

## Mary Penney Rabener, 90

Mary Penney Rabener, long time resident of Alameda, California, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Felipe Care Home in Danville, California.

Mary was born June 6, 1924. Mary grew up on a farm in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Montana in Ferndale, near Bigfork. Her parents were the late Donald Penney and Mabel Johnson Penney, plus Mary enjoyed the embrace of her extended Norwegian family. She graduated as valedictorian of her class at Big Fork High School.

During World War II she worked in Helena for the state of Montana, and there met her husband, William Rabener, at a USO dance. They married in 1943, and after Bill returned from the war in the Pacific, they moved to Los Angeles near Bill's large family.

Mary worked while Bill attended USC on the GI Bill and received his degree in pharmacy. With their two daughters, Nancy and Laurie, they shared in the many embracing picnics and holiday gatherings with Bill's family.

In 1957, the family moved north to San Jose for four years, and after purchasing Sutherland Pharmacy in Alameda, they moved to Alameda in 1961. Through Bill's involvement in the Lions Club of Alameda, they enjoyed many philanthropic and social occasions including dancing, which they loved. Mary and Bill worked as a team together in the pharmacy until Bill passed away suddenly in 1975.



Thereafter, Mary worked for and retired from the Alameda County Employees Retirement

Association. Mary was a long-time volunteer for Alameda Hospital Auxiliary, sewing puppets for the children. She was active in the Soroptimist Club of Alameda to help promote education and economic opportunities to improve the lives of women. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Mary had a keen artistic sensibility, as expressed through her tasteful and excellent sewing skills, making beautiful clothes for her daughters and granddaughter and lovely accents for her home.

Mary will be loved and remembered for her giving, loving, and compassionate nature, for her love of animals, for her integrity, wisdom, intelligence, artistic taste, and graciousness.

Mary is survived by her devoted children, Nancy Rabener and Tom Stimpfle of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Laurie Beasley and Paul Beasley of San Leandro, California and her beloved granddaughter, Mary Beasley.

We are deeply grateful to Felipe Care Home of Danville, California, for their warm, kind and exceptionally excellent care of Mary in her final years.

Mary's family wishes to thank you all for your outpouring of love and are privately celebrating her life.

## Darlene (Tuscher) Ramsey, 75

Darlene Ramsey was born Darlene Annette Tuscher in Grand Rapids, South Dakota, on July 10, 1939. There she grew up with her parents, Felix and Doris, older brother Calvin and younger sister Phyllis. Upon the sudden passing of her father, the remaining family moved to Kalispell. They lived on the farm with their grandfather while attending school in town at St. Matthew's Catholic School. Doris soon married Arthur Gilbertson, and with his family, they all built a house in town. Darlene attended Flathead County High School and graduated 1957.

Darlene pursued an education in nursing and moved to Spokane to attend the Sacred Heart School of Nursing. With her degree, Darlene moved to Seattle and began her career as a registered nurse.

It was in Seattle where friends introduced her to the love of her life, Norman Ramsey, and they married on May 25, 1965. Unable to have children of their own, they lovingly adopted two children through Catholic Community Services. Darlene worked part time for a while, but eventually decided to stay home with their children to give full attention to her family. Darlene volunteered at school, was the co-leader of her daughter's Girl Scout troop, and kept busy with her children's activities. She

was always up for an adventure with her family as they enjoyed hiking on the weekend, trips back to Montana or down to Oregon to visit family, camping, or vacations.

Darlene was a faithful believer who enjoyed volunteering for her church in Seattle. She was a regular at Bible study and raised her children Catholic. She was also gifted with sewing, whether it was an outfit, pajamas or even a prom dress. Darlene loved to craft, knit and crochet, and cross-stitch. She was an avid reader who enjoyed getting out in her yard and making it beautiful.

As their children grew up, Darlene and Norman found themselves moving to Vancouver, Washington, to be closer to family and especially their grandchildren. In these later years, Darlene remained involved in the church, was a doting grandmother and still loved to be creative, both inside and outside.

On May 4, 2015, Darlene suddenly lost her life to a ruptured aortic aneurism.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Calvin and Dorothy Tuscher, and Doug and Pat Gilbertson; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Danyelle Ramsey; daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Jason Preuit; granddaughters, Emma, Eleanor, Evelyn and Amanda and grandson, Ramsey.

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### Mahlon Keith Randall, 70

Mahlon Keith Randall, 70, of Bigfork, died Sept. 15, 2015, in Post Falls, Idaho, of complications following cancer surgery.

He was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Philadelphia to Marvin and Vivian (Reed) Randall.

When his dad completed his tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, the family moved to Great Falls. Mahlon graduated from Great Falls High School Class of 1963, was recipient of the Heisey Award, and was a representative at Boys State. He then went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology degree at the University of Wisconsin, Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he met his future wife, Jean Bopp, in freshman English class. After graduating with highest honors, they were married the next weekend on June 10, 1967.

Mahlon and Jean moved to Rolla, Missouri, while he pursued his master's degree. From there, his career started with Univac (Sperry Univac; Unisys) in 1968 in Roseville, Minnesota, and he worked there until his retirement in 2000. Other experience included two summer internships for General Motors in Michigan, and two special assignments in Los Angeles, in 1970 and 1990.

Upon retirement in 2000, he relocated from Stillwater, Minnesota, to Bigfork, where he served as president of the Ranch Water board, and operated M&K Consulting in his retirement.

Mahlon enjoyed auto racing, spurred by his family's participation in Montana dirt track racing starting in the 1950s, restoring classic cars and time spent tinkering in his shop. In the 1970s, he was involved with the Midwest Sprint Association, and continued to follow sprint car racing throughout his life.

He was a passionate



advocate for the "underdogs of life" and as a result was constantly engaged in political

and social dialogue to spur thought, debate and engagement from others. His passion and intensity extended to many things in life, including his love of animals and soft spot for dogs in particular.

Mahlon was preceded in death by a son John Mahlon, his father Marvin Randall, and his sister Dana Randall Clapshaw.

Survivors include his mother, Vivian Randall, of Great Falls; his wife, Jean Randall, of Bigfork; son, Donald, and Katie Randall, and granddaughter Mary Jean Randall, of North Oaks, Minnesota; brother, Reed, and Linda Randall, nieces Lorie Lacher and Kerry Randall, and nephew, Guy, and Debbie Clapshaw, all of Great Falls; nephew, Kristopher, and Elaine Randall, of Helena; and many great-nieces, -nephews and extended family and friends he dearly loved.

