

**David Jacobson, 62**

David Jacobson, 62, of Polson, died Thursday, April 30, 2015, at St. Joseph Medical Center.

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

**Ruth M. Jacobson, 89**

Ruth M. Jacobson, 89, passed away in Kalispell on Jan. 12, 2015.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Howard; and daughter, Jessica.

At her request, there will be no services.

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

**David L. Jam, 88**

David L. Jam, 88, passed away of natural causes at his home in Evergreen, Sunday, March 29, 2015.

David was born in Minot, North Dakota, to his loving parents Thomas Joseph Jam and Delia Gessner Jam on March 30, 1926.

By his life, David established a legacy of love surrounded by his wife, 10 children, many grandchildren and countless friends. His immeasurable legacy will continue on before us as guide until our journey's end.

David is survived by his faithful wife of 66 years, Patricia Jam; and his children Patti Jammé and husband Pascal of France, Theodore Jam of Kalispell, Joe Jam and wife Vickie of Kalispell, Mary West and husband Bill of Texas, Michelle Jam of Kalispell, Theresé Jam and partner Scotty of Kalispell, Lawrence Jam and partner Nina of Washington, Andrea Jam and partner Sarah of Oregon, and Kathleen Francis and husband John of Kalispell.

David is survived by his adoring grandchildren, Jacob, Matthew, Daniel, Robert and David Lawlor, Joshua Olsen, Micah Jam and Tai Lee Jam, Amanda Schaumburg, Steven and Elizabeth West and Jesse, and Isabella and James Francis. He is also survived by his seven precious great-grandchildren, Sierra, Trae, Boston, Talon, Camden, Jaden and Theo.

David is survived by his brother, Mike Jam, of Billings; sisters, Louise Johnson of Minneapolis and Justine Lubrich of Minot; and many nieces and nephews.

David Jam was preceded in death by his beautiful



daughter, Delia K. Jam, in 1984; by two sisters, Alice and Josephine; and two brothers,

Bob and Johnny.

His service will be held at 1 p.m., today, April 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. John Francis will be officiating his service. The pallbearers are as follows — Joe and Micah Jam, Jacob, Daniel, Robert and David Lawlor. Honorary pallbearer, David's loving grandson Joshua Olsen, was unable to attend.

There will be a brief graveside service for the family directly following his memorial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The reception will be held at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

David L. Jam leaves an incredible legacy of love to his family, dear friends, neighbors and the many other people who knew and respected him.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the deeply caring neighbors involved in his life. They were a tremendous blessing to him and were dearly loved.

David put his whole effort into everything he did. He was a master storyteller; and here at the end, as we remember the life he lived, we are beholding his masterpiece. The best story he ever told is the story of his life, a "Legacy of Love!"

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

## Barbara Ruth Janke, 84

Barbara Ruth Janke, 84, died peacefully on Nov. 16, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center in Kalispell, after a brief battle with cancer.

Barbara was born in Oak Park, Illinois, in 1931.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond.

She is survived by her sister, Doris and Dick Fiala; her daughter Nancy and Geoff Roberts; and sons Steve and Emma Janke, Paul and Antoinette Janke, and Tim Janke; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Barbara graduated from the Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago in 1954. She was married the same year and started raising a family a year later. Her



family moved to Mexico, Missouri, and in 1961 she started working at Audrain

Medical Center as a registered nurse. She then was the family planning coordinator at the Audrain County Health Unit. She enjoyed working with troubled teens and having weekly talk sessions with them.

She lost her husband, age 40, in 1971 after his 15 year-long battle with cancer. She then had the courage to raise her four children alone, their ages ranging from 7 to 16. She had great support from friends and relatives.

One of her proudest achievements was receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 1977. For two years she

had to drive 80 miles roundtrip to attend class in Columbia, Missouri, while working the night-shift at the Mexico hospital. After graduating she became the head pediatric nurse.

In 1984 she moved to Pueblo, Colorado, and started the family planning clinic at the Pueblo County Health Department. She worked tirelessly to educate teens and help reduce the teen pregnancy rate in Pueblo. Never afraid of change, at age 55 she attended UCLA for a 6 month-long nurse practitioner program and then returned to Pueblo where she was an OB/GYN nurse practitioner until her retirement in 2003.

In 2010 she moved to Kalispell, to be closer to family due to health reasons.

In her lifetime she enjoyed teaching ceramics, stained glass, coach-

ing girls' softball, painting, scrapbooking, writing stories about family vacations, volunteer work, working with the girl, boy, and cub scouts, camping, watching her kids' sporting events, the Red Hat Society, making cookies, dancing, and hosting parties. At the nursing home she had many friends and loved to play bingo; "Bingo Bongo!" was her bingo call.

She was a true nurse in all facets of her life; always putting others' needs before hers. She had many pets in her lifetime and loved each one dearly. She always had a smile on her face and was a joy to be around. She will truly be missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center in Kalispell.

## Joseph C. Jankovsky, 85

skiing and breaking new powder trails; sailing in the blue oceans, fishing for trigger fish in the Sea of Cortez in Baja, and he loved his horses and ranching in Montana.



Joe was a loving husband, father, grandfather and mentor to many. A cabinet maker, skier, sailor, artist, hunter, fisherman and rancher, Joe lived a full and adventurous life. His only regret was that he did not get to sail around the world.

Joe had quiet confidence with positive thinking and great improvising skills. His sense of humor brought joy to those around him. Joe remodeled every home and left every place better than when he found it. He truly enriched our lives.

Joe was predeceased by son Joe.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne, son, Josh, and Nina, and grandsons, Blade and Becca, and Cole; daughter, Jaime, and Jess, and granddaughters, Avery and Chloe; and daughter-in-law, Kristi, and grandson, Joey. Other survivors include sisters, Ruth and Vera; brother, Clair; cousins and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish can donate to Wings Cancer Support, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell MT 59903.

"Surrounded by angels, Joe, a spiritual man, followed his Good Shepherd out of the valley to the mountain top and on to his eternal home." He passed peacefully on July 19, 2015, at home in Eureka with his family by his side.

Joe was born July 19, 1930, grew up in Denver and attended Denver University before joining the U.S. Navy where he served for five years. He represented the Navy in athletic competitions of swimming and boxing, as well as learning to be an aviation electrician.

Joe's first business was furniture and cabinet making, however, he loved skiing more and soon became a national ski patrolman at Arapahoe Basin Ski Area in Colorado. He went on to become general manager there. In the early '70s, Joe bought and operated Ski Happy Jack near Laramie, Wyoming. Soon after, he became the owner-operator of A-Basin Ski Area, Colorado, his old stomping ground.

In 1964, Joe married his soul mate, Jeanne! In 1967, Joe, Jeanne and baby Josh went to Australia to manage a ski area for their season. In a few years, son Joey and daughter Jaime joined the family.

In the early '80s, having sold the ski area, Joe bought ranches in Dillon, and then Pine Grove Ranch in Eureka, until his retirement in 1994.

Joe loved hiking and camping in the mountains,

# Whitefish School Board leader dies

By **LYNNETTE HINTZE**  
The Daily Inter Lake

Longtime Whitefish School Board member Pat Jarvi died unexpectedly Friday. She was 72.



**JARVI**

Jarvi spent 15 years on the school board, serving as chairwoman from 2009 until May this year when the board reorganized. She was re-elected this spring to another three-year term.

During her time on the board the school district dealt with myriad challenges, including the demolition of Central School and construction of Whitefish Middle School on the same site, and the recently completed reconstruction and expansion of Whitefish High School.

"I spent a lot of time with Pat and enjoyed every minute of it," said Whitefish School Board member Ruth Harri-

son. "The amazing thing is, I've spent hundreds of hours with her and most of it was talking about the progress of the schools and thinking of growing the district."

"She was so willing to take on anything that was for the betterment of the district," Harrison said. "You could ask her to do anything for the district; if it was appropriate and productive she would do it."

Longtime school board member Dave Fern served alongside Jarvi during her entire time on the board and lauded her progressive approach to education.

"She was at the forefront of leading the way," Fern said. "She was well-known and well-appreciated. She was a terrific, dependable friend. She never missed a school board meeting."

Fern said Jarvi's death leaves a big hole on the board.

