

Jack A. MacDonald, 70

Jack A. MacDonald, 70, a longtime resident of Great Falls, Virginia, who was born on March 10, 1945, in Spokane, has passed away peacefully near his home on June 22, 2015 with his beloved wife, Paige, and dedicated sons, Andrew and William, by his side after a courageous battle with cancer.

An avid champion and legislative advocate for quality care in our nation's long-term and post-acute care community, Jack served as executive vice president and chief public affairs officer for Golden Living, one of the country's largest skilled nursing, hospice and physical therapy providers. Jack was an integral part of the company's senior management team during his 32 years with the organization and was responsible for the company's national government relations, public relations and communications, as well as the international development for Golden Living and its affiliated long-term care companies.

Jack personally was instrumental in shaping the regulatory landscape to protect patient rights and benefits as well as vigorously advocate for the delivery of high-quality healthcare each day to our nation's most fragile population. Jack also served as executive vice president of the National Council of Health Centers and director of government relations for the American Health Care Association.

Most recently, Jack led the effort at Golden Living to participate in new payment models in response to the Affordable Care Act and ongoing healthcare reform. These new payment structures will serve as the foundation for how healthcare is provided to patients today and for generations to come. Jack was avidly committed to assuring that as the new healthcare regulatory and pay-



ment models were established, that long-term care had a seat at the table. Jack leaves

a lasting legacy that impacts the entire healthcare industry, and he served as a beloved mentor to his colleagues and peers.

An avid outdoorsman, Jack particularly enjoyed snow skiing and winter sports with his sons and he enjoyed the natural environment surrounding his family's retreat in Whitefish.

A graduate of the University of Idaho, Jack earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in history and political science and also a master's degree in international relations. In addition, he attended Texas A&M University for a brief period of time, remaining a proud "Aggie" and attended the College of Law at the University of Denver.

Jack was the only child of Allen C. MacDonald and Ruth G. MacDonald, who were longtime residents of Walla Walla, Washington.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Paige, who resides in Great Falls, Virginia; his devoted sons, Andrew, 37, who resides in Seattle, and William, 34, who resides in Whitefish; as well as many close friends and colleagues in Virginia and Montana.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on July 2 in Whitefish, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with burial services to directly follow. In mid-September a memorial service will be held in Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, a healthcare policy scholarship is being established in Jack's name to carry on the work that he passionately pursued throughout his life and career.

Virginia Bird 'Ginny' MacDonald, 92

Virginia Bird "Ginny" MacDonald, 92, passed away at home in Polson on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

She was born on June 21, 1923, in Butte to Francis "Frank" W. and Zoe (Duncan) Bird. She had five siblings, Kathleen "Kay" Bird Parkin, Frank "Bud" Bird, Robert, Thomas and Philip.

She graduated from Butte High School, attended Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, the University of Washington and graduated from Northwestern University in Chicago, where she majored in music and voice. Ginny was a member of the Pi Phi Sorority.

Patrick Largey MacDonald and Virginia Lee Bird were married in the St. Ignatius Mission on Aug. 2, 1947. They were married for 37 years at the time of Largey's death in November 1986.

Ginny's Butte heritage and Flathead Lake combined, made for a magnificent, well-lived life of a dearly beloved woman who kept us all in tune with her perfect pitch.

She was active in the music and art community; because of that her friends were varied and many. She taught voice and piano for many years, and was very generous with her instruction and encouragement. She had a genuine interest in others. Ginny was patient and kind with an Irish twinkle in her eye, a great sense of humor — rye and dry.

Her strong faith gave her strength and courage. She was active in the Immaculate Conception Parish music ministry. She was an inspiring matriarch and loving mother.

She painted the canvas of our lives with brush strokes and patience, vulnerability and tenderness, creating colorful masterpieces of course!

She was preceded in



death by the Bird family, and her husband Patrick Largey MacDonald.

Survivors include her children, Victoria of Olympia, Washington, Gregory MacDonald and wife Linn of Moab, Utah, and Mary MacDonald and Mark MacDonald, both of Polson; grandchildren, Taryn Harrison and Lyssia MacDonald Merriman; great-grandchildren, Grace and Lewis Merriman; and numerous nieces and nephews from the Bird and MacDonald clans.

"Some swans die before they sing. Some swans sing before they die."

"Thank you for sharing your angelic voice. We love you, Mom."

There will be a vigil service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 24, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation, P.O. Box 255, Ronan, MT 59864; or to the charity of your choice.

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

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

Melinda Marie Mackley, 32

Melinda Marie Mackley was born on May 13, 1983, in Spokane and "departed from Whitefish for eternal peace and happiness with her Creator" on Sept. 12, 2015.

Melinda was known for her exuberant smile and warm, loving kindness. There was rarely a moment that she put her own needs above the needs of others. She always made the people in her presence feel joyful and special. Her inner light, warmth and charm beamed through her incredibly beautiful, dark brown eyes, contagious laughter and broad brilliant smile. Mindi embraced everyone with a heart-felt hug upon greeting and departing their company.

Melinda was an artist at heart. She loved dancing, singing along to beautiful melodies, listening to her favorite music and using her talent with words to brighten the darkest of days. Melinda expressed her artistic gifts and caring touch on the clients that sat in her chair while she cut, colored and styled their hair.

Melinda enjoyed hot summer days and nights spent with family and friends on calm, blue water with a gentle warm breeze caressing her delicate and youthful skin.

Mindi intensely loved, supported and was proud of her siblings, Michael Frye, Alicia Frye and Sar-



ah Lamb. Melinda loved Sarah's wonderful children as though they were her own.

Melinda was close to her mother, Cindi Frye. They often spent many hours laughing and crying in conversation while Melinda admired the sunset or stars from her deck.

Melinda married her loving husband on July 7, 2007, John Matthew Wagner, of Whitefish, a local attorney. He and his family cherished the sweet life, laughter and love of Melinda during the time they had with her over the past several years.

A celebration of her life and love for all will be held locally at a future date. Please send all memorials in her memory to CASA of Flathead County to aid in the advocacy of children from difficult circumstances.

Please join the family in saying this Irish prayer in memory of Melinda:

"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

Melinda will be forever in our hearts and her life will live on with those who adored her.

Jacqueline Dolph Macy, 87

Jacqueline Dolph Macy, 87, of Polson, died of natural causes on Nov. 2, 2014.

Born in 1927, and raised on a Hi-Line homestead ranch 45 miles west of Havre, Jackie lived much of her adult life in Illinois with her husband, Roland.

From 1970-1988, Jackie served as the Executive Director of the Y.W.C.A. of McLean County, Illinois.

The couple retired in 1988 to Flathead Lake.

Roland preceded her in death.

Surviving are her children, Nan and Rusty, as well as her daughter-in-law, Cathy; grandchildren, Patrick and Lindsey; her brother, Elbert of Havre; and several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral will be held



at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Polson, with inter-

ment immediately following. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

To leave condolences, please visit www.grogan-funeralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be designated to cancer research at Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905, or online at <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/>.

Sandra McDonald, 57,

Sandra McDonald, 57, died May 22, 2015, in Whitefish.

A celebration of life will

be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Elizabeth M. Madplume, 71

Elizabeth M. Madplume, 71, of Pablo, died July 5, 2015, at St. Joseph Medical Center.

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

Virginia 'Ginny' Maesner, 78

Virginia "Ginny" Maesner, 78, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, at Hidden Meadows Assisted Living in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Donald

Maesner; and children, Christine Medsker and Donald Scott Maesner.

There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Pamela Ann Magers, 59

The world is not quite as beautiful a place today after the passing of Pamela Ann Magers of Bigfork.

Pam passed away May 15 in Kalispell due to complications from an almost 20-year struggle with rheumatoid arthritis.

Pam was born on Halloween, 1955, in Longview, Texas. Halloween was the biggest holiday of the year for her and her family and usually spent time somewhere special. She received frequent requests from her friends to "ride her broom" over to see them. The Halloween jokes were a constant source of humor for us all.

Pam grew up in Moore, Oklahoma. She attended Moore High School, the University of Oklahoma and continued her advanced education in Gainesville, Florida. She worked as a paralegal, a Realtor and was an owner of one of the largest manufacturer's representative companies in the U.S.

Pam's all too short life was full of the things she enjoyed but most important were travel and fishing trips. From peacock bass in Hawaii, to marlin in Mexico to piranha in Brazil, Pam caught them all. But probably her favorite quarry was steelhead. The book "Striking Steelhead" was dedicated to her 25 years of drift boat fishing and over a thousand steelhead landed. Europe and the Caribbean were memorable trips. But her favorite place on earth was Kauai



where she ventured at least a dozen times. It is only fitting that the Garden Isle serve as her final

resting place. Pam lived her bucket list.

Pam is survived by her husband, Dan of Bigfork; her two beautiful daughters, Ginger Magers of Whitefish, and Heather Dawson of Boise, Idaho; and three of four grandchildren who relished summer visits to the mountains to see their Pammmy.

Pam's struggle with rheumatoid arthritis was made much easier by the incredible care and friendship of Dr. Bernadette Van Beloise in Kalispell.

Last of all, Pam's final hours were made comfortable and her husband's sanity preserved by the amazing ICU staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Dr. Keeton, nurse Pam and nurse Amanda were beyond caring, helpful and professional.

Simple pleasures and beautiful memories are enough to sustain us in moments like these.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Arthritis Foundation.

To send a note of condolence, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

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

Betty M. (Braaten) Magone, 85

Betty M. (Braaten) Magone passed away Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, at the Village Senior Residence in Missoula.

She was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, on Sept. 22, 1930, to Oswald Braaten and Della (Johnson) Braaten, and joined two older brothers, Otto and James Myron, at the family home in Edmore, North Dakota.