Donations may be directed to Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation to support the ALERT air ambulance service. Donations can be made online at [http://www.kalispellregional.org/foundation/make\\_a\\_donation/index.cfm](http://www.kalispellregional.org/foundation/make_a_donation/index.cfm) or by calling 406-751-6930.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 610 Second Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59403; 406-453-3114. Pastor Nancy Slabaugh Hart will officiate. A gathering will also be held at a later date in Bigfork.

Bell Tower Funeral Home of Post Falls, Idaho, has been entrusted with arrangements and you may share your thoughts and memories of Mahlon on his online memorial at [www.belltowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.belltowerfuneralhome.com).

### David John Randall, 70

David John Randall, 70, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.

Memorial services will

be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

### William 'Bill' Rentner, 82

William "Bill" Rentner, 82, passed away in Kalispell on Aug. 27, 2015.

Bill was born June 11, 1933, in Detroit to George William and Eva Sylvia (Walker) Rentner.

He is survived by his wife, Judith "Judy" Rentner; sons, Lee Rentner of Wixom, Michigan, and Mike Rentner of Temecula, California; and daughters, Renee Pullen of Whitelake, Michigan, and Margie Lane of Escondido, California.

No services are planned at this time.

Family and friends are encouraged to visit the

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

1 Sep 2015

## Tami Ray, 55

Tami Ray, 55, "went to be with God and her parents in heaven" on June 1, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home, surrounded by her loving family.

Tami, the youngest of three daughters was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Sept. 28, 1959, to Carl and Jeanne Ray. Tami spent her younger days growing up in Nebraska.

As a teenager she moved with the family to Great Falls where she attended CMR High School. She then attended the University of Bozeman for two years.

Tami was an insurance salesperson in Fort Worth, Texas, where she met and married Greg Wilkerson. They moved to Hawaii where Tami worked for Kona Coffee as a sales representative. Later she divorced and moved to her beloved Montana to be close to her family.

Tami loved gourmet cooking and grew tomatoes for her great salsa recipe. Tami loved people. She was a saleswoman at heart and would get to know everyone she came into contact with. She worked for John and Paula Lepo at Lepo & Co. on Main Street in Whitefish and lived in one of the great San Francisco-style apartments above the Main Street businesses.

Tami had many friends from many facets of life. She rode horses, went fly fishing and loved Montana's great outdoors.



and Jeanne Ray.

She is survived by her older sisters, Carla Jeanne Ray of Great

Falls and her life partner Lee Withrow, and Cathy Lee Perry of Kalispell and her husband Leonard Perry of Kalispell; and her nieces and nephews, Trisha and Russell Ehnes of Great Falls, Hillary Ann Counts of Kalispell, Stephanie Jeanne and John Pelizzari of Trumble, Connecticut, and Tessa Lee Perry of Columbia Falls, Ron and Becky Ray of Great Falls; great-nieces, Lacy Ehnes of Great Falls, Halle Jeanne Counts of Kalispell, Jamie Sundquist of Great Falls, Tami Jean Ray of Great Falls, and twins Jillian Maggie Ray and Justin Dean Ray of Great Falls; and great-nephews, Corey Ehnes of Great Falls, Joel Dean Ray of Great Falls, Sean Everett Arthur Norris of Columbia Falls and Joseph Pelizzari of Trumble, Connecticut; as well

as many cousins from Great Falls. Also included are Tami's friends, Amber and Steve Golliday of Virginia, Kathy Polejewski of Kalispell, Rhonda Niblet of Kalispell, Anna Cervero of Kalispell, Maggie Campbell of Great Falls, Castle Farinas of Seattle,

Bruce Farline of Spokane and Craig and Michelle Nelson of Kalispell; as well as the many people who touched her life along the way.

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

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Tami was working for the Whitefish Pilot as an outside saleswoman when she had a tragic accident on Christmas Eve, 2002, and has been in Immanuel Lutheran Home since 2003. Immanuel Lutheran was her home for 12 years where she was given great care, love and compassion from the entire staff. We will forever be indebted for the kindness Tami was shown by people who went above and beyond, doing more than their everyday tasks to ensure she was comfortable and for their gentle touch and guidance from this world to the next.

Tami's ashes will be joined with her mother's in Wolf Creek Canyon on a sunny day.

Tami was preceded in death by her parents, Carl

### Martha Lyn Reading, 69

Our talented, kind, caring, generous sister, Martha Lyn Reading, passed away at the Emmanuel Lutheran Home Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, after a lengthy battle with diabetes and kidney failure.

Martha was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, July 25, 1946. Her parents, John Reading and Georgia Christensen Reading, were thrilled at her birth. Martha attended Russell Elementary School and Kalispell Junior High. Her family moved back to Idaho Falls where she graduated from Bonneville High School and received her associate's degree at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. She also attended a year at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, prior to returning to Kalispell.

She wanted to be a teacher by profession but found that being a travel agent and waitress allowed her the ability to share her gift of giving. She loved waitressing and worked in many steakhouses in the Kalispell area. She also loved the adventure of traveling. She worked as a travel agent in several agencies around the valley and eventually, in 1989, partnered in opening her own travel agency. She was a travel agent by day and a waitress by night for over 35 years.

Her gift of giving was unmeasurable. She never wanted anyone to go



without. She had a soft voice and a big heart. She had a beautiful, warm smile and treasured

her association with her many wonderful friends. She loved flowers and loved sharing her many bouquets and baskets with others. Martha will be remembered mostly for her generosity, selfless giving and her kind and caring way.

She is survived by one brother, Ken Reading and Dorothy of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Julie Parmenter of Phoenix, and Sally Forman and Mark of Riverton, Utah; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Georgia Reading; and a brother, Hal "Doc" Wayne Reading.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1360 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. A viewing and family visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Flathead Food Bank.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

### Larry Reaves, 63

Larry Reaves, 63, in Kalispell Jan. 1, 2015.

No services are planned at this time.

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

### Gary Lee Red Elk, 76

Gary Lee Red Elk, 76, passed away Nov. 22, 2015, from complications of diabetes.

Gary was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Walter and Virginia (Young) Red Elk. He was raised in Walters, Oklahoma, then attended community college in Southern California.

For most of his adult life, Gary worked in law enforcement in California, Oklahoma and Montana. He served in special operations for the U.S. Army in 1963.

He married Virginia Taylor on Oct. 23, 2003.

Gary enjoyed hunting, gun collecting and his pets.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gary is survived by his wife, Virginia M.