"I think Pat really liked the school board. We find our niches in life and she

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found her niche in local government. It was not always comfortable and hugs and kisses, but she really engaged in the process and challenges."

During an election interview with the Whitefish Pilot in April, Jarvi herself acknowledged the challenge of the high school project.

"Building the high school was a long and complicated process, and frustrating at times," she said. "But when you see the product and see the kids in the finished product, it's well worth all the difficult times and tough decisions. We've got a school to be proud of and a staff to be proud of."

**JARVI WORKED**  
at the Whitefish City Library for several

years before becoming the librarian at both Central School and Whitefish High School. The majority of her librarian career was at Muldown Elementary School, where she was beloved by students. Working with the children at Muldown was the joy of her life and she instilled a love of reading in many of her young students, according to her family.

When she retired in 1997 she continued to volunteer at Muldown.

In October 2014 Jarvi's commitment to educational leadership was recognized by the Montana School Boards Association, which presented her with a Marvin Heintz Award, an honor given to 10 school board trustees

statewide.

Jarvi was very active with education-related activities and organization, but extended her community work to a variety of organizations such as Soroptimist International of Whitefish, Stumptown Historical Society and the Whitefish Library.

"She was such a tireless volunteer," Harrison said. "And she always, always had the kids' best interest at heart."

Jarvi moved with her family to Whitefish when she was 3 and attended school in Whitefish, graduating in 1961. She graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in history with a minor in library science, and earned a master's in

education at UM.

The Whitefish School Board will advertise the vacancy left by Jarvi's passing, and will take applications and conduct interviews for a one-year interim trustee position. The following year an election will be held for a two-year term, along with elections for the expiring three-year terms in order to keep the trustee positions on the same election cycle, Harrison said.

A memorial service is planned at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Whitefish High School cafeteria.

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### Patricia Linn Jarvi, 72

It is with great shock and sadness that we announce the passing of Patricia Linn Jarvi on July 3, 2015. Pat lived most of her life in Whitefish.

She was born to Lucile and Chuck Linn at the Swedish Hospital in Seattle on June 26, 1943. Pat moved to Whitefish with her parents before she was 3. Her younger sister Zoe and brother John joined the family in Whitefish. Pat attended Whitefish Central School and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1961.

She attended the University of Montana where she received her bachelor's degree in history with a minor in library science and master's degrees in education. Pat began her teaching career in Bonanza, Oregon, saddled with an old, clunky car and no driver's license. After learning to drive, she moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, for a teaching position, and then on to Omak, Washington.

In the summer of 1969, she returned to Whitefish to attend her mother's wedding to Augie Gordon, where she met the love of her life, Terry Jarvi. She returned home and they married on June 12, 1970. With Terry



came sons Kenneth Jarvi, William Jarvi, and daughter Elaine (Jarvi) Poser. She had three won-

derful years with Terry, but sadly, he passed away in May 1973.

During her career in Whitefish, she worked at the Whitefish City Library for several years, and then served as the librarian at both the Central School and high school, but spent the majority of her librarian career in the Muldown Elementary School. Working with the children at Muldown was the joy of her life and she instilled a love of reading in many young hearts. Pat loved the kids and reading to them — she knew most of their names and had a gift for tailoring book suggestions to each child. She dedicated her life to educating the children of Whitefish and she was very successful at it. Pat retired in 1997 — but never stopped working with the students. She remained actively involved as a volunteer at Muldown — her favorite place.

Pat was lucky enough

to find a second very special person in her life, LeRoy "Roy" Brown. They were longtime companions and shared many happy years with their children, grandchildren and friends.

Pat had served on the Whitefish School board since 2000; serving as board chairman from 2009 to 2015, and guided Whitefish through the remodel of the Central School and the construction of the new high school. During the open house late last summer she provided a self-guided tour to her family and then welcomed the public to join in the celebration. Pat loved her community, the schools and the kids, and gave her heart and soul to each.

Pat was involved in many activities and organizations — so many her family can't remember them all; but here are a few: member of Hinderman Scholarship Committee, WCEA/WEA Negotiations committees, ad hoc committees for the betterment of the District; classroom volunteer at the Middle School and Muldown Schools; received the Marvin Heinz Award for participation in Montana School Boards Association, life member of the National

Education Association and Montana Education Association, and member of Phi Delta Kappa/Delta Kappa Gamma. Outside of school she was active with the Soroptimists, Stumptown Historical Society, Whitefish City Library, Democratic party supporter and a community philanthropist

Pat is survived by her sister, Zoe Gustafson, of Kalispell; niece, Lori Gustafson, of Sacramento, California; nephew, Eric Gustafson, of Kalispell; daughter, Elaine (Jarvi) Poser, and Ray, of Stevensville; grandsons, Eric Poser of Billings, and Trevor Poser of Bozeman; and son, Kenneth Jarvi, and Terri, of Lone Tree, Colorado, and children Lisa, Laura and Travis. She was a loving daughter, sister, mother, aunt and grandmother.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at the Whitefish High School cafeteria.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Whitefish Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1417, Whitefish, MT 59937.

**Charles B. Jeffries, 63,**

Charles B. Jeffries, 63, died on March 26, 2015, from COPD and lung cancer.

He graduated from Dawson County High School in 1970 and attended Dawson Community College for one year before enlisting in the Army. As a youth, Charles loved baseball, hunting and fishing. As an adult he liked to play poker and keno.

After an honorable discharge from the Army, Charles worked at Montana State Prison and Warm Springs. He then went to work on the railroad. Charles became disabled and spent many years in poor health.

Preceding Charles in death include his son, Charles B. "CB" Jeffries Jr., his parents Charlie F. and Betty M. Bullock Jeffries, and brother Gene



Jeffries. Charles' niece Kimberly Lance and nephew Robert Jeffries also preceded him in death.



Surviving Charles are daughter,

Heather Jeffries, of Billings; and siblings, Mary Jeffries Lance and husband Ric, Shirley Jeffries Hegel and husband John, all of Columbia Falls, and Andy Jeffries of Kalispell. Charles also leaves many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Charles expressed wishes to have memorials or donations given to the veterans pantry or any youth baseball program.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Charles' family.

**Gene Jensen, 64**

Gene "Geno" Jensen passed away Jan. 14, 2015, in Whitefish.

Geno Jensen was born in Sydney. He was raised in Great Falls where he graduated from high school.

In 1971 he moved to Whitefish and was self employed as a roofer. He then worked for Big Mountain Insulation, before taking a job as caretaker for Jim Nabor's property on Big Mountain. When the property was sold in 2000, Geno stayed on to work for the Brishka family until his retirement a couple of years ago. He continued to live in his home on Big Mountain until his passing.

While in his 30s, Geno made a commitment to the Lord and was an active church member for many years.

Geno married Joannie Gregg at First Presbyterian Church in 1991. They divorced in 2002.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ellen Gilmor, and his father, Raymond M. Jensen; also by his faithful companion of many years, Gypsy.

Geno is survived by his brother, Doug Jensen, of Condon; and his sis-



ter, Leslie Bracken, of Helena.

Geno led a full and interesting life. His passions were fish-

ing, hunting and music. He loved to play his guitar and shared his talents during many "jam sessions" at the Brishka house. He enjoyed football and was a loyal Saints fan. Geno made many friends in the 40 years he lived in Whitefish. He will be remembered as a quiet, shy man and fiercely loyal to those who were close to him. He preferred the solitude of his home on the mountain, watching the elk in the pasture from his front porch.

**Beth A. Jensen, 87**

Beth A. Jensen, 87, who had been an employee of the Montgomery Ward automotive department and sold Sarah Coventry/Avon products for many years, died April 21, 2015, at the Edgewood Vista in Kalispell.

A former Chester native, she moved to the Flathead Valley in 1962 and was active at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen.

Her funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Risen Christ, 65 W. Evergreen Drive, with viewing an hour before services.

Beth will be buried later in the family plot



at Chester. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester, 406-759-5550.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four siblings; and husband Edward, in 2004.

Survivors are three daughters, Arlene McFarland of Kalispell, Christine Hale of Hurricane, Utah, and Twyla Stoddard of Kennewick, Washington; eight grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Beverly Bergh of Longview, Washington.