In 1936, a job-related position moved the family to Kalispell, where the family would make their home. A younger brother, Harold, joined the family in 1939. Betty attended elementary school and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell.

She was a confirmed member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell. Betty was a member of Atonement Lutheran church in Missoula, and her commitment to her Lutheran upbringing was foremost each day of her life.

She is survived by her three beautiful, loving daughters, Gina Ryan, Teresa Benedetti and Ann Johnson, from a previous marriage. They were always the pride of her life.

She found the love of her life and soul mate Daniel L. Magone; they were married at Atonement Lutheran Church in 1967. What better day for an Irish cop to get married than on St. Patrick's Day? Dan has four wonderful children that he brought into their marriage. Terry Magone, Steven Magone, Thomas Magone and Dana Henry. She loved these children like they were her own.

She found inner peace and serenity, a gift from her family and friends. Life was good for her and her husband Dan. She felt thankful to wake up each morning to such a blessed life. She believed her



wonderful children and grandchildren were truly a gift from God.

While living in Superior for 10 years she was active in the Mineral Community Choir. She was also instrumental in starting the Mineral County Performing Arts Council.

She also loved music, singing, dancing, friends, traveling, MCT plays, reading and the Red Hats.

They returned to live in Missoula in 2010 for health reasons and so Betty could be closer to her daughters and local grandchildren she loved so much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oswald and Della; brothers, Otto "Rusty," James Myron "Mike," and Harold; and her beloved aunt, Myrtle Saverud.

Survivors include her husband, Dan; daughters, Gina Ryan and Mike, Teresa Benedetti and Don Moore, and Ann Johnson and Mark; and her stepchildren, Terry Magone and Barbara, Steve Magone and Charlotte, Tom Magone and Ritchel and Dana Henry; grandchildren, Nateese, Katie, Carrie, Christopher, Daniel, Sara, Jeff, Melissa, James, Brenden, Kelly, Aryn, Travis, Gerald, Kaylie, Christina, Alritchmae, Alexa and their extended families. She was also blessed with 19 great-grandchildren.

A festival of music, celebration of life memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Atonement Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Atonement Lutheran Church or Missoula Children's Theater.

David Allen Magruder, 35

David Allen Magruder, 35, formerly of Kalispell, died Sept. 4, 2015, in Kingman, Arizona, where he resided.

He is survived by

his mother, Janet Rae Magruder; father, Monte Joseph Magruder; and son, Gabriel Magruder.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Andrew John Mahncke, 30

Andrew John Mahncke passed away April 18, 2015, at the age of 30. His was a life well lived and he will be celebrated by many.

Andrew came into this world on April 26, 1984, two months early, impatient to begin life's adventures. He joined two sisters, Kendra and Jessica, and was followed by four brothers, Kyle, Jared, Kodiak and Lucas. As he grew, he embraced a dedicated and persistent love for his family, the outdoors and motorsports.

On a sunny day at a beach on Rollins Lake, Andrew met the love of his life and future wife, Sabrina Robinson. A young love matured over a decade; they thrived and built a family of their own, welcoming two budding outdoor enthusiasts, Lauren Marie and Aiden Riley.

Daily, Andrew appreciated his family and hobbies by tinkering with small engines with his friends and taking his children for rides on



their dirt bike. He never met a campfire that he didn't like and often took walks with his

loyal pup, Rosie.

Andrew leaves behind his wife, Sabrina (Robinson) Mahncke; children, Lauren Marie Mahncke and Aiden Riley Mahncke; mother, Debbi Gottschalk; father, Allen Mahncke; sisters, Kendra Tombarge and Jessica Palmer; brothers, Jared Murphy, Kodiak Murphy and Lucas Murphy; aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews; in laws and outlaws; and more friends than you could shake a fly rod at.

He left us with a legacy of living life true to yourself and never taking a moment for granted.

Celebration of life services were held on April 25; the Mahncke family appreciates the outpouring of love and support from all.

ATV crash claims life of C. Falls man

EUREKA (AP) — A 30-year-old Columbia Falls man has died in an ATV crash near Eureka.

The Montana Highway Patrol says the crash was reported at 2:50 a.m. Saturday.

The name of the victim was not immediately released.

The patrol says the victim sideswiped another ATV on a road before losing control and striking several trees.

KECI-TV in Missoula reports that officials say alcohol and speed were both factors in the crash.

Columbia Falls man dies in ATV crash

The Daily Inter Lake

A Columbia Falls man who died Saturday morning in an ATV crash west of Eureka has been identified as 30-year-old Andrew John Mahncke, according to the Montana Highway Patrol.

He reportedly sideswiped another ATV before going off Sophie Lake Road at a high rate of speed.

Trooper Neil Duram said Mahncke collided with several trees after leaving the roadway, causing fatal head and chest injuries. Mahncke was wearing a helmet, but it was not securely fastened. He was pronounced dead in the ambulance.

Alcohol consumption was a

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factor in the early-morning crash, according to the Duram.

The crash occurred during a large gathering of ATV enthusiasts known as the Kooconusa Fun Days.

The Montana Highway Patrol and Lincoln County Attorney's Office are investigating the incident.

Duram said citations related to driving an ATV under the influence of alcohol are pending for the driver whose ATV was struck by Mahncke just before the crash. Duram said they believe that man's driving did not cause the crash, however.

A third, unrelated ATV rider also could face a driving under the influence citation.

John E. Malletta, 74

On July 20, 2015, after a courageous fight with pancreatic cancer, John E. Malletta peacefully passed away at his home on Flathead Lake in Polson, while surrounded by his loving family. John was 74 years old.

Born on Sept. 12, 1940, in Shelby, to John F. and Shirley L. Malletta, he was the older of two sons. He attended elementary and high school in Shelby where he excelled in athletics. It is the stories of Dad's childhood and upbringing in Shelby that were often shared with his kids. He fondly spoke of his time spent working at his parents' Forty Niner Drive-In, falling asleep on a tractor and driving through fence lines, sending a chiding telegram to Elvis for not acknowledging fans at the Shelby depot, and the summer he was pinned between the steering wheel and tank of a water truck after braking too fast when driving by the city pool admiring the "sights."

After graduating in 1958, John served in the National Guard for four years and attended Northern Montana College in Havre for two years. He later graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. After completing his apprenticeship in Butte, John moved to Missoula where he worked at Marsh and Powell, later to become Livingston and Malletta Funeral Home.

In 1964, he met and married the greatest love of his life, Dolores K. Brien, on Sept. 19. Three years later he was blessed with son John, and in 1970, daughter Angela.

A few years later he acquired the first of several funeral homes and cemeteries located in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.



celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and John's 74th birthday. In Dad's words, "My bucket list is complete."

Though John was a loving, devoted husband, amazing father, a good friend to many and an astute businessman, he shined greatest in his role as "Boppy" to seven adoring grandchildren. Trips to town to hit the driving range, drive the golf cart and get ice cream, playing successive games of Uno, never ending pushes on the swings, jet-ski rides, cuddles, hugs and kisses, spring break trips to Mexico and Disneyland are just a few of the unforgettable experiences the grandchildren will hold forever in their hearts.

Dad's fondest memories include summers spent at "the lake" as a family, golf outings at Missoula Country Club, Polson Country Club and Gaineys Ranch, ski trips with friends and family to Sun Valley and Big Mountain, Griz football and basketball games, gourmet group, poker club, family holidays, employee Christmas parties, Shelby class reunions, spaghetti dinners, family reunions, pack trips into the Bob Marshall, fly fishing and bird hunting with his son. John "Boppy" was ever present in his children's and grandchildren's lives.

with Dolores and many close friends. Most recently, a magnificent trip to Italy's Amalfi Coast with Dolores, John Jr., Holly, and Angela to

Whitefish; aunt and uncle, Alan and Beverly Gage, of Shelby; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ruhlon and Patricia Buhler, and their children, Dan and his wife Dicksie and their daughter Kaytlynn, Dana Robison and her husband Wes and their son Wesley, and Debra Shackford and her husband Andrew and their daughter Danielle; uncle, Dan O'Brien, of Seattle; and numerous cousins and their families in Montana and the Seattle area.

The family will receive friends during an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. today, July 22, at the Lake Funeral Home in Polson and again from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, in Missoula at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula. Funeral services will be held at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Friday, July

24. Following entombment at Sunset Memorial Mausoleum, a reception will follow at Sunset's Community Room.

Condolences for the family may be sent to www.missoulafuneralhomes.com.

The Malletta family extends their most sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and love extended to all of us during this time from friends and family, the Hospice of the West, Scottsdale, and Partners in Home Health Care and Hospice of Polson, for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask for charitable donations to any of the following foundations: Polson Junior Golf (www.polsonbaygolf.com/golf/jr-golf/); Flathead Lakers (www.flatheadlakers.org); or Missoula Aging Services (www.missoulaagingservices.org).

John and Dolores lived and raised their family in Missoula. During that time, John served on several community boards including St. Patrick Hospital, Hospice of Missoula, Missoula Aging Services and First Interstate Bank. He also served his community as a member of Kiwanis, Rotary, Elks and the Little Griz Football Association. One of Dad's tongue in cheek, so-called "claims to greatness" was that he was one of John Elway's first coaches and clearly laid the foundation for his success on the field.

In 1994, John and Dolores sold their interests in the funeral homes and cemeteries, retired, began wintering in Scottsdale, Arizona, and made the lake home their primary residence. During his retirement, Dad's passion for golf was fulfilled in Scottsdale and Polson. He treasured his days and friendships on the course. He was also blessed with countless travel opportunities around the world

Dad will be most remembered for his keen sense of humor, quick wit, infectious, boisterous laugh and his notorious attention to detail, and, more importantly, his unconditional love and support for his family, and compassion for and willingness to unselfishly give to others. His legacy will continue through our family's love and support for one another and our friends.

