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Garth Julius Skaar, 76

Garth J. Skaar, 76, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away peacefully at Evergreen Hospice House in Albany on Jan. 10, 2015, surrounded by, and in the arms of, loving family.

Garth was born Sept. 17, 1938, in Arnegard, North Dakota. He moved frequently in his early years as his father worked on various construction projects. Garth spent his high school years in Kalispell, where he worked many jobs and met his future wife, Mary Janet Hughes.

Upon graduation, and a two-week naval stint, Garth enrolled in business school at Northern Montana College, paying his way with myriad jobs, from furniture delivery to fire lookout. After his junior year, he and "Janet" married, spending their first two summers atop that lookout.

Garth and Jan moved to Ely, Nevada, in 1962, where their two children were born and Garth began his teaching career. Three years later, Garth took a teaching job in Oakridge, Oregon, where he remained until his retirement in 1995. During his more than 30 years in education, Garth taught business classes, driving, announced games, ran ski club and coached golf.

In Oakridge, Garth and family spent wonderful years gaining friends and enjoying the land through camping, motorcycling, skiing and other, too many to list, activities.

In 1987, a motorcycle crash severely limited Garth's activity, but not his spirit.

Five years after retirement, Garth moved to Corvallis and, in 2004, moved into the house they had built where they've lived ever since. They



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Garth was preceded in death by his brother, Harold Skaar; and brother-in-law, Ron Mushlitz.

Garth is survived by his loving wife, Mary Janet "Jan"; his sister, Susan Mushlitz, of Spokane; his sister, Niki, and husband, Rich Weatherly, of Spokane; his daughter, Vicki, and husband, David Guenther, and their sons, Jayce, Derek and Ryan of Corvallis; and his son, Brian, and wife, Linda, and their sons, Andrew (Ventura, California) Conlin and wife Jessie (Hillsboro, Oregon), and Bryson and daughter Dana of Philomath, Oregon.

A memorial service with a reception following will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2540 Applegate, Philomath. It will be a time to remember Garth's immense impact on so many and share stories of a life well lived.

In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations to Peace Lutheran Church of Philomath; or Evergreen Hospice House of Albany, Oregon, in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis OR 97330.

Please leave your thoughts and memories for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

enjoyed growing a new circle of friends, maintaining cherished old friendships, and being a beloved part of the lives of their seven grandchil-

Dorothy Marie Skelton, 98

Dorothy Marie Skelton completed her life Oct. 21, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell, after a brief illness.

Dorothy was born Feb. 5, 1917, to Minnie Grace Albright Stephenson in Webb, Iowa. She lived her younger years in Spencer, Iowa, yet spent summers in Webb with her beloved grandparents, George and Anne Albright. As a youth she loved roller skating and attending the youth group at the Baptist Church in Webb. During her school years she was known at Dot, in reference to her diminutive size. She graduated from Webb High School May 28, 1936.

She met her future husband, Raymond Skelton, at the Baptist Church in Webb. Her pleasant memory of their first date was being escorted to the church youth activity in a horse-drawn sleigh. Another often told tale is double dating with the ladies riding in the rumble seat of Ray's father's car. They married Jan. 27, 1939, in Chillicothe, Missouri, with beloved cousin Arlene as her bridesmaid. Ray and Dorothy were married 51 years prior to his passing in 1990.

During the earlier years of their marriage they farmed in northwest Iowa. Four of their children were born during this time, Donald Ray, Margaret Ann, Dale Allen and Jean Marie. Many of the subsequent years were spent in Albert Lea, Minnesota, as Ray worked for Mays Electrical Engineering Labs. During this time Dorothy baked all the bread and tended a large garden for her children who did not appreciate supermarket food. In Albert Lea the family was completed with the addition of Janice Kay. In later years Dorothy worked as a bookkeeper while Ray managed the same motel in Rochester, Minnesota. Always a good



student, Dorothy enjoyed the challenge of the book-keeping process.

Dorothy's greatest joy

was her children and family life. She enjoyed the ladies church clubs and Eastern Star. She was a proud member of Eastern Star for 54 years.

Dorothy eventually moved to Kalispell to be near family. She was very proud to reside in her own apartment to 98 years of age.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother, Minnie Stephenson; husband, Raymond Skelton; son, Donald Skelton; daughter, Jean Peterson; and beloved brothers and sisters in-law.

Dorothy is survived by daughters, Janice and Larry Brazda, and Margaret and Charles Green; son, Dale Skelton; and son in-law, Lee Peterson. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael and Missy Skelton, Mark Skelton, Shari and Todd Anderson, Michele and Chris Nelson, Paul and Courtney Peterson, Scott and Angie Peterson, Adam and Natalie Peterson, Kim Gustine, Melissa Walden, Mindi and Eric Raby, Chris Brazda and Laura Brazda. Also surviving are 18 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Brendan House for the excellent care administered by loving hands.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Sliefert Funeral Home in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the First United Church of Sioux Rapids, with interment following at the Marathon Township Cemetery in Marathon, Iowa.

Randle Mitchell Slaten, 70

Randle Mitchell Slaten, 70, of Columbia Falls, died April 8, 2015.

He had worked in the plumbing and pipefitting industry.

He is survived by his wife, Donnie Slaten, of Rollins; and two children, Mark Slaten of Kalispell, and Stacey

Miner of Annapolis, Maryland.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Green Cemetery in Foreman, Arkansas, with a visitation time at 2 p.m.

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

Arthur Slater, 91

Arthur Slater passed away June 23, 2015, at his home in Kalispell. He passed of natural causes.

Arthur was born in Detroit, Feb. 24, 1924.

Arthur graduated from Northwestern University as a dentist, with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree (DDS), and opened his own practice at the age of 24. He practiced for 42 years in Dearborn, Michigan. Retirement took him to Sun City West, Arizona.

When he visited Montana at the age of 80 he decided to move! He relocated to Kalispell and finished his days in this beautiful state.

Arthur was in the US Navy from 1942 to 1952. He served stateside



through 1950 and transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps,

serving as a medical/dental corpsman in preparation for the Korean War of 1950-1952. He received an honorable discharge in 1952. He was a very proud American.

Arthur is survived by his daughter Sandy Bancroft, son-in-law Greg Bancroft, niece Carrie Slater Stewart and nephews Jim and David Slater.

Arthur is preceded in death by his son Artie Slater, brother Stan Slater, and parents Agnes and Stan Slazinski.

Johnson-Glochat is handling the arrangements.

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Joseph W. Slobojan, 101

Joseph W. Slobojan, 101, of Kalispell, passed away Oct. 30, 2015, at the Brenden House in Kalispell. Joseph was fondly known as "Uncle Joe."



death by his parents, Mike and Alice; wife, Neola; three brothers and two sisters. Survivors

Born of emigrant parents on Dec. 16, 1913, in Wilton, North Dakota, Joe was the youngest of 5 children. He married Neola Scallon in Wing, North Dakota, in 1936, and they moved to Onalaska, Washington, and then to Columbia Fall in 1954.

Joe worked for Anaconda Aluminum for 23 years, retiring as line superintendent. Joe owned an ornamental tree farm and enjoyed hunting as well as fishing. He was an active member of St. Richards Catholic Church and was also part of the building committee and cemetery committee. Joe was also a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus, serving 74 years, as well as a long-time member of the Back Country Horsemen. In his later years he attended Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Joe was preceded in

include Tim and Diane Slobojan, of Kalispell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe's family would like to thank the staff at Brenden House for the wonderful care they gave Uncle Joe while he was there. There will be a visitation for Joe on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. with services to be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, 10 a.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow services at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery, in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Joseph Slobojan Endowment c/o Carroll College, 1601 North Benton, Helena, MT 59625. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Slobojan family.

Ralene Kay (Johnson) Sliter, 68

For Ralene Kay (Johnson) Sliter "the music here on Earth stopped" Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, after a three-year private battle with stage-4 breast cancer.

Ralene was the third born of five "Rs" to the Laura Frieda (Schulte) and George Ellsworth Johnson family. The young family relocated often as George's career with IBM reflected the "I've Been Moved" philosophy to promote successful salesmen.

Ralene is survived by her mother, Laura Johnson Parker, of Rockville, Maryland; brother, Richard Johnson, of Santa Barbara, California; and brother, Randel Johnson, of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Immediate surviving family members are husband, Thomas E. Sliter, of Kalispell; daughter, Andrea Goudge, and husband, Bill, of Scottsdale, Arizona; daughter, Laura Sorensen, husband Christian, grandson Beck and granddaughter Greta of Orange, California; son, Andrew Sliter, wife Deborah, granddaughter Abigail, and grandsons Fisher and Graham of Bigfork; and daughter, Linda A.J. Yearous, and husband, Ryan, of Missoula.

Ralene was preceded in death by her father, George Johnson; older brother, Roger Johnson; and younger sister, Rianne Willey.



England, China, France, Italy, Germany, Austria and Hong Kong. Business trips were

balanced by mixing in a play, symphony, concert or museum. Trips to Maryland to visit her mother, brothers and sister were filled with nostalgia, memories of walking the canal, visiting the government monuments and celebrating the next generation's wedding and birthdays.

Ralene was the glue that held family together. Ralene loved after-church excursions to Glacier Park. Ralene's favorites included picnicking at Apgar, hiking the Trail of the Cedars, cross country skiing, biking, touring on the jammer busses, stopping at Izaak Walton and boating. Ralene delighted in feeding ducks at Woodland Park, sharing coffee with close friends, sailing, boating and fishing up the Flathead River, planning birthday parties and weddings, cheering the Griz, and giving grandkids rides on her back until enough was enough. Ralene loved her morning bottomless cup of coffee at "McD's" until the cup handle broke.

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Ralene graduated from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1968. At Valpo, Ralene met her husband Tom and they were married (46 years) at the Church of the Cross in Rockville where her family were founding members. The young couple initially made their home in Valpo while Tom finished school and Ralene worked for the IBM Data Processing Division's Metals and Manufacturing branch office, in the Orders and Movements Department at Hammond, Indiana. Their first home was in Highland, Indiana. After working at IBM for a few years, Ralene raised her kids and was an active and vibrant community volunteer. After several moves to Hazelcrest, Illinois, then Homewood, Illinois, in 1979 the family moved to Kalispell, where they made their home on the "F" hill. Ralene juggled shuttling youngsters to school, athletic practices, school functions and volunteering her spare time at numerous Flathead Valley organizations and charities, including Trinity Lutheran Church and School and Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Ralene loved life, in the Flathead and far away. As a youngster, Ralene loved the adventure of epic family road trips with her parents and four siblings across the country. As a high-schooler, Ralene toured the country witnessing with Walther League, a Lutheran youth organization. As an adult, travel for business and leisure took Ralene far and wide — to Thailand,

Ralene dedicated her life to make her adopted hometown a better community for all. Ralene was an active member of the Flathead County Republican Women and chaired the organization's signature fundraising event, Chocolate Extravaganza, for many years. Ralene also was a past president of the BM chapter of PEO. Ralene's love of music inspired her involvement with the League of Glacier Orchestra and Chorale where she served as president.

Ralene served on the Foundation board for the Flathead Valley Community College for many years until her election to the board of trustees for FVCC, where she served until her death.

For those who would like to make a donation to honor the memory of Ralene, please consider the Ralene Sliter Student Success Endowed Scholarship; www.fvcc.edu/sliter-scholarship.

A tradition at family events includes singing an old German song, "Hoch sollen Sie leben!" May you live well! Ralene put the song into practice in her life.