**Paul 'Bud' Jensen, 89**

Paul "Bud" Jensen, 89, "moved on to his heavenly home" on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Paul was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Columbia Falls to John and Hattie (Wagner) Jensen.

He attended Bad Rock Elementary School and Columbia Falls High School. In his younger years Paul worked the family farm and around the valley on threshing machines during harvest time. He also worked as a logger and heavy equipment operator on the Hungry Horse Dam. He was hired at Columbia Falls Aluminum in 1955 working first in heavy equipment and then moved on to a security/EMT position, retiring in 1982.

Paul married Muriel



McCorkle in 1991. She survives him and resides in Columbia Falls.

Paul was preceded in

death by his wife, Patricia; and his sister, Wilma Speer.

He is survived by his children, son Dan and Mary Jensen, daughter Judy and Larry Ivers, and son Roy and Lana Jensen; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Eda Anders and Lola Jensen of Columbia Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul loved to hunt and fish, and enjoyed everything the outdoors and Montana life has to offer.

He spent many hours sitting beside his brother-in-law, Roy Anders, fishing and enjoying life. He taught everyone he could his fishing and hunting techniques. He also loved to garden and preserve.

Bud was a true Montanan in every sense, born, raised and a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley. He will be remembered as a caring parent, grandparent, ambitious worker, avid outdoorsman and constant prankster. He could tell a good story but was even better at making them. Everyone who knew him could quickly recount many stories requiring the crack of a smile. He had a contagious and warm demeanor and loved people. In his retirement, he was known for helping

others and always had a project going in his shop. In the recent years of his life, he made a decision to follow Christ and was able to share that decision with his family. We find great hope in his decision and can't wait to see him again.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, in Creston. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the church until time of the service. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Paul's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Paul's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

**Lawrence John Jerrow, 78**

Lawrence John Jerrow, 78, of Spokane Valley, Washington, died Friday evening Oct. 30, 2015, in Spokane.

He was a retired fence salesman with Moran Fence.

Larry was born Oct. 7, 1937, in Kalispell to Mark William Henry and Verna Ruth (John) Jerrow.

He was previously married to Judith Elaine "Lana" Thompson, whom he wed in Kalispell on Aug. 15, 1959.

Larry was a talented machinist and welder, and he had his own small business as Larry, The Fixit Guy. He enjoyed motorcycles, guns and cowboy action shooting, but most of all he enjoyed tinkering in his shop.

Larry is survived by sons, Shawn and Kathy of Benton City, Washington, and Mark of Kennewick,



Washington; daughters, Heather of Spokane, and Gina Johnson of Portland; grandchildren, Logan

of Benton City, Riley of Albany, Oregon, Tierney and fiancé Kamandi Roberts of Richland, and Jordan Johnson of Portland. He is also survived by neighbors and honorary family Bud and Susan Meagley, Rachel Maegley, and Holly and Geoff Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Alan (1958), and a sister Shirley Graham (1984).

An informal memorial service is tentatively planned for next April in Kalispell.

**Thomas Milo Jerrow, 66**

Thomas Milo Jerrow, 66, died Dec. 29, 2015, at his home in Hungry Horse.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jo, his daughters Connie Peters and

Renae Kraft, and son Michael Jerrow.

Services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Thomas Milo Jerrow, 66

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Thomas Milo Jerrow, 66, died peacefully during an afternoon nap on Dec. 29, 2015, at his home in Hungry Horse.

Tom was born on March 17, 1949, in Great Falls to Marjery Ruegg and was adopted shortly after by Charles and Carol Jerrow of Kalispell, who proudly raised Tom as their only son.

Tom grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1967. He graduated 34th in a class of 360 graduates. He attended some college at Montana State University, before beginning a lifelong career at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) in 1969.

Tom married Sandra Holmquist in 1969, and together the couple had two daughters, Connie and Renae.

On July 3, 1976, Tom married Mary Jo Jackson, the woman who would become his life-partner of nearly 40 years. Together they had a son, Michael. He continued to work at CFAC through 2009, when the plant was permanently closed. He later attended Flathead Valley Community College and earned his associate's degree in information technology in 2011.

For all of Tom's life, he enjoyed hunting, loved fishing (no matter the



weather) and grew up loving the sport of golf (a love he passed on to his son). Tom constantly

thirsted for the intellectual pursuit of knowledge and felt a strong connection to a common spirituality of the world around him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Jerrow; daughter, Connie Peters and Doug of Kalispell, with their children Brad Arlint, Anthony, Nichole and Mark Peters; daughter Renae Kraft and Marty of Kalispell, and their children Chelsea, Cassandra and Jerome Kraft and Tom's great-granddaughter, Paisley; and by his son, Michael Jerrow and Becky of Spokane, and their children Madison and MacKenzie Jerrow.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Carol Jerrow.

Tom's family is hosting a celebration of life from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tom's birthday, March 17, at 1302 7th Ave. E., Kalispell. Tom's family and friends are invited to share memories along with his favorite Irish foods and beverages at an informal, open-house style celebration.

### John 'Wayne' Jewell, 71

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Wayne on March 27, 2015, at the age of 71 years.

He will be forever loved and remembered by his loving wife of almost 45 years, Myna.

Wayne was born in Drumheller, Alberta, on July 12, 1943.

Wayne worked as a power lineman for Canadian Utilities/Alberta Power for nine years and EPCOR for 30 years. In earlier years he enjoyed boating and flying (got his pilot's license in 1980). He retired in October 2002. He enjoyed his retirement and loved



traveling with his wife. They spent time in Mexico and Costa Rica every winter.


He is survived by his wife Myna, his sister Lynda and Peter Baltgailis; extended family and many friends.

Wayne was predeceased by his father Delbert, and his mother Rachel.

He lived large and will be missed by many. He is forever in our hearts.

Following Wayne's wishes, cremation has taken place and no funeral service will be held.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
*Celebration of Life for*  
 "Wayno" John Wayne Jewell  
 7/12/1943 — 3/27/2015



**Come and Go**  
**Thursday, August 27th**  
**5 to 7 P.M.**  
**Del's Bar Back Yard**  
*Come and share your stories of*  
*Wayno with his family and friends.*  
*Lets fill the occasion with the*  
*spirit and vitality that characterizes*  
*Wayno's life.*

### Bill Dennis Johnson, 46

Bill Dennis Johnson, 46, of Kalispell, died Dec. 5, 2015, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

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### Esther Johnson, 94

Esther Johnson, 94, passed away peacefully at the Heritage Place Health-care Community on Sunday, March 8, 2015.

Born Sept. 20, 1920, in Cut Bank, she was the third of four children born to Alexander and Anna Sellars. Her father was a Border Patrol agent and she spent much of her childhood traveling around Montana and the United States with her family.

On July 17, 1947, she married Wesley Lyle Johnson and settled in Evergreen with her three children. They built a house on a 3-acre property together and she continued to reside there until 2013.

Esther loved children and worked from home as a childcare giver for many years. She enjoyed going to classic car shows and raising honey bees with her husband. She was very active in the community, particularly



with the Eagles Auxiliary, where she won many All Star titles performed in rituals and

served as president. Esther is survived by her three children, George Johnson of Pullman, Washington, Mary Anne Cook of Helmville, Montana, and Charles Johnson of Waukesha, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley; grandson, Michael Cook; her parents; one sister; two brothers; and daughter-in-law, Janice Johnson.

A memorial service to celebrate Esther's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.



## Howard 'Howie' Paul Johnson, 64

Howard "Howie" Paul Johnson, beloved father, husband, brother, son, uncle and friend, passed away April 14, 2015.

He was born on May 29, 1950, to Marvin and Toni Johnson as a middle child of five children.

Howie was the youngest boy and had an amazing relationship with his siblings. He loved them so much and held them so close. Howie excelled in art and won state competitions for his beautiful paintings.

During high school, he met and later married the love of his life, Julie Johnson, in June 1968. Together they loved and raised four beautiful children.

Howie had a passion for working with injection molding and that passion ultimately led to him starting his own business in Whitefish. He was known for many of his inventions. He had a way of looking at things differently and finding new ways to help people.

