children. Lillian learned to work hard on their family farm. She went to Stevensville High School and then on to Western (University of Montana at Dillon) to pursue an elementary education degree.

Lil met the love of her life Adonis "Don" Hinkley at college. They were married May 29, 1949, in Dillon. Lil and Don's first teaching jobs were in Savage, Montana. When Lil and Don started their family, Lil stayed home with their four children, Terri, Kim, Bryan and Jill. Lil was very involved in the community. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star; she volunteered countless years to decorate and serve Thanksgiving meals at Sykes' in Kalispell; she volunteered at the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce and she helped to start the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce.

She had a deep love for the Lord and her church family was extremely important to Lillian. She used her many talents to serve the Lord and her community, from singing to flower arranging to helping with church youth. Lillian had the opportunity to see the Holy Land with a church group, which she greatly enjoyed. Her other passion was singing. Lil sang with the Valley Voices for many years.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband Adonis "Don" Hinkley, her daughter Sherry Lou Hinkley, and her grand-



daughter Leahadonis Hinkley.

Lil is survived by her children and their spouses,

Terri and Greg Robidou of Columbia Falls, Kim and Michell Hinkley of Marysville, Washington, Bryan Hinkley of Kalispell, and Jill Cottrell of San Diego; her grandchildren and their spouses, Whitney and Ian Turner of Escalon, California, Alisha Hinkley of Everett, Washington, Skye and Hunter Boll of Columbia Falls, Kyle Hinkley of Everett, and Rikki Cottrell of San Diego; and her great-grandchildren, Merrik and Ryland Boll, of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held for Lillian at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A reception will follow services from 3 to 6 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to the Flathead County Area Agency on Aging, 160 Kelly Road Kalispell, MT 59901; or Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral home is caring for Lillian's family.

Tyra (Rydell) Hobbs, 83

Tyra (Rydell) Hobbs, 83, went home to be with her savior and best friend on Dec. 6, 2015.

Tyra was born July 27, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of William and Gladys (Behenna) Rydell.

Tyra grew up in Brooklyn, attending public schools for eight years and Packer College institute, a private school for girls, graduating high school in 1950. She then attended Wagner College on Stanton Island, receiving her teaching degree in June 1954.

Tyra then moved to Kalispell with her family. She taught fourth grade at Elrod School in Kalispell for four years.

On April 12, 1958, Tyra married Marvin Hobbs and together they raised three children, Julie, Jim, and Colleen, and made Kalispell their home.

Tyra was a devoted mother and wife. She loved spending time with family and friends, often telling stories of her life in Brooklyn and the culture shock of moving to the small western town of Kalispell.

She enjoyed being involved in her church as children's choir director, adult Bible study leader and being a member of the adult church choir. She loved spending time with her savior and keeping her family raised in prayer. Being an avid gardener, she spent hours planting vegetables and flowers. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing with a voice that made people stop and listen.

Tyra's love of helping others led her to volunteering at Brendan House, a long-term care facility, helping with activities and leading the Bible study, and with great



honor receiving an award for 25 years of volunteer services.

Tyra loved and cherished

her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She always had a smile and a kind word to share. She was caring, loving, and compassionate to everyone she met. She will live on in each of us. We will miss her greatly.

Tyra is survived by her husband, Marvin; daughters, Julie Rauscher of Spearfish, South Dakota, and Colleen Hobbs of Kalispell; son, Jim Hobbs of Everette, Washington; six grandchildren, Karen Rauscher (Pat) of Spearfish, South Dakota, Leslie Rauscher of Camarillo, California, Brian Rauscher of Orange, California, Ryan Hobbs of Gillette, Wyoming, Justin Hobbs of Gillette, Wyoming, and Amanda (Zach) Poole of Great Falls; and three great-grandchildren, Keyvin Rauscher, Austin Rauscher, and Jacob Pettit, all of Spearfish, South Dakota.

Tyra is preceded in death by her parents, William and Gladys (Behenna) Rydell; and her brother, William Rydell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Visitation will be Dec. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 10 a.m., one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frontier Hospice of Kalispell.

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

Euna Fay Hodge, 93

Bill Hodge "ran unencumbered, to meet his much-loved and missed wife, Euna Fay Hodge, "when he met her at the gates of heaven," early on the morning of Sept. 9, 2015.

Euna was born on Nov. 6, 1921, and died Sept. 9, 2015, at home in Columbia Falls from complication of pneumonia and other lung issues.

Euna was born in Charleston, Arkansas, and grew up happily in Oklahoma, and somehow never quite lost her Southern drawl, in spite of living in the West for the last 70 years.

She married William R. Hodge in 1939, when they were 17 and 19 (they lied and said that they were 18 and 20), and went on to spend the next 74 and a half years together as best friends.

Euna served alongside Bill as he pastored churches in California, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. They had three children, Ron, Royce and Roberta. They moved to Kalispell to be near family. She was a wonderful homemaker, supporter and friend for her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



Gussie and Thone Garner; two brothers, Raymond and Keith Garner; a stillborn sister;

her husband, Bill; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by her three children, Ron Hodge of John Day, Oregon, Royce and Diana Hodge of Saratoga, Wyoming, and Roberta and Jon Shandorf of Kalispell. She leaves behind eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Words can never adequately express the gratitude the family feels for the staff at Timber Creek Village in Columbia Falls, for their loving care and genuine concern for Mom while she was a resident there. There are angels among us.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

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Dorothy 'Mickey' L. Hoerner, 90

Dorothy "Mickey" L. Hoerner, 90, "was called home to be with her Lord and Savior" on Aug. 13, 2015.

Mickey was born July 11, 1925, in Great Falls, as the third child of Lavance Warner and Laura Cobb Warner. After Lavance's death, Laura moved her family first to Livingston, for a few years before settling down in Columbia Falls, where Mickey received her education.

On Feb. 18, 1944, Mickey married Vincent Hoerner in Kennewick, Washington. Together they raised their eight children.

Mickey was happy to

be a homemaker and was an avid reader, continuing to enjoy novels even through her final months. She could complete two to three books a week. She also enjoyed tending to her flowers and spent hours on the sidelines of various sports events to cheer on her grandchildren. Some of her most cherished moments have been at the large family gatherings, such as Christmas Eve, where anywhere from 45-60 children, spouses, and grandchildren come together after attending church services.

She was also an active

member of St. Richard's Catholic Church for many years. She was a volunteer at the local grade school where she helped younger children with math skills by teaching them how to play cribbage during lunch breaks. Although she occasionally worked part time jobs, she was most content being at home with her family.

She is preceded in death by one son, Raymond Hoerner, in 1967; her husband of 47 years, Vincent, in 1991; a daughter-in-law, Wendy Hoerner; her parents; two brothers, and one sister.

She is survived by seven children, Marge Gordon, Ed and Linda Hoerner, Gary Hoerner, Ben and Carol Hoerner, Mary and Nick Morstad, Theresa Jackson, and JoAnn and Terry Haverkorn. She has 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

A rosary vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 17, at Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be on Aug. 18, 2015 at 11 a.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Mickey's family.