Taylor-Red Elk; daughter, Shawn Lee Red Elk; and son, Gary Vincent Red Elk; siblings, Keith Red Elk, Kathy Red Elk, and Dewey Red Elk, all of

the Lawton/Walters area of Oklahoma; and three grandchildren, Samantha, Karlee and Richard Red Elk.

At his request, there will be no services.

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

### Dennis D. Reed, 67

Dennis D. Reed, 67, of Kalispell, died at his home on Oct. 11, 2015. A celebration of life

will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

28 Jan 2015

### Philip Jon Reed, 80

Philip Jon Reed passed away Dec. 21, 2015.

He was born to William And Violet (Moffat) Reed in Detroit on Nov. 1, 1935.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Bigfork; a daughter, Sandy DeMars, and husband, Daron, of Bigfork; a son, Rob Reed, and wife, Tonya, of Spirit Lake, Idaho; and a son, Ryan Reed, and wife, Jenny, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bill Reed, and wife, Mary, of Lake Havasu, Arizona; also nieces, nephews and cousins.

He served in the Navy from 1954 to 1958. He was assigned to the USS Curtiss and went to the Antarctic.

He married his wife Betty in 1962 and went to



Michigan State University.

He moved to Montana with Betty in 1963 and he taught school in Swan Lake. Then he taught school in Fallon, Nevada, for two years. But he loved Montana so much, that he moved back and had lived there since.

He lived life to the fullest and loved hunting, fishing, camping, traveling and going to Moose's with his family. He made many friends everywhere he went. He will be missed.

A celebration of his life is planned for this summer.

## Agnes O. Reese, 97

Agnes O. Reese, 97, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; daughters, Linda, Laverne, Winifred, Donna, and Roberta, and sons, Dallas, Gary, and Dennis.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

26 Jul 2015

## Frederick 'Fred' Reese, 76

Frederick "Fred" Reese, of Columbia Falls, died July 19, 2015, in Whitefish of Parkinson's disease.

He was born July 31, 1938, in Sulfur, Oklahoma, to Oscar Blake and Beatrice (Hysell) Reese.

He met his wife, Clare Schommer-Reese, while rangers in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio. They married in 1982. Their son, Blake, was born in 1994.

Fred studied at Montana State University-Bozeman and University of Montana-Missoula, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in earth science/education degree.

Fred taught at Center-ville schools for three years in Sand Coulee, and then 20 years in special education (K-3) at Glacier Gateway and Ruder Schools in Columbia Falls. He was kind and patient with his students.

He loved the outdoors and seasonally ranged in Death Valley National Park for two seasons and Glacier National Park for 45 summers, starting in 1966. Fred worked as a campground ranger, backcountry ranger, road patrol on the East side, then assistant subdistrict ranger at St. Mary and Many Glacier. He hiked almost everywhere in Glacier, and used this knowledge to help others with trail information. He loved Glacier: hiking, biking and skiing in his



free time with many friends.

Fred left Glacier for a law enforcement ranger position in Cuyahoga, Ohio, for three years. In

1982, he returned to Glacier as the campground ranger at Avalanche, then Fish Creek. He started a hiking group on his own. He finished his work there as the West Entrance supervisor in 2013.

He served in the U.S. Army in Fulda, Germany, for three years from 1959 to 1962.

Fred is survived by his wife Clare, their son Blake, brother Troy and Joy in Oklahoma, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces

and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Gwen Witkowsky of Oklahoma City, and brother Art of Houston.

A celebration of life will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Glacier National Park Community Building in the Park Headquarters area by West Glacier. If fire causes a closure of West Glacier, contact Clare at the email address below for an alternate location information. This is a potluck. For out-of-towners who can't fix food in their motel, or if you find out about this too late to RSVP, come anyway, we will have extra food. Please RSVP to [fredreesecelebrationoflife@gmail.com](mailto:fredreesecelebrationoflife@gmail.com). Bring Fred pictures if you have any.

His family thanks the kind staff of Whitefish Center nursing home, and Frontier Hospice.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Fred's family.

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# Longtime ranger fondly remembered

By CHRIS PETERSON  
Hungry Horse News

Doug Follett remembers Fred Reese well. The two men worked in Glacier National Park together for decades.

Reese, a longtime Glacier National Park ranger and School District 6 teacher, died last week. He was 77.

On one humorous hike, Follett was leading a group of English hikers up to Sperry Chalet while

Reese and a woman were just behind them, their destination Mount Brown Lookout.

Follett left a note for the woman at the Mount Brown junction sign.

"Why don't you dump those sissies and come up to Sperry and hike with a real man?" the note read.

The next day Follett was coming down the trail with the party.

Reese, in turn, left a note for him.

"If you're so tough Follett, why don't you untie those five grizzlies we left for you at the septic tank?"

The tank was right near the trailhead.

Down the trail, lo and behold, the party ran into a sow grizzly and three cubs, completely by coincidence.

"Those aren't the bears," an Englishman whispered over Follett's shoulder. "They said

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there'd be five. There's only four."

It was events like those that define a friendship.

"Working with Fred was an honor, a pleasure and a privilege," Follett said.

Reese, of Columbia Falls, started his park career as a seasonal ranger at the Rising Sun Campground in 1966.

Reese was an elementary special education teacher in Columbia Falls from 1990 to 2010.

Most recently, Reese was a familiar and friendly face at Glacier Park's west entrance from 1990 to 2013, when he retired due to poor health. He suffered from Parkinson's disease late in his career but still was a main figure at the west entrance, greeting folks with a

smile.

He worked as a campground ranger, backcountry ranger, visitor-use assistant, fee collector and entrance station supervisor.

Follett recalled another incident in Many Glacier. A climber was stuck in the cliffs of Mount Allyn and was calling, "Help, help!" Reese was the first ranger to the man. Reese roped the hiker up and lowered him to the scree slopes below.

The man, who worked at Many Glacier Hotel, barely said thank you and ran off to the hotel.

"He told Fred he was late for work," Follett recalled. "That was the Fred Reese I remember."

Reese is survived by his wife, Clare, and his son, Blake.

24 Apr 2015

### Judith Joy Coriell Reese, 98

Judith Joy Coriell was born in Great Falls on Sept. 27, 1916. She was raised on her family's ranch outside of Stanford, with her parents Mary Effie Lemon and Lewis Alonzo Coriell and siblings Dr. Louis Lemon Coriell (Esther), Myrtle Denise Holgate (Stanley), Viola Fender (Marvin), and Dr. Earl Donald Coriell (Betty), and her half brother and sister Olga "Jack" Coriell and Hyacinth Nevada Coriell (Rollwitz). Judith's parents also raised Hyacinth's children, William Rollwitz and Eileen Rollwitz (Wagner) after their parents died.