Howie was all about helping people. He had a beautiful soul and heart. He could light up a room with his smile and always had that twinkle in his eye. He could bring a smile to anyone's face and was always laughing. His greatest attribute was his love for family, friends and life. His relentless giving of himself in all aspects of life was more than generous. He touched many lives in his short time on this earth. His very soul was so filled with love that it finally could not be contained anymore and he was returned home.

He "was welcomed home" by his mother, Toni Johnson; his father,



Marvin Johnson; his sister, Angie Carlson; brother-in-law, Chuck Strand; and his daugh-

ter-in-law, Krystle Gilchrist; along with many more friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Rae Johnson, of Montana; his four children, Lori Johnson and Darryl Hawkins of Wisconsin, Jennifer Johnson and Shawn Potter of South Dakota, James Johnson of Montana, and Julie Marie Johnson of South Dakota; his brother Marvin "John" and Joanne Johnson, sisters, Becky and Keith Martell, and Heidi and Arnie Stroebel, godmother Barb Madsen, and sister-in-law Jeani and Jerry Gabor, all of Wisconsin; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"One final note, my husband was the most unforgettable person I have ever met. His love, kindness, self sacrifice, and generosity was above all others. I was truly blessed to have met and married Howie. He was the love of my life. His beautiful life was all too short, but he lived life like life should be lived. Until we meet again, all my love."

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at William-son-White Funeral Home in Amery, Wisconsin.

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

## JoAnne Kay Johnson, 71

JoAnne Kay Johnson, 71, "rejoiced as she entered the gates of heaven" July 19, 2015.

She was born at home Oct. 22, 1943, in Washburn, North Dakota, to John and Hilda Krause. The family moved to the Flathead Valley when JoAnne was in first grade. She graduated from Flathead County High School and attended Kinman Business School in Spokane.

It was through her bookkeeping position at Evergreen Fuel that she met a truck driver named Curtis Johnson. At the time of Curt's death in 2013, the two had been married 51 years. Together they raised their two daughters and built their construction and development company. The Lutheran church was always a part of her family life and she was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church at the time of her death.

God gave JoAnne the amazing gift of styling hair. At the age of 32 she made the bold decision to go back to school with the dream of starting her own beauty salon. This dream resulted in her owning and operating Country Curl Beauty Salon for 33 years.

JoAnne was never one to sit idle. She enjoyed golfing, sewing, walking and creating beautiful handmade cards with her dearest friends. She had a beautiful soprano voice which she shared with others in church choirs or as she played the piano or accordion by ear. She was



especially fond of wonderful old hymns.

In the past year she fought so very hard to

win her battle with cancer. She faced each day with her beautiful smile lighting up any room — including her hospital room in her final days on Earth. Her faith in God produced in her a mighty spirit in which she lived each day. She inspired all who knew her by her will to live, her unwillingness to complain, and her precious faith in Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sisters Delores and Alice, and brothers Calvin and Floyd.

JoAnne is survived by her daughters, Tammy Jordt and husband Aaron, and Pam Kloeckl and husband Ken; grandchildren, Sydney Clem and husband Scott, Cedar Jordt, Curtis Moen, Zane Kloeckl and Brock Kloeckl; and siblings, Jeannette Olson and Gary Krause.

A memorial service is planned for 3 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Home Options Hospice.

The following note was found in JoAnne's Bible on the day she died: "I fought the good fight. I have run the race. I have kept the faith. Amen — JoAnne"

May we all run the race with such determination.

## Lawrence Duane Johnson, 85

Lawrence Duane Johnson, 85, passed away April 21, 2015.

Larry was born on Jan. 27, 1930, to Lawrence Evan Johnson and Anne (Grinager) Johnson. He was the fifth of six children, all raised in the Kalispell area. Larry was baptized and confirmed in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He graduated from Flathead County High School, where he excelled in basketball and track. Larry received an appointment to West Point Military Academy, graduated in 1952, and joined the Air Force. At West Point he competed in track and hurdles, while preparing to defend his country. He returned to Kalispell and married Delphine A. Hanson in July 1952. They celebrated 62 years of marriage last year.

Larry was a devoted husband and loving father, a role model for his children and grandchildren. Wherever he and Delphine lived, they were active in the Lutheran church and community activities. He was always thankful for and placed the greatest value on his family and friends, many of whom have kept in close touch over the decades of his life.

Larry's Air Force career took his family to Great Falls, Newfoundland, San Antonio, Texas, Dayton, Ohio, the Panama Canal Zone, Tacoma, Washington, and Vacaville, California. While in Ohio, he earned a mas-



ter's degree in nuclear engineering. He served in Thailand during the Vietnam War. As a pilot he flew many planes, from fighters to cargo aircraft to small reconnaissance planes in the jungle. After commanding the 8th MAS and managing logistics for the 60th MAW he retired as a colonel in 1980.

Larry took his love of flying to a second career with Boeing, settling in Puyallup, Washington. He and Delphine made many trips to countries around the world, as he trained airline maintenance personnel for Boeing's customers. Their visits included trips to China, New Zealand, Europe, Indonesia, and several to England and Norway. He retired from Boeing in 1990, and spent the past 25 years with family, woodworking, traveling and attending church and the grandchildren's countless activities and sporting events. Many memorable vacations were taken with family in Kalispell and at Flathead Lake.

Larry is survived by his wife, Delphine, of Puyallup; children, Susan Bartels of Graham, Washington, and Paul of Snoqualmie, Washington; five grandchildren, Lawrence,

Valerie, Stephen, Kristin and Brian; his brother, Rod Johnson, of Yakima, Washington; and six nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Johnny, Wendell and Bob; and his sister, Juanita Smith.

There will be a celebration of his life at 2 p.m. today, April 23, at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Washington. He will be interred at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 10 a.m. April 25.

In lieu of flowers, Larry requested that donations be made to the Memorial Fund at Mountain View Lutheran Church.

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## Loretta Jean Johnson, 87

Loretta Jean Johnson, 87 years old, "went to be with her heavenly father" on March 30, 2015. This happened to be day that 66 years earlier she had married the love of her life Albert Johnson.

Loretta was born in Dooley, Montana, to Issac and Nova Ruggles, Nov. 28, 1927.

Albert and Loretta moved to Kalispell from Plentywood in 1957 for a fresh start. Loretta retired in the early '90s to care for her husband, after 32 years employment as head maid at the Blue and White Motel.

Loretta is survived by her loving sister, Genevieve Lee, of Plentywood; two daughters, Linda and Don Clapper, and Vivian and Larry Peterson; grandchildren, David and Lori Weisz, Tami and John Mackie, Toni Peter-



son, Alan Peterson, and Jessica and Shawn Haye; as well as numerous great-grandchildren

and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; two infant sons; a grandson; and great-great-granddaughter.

A memorial is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday April 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens and potluck gathering will follow.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Loretta's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Loretta's tribute wall.

### Marilyn Mae 'Billie' Johnson, 89

Marilyn Mae "Billie" (Berger) Johnson, 89, of Kalispell, died peacefully Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the home of her daughter, of age-related causes. Her children Colleen and Patrick were at her side.



Lakeside where she lived for five years. Later, her sister Evelyn decided to join the fam-

ily. Marilyn was born in Seattle on May 24, 1925, to Arthur B. and Florence L. Berger. She graduated from Saint George and Cleveland High in Seattle, and went on to beauty school in Seattle. She wanted to join the service but here family discouraged her.

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Marilyn's family owned and operated a room and boarding house in Georgetown in Seattle. They has 13 boarders who had breakfast, lunch and dinners, with daily room service. Marilyn, a young girl then, took care of the rooms and prepared all the lunches, while her sister Eve worked the restaurant with Florence, their mother. The Bergers learned how to work hard and take pride in each and every task — a trait that followed by the girls.

Marilyn lived and worked in Seattle for several years where she met and married her husband, Jack Leo Cleary. They had three children and divorced. Marilyn remarried, had one son, and in 1959 met and married Mr. Hilding "Swede" Johnson — finally a working, stable, committed relationship, and a wonderful companion, friend and father to the children. They were married 35 years.

ily. Marilyn and Evelyn moved to Kalispell — a new journey.

Marilyn was a 20-year friend of Bill W. and had many friends associated with him, including Sue N. and many more.

She loved animals all her life and she always had a dog. She missed her furry little friends, although they weren't always little. I can still remember from kindergarten, Biff, our Great Dane.