John was preceded in death by parents, John and Shirley Malletta, and several aunts and uncles.

Survivors include wife, Dolores; son, John, and his wife Holly, and their children, Eliot, Mia, Addison, Ryan and Zoey of Boise, Idaho; daughter, Angela Malletta-Lance, her husband, Harold, and their children, Isabella and Trey of Plymouth, Minnesota; John's brother, Joe, and his wife, Sue, and their three children, Nannette Reed and her husband Bill and their daughter Meredith, and daughters Michelle Malletta and A.J. and her daughter Leighton of

Michelle Malletta, 47

Michelle Malletta, cherished daughter of Joe and Sue Malletta, loving sister to Nanette and Bill Reed and AJ and Dave Wagner, fun-loving aunt to Meredith Reed and Leighton Wagner, passed away on Aug. 22, 2015, at her home in Whitefish after an exhaustive, multi-year battle with breast cancer.

Michelle, "Shelly" was born Nov. 14, 1967, in Whitefish.

Michelle packed a lot of living into her 47 years. She had an aversion to homework in high school, but due to the assistance of a studious boyfriend, was an honor roll student. She was a starting guard on the girls basketball teams that went to state three times, was a cheerleader, Junior Miss (1985), and a popular classmate. After high school she was an AFS student in Sweden (1987) for a year where she loved traveling throughout Europe. After a year at Flathead Valley Communi-



ty College, Michelle attended Montana State University, graduating in graphic design (1993). In 1989 she was Winter Carnival Queen when the Carnival Parade was held inside the new Whitefish Mall due to the extreme cold. She and her roommates at MSU, known as the "Grand Girls," became legends for their prize-winning Halloween costumes.

After college she lived in Vico Morcote, Switzerland, working in a restaurant and continued her travels throughout Europe, studying art and architecture. Her trips to Italy, Hawaii and Mexico with her family were highlights for everyone as were trips to Nepal, Sir Lanka and Mexico with friends. Returning to Montana, she earned

a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from the College of Great Falls.

Her family would like to thank her friends and co-workers at the Village Shop and Wasabi, as well as her special friends, who heaped love and attention on her during her fight with cancer. Their loving concern, visits, gifts, brown/green juice, flowers, meals and support were invaluable during Michelle's long ordeal.

It is Michelle's wish to be cremated with a celebration of life be held at a future date.

The family requests any remembrances be sent to Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Phoenix (H.O.P.E. Team, 142000 W. Celebrate Life Way, Good-year, AZ 85330) where Michelle received such wonderful care or to the Whitefish Art Studio (145 Central Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937) for art scholarships for local students.

Walfred B. Malmberg, 84

Walfred B. Malmberg, 84, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2015, at his home following a long battle with many illnesses.

He leaves his son Raymond and wife Amy, his son Michael and wife Lynn, his step-daughter Vicki Grant and husband Rick; his fiancé of 34 years Helen Ademino; Ray and Mike's mother, Beverly Sublett; his brother Eugene; and eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Born Oct. 31, 1931, and raised in Ironwood, Michigan, the son of Theodore and Ida (Rajala) Malmberg, he lived most of his years in Ironwood.

In his early years, Walfred would help his brothers-in-law's (Charles and Selma Vittone) logging business. After graduating from Ironwood High School in 1949, he worked for a few years then joined the U.S. Army in 1952 to 54, where he attained the rank of corporal. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was honorably discharged.

In 1955, he attended Ferris State University, graduating in 1957 with an associate's degree in refrigeration. He worked in Washington, D.C., for over a dozen years. Wally started Artic Refrigeration in 1970 in Ironwood, and ran the company until 1995, when he retired.

Walfred had a passion for pitching horseshoes. He played in the Gogebic



County league for over 30 years. He also played in many tournaments in the upper Midwest, winning many trophies.

An avid golfer, he was a longtime member of Boulder Creek Golf Course. He scored two hole-in-ones on their course during retirement. Wally was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ironwood for over 40 years and served many of those years on the church council. Wally relocated to Columbia Falls in 2014 and was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 31 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Wally wished to be buried in Ironwood; a service with a military detail will be done at that time.

James Patrick Manley, 68

A celebration of life will be held for Jim Manley at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Garden Bar in Bigfork.

Jim was born in 1947 on St. Patrick's Day to John and Kathleen Manley in San Francisco.

After battling and defeating cancer recently, he died accidentally Aug. 1, 2015, at his home near Bigfork.

Jim loved music, art, Flathead Lake and his cats. He was a master at recalling birth dates and facts of history. Jim was a very generous man who gave to many organizations and individuals. Over 35 years ago he was a co-founder of the annual Bigfork Arts Festival and



annual Bigfork Townies vs. Playhouse softball game. He also worked with the Mission

Mountain Wood Band.

Jim was preceded in death by his father John, mother Kathleen, and stepfather Ed.

He leaves behind his cats, and is survived by his adopted family, the Henions; aunt, Marty; cousin, Dena; and many, many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Montana Public Radio and/or a local veterans association.

Marvin L. Marcy, 71

Marvin L. Marcy, 71, "went to be with the Lord," surrounded by family and friends on Sept. 13, 2015.

Born in Butte in 1944 to Mason and Clarice Marcy, he moved to Missoula while still an infant and graduated from Missoula County High School in 1962, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Montana, and received a master's degree in systems management from Florida Institute of Technology.

Marv met and wed Connie McGee, the love of his life, in 1978. They were best friends, inseparable partners, and soul mates who worked closely together in service to the Lord and others. They made a wonderful team in all of life's adventures for 37 years.

Marv retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant



retired again and became nomads, traveling the U.S. in their RV. They established a home base on the hill south of Polson, overlooking Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains.

Music was an essential part of Marv's life from his earliest years, both as a musician and designer and builder of high-end audio/video systems. He was unusually gifted musically and played in numerous bands and entertained his family and friends throughout

ant colonel. They moved to Hayden Lake, Idaho, where they ran a successful business for 10 years. In 2000, they

his life. Marv also had an innate ability to engineer creative solutions to just about any challenge. He had a heart of service and looked for ways to use those skills to help others.

Marv leaves behind his devoted wife, Connie; son, Scott, and Amy Marcy and their children, Mason and Isabelle; son, Bryan, and Nicole Marcy and their children, Madison, Corbyn, Noah and Lilly; sister, Susan, and John Brakefield; and many wonderful nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service and honorary tribute are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 110 6th Ave. E., Polson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org).

Lois Cecelia Marks, 77

Lois Cecelia Marks, 77, "went home to be with the Lord" on Oct. 7, 2015, from her earthly home in Somers, after a six-month battle with cancer.

Lois was born on Nov. 19, 1937, in Kalispell to Ray and Martha Larson Petersen. Lois grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1955. After high school she attended two years of college at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, before she returned to Kalispell to work for an insurance agency. It was while working at the insurance agency that she met her future husband Edward "Ed" Leroy Marks who came into the office to discuss insurance.

Lois married Ed on Nov. 15, 1959, in Kalispell at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They were happily married for 47 years before Ed's passing in 2007. They were blessed with three children, Julie, Roger and Russell. They lived near Whitefish the first six years of their marriage before building a home and a shop for their family-owned trucking business on U.S. 2 West in Kalispell in 1965. Lois served as office manager of their business. In 1988, they moved to Flathead Lake near Somers. Ed and Lois traveled through the Lower 48 states and Alaska in their motor homes and spent each winter in warmer climates in the Southern states. Lois continued this trend after Ed's death in 2007 by spending each winter on Lake Havasu on the Arizona and California border.

Lois was a loving, caring and generous wife and mother who will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Lois was a member of the Lutheran Church. Throughout her life she attended Bethlehem Lutheran and Eidsvold Lutheran. She also enjoyed attending church at the Black Meadow Landing RV Park, which was her winter home since 2001. Lois enjoyed



cooking, gardening and reading at her home on Flathead Lake. She even planted flowers

during her last summer at the lake. She loved to prepare meals for her family and friends. With her friends at the RV park, she enjoyed activities such as playing cards and line dancing. One of her favorite charitable events was the Helping Hands Group, which helped out those in need at Christmas. Throughout the years, Lois enjoyed and supported her children's and grandchildren's games and activities.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Martha Petersen; her husband, Ed Marks; her sister, Donna Petersen Whitney; and her infant sister, Beverly.

Lois is survived by her daughter, Julie, and husband Tim Wood, of Nolensville, Tennessee; sons, Roger and Jodi Marks of Spokane Valley, Washington, and Russell and Rhonda Marks of Helena; her grandchildren, Andrew "Andy" Wood of Nashville, Tennessee, Zachary "Zack" Marks of Auburn, Washington, Sydney, Zoey and Maddie Marks of Spokane Valley, and Tiffany and Tanner Marks of Helena; and her nephews, Dirk, Gary and Neal Whitney, and several other relatives.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 15 at Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 Highway 93 S., Somers, MT 59932. A reception will follow.

The family suggests memorials or donations be made in Lois's name to Eidsvold Lutheran Church at the address listed above or to a charity of your choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Lois's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign the guest book.

Patricia L. Marks, 66

Patricia L. Marks, 66, passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at her home in Olney, after a long battle with cancer.

Patricia was born on Feb. 24, 1949, in Norway, Maine, to Anthony and Mary Norton of South Paris, Maine. She went to school in South Paris. Patricia worked at the Francine Shoe Shop in Norway, and as a nanny for one of the Wilners who owned the Wilners Saw Mill in South Paris.