Eugene Holder, 83

Born on Oct. 17, 1931, in Perryville, Arizona, Eugene Holder was raised in lean times by young, loving parents.

Growing up in and around Bakersfield on cotton-growing land leased by his father, Eugene appreciated life's small gifts — a "double bill" movie at the Fox, ice cream at Dewars, a ride on his beloved horse, Duke, perhaps a little teasing of his younger sister, Bernice. By his own admission, a mediocre high school student prone to extreme shyness, Eugene began his educational journey at Bakersfield Junior College. Over the next 15 years, he would complete his Bachelor of Arts degree at University of California-Los Angeles (with honors), Master of Public Administration and law degrees at George Washington University (the former while in Army counterintelligence, the latter while working at the Veterans Administration), and then, after moving back to California, a Masters in Law at the University of Southern California (while working as deputy city attorney for San Bernardino).

He settled in Yucaipa, California, drawn to its open space, mountain views and warm climate.

In 1972, Eugene married a beautiful and strong woman, Sharon Briggs, and over the next three years their family grew to include a son, Eddie and daughter, Becky. Although his career as chief deputy, San Bernardino County Counsel was cut short by a stroke in 1984, he remained deeply committed to pub-



lic service (Kiwanis 50-plus years), his kids' athletics and education, and to planning (with Sharon) the most epic cross-country road trips imaginable. He was thrilled to see his beloved Angels win the World Series in 2002, and to continue his travel adventures with Sharon, including trips to Europe, Alaska and the Panama Canal, though at the right moment, he could be equally thrilled with an A&W freeze, a lick from his dog Anna or the sighting of a blue jay.

In the last five years, he enjoyed spending long summer days taking in Montana's beauty. He experienced the laughter and spoils of "grandfatherhood" with the births of Isaac, Emma, Barrett, Bailey and Teal.

Eugene, who passed away on Jan. 7, 2015, lived a full and beautiful life — not without challenges, but beautiful because of the challenges and the ways in which he overcame them.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; sister, Bernice; son, Ed and his wife, Stephanie; daughter, Becky and her husband, Chris; and his five energetic grandchildren.

His family would like to extend their deep love and gratefulness to all of the staff at the "40 Wing" of the Columbia Falls Veterans Home. Your compassionate care, especially over the last weeks and months, has blessed us all.

Gary C. Holliday, 76

Gary C. Holliday, 76, died Friday, April 10, 2015, at home in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service with military honors will

be at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Anton Peter 'Holly' 'AP' Hollinger, 88

Anton Peter "Holly" "AP" Hollinger, 88, of Missoula, passed away Saturday evening Dec. 12, 2015, surrounded by his family, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born in Gladstone, North Dakota, on Aug. 12, 1927, to Ignatz and Teresa Hollinger. He grew up with nine siblings on the family farm in North Dakota. The family moved to Butte. During the summer breaks he worked in the shipyards of Seattle.

After graduating from Butte High School in 1945, Holly enlisted in the Marines and served in China. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Missoula and attended the University of Montana, graduating in accounting in 1953. During college he worked welding the spillway gates on Hungry Horse Dam. After college he went to work for IBM in Great Falls selling office equipment, usually traveling 100,000 miles a year.

In Great Falls, he met the love of his life, Barbara Jean Hendricks, a spunky, redheaded first grade teacher. They married and soon thereafter son Scott was born in 1955, and in 1957 Mark followed. In 1965 he and a partner purchased Fish Lake, changed the name to Big Sky Lake and created, perhaps, the finest waterfront development in Montana. With his young family helping, he built a cozy cabin; words can't describe the joy it brought his family. While at the cabin, Holly enjoyed exploring the surrounding mountains in search of mushrooms, playing cards and baking his legendary sourdough bread.

In 1971 the family moved to Missoula where he ran his real estate business, Hollinger Real Estate, helping many achieve their dream of owning a home or a cabin by the lake. Holly and Barbara enjoyed traveling to visit friends and family as well as wild adven-



tures. One trip included being on a sailboat that became stranded in a small fishing village off the Baja coast of Mexico. There they befriended the local

people and enjoyed fish taco lunches in the small school with the children.

After Barbara passed away in 1999, winters became too long and cold for Holly which led him to purchase a home in Sun City West, Arizona. Holly took advantage of the sunshine and spent many days golfing with his Arizona friends. When Parkinson's became too challenging for Holly he returned to Missoula. Despite the disease he lived large, making telling jokes a regular occurrence at the Village Senior Residences. Holly adored playing cards, happy hour, creating mischief with his buddy Al and sharing meals with family and friends.

Holly was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and seven siblings.

He is survived by his son, Scott, and wife, Dia, of Bigfork; son, Mark, and wife, Jil, of Missoula; and five grandchildren Dane, Drew, Brooks, Christopher and Holly. He leaves a huge void in our lives. He is also survived by two sisters, Arlene and Art Brackebusch of Missoula, and Laverne Cornish of Billings.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, at the Missoula Country Club in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Missoula, 800 Kensington, No. 204, Missoula, MT 59801; Lutheran Social Services of Montana, 2429 Mission Way, Billings, MT 59102; or simply share a joke or doing something kind for someone in need.

Jaunita Hollingsworth, 89

Jaunita Hollingsworth, 89, quietly and unexpectedly "went to be with her husband Fred in heaven" on April 1, 2015, in Kalispell.

Jaunita was born in Mullen, Nebraska.

She met Fred while they both worked at the NBC Bank in Lincoln, Nebraska. They were married Dec. 1, 1946, and continued working at NBC until retiring in 1984, at which time they moved to Bigfork.

Jaunita began volunteering immediately after moving to Montana; it was part of who she was. She did bingo at the Bigfork Nursing Home and the Friendship House in Kalispell. She also volunteered in the kitchen area at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She loved her volunteer work and everyone she met loved her.

Jaunita was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her cooking was always delicious and in her later years became known as "the Cookie Lady" to those around the valley, as she would make cookies for those who helped her out.

Jaunita will always be remembered as a loving, caring, compassionate person. She always gave of herself, never asking



for anything except that her loved ones be happy. She was someone who truly loved to

help whomever, whenever and however she could, always with a smile on her face and twinkle in her eye. A mischievous grin would often light up her face as she would joke with her wonderful sense of humor, even after dementia set in.

Jaunita leaves behind her children, Mike Hollingsworth of Lincoln, and Joy Ortiz of Kalispell; grandchildren, Angela Ballard and husband Theron of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Bret Hollingsworth and wife Emily of Omaha, Nebraska, Brock Martens and wife Ashleigh of Kariang, NSW Australia, and Sunny Martens of Kalispell; and great-grandchildren, Honor and Pierce Ballard and Xander Martens.

Jaunita will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her family and the hundreds of lives she has lovingly touched over the years.

Jaunita has been cremated and a small family memorial will take place in June.

Theodore 'Ted' Russell Holmquist, 66

Theodore "Ted" Russell Holmquist, 66, of Kalispell, died Aug. 27, 2015, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Holmquist; daughter, Amy Simler; and two sons, Jeffrey and Jeremy Holmquist.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell.

