

Carl P. Valentine, 72

Carl P. Valentine, 72, passed away Jan. 2, 2015, in Kalispell after living life for 72 years.

Carl was born Oct. 19, 1942, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Virgil and Ora (Long) Valentine. He was the youngest of three children. Carl grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from Amon Carter Riverside High School and attended Arlington State College in Arlington, Texas.

In 1964, Carl married Darleene Harville of Cleburne, Texas. Carl, Darleene, and their children, Steven and Angela, lived in Texas before Carl, Darleene and Angela moved to Kalispell in 1990.

Carl was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and hiking. Carl also enjoyed fly tying and woodworking. Carl was a very loving and devoted husband, father, brother and friend. He was a true Southern gentleman and had a wonderful sense of humor.

Carl and his wife Darleene celebrated their 50th anniversary in October of 2014.

Carl is survived by his wife, Darleene, of Kalispell; daughter, Angela Valentine, of Tulalip, Washington; son, Steven Valentine, of Richmond, Texas; sister, Joy Valentine Mabra, of Carlsbad, California; granddaughter, Lori Valentine Rose, of Cleburne; and several nieces and nephews.

One of Carl's favorite places was the unspoiled wilderness and waters of Alaska. His family asks that Carl's friends and relatives have a moment of silence in his honor when they are out in nature, as this is where Carl felt closest to God. No services are planned at this time.

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.

Byrl Eugene Valstad, 74

Byrl Eugene Valstad, 74, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, at his home in

Whitefish.

He is survived by his four children.

Robert Leslie Van Alstine, 87

The Rev. Robert Leslie Van Alstine "went to be with his Lord and Savior" on Jan. 31, 2015.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1927, in Kalispell, delivered by his great-grandmother who was a midwife. Robert graduated from Flathead County High School and was involved in sports. He played baseball, basketball and ice hockey.

His first job was for the Daily Inter Lake as a paperboy, and then he went on to work for the Hungry Horse News and the Daily Inter Lake. Bob then worked on the railroad where he learned Morse Code.

Bob joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Paris, France during the World War II. He was in the Communications Division at SHAPE Headquarters.

After serving his country, Bob married his wife Maralyn on Oct. 26, 1952. He accepted the Lord as his Savior through the influence of the Rev. Ralph Werner. He started attending Bethel Baptist Church and the Rev. Laurel Inabnit was his mentor. Bob was led to go to Omaha Baptist Bible College in Omaha, Nebraska, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree. He went to school full time and worked evenings at the Omaha World Herald as a teletype while raising a family, and was the editor at the school paper.

After graduating, Bob pastored several churches; eventually he became the co-founder and executive director of the Baptist Child Placement Agency in Seattle. He worked there for 16 years and, after retirement, Bob and Maralyn retired in



Kalispell. Bob, in his retirement became a published author, a poet, had two books published, was known as the "word-worker."

and was deacon of Bethel Baptist and on the mission board.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Leon Van Alstine; mother, Edith Fredenberg Van Alstine; brother, Richard Van Alstine; sister, Laura Patterson; and wife, Maralyn Eayrs Van Alstine, in 2007.

He is survived by daughters, Kathy Cox and Steve, Lorrie Bentley and Derek, and Allison Latimer; brother, Walter Van Alstine; and sister, Barbara Patterson. Bob had seven grandsons, Corey Earp, Kelly Earp, Brandon Earp, Joshua Cox, Nathaneal Cox, Jeremiah Gillespie and Jediah Latimer; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A private burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery and a celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, at Bethel Baptist Church, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Robert's name to Baptist Mid Missions Foundation, P.O. Box 308011, Cleveland, OH 44130-8011.

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Caytlyn Marie 'KB' VanSchoyck, 22

Caytlyn Marie "KB" VanSchoyck, 22, of Columbia Falls, was "called home to be with her lord and savior" on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. She was born May 22, 1992 in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Johnson of Aitken, Minnesota; and great-grandfather Arthur Johnson of Aitken.