There will be a viewing from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church. A celebration of life will be held on Friday evening, details to be announced.

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

Elenor Helen 'Ellie' Small, 83

Elenor Helen "Ellie" Small, 83, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, April 27, 2015, at her home in St. Robert, Missouri, due to breast cancer.

Survivors include her son, Michael Bench of Waynesville, Missouri; and stepdaugh-

ters, Sharon Graham of Tallahassee, Florida, and Lynette Thomas of Lakeside.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert is handling arrangements.

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Ann Marie Smith, 77

Ann Marie Smith, 77, of Kalispell, passed away at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Dec. 2, 2015, of natural causes.

She was born at Whitefish Hospital on May 30, 1938, to Alice (Weber) and Orman "Hutch" Hutchinson. She graduated from Whitefish High School and married her high school sweetheart, Gary Smith, on Oct. 3, 1957. They had three daughters, Tracy, Tami and Toni.

Ann and Gary lived in Missoula, Rochester, Minnesota, and Murphys, California, early in their marriage before returning to the Flathead Valley. Ann managed Gary's Physical Therapy practice and she and her father built the home on Northridge Drive that the family lived in for 35 years. Ann also worked as an office manager and bookkeeper for the Kalispell Orthopedic Office and School District 5's lunch program for many years, retiring in 2003.

Ann was very social and loved skiing, boating, golf, bridge and anything else that involved spending time with her friends and family. She served her community through positions on the planning and zoning board and was a Kalispell City Council member.

There is nothing that Ann would not do for her children. The Smith house was always the one



where the neighborhood kids gathered. She made countless road trips around the state

to school activities. Ann welcomed son-in-law and grandchildren with the same love and passion that she had for her girls. As one of her granddaughters commented, "The only thing that Ann loved more than jewelry was her family and especially her grandchildren."

Ann is survived by her husband, Gary; daughter, Tracy and husband Bruce Freeman; daughter, Tami and husband John Barrett; and daughter, Toni and husband Craig Fischer; grandchildren, Lindsay and husband Ben Feil, Dani Freeman, Bryce and Lacie Fischer, Kacie and Jackson Barrett; sister, Joan and husband Carl Storkson; and aunt, Allyce Street.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Alice and Hutch Hutchinson, and brother, Ned Hutchinson.

A celebration of Ann's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 7 at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. The family will welcome visitors for lunch at the Club House at Village Greens following the service.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Billie Smith, 77

Billie Smith, 77, passed away peacefully at her home in Bigfork on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, while surrounded by her family and close friends.

Billie was born on Dec. 18, 1937, in Spokane to Geraldine Hall. She was raised in Kalispell and attended Flathead County High School.

Billie married her high school sweetheart, Doug Smith, on June 15, 1956, in Denver.

She attended school for dental assisting and office management. Billie was well known for her catering and love of cooking as well as being her husband's favorite pie maker. She was an avid fan of high school sports in Bigfork, watching many kids over the last 40 years.

Billie was known as "Grammy" too many, not just her own family, but made everyone feel like she was their Grammy too. She lived life with a positive outlook and saw the best in everyone whose paths she crossed.

Billie is survived by her husband, Doug Smith, of Bigfork; her children, Debra and Mike Sward, Craig and



Tracy Smith, and Vernon Patti Smith; grandchildren, Merisa and Pat

Murray, Laurell and Matt Hartle, Cara and Bo Smith, Brandon and Jessica Benkelman, Ryan and Becca Smith, Brent and Valarie Benkelman, Brook Sward, Cory and Clara Smith, Trisha and Walker Quiram, Cas Smith and Colin Smith. Billie is blessed with 11 great-grandchildren who were her world.

She was preceded in death by her mother, aunts, uncles, cousins and her beloved dog Miss Bentley.

The family invites all to join in a celebration of life at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Bigfork High School gym. There will be a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family requests remembrances be given to hospice, Humane Society, and the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

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

Charles H. Smith, 77

Charles H. Smith, 77, of Ronan, died at his home Monday, Feb. 16, 2015. No services are planned

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

Eldon David 'Dave' Smith, 72

Eldon David "Dave" Smith, 72, passed away in Kalispell on April 1, 2015.

Dave was born Aug. 10, 1942 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was the fourth of nine children born to Russell and Ruth (Steinbacher) Smith. His family moved to San Francisco when he was 3 and lived there until Dave was 10, when they moved to Sebastopol, California.

He dropped out of Analy High School in 1960 to join the U.S. Air Force where he achieved his GED. He eventually went to night school and earned his diploma from Petaluma High School.

Dave was a kind and quiet man. He had interesting stories to tell, if you could get him to tell one. He also had a unique sense of humor, and it is fitting that he passed on April Fools Day!

Dave had worked as a dairyman, construction worker, warehouseman for an insulation company and a landscaper. He



was a member of the Kalispell Moose Lodge.

Dave enjoyed trains, hippos, history (mainly Civil War and World War II), Disney movies, NCIS, Westerns and Sherlock Holmes. He also loved walking on the beaches of southern California. He had quite a collection of seashells and rocks he'd picked up on his adventures.

He was married in 1985 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Dave is survived by his wife, Barbara Hunter; daughters, Jeanette Avalos, Julie Black, Samantha King and son-in-law Alex King; and stepson, Todd Hunter; grandchildren, Eric and Brian Worden and Jessica, Vanessa and Kerissa Black, Sarah, Jeremy and Emilee Kerley, and Jacob Hunter; great-grandchildren, Jude, Donald Jr., Pyper, Nathan and Ely; sisters, Theresa and Eve-

lyn; and brothers, Mitch and Tim.

Dave was preceded in death by his daughter, Angelique Turner.

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

17 Jul 2015

Evelyn 'Eileen' Smith, 87

Evelyn "Eileen" Smith, 87, "went to be with the Lord" on July 6, 2015, in her Kalispell home.

Eileen was married to Jesse E. Smith in 1946, and they were married for almost 66 years, having two children. They moved from Iowa to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they lived for more than 30 years. There, Eileen worked as a restaurant cook and a home health care provider.

In 1995, Eileen and Smitty moved to Kalispell to be near their daughter and grandchildren.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, Lafe and Leone Culver; brother, Kenneth Culver; and sisters, Beverly Culver and Margaret Wallet.

Eileen is survived by



her daughter, Kathy Collins, of Bigfork; son, Kerry Smith, of Colorado Springs; seven

grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A special thanks goes to wonderful neighbors Russ Mole and Merdie Harlsoch.

The family would like to also thank Home Options Hospice for such wonderful care and Buffalo Hill Funeral Home for all their care.

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.

16 Sep 2015

Kent Alden Smith, 58

Kent Alden Smith left this life at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 4, 2015, with his wife Diane by his side at their home in Bigfork. Kent fought a courageous battle against cancer for the past three years and leaves behind a stepson, Taylor Glantz, and two grandchildren.

Kent was born the fourth of 11 children on Oct. 9, 1956, in Las Vegas to Cecil and Marie Smith who preceded him in death, 1984 and 2010 respectively.

Kent was a colorful human being, a voracious reader who read the entire World Book Encyclopedia set before the age of 13.

Kent was a man of great experience and adventure. He was a United States Navy veteran, 1981 to 1987, who served on board



the submarine USS Bremerton as a radioman.

After his discharge from the Navy, Kent earned a degree from Flathead Valley Community College and began what would become a long and interesting career as a surveyor. While working in the oil industry for over 25 years, Kent visited many locations throughout the United States, Eastern Europe, North Africa and extensively throughout the Middle East.

Kent was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We all loved him dearly.

Burial took place Sept. 8 in Carey, Idaho.

James Terry Smith, 83

James Terry Smith passed away on Friday, May 22, 2015, from cancer. He died at home in Havre, surrounded by his wife and daughters. He was 83 years old.

Jim was born in Kalispell on June 17, 1931, to his parents, Daisy Olga (Nelson) Smith and Ervin Lytle Smith.

While in high school, Jim began working for the Montana State Highway Department. He continued to work for the highway department periodically throughout his working life.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served as an airplane mechanic in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1955. While completing his service, he met Ruth Evelyn Graves in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and they married on Nov. 1, 1954. They were married for more than 60 years.

After serving during the Korean War, Jim received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Montana State University in 1959 and a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Denver in 1964. He worked in the aerospace industry before beginning his college teaching career.

Jim was an associate professor of mathematics at Montana State University-Northern from 1965 until his retirement in 1994. He also served as department chair for the math and science group from 1991 to 1994. During his tenure at Montana State University-Northern, Jim helped to set up the first computer lab on campus, and he taught all courses in the department with differential equa-



tions and linear algebra being among his favorites. In the classroom, he created a learning environment that was both challenging and

rewarding for students. His teaching style was active, and he was known for asking all students questions in class and providing numerous examples of math problems.

Jim loved the outdoors and camping, and was a lifelong hunter and fisherman. As department chair, he was supportive of faculty and often wove his love of the outdoors into conversations. Colleagues remember Jim as being extremely competent, a regular Montana guy, well liked by students, a popular professor and a very nice person.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn Smith; daughters, Terri and Melissa Smith; a son-in-law, David Saslav, as well as two grandchildren, Khetri and Cori Johnson.

A son, Bradford Lytle Smith, and a sister, Clara Mackey, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre. All who remember Jim are welcome to attend.

Donations in Jim's name may be made to the Hill County Public Library or to Bear Paw Hospice.

Richard E. Smith, 76

Richard E. "Smitty" Smith, 76, of Lakeside, died May 10, 2015, at the

University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

Sarah 'Sarita' Smith, 64

Sarah "Sarita" Smith, 64, of Bigfork, died on Dec. 24, 2015.

No services are

planned at this time.

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

Margaret Ann Boone Smyser, 93

Margaret Ann Boone Smyser passed away, at the age of 93, on Nov. 22, 2015, in Boise, Idaho. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Home, Boise. Interment will be at the Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, Idaho.

Margaret was born at St. Luke's Hospital, Boise, on Jan. 29, 1922, to James L. and Margaret King Boone. Margaret was the only granddaughter of William Judson Boone, founder of the College of Idaho, and Annie Boone of Caldwell. She was also the first granddaughter of Nampa, Idaho, postmaster Howard King and Cornelia King of Nampa.

Margaret lived in Boise until her junior year at Boise High School when her parents moved to New York. Upon graduation from Great Neck High School she returned to Idaho to attend the College of Idaho. It was there she met another student, Doiel E. Smyser, of Parma, Idaho. Their college courtship was defined by the events of World War II, when Doiel graduated from the College of Idaho and entered the Navy. Doiel called upon Margaret's parents to ask for her hand in marriage. Permission was only given if Margaret promised to return to college after their Jan. 1, 1943 wedding. Upon graduation with the Class of '43, Margaret returned to New York where she lived with her parents until the end of the war, when Doiel was discharged from the Navy and returned to New York. Margaret and Doiel lived for 12 years in Williston Park and Garden City, New York. All four of their children were born in New York.

Desiring a return to a smaller, more rural area to raise their family, they moved to Kalispell in 1954. During the 21 years they lived in Kalispell, Margaret



was very involved in the Presbyterian Church, PEO and in her children's schools.

She and Doiel had many friends and were actively engaged in support of various civic and friendship activities while there.