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

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Halgrim Hollo, 83

Halgrim Hollo, 83, formerly of Fairfield, passed away at Marcus Daly Hospital in Hamilton, July 18, 2015, surrounded by family.

He was born July 31, 1931, in Newfolden, Minnesota, to Jorgen and Matilda Hollo, who emigrated from Norway. Childhood days were spent in the Fairfield area working on the family homestead. He graduated in 1950 in Fairfield.

Though heavily recruited by colleges to play basketball, Halgrim chose to play for the Montana State Bobcats where he excelled and was well known for his "hook" shot and rebounding skills. His hard work, dedication and hustle earned him great respect, which also lead to his induction into the 2014 Bobcat Basketball Hall of Fame.

Halgrim served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War.

Halgrim's careers over the years included teaching/coaching (Whitehall, Simms and Livingston), house construction (Livingston and Kalispell), and he owned and operated his own fishing boat named "Yashur" in Homer, Alaska.



Settling back in Fairfield to begin retirement, he spent his time following his beloved Bobcats in all sports, picking huckleberries and

pursuing his lifelong passion for hunting and fishing.

Halgrim was preceded in death by parents, Jorgen and Matilda Hollo; sisters, Marie and Elsie May; and two children, Teena Conny and Hans Hollo.

He is survived by two sons, Hal and Kirk Hollo; three daughters, Gail Shepard, Bobbi Pruttis and Kelsey Morris; siblings, Ingaborg, Karen, Edith, Janette, Edward and Nels; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In celebration of his life, a memorial will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at the New Life Community Church in Choteau.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.dalyleachchapel.com.

Hilda I. 'Irene' Holmes, 89

Hilda I. "Irene" Holmes, 89, died Jan. 31, 2015, in Kalispell.

At her request, there

will be no services.

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

Mary Elizabeth Holmes, 78

Mary Elizabeth Holmes, 78, died in Kalispell on Oct. 19, 2015.

She had owned grocery stores for many years.

She is survived by her children, Lee Holmes Jr., Tina Bowers and Selena

Ashmore.

Services will be at a later date in Columbus, Georgia.

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

Rosamond Margaret Hollopeter, 97

Rosamond Margaret Hollopeter, 97, the long-time sweetheart of Swan Lake, passed away on Dec. 17, 2015, at Brendan House, her daughter and son holding her hands, with loving grandchildren standing by her side.

Rose was born Sept. 9, 1918, in Hasting, Nebraska, to Jessa W. and Margaret (Hill) Lynch. She was the second of nine children, born to a close, loving Irish family. She came to the Flathead Valley in 1931. Her mother and eight children traveled in their Model T Ford from Upton, Wyoming, to their father, who was waiting for them in Trego. The trip that took five days was made in the rainy and muddy days of March. Construction of the road on the west side along Flathead Lake was going on, not an easy trip in those times.

On Oct. 27, 1934, she was married to Hilbert Ingram in Trego, Montana, later living in Swan Lake and raising her family there. The ultimate mother, a very hard working person, she was never without that sweet smile, we all loved.

She was the postmistress at Swan Lake Post Office for many years. She became the much-loved lady of the "Swan." After Hilbert's passing, she later married Roxy Hollopeter; they lived in Polson where they had many enjoyable years.



Throughout her life, Rose had lived in Arizona and Polson, but

Swan Lake was the place she loved and called home. Her hospitality was legendary, she always had a smile to welcome you, no matter where she was living. Her door was always open and welcome to one and all.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Warren, Dan, Jess, and Neal; sisters, Orrine, Maude and Donna, and granddaughter Holly Brown; her husbands, Hilbert and Roxy, and infant daughter, Penny Ingram.

Rose is survived by daughter Margaret and James Love and son Denny Ingram, stepson Larry Hollopeter and step daughter Dee Berglund; seven grandchildren, Paulette, Monte, Tony, Loreli, Tanya, Twila and Brian; many, many great and great-great-grandchildren; sister, Geri Mitton; sisters-in-law Bess and Opal Lynch and Doris and Esther Ingram. We are going to miss you, "Little Sweetheart!"

Rose will be interred with her husband Hilbert.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Rosamond Ingram Hollopeter

A celebration of life for Rosamond Ingram Hollopeter, 97, who died Dec. 27, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the home of

Jim and Margaret Love on Love Drive in Swan Lake.

Meat and beverages will be provided. Potluck dishes are welcome.

Richard C. Holmes, 82

Richard C. Holmes, 82, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, at Genesis Health Care in Whitefish, where the staff provided him with the best possible care.

He was born Aug. 11, 1933, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Jack and Emma Holmes.

He tried his hand riding in rodeos around the Cheyenne area before enlisting in the United States Navy. He served during the Korean War from March 1951 until his honorable discharge in June of 1954. He was fortunate to have been stationed in Astoria, Oregon, and Kodiak, Alaska, during his enlistment. The GI Bill allowed him to study engineering at the University of Wyoming where he graduated with the Class of 1958.

His early career spanned the construction of the Interstate Highway System where he spent 19 years with the Montana Department of Transportation, first in Helena then in Bozeman. He held the position of director



of public works for the city of Bozeman until his retirement in 1988. He then moved with his wife to Marion where he spent the remainder



of his life enjoying his retirement and working endless hours in his wood shop.

He was preceded in death by his father Jack, son Duke, his brother Bill, his stepfather Fred and mother Emma Bush.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Holmes; and his children, Jack, Kathy, David and Dan; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom will miss him very much.

There will be a graveside service for Richard at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Richard's family.

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Theodore 'Ted' Holmquist, 66

Theodore "Ted" Holmquist died peacefully on Aug. 28, 2015, after a 11-month battle with cancer.

Ted was born in Kalispell on Aug. 31, 1948, to Ted and Pat Holmquist. He attended Pine Grove School on Whitefish Stage Road. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1966. He then graduated from Northwest Nazarene University in 1970 with a degree in elementary education.

He taught at West Valley School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972 to 1976.

In 1979, after feeling a growing stir in his heart to serve God as a pastor, he attended Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He then pastored for 27 years in Minnesota, Wyoming and Montana.

He was often required to work outside of the church in order to provide for his family. His last church in Columbia Falls led to employment at Plum Creek. He often spoke fondly of the good



men he worked with on that crew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Don; and sister, Diane.



He is survived

by his wife, Kathy; his children, Jeff, Amy and Jeremy; siblings, Bonnie, Jim, Robin, Dave, Joe and Wendy; and his grandchildren, Andrew, Alexa, Austin, Avery, Hayden and Starrling.

Ted lived his life for his Lord and his family.

A memorial service will be held for Ted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Gideons, or Nazarene Missions or the charity of your choice.