Patricia moved to Montana in 1976 and went to work as a housekeeper for Bay Point Estates in Whitefish. Patricia married Vincent L. Marks June 27, 1981. She worked at Creative Sales and Manufacturing on Highway 93 south of Olney. They lived in Olney until 2000 when they moved to Salem, Oregon. Patricia went to work for Neilsen Manufacturing doing electrical assembly in Salem. While working at Neilsen she started her own business of making jewelry called Jewels and Things. They lived in Salem for 10 years then moved back to Olney.

Patricia loved to go camping with her family at Upper Stillwater Lake and Glenn Lake. Her hobbies were crocheting, knitting and working with plastic canvas. She made a lot of slippers for her children and grandchildren. She loved to work in her strawberry bed and working with her flowers. She loved her dogs, especially her little dog Baby and watching her fish swim in the fish tanks.

Patricia is survived by her husband and her four daughters, Tammy Delfino and husband Bob of Lyons, Oregon, Wendy Hubbard and husband Mike of West Salem, Oregon, Crystal Marks and Jasper "Skippy" Endres of McMinnville, Oregon, and Tiffany Marks of Olney; her six beloved grandchildren, Amber



and Bobby Delfino of Salem, Kyla and Tavis Sibbett of West Salem, and Cierra and

Jake Sizer of McMinnville; her four great-grandchildren, Anthony and Favian Delfino of Salem, Nia Lowell and Matthew Hegge II of West Salem. She is also survived by her sister, Marion Libby, of Olney; and her brother, Michael Norton, of Sumner, Maine.

Her family loved her dearly and we will miss her. She has left a void in our hearts, but our memories of her are precious and will keep her with us always.

The family would like to thank Wings Cancer Support for all their help with travel and lodging during the travels back and forth to Oregon to the hospital.

We would also like to thank Oregon Health & Science University for their care of Patricia while she was with them, and a thank you to all her nurses who were very considerate to the family members while we were there. A special recognition to Jasper "Skippy" Endres who was her primary caregiver and friend while she was receiving treatments at OHSU from 2013 to 2015.

Thank you to hospice for helping Patricia and her family at the end with their home health support which was a big help and when a shoulder was really needed to lean on.

There will be a private family graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on June 29, followed by a gathering at the Olney Fire Hall.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Wings, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904, who were a big help through everything.

Robert B. Markle, 80

Robert B. Markle, 80, died with cancer July 25, 2015, at home with loved ones at his side.

Robert grew up on a farm near Sidney. He learned hard work, creative repairs, and domesticating wild animals — which included his pet crow, fox and raccoon. (The skunk didn't work out so well.) He graduated from Sydney High School in 1955.

Robert married, and had a son, Jeffrey. For 13 years Robert worked as a mechanic in Sacramento, California, for Procter and Gamble, but he longed for Montana. His family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1970. He and Jeff's mom divorced.

Robert enrolled at Flathead Valley Community College, determined to become an elementary school teacher. Then he discovered the ceramics department. It was love and passion at first "throwing." In just three quarters, Robert was not only taking ceramics classes during the day, but also teaching ceramics at FVCC at night.

In 1970, Robert founded Markle Pottery in Columbia Falls. Six years later, he met Anne Scott at Art in the Park in Great Falls. In 1978, they married, and he joined her in Harlowton for a year. They then moved to land south of Columbia Falls, where they built a small farm that also housed Robert's kiln and studio. Robert and Anne have a son, Tyler, 27.

Robert made functional stoneware pottery, grew flowers commercially, and cared for animals, at various times raising chickens, guineas, pheasants and more, as well as pet cats and dogs, and helped Anne raise goats and horses. When he wasn't making pottery, Robert enjoyed golfing with friends. He was a talented cook and took "making it from scratch" seriously, such as grinding the corn to make his famous corn bread.

A few years ago, the then head of FVCC ceram-



ics department enlisted Robert to return to FVCC as an adjunct faculty member, which he

was thrilled to do on the condition he "did no paperwork and wouldn't use a computer."

Robert's passion for making pottery included every step of the process: formulating the clay and glazes, throwing, firing and selling. Robert's work combined functionality with beauty. Many regular customers became lifelong friends. His pottery was featured in galleries across Montana. After 45 years at the wheel, Robert was proud that many people had a piece of his work, whether a bread bowl, pie pan, casserole or coffee mug. He thought he helped make the world a better place when people lived with hand-made crafts.

One customer and friend wrote recently about her favorite Markle mug, "My lips are always kissed every morning with his work ... Think of all the other people who are also touched by his work every day. Not many people can make that claim in life!"

Robert is survived by all his sisters and brothers, Margaret Sannes, Roger Markle, Nancy Markle and Forrest Markle; by his wife, Anne Scott-Markle; by son, Jeffrey; and by son, Tyler, Tyler's wife, Lauren, and their two daughters. He is also survived by Anne's family, who loved him as a brother and uncle and friend. Robert delighted in his family; one of his final tasks was teaching his granddaughters to wink.

Anne and Tyler invite friends to a potluck celebration of Robert, and of life and community, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Markle homestead (with an open mic from 1 to 2 p.m.).

Robert's license plate reads, "ILVMYWF." And we love you too, Robert.

Robert Bruce Markle, 80

Robert Bruce Markle, 80, died Saturday, July 25, 2015, at home in Columbia Falls. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life

is being planned for Aug. 15, 2015. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

17 Mar 2015

JoAn Camille Marquardt, 67

After a short battle with cancer, JoAn Camille Marquardt, of Ferndale, died on March 12, 2015, in Fallbrook, California, at the age of 67.

She leaves behind three sons, Moquey, Steven and Richard.

JoAn was born on June 29, 1947, in Troy, New York, to Dean and Lorraine (Buckmaster) Marquardt, who predeceased her.

JoAn was a pilot and,

according to her friends, will always be remembered as "the gutsy aviatrix of Montana."

She is survived by her three children; as well as her sisters, Kathleen, Candace, Dawn and Cindy, and her brother, Sherman; her grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

JoAn has requested to be cremated and no services have been scheduled at this time.

Verland 'Tiny' Marquardt, 84

Verland "Tiny" Marquardt passed away on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, peacefully at home with his loving wife by his side.

Tiny was born Jan. 6, 1931, in Kalispell to Ervin and Frances (Sutton) Marquardt. He grew up on the homestead in Lone Pine with his two sisters, Laura Bell and Mona Fae. He attended first grade at Antelope grade school and then went on to Lone Pine grade school, and graduated from Hot Springs High School in Hot Springs.

He started college at the University of Montana in Missoula while his parents sought treatment for his mother's cancer. He would also help his grandparents on their ranch in Smith Valley.

He met his wife Viola at the wedding of his sister, Laura Bell, and Viola's brother, Howard Glazier. Tiny and Viola were married on April 30, 1954, and they made their family ranch in Smith Valley. They had two sons, Edward and Darwin.

Over the years Tiny was active in the Smith Valley Community. He was one of the first members of the Smith Valley Volunteer Fire Department, served on the Batavia School board for many years and was a member of the Smith Val-



ley Grange. He enjoyed a good game of pinochle and an old fashion kettle of popcorn.

His passion was his cows and the ranch. There was always a wave and a smile if you saw him on the road.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Mona Fae Cook.

Tiny is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Viola, son Edward, and son Darwin and his wife Trish, all of Kalispell; grandsons, Chad and Cassie Nordtome of Kalispell, and Tucker of Kalispell; great-grandson, Carson, of Kalispell; his sister, Laura Bell Glazier, of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A special thanks goes out to his doctors, hospice and family and friends for their love and support for Tiny.

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

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

Thomas P. 'Tom' Marino, 69

Thomas P. "Tom" Marino, 69, died Dec. 12, 2015, in Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass will be said at 2 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 18, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with burial following at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

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Faye (Keller) Marsh, 86

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Faye Marsh, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. Faye passed away peacefully at her Kalispell home on Jan. 22, 2015, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Faye leaves behind her children, Steve, Kathy, Wes, Janeen, Mark, Julie and Jay; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Faye is also survived by her twin sister, Fern.

Faye was predeceased by her husband LeRoy, and her daughter Barbara.

Faye was born in Eureka on Sept. 11, 1928. Faye's early years were

spent with the Montana State Orphanage located in Twin Bridges, Montana. Faye and her siblings had a difficult start in life, however, all went on to lead productive lives. Faye was dedicated to her faith and carried it with her always. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and recounting past experiences to her family.

We will miss Faye's pithy sense of humor, her love for those people and things most close to her, and her grounded approach to life. For Faye family was everything. Her legacy lives in those whom she loved and admired. Faye will be greatly missed.

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Verland 'Tiny' Marquardt

A celebration of life for Verland "Tiny" Marquardt who died Feb. 19 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the

Smith Valley School gym. Friends and family are invited to share verbal and written memories. A potluck will follow.

Debbie Marsh, 57

Debbie Marsh, 57, took her last breath of air at 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, with her daughters by her side.

Friends and family will be holding a celebration of life on Saturday, July 18, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eagles in Kalispell. Cremation has taken place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home.

Debbie was born on April 29, 1958, in Havre, to Patricia Hale and Bud Jackson. She is the oldest of six children — Tamela Northern, Stephanie Reif, Kevin Hale, David Jackson, and Julie Mooney.

She enjoyed traveling with family, spending time with grandchildren teaching them to cook, sew, and any sorts of crafts to be made. One of her favorite hobbies was playing Keno and having a cocktail.

Debbie had five children — Robert Stroh, Richard Stroh, Matthew Stroh, Elizabeth Thibert, Jeri Marsh and was a



mother to many more.