In 1975, they returned to Boise to care for Margaret's mother. They were delighted to be back among both Doiel's and Margaret's families. They picked up with friendships from college and made many wonderful, new friends through the Presbyterian Church Ark Club. Margaret transferred to PEO Chapter H in Boise. Doiel and Margaret spent many hours with family and friends playing bridge and hosting many lively dinner parties. Margaret and Doiel were married for 55 years.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband Doiel in 1998. She was also predeceased by her mother, her father, her brothers Bill and Howard, and her aunt, Babe, (Margaret Boone).

She is survived by her children, Jim and Jane Smyser of Moseley, Virginia, Sally and Dan Moore of Bellingham, Washington, Jeanne and Sheldon Barker of Boise, and the Hon. Howard Smyser of Boise; seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Margaret was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother and friend. She was great fun, loved reading, playing bridge, watching football and golf, enjoyed writing birthday poems and had a great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the College of Idaho Boone-Smyser Book Scholarship Fund, or to PEO Chapter H Local Women's Scholarship Fund.

Donald D. 'Don' Snow, 88

Donald D. "Don" Snow, 88, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at Home Options Hospice Respite Care in Kalispell.

He had taught music in elementary schools in Seattle and the string program at Flathead High School.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Snow, of Kalispell; and sons, Blaine Snow of Olympia, Washington, and Neil Snow of Helena.

A celebration of life is planned in the spring. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard Sodja, 80

A devoted Catholic priest for nearly 50 years, Richard Sodja "went home to his heavenly Father" on Jan. 29, 2015, after a battle with cancer.

Father Sodja was born Feb. 14, 1934, in Warm Springs and resided in Butte, until the age of 3. He and his brother, Lester, were then relocated to East Helena and raised for the next 10 years by their aunt and uncle, Agnes (Sodja) and Steve Strekall. Although he returned to Butte and his paternal home at age 13, Father Dick always considered "Ma and Pa Strekall's place" his real home, and forever credited them with teaching him love and true faith.

He graduated in 1952 from Butte High School, and enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served in England for four years. A year later, Dick enrolled in the pre-seminary program at Carroll College in Helena, graduating in 1961. He completed his religious training at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Helena on May 22, 1965.



Montana; God was his co-pilot and kept him safe despite several close calls.

In addition to his love of the Lord, Father Dick was

passionate about family, friends, fishing, good food and especially golf. He was seldom without a story to tell, and had an amazing ability to find humor in so many aspects of life, especially in himself.

Father Sodja was preceded in death by his cousin, Agnes (Strekall) Jensen, and nephew, John Sodja.

He is survived by his brother Lester Sodja, and Lester's children, Laura Stansberry, Anna Albertson, Patty Sodja, Rick Sodja and Mark Sodja; his cousin, Steve and Helen Strekall, and their children, Mike and Brenda Strekall, and Patty and Sonny Westerman; and second cousins, Joe and Carol Kump, Janet Cadwell, Gary Kump, Dave Kump, Robert and Lynda Kump, Lea and Jack McCarthy, John and Teri Kump, Julie and Steve Walsh, Karen and Steve Workman, and Mark and Anita Kump.

Father Sodja's first assignment as an assistant priest was St. Patrick Parish in Butte. (Dick loved to tell stories and some of the most hilarious ones he shared were of this first couple of years as a priest.) During his years of ministry, he also served at St. Lawrence and St. John the Evangelist Parishes in Butte; St. Rose of Lima Parish in Dillon; in Helena, at the Cathedral of St. Helena, St. Mary Parish, and as the founding pastor for Our Lady of the Valley Parish; St. Margaret Parish in Cut Bank; St. Francis Parish in Valier; St. Catherine Parish in Bigfork; and St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Whitehall; Father Dick accepted senior status as a priest in March of 2004, and became semi-retired. He continued to participate in Helena church ministry until his loss of hearing necessitated full retirement.

Throughout his life, Father Sodja loved owning new cars and driving fast! He never seemed to mind the distances between rural parishes in

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Helena. The funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Our Lady of the Valley Church, with a luncheon to follow. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Cross Cemetery in Butte.

Father Sodja was blessed to have Bonnie LaFontaine, and her entire staff at Rosetta Assisted Living, provide loving and companionate care during the last year of his life. The family would also like to thank Frontier Home Health and Hospice for their kind support.

Memorials in Father Sodja's name may be sent to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena or the pre-seminary program at Carroll College in Helena. Please visit www.aswfunteralhome.com to offer

Elvira Sollid, 101

Elvira Sollid was born in Flaxton, North Dakota, on Jan. 25, 1914, and passed away peacefully in Woodburn, Oregon, on Feb. 22, 2015. She had just celebrated her 101st birthday only three weeks earlier before she left us.

Elvira worked as a clerk stenographer for several government agencies in Montana. That is where she met her future husband, Al, who worked in the same office as a civil engineer. Elvira married Allan Sollid in Billings on June 16, 1939. They were happily married for 72 years. Allan passed away in November of 2011.

Elvira is survived by one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Her family feels so blessed to have had her with us for these many years. We would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Country Meadows Courtside for all their



kind, compassionate care of our mom. We also want to say thank you to Willamette Val-

ley Hospice for their wonderful care during Mom's last days.

Elvira was a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodburn and a member of the Women's Circle for over 30 years. Elvira made many everlasting friends at Immanuel Lutheran and we are most thankful for the love, support and caring that her friends there have shown to our family.

Arrangements were made through Crown Memorial Center in Salem, Oregon.

Memorials may be made to Little Lambs Preschool, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1100 East Lincoln Street, Woodburn, OR 97071.

Charles Specian Jr., 71

Charles Specian Jr., 71, died July 14, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Funeral services and burial will take place in Hillsborough, N.J.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family locally.

Fucillo and Warren Funeral Home is handling arrangements in New Jersey.

Ronald Allen Speer, 74

Ronald Allen Speer, 74, of Columbia Falls, "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 29, 2015, surrounded by family at the Montana Veterans Home.

Ronald served in United States Navy for four years. After finishing, Ron met Darlene Yarde in Kalispell. They were married July 1, 1967, and were married for 43 years when Darlene "went to be with the Lord."

Ron became a licensed electrician and worked for Yarde Electric. He also worked as a prison counselor/social worker for many years at the Swan River Youth Forest Camp in Swan Lake. Ron and Darlene together accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized Jan. 21, 2007.

Ronald was a family man and loved to teach and spend time with his boys and many (so called adopted) boys. Ronald was an avid sportsman. He loved to hunt, fish, go camping and just be outdoors. In Ronald's later years he really enjoyed his gaming. He could keep up with the best of them and, until a couple of days before he left this earth, he was playing tanks and racing games with his grand-



kids. Papa always had the latest and greatest in the gaming world. Ronald enjoyed playing many a card game with family and friends. He

even taught his grandkids to play a mean game of cribbage.

Ronald was preceded in death by his father Alvin Speer, mother Wilma Jensen Speer, and wife Darlene Yarde Speer.

Ronald is survived by his sons, Clint Allen Speer of Kalispell, and Cory Travis Speer of Spirit Lake, Idaho; grandson, Andrew Allen Speer; and granddaughters, Morgan Michelle and Josie Elizabeth Speer.

Ronald impacted many hearts and lives, was loved cherished by so many that knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, with a reception to follow.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Ronald's family.

Edwin Lloyd Speelman, 75

Edwin Lloyd Speelman, 75, passed peacefully at his home in Evergreen, on May 8, 2015.

He was born in Bozeman May 18, 1939, the first of two children, to John and Anne Speelman, immigrants from Holland. The family moved to Kalispell in 1947.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1957 and Montana School of Mines in Butte in 1961. He then moved to Ontario, Canada, to pursue his lifelong passion of geological engineering.

Ed returned to Evergreen in 1995 to be with his father in the latter's declining years.

Continuing his prospector life, he joined the

Rocky Mountain Prospectors' Club and was also a member of the Ashley Lake Landowners' Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anne Speelman.

He is survive by his brother, Gene R. Speelman.

A graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Central School Museum.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Prospector's Club or the Ashley Lake Landowners' Association.

A full obituary will be published at a later date.

Taylor Nicole Spell, 21

On July 21, 2015, our beautiful angel, Taylor Nicole Spell, succumbed to an ongoing battle with depression.

Taylor was born Aug. 26, 1993, in Nassau Bay, Texas. She moved to Montana in 2011 and immediately fell in love with the natural beauty she discovered. Taylor enjoyed floating the river with friends, fishing in the lakes or rivers, and hiking in the woods.

Taylor was a devoted daughter, a loving big sister, a loyal friend, and was lucky enough to have found the love of her life. She had a smile that lit up a room and sense of humor that made her a joy to be around. She brought happiness to others and possessed a playful nature that kept her friends, family and colleagues on their toes.

Taylor is survived by her loving family which includes her mother, Stacey Hautanen; stepfather, Doug Brown; her father, Bryan Todd Spell, and his wife, Hazel; her three younger sisters, Cammie Flannery, Elise and Lauren Spell; and two stepsisters, Caryl and Trisha Faulks. Taylor is also survived by her grandfather, Robert Spell, and his wife, Marcelle; aunt, Amy Hagy; uncle, Dave Hagy; aunt, Amanda Turner-Hill, and her spouse, Greg



Hill; aunt, Molly Hautanen; and uncle, Jeffrey Hautanen; and dozens of

loving cousins. She leaves behind the love of her life, Levi Holland, and his three children, Zahniah and Joseph Holland and Tobias East.

She was preceded in death by her maternal parents, Richard and Faye Hautanen; and her paternal grandmother, Marquita Spell.

A memorial service to celebrate our beloved Taylor is planned for her friends and loved ones at noon on Saturday at the Old Steel Bridge at Flathead River. Please bring your own chair. You will have the opportunity to complete a memory card to share your memories of Taylor which you may read to the group or place in her memory box. After sending Taylor on her final farewell in her bed of roses at one of her favorite spots, friends are invited to float the river one last time with Taylor.

"Why mourn for a cocoon when our butterfly has found her freedom and has flown."

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Learn more at www.afsp.org.

Ronald George Spencer, 78

Ronald George Spencer, 78, died in Kalispell on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24

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Ronald G. 'Ron' Spencer, 78

Ronald G. "Ron" Spencer, 78, of Whitefish, passed away Jan. 17, 2015, from complications due to cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends in his final days.

Ron was born April 28, 1936, to George and Margaret Spencer in Brainerd, Minnesota. His younger years were spent in Washington until he retired in 1997, at which time Ron and Linda moved to Whitefish, where he loved to camp, fish and hunt.

A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, Ron will be missed in a great way by many people.

Ron's family would like to thank all the many wonderful people who were there for Ron and his whole family.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Linda; daughters, Rhonda Spencer, Vickie Newberry and Tammy Akers, their children and grandchildren. Also surviving are Ron's stepsons, Scott Kirklin and Mark Kirklin, their children and grandchildren.

at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Moose Lodge No. 642, 230 10th St. W., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Visitation for Ron will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

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

Marjorie M. Spilis, 79

Marjorie "Marge" Spilis passed away on Jan. 5, 2015, in Kalispell.

She was born June 5, 1935, to Lyle and Francis Rowe, in Sidney.

Marge moved to Kalispell in 1945, where she grew up. She attended Flathead County High School, from where she graduated in 1952. Marge worked at a few local banks, and numerous local restaurants including Jordan's and the Scoreboard, from which she retired. Soon after retirement she moved out to Crystal Lake near Libby with her husband Chuck.

Marge met Chuck Spilis in 1962; he quite literally swept her off her feet onto the dance floor. Shortly after, they were married on June 22, 1963. In 51 years of marriage there was never a dull moment.