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

Sherman Jon Hooper, 78

Sherman Jon Hooper, 78, of Kila died Dec. 4, 2015, in Kalispell.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10,

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

5 Apr 2015

Amy Marie Quilling-Hoover, 31

Amy Marie Quilling-Hoover, 31, of Eureka, died Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

She was born Feb. 20, 1984, in Whitefish. Amy grew up and attended school in Eureka. Amy married Kevin Hoover on Sept. 27, 2008, in Eureka. Amy was a hard-working, stay-at-home mom. She enjoyed going to antique shops, snowmobiling, camping and hunting. Amy is preceded in death by her grandparents, Ray and Barbara Quilling.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin Hoover, of Eureka; son, Tristin Knoll, and daughter Gra-

cie Hoover, both of Eureka; father, Dave Quilling of North Dakota; mother, Teresa Wolf (Cliff) of Columbia Falls; sisters, Stephanie Gilbert of Moses Lake, Washington, Michelle Emerson (Mike) of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday April 9, 2015, at 11 a.m. at The Church of God in Eureka. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Dale Howell, 64

On April 17, 2015, surrounded by his loved ones, Dale Howell "crossed over" peacefully.

He was born Nov. 28, 1950, in Missoula to Leon Howell and Beatrice Stipe Howell. He was raised in Charlo and attended school there until he graduated in 1969. Dale was a small piece of a large family, and even though he may have never met all his aunts, uncles and cousins, the ones who had the pleasure of knowing him held many fond memories.

Dale completed a semester of college, but decided that it wasn't for him and enlisted in the U.S. Army and went to Vietnam, where he was a gunner. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Kalispell in 1972. With a deep sense of love for the outdoors he procured his sawyers license, and though he loved the idea and had a great respect for the loggers, he found it wasn't for him, but was still always excited about harvesting his own firewood and getting ready for the winter.

He apprenticed with the Carpenters Local 911, and continued with Stewart and James Construction. He was the best at it and loved every minute and continued with the company through the years and its name changes, and acquired many long-lasting friends at Meredith Construction.

In December 1977, he was introduced to his wife of 37 years, Sueann



Stertz. So much in love were they that they were married five months later at the County

Courthouse in Kalispell. Together they had two beautiful daughters: Raina Ann in 1980 and Elizabeth Sue in 1982.

Dale was a MacGyver and could fix anything, and when the day came he could no longer salvage at the dump, he was devastated. He loved to be outdoors, hunting, camping, fishing — particularly in his boat — and thought it didn't get any better than that, even if he didn't catch anything. But when he did hook something, it was that much better.

Dale is preceded in death by his father Leon, mother Beatrice and sister Denise. He is survived by his wife Sueann, daughters Raina (Ryan) Wanless, Elizabeth (Lati-go) St. Marie, grandson Julian St. Marie, granddaughter Saylor St. Marie all of Kalispell, sister Carol Cariveau of Ellensburg, Washington, brothers Curtiss, Rodney and Wayne Howell of Kalispell as well as numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the Eagles Club, 37 First Street W., Kalispell. Please join us and share your love and memories of a truly great man.

27 Jun 2015

Olga Eva Horak, 72

Olga Eva Horak passed away June 10, 2015, in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 18, 1943, in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and immigrated to the United States when she was 7 years old. She went back to Europe to work in France and Germany as a



young woman.

Olga was trained as a graphic designer, living and working in the San Francisco Bay area for most of her career. She dreamed of coming to Montana and having horses; she arrived in Kalispell in 2000 and began to turn her dreams into reality.

She will be remembered for her love of animals, her smile and quick wit,

and the stylish hats she wore. She will be missed.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents, Vladimir Horak and Eva Heidler Horak; and her sister, Vera Haire.

She is survived by her brother, John Horak, of Merriam, Kansas, a niece, two nephews, and their children.

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

Jeffrey Howell, 36

Jeffrey Howell, 36, died Monday, Nov. 23, at the Fortine Church in Fortine. Interment is at Fortine-Trego Cemetery after services, with a meal following at the Fortine Church.

He leaves behind his wife, Erin, children, Aislynn and Gavin, and parents Matthew Howell and Kathleen Curtiss (Gregg) Johnson.

Services are 2 p.m.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

13 Dec 2015

Cora Lynne (Torpen) Hoye, 54

Cora Lynne (Torpen) Hoye passed away in her home on Dec. 8, 2015, after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She fought a long and hard battle, but never let it slow her down. Throughout her journey, she was always optimistic and never gave up. Her smile and humor will always be with us.

Cora was born to Chester and Carol Torpen on Dec. 13, 1960, and grew up in Martin City. She was the third of four siblings. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1979 and went on to attend college at Great Falls Commercial College.

On August 26, 1983, Cora married Henry Hoye and raised two children, Amy and Torri. The family resided in Columbia Falls.

Cora had a successful career in banking. She enjoyed many positions, from being a teller to a compliance officer, she excelled in all aspects of her career. Outside of work, she enjoyed spending time with friends and family doing the things she loved. She enjoyed many outdoor activities like hiking, biking, boating and running. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and every free moment was spent with them.



Cora was a loving sister, mother, grandmother and friend. She was caring and compassionate for those close to her.

Cora was preceded in death by her grandparents; dad, Chester Torpen; and husband, Henry Hoye.

Cora is survived by her daughter Amy Orem and husband, Beau; her daughter Torri Dayley and husband, Bryce; her mother, Carol Torpen; her brother Tom and wife, Kim; her brother Scott and wife, Connie; her sister, Laurel Clanton; her three grandchildren, Henry and Madison Orem and Blake Dayley; in-laws, Art and Lou Hoye; sister-in-law Bonita Minissale and husband, Joe; sister-in-law Sheryl Lockwood and husband, Mark; sister-in-law Karen McRenyolds and husband, Charlie; as well as many nieces and nephews.

There will be a private burial for the family. A celebration of life will take place at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Fellowship Alliance in Columbia Falls. There will be a reception to follow.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Cora's family.

Crossword whiz had roots in Kalispell

12-28-15

By LYNNETTE HINTZE
Daily Inter Lake

A Kalispell native who was famous for his finesse in solving crossword puzzles died recently of heart disease at his home in Maryland.

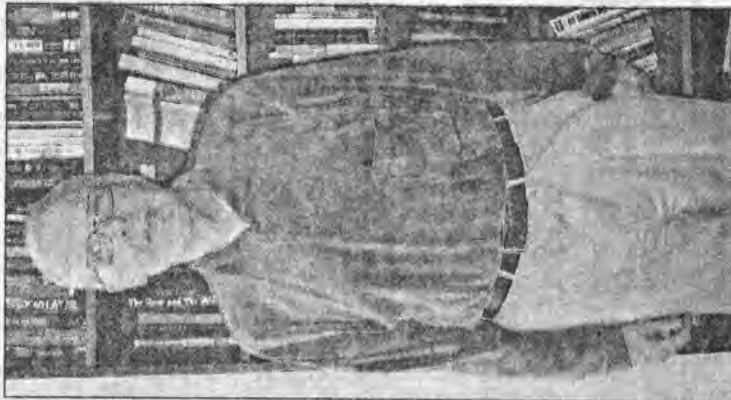
Doug Hoylman, 72, was a six-time winner of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, the top-tier event in the world of crossword competition. He also made his mark as a competitive Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit player.