She was an amazing and loving grandmother to Rhileigh,

Rhain (who she adopted as her own children) Odette, Mackenzie, Trevor, Elijah, Bailey, Jacob, Kaidin, Alora, Kassidy, Dilin, Makayla, Xaidia, Rhugher and, last but not least, her one great grandchild Brydon.

She is also leaving behind her best friends Midge Hensley, Uncle Mikey and many other family and friends. Although she is in our hearts, she will be greatly missed by many.

She went to heaven to join her soulmate and husband, Joe Marsh; and her mother, Patricia.

Cards may be sent to 1020 Grant Drive, Great Falls, MT 59404. Condolences may be shared online at OConnorFuneralHome.com.

Ione L. Marsh, 82

Ione L. Marsh died in Kalispell on April 19, 2015, after an extended illness. She was 82 years old. She had resided at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Ione was born on Aug. 27, 1932, in Whitetail, Montana. She attended Swan River School.

She worked as a bartender and cook in many places around Kalispell. She was retired.

Ione's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses at an early age.

She is survived by three daughters, Nita Hill of Kalispell and husband Daniel Yates of Spokane, Diane Dill and husband



Carey Dill of Kalispell, and Becky Hill of Kalispell.

She is also survived by

two brothers, Arnold Marsh of Kalispell and William Marsh of Plains; three sisters, Ruth Gray of Lynnwood, Washington, Louceal Sinclair and Joanne Strawn of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Donald and Brian Coldiron of Butte, Bradford Jones of Beaverton, Oregon, Sarah Disney of Spokane, Sandra McLees of Las Vegas, Derek Hill of Kalispell and Caleb Hoeldt of Kalispell; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren;

and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Nellie and Fred Marsh; five brothers, three sisters, and an infant son.

We would like to give a special thank you to the nurses and aides in the El Dorado wing of the Heritage Place for taking such wonderful care of our mother.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 1414 Woodland Avenue in Kalispell. There will be a potluck shortly after the services at the backroom of the VFW located at 330 First Avenue West in Kalispell

Terry Allen Marsh, 56

Terry Allen Marsh, 56, died Friday, June 19, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Lagoon Pavilion in

Woodland Park, Kalispell. A potluck will be held; bring a covered dish.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jean Marshall, 93

Jean Marshall, 93, of Bigfork, died Nov. 22, 2015, in Bigfork.

No services are being held.

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

Helen Marshall, 98

I would like to tell you a little bit about our mom Helen Marshall. She was born Dec. 24, 1916, in the small Kansas town of Paola to James and Mamie (Morris) Abney.

She and her parents and her little sister Marian soon moved to a farm outside of Olathe, Kansas, where she grew up without electricity or running water, but there were plenty of chickens and cows and horses and a big garden to tend. They loved their animals but she didn't dare get too attached because she never knew when one of them might be dinner!

They lived a simple life, traveling by horse and buggy into town every six weeks, where she would look forward to an ice cream or bit of chocolate if there was any money left after buying "staples." I think this is why she could never pass a Dairy Queen without stopping for a cone.

Her father wasn't fond of cars, he felt they were a passing fancy. But ironically, after they moved into Olathe, he ended up owning a Chrysler dealership, and mom loved Chryslers for the rest of her life.

She suffered from scarlet fever as a young girl and missed two years of school, so she was always two years older than her peers. I think this maturity led her to leadership roles in school, since she was class president, Pep Club president, cheerleader, and in charge of most dances and school outings. Her yearbook praised her for her leadership and dependability. These traits served her well throughout her life.



office. She loved this job because she got free dental care, and one of mom's favorite things to do was brush her teeth. This habit served her well since she still had all of her own teeth on the day she passed away. And she would proudly share this information with anyone she met.

Since her son Jim was an airline pilot, the world was at her feet. He planned amazing trips for her and she was so thrilled. After they moved to Kalispell in 1972 she spent all her free time traveling to visit relatives and going on trips with friends. Her bags were always ready to be packed and off she would go. Son Ed made sure she had unusual adventures in Mexico and going to rodeos and fishing. And Marianne kept her busy by sharing her love of decorating and making crafts and oil painting. We had some wonderful times together.

Playing bridge was a passion with her. She made so many friends around a bridge table. Thank you to all the ladies who shared her love of this game. I smile when I remember her laughing and having such a great time. Mom also worked at the Kalispell hospital for 15 years as co-administrator of the volunteers. This was her favorite job ever. She met many friends here and she was so good at organizing the program. It was hard for her to leave this job, but she had a lot of traveling to do!

Corey and the entire staff who made it possible for her to remain at Timber Creek. And to Lisa from Frontier Hospice we want to thank you for your compassion and gentle nature. You all gave her the wonderful gift of spending her last day in her warm snuggie bed with her children and all of you by her side.

Helen passed away Dec. 23, 2015, at 12:15 p.m. just 11 hours and 45 minutes shy of her 99th birthday. But I think she deserves credit for a life well lived so I'm officially making her 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, and her precious poodle Lucas. At 99, she had outlived most of her family and friends who I know were "waiting for her in heaven."

She is survived by her three children, Jim and

Shive Marshall, Ed and Heather Marshall, and Marianne and Richard Lowitz. Also surviving her is sister-in-law Mary Seaman and nieces and nephews, Ron, Vicki, Teresa, Kathy, Tom and Marilyn, and cousins Derwood and Gary. She also leaves her seven grandchildren Lisa, Amber, Melissa, Doug, Laurie, Ginger and Shawn and five great-grandchildren. And of course so many people whose lives she touched and who she made to feel a part of her family. Bless you all.

At mom's request there will be no service. She only hated two things in life, peas and funerals. So next spring we will have a gathering at Lake McDonald and have a picnic in her honor since that was her favorite place to be. Love you forever, Mom.

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Helen Marshall Cont

Mom attended secretarial school in Kansas City and earned money modeling clothes. She loved the nightlife in Kansas City with all the wonderful jazz clubs and big band orchestras. She was so beautiful and vivacious that she attracted many suitors, among them Ed Marshall. He persuaded her to marry him in 1939 and they were able to celebrate 58 years together before his passing.

Her first-born daughter, Nancy Kay, died soon after birth. She gave birth to her first son, Jim, in 1942 and her second son Ed soon followed in 1944. She raised the boys alone while husband, Ed, was overseas in World War II. She took in laundry and cooked for people to make ends meet and she was so happy when Ed finally returned at the end of the war. By 1949 she welcomed her precious daughter Marianne, and so began her favorite career as a mother. And she was the best.

The family moved to Golden, Colorado, in 1957 because Mom had fallen in love with the state after she and three friends had driven there for a summer vacation right after high school.

She loved going to all the activities that her kids participated in and made sure they always had a place for dances and parties. She felt life would be pretty boring without dancing and good food and friends to share it with.

In 1964 they moved to Boulder, Colorado, where mom worked in a dental

Helen never met a stranger. She was a good friend to everyone and if you were sick or sad she would be at your door with a casserole or some of her famous cinnamon/caramel rolls.

Those rolls healed a lot of heartache over the years. She was pretty outstanding at anything she attempted, and this set a high bar for the rest of us to live up to.

Mom spent her final four years at Timber Creek Village in Columbia Falls. Dementia had robbed her of her short-term memory so she lived in the past with her family and friends. But this wonderful assisted living home allowed her to lead a life of dignity and purpose. She had so many friends there and made a new "bestie" in Catherine who lived down the hall. They had many fun times together and kept the staff on their toes because they never knew what they might come up with next! The staff and residents always had hugs and lots of love for mom, and our family wishes to thank them all for this gift. A special thank you to Kim, Lisa,

Ronald Loyd Martin, 65

Ronald Loyd Martin, 65, born on Oct. 18, 1948, passed away late in the evening on June 14, 2015, after a courageous battle with gastric cancer.

Ron grew up in Swan Lake, and remembered, at a mere four years of age, seeing his first big yellow pine while riding in the back of his parents' 1948 Ford. He knew from that moment that he would spend his life working in the timber industry, first as a logger and later as an essential forestry planner, focusing on sustainable timber practices, fire protection, and fire preservation.

Ron attended Bigfork High School where he was a sports enthusiast, and later attended Montana State University and the University of Montana. In 1969, Ron began his long career in the timber industry with the Duwamish Sea Board Lumber Company. From there, Ron's love of the forest led him to a job with the Weyerhaeuser Company, where he learned every aspect of timber management, from how to run the equipment to felling the last of the true old growth in Washington. On December 4th of 1970, Ron took his first cutting job at Nine Mile, west of Missoula. His success falling trees in extreme conditions led him to Kake, Alaska, where he fell timber with the likes of characters named Everclear Mike, Bullshit Bobby Thompson, Earl the Squirrel, and Ken the One-Eyed Explorer. After Alaska, Ron went to work as a jippo logger for various Montana logging companies.

In 1973, Ron fell in love with Bitterroot Lake and decided it would be the place he would call home. In 1983, Ron worked on Mt. Saint Helen's during the second eruption and moved to Buckley, Washington, in 1987 to fall big timber. In 1991, Ron returned to Bitterroot



Lake and later founded Martin's Woodlot Services. As a respected timber advocate,

Ron was routinely called upon by the Forest Service to perform work and to provide opinions on forest planning, preservation, and best forest practices.

Ron will be remembered as an eternal optimist, one of the best timber fallers in the industry, an avid fisherman, hunter, and gardener, a father, a brother, a son, and a friend.

Ron is preceded by his mother, Peggy Martin.