She is survived by her mother, Katherine Allen, of Port Angeles, Washington; her father Garry and stepmother Michelle VanSchoyck of Martin City; brother Christopher VanSchoyck of Port Angeles; brother Spencer Kubis of Martin City; grandfather Joey VanSchoyck of Hungry Horse; grandmother Linda Williams and her husband Dan of New River, Arizona; great-grandmother Lois VanSchoyck of Billings; uncle Nic VanSchoyck and his wife Jesse of Columbia Falls; aunt Ashley VanSchoyck of Tucson, Arizona; aunt Brittany VanSchoyck of Goodyear, Arizona; and numerous cousins and friends she called family.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother Katherine Elaine Allen of Palmdale, California; grandfather Raymond James Allen of Palmdale; great-grandfather Glenn VanSchoyck of Billings; great-grandmother Helen

Caytlyn was an energetic, bright, beautiful young woman who loved people and animals. She enjoyed golfing, camping, fishing, reading, cooking, singing and playing games with the family.

She was always there to help someone in need. She had a smile that could light up a room and a laugh nobody could ever replicate. She was a 2012 graduate of Bridge Academy.

KB, your time on earth was too short. You are loved and will be greatly missed. Spread your wings and fly.

Services will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. In lieu of flowers the family asks tax-deductible donations be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, Virginia, 22311, in her name.

Marliese Wilkonski Vaughn, 84

Marliese Wilkonski Vaughn, 84, a longtime resident of Libby, died Thursday Jan. 15, 2015, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby.

Survivors include her children, Richard, Chris, Tami, Mike, Sue, Renee, Ron and John.

A gathering in her memory will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Fireside Room of the Venture Inn in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Donald E. Van Vliet, 75

Donald E. Van Vliet, 75, of Ferndale, passed away at his home Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015.



He became an Eagle Scout as a teenager and then joined the National Guard.

In 1970 he was hired at Roseville Telephone Company as an installer repairman until 1977. In 1978 he was hired by Pacific Telecom Inc. in Chiloquin, Oregon, where he and his wife Joan built their log home and had four children. He worked there for 12 years as a central office equipment technician doing installation, repairs, switchman and splicing.

Brandi Bruce of Incline Village, Nevada, Rosalie Van Vliet of Bigfork, Sarah Van Vliet of Maui, Hawaii, Marie Mercer of Cranbrook, British Columbia, and Danielle Thompson of Kalispell; and their mother, Joan Murnane-Van Vliet, of Bigfork; plus 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was born to Donald M. Van Vliet and Elizabeth M. Backer (both now deceased) in Roseville, California, Dec. 20, 1939. As a child Donald enjoyed summers working on his grandfather's dairy farm. His grandfather was one of the first settlers in Franklin, California, and lays to rest at Franklin's old cemetery. Some of his relatives include Donald's fourth great-grandfather, explorer Alexander Hamilton Willard of the great Lewis and Clark expedition. Donald also enjoyed adventures as a child, including hunting, fishing and building boats.

In 1961 Donald graduated from Heald Engineering College in Sacramento, California, in electronics and then joined the United States Army. He trained at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, Army Ordnance Guided Missile School. Donald graduated as a ballistic missile test station repairman. From 1961 to 1970 he served as a section chief in a sergeant missile system maintenance company in Europe and Southeast Asia, then returned back to Redstone Arsenal to be an instructor for the guided missile system. Donald ended his Army career as a staff sergeant E-6.

In 1990 Donald moved his family to Bigfork where he bought 10 acres in Ferndale at the base of the Rocky Mountains. He worked in Kalispell and Bigfork. Donald retired from CenturyTel Communications in 2002 and spent the rest of his life enjoying time with his family and the beauty and solitude of his cabin in the woods.

Don was a longtime resident of Bigfork with many friends. Anyone who would like to attend the celebration of his life is welcome to join us in remembering our beloved Donald. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

Donald is survived by his six daughters, Johanna Van Vliet of Auburn, California,

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10 Apr 2015

Donald K. Veile, 91

Don Veile passed away Saturday, April 4, 2015, with his wife by his side.

Don was born on Oct. 22, 1923, in Cooperstown, North Dakota, to Alice and Holger Veile.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army on Nov. 17, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Blanding in Florida. He went overseas on June 6, 1944, and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, just after D-Day. Don also saw combat in Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded in combat on July 30 and Nov. 17, 1944, and again on Feb. 28, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart with two Oak Clusters, the European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, two overseas service bars, No Time Lost Under AW107 (The Ruptured Duck), and a Good Conduct Citation. He served with the 29th and 116th Infantry. He received an honorable discharge on Oct. 28, 1945. He was proud to have served and fought for our great country and lived a good and long life.

Don married Myrtle Solsten on Dec. 15, 1951,



in Valley City, North Dakota, and they raised four children.