Hoylman was so well-known for his puzzle prowess on the East Coast that The Washington Post on Dec. 10 published a feature story about his life and accomplishments.

Hoylman was born July 2, 1943, in Kalispell to Byron and Nona Hoylman, who ran a heating and air-conditioning business. He was an avid reader in his youth and wrote for Flathead High School's newspaper, The Arrow.

He was a 1960 graduate of Flathead High.

The Daily Inter Lake published a March 18, 1960, humorous column written by Hoylman for the school newspaper, in which he contemplates taking up skiing but pokes fun of the sport and himself.



DOUG HOYLMAN was a six-time winner of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. (Washington Post photo)

"I have never skied in my life," he wrote. "This is due to a digestive deficiency which I suffer from — no guts."

Even in high school Hoylman acknowledged his love of indoor

sports. And he excelled at those indoor sports.

The crossword puzzle editor of the New York Times, Will Shortz, who founded and directs the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, told The Washington Post that Hoylman "never got stuck on a puzzle."

The Post followed Hoylman's crossword noxie for nearly three decades, quoting him as saying "the only way to practice [crossword puzzles] is to do a lot of them, but I'm not a fanatic. I like problems that have neat answers ... In crosswords, there is always a right answer."

Hoylman's only brother, Richard, who lives in Kalispell, recalled how Doug skipped a grade in elementary school because of his academic ability. He earned a degree in mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964 and a doctorate in math from the University of Arizona in 1969. He began his career teaching mathematics at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey. He settled in Washington, D.C. around 1970 and retired from Geico in the 1990s.

Though he was a self-described "typical nerd" and a "solitary kind of person," Hoylman was outgoing enough

to earn a part in the Flathead High senior play, "I Remember Mama," according to the Daily Inter Lake, which wrote about his academic achievements.

In a 1960 column, Inter Lake publisher Joe Caraher bragged that "the younger set tells us that Doug Hoylman, a clever young writer not interested in the field of communications, is knockin' em out scholastically at MIT."

Hoylman started competing in crossword tournaments in the mid-1980s, and as a Scrabble competitor he competed in 81 tournaments between 1993 and 2009, according to The Washington Post.

Hoylman was so admired for his puzzle ability that one of his friends and a co-competitor in crossword contests asked for his help while competing on the game show, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

True to form, Hoylman knew the answer to the game-show question that had stumped his friend. He correctly identified the University of California-Berkeley as the institution where "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski once taught mathematics.

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Douglas John Hoylman, 72

Douglas John Hoylman, 72, formerly of Kalispell, died Nov. 2, 2015, at his residence in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

A memorial service will be held today, Nov. 17, at the Willoughby in Chevy Chase.

Shirley Lawyer Houk

A memorial service for Shirley Lawyer Houk, 74, who died Dec. 8, 2014, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at All

Saints Episcopal Church, 2046 Conn Road in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the church.

29 Dec 2015

Betty Hoyt, 89

Betty Hoyt, 89, of Somers, passed away Friday, Dec. 25, 2015 in Whitefish.

Betty was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Emendorfer and Dick Hoyt; two sisters, three brothers, as well as her children, Linda and Robert Emendorfer.

Betty is survived by daughters, Joyce and

husband Phil Scott, Kimberly and husband Chris Commers; sons, Roger and wife Lorene Hoyt, and Rick Hoyt; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

No services will be held at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jerrel Lewis Hudson, 82

Jerrel Lewis Hudson, 82, of Kalispell, died June 10, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tues-

day, June 30, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

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

Beverly Delores Hughes, 80

Beverly Delores Hughes, 80, died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Memorial services will

be announced.

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

5 Apr 2015

William P. Hruska, 70

William P. Hruska, age 70 of Kalispell passed away April 2, 2015 after a battle with cancer and Parkinson's disease.

William was born May 21, 1944 in Miles City to Herbert and Clara (Johnson) Hruska. William was an ex-Navy Seal and retired truck driver that enjoyed the outdoors.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife Patricia; son George; his wife Sabrina and their three children Micheal,



Dominick and Victoria Miller; sister-in-law Dawn Graybeal

and nephew Andreaus Graybeal.

No services are planned at this time.

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

MaryAnn Hughes, 80

MaryAnn Hughes, 80, of Lakeside, died April 16, 2015, in Lakeside.

She is survived by her sons, Stephen Lehmann and Scott Lehman; and

daughter, Sheryl Lehmann.

No services are to be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edward Lee Hubbs, 68

Edward Lee Hubbs, 68, passed away Dec. 14, 2015, in Kalispell.

Edward was born Aug. 13, 1947, in Antlers, Oklahoma, the son of George and Mildred (Smith) Hubbs. Edward was raised in California.

He had worked as a logger, heavy equipment operator and a gold miner. He loved to be in the woods, cutting down trees.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred Larkins and George Hubbs, brother Kenny Hubbs, and a sister Ivy Gray.

Edward is survived by his children, Clyde Hubbs, Britney Hubbs,



Edward Hubbs Jr., Amanda Hubbs, Eddie Larkins, Jo Larkins, John Larkins, Lance Hubbs

and Norma Schlinger; sister, Sue Breshears; brothers, Wayne, William, Timmy and Frank Larkins; grandchildren, Riley, Cody, James, Ellymae, Jazmine, Sierrah, Dakota, Kenny, and many more.

Services for Edward will be held at a later date.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website,

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

18 Dec 2015

Jerrel Lewis Hudson, 82

Jerrel Lewis Hudson, 82, of Kalispell, left his loving family on June 10, 2015. He passed away at Kalispell Regional Hospital after an extended stay at the Brendan House.

He is predeceased by his parents, Thaddeus and Juanita Rafferty Hudson. He is survived by his loving wife, Matie Carpenter Hudson; their children, Denice Hudson Grinis of Florida, Amelia Hudson Willard of Arizona, Kristina Miller Gavello and Tere Miller Silva both of California, William J Miller Jr. and Todd H Miller both of Georgia, and 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, all of whom he cherished. He loved having holidays and family reunions.

Jerrel was born in Cromwell, Kentucky, on May 11, 1933. He attended and played basketball for Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro until he joined the Air Force during the Korean War. He served his country as a tail-gunner and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war, Jerrel, his first wife and two daughters lived in Owensboro where he was an entrepreneur and local business man. They relocated to Tucson, Arizona, in 1962. There, Jerrel went to work for Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph as a salesman for the Yellow Pages. He retired as Tucson's regional manager in 1988.

Jerrel and the love of his life, Matie, married in December of 1987 in Tucson. They created a loving



and extended family. Many friendships were made through the clubs that Jerrel participated in and volunteered for. He was a Mason and a

Shriner at Sabbar Shrine. He served as Potentate at Sabbar in 1990. In 1993 he served as the Imperial Chaplain for the Shriners of North America.

In 2003 Jerrel and Matie built their dream home in Kalispell. Through the years they have enjoyed many visits from family and friends. Both of them volunteered for community service groups in and around Whitefish and Kalispell. These include Kalispell Regional Hospital and Meals-on-Wheels and Jerrel was a board member of Whitefish Community Center. Jerrel was active in the local Rotary Club and played an integral part of raising money for and creating the Miracle League baseball field.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. Services will also be held in Tucson and Owensboro on later dates.