He is survived by his 98 year-old father, Robert Martin of Swan Lake; his brother, Robert Martin of Polson and wife Mary; his son, Jason Martin of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and wife Cassie, and their three boys, Will, Wes, and Wyatt; his daughter, Lacey Hatch of Seattle, Washington, and husband, Quinton, and their two children, Faye and Riggs; his son, Henry Martin of Portland, Oregon; and his step-daughter, Dawn O'Neil of Kalispell and husband Shawn and daughters, Kaytlan and Baylie, along with numerous nephews and nieces and an unprecedented number of close friends.

In lieu of flowers, Ron's wishes were that donations be made to Wings, Inc., (PO Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904) to support families of those fighting cancer.

A memorial for Ron will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 22, at the Epworth United Methodist Church of Kalispell at Monday, with burial at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

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

Robert Loyd 'Bob' Martin, 98

Bob Martin, 98, long-time resident of Swan Lake and Condon, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson of natural causes.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1916, in Odessa, Oregon, to Robert Homer and Maude Martin. As a young boy he lived with his family on a farm and was educated in Glendale, Oregon, public schools. While in Glendale schools, he played football, worked on the farm, hunted to feed his family and studied the violin. During his junior year (1933), he left home with no money and walked and rode the rails to Condon to live with his aunt and uncle, Babe and Eva Wilhelm. He completed high school in Missoula County High School where he met the love of his life Peggy.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service on both Elbow and Jim Lookouts, chased smoke, fought fires, built trail and was a smoke jumper in the smoke jumping program's first year of 1941. He also attended Montana School of Mines at Butte for three years, supporting himself during the school year by working underground in the mines.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he was trained as an aerial gunner and instructor for the B-26 bombers.

He was married to Norma "Peggy" Smith in October of 1942 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, just prior to deploying to North Africa with the 320th Bomb Group, 5th Air Force. He served as a crew chief and gunner on 50 combat missions in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France before returning to Gawain Field, Boise, Idaho, where he trained B-24 flight crews until he was discharged at the end of the war. He then worked as a heavy equipment mechanic and shop foreman in Boise, Alaska and Condon.



and fisherman his whole life and enjoyed working as a gunsmith and tinkering with his snowmo-

biles after retirement. He invented and patented a snowmobile brake.

Bob played the banjo and violin at many dances in the Swan Valley and Swan Lake for more than 40 years, and in later years volunteered to play the banjo at several senior centers. He had a curious mind and spent a lot of time reading, studying and working complex math and scientific problems in his head.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and passed on many of his skills to his boys and grandchildren. He was active with Peggy in school and community activities and served with Peggy as the Republican Party chair for the lower Swan Valley for many years.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; his parents; brother, Neal; sisters, Bernice McGuire and Wilma Baker; step-brother, Ben Whaley; stepsister, Lettie Loffer; and son, Ronald.

He is survived by his sister, Flo Gates, of the Seattle area; half sister, Lynn Diltz, of Glendale; son, Robert, and Mary Martin, of Polson; grandsons, Robert, Bret, Andrew, Alexander, Jason and Henry Martin; granddaughters, Lacey Hatch and Dawn O'Neal; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, grandnieces nephews and grandnephews.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. A celebration of Bob's life will be scheduled early next summer at Swan

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Susan Dianne (Thramer) Martin, 63

Susan Dianne (Thramer) Martin, 63, was born on March 21, 1951, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to James J. and Bernadette "Mae" (Thiele) Thramer.

She passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Feb. 11, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her four children, Cambre and Mike Napier of Kansas City, Missouri, Chris Goettsche of Los Angeles, Jessica Snyder of Ewing, Nebraska, and Hebbie Snyder of O'Neill, Nebraska; along with 12 grandchildren. Also surviving Dianne are her mother, Bernadette "Mae" Thramer; sisters, Mary Thramer and Tom McFarlane, Rosemary and Jim Gilbert, Kathy and Bob Slocum, and Chris Ohler and Mark DeLorme; brothers, Jim and Alice Thramer, Dwayne and Laurie Thramer, and John Thramer and Patty Hirschman; and many nieces and nephews.

Dianne was preceded in death by her father,



James, in March 1982.

As a young girl, Dianne and her family moved to Montana where she

grew up. After spending much of her adult life in Nebraska and Oklahoma, Dianne returned to Montana to enjoy life with her family, friends and coworkers. She loved getting outside and did so whenever possible.

At Dianne's request, no service will be held and cremation has taken place. The family will host a private memorial. Her ashes will be scattered at a location special to Dianne.

She was a kind and loving person who loved and was loved by her family, friends and colleagues.

Memorials can be made in Dianne's name to DREAM Adaptive, Inc., P.O. Box 4084, Whitefish, MT 59937; or the charity of your choice.

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In lieu of flowers, please help the Martin family support either the Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 22770 Highway 83, Swan Lake, MT 59911; or Providence St. Joseph Assisted Living, 11 Seventeenth Ave., Polson, MT 59860.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory are handling the arrangements for the family.

In 1949, he bought his first piece of logging equipment and spent the next 30 years as a contract logger and land clearing/brush piling contractor working all over Western Montana.

Bob was a licensed pilot, a fearless dozer operator on steep ground, an accomplished heavy equipment mechanic, welder and machinist. He was an ardent hunter

John Allen Martineau, 84

John Allen Martineau of Kalispell passed away on May 13, 2015, at his home surrounded by his three daughters, after a brief battle with brain cancer.

He was born on March 21, 1931, in Los Angeles to Lucile Reid and Sherman Allen Martineau and had one older brother, William. His father died when he was 2 and he and his brother were raised by their single mother in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City.

John completed high school in Salt Lake City and went on to get a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Utah. He also completed two years of stateside service in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

In 1960 he met and married Adriana Vryenhoek from Rotterdam, Holland. They had three daughters together and were married for 20 years.

John worked as a contract specialist for the USDA Forest Service for 31 years. He was very dedicated to his work and lived with his family in



Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, where he finally retired. He was very active in his retirement years, traveling extensively in the U.S.

and abroad while pursuing many hobbies. He owned two sailboats and sailed on Whitefish and Flathead lakes. He kayaked, hiked, mountain biked and skied up until his 84th birthday. He had multiple RVs and took up motorcycling in his 70s. During this time he also met his dear friend Dani Dobyns with whom he shared a love of traveling and photography. Their most recent travels were to Alaska, France, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. He could always be found with his camera in hand wherever he went and at all family gatherings. He was an active member of a local camera club and attended a book club regularly.

John was always quick to lend a hand and volunteered for a local conservation group, for the visually impaired at Whitefish Mountain, for many projects for the Buddhist group he belonged to, and for the condo association where he lived.

John was an adventurous soul who loved seeing new places and meeting new people. He had great appreciation for nature and for all people he met and knew. He was articulate, funny and a good friend to all who knew him and will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother William.

John is survived by his three daughters, Ann Payne and Scott of Sheridan, and grandchildren

Jarrett and Leah; Jan Martineau of Helena; and Brigitte Conner and Michael of Missoula and stepgrandchildren; and numerous dear friends from near and far.

Cremation has taken place and at John's request no services are planned.

The family would like to thank all of the kind staff at Frontier Hospice for their wonderful care and support of our dad during his illness. A special "thank you" to Dad's nurse Lisa C. and to Dr. Eric Kress.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Flathead Food Bank or the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Matison, 86

John Matison, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at Northwest Healthcare in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Lilly Matison, daughter Sonjia Harlen, and son

John Matison.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

Lorna Jean Marx, 64

Lorna Jean Marx, 64, of Bigfork, died at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell on Aug. 24, 2015. She is survived by her

sons, Bret and Cale Marx. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Daniel H. 'Dan' Mason, 70

Daniel H. "Dan" Mason, 70, died in Kalispell on Aug. 19, 2015. Services are pending.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Daniel H. 'Dan' Mason

Daniel H. "Dan" Mason, 70, passed away Aug. 19, 2015, in Kalispell.

A celebration of life for Dan will be at 11 a.m. Sat-

urday, Sept. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Karen Louise (Ortman) Mateeff, 58

Karen Louise (Ortman) Mateeff, 58, "entered the gates of heaven" on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015.

Karen was born to Warren and Margie Ortman in Kalispell on Nov. 27, 1956. She was the youngest of three siblings.

Their family moved to Des Moines, Washington, where she spent the majority of her childhood playing along the shores of Saltwater State Park. Karen developed a great love for water as a child and often spoke of wanting to become a marine biologist from an early age. This love followed her throughout her life.

Karen's family returned to Lakeside and built a home on Flathead Lake. She had a love for nature and spoke often of her pet duck Sugar who swam with her in the waters there. Karen attended Flathead High School and became a mother early in life. She and her husband Stephen Phillips had three children, Aaron, Kimberly and Kamille. Later in life Karen and her husband, Mitch, felt the call from God to adopt. Three more daughters, Sayla, Myka and Kaysa, arrived over the years. Karen loved her family tremendously. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. Being together was a great joy for her.

Karen had an adventurous, independent spirit. Kayaking, skiing,



biking with her family and spending time on lakes were among her favorite things to do. She

loved to travel and grew to love Hawaii in particular. After years of traveling there for vacations, Karen and Mitch made a home in Waikoloa, Hawaii. Recalling her love for the ocean, she and her family spent time searching out sea turtles, dolphins and hunting for shells.

Even with all the adventures Karen had, there was one thing that was more important to her beyond anything else. This was her deep love for her Savior and friend Jesus Christ. She had a strong desire and calling to teach others of Christ's love for them and the salvation that comes from having a relationship with him. She taught many people of this salvation. It was not uncommon for Karen to be telling of God's love while walking the beaches of Hawaii, skiing the mountains of Montana, sitting on a flight, or over long distances via the Internet. Even during her fight with cancer, Karen was telling of God's love and salvation in the halls of hospitals.