Marge had many interests and hobbies. She was a member of the Rocky Mountain Saddle Club and loved riding horses; when she was younger, she even raced stock cars. She was secretary of the 5 O' Clockers bowling



league, and was a manager at the Moose Lodge. She was Boy Scout leader for her son, as well

as scorekeeper and supporter for her son's sporting events. She loved to feed the squirrels by the lake, and loved her dogs, both Toejoes and Tiger.

She will be remembered for her beautiful gardens and her ways in the kitchen. Marge was a devoted wife, caring mother and a loving grandmother.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Francis Rowe; her brother, Jay Rowe; and son, David Harder.

Marge is survived by her husband, Chuck Spilis; her brother, John Rowe; children, Doug Harder, Monty Harder, Connie Crews, Rae Quintero and Chucko Spilis; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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

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Evelyn Mae Spillner, 85

Evelyn Mae Spillner "was called home" on April 20, 2015.

She was born Jan. 7, 1930, in Berkeley, California, to Herbert W. and Ernestine L. Richardson.

Evelyn was married to Kenneth G. Beaubien in 1947 until his death in 1979. She later married John F. Spillner in 1986 until his death in 1995. In 1988, John and Evelyn moved from California to Bigfork.

Evelyn and Kenneth had five sons, Michael, John, Thomas, Richard and Kenneth.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Kenneth G. Beaubien; her first husband, Kenneth Beaubien; and second husband, John Spillner.

She is survived by her sons, Michael, John, Thomas and Richard; four grandchildren, Eric, Debra, Sean and Jena; and six great-grandchildren.

We would like to thank those who cared for her in her last years while living at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Shirley Marie Spurgeon, 75

Shirley Marie Spurgeon, 75, passed away on Tuesday in Kalispell at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes, surrounded by family.

Shirley was born March 5, 1940, in Missoula to Harold and Mildred Bandy, the first of three children. Shirley graduated from Frenchtown High School in 1957 with honors. She attended the University of Montana in Missoula where she obtained her degree in business administration and home economics in 1961.

Shirley went on to teach business education, home economics, girls' health and physical education and even journalism in Superior, Fort Benton and Seeley-Swan High School.

In 1967, Shirley moved to Kalispell and began her illustrious teaching career in School District 5. She taught many curriculums in home economics, including cooking classes, sewing, child development, travel and was probably most well-known for the work experience program, which allowed students to receive credit for having part-time jobs during school. For many years, Shirley served as the grant administrator, bringing in more than \$2 million for the district. Shirley was teaching at Linderman Education Center at the time of her death.

Shirley was a member of many organizations including local, state and national vocational educational associations and family and consumer sciences associations, the American Association of University Women, the Kalispell Education Association and Alpha Delta Kappa, a teachers' honorary organization, where



she served at the local and state level. She received many awards which included

Vocational Home Economics Teacher of the Year and most recently a Distinguished Service Award from the Montana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. Shirley was also a part of many community organizations including United Way, and was a member of and on the scholarship committee at Epworth United Methodist Church. Shirley was a most giving and warm person and was loved by so many.

Shirley is survived by her husband, C.W. "Bill"; daughter, LeeAnne, and Matt Swiridow; adopted daughters, Holly and Casey Howery, and Laura and Jeff Christiana; sister, Sharon, and Henry Helgeson; brother, Bill, and Maline Bandy; uncle, Harry Bandy; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, cousins and other extended family.

A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. A dessert reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Shirley Spurgeon Memorial Scholarship Fund that will be formed in her honor to support students pursuing careers in service and education.

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

Marian Stacy, 93

Marian Stacy of Folsom, California, passed away in her sleep at 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 14, 2015, at age 93.

Born Marian Irene Wheeler in Wibaux, she was the daughter of Meril Lindell Wheeler and Irene Vernetta (Cummings) Wheeler.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Gordon, Harry, Norman and Richard; and is survived by her sister Vivian, and brother Edwin. She is also survived by daughter Lindell, and two sons, Richard and William. She had eight grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren who will all miss their beautiful grandma Marian.

At age 18, Marian moved from Montana to California where she married John Walter Stacy Jr. from Iantha, Missouri.

She worked for a time as a fashion model in Sacramento, then as a medi-



cal receptionist, and retired from a career at the California Department of Health.



Longtime residents of Fair Oaks, California, John

and Marian moved to Kalispell in their retirement but, after John's death in 1997, she eventually returned to Northern California to be nearer to her children and grandkids.

Marian was a longtime and active member of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, and her very long and healthy life will be celebrated at a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Faith Episcopal Church of Cameron Park, California.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Vern Stamper, 64

Vern Stamper, 64, died March 6, 2015, in Kalispell. No services are planned

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

Daniel Joseph Stanton, 47

A Mass of Christian Burial for Daniel Joseph Stanton, 47, of Miles City will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Sacred Heart School gymnasium, Miles City, with Father Rob Oswald celebrating. Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Baker.

Visitation for Dan will be from 4 to 8 p.m., today, Sept. 15, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Miles City. Rosary will take place at 5:30 p.m., followed by a vigil service at 6 p.m.

Dan passed away Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015, at Billings Clinic, Billings.

After a valiant eight-year battle with a brain tumor, Daniel Joseph Stanton "Dan-Danny" "was received back to the Lord" on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015.

Dan was born Dec. 8, 1967, in Circle, Montana, to James L. Stanton and Patricia (Wise) Stanton. He received his elementary school education in Richey, Montana, and graduated from Baker High School in 1986 where he was an outstanding athlete. He proceeded to play football and run track for Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota. Dan later obtained a master's degree in educational leadership from Montana State University, Bozeman.

He married Kimberly (Kremers) Stanton on



Aug. 4, 1990, and they began their teaching careers with the Miles City Unified School Dis-

trict in 1991.

Dan enjoyed being an educator. However, coaching and working with young athletes was his true passion. Dan coached athletics at all levels, from Little League to the high school varsity level. He was most proud of all his Cowboy teams, especially his 2008 and 2010 teams, who, with his son Kyle, won the Class "A" State Championship.

Dan's greatest victory is the reward of eternal life.

His passion for athletics arose from many heated football and basketball games with his six siblings. Sports were everything to Dan's family, and to this day, most family social gatherings and nearly all of their conversations revolve around an athletic event or discussion of an athlete.

Dan was a man of faith who lived a full and well-rounded life. In his free time, he loved to watch football and basketball, Notre Dame and the Pittsburgh Steelers, in particular. In addition to his passion for athletic competition, Dan was an active member of the Sacred Heart Parish and

Knights of Columbus in Miles City. He enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his two sons, Kasey and Kyle. Dan also enjoyed taking his two dogs, Jack and Doc, for long walks.

More than anything, Dan will be remembered for his positive attitude, tenacity and mentorship. His roles as an educator and coach allowed him to touch the lives of numerous students and athletes in the Miles City community and beyond. Dan's competitive spirit, courage and toughness were contagious to all those around him. His sense of humor was quite unique.

Dan's family and close friends were able to spend meaningful time with him during his final weeks.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Stanton.

Dan is survived by his wife Kim, his sons Kasey and Kyle, his mother Patricia, siblings and their families, Kathy and Dave, their children Brandon, Makayla,

Alek and Kaleb; Jim and Karla, their children Marissa, James, Jacob and Michael; Pete and Candace, their children Luke and Maddy; Rob and Shelly, their son Connor; Missy and Brad, their children Tyson, Braden and Ryan; Terri and Nic, and their children Sadie, Nate, Ali and Patrick; as well as numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to "Wake Up & Lace Up," in care of Cindy Reid, 119 Balsam Drive, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-234-3532; or to a charity of one's choice.

The family asks that all of Dan's current and former players please wear their jerseys, and for everyone else to please follow Dan's lead and dress casual with Cowboy athletics gear.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements.

John Paul Standley, 63

John Paul Standley, 63, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of Dec. 6, 2014, from natural causes.



excellent cook and loved repairing watches. He was a die-hard Florida Gators fan — he

“bled orange and blue.”

He was a witty, charming man who was always impeccably dressed. He loved nothing more than spending time with his daughters and wife. When people dropped by, his immediate impulse was to feed them. One of his life goals was to earn his Master of Business Administration, which he completed in 2010.

He will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and his willingness to lend a hand or shoulder.

A celebration of John Paul’s life will take place on his 64th birthday at 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, to celebrate the wonderful husband, father and friend he truly was.

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.” — Albert Pine

He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 35 years, Michelle; and two daughters, Jennifer, 33, of Whitefish, and Rebecca, 27, of Kalispell; his brother, Edward James Standley, and wife, Barbara, of Houston; his sister, Jeanne, and husband, Don Bryan, of Port Saint Lucie, Florida; his brother, Joseph Standley, and wife, Lindsey, of Ocala, Florida; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

John Paul was a loving husband, father, uncle and friend.

John Paul was born on Jan. 16, 1951, to Edward and Jane Standley in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After high school, he attended the University of Florida in Gainesville. He graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and minor in accounting.

He was an auditor for U.S. Shoe and was relocated to Atlanta where he met his soul mate Michelle. In 1990, they chose to move to Kalispell, her home state, to raise their two daughters.

He was an avid reader,

Betty J. Steel, 89

Betty J. Steel, 89, formerly of Kalispell, died July 9, 2015, from compli-

cations from pneumonia.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Terry Lee Steiger, 48

Terry Lee “Lucky Lager” Steiger, 48, of Troy, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, at his home in Troy.

He is survived by his wife Tami Steiger, daughter Julie Steiger, and son Thomas Steiger.

Services will be at 2

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Troy Baptist Church. A potluck reception will be held after services at the church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Arnold ‘Bud’ Steinert, 89

Beloved retired minister and World War II veteran, the Rev. Arnold “Bud” Steinert, “stepped into the presence of his Lord and Savior” on March 24, 2015. He was born in Meredith, Montana, to Fred and Emma (Wornath) Steinert on Aug. 23, 1925. Bud was the second of four children. Siblings include the late Esther Junkert, Florence Schmutz, and the late Ellen Fee.

Bud graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City and enlisted as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division, serving in the Pacific during World War II. After returning, he attended Canadian Bible Institute where he earned a degree in theology.

He was ordained by the Christian & Missionary Alliance and esteemed in his 40 years of dedicated, sacrificial ministry. As a bi-vocational church planter, he founded and pastored churches in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Bud also enjoyed animal husbandry, architectural design and carpentry.

Bud found his soul-mate in Hazel Irwin (now deceased) and they married in 1951. Their combined enthusiasm and accomplishments made a significant impact on their family, friends, community and country. Bud and Hazel remained faithful partners in life and ministry, returning



“home” to the Mission Valley for retirement in 2001.

Bud’s love, faith and integrity

have been an inspiration to his family including children, Susan and Randy Hodgins, and Tim Vi Steinert, and Crystal Pratkan; grandchildren, Emily and Austin MacDonald, Sandra Hodgins, Tom Hodgins, Aaron Steinert, Kael Steinert, and Miranda and Andrew Bley; and great-grandson, Galen MacDonald.

A memorial service to celebrate Bud’s life will be held at 2 p.m. on May 16 at Terrace Lake Community Church, Ronan.

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

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

Robin Dale Stempin, 60

Robin Dale Stempin, 60, of Mililani, Hawaii, formerly of Columbia Falls, died in Mililani on May 15, 2015.

He had been chief of the Wideband Satellite Communications Support Center in the Pacific.

He is survived by his

wife Myoung, daughter Jennifer Law, son Tony, and mother Doris.