Much to her mother's disapproval based on her refined Eastern sen-



sibilities, Judith was a ranch hand and loved every aspect of life on a working

ranch. She flourished in the outdoors as a child growing up in the Depression. She often spoke of riding her horse, her dog Foxy and their many adventures and regular chores.

She graduated from Stanford High School in 1934. She was working in San Francisco as secretary to the president of Great Northern Railroad during World War II. When her father fell ill she came home and ran the ranch until his

health returned.

She married Morgan St. Clair Reese from Belgrade on Feb. 16, 1946, in Helena. His parents, Carrie Alma Morgan and Percival Everton Reese, owned a grain elevator outside of Belgrade which was the scene of many a happy childhood adventure for Judith's two daughters, Sheryl Anne Reese (Frasier) of Kalispell, and Michele Diane Reese (Foley) of Whitefish.

Morgan and Judith lived in Cut Bank. Judith worked as a nurse and office manager for Dr. George Waller for more than 30 years. She was known in the community as an intelligent, educated person whose interests

including ranching, archeology, astrophysics, and gourmet cooking.

Judith was living in her own home near Sheryl in Kalispell with her cat Bigglesworth until just a few months before her death.

She passed away peacefully from complications of old age at Brendan House at age 98. Her daughters were at her side on that glorious spring morning of Sunday, April 19, 2015.

She is survived by her daughters, her two sons-in-law, Joe Ruffolo and Dennis Foley; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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

23 May 2015

### Synneve R. 'Sunny' Reeves, 92

Synneve R. "Sunny" Reeves, 92, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at the Village Health Care Center in Missoula.

Funeral Services for Sunny will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, followed by burial at



Lakeview Cemetery.

To send messages of condolence please go to [www.TheLakeviewFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.TheLakeviewFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com).

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## MEMORIAL

### Dan Reichardt

A memorial gathering and scattering of ashes will be held July 5 in

Teton County, Wyoming, for Dan Reichardt, 73, who died July 13, 2014.

## Peter Charles Reichenbach, 74

Peter Charles Reichenbach, 74, "departed this world to join Jesus" Friday, March 13, 2015.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1940, in Spokane to John and Marguerite Reichenbach. Pete attended St. Patrick's grade school and Gonzaga High School in Spokane.

Throughout his life on earth, Pete was a man of many giftings. He was an athlete, a boxer, a sprint car racer and a fisherman. Pete had an artistic flair as well, and especially loved to create stained glass works of art for friends and family. It was hard to have a conversation with Pete without missing his good sense of humor and mischievous spirit — a spirit that even military life could not take away from him.

At the age of 25, Pete was drafted into the Navy and served four years in the Vietnam War. Pete courageously served our country building bridges as part of the Seabees in the war and was awarded the following medals/badges: Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Fleet Marine Combat Operations Insignia, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device and a Purple Heart. During his time there, he made lifelong friends with his service members and had the privilege to reconnect with them in 2012.

Pete worked as a longshoreman in the Vancouver, Washington, area where he eventually retired. During retirement, he decided to winter in Arizona which is where he would meet his life partner and best friend.

Among the most important of his many accomplishments, Pete was a dedicated father



and grandfather. On Valentine's Day in 1999, Pete married the love of his life, Joyce Gross. He embraced her five children and many grandchil-

dren and great-grandchildren as his own. Pete developed a special relationship with each member of the family and was known to love to visit, tease; play catch and give special wheelchair rides to the smallest of these. He will be gratefully remembered for the earnest way in which he cared and provided for his wife during their 16 years of marriage.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marguerite Reichenbach; and his grandson, Justin Francis.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; sons, Bill, Rick and Gene Gross; daughters, Bonnie Riedel and Wanda Galloway, and their families, including 16 grandchildren nine great-grandchildren; brother, John Reichenbach; and sisters, Ethel, Alice, Marge and Ann, and their spouses.

A family memorial service was held March 15. Pete was blessed by the ability to say goodbye to his beloved family and pass into heaven in the comfort of his home. The family rejoices in knowing that Pete is with the Lord where we know he is experiencing abundant joy.

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy. At your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11.



## Frances Hess Reilly, 98

Frances Fay Hess Reilly was born March 3, 1917, at her family farm in Victor. She and her twin brother, Herbert, were delivered by the next door neighbor during a severe March snowstorm. Their combined weight was less than five pounds.

Frances peacefully "went to heaven," Dec. 20, 2015, at the age of 98. She was fully active and involved with life and family up to her final day here on earth.

Frances often shared her many wonderful memories of growing up in the shadow of the Bitterroot Mountains in the early 20th century. Her father, Albert Hess, and her mother, Hattie Stockman Hess, were the epitome of "Montana tough" and Frances inherited their strength and fortitude. Albert arrived in Montana in the late 1800s seeking a life in the West. He met Hattie in Missoula and together they farmed and ranched near St. Ignatius and then settled on the east side of the Bitterroot Valley in Victor to farm, ranch, run a large dairy and raise seven children. Frances and Herbert were the youngest.

Frances attended the University of Montana in Missoula for one year



and then transferred to Dillon where she graduated and obtained her teaching credentials.

Her first teaching assignment was the elementary school in Corvallis. She continued to teach for many years in various grades and many places.

While in Dillon she met the love of her life, Thomas James Reilly of Jefferson City. They were married Thanksgiving Day 1941 at her family farm in Victor. Thomas completed Officer Training School and was promptly inducted into the military after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Thus began a life of challenge and adventure for Frances as the wife of a career officer in the Air Force.

Thomas and Frances celebrated 64 years of marriage. She guided her family through three wars, many moves and multiple challenges with her wisdom, courage and faith. Someone once asked her what her "secret" to long life was. Her answer was, "Stay flexible!" To that she added her deep trust in God's provision at all

times and every situation.

Frances loved being a homemaker, mother, wife and teacher. Frances loved her students and they loved her back. She was an advocate for her children and her students, instilling in them her belief in a future and a hope. She was a wonderful cook and seamstress. Frances loved and appreciated all the arts, especially music and painting. She loved to play bridge and actively played up to the weeks before her passing on. She truly enjoyed people and always made friends wherever she was. Frances remained curious and actively learning throughout her life. That engagement with life made her a great friend to young and old alike.

She taught Sunday School faithfully for many years and was always involved with a Bible study. The first task she always undertook settling her family into a new community was to find a home church. Her Bible is still open to her last reading on the table where she left it near her cup of coffee.

