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Perry Wilburn Padgett Jr., 84

On Sept. 15, 2015, Perry Wilburn Padgett Jr. passed away peacefully in his home, at the age of 84. His final days were spent surrounded by the care of his loved ones.

Perry was born in Columbia Falls on March 19, 1931, to Perry Sr. and Bettie Padgett. He lived his early years in Polebridge prior to moving to Columbia Falls.

In 1952 he married the love of his life, Fairelyn Joy Staaleson. The property where they wed became their lifelong home.

"Papa" Perry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was an honorable man who worked hard for his family and spared no hesitation when helping a neighbor in need. He welcomed all who crossed his path with an open heart, firm handshake, meaningful conversation and a hot cup of coffee. He was known for his ability to fix just about anything; whether it be a broken down tractor or a truck stuck in the mud, he had the tools and the know-how to solve the problem. And if you had a broken heart, one of his infamous bear hugs was sure to put the pieces back together.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, William and Margie Padgett. He is also survived by his children, Perry III "Sam" and Ida Padgett of Georgia, and a daughter-in-law Valerie Padgett of Columbia Falls, Shannon Padgett, DeWayne and Vicki Padgett of Columbia Falls, and Wiletta and Devin Harris of Oregon. His grandchildren are Bettie Jane Padgett, Michael Padgett, Richard and Val



Butts, Tim Padgett, Julie and Nick King, Robert Butts, Lacey and Mark Pederson, Rory

Butts, Chelsey Padgett, Sandie, Samuel and Jeremy Padgett, and Benjamin, Sarianne and Alleya Harris. Amongst his many great-grandchildren are Kyler and Kaylee King, as well as Xzander and Brinley Lobaugh, all of Columbia Falls. Perry also had numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and more devoted friends than can be counted.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; siblings, Grace Bachmeier, Leona Brix and Floyd Padgett; and son, Jeffrey Padgett.

Perry's absence will be felt deeply by all who knew him.

A celebration of his life will be held and lunch will be served by his family on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the North Valley Community Center in Columbia Falls, beginning at noon.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation may be made to one of the local search and rescue teams.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Two Bear Air Rescue, Flathead and Lake Counties' Search and Rescue, North Valley Search and Rescue, Frontier Home Health and Hospice, Columbia Falls Senior Center and Meals on Wheels, Dr. Derek Gedlaman, Dixie Jones, and his dear friend Forrest Prichard.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Perry's family.

Donald Junior Pangburn, 88

Donald Junior Pangburn, 88, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Charmaine; and

children, Peggy, Donald Mark and Sandra.

There are no services at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Shirley Pauline Parker, 79

Shirley Pauline Parker passed away on Monday, March 23, 2015, in Kalispell. She was 79 years of age.

She was born July 4, 1935, in Kalispell and a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley, residing in Bigfork. She graduated from Batavia Grade School and Flathead County High School.

She was married to Gerald Parker on July 11, 1953, and they celebrated their 61 years of marriage last summer. She worked as a clerk for Echo School and bookkeeper for Thermal Tech, besides being a homemaker and mother to her family.

She was an avid participant in her ceramic club and a member of Swan Chapel for many years. She also loved working in her garden of pink roses, daffodils and peonies, and baking pies and cookies for her family.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Gerald Leon Parker, of Bigfork; sons, Terry Leon Parker and wife Ann Parker, and Wesley Allen Parker and wife Lori Parker; daughter, Laurie Rae Johnson; sister and lifelong friend, Ellie Nauman; grandchildren, Ben Johnson, Katie Cochran, Megan Johnson and Jeff Nunamaker, Charles and Heather Park-



er, Adam and Kristen Parker, Stephanie and Corey Joiner, Michael Parker and Kat Wilson and

Kyle Parker; and great-grandchildren, Morgan Cochran, Ashley Cochran and Holden Parker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Ellen Mellem; her five brothers, Jack, Emil, Wilbur, Russell and Robert Mellem; and her three sisters, Mary Holcomb, Florence Robinson and Clara Gardner.

A funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, with a burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, and with a reception to follow burial for family and friends back at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Memorials are suggested to Gideons International, or a charity of your choice.

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.

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Dagmar Madsen Parish, 92

Dagmar Madsen Parish, 92, passed away May 11, 2015, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 23, 1922, at the family homestead in the Maxwell Butte area near Powderville, Montana. She was the youngest of six children born to Theodore and Minnie Lind Madsen who had moved in 1918 from Minnesota to ranch in southeastern Montana.

Her early education was at Springcreek country school where she boarded at the teacherage, only going home on weekends when her big brothers could get her by horseback. She then went to high school in Miles City where she graduated in 1941. Subsequently, she entered nurses training at the Presentation School of Nursing at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City, graduating in 1944.

In 1945 Dagmar married Robert R. Herndon. Their family would grow with the addition in 1952, of special nephew, Marvin Brittenham.

After Bob's death, Dagmar married Lyman



Parish, a member of the U.S. Air Force stationed in Lakeside. They lived in Colorado, Missouri

and Wisconsin until finally settling in Kalispell in 1993 near Lyman's daughter, Jean Edmondson and Dagmar's niece, Sandy Gudmundson. All along the way, Dagmar continued her nursing career.

Dagmar is survived by Marvin Brittenham and Harriett of Parker, Colorado; stepsons, Bruce Parish of Kalispell, and Glen Parish and Donna of Coloma, Wisconsin; and stepdaughters, Carolyn Parish of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and Jean Edmondson of Kalispell; as well as a large extended family.

Those preceding her in death include her sisters, Dorothy and Evelyn, brothers Ted, Art and Vern, husband Lyman, and stepson Doug Parish.

Friends and family will gather at a later date for a memorial celebration of her life.

Norman Fred Parmelee, 74

Norman Fred Parmelee was born Feb. 11, 1941, in Missoula, and died peacefully in his home at the age of 74 on Sept. 28, 2015.

His parents were Evelyn and Fred Parmelee of Missoula, where the Parmelee family had deep roots, as well as the Stratton family and they were best of friends. So it was to be in June 1961 two childhood sweethearts, Norman Parmelee and Sharon Stratton were united in marriage. Soon there were six; Cheryle, Carrie, Norman Russell and Shawn were added to the family.

Norman graduated from Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Washington.

He joined the Army National Guard in 1968. He returned to Missoula where his father laid a trowel in his hands and he became a fourth generation brick and stone mason. Winters were tough in this trade, and when he heard of an opportunity as a brick layer tradesman in Columbia Falls, he moved his wife Sharon, and their first two children, Cheryle and Carrie, to the Flathead Valley in June of 1963.