Marilyn was level-headed, direct, and it seems now she was right about so many things. I always said Mom reminded me of Lucille Ball. She was funny and smart and could always make you laugh. But I also saw a little bit of Phyllis Diller! What a mom — she was the greatest!

Her life, like all lives, was filled with challenges, but she always managed to give it all she had; she never quit! She was quiet and shy, but once she knew she was in good company, her endearing ways would surface.

Marilyn had four children, including Michael Shane Cleary who died in 2007, and Richard Glenn who also died in 2007.

Later in life, Marilyn worked and retired from the hotel and restaurant industry. In Seattle she worked at the Tacoma Dome Hotel and other major hotels as head supervisor of the laundry department, accountable for every detail. She retired after 17 years to take care of her husband who was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson began coming to Kalispell when their daughter moved to Lakeside with her husband in 1990. Alone now, after losing Mr. Johnson in 1994, Marilyn moved to

She is survived by her son, Patrick Cleary, of Palmer, Alaska; daughter, Colleen McGillis, of Lakeside; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

At the end, hospice joined our family, and made us part of theirs. The care givers were so sensitive and so professional — our "angels with wings." Our family thanks you, each of you, and sends blessings. May God bless you all!

Private services were held in Seattle.

Marilyn will be missed by many friends and loved forever.

### Marjorie M. 'Marge' (Long) Johnson, 90

Marjorie M. "Marge" (Long) Johnson, 90, formerly of Bigfork, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, at the Springs in Missoula.

She is survived by her husband, George E. Johnson. Brothers Mortuary and Crematory in Hamilton is caring for the family

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### Melva Edna Johnson, 85

Melva Edna Johnson, 85, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 1, 2015.

Cremation has taken place and, upon her request, no services will be held.

Melva was born in Andes, Montana, on June 3, 1929, to Harry and Mona McKee.

She married DeWayne K. Johnson in 1957.

Melva was preceded in death by her husband, DeWayne Johnson; her

daughter, Kolbe Lea Smith; brother, William; sisters, Olive, Jean and Myrna; and both of her parents.

She is survived by one daughter, Kim Johnson Allen; her grandchildren, Kalea Jayne Britz, Jake Wade Smith, and Glen Smith and his partner Sheila, and her pride and joy, her great-grandchild, Avery Roxanne Britz.

"You will always be in our hearts and thoughts, Mom."



## Nova 'Billie' Ione Johnson, 85

On July 12, 2015, Billie passed away peacefully of natural causes. She was surrounded by her children at Genesis care facility in Whitefish. She was 85 years old.

Billie was born in Whitefish on Nov. 4, 1929, to Charles and Daisy Duff.

Billie graduated from Whitefish High School in 1947 and attended Kinman Business School in Spokane. She married Glen Johnson on Jan. 2, 1949, in Whitefish. Billie was a homemaker and very active in golf, bowling and fishing. She enjoyed being on Whitefish Lake where she spent summers at the cabin with her children, sister Eva, nieces and nephews. She was also active in the Whitefish Winter Carnival in the early years through the Whitefish Lake Boat Club. She loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They brought her great joy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Johnson; brother, Roy Duff; sister, Eva

DeVall; parents Charles and Daisy Duff, and grandson, Christopher Foster.

Billie is survived by son, Terry Johnson and wife Ruby; daughter, Lynn and husband Jim Smith; grandchildren, Kim Carr and family, Wendy Mauer and family, Sonny Johnson and family, Harry Bagley and family and Darrell Bagley and family; sister Norma "Pee Wee" Brzoznowski; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 3:30 on July 25 at Whitefish Methodist Church. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to your favorite charity.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Genesis care and rehab for their loving care and devotion to Billie for the last 10 years of her life. You were all very special to her.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Billie's family.

Rita substitute taught biology at the high school and botany at Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC). She also provided one-on-one tutoring for youngsters who just needed a little encouragement. She loved all children and was the ice cream cone lady in her neighborhood. She recorded books-on-tape for blind children. Rita was president of the local American Field Service (AFS) program and (with Ed) was the host family for three students representing Germany, New Zealand and South Africa. The student from South Africa (Marie DeVos Breytenbach) became a real daughter to her and there were many visits between South Africa and Montana by both families over the years.

Rita and Ed were dedicated to creating opportunities for children of this community and gave many donations so children could have edu-

Rita is survived by daughters, Ann and Marise of Kalispell, and Ellen Johnson and husband Dan Olsen of Portland; nephews, Reid Olsen of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Evan Olsen of Eugene, Oregon; nephew, George Antunes, (her summer boy); and nieces, Mary Frances Sparkman, Jane Van Brussel and Sarah Fajardo, and others.

There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:10 p.m. on Feb. 9 at St. Matthew's. Honorary pallbearers are Kevin Mackay, Bo Mackay, Lee Koslowski, George Antunes, Justin Sliter, Everit Sliter and Steve Sutherland.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Rita Johnson Endowed Nursing Scholarship at Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Rita Ann Almas Johnson, 95

Rita Ann Almas Johnson, 95, died Jan. 19, 2015.

She was born on June 16, 1919 in Havre, the third child of Dr. Joseph S. and Georgiana Sander-son Almas. Growing up, she enjoyed Girl Scouts, hiking and horseback riding. She kept in touch with the members of her Scout troop for over 50 years.

She met Maurice "Ed" E. K. Johnson in high school and recalled first hearing about him when he blew up the chemistry lab. They married in 1944 after he finished medical school and she earned a Master of Nursing degree from Yale. Ed went off to the South Pacific with the Army and Rita returned to her family home in Havre where she taught nursing at the hospital. Ed and Rita were married for almost 62 years, until his death in 2006.

After the war and Ed's surgical residency in Detroit, they moved to Kalispell in June 1950, where they raised their family. They put their three daughters through college and post-graduate programs. They enjoyed swimming in Flathead Lake, ice skating, cross country skiing, pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and growing roses and vegetables.



ational opportunities. These gifts were often anonymous. Both Rita and Ed

started college during the Depression at Northern Montana College because it was locally accessible and affordable. They were big supporters of Flathead Valley Community College. When the Flathead Valley Medical Auxiliary dissolved, Rita put the money from the treasury into the Selma Dodge Endowed Scholarship at FVCC and added to that fund with her own money through the years (Selma Dodge was the wife of an early Flathead Valley doctor).

As a child and since 1948, she always had a dog in the home as a friend and companion. The current dog, Marley, will miss begging dog biscuits from her.

For years, she enjoyed the warm water pool class and working with the personal trainers at The Summit. She looked forward to the conversation with and support of these class friends and staff.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Christian, and her husband.

### Sara Ann 'Sally' Johnson, 97

Sara Ann "Sally" Johnson passed away May 7, 2015.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1917, in Dayton, Washington, to Nancy Della Harless and Walter Chessman.

She was the youngest of five siblings and spent most of her life in Eastern Washington. She dearly loved her stepfather, Claude Fisk, and often told stories about him. Sally graduated from Rosalia High School.

She married Wesley C. Johnson on Sept. 6, 1937, as he entered the Army and went to Germany to serve in World War II. They later raised their family in Coulee Dam, Washington, where Wes worked at the dam as a powerhouse operator and Sally supervised the school lunch program.

She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, fishing, traveling, sports, sewing and cooking great food. She and Wes were married for 69 years, and she was very proud of that. She loved time with family, always happy around the children, and was the favorite aunt to her nieces and nephews.

Sally loved the Lord, and taught Sunday school for several years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. She was also a past member of



the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

She is survived by her son, Ron Johnson and

wife Judy of Columbia Falls; and her daughter, Laurel Ann Stroklund and husband Jim of Yakima, Washington. Sally has four grandsons, Chris and Stacey Johnson, Eric Johnson and Rhiannan Bragg, Paul Johnson, and Jared Stroklund; a granddaughter, Sara, and Ricky Thomas; and five great-grandchildren. She enjoyed family gatherings, including stepgrandchildren, Adam Weed and Jenny Williams, and Andrew Weed and Lindsey Flint, after she moved to Columbia Falls in 2008. She also became especially close to friends Connie Kenfield, Tammy Burgduff and Zoe Snook.