For we children, Mom was the rock and the glue that kept our lives stable

as we were transferred throughout our father's military career. Her son, Tom Jr., wrote of Mom: "She was simply the best of the best, the shining example of what every son would want their mother to be. She was as tender as every loving mother is supposed to be and as tough as every loving mother ought to be." Her family all agree.

"I pray that everyone who meets you will catch your faith and learn from you how wonderful it is to be in Christ Jesus." Philemon 6.

Frances lived up to that admonition whether at home, in town, teaching a class, in church, at the bridge table or with her family.

Frances is survived by son, Thomas J. Reilly Jr., and wife Linda, of Macedonia; daughters, Carol Frances Tuel of Texas, and Kathleen Johnson and husband Rey, and Sarah Hardey of Bigfork. Frances leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren as well as dearly loved nieces and nephews.

A service and interment at Fort Missoula will be announced at a date to be determined in the summer.

## Leo Renfrow, 93

Happy, kind, active, strong, gentle, fun-loving and playful, Leo Edgar Renfrow, 93, passed away at Beehive Homes in Columbia Falls on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015.

He was born March 3, 1922, to Clyde Merlin Renfrow and Ruby Ruth Robison in Greeley, Iowa, where he and siblings Leila, Dean and Lyle enjoyed hard work and hearty play on the family farm. Leo once sneaked away from chores to race his pony at the country fair. With bare feet and bib-overalls, Leo took home prize money for first place, and a blue ribbon for Best of Show.

Dreams of adventure and travel drew Leo in 1941 to the United States Navy. Leo served 33 months aboard the battleship Pennsylvania in World War II then, after a short stint in Hawaii, he transferred to Ottumwa Naval Air Station in Iowa where he met and courted Ruth Milligan. The courtship included Leo driving a Jeep up the office steps and down the aisle to Ruth's desk to deliver paperwork. Chief Renfrow had met his match. Thirty one days later, they began their 56-year marriage.

Following the end of World War II and the birth of son Doren in 1946, Leo followed his dreams prompted by his Uncle Jack's stories of Montana and the Robison family homestead near Ovando. Leo moved his new family to Missoula where son David was born in 1951. A love affair with Montana began. Leo spent many hours fly fishing the Bitterroot and Blackfoot Rivers around Missoula.



of the small-town heroes of their generation. Leo and ski buddy Loren Kreck spent many winter nights at 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. sprinkling the skating rink at Shoenberg

Park's Killer Hill so town kids had good skating ice in the mornings.

When Ruth decided Marantette Park needed a band shell, Leo contacted his friend Leonard Knutson and the three spearheaded labor, material and sweat donations to complete the Don Lawrence amphitheater. And they became acquainted with a new generation of givers.

Leo's cabinet and millwork business grew. Beginning in the '60s, his company successfully completed the University of Montana high-rise dorms and Student Center contracts, then various commercial projects in Montana, Washington, Oregon and Alaska. In the early 1980s, Leo's business entered the San Francisco Bay Area where the successor firms remain active today from Columbia Falls. Work with Leo was always fast-tempo fun. Grandchildren and town kids had an opportunity to find good summer work at Renfrow Cabinet Works.

Renfrow cabinets. In the 1980s Leo became general contractor for the Christian Churches of Montana's Lodge at Lincoln. Leo and Ruth logged over 100 donated weekends and many weeks in this lasting endeavor. Leo volunteered on a mission trip to construct a school in Jamaica.

Son Doren and wife Jeanne live in Kalispell. Their oldest son Tom and wife Karla are in Boise, Idaho, with Leo's great-grandsons Tanner, Chase and Kaleb. Their son Tony and wife Holly are in Westminster, Colorado, and great-granddaughter Rachel Marie. Son Dave and Jane are in Columbia Falls where daughter Amber and husband Clark Davis live with great-grandchildren Ruby and Eddy. Their daughter Cami Renfrow lives in Salida, Colorado, with husband Trent Hickman, and great-grandchildren Mazie Jane and August Holt.

Leo's precious dynamic sister Leila Samuelson lives in Prescott, Arizona, with her daughter Terri.

Family and friends are rich with memories and

stories of Leo. Family will have a private service this week, followed by a celebration of Leo's life at Marantette Park this summer for everyone wishing to share stories and laughter.

Donations in memory of Leo may be made to Woodlawn Cemetery or Habitat for Humanity.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Leo's family.

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# Leo Renfro Cont

Leo was called back to Navy service for the Korean War for two years aboard the tanker Taluga.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1953, Leo apprenticed and quickly became a master cabinet maker at Tapley's in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1954, Leo, Ruth, Doren and David moved to the robust Montana town of Columbia Falls where he opened Renfrow Cabinet Works. The people, the place, the work, the schools and the era were a perfect fit for his optimism and energy.

Following Ruth's death in 2002, Leo stayed active, traveling to Russia to ride the 6,000 mile Trans-Siberian Railway. Two years later, at age 82, he was on the Great Wall of China.

Surrounded by rolled-up-sleeves people of their generation, Leo and Ruth became prolific workers and givers. Leo never said no to a civic request. Always a Wildcat Booster, when the new high school budget did not include money to add trophy cases, Leo built them anyway in late nights at his shop. When Jack King, then Chamber president said, "Leo, let's build an arch," Leo built the iconic "Columbia Falls" arch that spanned Nucleus until the state highway was widened. Habitat houses, Church Women United Clothes Closet, and many other projects became works of love of Leo and Ruth and many

Like today, Columbia Falls in the early '60s was home to a small group of active mountaineers. Together with their families they hiked up trails and off trails and climbed peaks in the Missions and Glacier Park. Leo's many hikes with grandchildren leave cherished memories and experiences which still echo in the rocks and trees of Western Montana country. Following a difficult descent in the Missions with even their shoe laces added to extend rappel rope, mountaineer Hal Kanzler told him, "Leo, if I ever needed one guy on the end of a rope, I choose you because I know you'd never let go 'til you came with me."

Leo and family built a houseboat which was the vehicle of great fun on Hungry Horse Reservoir and later Echo Lake for many years.

Wednesday ski group was planned over coffee. "Yabadabadoo tomorrow?" meant, "Are we going skiing?" Loren, Louis, Charlie, Doc, Hal ... Leo's coming with you. Yabadabadoo!

Leo and Ruth practiced an active faith. Many area churches have fixtures donated by Leo. Several Habitat for Humanity Homes have

## Graydon G. Reynolds, 85

Graydon G. Reynolds, 85, passed away Dec. 13, 2015, with his wife Pat by his side. They were married 53 years.