It wasn't long before they were putting down roots of their own in the middle of "God's Country" near Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake, and the Big Mountain Ski Resort. Here is where Russell and Shawn were born.

Norm took a job working for CFAC which stands for Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. for 37 years. We all could spell it but it was hard to say correctly.



were his most loved flowers grown in honor of his maternal Grandmother and Auntie. He loved all of the fresh vegetables, but especially loved

to grow cucumbers to make pickles. He became the "Pickle King" of the family teaching us all to make pickles as a family tradition. Good or bad, his pickles were loved and shared.

Norm had a great sense of humor. He was a story teller and a leg puller causing children to squeal with delight.

Norm and Sharon enjoyed many years of traveling to visit family and friends including Bahamas, Canada and Mexico for years.

Norm has a sister, Karen Wilson of Tacoma, a deceased brother, Bill Bird, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews, all of whom he loved very much.

To his grandchildren he was fun loving, warm, sincere and enjoyed in all nine of them: Aaron and Monica and Stephanie Nordstrand, Joshua and Jesse Bosshardt, Kyler and Cassidie Parmelee, Brandi and Caleb Moser, Kristina and Katelyn Parmelee. He has one great grandson, Carter James Moser.

Norm and Sharon's family enjoyed all the outdoor life the valley offered. Outdoor activities consisted of hunting everything, fishing, boating, golfing and horse shoes. Indoor activities were bowling, ping-pong, playing cards, chess, checkers, pool, and cribbage with friends and family. Norm's children were raised camping, huckleberry picking, wood gathering and helping their father build three houses, and as result his two sons are contractors in the construction trade today.

The day he bought his tractor he declared loudly and proudly, "I am a farmer!" He began to farm his small acreage, putting up hay for his hobby farm career. He raised cows, horses, bunnies, chickens, pigs and always lots of dogs and cats, even ostriches at one time.

Gardening has always been a part of his life. Dahlias and Gladiolas

To his four children, Cheryle and Steve Nordstrand, Carrie and Jim Bosshardt, Norman Russell and Michelle Parmelee, Shawn and Corinna Parmelee, he was their rock. He was a strong, steady, courageous, gentle giant in their lives.

To his wife, Sharon, he was the love of her life for 54 years.

Norm's family all loved him dearly and will continue to hold him in our hearts "till we see him again with the Lord."

Norm had cancer but cancer never had him. For 18 long years he woke up thankful to be alive every day!

May he rest in peace.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Calvary Chapel of Flathead Valley Church. The family requests that there be "NO FLOWERS" because of allergy concerns. Green plants are welcome. Please send memorials in his name to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Institute in Seattle, or to the Calvary Chapel of Flathead Valley Church in Kalispell.

Daniel 'Dannie' A. Parrish, 41

Daniel "Dannie" A. Parrish, 41, of Kalispell, died at his home on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. He is survived by one son, his father Phillip Parrish, and mother Pamela Kohl. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Barbara Ann (Allhands) Paschke, 85

Barbara Ann (Allhands) Paschke passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, after enjoying a grand, adventurous life of 85 years (Oct. 4, 1929, to Oct. 1, 2015). Private family services have been held.



English literature at Colorado Northwestern Community College, was teaching herself

Barbara was a loyal inspiration to her daughters, grandchildren, brother, Gary Fullbright, and all her friends. She was always available to laugh and cry with us, and remained the number one encourager to all of us in our lives and endeavors.

Russian, and created gorgeous, hand-made quilts. Barbara was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2009, (she was vehemently mad about this up to the end), which altered her perspective on how to preserve wildlife wisely and safely.

Barbara grew up on a ranch, was an avid horse woman and enthusiastic reader, and remained intellectually curious to the end. She traveled, was passionate about human rights, advocated for the earth and wildlife, and daily followed space exploration. She taught

She is deeply loved by her family and will be sorely missed. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Valerie Gean Paterson, 55

Valerie Gean Paterson, 55, passed away in Kalispell on Sunday, March 22, 2015.

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

Valerie was born Aug. 28, 1959, in Omak, Washington, to Stanley and Winona (Kuhn) Smith.

Valerie worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in the hospital admissions for many years.

She loved spending time with her family and friends. Val was a true outdoors woman. She loved the beach, nature, hiking in the mountains and wildlife.

She is survived by her parents, Stanley and Winona Smith, of Oakville, Washington; sons, William Paterson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Eugene Paterson of Kalispell; two sisters; one brother; and two treasured grandsons, Tee and Jack.

A gathering for family and friends will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Woodland Park in Kalispell.

Friends are encouraged

Woman attacked by black bear dies
Number of bear encounters on rise

By SAMUEL WILSON
 The Daily Inter Lake

An elderly woman died Thursday from injuries sustained when a black bear attacked her in her home near Ashley Lake on Sunday.

Flathead County Under-sheriff Dave Leib confirmed that Barbara Pashke, 85, died near Ashley Lake on Sunday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

The attack is under investigation by state wildlife officials, who are still working to trap the bear. According to a Thursday press release from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the woman had been feeding bears on her property prior to the attack. The bear apparently exited through a window, but how it got into the home has not been determined.

Denise Louise Patton, 60

Denise Louise Patton, 60, died Nov. 7, 2015, at her residence in Kalispell. She is survived by her husband, Gary Patton.

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

Frederic 'Fred' Graham Patton, 75

Frederic "Fred" Graham Patton, 75, died April 23, 2015, in Kalispell. He was born in Cranbrook, British Columbia,

on Jan. 1, 1940. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Judith Paul, 64

A bright ray of light and love was abruptly taken from us when Judith Paul, 64, died in a tragic car accident on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015. Judy was doing what she loved best — transporting two homeless puppies to her Corvallis home, lovingly referred to as “Dawg Gone Acres.” One puppy survived the crash and has been adopted by a friend, while the other accompanied Judy on to her next adventure.

Judy was born in Bigfork Oct. 27, 1950, to Kenneth and Betty (Wright) Paul. She attended school in Kalispell and finished her studies at the top of her class.

Judy followed in her mother's footsteps and received a degree in music education from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Her first job was teaching middle school music in Sitka, Alaska. During summer breaks Judy earned a master's degree in music education from the University of Montana and eventually took a job as professor of music at Western Montana College in Dillon. There she met and married Andrew Sine. Together they moved to the Bitterroot Valley, where Andy got a job teaching music in his home town of Victor. Judy and Andy eventually bought a music store, The Music Box, in Hamilton. During this time the couple formed a combo that played mostly weekends, as well as a community musical group called The Valley Singers. After Andy's untimely death in 1987, Judy continued to run the store until June 2000. During those years, she was active in local music venues including serving as accompanist for Hamilton Players musical productions, the Bitterroot Valley Chorus and high school music productions. She also played French horn in the Bitterroot Community Band. If you were fortunate enough to have Judy at the piano, you knew it would be a positive, rewarding and beautiful experience. She



Judy immediately took on the task of homing as many dogs as she could at one time in an effort

to find loving homes. She was directly responsible for rescuing and rehoming more than 700 dogs since 2009. Judy never thought of herself as a hero and never wanted the attention to be turned to her. She felt it was a group effort and everyone did what they could. When you think of Judy, please remember this and pay it forward in kindness wherever you are able.