A celebration of life took place at Wheeler Army Base in Wahiawa, Hawaii. Graveside services took place at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Dorothy Jane Stein, 91

Dorothy Jane Stein (nee Sniff) of Bigfork "went to be with her Lord" on April 27, 2015.

She was the finest person we ever knew, a treasured wife, mom, gram, and great-grandmother. She was the heart and soul of our family.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York, Feb. 22, 1924, and attended Smith College and Columbia University. Dot volunteered for many organizations, including serving as a deaconess at the Larchmont Avenue (New York) and Calvary Presbyterian (Riverside, California) churches, president of the Riverside Assistance League, on the board of the Children's Home Society (California), and was president of the Riverside Community Hospital Auxiliary.



An avid golfer, Dot was president of the Victoria Club (Riverside) Women's Golfers and

was proud of having had a hole-in-one. She loved to play bridge and spend time with her family. Dot will always be remembered as the ultimate hostess, so gracious and lovely — a class act in every sense.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bud, she will be forever missed by two daughters, Susan and David, and Nancy and Zoneth; grandchildren, Ryan, Brooke, Kristin, Brady and Hayden; and great-grandchildren, Kayla, Emma and Indy.

Bernard Irvin Curtis Stiede, 70

Bernard Irvin Curtis Stiede, 70, died May 30, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place. No services will be held. Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Kazz Elias Stiger, 25

Kazz Elias Stiger, 25, died Nov. 15, 2015, at home in Bigfork.

He was a cook at the Woods Bay Grill and part owner of Evapor8 in Bigfork.

He is survived by his girlfriend, Ali Price, of Kalispell; and parents, Margaret and Todd Stiger, of Bigfork.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at CrossRoads Church in Bigfork. There will be a reception at the Woods Bay Grill following the service. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Judith 'Jude' Carpenter Stenger, 68

Judith "Jude" Carpenter Stenger, of Whitefish, died March 20, 2015, at her home.

She was born in Pomona, California, Nov. 10, 1946. She moved from West Palm Beach, Florida, to Whitefish in 1978.

Her favorite things were the poetry of Emily Dickinson, the paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe, creating a beautiful home, watching her grandchildren play sports, caring for her backyard birds, tending to her plants and flowers and traveling with her closest friends.

She cared deeply for the environment and loved Montana, but her greatest love and pride was for her son Greg and her grandchildren Gabrielle, Grant and Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her father, James B. Carpenter Jr.

She is survived by her



son, Greg Stenger and wife Margaret, grandchildren, Gabrielle and her husband

band Jordan Mueller, and Grant and Morgan Stenger, all of Columbia Falls; her mother, Evelyn M. Glover, of Henderson, Kentucky; stepfather, Bobby J. Poole, of Redlands, California; sister, Rochelle Henderson, of Creed, Colorado; nephew, Jeffery B. Henderson of Creed; aunt, Dorothy Bickford, and cousin, Kenneth B. Bickford, of Battle Creek, Michigan; and her companion and best friend Stuart Williams Jr.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Diana Noreen Stevens, 72

Diana Noreen Stevens, 72, of Whitefish died at her home surrounded by family on July 29, 2015. She is survived by her daughters Carmen Hen-

shaw and Lisa Ferguson. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Judith R. Stevens, 78

Judith R. Stevens, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at her home in Bigfork. Arrangements are

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

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Mary Louise (Webber) Stevens, 68

Mary Louise (Webber) Stevens was born May 30, 1947, in Whitefish. She passed away July 8, 2015, at home in Kalispell.

Preceding her in death were parents George Webber, and Florence and Joe Sirianni; and her husband, Garland Stevens.

Mary is survived by her love, Joseph Nanini; daughter, Tammy, and Richard Amaker; grand-daughter Janashya Amaker; two daughters, grandchildren and one

great-grandchild residing out of state; brother, Stan, and Charlene Webber; sisters, Shirley and Arland Riebe, and Linda Setzer; and numerous extended family members.

Cremation has taken place and, per her request, there will be no funeral services.

A celebration of life potluck will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Riebe residence, 130 Hidden Acres Lane, in Kila. For more information, call 407-2550.

Steve's health deteriorated greatly the past few years. He worked summers in Glacier Park for five years, until his health didn't allow him to continue working. He loved Glacier Park so very much. He had seven heart bypasses, done by Dr.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's honor are suggested to the Sunburst Catholic Church, the Sunburst Fire Department, the Sunburst Education Fund, or the charity of your choice.

Please visit www.whitedfuneralchapel.com to leave a message of condolence for Steve's family.

Steve M. Stevens, 74

Steve M. Stevens, 74, passed away Sept. 6, 2015, at his home in Sunburst. Steve was born March 30, 1941, in Kalispell, to Madge Marie and James Stevens, of West Glacier. He was the youngest of 10 children, and was only 3 pounds 2 ounces at birth.



Brett Williams, and Dr. Robert Clary "patched" him up for probably 30 years.

Steve was educated at the West Glacier School through 6th grade, then attended Columbia Falls Junior High and High School, until his junior year. At that time, he moved to Des Moines, Washington, with his parents, to live near his sister, Bette, and her husband. Steve attended high school in Des Moines for his junior year. He then moved to Sunburst, and lived with his brother, Ken, and wife, Toni, and children. It was while living in Sunburst that he met Mary Karst, of Sunburst. Steve was singing in A Christmas Carol, as the part of Bob Cratchit, and Mary was playing the background music. They married on Sept. 8, 1959, in Shelby, and then moved to Chicago.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Robert Clary and staff, Dr. Brett Williams, and the Hospice staff for the wonderful care given Steve. Also, Mary wants to thank their three wonderful children, who made it possible to keep Steve at home these past several weeks. He really enjoyed those who stopped to visit, and all of the love and prayers shown by his friends and family.

Steve is survived by his wife, Mary, of Sunburst; his son, Jim, daughter-in-law, Yvette, and grandchildren, Line, of Yelm, Washinton; Mathew of Coutts, of Alberta, and Andrew of Missoula. He is also survived by daughter, Lisa Tecca; daughter, Tandra, husband Warren, children Kahleb, Kaega, and Khenlie, of Kalispell; son, Marcus, wife Lauren, and daughter, Megan, of Kalispell, and Brandon, wife Kristina, son Taegan, and daughter, Sephyia, of Missoula. His daughter, Melody, and husband, Gordon, and daughter Sarah live in Great Falls, and daughter Jessica and her husband, James, reside in Las Vegas.

Their son, Jim, arrived followed by a daughter, Lisa Marie and Ken Tecca, and another daughter, Melody Ann and Gordon Jacobs.

In 1974, the Stevens family moved back to Sunburst, and Steve and Mary purchased the Duty Free Shop, in Sweet Grass. They ran the business until January 2001, when they retired and moved to West Glacier.

Steve loved children and sports, and therefore, spent 24 years coaching baseball, as well as coaching a boys basketball team and Pop Warner football, while in Illinois. He missed a day of work to watch his two pitchers pitch against each other for the Chicago Public School and Chicago Catholic School game.

He was pre-deceased by his mother and father, Madge and Jim Stevens; his sisters, Bette, Gerene, and Sharon; and brothers, Bob, Willis, Jack, Ken, Roger, and Harley Stevens, and son-in-law, Ken Tecca.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Catholic Church, in Sunburst. Rosary and vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday at the Sunburst Catholic Church.

Evelyn 'Evie' Stevenson, 75

Evelyn "Evie" Stevenson passed away peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital in Ronan, with family by her side, on March 12, 2015, after dealing with various health problems over the years.

She was born March 24, 1939, to Bill and Eva Matt Case in Blue Bay, Montana, where her folks were living at the time. Evie grew up hiking, fishing and picking huckleberries in the mountains.

At age 4, Evie experienced an unusual illness that kept her in and out of the Spokane Hospital for more than a year. She fully recovered and her family moved to a farm that she loved. She attended a one-room schoolhouse with eight students. When she was 12, her father became ill for several months, and she had to run the farm while her mother cooked. She had to drive the big truck to the grain elevator after obtaining an emergency license, and organized the thrashing crews and farm hands.

In 1960, she married Dan Stevenson while working at Boeing in Seattle, and they traveled extensively with the aircraft industry. She still managed to go home to the reservation almost every summer. They had two children, Tisa and Craig, whom they adored. Although they divorced after 17 years, they remained great friends always.



the Kootenai people, off the reservation. Evelyn always said, "This was a great victory." In fact, it was unprecedented. At no other time in U.S. history had a large scale construction project been halted through litigation. She was always humble about things and this was probably the first time that her children realized that their mom was pretty amazing as they watched her on TV, refusing to back down to her adversaries.

Evelyn worked with other attorneys back East in developing the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. She fiercely defended the law with an unrivaled devotion and dedication. She rarely lost in court. One day she stated her advantage. "My opponents were fighting for a paycheck, and I was fighting for my family." That federal law became her lifelong passion, designed to hopefully avoid further destruction of the American Indian family. She became a nationally recognized expert on the subject.

legal battle to prevent a hydroelectric project at Kootenai Falls. This was a sacred site for

local stock car racetrack for many years.

Before she died, Evelyn's family asked her about the messages she wished to convey upon her death. She wrote much of this obituary, although she left out the compliments to herself. It was very important to her that others know how much she truly enjoyed working with so many wonderful people over the years. She seemed to see the best in everyone. Evie has kept track of the children and families long after the cases she handled were completed. She has driven or flown across the country to check on families and still conducted unofficial business at the kitchen table until recently.

Whenever she was asked about her greatest accomplishment, she always said, "No accomplishment in life could ever be as meaningful as raising my two children." She was a mother to many others as well. She loved her extended family dearly, and had the kinds of friendships in life that many only dream of having. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, and her infant daughter Renee, as well as many dear relatives and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Tisa Newton, and Patrick, and grandsons, Thomas Pablo and Braiden Newton; son, Craig Stevenson, and Kara Sharai, and grandson, Finley Stevenson; her brother, George Case, and Jean, and their daughters, Rebecca Woodbury and Brian and baby Levi, and Rachelle Case; former husband, Dan Stevenson, and Pam, and their son, Tyler; along with many other relatives and wonderful friends.

Special thanks to the entire Hardy family — especially her cousin and Scrabble buddy, Linda Hardy; cousin Rene Dubay and the St. Luke's Hospital in Ronan with Lake County Hospice.

Traditional wake services will begin at noon Sunday, March 15, at the Elmo Community Center with rosary there at 8 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Elmo. Burial to follow at the Ronan Cemetery.

Memories of condolences may be sent to www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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While raising a young family in San Francisco, Evelyn was very active in the Civil Rights Movement and American Indian causes. She was involved in the "Alcatraz Occupation" in the early '70s and went to the island in a row boat for six months. She decided to become an attorney, finished her undergrad degree and attended Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco. She began working with the Salish/Kootenai Tribal Court System in the summer of 1974 after tribal sovereignty became more of a goal upon enactment of the Indian Education and Self Determination Act. Together with Judges Donny Dupuis and Louise Burke — and other pioneering warriors of that time — they began building a modern, sophisticated tribal court system. They provided the first prosecutor, the first Tribal Advocate Program and court advisor. Everyone wore many hats and the system worked on integrity.