There is no doubt that she is doing great works for the Kingdom today.

Her physical presence will be greatly missed by many, especially her family.

She is survived by her parents, Warren and Margie Ortman; her siblings, Arlene Roundhill and Marvin Ortman; her husband, Mitchell Mateeff; her six children, Aaron Phillips, Kimberly McGuffie, Kamille Dye, Sayla, Myka and Kaysa Mateeff; and her four grandchildren, River, Ella, Adeline and Anders

McGuffie.

Karen "has been reunited" with her granddaughter Kallie McGuffie, and her late husband and father of her three oldest children, Stephen Phillips; as well as other numerous family members that have preceded her.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held in the summer on the shores of Flathead Lake for her family and friends.

Shirley Ann Christensen Matson, 74

Shirley Ann Christensen Matson, 74, while surrounded by family, "joined the Lord" on Thursday, June 25.

She was born on March 18, 1941, in Shelby, to Arthur and Ruth Matson. Being the second youngest of four sisters and a brother, they spent most of their youth in Sweet Grass. Shirley attended high school in Shelby where she was a cheerleader and graduated with honors. She went on to attend Northern Montana State College in Havre, where she then found a love for travel and decided to become a United Airlines stewardess.

She married and brought into the world two beautiful daughters, Natalie and Nicole. They moved to Whidbey Island, Washington, where they spent five years before her love of Montana brought her to Bigfork to raise her family.

She went on to work as Deputy Court Clerk for the Honorable Judge Ted Lympus of Flathead County District court. She found passion in growing



dahlia and loved to share them with everyone. She was a lover of life, travel, and all things

beautiful. She will be greatly missed.

Shirley is presided in death by her parents, big brother Jimmy, and infant brother Johnny.

Shirley is survived by her two daughters, Natalie Nelson of Kalispell, Nicole and Ron Hanson Bunker of Columbia Falls, grandchildren: Christine Hanson and Evan Stadler, Tyler and Amber Bunker, Steven Hanson and Ashlee Jones, Jacob Hanson and Julie Spears, and Danielie Wagner. Great grandchildren: Talan, Cole, Olivia, Hudson, Marlee, Zoe, and Sophia. Sisters: Mary Peterson, Joyce Grinde, Elaine Adkins, and Jeanette Jochim.

A celebration of life and potluck is to be held at her daughter Nicole's house at 3 p.m. on July 5 at 2090 Tamarack Lane, Columbia Falls.

Francis A. Mattson, 82

Francis A. Mattson, 82, of Kalispell, died June 8, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Mattson.

No services are being held at this time.

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

Rudy H. Matule, 99

Rudy H. Matule, 99, died Friday, March 6, 2015, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Butte July 18, 1915, the 10th of 12 children of John and Anna (Krunzich) Matule. He graduated from Saint Ann's grade school and attended Butte Central. He then worked for Hansen Packing Company and then the Anaconda Mining Co.

He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in January of 1942 and attended training on both the East and West Coasts and was assigned to the 4th Marine Division. He served in a number of battles in the Pacific Theater and received a number of commendations, including the Silver Star on Iwo Jima presented to him by Adm. Halsey. He was discharged in 1945 at the end of the World War II in San Francisco and returned to Butte and employment with the Anaconda Mining Co.

He married Helen Maki in 1947. They then established Matule's Grocery in 1949 on George Street in Butte and ran the business for 40-plus years retiring in the early '90s. He moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in 2002.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, his parents; brothers, Tony, Chuck, Steve, Frank and George; sisters, Ann, Rose,

Helen, Marg, Phina (Jay) and Dorothy; and his daughter Maryann (Matule) Humphres.

Surviving relatives include his son, Charles, and Andrea Matule, of Carson City, Nevada, grandson, Michael, and wife Michelle Matule, and great-granddaughter, Kylie, of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; granddaughter, Ann (Matule) Gannon and husband John, and great-grandchildren, Nile and Callum, of Livingston; and granddaughter, Kathryn Matule, of Redondo Beach, California.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Chapel of Duggan Dolan Mortuary. Internment will be at Mountain View Cemetery.

The family is requesting in lieu of flowers, that donations be sent to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Fund, Columbia Falls.

Richard 'Dick' Francis Maurer, 74

Dick passed away on Friday, March 20, 2015.

He was born to Francis C. and Fannie E. (Hibbard) Maurer on July 2, 1940, in Hamtramck, Michigan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Kathy Maurer; sons, Mike and Steve; daughters, Wendy and Phoebe; his brother, Davey Maurer; and four granddaughters,



Brittney, Taylor, Abby and Ellie.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, at Ball & Dodd Funeral Home Chapel, 5100 W. Wellesley Ave., Spokane, WA 99205.

Bruce May, 78

Bruce May, 78, died April 23, 2015.

He was born March 27, 1937, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Bernard May and Ruth Scheuman May. He graduated from Western Hills High School and attended Ohio Wesleyan University on a football scholarship. After serving in the U.S. Army from February 1958 through 1960, he graduated with a zoology degree from Ohio State University in 1963. This was followed by a master's degree in aquatic biology from Ohio State University in 1966.

Bruce married Carol Figaretti in 1963. His first fisheries biologist job was in North Carolina. In 1969, he landed his dream job as a fisheries biologist for the state of Montana working on the Kootenai River before and after the Libby Dam was constructed. Bruce and Carol divorced in 1978. The Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks moved Bruce to Kalispell in 1982 to conduct the fisheries study for Hungry Horse Reservoir.

Bruce met Elaine Snyder in 1985 and they were married in 1989. Bruce took early retirement in 1990 which meant gardening, hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, hiking and backpacking into high mountain lakes to fish with Elaine or friends.

Bruce was also an avid volunteer. This included acting as Flathead Democratic precinct person and county chairman from 1994 to 1995 and serving on the boards of Flathead Wildlife and the Flathead Chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association. He wrote numerous letters to the editor on topics from wilderness and timber harvest to human rights.

Bruce loved wild Montana and defended it. In 1977 and 1978, Bruce was subpoenaed to testify on behalf of fish in Federal District Court in Butte.



Bruce was an expert witness for the Libby Rod & Gun Club in their suit against the Army Corps of Engineers attempt to re-regulate Libby Dam.

He also lobbied and testified in Washington, D.C., to stop the proposed Kootenai Falls Dam. The free flowing Kootenai Falls exists today due to the efforts of Bruce and the Libby Rod and Gun Club.

Bruce was diagnosed with dementia in 2009 and suffered a stroke in 2011. Since July 2014, he had resided at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living with hospice care this last month.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents and several faithful dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Snyder; sisters, Connie and Wes of Cincinnati, Susan and Joe of Wesley Chapel, Florida, and Mary Ann and Larry of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; several nieces and nephews; stepdaughter, Gina, of Libby, grandchildren, Darby and Carson; along with Elaine's three brothers and two sisters.

In lieu of flowers, send donations in Bruce May's name to the Nature Conservancy of Montana, 32 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59601.

Cremation has taken place.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the Whitefish Community Center, 121 2nd Street, Whitefish. Bring a potluck dish and your stories to share.

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.

Gwendolyn R. May, 96

Gwendolyn R. May, 96, died Sunday, March 22, 2015, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She is survived by her son Rodd, and daughter

Susie.

Arrangements are pending.

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

Donna Knettel McCauley, 82

Donna Knettel McCauley, 82, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, in Kalispell on May 21, 2015.

Donna was born on March 11, 1933, to Frank Joseph and Frieda Schilling Knettel at Eckelson, North Dakota. The family moved to Chinook in 1942 and shortly thereafter, to San Diego, where her father worked on North Island during World War II. They returned to Montana where she completed her schooling and graduated from Chinook High School in 1951. During her junior and senior high school years, she was selected as secretary for the local firm of Burns and Thomas, Attorneys at Law, and worked there for three years.

Donna was secretary for High School District No. 10 in Chinook for 10 years, beginning in 1963.

She married Jim Flynn McCauley at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Chinook on Aug. 18, 1973, and they moved to Havre where she worked as secretary for High School District No. 5 for four years. They moved to Missoula where Donna worked for the county superintendent of schools for six years, and then to Swan Lake where she was office manager for the Swan River State Forest for eight years before retiring.

During her first marriage she had four children, sons Steven



Mangold of Graham, Washington, Audie Mangold of University Place, Washington, Wil-

liam Mangold of Chinook, and daughter Debra Lee Mangold of Swan Lake. She had nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed typing, shorthand, homemaking, sewing, crocheting, embroidery, cake decorating, dancing, oil painting, trying to grow roses, and many other hobbies.

Donna is survived by her husband, Jim McCauley, at their home in Swan Lake; her four children and their families; and sisters, Evelyn Bauer and Herm of Missoula, and Betty Finley and Victor of Swan Lake.

Her brother Jack Knettel passed away in December of 2005.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be held at Swan Chapel at a later date.

Condolences may be given to Swan Chapel or Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Donna's memory.

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

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Audrey McAlpine

Audrey McAlpine of Cut Bank died Jan. 26, 2015, in Cut Bank.

She is survived by her son, Alan McAlpine of Kalispell; and her daughter, Sandy Manley of Cut Bank.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Whitted Funeral Chapel in Cut Bank.

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Tarrance Garde McClary, 77

Tarrance Garde McClary, 77, died peacefully in his sleep on May 19, 2015, at home in Peoria, Arizona.

Terry is survived by his children, Valerie McClary of Winter Garden, Florida, Marvella "Sparky" Lockbaum of Osburn, Idaho, Leila Dor'e Cosner of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and Terrance "T.G." McClary of Peoria; their mother, Marcella Lee, of Ronan; Ronald Rorvik of Ronan; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Meredith Dolson, of Hot Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Leila McClary; his sister, Llanna Morrow Downin; and daughter, Verna Rovik.