The Rev. Debra Wacker will officiate a graveside service at 1 p.m. on May 29 at Spring Canyon Cemetery near Grand Coulee, Washington.

In memory of Sally's sweet servant-spirit, we suggest you simply perform an act of kindness, any gift, be it time or money, that would lift up another person's spirit or provide a helping hand would be an honor.

### Shirley May Simons Johnson, 65

Shirley May Simons Johnson was born in Kalispell on May 1, 1950, to Kenneth and Rosamay Simons. She attended grade school in Lakeside and Somers, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1969. She also attended Flathead Valley Community College.

She met her husband of 44 years, Duard Johnson, in 1968 and they were married June 12, 1971. They moved to Bozeman in 1972 where their daughter Darcy was born in 1976. They then moved to Clyde Park and on to White Sulphur Springs where they lived for 10 years. Their son Duane was born in 1981. They moved to Fortine in 1987 where they have since resided.

On Sept. 19, 2015, "Shirley was called home to the Lord" after a long battle with multiple health issues. She was surrounded by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth, and mother



Rosamay Simons, grandparents on both sides, and sister Kimberly Simons.

She is survived by her husband, Duard Johnson; son, Duane Johnson, and grand-daughter, McKenna, of Gillette, Wyoming; daughter, Darcy Lucey, and grand-daughters, Emma and Amilia, of Wasilla, Alaska; foster children, Felisha West and Jason Lee; sister, Sherry Safonov; brothers, Duane Simons, Darrin Simons and Kevin Simons; aunts, Lenore Burgess and Karen Mower; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and a large extended family.

Memorial services will be planned for a later date.

Condolences and messages can be expressed at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

### Steven Lee Johnson, 55

Steven Lee Johnson, 55, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, in Whitefish. Steven is survived by his wife, Colleen; and children, Darren and Stephanie.

A memorial service will

be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Canyon Community Church, 185 Coram School Lane, Coram. A potluck will follow.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

### Thomas B. Johnson, 74

Thomas B. Johnson of Trego passed away surrounded by family and friends on Dec. 22, 2014.

Tom was born to Harold and Helen Johnson on Sept. 12, 1940, in Eureka. He spent his entire life in Trego on the home place, except for a short stay in Kent, Washington, where he went to welding school.

He married Lora Miller in 1967, becoming a father to Dianne, Barbara and Darrell. They then had a son, Craig, and daughter, Kimberly.

Tom worked for the Forest Service after high school and then went on to welding school. After completing his training, he worked for Vredenburg Development as a master welder. He then became a janitor and a bus driver at Trego School where he will be remembered by many children. He also worked for many years as a sawyer in the woods until he was hit by a widow-maker in 1990. After recovering, he continued to work with family and for himself as a skidder operator. Throughout his adult life he maintained the homestead ranch, raising cattle along with many other animals. He and Lora purchased the ranch in 1972.

Tom was a 4-H leader and was superintendent of the Beef Barn at the Lincoln County Fair for many years. He served on the Trego Civic Center board, the Lincoln County Soil Conservation board and the TFS Fire District



board. He was elected to the board of InterBel Telephone Co-op. in the 1990s, serving as a dedicated

board member for the Trego-Stryker area until his death.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers, Gerald and Russell; and his daughter, Dianne.

He is survived by his ex-wife and friend, Lora; his children, Barbara Seidl, Darrell Miller and his wife Brenda, Craig Johnson and his wife Jodi, and Kim Pluid. His grandchildren are Jessica, Devon, Travis, Beau, BreeAnna, Preston, Falon and Tristan; and he has four great-grandchildren, Derrik, Lily Auna, Harper and Tucker. He is also survived by his sister, Loretta, and her husband, Bruce Todd; sister, Sandra, and her husband, Jerry Beard; his brother, Kermit, and his wife, Velma Johnson; his sister-in-law, Sherry Johnson; and many well-loved nieces and nephews.

Tom will be missed by all of his family and many friends. His final resting place is on the land he loved so much, where his spirit will continue to reside and be remembered. There was a celebration of Tom's life on Dec. 27 at the Trego Civic Center.

### Mary Vergene Johnson, 91

Mary Vergene Johnson, 91, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She is survived by her

sons, Gordon and Steven Johnson.

Private services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Vergene Johnson, 91

Vergene Johnson passed away on Dec. 27, 2016, at the age of 91 at the Springs of Whitefish.

Born on April 24, 1924, in Spokane, the only child of Wesley and Dorothy Ainley, her family relocated to Kalispell during Vergene's grade school years. She graduated from Flathead County High School with the class of 1942. In 1946, she married John Luther Johnson and raised two sons, Gordon and Steven, in Kalispell. While her family was growing up they enjoyed camping, fishing, skiing and hiking with her.

Vergene worked as a businesswoman for many years at the Montgomery Ward department store in Kalispell, retiring as the assistant store manager and later working part-time for the Mountain Trader for several years. Upon retirement she and Johnny purchased an older cabin on the shores of Bitterroot Lake and remodeled it to make it their year-round home. Vergene and Johnny spent many enjoyable years at Bitterroot Lake entertaining their five grandchildren. In addition they traveled all around the western U.S., often with Johnny's brothers and sisters and



spouses, during their retirement years. Her husband of almost 53 years passed in 1999 and she moved

back into Kalispell to be closer to family.

Vergene was a loving and generous lady who made sure all of her sons and grandchildren were able to afford a college education and were always welcome at her home. Her family was able to visit at her side and say goodbye during her final days.

She leaves behind sons, Gordon and Kay Johnson of Kalispell, Steven and Dawn Johnson of Kent, Washington, grandchildren Curran and Lindsey of Spirit Lake, Idaho, Whitney and husband Ehren Hart of Seattle, Jeremiah and Katie of Great Falls, Jake and Brandi of Bakersfield, California, Hannah of Kent, along with three great grandchildren.

A private graveside service will take place where she will rest beside her husband at the Conrad Cemetery. A memorial to her life is planned for summer.



## Vernon R. Johnson, 93

Vernon R. Johnson, 93, died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, and their children, Debbie Snyder, Brent Johnson and Brenda

Bernard and their families.

A celebration of life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept., 19, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

17 Sep 2015

## Vernon Johnson, 93

Vernon Johnson lived on this earth for 93 years. Most of his life was spent being a cowboy and a farmer; however, people were drawn to Dad because he was a man of such humble integrity. He didn't preach virtues or the things he believed in, he lived them. Those who knew him appreciated his subtle humor, his way of simplifying things, and respected the way he lived his very full life.

On March 22, 1922, Dad was born to N.E. and Minnie Johnson. He was the youngest of five children — his sisters Mabel Grosswiler and Thelma Fransen, and his brothers, Wilfred and Floyd Johnson. His parents bought the place on what is now Stillwater Road in 1916. His elementary school was Stillwater and his favorite thing about school was being able to ride his horse there. Growing up, he learned the value of hard work and a love of all animals, especially horses.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941. During his senior year he was the president of the FFA. His favorite teacher was Henry Robinson and he helped shape our dad. It was through the guidance of Mr. Robinson that Dad decided to be a farmer.

The Stillwater community used to gather at a community hall. It was there that Vernon's mother encouraged him to ask that cute little Tutvedt girl to dance. That was the beginning of the romance between Vernon and Thelma May Tutvedt.



They were married in 1946. Sept. 20 they would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

Vernon was a farmer and also raised cattle. While living and working on the farm they were blessed with three children, Debra Jane, Brent Ervin and Brenda Sue.

Lots of men in our valley learned the value of hard work by working for Dad. Dad knew that a boy became a man through hard days of bucking bales, hauling irrigation pipe and learning to value yourself through what you have accomplished. Even in his '90s Dad still had people visit him that worked for him in their younger years.

Vernon was a director at Equity Supply for 18 years, served on the board of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) for 15 years, was a past Master of the Stillwater Grange and Flathead Pomona Grange and a 4-H leader. His entire life Dad went to church. He was born and raised in the Presbyterian Church. As newlyweds, they were members of Stillwater Lutheran Church and in the '60s they joined Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He was an active member as well as serving on the church council. It was at Bethlehem that Dad became friends with the pastor, Peder Waldum. That was a friendship

that shaped both of them. For many summers they took off for a week and rode horses and camped in Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. For anyone that traveled with them it was a cherished memory. Pastor Waldum's pictures of those trips graced our walls and Dad's memory banks for the rest of his days. He could still tell you every trail, every destination and every horse.