Evelyn and her dear friend, Kathleen Fleury, were the first Indian women to pass the Montana Bar, and Evelyn became the first in-house legal counsel. During her first year with the tribes, she spent the winter in Washington, D.C., learning of the past litigation and court of claim cases that large firms had previously handled. The tribes were becoming prepared to stand on their own, supporting their ancestors' wishes in becoming a sovereign nation. She flew back and forth. People joked that she could have lunch with the president, have afternoon pie and coffee with a homeless person, and then tuck her kids into bed late that night across the country.

Evelyn, along with several other very dedicated individuals, was instrumental in the effort to help win the eight-year

in 1979, she was severely burned in a gasoline explosion while burning brush for her small log home on Finley Point. Although they tried to airlift her to a burn center, she refused to leave the reservation. She wanted to be close to traditional healers and her friends and family. They set up a makeshift burn unit in the Polson hospital and she recovered beautifully. The traditional healers visited her daily. She had extensive superficial and inhalation burns but did not have much scarring, which surprised all of the specialists. She conducted business from her hospital bed, covered in bandages.

One of Evelyn's greatest experiences was a sabbatical in New Zealand where Evelyn was invited to speak at seminars with the Maori people in order to assist them in developing something similar to the Indian Child Welfare Act, as they too faced the destruction of their families. She said the cultural exchanges were invaluable. She later went back with her attorney friend, Virginia, to visit the many wonderful people she had met.

Her second sabbatical was a trip around the country visiting with other tribal nations. She toured the U.S. in her "one woman and a dog camper." Everything in life was another adventure for Evie.

Evelyn was active in several organizations and received more awards than we can even name. For years she has been involved with the Native American Rights Fund on the board of directors, Tribal Law and Policy board of directors, the Montana ACLU and the Mission Valley Animal Shelter board. She also served on the advisory board for the CASA program, as well as the National Indian Justice Center. She was appointed by two governors for the Montana Human Rights Commission for 12 years. She also helped with the

Lori Stinger, 44

"The Lord said, 'Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." Mark 10:15

And it was so for Lori. She came into the world on April 24, 1970, in Kalispell. She looked at the world with awe, wonder, compassion and love. Fiercely strong, she was quick to forgive and quick to defend.

Lori Stinger, 44, passed away Jan. 12, 2015, at her Kila home after a seven-year battle with cancer. She was a true fighter all the way until the end. We will miss her deeply.

Lori was preceded in death by a grandfather, Rodney Johnson; a grandmother, Dorothy Johnson; grandfather, Paul Wirtzberger; and father, Erwin Grimm.

Lori is survived by her husband, Bill, and their



children, Cody, Carly and Cole; mother, Ginger Grimm; sisters, Kristi Jones and husband

Jason, and Robin Pritchett and husband Tony; a niece, Amanda Pritchett, and a nephew, Chris Pritchett; an uncle, Terry Wirtzberger; and mother-in-law, Becky Moore, and extended family, the Griswolds.

She lived with dreams, hopes and regrets. Lori loved her family with all her heart. As a mother and wife, she was our biggest fan. Though it was a long and difficult road, in the end it was worth every tear, heartache, up, down, in and out.

"We love you Lo, more than a million skies. We will see you when we get there."

A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

James A. Stoddard, 75

James A. Stoddard, 75, of Kalispell, died June 30, 2015, in Kalispell.

A graveside service will be 10 a.m. July 7 at

Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ethel Faye Stoneman, 88

Ethel Faye Stoneman, 88, of Coram, died in Coram on Sept. 7, 2015. Services are pending in

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

Marilyn J. Strachota, 88

Marilyn J. Strachota, 88, of Bigfork died at home on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

She is survived by her children Larry Strachota,

Tim Strachota, and Deborah Catello.

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

Ervin L. Strand, 78

Ervin L. Strand, 78, died Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

There will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Mark E. Street, 50

Mark E. Street passed away Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, at his home in Kalispell with his family by his side.

Mark was born Jan. 14, 1965, in Kalispell to Clifford and Margaret Street. He spent most of his years growing up in Marion and McGregor Lake where he found his tremendous love for the outdoors — he felt closest to the Lord in his times spent in nature. Being an avid outdoorsman, he looked for every opportunity to go hunting, fishing or just drive to the mountains, and loved to share his stories of every adventure.

He had a gift for music and enjoyed playing guitar and singing with friends and family.

Mark worked most of his life as an equipment operator in both logging and road construction, along with countless hours spent on mechanics with his brothers — a talent they learned from their father Cliff.

He was preceded in death by his father Clifford Street, and sister Cheryl Ann Street.

Mark is survived by his mother, Margaret Street; his wife and best friend of the past 17 years, Sheri Sakariason,



and their two children, Dakota Sakariason and Kendall Street; former wife,

Shannon Street, and their two daughters, Brianna Street and Lacy Swan, and a daughter Heather Woodring, all of Kalispell; brothers, Ronald Street of Libby, Darrell and Brian Street of Kalispell, and Ray Street of Whitefish; sisters, Joan Steiner of Kalispell, Arlene Street of Marion, and Sandy Samples of Columbia Falls; granddaughters, Alyssa Street and Sierra Swan of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Other friends and family include Doug Steiner, Mike Jensen, John and Tamra Tveit, Howard and Sheryl Essex, Derrek Brooks, Misty Young; and his second families at Ready Freddy, Second Helpings and Flathead Food Bank; along with many others too numerous to mention.

Private services will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Herbert Strong, 73

Herbert Strong, 73, died Sunday, May 24, 2015, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his sons, Ben and Justin

Strong.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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W. James Stotts, 75

On July 9, 2015, Jim "left his earthly being and joined his parents Morgan and Alleene Stotts, sister Marschell and brother Michael."

Jim was born in Whitefish on Dec. 3, 1939, and was raised in the Kalispell area, attending local schools and graduating from Flathead County High School in 1958.

He joined the Navy and served for five years, getting his training as an electrician.

In 1969, Jim entered the Montana Highway Patrol Academy and worked as an officer in many cities throughout Montana. He continued through the ranks of the MHP and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1994. He then moved to Henderson, Nevada, where he could be close to the grandchildren and family.

His hobby in wood-working continued and he made much of the furniture in his home and many items for family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Adeline



Stotts; two children, Kimberly Kamrowski of Henderson,

and Keith Stotts and wife Stephanie, and children Morgan and Ashlee of Las Vegas.

Jim devoted much to playing baseball with Morgan from an early age and attending many camps, practices and traveling for games and, finally, enjoying Morgan's games with University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Ashlee was always his "angel" as he watched her grow with dancing, recitals, cheerleading and, finally, he was her greatest supporter in attending college.

Jim is also survived by his brother, Morgan "Dick" Stotts, and wife, Lorraine, of Kalispell; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services at Jim's request.

Remembrances may be made to Montana Hope Project at montanahope.org.

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George Stanley Stuebe, 76

George Stanley Stuebe, 76, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Stan was born July 9, 1938, in Chinook to George and Olga Stuebe. The family moved to Ferndale where he grew up. He graduated from Bigfork High School. Stan worked as a gardener at the Kelly Evans Estate, in the Christmas trees and orchards on Flathead Lake. He had lived at Heritage Place the last 10 years.

He is survived by two sisters, Eileen Kis and husband Louis, and Gloria McDonald; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Pastor Mark Cutler and the staff at Heritage Place for their loving care.

Memorial contributions in Stan's name may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m on Monday, April 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell. Inurnment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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

Iva Mae Howell Asmus Stryker, 98

Iva Mae Howell Asmus Stryker's journey on this planet came to an end on Sept. 5, 2015. She was 98-plus years young.

"She is now with her Lord and Savior, Jesus, perhaps sitting in the middle of a beautiful flower garden where there will be no weeds."

Her passion for flowers was known to all her neighbors, friends and family. She may have those wings, too, she'd talked about, so she can fly! The battle with diabetes, Parkinson's and dementia is now gone forever.

Iva Mae was born on March 10, 1917, the sixth of 11 children to Elmer C. and Minnie M. Johnston Howell. She attended grade school at Deer Park School. Those were the days when you either walked to school or rode a horse. She wasn't able to attend high school, but did earn her GED in May 1973.

She married Willard L. Asmus in 1936. From that marriage, she was blessed with three children, Ardella, Charlotte and Sidney. In 1946, she married Frank W. Stryker. She was blessed with two daughters, Janet and Alice.

Her family grew to include 15 grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Her life was filled with motherhood, gardening and preserving the harvest, and working outside the home. She enjoyed bowling and was good at it. Her passion, however, was her flowers. At the age of 97, she would still be out in her flower garden chopping at those pesky weeds that never went away. Memorial Day weekend she would give



flowers to those who'd ask for bouquets. Over the years, the flower beds got smaller but not her

love of seeing those beautiful peonies and irises blooming outside her front window.

She would always tell us as we would be leaving from a visit, "Come back soon."

Mother is survived by a sister, Jessie Wunderlich, of Valier; daughters, Ardella Fauske of Whitefish, Charlotte Russell of Kent, Washington, Janet Mullenix of Kalispell, and Alice Stryker of Orem, Utah; grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Besides her parents and siblings, Mom was preceded in death by son, Sidney; and grandsons Greg Stryker and Lance Walden Jr.

We are rejoicing that the battle is over for Mom, but feel a deep sadness knowing someone we've all known our entire life will no longer be with us here on earth. We would like to thank Aspen Gardens of Helena and the caregivers there for taking such good care of her. Hospice was wonderful to her, too. Thank you to each of you for caring for and about our mother. May your time with her bring you many fond memories. For sure, for sure!

A memorial service will be Oct. 3 in the chapel at the Fairview Cemetery. Mom's beloved Flathead Valley will once again be her home where she will be buried with her Grandpa and Grandma Howell.

Larry Matthew Stillwaugh, 72

Larry was born in Yakima, Washington on Aug. 7, 1942, and passed away quickly on April 17, 2015.

Larry is survived by his wife Myrna, whom he lovingly married in 1986; his pride-and-joy children Michael Stillwaugh and wife Joann, Karen Stillwaugh Lommers and husband Rusty, Jim Bryer and wife Anna, Jerry Bryer and wife Kim; grandchildren James Stillwaugh, Jayson Lommers, Justin Bryer and wife Kaycee and daughter Miya, Adam Bryer, Josh Bryer, Jordan Bryer and brothers Don and John.

Preceded in death by mother Margaret Haggerty Stillwaugh and father Homer Stillwaugh.

Larry worked at Schellinger Construction for many years as a well-known finish operator before retiring. He was proud of being known as "one of the best finish operators ever!"

Larry loyally served as a Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodge 42, president of the Kalispell Temple Board and member of Trinity Lodge 152.

Larry enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends and family. He especially enjoyed his annual hunting trips with his son and grandsons. Special thanks to his grandson Josh, son Mike, grandson James and good friend Stan for making the last few years' hunting trips so much fun and memorable. Larry enjoyed spending time with family and friends whenever possible. He was always there to give anyone a helping hand and support. Larry enjoyed playing pool, bowling and golfing; it wasn't about winning — it was about sharing time with friends and family ... enjoying life!

Larry's kind and gentle demeanor and sense of humor will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.



time hunting trip. So thankful of the lessons and life tips he handed down to me," said

grandson James Stillwaugh.

"Favorite memories of Grandpa is he always had a story to share with anyone that had time to listen, whether it was work or hunting, it was grand kids or a stranger we met 500 miles away, he was a real people-person. He made friends wherever he went," said grandson Josh Bryer.

"One of my best memories of Grandpa was how he taught me how to slice all of our turkeys, hams, and prime ribs for the different holidays, and then passed down the responsibility to me," said grandson Jordan Bryer.