Don and his family settled in Whitefish in 1958, working for Harlow Chevrolet as a mechanic and subsequently at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls where he retired in 1987.

Don is survived by his wife of 63 years, Myrtle; and children, Mavis and husband Bruce of Tucson, Arizona, Keith and wife Bonnie of Billings, Dennis and wife Barb of Reno, Nevada, and Dale and wife Mindy of Kalispell; and his sister, Norma Jean, of Cooperstown.

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

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Peter E. Venerdi Jr., 70

After a two year, hard fought battle with brain cancer, Peter Venerdi, 70, "peacefully entered into heaven" on St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2015.

Peter was born on May 18, 1944, in San Francisco to Marguerite Dwyer and Peter E. Venerdi Sr. He lived in California until the fifth grade, when he moved to Bellevue, Washington. He graduated from Bellevue High School in 1962 and attended Skagit Valley Junior College, Central Washington State and the University of Puget Sound. He served his country for three years in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969.

He met the love of his life, Gloria Funk, in junior high school and they were married in 1966. They were married a short 48 years. Peter and Gloria were blessed with three children and eight grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Peter was an executive and troubleshooter in the residential window and door industry.

He loved baseball, coaching Little League, the 49ers, and his passion was golf. Peter coached



Little League for 25 years. Peter was a lifelong Catholic and was a devoted member of St. Richard's Catholic community.

Peter is survived by his wife, Gloria; and his children, Peter E. Venerdi III "Bo" of Amelia Island, Florida, Stacylyn Zuniga of Fresno, California, and Wade Venerdi of Plantation, Florida. He is also survived by his sisters, Roberta Davis of Santa Barbara, California, and Christine Beswick of Texas.

Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, April 17, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow Friday's service at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Peter Venerdi may be made to the IVY Brain Tumor Center, 550 17th Ave. East, Suite 540, Seattle WA 98122.

John Vincent Vesecky, 81

John Vincent Vesecky passed from this mortal world Oct. 3, 2015, in the presence of his loving wife of 43 years, Rachel, and family, Joe and Linda Rogers of Coram, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He left as he had lived, quietly. Requesting a simple send off with no viewing, the funeral was for family only. Pastor Ken Ainsworth presided, also playing his guitar and singing. A military service was added at the request of John's Air Force grandson, Matt.

John is loved and will be missed by his wife, Rachel Strunk, artist, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Jody Nelson, her three children, Adam, Matt and Rachel, great-grandchild, Phoebe, and stepdaughter, Kimberly Buchanan, all of Minnesota. Other loving survivors are a brother, Russell Vesecky, and wife Editha; a sister, Lillian Murray, of Florida; and nieces and nephews, Saul, Susan, Gale, Charlene, Jack and Wayne, and their families.

He was preceded by his parents, Anton and Bessie Vesecky, longtime owners of the Key Largo Shopper in Florida.

Due to his quiet, sensitive manner, few people knew of John's high, ethical, morals, or how he was blessed with intelligence, and the ability to achieve, even excel, at anything he was passionate about. At a very early age, to get out of working in his father's meat market, John decided to go into music. By fourth grade, his music instructor suggested more advanced studies for John, at which time he enrolled in the Chicago Music School, where he graduated at age 13.

In high school, John participated in band, orchestra, gymnastic



shows, Slavic exhibition dancing at the Field and History Museum in Chicago, and was

even a musical clown for a summer. Playing in well-known Chicago ballrooms, John filled in as saxophone player in the Frankie Yankovich band.

John served in the Army; owned a grocery store in Summerland Key, Florida; was a meat cutter/manager in Arizona; owner of an HVAC business, All Metal Fabrication, in Phoenix from 1974 to 1989; owner of Vincent Co. in Columbia Falls in 1989, until retiring to become a successful oil painter.

He was a longtime member of Moose lodge No. 1922; member of the Hockaday Art Museum; member of the Red Baron Flight Club and received a pilot's license in 1977; and was a member of several unions, held RSES certificates, in pipefitting, gas, electric, plumbing, refrigeration, heating and cooling, air balance and exhaust systems. He was a graduate of Ottawa University.

Lisa Vercruysse, 45

Lisa Vercruysse, 45, of Kalispell, died July 11, 2015, in Whitefish.

She is survived by her three children.

A celebration of life service is pending.

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

22 Oct 2015

Ricki Dennis Vezane, 68

Our beloved Ricki made his transition into the higher realms on Oct. 12, 2015, with his son John and his daughter in law Desi, by his side.