He was born March 26, 1930, in Bemidji, Minnesota. He has six brothers and three sisters — a close family.

When Gray was young he married his childhood sweetheart, Velma Clapper. She passed away in her 20s, leaving him to raise three young sons. A few years later he married Pat and raise their six children in Oregon.

Gray worked many jobs; his last two were his favorites — city fireman in Forest Grove, Oregon, and Plum Creek sawmill in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, LeRoy and Dale.

Gray is survived by his wife, Pat; their children, Merlin and Tanna

of Chehalis, Washington, William and Cheryl or Reno, Nevada, Deborah and Ivan Petersen of Columbia Falls, Steve Reynolds and Jeri of Carlton, Oregon, Tom Reynolds of Monmouth, Oregon, and Terry and Sandy Reynolds of Soldotna, Alaska; many grandkids and great-grandkids; siblings, Muriel Jensen, Gale Bailey, Bruce and Betty, Jesse and Marlas, Don and Mary, and Patty Ann and Lannie Luding, all of Columbia Falls, and Charles of Evergreen; and sister-in-law Shirley of Columbia Falls.

Gray was very proud of all of our children and will be missed greatly.

His wishes were to have a celebration of life with a potluck some time in June, and his ashes spread in the mountains he loved.

## Lucille Reynolds, 97

Sunday June 21, 2015, at 7 a.m. our mother left this mortal world after almost 98 years of life.

Lucille was born July 22, 1917, in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

Anyone granted the pleasure of knowing her would have realized early on the value of her incredible wisdom in the navigation of daily living. Her recommendations were usually short and to the point and so seldom dispensed that you tried desperately to absorb every word she uttered. Retired registered nurse and hospital supervisor, World War II combat nurse as well as wife and the mother of five children left her little room for drama. Common sense and an unyielding definition of fairness was how she dealt with the obstacles in her life.

We will never forget her advice for enjoying life. She would tell us often "It's better to wear out than it is to rust out." That belief along with a general impatience of things that are, sent her to a career in nursing. She left her family on their South Dakota farm and went to nurses training. Post training, she worked a short time in Arizona and Iowa.

In May of 1941, at the age of 24, she joined the Army Nursing Corps. Not content to spend her military career stateside, she served her country overseas in war time combat zones. Her four years of duty included tours in Tunisia, Naples, Foggia, Rome and Arno. She didn't often speak of the war, but did share memories of surgeries in tent hospitals and moving patients through deep mud on litters, relocating to hospitals across the road. Warm beds and good food were only memories from home. As she recalled these events to us she would always end with a smile and tell us there was never anything too good for "her boys." Her patients were like friends, not simply casualties of war.



to various military bases, managing to have a family of five children along the way. Mom was one of those rare individuals who were always eager for a move. She would say to us "A bad move is better than no move at all." They relocated to various bases stateside as well as overseas tours in the Philippines Islands and Puerto Rico. Traversing across the globe (often unaccompanied by our father) with a batch of children seemed effortless for our mother. After returning from the Philippines our father was once again stationed at and retired from Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. Mom returned to nursing and assumed the tasks of a night supervisor at Deaconess Hospital.

When Dad retired in 1969 they moved to the Flathead Valley — another move and another career for Mom. She accepted the position as the night supervisor at Kalispell Regional Hospital and Dad ran a small gunsmith shop in Kalispell for a friend. They built a home south of Whitefish and settled down to raise the last remaining children. Dad passed away in the fall of 1972.

Mom remained working at the hospital until she retired in 1989. Even after retiring she never let her feet sit too idle. She took a few cruises, traveled to see family, and remained active with her church and friends. A short move in 1993 took her to the house she would remain at until the age of 94. In January of 2011 she became a resident of the Montana Veterans Home. That was the last move she would ever make.

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Between nursing duties and her care of psychiatric patients she still managed to meet and marry the love of her life. A romance usually reserved for Hollywood movies would unroll. As much as the war would allow, they managed to spend time falling in love while exploring Italy. It was quite a party. On our father's military plane our mother's name was proudly displayed. The red leather sandals he brought her from Rome still sit on the closet floor. One of the greatest of Mom's memories for us, however, was when our father would fly his plane over the hospital where our mother was stationed and drop messages from his plane. Hospital wards would happily retrieve these notes and deliver them to mother's hands. Air Force Mustang fighter pilot, beautiful Army nurse — how could this end in anything but forever? In December 1944 they were married at Fifteenth Air Force fighter base in Italy. Mom's military career lasted four years. In that time she was awarded three Bronze Stars, an American Defense Service Medal, as well as a European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medal. In 1945 she and our dad were discharged from the Army. Within the next two years our dad re-enlisted in the Air Force. Mom followed him

Mom's resume was impressive with her military record as well as the respect and love she received from those nurses who had the privilege of working with her. But more valuable than any of those accomplishments was the integrity she was able to instill in her children. She taught us to be kind. She always said, "You don't know what people endure in their lives, it's not fair to judge, give people a break, always be kind." She lived her life by those words and always put her own needs last.

Sadly, another member of a great generation has passed on. She was more than our mother, she was a dear friend, a mentor and the glue which held the family together. She will be truly missed by all. We could have selfishly asked her to stay, just a little longer, maybe until her 100th birthday, but we weren't raised that way.

Entrusted to carrying on her beliefs and sharing her memories are Susan and Paul Skites of Wilsonville, Oregon; Bill and Kathleen Reynolds of Kalispell; Mary and Bill Smith of Oregon City, Oregon; John and Rosalind Reynolds of Prescott, Arizona; and Michelle Holdgrafer of Columbia Falls; as well as many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a Catholic Mass at the Veterans Home Chapel and a burial to follow at Custer National Battlefield Cemetery.

## Montie Shane Reynolds, 50

Montie Shane Reynolds, 50, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in a motorcycle accident near Kalispell.

He began this beautiful fall day like most Sundays. After he and his longtime best friend and brother-in-law Lance Streeter had breakfast, Montie walked to the 8:30 a.m. service at Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church. He meticulously mowed his lawn and visited with family and friends at his picnic table before taking a ride on his Harley to his favorite restaurant.

Montie was on his way home when tragedy struck. We lost a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend that night.

Born June 27, 1965, to Bill and Linda Reynolds of Republic, Washington, he graduated from Republic High School in 1983.

Montie and Taja Walker were married Dec. 31, 1988, at Lake Tahoe, Nev. They divorced after 13 years of marriage.