"I remember the train set, how we would set it up at Christmas. It started out small and every year it ended up bigger. Adam and I would open a new part to the train and Grandpa would help us glue it onto place. Some days we would go to the hobby shop and find what new parts we needed. Grandpa would always make sure we could pick one out. He would grab some new parts for himself too! We couldn't wait for Christmas so we could add it to the set. Grandpa and Great Grandpa, we will miss you but we'll be together again. Love you," said grandson Justin Bryer.

"I remember him always teasing us about keeping out of trouble. He always had a sense of humor that had my attention since the day I remember calling him my Grandpa, I'll miss you," said grandson Adam Bryer.

"Love you!" said great-granddaughter Miya Jaymes Bryer.

Kenneth G. Storie, 89

Kenneth G. Storie, 89, of Kalispell passed away May 24, 2015.

Kenneth was born in Kalispell to Thomas and Emma (Krohn) Storie on Aug. 31, 1925. Kenneth was raised in the Flathead Valley and graduated from North Central High School in Spokane.

After high school, Kenneth entered into the U.S. Navy serving from Aug. 28, 1943, to May 16, 1946, serving on the SS Meteor, and the SS Cape Newenham.

On Nov. 5, 1949, he married Mildred Bahr in Bigfork.

Kenneth worked as a telegraph operator from 1949 to 1955 for the Great Northern Railway, before starting his career as a carpenter for local construction companies from 1955 to 1987. Kenneth loved fishing, hunting, stained glass, woodworking, boating, gardening, yard work and traveling.

Kenneth was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners, Epworth United Methodist Church and the Carpenters Local.



He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Mildred E. Storie; daughter Karen K. Dean, and son

Glenn A. Storie; grandchildren Zachary N. and Vanessa Wheat, of Spokane, and Brooke S. Dean of Oakland, California; and great-grandchildren Emery Wheat, Tucker Wheat and Presley Wheat, all of Spokane.

Memorials may be sent to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane. A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Friends are encourage to visit the website www.buffalo-hillfh.com to send notes of condolence.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Larry's grandchildren shared the following thoughts and memories about him.

"Wouldn't trade a single day spent with him, I look back and cherish the memories we made and shared. Will never forget the once in a life

Black Kitty added, "Larry was my provider and protector and gave me unconditional love, no matter how many mice I brought him."

"We miss you and will always love you," from your wife, sons, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

Timothy Suchers, 62

Timothy Suchers, 62, of Evergreen, died Dec. 27, 2015. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Lois May Sudan, 91

Lois May Sudan passed away on Oct. 19, 2015, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the devoted and faithful wife of Leo Sudan who preceded her in death.

Born in Kalispell on Feb. 17, 1924, she was the daughter of Daniel and Mildred Sullivan. She attended Echo Elementary School, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1941.

Upon graduation and at the onset of World War II, her high school sweetheart Leo joined the Marines and headed overseas. To assist her country in the war efforts, Lois moved to Bremerton, Washington, where she worked in a high security torpedo factory. Leo returned home from war and the two were married in 1943 in Seattle.

The couple returned to Montana in 1945 and settled in Bigfork. Lois worked as a mail carrier on the Swan route and as a beloved janitor at the Ferndale Elementary School, as well as helping her husband with the family logging business. In 1947, they welcomed their first child, a son named Billie, followed by daughters, Bonnie, Barb and Patti.

In 1976, Lois bought the Village Florist flower shop in Bigfork which she ran for nearly 33 years. She loved sports of all kinds and was a loyal fan of Bigfork High School



sports, especially watching all of her 11 grandchildren, and many of her great-grandchildren.

In the years since the flower shop, Grandma Lois or "Grams," as she was affectionately called, enjoyed making quilts, tending to her plants and flowers, and making her world-famous pies and pastries.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Sudan; brothers, Eugene and Cecil Sullivan; and sister, Florence Paulson.

She is survived by her four children, son Bill and wife Rene, daughter Bonnie and husband Jack Triepke, daughter Barb and husband Clyde Potts, and daughter Patti and husband Vernon Smith, all of Bigfork; as well as 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind multiple, adored granddogs who visited frequently.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery, with celebration of life services at the Bigfork Inn, with light lunch provided.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Charles D. Sullins, 82

Charles D. Sullins, 82, of Kalispell, died at Heritage Place July 18, 2015.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and

no services are scheduled.

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

Channing 'Sully' Sullivan, 80

Channing "Sully" Sullivan, 80, passed away on his birthday, Aug. 26, 2015, at his home in Whitefish.

He was born in 1935 to Daniel and Evelyn (Runsvold) Sullivan. Sully was raised on a farm in Bad Rock and attended school there. He graduated Flathead County High School with the Class of 1954. While going to high school, he worked at the Equity Supply Company. After graduation he joined the Army. When he was discharged, he went to work at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls where he worked for 39 years.

Channing and Beverly Lewin were married in 1961. To this union was born their daughter Kathleen Sullivan. They lived in Whitefish for many years.

Sully loved children and was the grandpa on the street where he lived to many of the neighborhood families.

Sully was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert and Olphena



Runsvold; his mother and father, Daniel and Evelyn Sullivan; aunts and uncles; his loving wife, Beverly; nephew, Dan Wright; and brother-in-law,



John Wright.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen, and Joe Rehbein; granddaughter Rachel Rehbein, grandsons Zachary and Beth Rehbein, and Caleb and Katelyn Rehbein; great-granddaughters, Ayla and Emma Rehbein; sisters, Rosalie Wright of Kalispell, and Joann Sullivan of Missoula; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service for Sully at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, at Austin Funeral Home. Private urn burial will take place at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Sully's family.

Ryan Sullivan, 39

Ryan Sullivan, 39, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, at his home in West Glacier.

He is survived by his mother, Susan Sullivan.

Services will be held at a later date in Hawaii.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Barbara J. Bergmann Fredericks Sundberg, 84

Barbara J. Bergmann Fredericks Sundberg, 84, peacefully passed away on March 22, 2015, at her home in Bigfork with loving family by her side.

Born Jan. 3, 1931, to Nellie Hegg at her grandmother's house on Seventh Avenue West in Kalispell, Barbara was the oldest of eight children. She attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1949.

On March 29, 1954, she married Floyd Fredericks in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Together they had two children, Christine and Corby, joining Floyd's children, Connie, Jerry and Sid. Floyd died Aug. 26, 1973.

Barbara married Arnold Sundberg Aug. 1, 1975, in Kalispell. She moved to Columbia Falls to make her home there for the next 39 years. Arne passed away Sept. 9, 2014.

Barbara worked several places in Kalispell and encountered many friends along the way. Her first job was at the Flathead Cherry Warehouse. She later went on to work at Flathead County Title Company, Kalispell Police Department, and finally retiring from the State Lands Department (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) in 1992.

She enjoyed dancing of all kinds and had special memories of her time spent square dancing. You never had to worry about an empty stomach as she was a master in the kitchen and showed her love by feeding you. A few of her most beloved dishes included fried chicken, spaghetti casserole, buttermilk pancakes, taco salad and beef liver. She spent many hours creating Christmas cookies and snacks for her family and friends.



Barbara moved to Rising Mountains Assisted Living in Bigfork where she remained until her

death. She loved her new home and made some very dear friends, including Geraldine Lehr and Marie Miller. A special thanks to all the staff who took great care and grew to love her. A special thanks to Rich and Lance for the thought and love given in the meals they prepared.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Leslie Lewellen and Linda Ward.

She is survived by her siblings, Arlene Ekert, Connie Bergmann, Janice Geldrich, Richard Bergmann and Sharon Phillips. She is also survived by her children, Christine Baker and Corby Guse, Connie State, Jerry Fredericks and Sid Fredericks; eight grandchildren, Hope Peterson, Alea Kohl, Janay Connor, Breana Baker, Joel Gray, Jacob Gray, Brian Guse and Braeden Guse, five great-grandchildren, and two on the way.

Barbara and her family were honored to have Frontier Hospice caring for her as she prepared for her journey home. She had a strong faith and was looking forward to meeting her Lord and Saviour.

Barbara always knew that spring had arrived when she heard the song of a meadowlark. It was her favorite song. The apple of her eye was her great-granddaughter, Arribella Kohl. There was always a huge smile on her face when she saw those big blue eyes come to visit.

In September 2014, Bar-

A viewing was held March 27 at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home, Kalispell. Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, March 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at the Hampton Inn. Barbara's favorite color was purple. The family invites you to wear purple in her honor.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Friends of Hospice.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.jgfuneralhome.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

7 Jul 2015 **Agnes L. Sunell, 90**

Agnes L. Sunell, 90, passed away July 3, 2015, at her home in Columbia Falls.

Born June 13, 1925, to Roy and Freida Mackin in Glen Ullin, North Dakota, Agnes had eight siblings, William, Verne, Lloyd, Larry, Rose, Mildred, Norman and Doris, most of which resided in Montana and California.

Agnes moved to Apgar in Glacier Park to live with her oldest brother William "Bill" to babysit and work at Apgar Cabins which were owned by Bill.

Agnes married Paul "Blondie" Sunell in 1948. Agnes had one daughter, Lynne, from a previous marriage. Paul had two daughters, Paula and Corolla, from a previous marriage, and they had a son, Conway, together. She took care of Blondie during his long illness of lupus until his death in 1976. Agnes and Blondie built and operated the Skyline Motel in Apgar from 1953 to 1968. She absolutely loved Glacier National Park and the eagles gathering when the salmon were spawning.

Conway's birthday in August was always a hit with the kids in Apgar because of Agnes' famous cupcakes.

Agnes enjoyed bowling, pinochle, baking, solitaire and yearly picnics in Glacier National Park.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Sunell; her parents, Roy and Freida Mackin; all eight siblings, William, Verne, Lloyd, Larry, Rose, Mildred, Norman and Doris; daughter, Lynne Sawyer; granddaughter, Michele "Missy" Sawyer; and stepdaughter, Corolla.

She is survived by her son, Conway Sunell, his wife Teri, their children Joel and wife Angie, and Kellen and wife Dove and their son Hendriks; grandson, Matthew Sawyer; granddaughter Mandy (Sawyer) Howard, her husband Brett, their children Marcus, Malyssa and husband Shawn, and their daughters Alessandra and Mikayla, and Bethany and fiance Kolton and their son Klayton.

There will be a graveside service for Agnes at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 10, at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Kathy D. Sundh, 50

Kathy D. Sundh, 50, of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2015, after an extended illness.

Kathy was born Nov. 2, 1964, in Pensacola, Florida, to John and Shirley Castleberry. It was there that she met the love of her life, Marlon Sundh. They married on Sept. 27, 1986, and were later blessed with the births of two sons, Brandon in 1990 and Tyler in 1994.

Kathy had a passion for knitting, gardening and antiques, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved studying God's word and being involved in Bible study groups. Her Sunday school children brought much joy to her and she loved each and every one of them.

All who knew Kathy were amazed by her unwavering faith, courage, strength and tenacity throughout her illness. She was truly an inspiration to all of us.

Kathy was preceded in death by her grandparents, and her brother Johnny.

She is survived by her husband, Marlon, whom she always referred to as "her rock." She is also survived by her sons, Brandon and Kinlie, and Tyler; parents, John and Shirley Castleberry; brother, Kevin and Kim; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gary and Dianne



Sundh, (whom Kathy called "her angel"); sisters-in-law, Mindy Fuzesy, and Dulcie and

Britt Tonjum; nieces, Brianne, Erin, Stacia, Ainsley, Laney and Nichole; and nephew, Johnny. Kathy is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends too numerous to mention.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Transplant Team, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, ALERT, Big Sky I.V. and Dr. David Habel. Your compassionate care of our dear Kathy will never be forgotten.