Ricki was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on July 7, 1947, to Ronna and Alex Vezane.

He lived in Reno, Nevada, from 1960 until 1964, when he joined the U.S. Army on July 8, 1964, one day after he turned 17 years old. Ricki served 31 months at the U.S. Army base in Baumholder, Germany. He joined the Army National Guard of Montana on May 20, 1978, and received his Certificate of Retirement from the United States Army on July 7, 1999, with the rank of master sergeant.

Ricki is survived by his mother, Ronna Vezane; sister, Letitia Vezane Herman; step-brother, Dan Herman; brother, Gary, his two sons, Lance Vezane and John Vezane and their wives, Amy and Desi; as well as his nephew, Travis Vezane-Carter and wife, Heather, and niece, Kristina Vezane. Ricki adored his two granddaughters, Isabela and Zoey, and his grandneph-



ews, Grady, Evrette and Kreston.

He was dearly loved by all his family.

We wish to thank all of our friends and family for the kindness and love that has been



expressed to Ricki and our family during this time of great sadness.

A private wake was held for immediate family and friends.

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

25 Oct 2015

Donald C. Vogel, 80

Don passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Friday, Oct. 23, with his wife by his side.

Don was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Edwin and Carrie Vogel.

Don met the love of his life, Pat, as students at the Ohio State University. They were married for 57 years. Together they enjoyed fishing, camping and hunting with many trips in their camper to the Canadian Rockies.

Don taught science for 25 years in the Shaker Heights School System in Ohio. After retirement, a "big move" was made to the Creston area in Montana.

Don was an active member of the Eastside Grange as well as a trust-



ee of the Creston Fire Department.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and brother. He

leaves behind his wife, Patricia, sister-in-law, brother-in law, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Creston Fire Hall. Come prepared to share your memories and stories.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Creston Fire Department at 4498 Highway 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Per Don's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Gladys Pearl Violette, 98

Gladys Pearl Violette, 98, of Kalispell, died March 16, 2015, in Columbia Falls.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

William G. 'Bill' Vogt, 80

William G. "Bill" Vogt, 80, passed away on Nov. 18, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Bill was born on Feb. 16, 1935, in Watertown, South Dakota, to William and Hattie (Dummann) Vogt. Bill graduated from Watertown High School in 1953, and then went onto get his undergraduate and master's degrees from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He was on the 1952 All Star High School Football Team in South Dakota. and was also in the hall of fame for football at Northern State University. Bill married Jean Wanstedt on Dec. 27, 1956, in Lemmon, South Dakota. Bill worked as a junior high teacher and elementary principal in Lemmon, an elementary and junior high principal in Huron, South Dakota and assistant vice principal and principal at Flathead High School, retiring in 1993. He started the Lazer program at Flathead High School because his first priority was always the students.

Bill was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church serving on the board. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, the Lion's in South Dakota, and the past secretary, MHSA AA representative, board member and president of the Montana High School Association. Bill was also a referee for football and basketball.

He enjoyed gardening,



raising and training hunting dogs, fishing, big game hunting and bird hunting.

He even raised several species of birds. Bill guided pheasant hunting in South Dakota for several years after he retired from FHS. He enjoyed traveling to several states with his wife Jean, watching his grandchildren participate in sports and activities was a great joy, but one of his fondest memories was hunting and fishing in Alaska with his sons.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Darlene; and brothers, Don, Herb and Jim.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Jean Vogt; daughter, Kim and Mick Blodnick of Kalispell; sons, Steve and Tina Vogt of Sheridan Wyoming, Rob Vogt and Clark Vogt.

There will be a celebration of life barbecue in the summer of 2016. The family suggest memorials be made to a scholarship to be established at Flathead High School in Bill's name, c/o Jean Vogt, 1095 Columbia Falls Stage, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

To send a note of condolence to the family please go to www.buffalo-hillfn.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lorna Vollmer, 73

Lorna Vollmer, 73, of Kalispell died at her home July 18, 2015.

She is survived by her children, Lynette Coleman, Scott Rogers and Brad Rodgers.

A celebration of life will be from 4 to 7 p.m. July 24 at the Eagles Lodge.

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

Bill Vogt

A celebration of life and open house for Bill Vogt, 80, who died Nov. 18, will be from 1 to 4

p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Vista Linda, 240 Boon Road, in Somers. A buffet will be served.