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

June 21

Rose Marie Corrigeux Hughes, 73

Rose Marie Corrigeux Hughes, beloved wife of Melville "Duke" Hughes, passed away at home peacefully on June 28, 2015, surrounded by the love of her family.

She was predeceased by her father, Archie Corrigeux.

In addition to her husband Duke, she is survived by her mother, Irene DeWit; her son, Thomas Hughes, his wife, Jacksie, and their children, William and Emma; her daughter, Lia Hughes, and her children, Brian and Dana; her sisters, Ellen Hartmann and her husband Tim, and Mary Andrew and her husband Dennis; her niece, Cathy Boicelli, and her family; and many dear friends and a large extended family.

Born in Cut Bank, spending her early years on the prairie, she was raised in Columbia Falls. Rose Marie graduated Columbia Falls High School in 1960. She remained in contact with her classmates and valued her friendships from that time all her life. She graduated from Bowling Green State University summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Before retiring to Dixon, California, in 2001,



Rose Marie worked as an elementary school teacher in both Ohio and California, had a decade's

long career in Santa Clara Valley real estate, and had administrative roles at both Wells Fargo Bank and Autodesk in Marin County.

An avid quilter in later life, Rose Marie had a large collection of fabrics and sewing machines. She made dozens of beautiful quilts and loved giving them as gifts. She enjoyed participating in quilting classes and the North Wind Quilters Guild, which she served as an officer for several years.

A woman of strong faith, she most recently attended Living Hope Church in Dixon, and greatly enjoyed the fellowship of bible study with BSF.

While she lived and traveled the world from Japan to Europe, Montana had always been home, particularly the cabin built by her father on Ashley Lake in the Flathead Valley. Outside of spending time in Northern California with her family, the cabin was the place she loved best.

Albert F. Hull, 91

Albert F. Hull, 91, passed away Sunday, Jan. 18 2015, in Whitefish from complications from a broken leg — just three days after his and wife Vivian's 69th wedding anniversary. His final days were spent at home comforted by his family and hospice.

He was born May 22, 1923, on Skyles Avenue in Whitefish, the son of Lorin and Francis Hull. He was the youngest of four boys. At the time, the lake side of town had its own small elementary school, and he had the same teacher for four years. He was interested in electronics and earned his amateur radio license while in high school.

He and two friends joined the Navy immediately after high school in 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor. All did extremely well on their boot-camp exams, and all three were selected for officer training. Albert had an appointment as an alternate for the Naval Academy from Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin, and was in an Annapolis technical school when he came down with tuberculosis. While recovering in the hospital, he decided there was more potential in the new field of radar as an enlisted man.

After training, he was assigned to teach other technicians stateside but



Finally the squadron ended up in Palawan Island in the Philippines. It was there, at age 21, he was promoted to chief petty officer.

According to an article published in the Whitefish Pilot, it made him the youngest in the Pacific to hold the rank. Along with maintaining the radar sets, he flew enough to qualify for combat pay.

The squadron's main mission was to check Japanese-occupied Singapore daily to make sure two damaged heavy cruisers were still in the harbor. The Japanese never had the resources to repair the ships, and one had been sunk in a frogmen attack and was actually sitting on the bottom of its anchorage.

He also has a commendation for action against Japanese shipping. The accompanying write-up made it sound like the entire Japanese fleet had been sunk. In reality, the patrol caught a group of motorized barges trying to sneak supplies down the coast to beleaguered enemy forces, he said.

Though the war ended abruptly in August 1945,

spondence classes with hope of being the first to invent a variable-speed AC motor. He was also an avid reader, and his collection gave a jump start to the Flathead Valley Community College history book section when the college set up its own library on the new campus. He also passed the test for an FCC first-class radio license in his 50s.

He doubled the size of the family house on West Third Street, and then doubled it again. He did all the work himself, from mixing the concrete for the foundation to cutting and threading the pipes for the hot-water furnace.

Albert advanced from brakeman to conductor. It was a difficult job that required going to work at any hour and considerable time away from home. But he still found time for family adventures, and fishing trips to local lakes are a special memory among his children.

He was amused that he was officially rich, ranking in the top 10 percent of incomes. Yet he and Vivian lived frugally and invested regularly. When in 1986 he concluded he could make more money retired, he did so.

The Stumptown Historical Society acquired the Whitefish train depot, and Albert and another retired trainman main-

tained the building on a volunteer basis for years. He was in his 70s when his wife found out he was pricing climbing equipment with the intention of patching the roof on the three-story building. She quickly scuttled the project.

Albert and Vivian traveled throughout the West and Alaska in their fifth-wheeler. They bicycled and cross country skied. Well into his 90s, he was exercising five days a week. He was a life-long Republican and said he knew it would be time to pull the plug when he was no longer interested in politics.

He is survived by Vivian at the family home; by son Richard (Montana State University 1970) and wife Jennifer of Kalispell; daughter Lauren Ball (MSU 1973) and her husband Keith of Lolo; and daughter Andrea Davidson (University of Montana 1978) of Kalispell.

Also surviving are grandchildren, Scott Ball and his wife Maeve, and Kevin Ball and wife Alyson; and great-grandchildren, Zoe, Charlotte and Ondrej.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Whitefish Library or Frontier Hospice.

it was not until the end of the year that he returned from the Pacific. He and Vivian were married Jan. 15, 1946, in a private ceremony at her brother's home in Whitefish.

The couple traveled to Virginia, and then Long Island for his new assignment. The squadron was then sent to Puerto Rico, but Albert found himself assigned to Texas as an instructor. Liking neither Texas nor teaching, he resigned from the Navy and headed home.

Too late to enter Montana State, he attended a community college at the former naval base in Farragut, Idaho. But his father died, and he and Vivian returned to Whitefish. After several jobs, he took up his father's profession as a trainman on the Great Northern Railway.

He had two rules for his kids — they would not smoke, because of his struggle to kick the habit, and they would all complete college.

Albert retained his interest in electronics, and took college corre-

he volunteered for overseas duty, and joined a flying boat squadron in North Africa. The squadron flew anti-submarine patrols from an Atlantic base in southern Morocco. When he was home on leave in 1944, he went on a date with former classmate, Vivian Montgomery. She was secretary for the chief dispatcher at the railroad depot at the time. The ensuing romance resulted in them being engaged by the end of his 30-day leave.

In Hawaii he finagled his way into a naval squadron, flying a single-tail version of the B-24 bomber, with a radar dome replacing the belly-gun turret. The squadron went to Tinian, where he witnessed a Japanese bombing attack on the neighboring B-29 base on Saipan, and had to take cover when Tinian was targeted also. Next was Morotai, where the joke was that the enemy planes on the neighboring island didn't have time to raise their landing gear before bombing the U.S. base.

Legion of Honour

Pat Hume flew 66 sorties in World War II. For his efforts, the Fortine veteran at age 99 was given France's highest military decoration

Mar 29 2015

By RYAN MURRAY
The Daily Inter Lake

Almost 70 years to the day after his last combat mission in World War II, J. Pat Hume was honored by the government of France for his contributions in liberating the country.