In the '80s Vernon and Thelma bought a place in Mesa, Arizona, and became snowbirds and, instead of working every day, Dad decided to take up a hobby and he learned to golf. For the next 20 years they wintered in Arizona and were members of Victory Lutheran. Mom swam and hiked and Dad golfed and they played bridge and they collected friends and made memories.

In 2001, after living in the same home in Montana for 80 years, Dad and Mom sold part of the farm and built a home in Village Greens. There Dad enjoyed playing golf, watching the view from their living room window of the Rocky Mountains, and on sunny days a peek into Glacier Park. Mom and Dad spent their days being grateful for this beautiful life, each other, their family, their many cherished friends, and the assurance of God's eternal grace.

Dad passed away Sept. 9, 2015, with his bride holding his hand and listening to her words of love and encouragement, the voices of their

children and the prayers of countless people who loved and respected him.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Dan Snyder; all of his brothers and sisters; brother-in-law, Dick Knox; sisters-in-law, Sharon Tutvedt, Shirley Tutvedt and Doris Knox; and his nephew, Kenny Fransen, who spent all of his summers with our parents from kindergarten through his senior year in high school.

Vernon is survived by his wife, Thelma; daughter, Debbie; Brent, his wife Janice, their children Jason (three children), Joshua (five children) and Brock Johnson. He is also survived by his daughter, Brenda, and her husband, Kelly Bernard, and their two children, Cassandra (two children) and Brandon Bernard; also by Lea Fransen and their children Tyler and Jessica (and two children). He is survived by Thelma's brothers, Paul Tutvedt and Harold Tutvedt; and by a host of cherished nieces and nephews.

Vernon's oldest grandson, Jason, said it the best when asked what it was like to be Vernon's grandson, "Well, he was my hero."

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Gravrock officiating. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or hospice.

**Wendell E. Johnson, 69**

Wendell E. Johnson, 69, of Whitefish, passed away from a recent stroke Jan. 29, 2015, at North Valley Hospital.

He is survived locally by his aunt, Vergene Johnson; cousins and spouses, Dave and Linda Smith, and Gordon and Kay Johnson; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Wendell was born Aug. 11, 1945, to Wendell and Elaine Johnson.

His parents and Cal Thurston, stepfather, preceded him in death.

He worked as a retail clerk in grocery stores in Missoula and Three Forks before moving to Kalispell and Whitefish, upon retirement.

A graveside service will be held for Wendell at 3 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Dave and Linda would like to say thank you to everyone who helped Wendell these last few years.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is entrusted with Wendell's arrangements.

26 Apr 2015

**Nina Mae Jones, 90**

Nina Mae Jones, 90, of Kalispell, passed away April 22, 2015.

Nina Mae was born on April 21, 1925, in Menasha, Minnesota, to Lewis and Iva (Kerney) Hills. Her parents moved to Montana when she was 3 months old. The oldest of five children, she had four brothers, Johnnie who died in infancy, Lewis Jr. deceased, Robert "Harold" and Gary.

Nina married Harry J. Jones on Oct. 18, 1941, making their home in Kalispell and raising three children, Lois K., Johnnie J., and Jimmie L.

She loved reading, sewing, writing and had a big heart for those in need. She always opened her heart and home to many grandchildren, friends, and relatives.

Nina was preceded in death by her infant brother Johnnie, her granddaughter Leah Rae, her son Johnnie, her parents and bother Lewis "Louie."

She is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Harry Jones; daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Gary Van Frachen; son, Jimmie Jones; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren, with one to be born;



and many brethren in Christ. Nina had been faithful and loving since she was 12

years old when she first heard the Gospel. She has been loved by all who knew and know her. She will be dearly missed.

A visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

**Rex Lee Jones, 84**

Rex Lee Jones, 84, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 29, 1931, the ninth of 11 children to Harry and Jeanette Jones in LaPorte, Indiana. When he was 3 years old the family packed up and moved to Montana. He would call this home the rest of his life.

After getting out of high school he joined the Army. He served his country very proudly for the next 20 years. While in the Army, he received many medals, including the Army Accommodation Medal and the Bronze Star. He loved his country and was always a very patriotic man.

While in the Army, he met Jean Bartter in England and they were married in 1952. In the next five years three daughters were born, Sharyn, Deb and Cindy. For 20 yeas the family traveled the world, living in several countries and states before coming home to



Montana. In 1968, the family settled in Columbia Falls.

Rex then went to work in the logging industry until 1980, then drove truck over the road for Glacier Carriers for several years. After he stopped driving truck, his brother Roy and he started cutting firewood together. When his brother passed away he cut firewood with his brother-in-law Virgil. He worked hard all his life.

He is survived by his two brothers, Harry and Ronald Jones; his wife, Maryann, at the family home; his three daughters, Sharyn and Lee Schrader, Deb and Dan Long, and Cindy Benson. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Rex wished to be cremated with no funeral service.

He was always willing to lend a helping hand, and he will be missed and loved by many.

**Roy A. Jones, 78**

Roy A. Jones, 78, passed away on Aug. 22, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and his children, Jason Jones, Cindy

Owens, and Kelly Jones-Penner.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Roy's family.



**Richard H. 'Rick' Jones, 88**

Rick Jones, a member of the "Greatest Generation," passed away Oct. 15, 2015, at his daughter Robyn's home in San Clemente, California. He has "joined his wife," Donna LeDuc Jones, who passed away last summer. They were married 69 years and are together once again.

Rick, a Navy seaman, met his wife Donna in Seattle in 1946 where his ship, the USS Ticonderoga, came to port for repairs. Rick was a proud World War II veteran and had the tattoos to prove it! They were soon married and moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, to be near his family. Their daughter Candy was born there. Later they moved to Kalispell where their daughter Robyn was born.

Rick and Donna spent much of their life in Kalispell raising their two daughters. Rick worked for Town House Furniture and Golden Wheels.

He was an avid fisherman who loved fishing the rivers of the Flathead Valley. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting and golfing. He was an active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 234 in Kalispell.

Rick and Donna moved to McMinnville, Oregon, to be close to their daughters in the early '80s. Rick was retail manager at Gormley Plumbing and Heating until his retirement. You could always count on Rick for a good story and great service.

Rick worked extensively for the first 10 years of the Mayor's Charity Ball, with his son-in-law, Ed Gormley, and daughter Candy, who started the event to benefit Kids on the Block, an afterschool program. His creativity and craftsmanship, along with other volunteers brought the ball's annual theme to life.

After his retirement, Rick and Donna spent summers in Kalispell at Lake Blaine and winters in Mesa, Arizona.



Rick was born Jan. 4, 1927, in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts. He was born to James B. Jones and Nellie Gaw Jones, the youngest of nine.

He is survived by his two daughters, Candy and Robyn, and their husbands Ed Gormley and Lindsay Beeson; grandchildren, Kim, Kori, Brandon, Tye and Brooke, and their spouses; and great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Kenadee, Kort, Kaden, Stella Belle and Camp. Rick is also survived by Donna's sister, Pat LeDuc Weed, and her husband, Kenny Weed, of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews in Montana, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Rick lived 88 wonderful years. His family always meant the world to him. We will miss his smiling face and his good ol' storytelling. We'll never forget his half sticks of gum, his tight wallet, peanut M&Ms, red beers, spaghetti and meatballs and his love of old Westerns and Perry Mason.

Rick lost his battle with complications from Parkinson's disease while his family was by his side and his favorite Western was playing on TV in the background.

Remembrances can be made to the Flathead Walleye Unlimited in care of Mark Weed at 1012 E. Idaho, Kalispell, MT 59901. Donations support Flathead Youth Fishing and fourth grade, "Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs!"

Rick will be buried next to his wife Donna in Kalispell next summer. We loved our mom and dad and our "Leave it to Beaver" lifestyle on Fifth Avenue West North — Candy and Robyn

**Marian R. Johns, 90**

Marian R. Johns, 90, died on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 11

Monday, May 18, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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**Archie Van Johnston, 85**

Archie Van Johnston passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home on Sept. 20, 2015.

