

### Cleona 'Cleo' (Nigg) Wagner, 79

Cleo, 79, died peacefully at her home on Oct. 26, 2015, in Big River, California, with her son Carey by her side.

Cleo was born in Conrad, Montana, to William and Carrie "Mildred" (Kohl) Nigg on May 5, 1936, the eighth of nine children. Elmer, William "Billy," Alice, Jeanette "Jean," Leo, Edward "Eddie," Betty and LaVern.

She married Ramon "Ray" Wagner, on July 21, 1956, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Cleo and Ray made their home in Columbia Falls where they raised four children, Corey of Kalispell, Carey of Big River, Shelley and Greg Flesch of Missoula, and Dana and Tamy Parker of Missoula.

She loved many things in life and one of those things was bowling. Every Wednesday evening you could find her at the Canyon Bowling Lanes in Columbia Falls. She bowled with her



teammates Norma Blades, Mary Cady and Doris Hoerner for 25 years. Every year the Canyon

Bowling Lanes hosted an annual style show for Halloween. The team with the best costume won. With creative imaginations they went all out designing their costumes and were judged best costume for dressing as skunks.

She is survived by all of her children; six grandchildren, Brett, Shauna, Ryan, Nicole, Taylor and Haley; three great-grandchildren, Kendal, Reegan and Zachary; one brother, Vern Nigg, of Kalispell; one sister, Alice Smith, of Spokane and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 21 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St., Kalispell.

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### Stella Wagner, 84

Stella Wagner, 84, passed away at Immanuel Skilled Care Center on Oct. 15, 2015.

Stella was born Feb. 8, 1931, in Allons, Tennessee. Stella and her sister, Elva, did not have an easy life when they were young. Then a special couple, Mr. and Mrs. Baskin, took them into their home and raised them. Stella was a hard worker and as soon as she was old enough she was working to help pay her way.

Stella met Don Wagner who was stationed at Stewart Air Force Base in Tennessee and they were married Oct. 8, 1955. A few years later, Stella and Don picked up and moved to Don's hometown of Kalispell. Stella worked at various jobs, but the job she loved was in women's clothing. She and Don owned three women's clothing stores in Kalispell, The Closet, Touch of Class and Fashion Lady. They also had stores in Nashville, Butte and Great Falls. Stella was an expert in women's fashions and her passion was managing the stores, knowing what fashions would sell best and also going on numerous buying trips. Up until the very end of her life, her most favorite thing was going on shopping



sprees at the mall and then wearing her finds. She loved it when the other residents

and workers at Immanuel would make comments on what she was wearing.

Stella also loved dogs, and she and Don raised Collie and Malamute show dogs and various other dogs. After retiring they also had a second home in Nevada for a few years and then finally settled in Kalispell which Stella said was her "home".

She is preceded in death by her husband, Don, her sister, Elvia Palsgrove and a brother-in-law, Jim Wagner.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Pat Wagner; niece, Darlene Fowler; nephew, Ken Wagner; a cousin by marriage, Gary Wagener and his wife Linda; and lifelong friends Eddie Kerr and Julia, Cheryl Cobb and Bill and Linda Wright.

A special thank you goes to the caring staff of Immanuel Lutheran and Stella's special friend Tracy.

A graveside memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

### Mabel Waldusky, 85

Mabel Waldusky, 85, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, in Whitefish.

Mabel is survived by her children, Vernon Waldusky, Sheila Harker, Janice Spear and Barry Waldusky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald F. Waldusky; sons, Donald Ernest Waldusky

and Terry Gene Waldusky.

There will be a visitation for Mabel from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at Austin Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### Helen Waldmann

A memorial service for Helen Waldmann, 97, who died Aug. 31, 2014, will be 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, July

26, at Dayton Presbyterian Church. A reception will be 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

### Pauline Leslie Walker, 91

Leslie Walker died peacefully on Dec. 27, 2015. She was a brilliant, wise, curious, sensitive and loving woman who lived life to the fullest.

She was born in York, Nebraska, on Sept. 8, 1924, the youngest of three daughters. Her parents were Paul Walker and Marie (Kuhn) Walker. In her early years, life was difficult, and she was raised in part by her maternal grandparents on a Kansas "dirt farm" while her single mother worked full time.

She later graduated from Colorado Women's College in Denver with a two-year degree. Rather than accept a scholarship to a university, Leslie married an Army officer, and together they raised two sons and a daughter. This marriage ended in divorce after 25 years. At age 50, once the children were raised, Leslie resumed her studies, attending the University of California at Irvine, and in 1976 received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

After two years of private practice, Leslie embarked on a two-year solo sabbatical, traveling through the Middle East and Far East to study Eastern philosophy, mythology and religion. These travels took her to Iran, Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Italy (to be present for the naming of the Pope). She continued her travels to spend 15 months at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in India, then trekking and studying Buddhism in Nepal and Japan.

Upon her return to the U.S., she began studying Jungian psychology, and over the next 23 years became licensed and practiced as a Jungian psychologist in five Western states. In 1993 she moved



to Kalispell, where she also established a practice until her retirement in 2003. She enjoyed

a full and rich retirement life with Dr. James Armstrong Sr., and together they enjoyed many aspects of outdoor life — camping, hiking, hunting; as well as symphonies, plays and cultural events in the Flathead Valley.