Judy's love for dogs reflected her spirit of unparalleled dedication and commitment. She was unstoppable in pursuing her goal of saving every homeless dog from suffering or death. She was masterful at recruiting and connecting dog lovers and rescue groups to help achieve her goals. Judy was a rare human being with a selfless heart and a loving soul. Our world shines less bright without her.

Along the journey of her life, Judy married Mark Wohl. The couple later separated. Judy is survived by cousin Cliff Nichols, wife Patty and their children Paul, Lauren and Luke; cousin Tim Nichols, wife Laurie and their children Jordan and Hannah; and Mark Wohl.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MTCAN at 458 Warp Dr., Corvallis, MT 59828, or your favorite animal rescue/shelter, or to help keep the arts in our schools.

There will be two informal gatherings to celebrate Judy's remarkable life. The first will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Bedford building (City Hall) in Hamilton. Light refreshments will be served and there will be opportunity for anyone who would like to share their stories of Judy. (Please, no dogs for this one.)

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was always where she needed to be, bringing with her an immense talent, a smile, and music in her heart.

When Judy sold the Music Box in 2000, she began her next great passion in life — animal rescue. While continuing her musical activities, Judy became a volunteer at the local animal shelter, the Bitter Root Humane Association, and eventually became president of their board of directors in 2003. In 2008, a few years after moving on from the BRHA board, Judy along with three other friends founded Montana Companion Animal Network (MTCAN) in an effort to help alleviate overpopulation in shelters. It was a labor of love and

The second, “Petals of Hope,” will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the River Park in Hamilton. Please bring your dog and gather with others to share stories of how Judy's love of dogs has touched your life. MTCAN volunteers will be handing out rose petals and dog treats. Our hope is that if everyone takes a rose petal and blows it in the wind or drops it in a stream in honor of Judy we can make her dream of there no longer being a need for a dog rescue or shelter come true. All pets would be loved and cared for. May our petals of hope reach to heaven and make Judy's dream come true.

Condolences may be left at www.dalyleachchapel.com.

Mary Louise Benbow Paul, 97

Mary Louise Benbow Paul, daughter of Earl William Benbow and Clara Thomsen Benbow, was born Aug. 31, 1917, in Hersman, Illinois.

She passed away at age 97 on Aug. 18, 2015, at Willamette View Manor, Portland. Mary's father, a Presbyterian minister, served churches in Hersman, Grundy Center and Sioux City, Iowa. During seventh grade her family moved to Seattle where her father became director of Westminster House, Presbyterian Center for University of Washington students. Mary graduated from the University of Washington in home economics.

Mary taught three years at Wasatch Academy, Presbyterian boarding school, Mount Pleasant, Utah. Here she met math teacher, Robert Paul. In 1943 while at Penn State as a graduate assistant, Mary and Robert Paul, United States Navy, were married by Mary's father in Seattle. On completion of her Master of Science degree, Institution Food Management and Nutrition degree, Mary taught at Rhode Island State College and Providence Plantation.

World War II ended and Robert and Mary moved to New York City,

Mary teaching home economics at a New York City Junior High School and Robert completing a master's degree at Columbia University. A cross-country road trip to visit Mary's parents resulted in teaching positions in McMinnville, Oregon — Robert at the high school and Mary as an assistant professor of foods and nutrition at Linfield College, retiring in 1975.

Mary and Robert had 66 years together. During this time they traveled in the U.S. and internationally. Some of the best times were the summers, beginning in 1947, spent at various ranger stations in Glacier National Park. Using the wood stove, Mary baked wonderful meals, including pie. She also did the washing in a bucket on the woodstove. Mary enjoyed the trails and wildflowers of Glacier Park during their 53 summers at Kintla, Bowman, Logging, Walton, East Glacier, Two Medicine, Many Glacier and Gothaunt ranger stations.

Mary was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, the American Home Economics Association, the Society for Nutrition Education, and Chapter Y of PEO. Mary was assistant Girl Scout leader for both her daughters' troops. Mary

will be remembered as a woman of firm faith who positively influenced those she came in contact with, especially her students. She loved all of God's people throughout the world, and she readily contributed to causes that helped those in need.

Survivors include daughters, Janet Bones and husband Stan, and Nancy Trembath and husband Rick; grandchildren, Mac Bones, Jodie Bones Binger, Laura Trembath Pieri and Paula Trembath French; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Robert M. Paul; and her brothers, John Benbow,

formerly of Florida, and Robert Benbow, formerly of Maryland.

A rite of remembrance service will be held at Willamette View Manor, Jan. 19, 2016, at 12705 SE River Road, Portland, Oregon, 97202.

Cremation has taken place by Macy and Son Funeral Home, McMinnville, Oregon with interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

A special thank you goes to all of Mary's caregivers and the Willamette View extended family.

Memorial gifts may be made to Church World Service or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Michael Wayne Payne, 64

Michael Wayne Payne, 64, died Monday, March 23, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held.

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

Iberica Paulino, 29

Iberica Paulino, 29 of Kalispell, died suddenly on Sept. 10, 2015.

Services are pending at

this time.

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

Betty C. Paulson, 91

Betty C. Paulson, 91, of Libby, died Thursday, March 19, 2015, at Libby Care Center.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 26,

at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

James R. 'Jim' Pearse, 72

James R. "Jim" Pearse, 72, of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 12, 2015.

Jim was born Aug. 14, 1943, in Denver.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Pearse; and daughters, Katherine Connelly and Barbara-Anne Vannett.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Smith Valley School gymnasium, 2901 U.S. 2 W., in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John E. Pederson, 97

John E. Pederson, 97, formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his sons, Clinton, Duane and

Lee Pederson; and daughter, Debbie Priel.

Cremation is scheduled and burial will take place at the veterans cemetery in Phoenix.

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Yvonne LaRae Peck, 53

One of the world's biggest, kindest, and most humble hearts has stopped beating. Yvonne LaRae Peck left our world on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015.