On March 22, Hume was presented with the Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur (The National Order of the Legion of Honour or simply The Legion of Honour), France's highest honor, by Montana's honorary consul to France.

Hume, 99, flew 66 sorties as a gunner in a Douglas A-20 Havoc bomber over occupied France and Germany as a member of the U.S. Army Air Forces.

His daughter, Karon Stiles, told the story of her ailing father.

"Mom and dad were both graduates of Flathead County High School and when they got married moved up to a logging cabin near Fortine, up Meadow



LAURENCE MARKARIAN, honorary French consul to Montana, presents the Legion of Honour to Fortine resident Pat Hume to honor his 66 sorties flown over enemy territory during World War II. (Photos courtesy of Karon Stiles)

Creek," she said. "Dad joined the Army Air Force and was shipped to the south."

Hume was stationed in Florence, South Carolina, and ultimately graduated from air gunnery school in Fort Myers, Florida. He was shipped to Braintree, England, with the 9th Air Force, 410th Bomb Group, 647th Bomb Squadron. The A-20 Havoc was designed as an attack and light bomber that specialized in night attacks. All of Hume's 66 missions were carried out between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m.

On Dec. 2, 1944, during a night mission at 10,000 feet over Nazi Germany, a spot-light trained on Hume's A-20, the "Joker." Anti-aircraft fire damaged the Joker's fuel line and pilot and 1st Lt. Henry Klacksin turned the plane in a tight 180-degree turn back toward friendly lines.

Only after the navigator confirmed they were in Allied territory and the plane had descended to 2,500 feet did they bail from the plane.

"Dad was the first to jump, and after he left the door his mittens and hat went flying so



SGT. PAT HUME, lower right, poses in front of "Betty Lou," a Douglas A-26C Invader, on an airstrip in England, along with pilot and 1st Lt. Henry Klacksin, upper right, and the bombardier and navigator. Hume would be honorably discharged as a staff sergeant.

the next guy thought he had crashed into the tail of the plane and been killed," Stiles said. "He went drifting down with his parachute and saw a French cemetery with big spiky headstones and thought he was going to be impaled. He missed it, but not by much."

All four men escaped the plane, joining the "Caterpillar Club," an association of people who have jumped from a disabled plane.

The plane crashed into a nearby field just West of Bray-sur-Seine, France. "My father met a French



HUME HOLDS his daughter, Karon, in front of their Kallispell home in 1944.

person who took him to a man who had studied pharmacy in the United States," Stiles said. "Because he spoke English, he was able to help locate the rest of dad's crew."

After the shaken-up airmen

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got back to England, the squadron was relocated to Coulommiers, France. They moved from there to Riems, 80 miles East of Paris, where they finished the war.

The bail-out was the only real problem Hume's crew ran into overseas. He flew his 66th sortie (enough to send him home) on April 18, 1945. His first sortie was July 5, 1944.

Hume earned nine Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for his service, along with a Germany Theater Ribbon. The best award he received, however, was the blessing of a Flathead County judge to become an American citizen. Hume was born in Colinton, Alberta.

The Legion of Honour was a surprise for the Hume family after a local veteran heard about the award. While typically reserved for French citizens, the criteria were opened for U.S. veterans who "have served France or the ideals it upholds." World War II veterans were eligible if they took part in the liberation of Normandy, Provence/Southern France or Northern France. Hume earned the rank of

'He went drifting down with his parachute and saw a French cemetery'

Karon Stiles

Knight (or rather, Chevalier) of the Legion of Honour, one of the greatest honors France can bestow on any person foreign or French.

To present the award, Hamilton resident and French native Laurence Markarian drove up to the Eureka VFW on behalf of her home country.

"The response for me is always amazing," she said. "We go to these little towns and they are always so grateful. I was in Glasgow in October and it was the same there."

Markarian presented the award on behalf of a grateful nation and Hume was surrounded by family, friends, church members and fellow veterans.

"The award was created in 1802 by Napoleon," she said. "It used to be only for military personnel, but over the last 50 years it has expanded. It's a huge achievement no matter what."

The Legion of Honour's badge is a five-pronged "Maltese asterisk" ringed with an oak leaf wreath. The badge is connected with a laurel crown to the plain red ribbon.

The badge is stamped with the face of Marianne, France's equivalent to Uncle Sam, and the words "République Française" and the order's motto "Honneur et Patrie," or Honor and Fatherland.

Markarian was born in Bourges in central France but has lived for more than 20 years in Montana. When not running a French bistro in Hamilton, she arranges D-Day veteran trips to Normandy or presents Legion of Honour awards as the official consul to Montana from France. She has given the medal to eight Montana veterans.

"These veterans are getting quite old, you know," she said. "So this is a program that I really cherish."

After returning from Europe, Hume got into the logging industry and then was a welder on Libby Dam and several projects in Alaska.

He became commander of the Eureka VFW on two separate occasions and district commander once, passing legislation to allow Northwest Montana veterans to go to Spokane rather than Fort Harrison if they so chose.

He taught first aid and hunter safety classes for many years in the Eureka/Fortune area. Much of his wartime paraphernalia was lost when the house in Fortine burned to the ground. After buying an old army cot, Hume became an amateur ambulance driver.

"Mom and dad had one of maybe three phones in Fortine," Stiles said. "So whenever there was an accident, they'd call home and dad would rush out in his truck to pick the person up and rush them to Whitefish."

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Joseph Patrick Hume, 99

J. Pat Hume passed peacefully away with family at his side April 7, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at the Fortine Community Church. Internment will follow at the Fortine Cemetery.

Pat was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Colinton, Alberta, to Fredrick and Susie Hume.

He enlisted into the United States Army Air Corps as a Canadian in November 1942 and was discharged June 1945.

He flew 66 sorties as a gunner in an A-20 while stationed in France during World War II. Medals he received while in the military are the Air



Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze

Battle Stars, Normandy, Germany, and Northern France Campaigns, and a World War II Victory Medal.

Pat became a U.S. citizen after getting out of the service. He recently was awarded France's highest military decoration, the Ordre national

de la Legion d'honneur (The National Order of the Legion of Honour.)

He grew-up in logging camps. He was a logger during his younger years, then worked as a mechanic. He taught hunter's safety and first aid, was involved in the fire department, and active in the VFW and Masons. Pat was an elk rancher and loved the outdoors.

He was married to Helen Riehl on June 6, 1942.

Pat is survived by his sister, Julia Conrad; children, Karon Stiles, Darrell Hume, Colleen and Mike Clark, and Ron and Sue Hume; grandchildren, Patti, Charlene, Doug, Joe, Matt,

Josh, Heather, Nathan and Darik; and great-grandchildren, David, Justin, Jessica, Alissa, Colin, Kayla, Jaxon, Jazail, Douglas, Tessa, Cazden, Jarrod, Silas, Riley, Hunter, Wiatt and Paityn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; parents, Fred and Susie; brothers, Russell, James, Walt, Bill, Ed, Frank and Bob; sisters, Margaret, Jane and May; and grandson Dave.