Archie was born on Nov. 23, 1929, in Columbia Falls, to Jack and Sadie Johnston.

The youngest of eight siblings, Archie was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Jasper, Allen, Dempsey, Howard, Clifford and Gertie Weaver; and by his wife, Marguerite.

He is survived by his brother Clair and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be missed by staff and residents of the Montana Veterans Home.

Archie had fond memories of his childhood, especially working at his father's private saw mill. Archie was in the eighth grade when he quit school and went to help his father. He worked at his father's mill and other saw mills until he turned 18.

In 1952 Archie enlisted in the United States Army. He worked in pole-in construction for a communications unit until he was honorably discharged in 1954.

Upon returning to the Flathead Valley, he worked at various saw mills. Eventually, he was hired by Plum Creek



where he pulled the green chain and graded lumber for 23 years until retirement. After retirement he logged for private logging companies until joint

pain forced him to quit.

Archie married the love of his life, Marguerite Deglow, in 1976. They had grown up near each other and started dating after he returned from the Army. They had good times at the Lake Blaine roller rink. And they loved to travel together. Marguerite passed away in December 2007 and Archie remained in his Kalispell residence for several more years until he moved to Brendan House. In December 2011, Archie arrived at the Montana Veterans Home.

In his younger years Archie raced cars. He always enjoyed walking.

A graveside service was held Sept. 24 with full military honors at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Lois Lyford officiated.

Columbia Mortuary cared for Archie's family.



### Shirley Joan Jones, 79

Shirley Joan Jones "fell asleep in death" in her home on Larch Lane in Columbia Falls on Oct. 14, 2015, of natural causes at the age of 79. Surrounded by her loving friends and family, she passed quickly and peacefully.

Shirley was born on Jan. 1, 1936, in Erie, Pennsylvania, to Thomas Hiriam and Vesta LaRue (Betty) Donahue. She was the youngest of four children. She was raised as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and was baptized in 1942 at 6 years of age. She held firm to her hope of resurrection to a paradise earth under God's Kingdom which was reflected in her life in all she did. The resurrection hope was firm in her mind right up until death.

Shirley is survived by her husband Ernest Jones, sister Rosie Jones, and brother Bud Donahue. She is also survived by three sons, Craig Jones, Dennis Morse and Blaine Jones, as well as two daughters, Deborah Smith and Sandra Shepherd. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; as well as a multitude of nieces, nephews and close friends. Due to her very generous nature, she opened her home to many in need.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 1900 Highway 93 W., Whitefish, followed by a reception for friends and family.

### Teresa M. Olsen-Jorgensen, 54

Teresa M. Olsen-Jorgensen, 54, died at her Marion residence on March 15, 2015.

She is survived by her husband, Odd; daughter, Terrika; and sons,

Ricky, Joshua, Josey and Ryan.

A private celebration of life will be held.

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

### Steven Ralph Jones, 57

Steven Ralph Jones, 57, died Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Arrangments are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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### Steven R. 'Jonesy' Jones, 57

Steven R. "Jonesy" Jones, 57, of Hungry Horse, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Sunday, June 7, 2015.

Steven was born on July 29, 1957, to Jim R. and Annette Jones in Flint, Michigan. The family moved to Jackson, Michigan, in 1972 and still reside there.

Steven is survived by his son Jason Jones, and stepdaughter, Rosie Glass, and her children, all of Columbia Falls.

Steven is also survived by his parents, Jim and Annette Jones; sister, Lori Dillon, and her children; and sister, Linda Halasz, and her husband, Paul. Steven has one son in Jackson, Jacob "Jake" Jones, and his son, Easton Jones.

Steven moved from Michigan to Montana in the mid-'80s and fell in love with the mountains and the beauty. He loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed being outside among nature and was a huge animal lover. Steve had many friends both in Michigan and Montana and enjoyed spending time with them; he was always joking and laughing. He loved to have fun and was always ready for a party! When life threw him a curve ball, he was positive and "moved forward" through it. He truly walked his own path and let nothing stand in his way. Steven was one of a kind; his spirit will



be greatly missed.

Per Steven's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebra-

tion of Steven's life will be planned for later this summer, both in Montana and Michigan. Details will be available later.

In lieu of flowers, contributions for Jonesy's final arrangements would be appreciated and can be forwarded to Jason Jones, P.O. Box 190735, Hungry Horse, MT 59919.

"Don't cry because my life is over. Smile because it happened."

Family and friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave a condolence message for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Norman Leroy 'Norm' Julian, 85

Norman Leroy "Norm" Julian, 85, a resident of The Dalles, Oregon, and formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015.

Norman was born Jan. 27, 1930, in Casper, Wyoming, the oldest of three children to Nelson and Leora (Gholston) Julian. He grew up in Northern California, graduating from Hayward High School in 1948 and then attending Fullerton State University.

Norman served in the U.S. Navy, stationed on the island of Guam during the Korean conflict.

He worked 35-plus years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, as a coordinator in various departments, the last being the Plant Engineering Department.

On June 7, 1997, he and Beverly Jean Fleming were married in Bigfork. Norman enjoyed spending time with family, sailing, golf, gardening and his beloved dogs, Buddy and



Tana. He touched so many lives; everyone that was lucky enough to know him

was blessed.

He will be remembered for his good nature, his wit and the amazing husband, father, brother, grandpa and friend he was.

Norman is survived by the love of his life, wife Beverly; sisters, Helene and Rosalinda; children, Laura, Christian and Andrea; stepchildren, Gerry, Michael, Jason and Stephanie; and also 14 grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held in June. Details can be obtained from family members.

Private cremation was held at Win-Quatt Crematory in The Dalles with arrangements under the care of Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home.

## Forrest Dale Groshelle-Juntunen, 2

Forrest Dale Groshelle-Juntunen, 2, passed away Feb. 17, 2015, in Kalispell.

Forrest was born June 18, 2012, in Kalispell, to Kyle Groshelle and Takara Juntunen.

Forrest's hobbies were climbing, jumping, smiling and laughing. He loved his beanies, singing to AC/DC, coloring on the walls and cuddling, and he also loved the movie "How to Train your Dragon." He called his grandma "Grandma" and his grandpa "Grandpa Poo." Forrest loved his baby ice cream cones from Dairy Queen.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandpa, Art Juntunen.

He is survived by his mother Takara Juntunen, father Kyle Groshelle, and grandparents, Jeremy and Cindy Juntunen, and Roger and Bonnie Groshelle, all of Kalispell; great-grandparents, Darrel and Ardis Christofferson, and Burton and Diane Rice; aunt Kayla Wonders and husband Grant; uncle,



Brett Groshelle; uncle, Jeremy Juntunen Jr.; uncle, Maddox Juntunen; aunt,

Nevaeh Juntunen; aunt, Jaeza Juntunen; great-aunts, Kathy Diclemente, Kayla Johnson and Rebecca Rice; great-uncle and -aunt, Chris and Adri Rice; great-uncle, Lee Rice; godmother, Kelcee Lunceford; and cousins, Hailee Walker and Madison Walker.

A celebration of Forrest's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Feb. 28, at the Canvas Church in Kalispell.

A fund has been set up at U.S. Bank, Forrest Juntunen Memorial Fund, Account No. 150091779267.

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

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

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## Margaret 'Margy' Ann Allers Juenke, 66

Margaret "Margy" Ann Allers Juenke, 66, loved her family dearly, "but left to go sing in the angels choir and see her family members, parents, Bud and Elli; brother, Jack, and sisters, Shawnee and Terry," on Sept. 8, 2015.

Loving and missing her is her husband, Bob, of 47 years; son, Mike, and his children, Elliot, Christina, Kaelyn, and great-granddaughter Audriana; son, Jeff, and his children, Maryha, Alyssa and great-grandson, Karson; brother, Ted, and his wife, Diana; sisters, Patty and her husband Steve, Beth and her husband Harold, and Cathie and her husband Bob; broth-



er-in-law, Bill; step-brother, Jim; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Services for Margy will be held at 12:30 p.m. today, Sept. 12, at Columbia Falls Junior High School, 1805 Talbot Road. A potluck luncheon will follow services. The school will open at 11:30 a.m. for those who wish to bring food or flowers. Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Margy's family.