Yvonne was born in Chester on Sept. 5, 1962, to Tom and Delores Peck. Tom and Delores's many years in education took Yvonne to several communities, including Hingham, Sunburst, Browning, Whitefish and Columbia Falls. Yvonne developed lifelong relationships and touched many lives in these communities.

She graduated from Whitefish High School where she was a member of the 1978 state championship basketball team. Yvonne earned a degree in math education from Montana State University.

She began her teaching career in Simms and then took her talents and passion for her chosen profession to Rangely, Colorado, Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Alaska and Flathead Valley Community College. Her devotion and dedication were most evident in all her teaching and coaching experiences. She impacted countless young people in numerous meaningful ways, treating all with a "thundering velvet hand" while guiding their journeys in realizing their full potential. She easily and quickly identified the best in her students and athletes, but let them know if they weren't giving their best. Miss Peck held dear the years-long and deep friendships often developed after her

time as teacher and coach.

She was the most knowledgeable and accurate family historian and enthusiastically applied her photography skills at every family reunion to give the rest of us a crutch to try to keep up with her and preserve precious moments. She knew more about generations of relatives and complex family trees than anyone. Peck, Schweitzer, and Mangold bonds were all made stronger because of Von.

One of her greatest joys was her role as "Aunt Von" to nieces and nephews and later "Grantie" to great nieces and a nephew. She put on thousands of miles to attend their activities and gave selflessly to make memories never to be forgotten. Always, in good times and the most difficult, she was the first one to give a great big Von hug. Her "one-of-a-kind" kisses, boisterous laughter, baked bread, salsa and canned peaches will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tom. She is survived by her mother, Delores, to whom she provided heartfelt friendship, comfort, and care; sisters Michelle, Starla (Monte Solberg), Patty (Scott Daugharty) and brother, Thom. Her nieces and nephews, Jamie Nordhagen(Chad), Ty Solberg (Sienna), Scot Solberg(Chelsea), children of Starla and Monte; Conor Daugharty and Kaitlyn Daugharty, children of Patty and Scott; Taylor Peck and Kylie Peck, children of Thom; and her great nieces and nephews, Lola Nordhagen, Mira and Jett Solberg, and Emma, Shayla, and Tatum Solberg.

A public viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28, at Columbia Mortuary with sharing of stories starting at 6 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Arthur R. Peter, 88

Arthur R. Peter, 88, died in Kalispell on May 11, 2015.

Services will be held at

a later date in Eureka. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Teri Gaffaney Pedersen, 66

Teri Gaffaney Pedersen was born March 27, 1949, and died Sept. 11, 2015.

Teri is survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Stacey; grandson, Cooper; brother, Gary, and Lynn; and numerous nieces and nephews, and many family and friends who will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, a brother and her niece.

Teri's cancer journey was one that she wouldn't have changed because of the wonderful people that she met along the way.

"Teri is sleeping and the next thing she will see is her Lord's face when He comes to take her to her eternal home."

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

Charles J. Pemble, 94

Charles J. Pemble, a longtime Billings resident, passed away Jan. 1, 2015, while receiving loving care at the Veterans Home in St. George, Utah.

Charles was born April 25, 1920, to Charles T. and Verna L. Pemble of Columbia Falls. He was raised and educated in Flathead County, graduating from high school in 1938.

He joined the Navy Oct. 1, 1941, and served four years in the Pacific Theater.

He eventually returned to Montana where he met his future wife Margie Halverson. They were married June 8, 1951, and celebrated their 63rd anniversary in June, 2014.

Charles worked for 27 years as deputy clerk of the court, deputy sheriff and court administrator in Billings, retiring July 1982.

In retirement, he enjoyed spending summers at their cabin on Ashley Lake near Kalispell, and doing his beautiful stained glass pieces.

He was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving the church in many different ways.

His parents and two sisters, Lucille and Jennie, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his



wife, Margie; brother, Fay; daughter, Leslie Pemble Gaylord, her husband Larry, and their children Jacob and Larissa, and great-grandchild Dahlia; daughter, Lynn Pemble Morgan, her husband Ken, and their sons, Ryan, Brad and Eric; and many nieces, nephews and their children.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls to visit Margie and remember Chuck. A light lunch will be served following the service.

E. Marceen Peterman, 89

E. Marceen Peterman "knocked on the Pearly Gates," Aug. 27, 2015. "Heaven received an angel and a prayer warrior that day."

Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren carry on her spirit. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Marceen during her 89 years. Among them, add ketchup to everything, stubbornness can be an endearing quality, and a well-written card adorned with stickers can make a difference.

She was raised by her mother, Florence Opie, and her stepfather, Johnny Martin, in the Flathead Valley.

She worked hard and graduated nursing school which allowed her to practice her passion in life, nursing. Marceen was the first recipient of the Florence Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing in the Flathead Valley.

Marceen married Burton John Peterman on March 13, 1948. After retirement, they moved to Arizona to be close to family and discard their shovels. They enjoyed taking turns being the boss on a daily basis. They were able to spend quality time with some of their great-grandchildren to make a lasting impression on Makayla, Abigail, Kiera and Dylan. We know they will forever be grateful for that time.

Marceen is reunited with her husband and favorite debate partner, BJ Peterman as well as her son, Dennis Peterman, her sister, Dorothy,



and her grandson, Tim Francis.

Those entrusted to carry on her legacy and lead

a life of passion are her children, Sharon Howell, Dave and Dana Peterman, and Darcy and Russ Trostad; her grandchildren, Karen Holm, Rhonda Thomas, Michael Howell, Mark Howell, Matthew Howell, Tara and Scott Johnson, Ryan Trostad, Lindsay Peterman-Albritton and Steve, Aaron and Alex Peterman, Alyssa Peterman, Austin Peterman, Jason Jarvis and Nick Jarvis; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

"We all know you are dancing with Jesus and you are home."

Special thanks to Precious Care and Hospice of the Valley.

Arrangements in the Flathead Valley are pending.

The family can be contacted at 2033 E. Jade Dr., Chandler Arizona, 85286, or by email at sunlakes4me@yahoo.com

Larry Joel Penner, 27

Larry Joel Penner, 27, died at his Coram residence on April 18, 2015, of natural causes.

He is survived by his parents, Wade and Shiela

Penner, and Steve and Shiela LaCount.

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

Belinda K. Peterson, 68

Belinda K. Peterson, 68, died Thursday, May 14, 2015, in her home in Columbia Falls from large red cell cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Peterson.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at Marantette Park in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Douglas A. Peterson, 54

Douglas A. Peterson, 54, of Kalispell died at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

No services are planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Catherine F. Petersen, 64

Catherine F. Petersen, 64, of Kalispell, died Aug. 19, 2015, in Kalispell.