After graduation, Montie went to work in the woods for Somday Logging Co. in Republic. He attended Spokane Falls Community College and then moved to Winnemucca, Nevada, where he worked in a gold mine for 13 years. In 1999, he moved to Montana to be closer to family. He worked for the city of Kalispell in the Traffic Signs and Signals Department for more than 15 years.



ited all of his favorite childhood places, from Lambert Creek to Swan Lake.

Montie was a perfectionist who paid attention to detail and worked tirelessly at whatever task he tackled. His long list of hobbies included cooking, wood-working, hiking, trap shooting and gardening. Much to the delight of his guests, he had a cotton candy machine, commercial coffee maker and prime rib oven. He had a taste for the finer things in life and never settled for second best.

He was a talented go-to guy if you ever needed something mechanical figured out or help with a project. He was always willing to lend a hand to those in need. Making people happy brought him great joy and his smile lit up the room.

Montie had many friends and family members who loved him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Fern Reynolds, and mother, Linda Reynolds.

## Kalispell man dies in motorcycle crash on Farm-to-Market

A Kalispell man died at the scene of a motorcycle crash on Farm-to-Market Road Sunday evening.

According to the Flathead County Sheriff's Department, Montie Reynolds, 50, died when the motorcycle he was driving crashed shortly after 8 p.m. The Associated Press reported that Reynolds was thrown into the westbound lane with non-fatal injuries after rear-ending a sport utility vehicle that braked suddenly to avoid a deer. Twenty or 30 seconds later, Reynolds was hit by a westbound pickup truck.

The Montana Highway Patrol was still investigating the the crash as of Tuesday afternoon.

In addition to his father, Bill, and stepmother Patty Reynolds, he is survived by sisters, Kerri Sandaine of Clarkston, and Nikki Streeter and Heidi Reynolds, both of Kalispell, along with his brother-in-laws, Lance Streeter and Rob Sandaine. Montie also leaves behind Bob the bulldog. He is also survived by nephews and nieces, Shara-lee Schaefer of Salem, Oregon, Dustin Sandaine of Hawaii, Emma Sandaine of Clarkston, Ariane Waller and Natalie Streeter of Kalispell, Cheyenne Cook of Missoula, and Valerie and Scott Cook of Kalispell. His great-nephews and -niece are Sam and Georgia Schaefer, Carter Waller and Jack Jankovich. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Ruie and John Skibby, of Kettle Falls, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 17 at Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Montie was blessed with the gift of hospitality, and his little house was a popular gathering place for many. He was always quick to offer his guests fresh-roasted coffee or the finest beer on tap, along with a slice of fresh baked raspberry pie. He carried on the family tradition of making waffles, using sourdough that was started years ago by his grandma Fern.

He had an extensive music collection and enjoyed attending concerts. Over the years, Montie traveled to Hawaii, the Caribbean Islands and New Zealand, and he enjoyed going to his dad's house in Ferry County. One of the best trips of his life was earlier this summer when he drove his restored 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck to Republic with his dog riding shotgun. He and his father vis-

## Lester Raymond 'Ray' Rhodes, 63

Ray Rhodes, 63, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Dec. 18, 2014. His mother, father, brother and little sis, "were there to greet him to his heavenly home."

Ray was born on Jan. 6, 1951, in Kalispell, to Lester George Rhodes and Orrine (Lynch) Rhodes. He attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. He then graduated from Helena Vo-Tech in auto mechanics.

He came back to the



Flathead and worked at Anaconda Aluminum Co. for a time, later working at the Outlaw Inn

and Grouse Mountain as a maintenance man.

Ray was a very gentle man. He enjoyed reading, was especially fond of history of any kind, Montana being his favorite. Comic sketching was something he liked to do, his best sketches were of the

cartoon character, Rick O'Shay; he was very good at it.

The place Ray was most comfortable, was in the woods of Rhodes Draw, it being the homestead of his great-grandfather, John Rhodes. He loved to hunt and fish, especially with his brother Larry. They spent many enjoyable hours just being out there in the woods of their heritage.

Ray was preceded in death by his father Lester George, his mother Orrine, brother Larry,

and a sister, Joyce Pearl.

He is survived by his loving aunts and many cousins.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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## Cristal Lea Gilbert Rice, 55

Cristal Lea Gilbert Rice, 55, passed away April 24, 2015, at her home.

She was born Oct. 18, 1959, in Kalispell and was raised in Evergreen. She attended school in the Evergreen school system and graduated from Flathead High School in 1977.

She later graduated from C & C Beauty School and became a hairdresser, working at various beauty parlors.

Cristal loved watching TV, especially "NCIS." She loved the outdoors and swimming. She also enjoyed sitting on her family's house deck and listening to the birds and wind through the trees, as well as attending family get-togethers.

She was preceded in

death by her grandparents, Frank and Mae Gingery, and her father, George Gilbert.

Cristal is survived by her mother, Avis A. Gilbert, of Kalispell; children, Christopher Rode of Renton, Washington, and Brenden Rice of Kalispell; sisters, Cindie L. Wright and husband Lewis of Santa Clarita, California, Carrie L. Gilbert of Kalispell, and Cathie L. Gilbert of Kalispell; nieces, Cambria Happ of Washington, D.C., and Michelle Roberts of Kalispell; and nephew, Jeff Happ, of Castaic, California.

Graveside services took place April 30 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Carrie Marie (Main) Richards, 77

Carrie died Oct. 10, 2015. Eighteen years ago Carrie suffered a stroke.

Carrie was born April 20, 1938, in Harlem, Montana, to Kenneth and Thelma Main. Her family moved to Kalispell when she was 7 years old. She attended schools in Kalispell.

Carrie worked at the Park Inn in Kalispell for many years and at Andy's Tukwila Diner in Seattle.

Carrie was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Thelma Main; her husband, Fred Richards; son, Dan Schulze; her brother, Ted Main; and sister, Shirley Main.

She is survived by her daughter, Lori Nightingale, of Seattle; sisters, Phyllis and Richard Potuzak of Kalispell, Fran and Howard Ruby of Somers, Helen Petty of Seattle, Barb and Larry Smith of Kalispell, and Linda and Mickey Byers of Coos Bay, Oregon; brother, Earl, and JoAnn Main, of Sweet Home, Oregon;



sister-in-law, Sherryl Main, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Glenda Schulze, of Kalispell; and grand-

children, Tara Graf, Austin Nightingale, Brandan, Bryan and Brayden Schulze and families. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews and cousins. She has four great-grandchildren.