He was born on Nov 4, 1937, in Kalispell, to parents Kenneth Gleri McClary and Leila Helen McClary. Mr. McClary served his country as



a well-respected 82nd Airborne Division soldier

(Green Beret).

Terry was a great family man and a loving father. He was a social, active man for the majority of his life. "Big Terry" loved hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. His family and friends will always remember him as a hard working, generous, outgoing, funny and loving person.

The burial is scheduled for Friday, July 10, at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lone Pine, with a reception to follow at Lone Pine Hall. Estimated time will be 10:30 a.m. The Rev. George Cosner will officiate. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Tarrance's life.

Gail (Coates) McCormack, 75

Gail (Coates) McCormack, 75, of Bigfork, passed away Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell, with her husband Ron at her side, after a long illness.

She was born April 7, 1940, in Trenton, New Jersey, and was raised in Trenton.

After earning her associate's degree, Gail worked as a medical secretary at the Pediatric Group in Princeton, New Jersey, for more than 30 years prior to her retirement.

On Sept. 8, 2000, she married Ronald J. McCormack in Bigfork. They were married 15 years until her passing.

Gail was an amazing ballroom dancer and competed at locations on the East Coast. She was known to like all things sparkly. She loved sparkly hats, clothing, jewelry and Christmas ornaments.



Her husband Ron called her his "sparkly lady." She dearly loved her family and all her

beloved dogs.

Gail was a parishioner of Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Francis Coates and Louise Marie Leonard.

Gail is survived by her husband, Ronald J. McCormack, of Bigfork; her children, Joseph Vizzini of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and Kristin Vizzini of Tucson, Arizona; and a brother, John Coates Jr.

Interment will be in Pennsylvania at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Brendan House or Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

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Mary Alice (Sappington) McClure, 82

Mary Alice (Sappington) McClure, 82, passed away at her daughter's home in Kalispell, on Sept. 25, 2015.

Mary grew up in Idaho and left the family farm at the age of 17. She made her home in Lima, Montana, where she met her future husband, Oliver Sappington, who preceded her in death.

Mary was also preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings, brothers James, Clarence, Charles, Leland, Vertner, Lewis and Don McClure, and two sisters Violet Harris and Lillian Pearl Karp.

Mary is survived by her children, Dyana Malkovich of Tucson, Arizona, Terry and Gerry Klinich



of Ritzville, Washington, Tad Sappington of Basin, Montana, Sharon Zahn of Kalispell,

and Sandra and Randy Hedges of Kalispell. Mary also leaves 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held in Kalispell on Sept. 25.

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.

Charles E. McDonald, 85

Charles E. McDonald, 85, of Helena, passed away peacefully at home from natural causes on Aug. 20, 2015.

"Chuck", son of James Harvey Cox and Hettie Brink, was born in Fairbanks, Alaska. He lived there for three years, then moved with his mother and older siblings to southern California. Chuck's mother married Paul Cowan McDonald a short time later, and Paul adopted Chuck and his siblings.

Chuck was the loving husband of Betty Jean Mergenthaler for 43 years. She preceded Chuck in death, passing away on Aug. 20, 2010 — exactly five years to the date of Chuck's death.

Chuck and Betty lived in Kalispell and owned the McDonald School of Music from 1968 until 1978. While living there, he taught guitar classes and individual classes at Flathead Community College. In 1980, Chuck and Betty relocated to Helena and owned and operated High Coun-

try Plumbing until their retirement in 2000. Chuck never fully retired from his love of music, however, and he continued playing and teaching guitar from his home for several years. He was very proud of his guitar students. He also played in multiple bands in both California and Montana.

He is survived by his children, Chuck Jr., Christina, Thomas, Edward and Dennis; also by his stepsons, David and Mary Mergenthaler of Kalispell, Roger and Marti Mergenthaler of Helena, and Lynn and Judy Mergenthaler of Kalispell; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Betty and her daughter, Claudette Cooper (Jim) of Unionville.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Chuck's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the family home in Helena.

Ranald Luke McDonald, 48

Ranald Luke McDonald, 48, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2015, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1966, in Ronan, the son of Thomas Ranald and Ann May (Christman) McDonald.

He was raised on the family ranch in Niarada and attended schools in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1984. He attended and graduated from Montana State University and continued at the University of Montana Law School where he received his Juris Doctor in Law degree.

Following law school, he worked for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribe and was their managing attorney for many years. He was married and to this union his daughter Ave' was born.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed hunting and fishing and was also a competitive shooter. He was also able to enjoy a hunting trip to Africa. He was very close to his fraternity brothers from Delta Sigma Phi from MSU. He was a longtime member of the Montana Bar Association and Ducks Unlimited.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was very proud of his daughter Ave's com-



petitive free-style skiing. He enjoyed fine foods and sharing with friends. He was a master fencer

and had a very easygoing personality.

He was also a great-grandson of the Hudson Fur Trader Angus McDonald and his great-grandmother was in Chief Joseph's band of the Nez Perce tribe.

"May the work I have done speak for me."

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, and an infant brother Angus Patrick McDonald.

He is survived by his sister, Laurrie Meeks and Tom of Dixon; his brother, Malcolm McDonald and Patty of Niarada; sisters, Gail Graves of Ronan, and Marsha Rubino and Vince of Elmo, and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

As per Ranald's wishes, services will be private.

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

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

Leroy John McFadden, 86

Leroy John McFadden, 86, passed away at his home in Columbia Falls on Dec. 21, 2015.

Leroy was born Nov. 19, 1929, to Leroy McFadden and Rose O'Connor in Janesville, Wisconsin. The family moved to Clinton, Montana, and then to Columbia Falls.

He met the love of his life in 1946, after borrowing a shovel from his future father-in-law. Dad entered the Navy in 1948 and married Luella Mae Flint in 1949. He exited the Navy in 1950 and moved back to Columbia Falls where they lived until their deaths.

Dad worked for Stoltze Lumber and the Forest Service until he started at the Anaconda Aluminum Company; he retired in 1985. After his retirement he worked for his oldest son brushing roads, then he worked as a marshal at Whitefish Golf Course



for 10 years. His biggest passion was playing Santa Clause for little kids. He was a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge, and loved to hunt and fish, as well as camping.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years; one sister, Mary; and two brothers, Richard and James.

He is survived by his three children, Roger and Kathy, Janet, and Leroy and Mitzi; four grandsons, one granddaughter, two stepgranddaughters, several grand and stepgrandchildren; one brother, Jack; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memory of his life will be held at a later date in the summer.

Sandra Lee McDonald, 57

After a brave and graceful battle with cancer, Sandra Lee McDonald died on May 22, 2015, in Whitefish, at the age of 57, surrounded by her loved ones.

Sandra arrived on our planet on Sept. 5, 1957, in Seattle, to her biological father, Robert McDonald, and mother, Susan Shane Edminster. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Howard "Ed" Edminster, amidst a large, loving, blended family with two sisters and three brothers. She was always known for her smile, zest for life, and love of horses.

Sandra married her first husband, and father of her children, Wesley Berry, on Oct. 17, 1976. They resided in Woodinville, Washington, until their divorce in 1987. It was then that Sandra met and fell in love with Tom White. In 1989, Sandra and Tom relocated to beautiful Whitefish, where they could raise their family amongst the great outdoors. They were married on Feb. 17, 1990, and spent many happy years golfing, boating and camping. Though they eventually divorced, they



remained close friends until her last days. Sandra and Andy Hudak began her

last "love dance" when they began dating in June of 2007. They lived together for the last several years, and she passed with him at her side at the moment of her escape from her "shell," as she called her body near her end.

Sandra worked in the real estate appraisal business for most of her career, and was known as a hardworking professional with a keen eye for detail. She loved connecting with her customers and hearing their dreams, grief, or whatever they chose to share.

Her love for photography allowed her to exercise her keen eye for all things beautiful, and she had a knack for capturing the essence of the moment.

Many will also remember Sandra for her political awareness and activ-

ism, as she was an outspoken advocate for the environment, responsible growth and social justice. She did a great deal to advance affordable housing in Whitefish, serving on the Whitefish Housing Authority board for several years. In the past, she was a board member of the Violence Free Crisis Line, and most recently, she began to volunteer at the Humane Society. In her spare time, Sandra could almost always be found enjoying music, theater and the other cultural activities that Whitefish had to offer.

Sandra also cherished her many wonderful weekends at Symes Hot Springs in Hot Springs. She appreciated the simple, small town vibe — shopping for funky antiques, relaxing in the springs and laughing and talking late into the night with her friends.

She leaves behind her daughters, Michelle and Kate Berry; her treasured grandchildren, Alex Wright, Morgan Berry-Shaffer and Theo Kanter; her parents, Howard and Susan Edminster;

siblings, Steve and Brian McDonald; stepsiblings, Dean Edminster, Cindy Doop and Debbie Smith; loving partner, Andy Hudak; former husband, Tom White; sons-in-law, Noah Shaffer and Eric Kanter; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and countless loving friends.

Sandra requested to be cremated. Her ashes will be scattered in Glacier National Park, Hot Springs and near Hungry Horse Reservoir — places where she loved to spend time with friends and family.

The family would especially like to thank all of Sandra's close friends, and the loving and empathetic staff of North Valley Hospital for their caring, attentive treatment.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to any of the following organizations: Whitefish Housing Authority, Abbie Shelter/Violence Free Crisis Line, Humane Society, or the North Valley Hospital Foundation.

A celebration of Sandra's life will be held July 25 at the Stillwater Land-