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

Danny Lee Peterson, 59

Danny Lee "Napa Dan" Peterson, 59, died Sunday, June 28, 2015, in Kalispell.

He had been the owner of Napa Auto Parts.

A celebration of life is pending.

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

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Dan L. Peterson, 59

Dan L. "Napa Dan" Peterson, 59, passed away the 28th of June, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 15, 1955, to Richard and Shirley Peterson and was raised in Orland, California.

His many accomplishments there included a Napa Auto Parts, Machine Shop, and lots of motorcycles. He decided to slow down the pace and moved with his family to Kalispell in 2001. When he realized he couldn't slow down, he started another Napa Store in Bigfork.

Dan was a great businessman, a very hard worker and excellent talker, an amazing husband and father, and a great friend. He loved vintage motorcycles, flying, helping people, being active in charities, and his church, Easthaven Baptist.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jennifer; his children, Michelle, Jennifer, Katherine, Bryan and Jessica; his parents, Richard and Shirley Peterson; brother, Dave; sisters, Kathleen and Jeanine; along with his grandchildren, Hunter,



Sophia, Lauren, Hannah, Gavin, Tyler, Grace and Jaymee. He also leaves behind his

beloved companion Blue.

He was loved by so many, and will be missed by all.

His services will be held at 10 a.m. today, July 2, at his church, Easthaven Baptist, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." — Isaiah 40:28-31

Jesse Daniel Peterson, 30

Jesse was born July 24, 1985, in Sonora, California, and passed away Aug. 24, 2015, near Columbia Falls.

Jesse was quiet, kind, always willing to help family and friends, and was very adept physically. He loved to work and play outdoors. He was happiest and most at peace when floating the river, exploring the forest, camping, etc.

Jesse spent his early years in California and moved to Montana in high school, graduating from Flathead High School in 2004. He married Kimmy Romine and adopted her son, Degan. Jesse and Kimmy also have a second son, Hagen.

He had worked for Fretz Masonry, T-bend Paving, and most recently Montana Rockworks. He had developed many friendships, including those of his co-workers, high school mates, and Amber and her children. Many of them shared happy memories of their times with Jesse at his memorial.

Jesse is survived by his sons Degan and Hagen; father, Mark Peterson; mother, Melissa Conn; brother, Joseph Peterson; stepfather, Russ Conn;

former wife, Kimmy; grandmothers, Margaret Peterson and Lois Smith; and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jesse was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be missed more than he will ever know. Arrangements have been entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Kathryn Ann 'Kathy' Peterson, 63

Kathryn Ann "Kathy" Peterson passed from this life to go "dancing with Mr. Peterson" on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, after a valiant battle with cancer.

She was born in Great Falls on July 10, 1951, one of four sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kevin B. and Betty Mae (Liesenfeld) Maguire; husband, Kurt Peterson; and sister, Judi Cooper.

She is survived her son, Kristopher Welsch; son, Kevin S. Maguire, his wife Shelly, and their daughter Kaylee; and her daughter, Melissa Cooper, her husband Abe, and their children Tristan, Kamden and Chase; her sisters, Connie Hangen and Patricia Frasier; nieces and nephews, Michaela and Weston Frasier, and Carly and Larry Ingvalson.

After graduating from Great Falls High, Kathy attended Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. She was particularly fond of her art and jewelry classes.

Kathy worked many jobs over the years, including (but not limited to) cooking in restaurants and the backcountry, planting and wrapping trees for the U.S. Forest Service, and taking care of houses and gardens for several clients over the years.

In August of 1996, surrounded by the flowers in her beautiful backyard garden, Kathy married Kurt Peterson, a college-educated logger with a heart of gold. Her granddaughter Kaylee had just

been born, and wedding photos show Kurt and Kathy absolutely beaming as they celebrated their marriage and the birth of their grandchild.

Tragically, Kurt was killed in a logging accident less than six months later. Kathy persevered with her customary tenacity, drive and sense of humor. She was well known for her sharp wit, quick comebacks, and entertaining stories. She had plenty of material to draw from, ranging from learning to paint and ride horses as a child, through the days of the Seattle Rock & Pop Festival of 1969, and all the way into the backcountry, where she ran the cook tent (and most everything else) in hunting camp.

As her grandchildren grew older, Kaylee helped Tristan, Kamden and Chase find all of the fun things to do at "Gramma Kathy's" house. The pond full of water lilies was a focal point, as the kids watched for the resident goldfish, visiting snakes and the occasional stonefly hatch.

Kathy loved to spend time working in her garden, and the results were spectacular. The music and laughter that took place there will live in the hearts of her friends forever. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

A memorial acoustic jam and pie social will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Dew Drop Inn in Coram to celebrate her life.

Randall 'Pete' Peterson, 67

Randall John Peterson, 67, son of Arthur and Evelyn Peterson of Whitefish and Kalispell, "passed from this world into heaven" on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. Death came peacefully, after seven months of battling cancer.

Randall died at his home in Three Forks, with the love of his life, Lynn Haw, at his side. Randall was a veteran. Over the years of their lives together, Lynn's family became his family. The grandchildren,



Camden and Taylor, loved "Papa Pete," and to his

parents, three sisters, cousins, niece, nephews and friend, he is known as Randy.

He will be sorely missed by all of the family.

Cremation has taken place. A family memorial will be held in the future.

Memorials are suggested to be made to the donor's choice.

14 Sep 2015

Susan Louise Peterson, 56

On Sept. 3, 2015, Susan Louise Peterson "Crazy Susie" "gained her angel wings."

Susie was born on March 22, 1959, in Condon, Oregon, to Jerry Jay Sargent, and Ona Arleta Adkins (Zorn). As a child she enjoyed here younger years living in Kinzu, Oregon.

Shortly thereafter, her family embarked on a journey that lead them to the state of Montana — a place she always held in her heart as "home." They spent much of her time in Montana in the small town of Chester; this is where she met the love of her life and husband of 38 years, Gordon J. Peterson, and started her family. They soon gave birth to a son Jeffery W. Peterson, and a daughter Heather M. Peterson. In 1984 they moved to the Flathead Valley where they lived and loved life for many years. Recently they journeyed to Ely, Nevada, in search of a new beginning.

Susie was preceded in death by her father Jerry J. Sargent, her stepfather Raymond E. Zorn, and her grandson Tucker J. Peterson. "She was also met at the gates" by several of her grandparents, aunts, uncles, a nephew, and many close friends.