Carrie had resided at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for many years. Carrie's family would like to thank Kalispell Medical Center, her doctors and especially the wonderful loving care she received at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Please make any donations to Immanuel Lutheran Home at 185 Crestline Drive, Kalispell MT 59901.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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## James Marvin Richards, 81

James Marvin Richards, 81 passed away Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, in Whitefish.

He was born March 2, 1933, in Havre. He was born the son of James and Lorraine Richards and was raised in a family of five.

Jim attended Havre public schools and entered the Army at the age of 18. Jim served in Korea.

Later he was employed by Nordling and Tweeter, and later by Wink Ford in Havre.

He and Audrey raised



a family of four children. They retired in Whitefish.

Jim was a member of the Assembly of God in Columbia Falls.



Private family services will be held today at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Private burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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## Evelyn 'Lucille' Long Richwine, 87

Evelyn "Lucille" Long Richwine, 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan on Nov. 8, 2015, from the effects of AML, acute myeloid leukemia, which had been diagnosed on July 9, 2015.

Lucille was born on May 24, 1928, in Hastings, Nebraska, to Earl and Grace Long. She was the first of four daughters. Her family moved to the Ronan area where her parents homesteaded east of town at the base of the mountain. During the war in 1942, the family moved for a short period of time to Denver where her father worked at the Remington Arms Ammunitions plant to help out in the war effort. Later the family moved back to the Mission Valley, settling in Polson for a few years and living at the Lake County shop across the bridge while her father, Earl, worked for the county as a shop foreman.

Lucille attended her high school years in Polson, graduating from Polson High School in 1946. During her high school years she worked at the local theater where she was an usher and later moved up to working in the ticket booth. She started her bookkeeping career at the local dime store. Those skills she learned she would later use in running the family business.



years and then purchased the land, buildings and equipment even though the banker was skeptical and said Richwine's Burgerville would never make it as it was too far out of town. Lucille and Enoch worked side by side for 24 years where they built their business together into what it is today. Upon Enoch's retirement in 1987, Lucille partnered with her son Shane for three years and then retired in 1990. Son Shane took over the operations of the business for the next 20 years. Upon Shane's death in 2009, daughter Marcia came back to the valley to keep the family business operating and has now completed her sixth season. Though Lucille retired in 1990, she continued to be by her children's side assisting in the daily operations of the business wherever and whenever needed. Burgerville was her "life," she stated recently. She was proud that each of her children worked at the restaurant as well as many of her grandchildren over the years. Lucille was blessed to have employed and work with so many special people. Not only were they employees, but became very good friends.

a big gambler but went more for the social activities. She loved being around her friends and a priority was to make sure that she spent time with them on Friday nights at the Polson Elks Club for dinner. Mom also loved attending her grandchildren's events. She took great pride in their accomplishments.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Long (1989) and Grace Long (2008); her baby daughter (1955); husband Enoch (2006); and son Shane (2009).

Lucille is survived by three children, Mason and Kathy Richwine of Columbia Falls, Corey and Kathy Richwine of Ronan, and Marcia and Cameron Moen of Missoula, and daughter-in-law Vicky Richwine of Polson; her eight grandchildren, Jeremy and Marisa Richwine of Florien, Louisiana, Sam Richwine, Adam Richwine U.S. Marine Corps, in North Carolina, Brandy Richwine of Ronan, Christina Richwine of Charlo, Danielle Richwine of Ronan, Casey Moen of Medora, North Dakota, and Cassidy Moen of Missoula; two stepgrandchildren, Todd Robertson and Daren Robertson, of Hungry Horse; and three great-grandchildren, Matthew, Elizabeth and Kennon Richwine of Florien, Louisiana. Lucille is also survived by three sisters, Juanita and Homer Andersen of Polson, Cookie Mead of Alberton, and Peggy Seifert of Polson; and

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Lucille's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Polson Community Church. A reception will follow at the Polson VFW and Lucille will be laid to rest with her husband Enoch at 3 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to St. Luke Hospital in Ronan or the VFW ladies auxiliary, Ronan.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of the Lake Funeral Home in Polson. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

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## Lucille Richwine Coit

Lucille met and married a young Navy man by the name of Enoch Richwine. They were married on July 21, 1947, in Missoula and enjoyed 58 years of marriage. Lucille spent the early years of her marriage as a full-time wife and mother. She continued to live in the same residence that she and Enoch built in 1948 until the time of her passing.

After the premature birth of their daughter Marcia in 1961, Enoch came home one day and told Lucy, "You had better get a job" to help pay the large medical bills incurred due to the birth. On April 20, 1962, Lucille and Enoch became business partners in a little hamburger stand called Richwine's Burgerville. They leased the restaurant for the first three

Lucille was honored to be a lifetime member of the VFW ladies auxiliary. She was awarded her 60 year pin this year. She spent many volunteer hours sewing baby blankets for St. Joseph Hospital. She used her sewing skills during the last few years sewing quilts with the ladies at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson on Monday mornings.

Lucille loved to travel, hunt and fish with her husband, children and grandchildren. She accompanied her husband on more than 13 trips with the Dixon Senior citizens by 2004. With her dear friend Ann Belen by her side, they took many trips to Idaho to put pennies in the slot machines. Mom was not

### Dale Wade Riley Jr., 56

Dale Wade Riley Jr., 56, of Columbia Falls, died Jan. 22, 2015, in Columbia Falls. Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

### Marjorie Andersen Rink, 91

Marjorie Andersen Rink, 91, of East Glacier, died May 23, 2015, in Kalispell. There are no services planned at this time Johnson-Gloschat Funeral home is caring for the family.

### Arnold L. Riebe, 81

Arnie passed away peacefully June 14, 2015, in the Marie Rose Center at Mary's Woods at Maryhurst, in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Arnie was born Jan. 23, 1934, in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1952, and Washington State University with a degree in civil engineering in 1956, and pursued a career in building dams and power stations all over the world. The highlight of his career was being project manager of the High Island Water Scheme in Hong Kong. A passion for construction led him to job sites in Greece,

Ceylon, the Philippines, Thailand and England, plus in many U.S. states (Washington, California, Michigan, Colorado, Arizona and New Jersey).

Arnie is survived by his wife, Marian; children, Michelle and Davis and Andrew and Danner; brother, Allen; and grandchildren, Brendan, Sian and Leila.

Arnie was preceded in death by his son, Kevin, in 1983.

At Arnie's request no memorial is planned, however a private life celebration has been held.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.oregonlive.com/obits](http://www.oregonlive.com/obits).

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### Gary A. Riebe, 73

Gary A. Riebe, 73, of Polson, died at Hillside Manor on Saturday, Feb. 28.

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