A viewing will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Bethany Cemetery, also in Bigfork.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, which was Kathy's favorite charity.

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

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Phyllis Jane (Kauffman) Swallow, 74

Phyllis Jane (Kauffman) Swallow, 74, passed away peacefully on Sept. 14, 2015, following an extended illness.

She was born on March 1, 1941, in Kalispell to parents Rollan and Jane (Rowell) Kauffman. She attended Kalispell public schools.

At age 18, she flew to Fairbanks, Alaska, to marry her high school sweetheart, Wesley Allen Swallow, who was stationed at Eielson Air Force Base. They were married July 20, 1959, and

enjoyed 56 years together.

After a year, they returned to make their home in Kalispell where they raised their three children. Her faith in God was very important to her and she attended church regularly and read her Bible faithfully. She was an avid letter-writer and an encourager to many missionaries throughout the world.

Phyllis was a much-loved aide at Helena Flats Elementary School for 31 years. She loved sacred music, flower gardening,

bird-watching, crocheting, reading, camping, swimming and enjoyed her pet kitties. Possessing a sweet and gentle spirit, Phyllis attracted many friends. Her fun-loving nature also resulted in her playing many practical jokes on friends and loved ones.

Phyllis is survived by her loving husband, Wesley Allen Swallow; her children, Kerry and Richard Johnson of Minnesota, Kevin and Sheila Swallow of New York, and Keith and Amy Swallow of Missouri; five grandchildren,

and two great-granddaughters; brother, Dennis, and Irene Kauffman, of Grants Pass, Oregon; and sister, Cheryl, and Buddy Hammond, of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by three nephews, a great-niece, and her parents Rollan and Jane Kauffman.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William Scott Sward, 64

William Scott Sward was born Feb. 20, 1951, and passed away Aug. 8, 2015.

Scott was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and devoted Christian. He was born in Kalispell to Doris and Elwyn Sward. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout under his father's watchful instructions. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1969 with a scholarship to continue his education at Western Montana College, where he played football and threw discus. He received his master's from MSU-Northern.

Upon securing his first teaching job, he decided he was done with sports, but God had other plans. He became an assistant football coach and later the head coach in Ronan, and never looked back. He was the head coach in Whitefish and Havre. He had more than just victories on the field; he touched the lives of hundreds of young men and women wherever he went. Coaching was only a part of his legacy.

Having taught 25 years in Montana and 17 years in California before retirement, he influenced thousands of students to become



better young men and women. He had high expectations of everyone around him, young or old, and

gave everyone the opportunity to rise to those expectations.

He and his wife Toni moved to Bakersfield to be near their son Danny and his family. He continued his teaching career at Panama-Buena Vista Union School District, where he was able to teach all three of his grandchildren. It wasn't long before his coaching reputation caught the attention of Stockdale High School, and he joined the staff and was a part of a run at the Valley Championship and a 12-1 season.

He rarely missed an opportunity to be with his grandchildren, watching them do anything. He could always be found at their soccer matches, softball games, football games, swim meets, and drama productions. He was their biggest fan as they graced the fields and stages, cheer-

ing loudly, beaming with pride, and quick with a hug at the end.

Scott is survived by his devoted wife of 45 years, Toni; their loving son, Danny; daughter-in-law, Kim; and his three adoring grandchildren, Shelby of Missoula, Darby and Brady of Bakersfield; sister-in-law, Barb Sward, of Springfield, Oregon; brother, Mike and wife Debra of Kalispell; and brother, Tom and wife Toot of Bigfork; Aunt Dorothy McGlenn of Kalispell; and Uncle Roland "Ron" Sloan of Chelan, Washington; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends.

We will celebrate Scott's life and going home at noon Saturday, Aug. 15 at Laurelglen Bible Church in Bakersfield; and at a graveside service open to friends and family at noon on Friday, Aug. 21 at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with a reception to follow from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Museum at Central School.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center, 6501 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93309, who

worked so hard to make our Scottie well.

For condolences please visit: www.greenlawnm-c.com.

George Sweley, 87

Funeral services for George Sweley, 87, of Sidney are at 10 a.m., on Monday, June 8, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney with Pastor Vicki Waddington officiating.

Cremation will follow services under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Visitation will be on Sunday, June 7, from noon to 6 p.m., at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

George Wesley Sweley was born on Aug. 11, 1927, to Charles and Jennie (Howard) Sweley in Fairview. His father died in 1928, and his mother married A.W. Woodfill in 1930 and then moved from Fairview to Sidney.

He attended Sidney High School where he played football. During the evening George would drive gas truck for Gussie



Obergfell, Yale and Carter Oil Company, in the evenings going to Trenton, North Dakota, with gas deliveries.

In September of 1950,

George entered the United States Air Force being stationed at Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C.

On Feb. 24, 1951, George was united in marriage to Joyce Marlene Robinson at the Methodist Church in Forestville, Maryland. In September of 1954 he was honorably discharged for the United States Air Force and they returned to Sidney.

In March of 1955 George and Peter Degel bought Bierer Tire Store and in 1963 they built a new store south of Sidney, named D & S Tire and Oil Company. They operated

the store for twenty one years, as a Goodyear tire store and an Exxon Bulk Plant. Later they divided the business, with George staying in the Petroleum business until he retired at the age of 65. George enjoyed his association with his customers and could always recall their locations and faces. He was dedicated to his profession for 53 years.

George was a member of Lonsdale United Methodist Church, Western Petroleum Marketers, 50-year member of the Moose Lodge, Lions Club, and the American Heart Association-State of Montana. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, old tractors, spending time with his grandchildren and his faithful companion "Diesel," his dog.

George died on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce Sweley of Sidney; his son,

John and Kathy Sweley of Sidney; his daughter, Joanne and Duane Lybeck of Kalispell; his niece, Emma and Leonard Strand of Sidney; his sister-in-law, Ruby Sweley, of Sidney; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Sweley; his mother, Jennie Sweley; his brothers, Carl, Roland, and Harold; his sisters, Bessie and David Mann, Elsie Biely and Cassie and Dante Guarnaro.

1 Apr 2015

Patricia Helen Swimley, 83

Patricia Helen Swimley, 83, of Libby died of natural causes on Sunday, March 29, 2015, in Libby.

She was born on March 12, 1932, in Sweet Grass to Arthur and Selma May Gilder. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1950.

Pat married Donald Bundrock in 1950. He preceded her in death. She married Ralph "Bud" Swimley on Oct. 1, 1969, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

She worked for the local telephone company several years, before being employed by the Lincoln County Clerk and Records Office and retiring in 1988.

Pat enjoyed traveling, quilting, fishing, seafood and spending time with her kids, grandkids and lifelong friend, Irene Loveless.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life and husband of 40 years, Ralph T. Swimley, and their twin boys.



She is survived by children, Dan Bundrock and wife Trish of Libby, Dave Bundrock

and wife Vicky of Spring Creek, Nevada, Paula Bundrock and John Alt of Marion, Bruce Swimley and wife Arlene of Billings, Robin Swimley and wife Carol of Libby, Robert Swimley and wife Kathy of Spring Creek, and Brian Swimley and Keith Swimley, both of Troy; and 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her family will have a memorial later this year to pay tribute to our beloved mom and Grandma Pat.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Tomasz Swiatek, 45

Tomasz Swiatek, 45, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell July 5, 2015. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

6 Jan 2015

Leon Dale Syth, 81

Leon Dale Syth, 81, peacefully passed away on Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at home surrounded by his family after a lengthy battle with multiple sclerosis. We are very grateful for the kind and loving care Leon received in his final days from Home Health Care Hospice as well as his "special nurses," daughter Lana DeGrio of Grass Valley, California, granddaughter Annie Tilton of Kalispell, granddaughter Melissa Santos of Grass Valley and Ronda Hill of Columbia Falls, and others.

Leon was born in Sidney on May 30, 1933, to parents Lucy and Herold Syth and moved with his parents to Kalispell as a young child. He attended grades one to eight at Batavia and then attended Flathead County High School, graduating in 1951.

After graduation Leon worked for Safeway Foods in Kalispell; was a salesman for Nabisco and also sold Filter Queen vacuums. Leon was a jack-of-all-trades and could fix or repair anything.

While working for Safeway, on Oct. 1, 1951, Leon met the love of his life, Evelyn Whaley. After a whirlwind romance they were married on March 16, 1952, and remained together until his death.

In 1996, Leon took a



sabbatical to LaPaz, Mexico, where he built a church of which he was

extremely proud.

Leon and Evelyn owned Leon's Mobile Homes in Kalispell for about 10 years where he also sold Arctic Cat snowmobiles. They purchased The Pines Cafe in Columbia Falls in 1976 and together ran it until selling it in 2004.

Over the years Leon enjoyed the outdoors hunting, fishing, camping and snowmobiling. He was a self-taught taxidermist and displayed his work at The Pines. In later years Leon took up oil painting and carpentry. Leon had a huge heart and was always there to lend a helping hand to those who needed it. It didn't matter who it was, friend or stranger, Leon would help them.

Leon was preceded in death by his father Herold Syth, mother Lucy Syth Cusick, brother Wade Syth, brother Marlin Syth, brother Jerry Syth, nephew John Syth, infant son Leon Ralph Syth and grandson Daniel Fredenberg.

Leon is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Evelyn; his sister, Lois

Krause, and husband, Bob, of Bigfork; children, Elizabeth Fredenberg and husband Ron of Kalispell, Leona Tilton and husband Ritchie of Columbia Falls; Laura Ingram and husband Michael of Las Vegas, Lana DeGrio of Grass Valley, and Leon A. Syth of Phoenix. Leon is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren who were also very loved by their grandpa. He will be missed by all.

Leon's family and friends, as well as his deep-rooted faith in our Lord

and Savior were always what meant the most to Leon. He will continue to be loved and missed by all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Thursday, Jan. 8, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kalispell.

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

1 Jul 2015

Michael Paul 'Mike' Syverson, 54

Michael Paul "Mike" Syverson was born on Nov. 6, 1960, to Keith Wilson Syverson and Kathe Syverson at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Mike died in Butte in the early morning hours of May 21, 2015, of natural causes.

Mike attended grade school and high school in Bigfork. After high school graduation, he attended college in Havre hoping to become a science teacher but he did not graduate. Mike returned home and spent all but the last year in Bigfork, first caring for his father, then after his father's death, caring for his mother. Without Mike's assistance, his mother would not have been able to stay home in her final years.

In late 2014, after his mother's death, Mike experienced a deep emotional collapse and depression. He was brought to Marquis Vintage Suites in Butte so he could receive the care he needed and be closer to his remaining family. When he walked



through the doors of the Marquis he could barely speak. During his time at the Marquis, Mike

began to heal. Within a few short months he had regained his sense of humor and wit.

Mike is survived by his brother, Mark Syverson, and his sister-in-law, Noorjahan Parwana.

We would like to thank the many people who cared for Mike and enriched his last months — the great staff at Marquis, his therapist Mike Judd, and the many doctors and healthcare providers who helped Mike start living again.

Mike enjoyed the company of a number of dogs and, most recently, a cat, Blackie, over his lifetime. If anyone feels moved to remember Mike, please consider making a gift to your local shelter or, better yet, adopt an animal that needs a home.