Susie is survived by her mother, Ona A. Zorn; husband, Gordon J. Peterson;

son, Jeffery W. Peterson, and his wife, Rane; her daughter, Heather M. Peterson; niece, Susie M. Thompson, and husband, John; brothers, Jim J. Sargent and wife Sue, Dennis R. Sargent and wife Sarah, and Leo R. Butterfield and wife Tammy; sister, Kathy R. Reither, and husband, Mike; grandchildren, Cameron W. Peterson, Hunter T. Peterson, Jeffery M. Peterson, and her youngest grandson Denali R. Peterson; as well as many other nieces, nephews, and not to forget her beloved weiner dogs.

Funeral arrangements are being set for 1 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Hungry Horse Chapel, Hungry Horse. There will be a potluck and celebration of Susie's life at the Packer's Roost in Coram immediately following the funeral services.

Contributions can be sent to the Whitefish Credit Union, 320 Nucleus Ave., Columbia Falls MT 59912, for the Crazy Susie Memorial Fund, c/o Jeffery Peterson-5104.

Gerald Lee 'Jerry' Petry, 73

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Petry, 73, passed from this life on Dec. 12, 2014, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease.

Gerald was born May 26, 1941, in Ferdinand, Indiana, to Alvin and Ardella Petry. He was the eldest of 11 children. Jerry had many fond memories of his family and growing up in Indiana.

At the age of 17, Jerry and his brothers moved to Glendive. His parents and other siblings followed soon after to live in Glendive. Jerry graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive. Not long after graduating, Jerry and his family moved to Kalispell. He worked at the C & C Plywood Company and went on to become an electrician.

Jerry met Jennifer Karstetter in 1965, at the Park Inn, in Kalispell. At the time, Jennifer was working at the telephone company and Jerry was in the Army National Guard. It was love at first sight! Gerald married Jennifer Alice Elaine Karstetter six months later on Aug. 7, 1965, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish. Together they made their home in Kalispell and raised three daughters.



Jerry served four years active duty in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Army National Guard as well. He saw duty locally dur-

ing the Evergreen Flood of 1964, and helped fight the Glacier National Park forest fire in 1968. Jerry loved where he lived in Montana and was always a proud American. Jerry was an electrician at Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for over 20 years. He had a very strong work ethic, never missing a day of work!

Jerry loved all music but was especially fond of country western and Elvis Presley. Jerry enjoyed bowling on a league in his younger years.

Jerry and his family attended St. Matthew's Catholic Parish. He also loved hunting, reloading, fishing, camping, boating and riding trails on his motorcycle. He loved spending time outdoors bicycle riding, ice skating and hiking. Jerry was a very talented carpenter and enjoyed remodeling his home and building a garage and wood shed. He

also made furniture. He could build and repair anything. He enjoyed watching football and baseball. Jerry was an avid reader and also liked playing cards, especially cribbage. Jerry loved birds of all kinds and enjoyed watching the eagles in Glacier National Park.

The family would like to acknowledge how thankful they are for the amazing staff and the wonderful care Jerry received during his time at the Brendan House.

Jerry was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Jerry was preceded in death by an infant sister, Patricia Petry; brothers, Eugene Petry and Alvin Petry Jr.; and his parents, Ardella and Alvin Petry.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Jennifer Petry of Idaho Falls, Idaho; daughter, Ann Muth and husband Bob of Whitefish, and grandchildren Ocala, Deagan, Dillon and Dawson; daughter, Paula Kindel and husband Kenny of Eureka, and grandchildren McKenna, Jakeb and Joey; and daughter, Mary Brown, and husband, Abram, of Idaho Falls, and grandchildren Clairra and Adalyn. Jerry was

especially proud of his family. He would light up whenever he was around them! Jerry was a proud husband, father and papa of nine grandchildren. Jerry is also survived by his four sisters and three brothers, Mary Hegel of Kalispell, Ken Petry of Columbia Falls, David Petry of Kalispell, Lucy Sterling of Columbia Falls, Alan Petry of Columbia Falls, Deb Cisllo of Kalispell, and Darlene Vincent of Oregon; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration remembering Jerry's life will take place at 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, at the Canvas Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Brendan House or to the Parkinson's Foundation.

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.

Doris Marie (Westergard) Pfefferkorn, 88

Doris Marie (Westergard) Pfefferkorn, 88, passed away at Heritage Place Nursing Home on July 28, 2015.

Doris was born to John and Maren Westergard on April 23, 1927, at the family farm in Charles City, Iowa.

She was married to Leonard Charles Pfefferkorn on May 14, 1945, and had two children, Linda and John.

Doris worked for Iowa Public Service in Charles City as a bookkeeper until she and Leonard moved to Montana to be near her daughter and husband and her grandchildren. Doris and Leonard lived in Ferndale until they retired to Arizona. After Leonard



and John's deaths, she returned to Montana to be near her daughter.

Doris is sur-

vived by her daughter, Linda, and husband, Jim Bartlett, of Kalispell; and her grandchildren, Jacy Berg and Josh Bartlett of Eugene, Oregon; and one great-grandchild, Luna Berg; and daughter-in-law, Debbie Pfefferkorn, of Salem, Oregon.

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

6 Dec 2015

Jack Pfrimmer, 96

Jack Pfrimmer, 96, passed away Dec. 2, 2015.

He was born Oct. 12, 1919, in Great Falls to Robert B. Pfrimmer and Lillian Greene Pfrimmer, the second of eight children. He was raised on mountain homestead ranch west of Pendroy and attended country schools in Teton County.

Jack joined the U.S. Navy Feb. 16, 1937, to Aug. 1, 1940, and again May 13, 1944 to Dec. 17, 1945.

He married Emily Josephine Heim in Kalispell on April 12, 1943.

He was preceded in death by Emily and a son, Oscar David.

He is survived by children Robert J. Pfrimmer, Nancy Pfrimmer Travale and Becky Pfrimmer.

Jack had a full life. Having grown up on the east slope of Rockies, he spent time in the outdoors, and served his country in the Navy before and during World War II. Then he worked in the Civil Aeronautics Authority/Federal Aviation Administration as a traffic controller and FAA inspector. He worked from 1937 to



1971 with only one month of unemployment. Then he retired to Whitefish.

Local citizens will remember him as an inspired

and inspiring artist. Drawing from life experiences, he transformed elements of nature into small and large carvings treasured by many. He was active in community affairs such as NARFE, Moose, community causes, and lying about his fishing.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration luncheon follows at 1:30 p.m. at the VFW in Whitefish.

The family requests, instead of flowers, contributions in his name be made to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls or a charity of choice.

**Donald 'Don' John Phillips, 86**

Donald "Don" John Phillips, 86, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Nov. 28, 2015.

Don was born March 3, 1929, in Rabey, Minnesota. He was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 768 and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and horses.