Donald Lee Humphrey, 84

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our deeply loved father, Donald Lee Humphrey. He held a standard in life that inspired others and earned their respect. He was a true patriot, who dedicated his life defending the constitution and honoring the flag. Everything he did in life, he did with honor, integrity, and a tremendous sense of humor.

He was born in Toronto, Ohio, on Dec. 12, 1929, to Robert and Mary Humphrey. He graduated from Toronto High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 17, which required a note from his mother. He retired 39 years later as a Brigadier General.

Undergraduate work was completed at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and he earned an MBA at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. He also attended the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Decorations awarded were numerous with some highlights being the National Defense Service Medal with one star, Navy Occupation Service Medal with European Clasp, Navy Unit Commendation Medal with one star, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, Purple Heart, Vietnamese Service Medal with one star, Combat Action Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal Civil Actions Color First Class, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal Gallantry



Cross Color, United Nations Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal.



Don was also a member of Dirt Bags, worked with Cosa,

and was a Eucharistic Minister at Pope John Paul.

On March 18, 1948, he married his high school sweetheart, Pauline Cervenak, and the couple had seven children. At the time of her death, they had been happily married for 57 years.

He loved camping, fishing, hunting and playing golf.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Pauline, and daughter, Mary Susan Humphrey.

He is survived by his children, Don Humphrey Jr., Catherine Cioe, Elizabeth Baines, Sean Humphrey, Joseph Humphrey and Michael Humphrey. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and nine great-grand children.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be sent to Pope John Paul Catholic Church.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on July 8, at Pope John Paul Catholic Church, 195 Coverdell Road, P.O. Box 195, Bigfork, MT 59911. Don will be laid to rest with the love of his life at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Melanie Jean Hunt, 39

Melanie Jean Hunt, 39, of Somers, passed away at her home of natural causes on Jan. 28, 2015.

Melanie was born in Deer Lodge on March 27, 1975, to Douglas Hunt and Victoria Briggs.

Melanie was raised in Deer Lodge but later in her life she moved to Kalispell to be near her mother.

Melanie had three children, a great sense of humor, and was a loving mother, friend and daughter who loved peacocks. She was always happy and fun to be around. She cared deeply for her friends and had such a big heart; she would do anything for them.

Melanie was preceded in death by her grandparents, Gerald and Helen Briggs; and cousins, Aaron Cuchine and Jesse Clappen.

She is survived by her children, Justin Grobb, Courtney Ogdon and Dale

Ogdon; parents, Douglas Hunt Sr. and Victoria Briggs; brother, Douglas Hunt Jr.; sisters, Devon Hunt, Morgan Hunt and Laura Hunt; cousins, Brian Cuchine, Michael Cuchine and Tina Lint; grandma, Joy Bauman; grandpa, Darrel Bauman; and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

A visitation will be held from noon to service time on Monday, Feb. 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with funeral services beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Deer Lodge. There will be a reception immediately following the burial at Scotty's bar in Deer Lodge.

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

Nedra J. Hunter, 91

Nedra J. Hunter, 91, died Sunday, May 17, 2015, in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be

1 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Betty Lee Huntington, 87

Betty Lee Huntington, 87, died in Kalispell on April 26, 2015.

Services will be held at

a later date.

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

Lee 'Wayne' Hunt, 93

Lee "Wayne" Hunt, 93, of Columbia Falls, died June 22, 2015, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Mona Hunt, daughter Wanda Haugen, and son Roger Hunt.

Private family urn burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery.

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

Lee 'Wayne' Hunt, 93

Lee "Wayne" Hunt was born on April 23, 1922, in his father's homestead cabin near Bay Horse, Powder River County, Montana, to Verl Leland Hunt and Ruth Irene (Watkins) Hunt.

He passed away in Kalispell on June 22, 2015, at the age of 93.

He grew up on the family ranch and was accustomed to hard work and independent living. Having gone through the Great Depression, he learned to be frugal and how to repair anything that needed repairing. Wayne learned how to entertain himself as there was no electricity or TV. He acquired the rural American trait of practical joking, a trait he had all his life — even trying to joke with the nurses who cared for him on his death bed. His family and friends have fond memories of playing cards, checkers and Yahtzee with him. And, of course, that homemade ice cream is still a family tradition!

Wayne graduated from Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyoming, in the spring of 1940 and then attended the Billings Business College for one year, studying accounting.

He enlisted in the Army Air Force on Oct. 14, 1942, in Butte and began active service on Feb. 17, 1943. He was trained as an aircraft instrument repairman and was also qualified as a sharpshooter (carbine), receiving an honorable discharge at Fort Bliss, Texas, on Feb. 1, 1946.

He had a lifelong passion for cars and airplanes and at an early age could correctly identify oncoming cars as to make and model, and could identify what kind of plane was flying overhead. He worked for the Chevrolet dealer in Bill-



ings while attending college there and became one of their top salesmen. Wayne obtained his private pilot's license after leaving the

service.

Wayne married Mona Lucille Hubbard in Gillette on Sept. 12, 1948. They purchased a ranch eight miles north of Powderville, Montana, where they ranched until 1968. There were benefits to being a pilot and a rancher — he was able to fly to his parents' ranch to help them out when needed, fly his pregnant wife to Miles City to give birth, fly his children to school and he was able to save many hours of work by flying over the ranch to locate the cattle when it was time for roundup. Those airplane rides at the ranch were better than any carnival ride!

In 1968, they moved to Northwest Montana near Columbia Falls. He worked at Harlow Chevrolet for a time as service manager and then moved on to other work. Grandchildren enticed them to move to Bozeman where he started building and selling houses, moving back to Kalispell in the early '90s.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother Warren Hunt, and daughter Linda Pearl (Hunt) Rea.

He is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Mona; a son, Roger, and Paula; and daughter, Wanda Haugen, and Milt; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

There will be a private family urn burial at Fairview Cemetery at a later

Sharon Rose Hutton, 70

Sharon Rose Hutton was born to Lester and Ruth (Winter) Hutton on Dec. 26, 1945, in Kalispell. She attended a one-room schoolhouse, often riding her horse, later attending and graduating from Flathead High School.

Sharon married Ronald Goodrich (divorced) and had two children, Jill Rhonda and Aaron Les.

Having moved all over the country, Sharon made many life-long friends and spent much of her time donating her talents to the Lutheran church and



Lutheran schools. At the age of 50, Sharon graduated from college with honors.

She was recruited by her favorite professor to work for the college. She proudly worked for Los Medanos Community College and later moved to Boise and worked for the Boise School District. In December of 2015 she was awarded the district's cov-

eted Golden Apple Award.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Ruth Hutton.

Sharon is survived by her children, Jill Goodrich of Mesa, Arizona, and Aaron Goodrich of Osburn, Idaho.

Sharon Rose Hutton "passed on to heaven" at her home on hospice on Dec. 30, 2015. She had just turned 70 years old.

Donations can be made in Sharon's honor to the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman Street, Boise, Idaho.