Don had three children, Brenda, Susan and Carl, from his first marriage. In 1975, Don married Patricia Lofgren and inherited four additional children, Denise, Becky, Don and Brenda. He had numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and

great-great-grandchildren; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings and infant daughter.

At Don's request there will be no services. His wishes were to be cremated and his ashes scattered to the wind.

The family would like to thank Home Options Hospice for their care and support.

Donations can be made in Don's name to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Home Options Hospice.

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

2 Jun 2015

Ethel Metcalf Pier, 89

Ethel Metcalf Pier passed away May 31, 2015, in Kalispell.

Ethel was born in Colfax, Washington, on July 17, 1925, to Carl and Mae Metcalf of Libby. Ethel lived in the Libby and Thompson Lakes area, attending Libby Public Schools. Her first job outside the family home was at Boisvert's Resort on MacGregor Lake baking pies for the restaurant.

She met her husband, David Pier, while working as a telephone operator in Ellensburg, Washington. They were married Sept. 5, 1947. Ethel traveled as a Navy wife and mother for 20 years, until returning to Montana just before Dave retired. She either worked from home or held various jobs. She worked and retired from the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Following retirement, she found her favorite career of volunteering at the Klothes Kloset in Columbia Falls. Ethel was an avid seamstress, creat-



ing quilts to donate right up to her death.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband,

David; and her brothers, Cliff, Ace and Howard.

She is survived by her sisters, Shirley Ensley of Colfax, and L. Kay Price of Missoula; her sons, David Pier and Dale Pier of Columbia Falls, and Dennis Pier of Kalispell; and daughter, Debra Pier, of Hot Springs; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces, in-laws and out-laws.

The family has no plans for memorial services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the United Church Women of the Columbia Falls Klothes Kloset, Canyon Community Church building fund, or the Columbia Falls Food Bank.

Hubert Eugene 'Hap' Piper, 91

Hubert Eugene "Hap" Piper, 91, formerly of Polson, died in Henderson, Nevada, on Dec. 5, 2015.

He was a retired Methodist minister, electrician, railroad agent and Navy veteran.

He is survived by three daughters, Madeline Piper of Boston, Helen Miller of

Elkmont, Alabama, and Mary Rasberry of North Bend, Oregon.

His ashes will be interred at Neptune Cemetery in Mercer County, Ohio. No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by W.H. Dick & Sons-Hellwarth Funeral Home in Celina, Ohio.

21 Jul 2015

Howard Wayne Poier, 57

Howard Wayne Poier, 57, passed away July 18, 2015, as the result of a fire in his home.

Howard was born Jan. 24, 1958, in Kalispell to Stan and Ellen Poier. The youngest of three boys, he spent his early years hunting, fishing and hiking with family and friends.

Howard loved to explore; he journeyed to most of the mountain lakes in the area, including Glacier Park. Howard loved to organize get-togethers with old friends from younger years, he was a great host and created a lot of good memories for those he knew.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 1976. Howard attended Flathead Valley Community College, earning an Associate of Arts degree. He then attended Northern Montana College in Havre, earning a certificate as an

electrical technician.

As an adult, Howard worked at Semitool as an electrical technician until 1991. He had been employed at Stoltze Lumber in Columbia Falls for the past 18 years.


Howard enjoyed reading and was a history buff. He was loved by his family and friends and will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Stanton L. Poier, and mother, Ellen Poier.

He is survived by his father, Stan Poier; brother, Don, and sister-in-law, Deb Poier; nephew, Casey Poier; and niece, Samantha Poier; as well as relatives scattered throughout the Flathead Valley and Rocky Mountain region.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.



Come Join Us
Celebration of Life for
Howard Poier

Sykes Market in
the Basement,
August 15th
from 2-5pm.

Informal....come as you are.

Man found dead after house fire identified

The Daily Inter Lake

The Flathead County Sheriff's Office has identified the man found dead after an Evergreen house fire Saturday as Howard Wayne Poier, 57, of

Kalispell.

Poier was reportedly the sole occupant of the residence.

The cause of Poier's death is still pending and the cause and origin of the fire remains under investigation.



DEBRIS FROM the fire that apparently killed a man Saturday morning smolders outside the home on Rose Crossing. (Aaric Bryan/Daily Inter Lake)

Alan Porter, 77

The Rev. Alan Porter, 77, died Oct. 17, 2015, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Ann Porter; and children, Mark Alan Porter, Joseph Alan Porter, Patricia Ann Waters and

Margaret Ann Blask.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Easthaven Church in Kalispell. A graveside service will immediately follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Damian Wayne Porter, 35

Damian Wayne Porter, 35, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell June 28, 2015. Services are private.

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

Albert 'Bert' Poloson, 87

Albert "Bert" Poloson, 87, of Polson, died at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan on Jan. 25, 2015.

Bert is survived by his wife, Grace Poloson; sister, Fay Haynes; son, Russell Poloson and wife, Kimberly; daughter, Jeannie Bronec and husband, Chuck; daughter, Susan Krauss

and husband, Roger; daughter, Verna Ivory and husband, Gary; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bert is also survived by his nieces. No services are planned.

Messages of condolence may be sent to www.TheLakeFuneralHome-AndCrematory.com.

Luceta Mae 'Lucy' Pomeroy, 89

Luceta Mae "Lucy" Pomeroy, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, at Libby Care Center.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, at

the Church of the Nazarene in Libby.

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

Joan Powell, 85

Joan Powell, 85, "went to the Lord" on Oct. 2, 2015, at her home in the Springs of Whitefish surrounded by her Montana family.

She was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Brooklyn, New York.

She is survived by her brother, George Hucke and wife Angela; her sister-in-law, Anita Hucke, and several nieces and nephews in New York.

Her husband, Leonard, preceded her in death three years ago. He was the love of her life, and she missed him dearly. They both loved to sing and square dance, and were part of their church choir in Bigfork.

The last several years were difficult for Joan, as she suffered many physical ailments which made life more challenging. She lost her husband, which was the hardest thing she ever had to deal with, but was blessed by many caregivers and staff members at the Springs. Every one



of these caring people had a special part in Joan's life, and because of them, she was not

alone. Friendships were developed, lessons were taught, and blessings were in abundance.

In lieu of flowers, please spend some time with an elderly acquaintance or relative who may need a friend, a hug, or just to know that someone still cares. There be a viewing from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. at the Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, followed by a reception at the church from 2 to 3p.m. Burial will follow the reception at 3:30 p.m. at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Joan's family.

10 Feb 2015

Theodore Powers, 89

Theodore Powers passed away Jan. 26, 2015.

He was born June 20, 1925.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha, of over 64 years; six children; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ted joined the Navy in May 1943, and served on a destroyer escort in the Asiatic Pacific area during World War II. He was discharged in June 1946, with five medals.

He raised his family in California and worked for PG&E until he retired and moved to Kalispell, where he spent his summers making memories with his grandchildren and teaching them everything, from how to drive a trac-



tor, shoot a bow and arrow, build a dog house and ride

a horse. His lessons will never be forgotten.

Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be scattered on the land he loved.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

Christopher C. Prior, 69

Christopher C. Prior, 69, of Kalispell died Monday, June 15, 2015, at the University of Washington

in Seattle. Per the request of the deceased, no services are planned.

Ruby Wright Prentice, 71

Ruby Wright Prentice, 71, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her partner, Leo Fackler; son, Tony Scarlato of Casa Grande, Arizona; and daughter, Pam Scarlato of Glendale, Arizona. Services will be at 2

p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Kevin Lindgren. Interment will be at City of Libby Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow the services at the Libby Elks Lodge at 220 W. Fourth St.

13 May 2015

Violet 'Vi' Presnell 90

Violet "Vi" Presnell 90, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Vi was born on June 28, 1924, in St. Francis, Minnesota.

Vi married Pershing "Perch" Presnell on June 28, 1947. They had three sons, Robert, Larry, and Charles who died at birth.

Vi is survived by sons Bob and his wife Priscilla of Havre, and Larry and is wife Jeanie of Kalispell; grandchildren, Gil Presnell, Melissa Presnell,

Kevin Presnell, Amy Clark, Jonathan Presnell and Nathan Presnell; 13 great-grandchildren, plus one due any day; one great-great-grandson; brother, Edgar "Sonny" Channel, of Minnesota; and sister, Norma Burk, of Olney.

Cremation has taken place. No services will be held. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral home is caring for the Presnell family.

4 Dec 2015

Linda Arnone Prieto, 77

Linda Arnone Prieto, 77, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015.

Visitation will be noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Passantino Brothers Funeral Home, 2117 Independence Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64124, where a memorial service will begin at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to NorthCare Hospice House; or Crossroads Hospice in Kansas City.

Linda was born June 16, 1938, in Kansas City. She was a 1956 graduate of North Kansas City High School and received a master's degree in nursing from St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas. She spent seven years with the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth,



and then joined the U.S. Air Force as a flight nurse.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Rose

Arnone; her sister, Mary Lou Arnone; and her husband, David Prieto.

Survivors include her sons, David Prieto and John Prieto; her siblings, Michael A. Arnone, Rose Ann Newcomb, John D. Arnone and James E. Arnone; aunt, Marie Miller; and many nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be offered at www.passantinobros.com.

Edward Johannes Prestegaard, 89

Edward Johannes Prestegaard, 89, of Kalispell, "went to be with his Lord" in peace on Jan. 31, 2015, at the Kalispell HealthCenter Hospice.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, to follow with a graveside service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Ed was born on Feb. 7, 1925, to Johannes and Synnova in the small town of Ulvik, Norway, in the Hardangerfjord. He grew up on the family apple orchard, and often hiked to a small family cabin in the mountains above the fjord. Ed was in the Norwegian military and earned a medal for international operations. He was the eighth of 10 children and the only sibling to start an adventure in the U.S.

At the age of 23, after the war, he was sponsored as an immigrant by his uncle Ivar from Malta. He met his wife Patricia in Kodiak, Alaska, at church where he wrote in his daily journal, "Today, I heard an angel sing." They traveled to his wife Pat's family in New Jersey and were married 58 years ago. Over the next 10 years, five children were born in Alaska, Norway and Montana.

Ed was a man of many talents and occupations, including ownership of a restaurant, apartments and a creamery. He sold real estate and life insurance and was a builder of homes. Ed also started many Sons of Norway lodges across Montana.

Ed loved hunting and fishing with his sons. He was well known for his lutefisk dinners, making komla and lefse and his church pancake breakfasts. He was a man of strong faith and enjoyed sharing his life with others. Ed was an honorable man and a true patriarch to his family.

Pat recalls that Ed often



started projects from scratch to be used in this world, and finished. Even through difficult times

he was generous at heart, rich and grateful in the love of the Lord and the love of family.

"His treasures in heaven have surely been multiplied so that his joy and surprises will be found as he sees the result of his own life continue through the next generations."

He was tried and true and knew how to pray, and his favorite motto was "Keep the faith!" because his spirit was touched by the eternal God.

He was a man who loved to travel and met his personal challenges with a sense of humor and bravely fought to the end "when the Lord Jesus took him by the hand in perfect peace."

Ed is survived by his wife, Patricia; and their five children, June Juhnke and Ron, Glen Prestegaard and Carrie, Thor Prestegaard and Tracy, Sonja Merk and Vernon, and Christel Ritenour and Carlen; his 12 grandchildren, Chad, Eric, Jacob, Nick, Erin, Amanda, Kaleb, Ashley, Colten, Maria, Judah and Kirsten; along with his two great-grandchildren, Everlee and Ezekiel.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

A memorial fund has been set up for those who wish to make funeral donations. Please send to June Juhnke at 7233 Desert Ave., Boise, ID 83709.

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 Michael Pyles, 53

Charles Michael Pyles, 53, "gained his angel wings" unexpectedly on Sept. 20, 2015.

Michael, "Mike" or, to his sisters, "Mikey," was born to Charles Lee and Patricia Ann Pyles on April 6, 1962.

Mike loved to fish, hunt and was an excellent mechanic. Ever since he was a young boy, Mike could be found taking things apart and putting them back together. He loved sports and played baseball in his younger years. On Sundays you could find Mike watching pro football.

Michael was preceded in death by both his maternal and fraternal grandparents, his mother Patricia Ann, and father Charles Lee.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; his sister, Charla; sister, Darla, and husband, Dario, of Columbia Falls; brother, Todd, of Lewiston; and brother, Terry, of Kalispell; his nieces and nephews that he loved dearly; his uncle, aunt, and numerous



cousins and people he called friends, including his lifelong friend, Gigi Boushie.

Michael

will be missed — his sense of humor, his laughter and his caring ways.

"You may be gone, but you will always be in our hearts Mikey. We know you are now with momma and daddy, and we will see you again."

There will be a viewing for Mike from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, at Columbia Mortuary with a vigil service starting at 7 p.m. Funeral services for Mike will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, at Columbia Mortuary. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery.

There will be a potluck celebration at his sister Charla's home at 1058 Horseman Way, Columbia Falls starting at 5 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Mike's family.

Frances P. Pyzyna, 94

Frances P. Pyzyna, 94, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, at home in Bigfork.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth and Edward, and her daughters, Patricia and Lori.