Leslie described herself as: "a psychologist and a woman who believes in a united world where citizens accept our equality along with all the differences among human beings on this planet, with no need of wars or terrorism." She continued this thought with a quote from Sri Aurobindo: "The difficult can be done right away; the impossible takes a little longer."

Leslie is survived by her sons, Jerry Larsen and his wife Sharon of Santa Cruz, California, and Tom Larsen of Altadena, California; four grandchildren; Signe Morgan, Heather, Hillary and Nathaniel; great-grandchildren, Xavier and Darby; and great-great-grandchildren, Delana and Bella.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Ingrid Carter, formerly of Indian River, Michigan.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Renaissance Senior Care, who treated Leslie with kindness in her final years.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and at this time there are no services planned.

Condolences may be directed to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com)

### Ingeborg 'Inga' Anna Walette, 90

Inga "went peacefully to her heavenly home" on April 26, 2015, at Buffalo Hill Terrace with family by her side.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1925, the third of five children, to Edwin and Karen Larson at their homestead outside Brockton. She graduated from Brockton High School in 1942. From there Inga went to Montana State University, where she completed a nursing degree in 1946.

She met James Walette and they were married on June 18, 1949, in Whitefish. They shared a beautiful life for almost 60 years. Inga was a loving and caring mother who raised five children that required all of her nursing skills and patience.

An important aspect of her family life was her commitment to the Lord, which was her theme in raising her children. Inga attended what is now Canvas Church for 60 years, where she sang in a trio and choir for many years.

Inga's nursing career included Kalispell Hospital, North Valley Hospital, Immanuel Lutheran, and Flathead County Nursing Home. Later in life she enjoyed traveling with James, spending time with family and siblings, and wintering in Arizona. Also important to her was



caring for others and supporting Latin America ChildCare.

Inga is survived by children Karla and husband Dan Colyar, Spokane, Washington; Rodney Walette, Kalispell; daughter-in-law Debra Walette, Kalispell; and Roland and wife Gina Walette, Kennewick, Washington. Grandchildren include Charles Russell; James and Jeff Colyar; Gary, Adam, and Tonya Walette; Ross, Risa, and Rylan Walette; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Inga was preceded in death by her husband, James; daughter, Kristi; and son, Randy; and granddaughter Keri Ann.

A private graveside will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery and a celebration of Inga's life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Buffalo Hill Terrace for her family and friends.

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

### Barbara Lee Walter, 70

Barbara Lee Walter, 70, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, David Walter; and children, Devin,

Rebecca, Angie and Denny.

No services are planned at this time.

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

## Daniel H. Walsh, 71

Daniel H. Walsh passed away at his home on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.

He was an honest man, known for his stories, his wit and his word. Dan loved life, his family and friends, and America.

If you had the honor to know Dan, you know that you would be greeted with a smile, an off-color joke and a great story. You see, Dan was a man who loved to make people laugh. He loved to share his joy in the world through his memories and always tried to make you feel like a friend — no matter if you were an old friend or new, good situation or bad.

Dan was a hardworking man. He opened his pawn shop, The Trading Post, in Pasco, Washington, shortly after marrying his love, Judy Hartley, in Kalispell. Dan had a dream of providing for his new, ready-made family, which included two young daughters, Shonda Kay and Becky. Shortly after the business was settled, Judy and the girls moved to Pasco, where they expanded their family with a third daughter, Jenny, set roots with a new home that they renovated from the studs up and developed that successful business together.

While in Pasco, Dan was a longtime member in the Shriners of the Columbia Basin, Lodge No. 173, where he was a 33 degree Mason. There, he enjoyed putting on the 33 degree program for new prospective members, leading the way for the future of the organization. He was also an active member of the Washington State Pawn Brokers Association, where he served as president among other roles.



taking walks with Judy. One constant trait about Dan is that he'd always look for heart-

shaped rocks to bring home to her whether it was on a long trip away or just a simple walk to the mailbox, she was always on his mind and in his heart.

Dan loved target practicing and buying and selling guns with members of the Gun Club, all the while, sharing his knowledge of shooting, gun safety and again, those fun stories.

He also loved camping in the mountains with friend, David Mosby, where they'd cook elaborate meals with peanut butter, bread and cheese over a self-built fire pit at their campsite. And when Dan was too weak to walk up the mountain, David would pull him up a path on his bike, just so Dan could see the view.

Dan surrounded himself with amazing people — whether it be family, old friends or new friends at his church, the Bigfork Chapel. Regardless of who you were, you knew where you stood with Dan. He was a man of honor, a man of his word, and a man with a very big heart.

Dan is survived by his wife, Judy Hartley Walsh; his oldest daughter Shonda and husband Robert, middle daughter Becky and husband Brian, and youngest daughter Jenny. He also has two grandchildren, Jacob and Joshua, whom he was amazingly proud of as they grew into young men. Dan is also survived by his older sister, Barbara Cornwall; and twin brother, David, and his wife Carolyn; as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

## Rosalind Julia Walsh, 91

Rosalind Julia Walsh, 91, died Thursday June 23, 2015, at Northwest Healthcare in Kalispell.

She is survived by children Gary, Leon Walsh, Laurel Therrien, Shirley

Voss and Christine Scott. Her urn will be laid to rest in St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Dan was not only a respected business man, but also one known for entertaining his friends and family. Community members would stop by The Trading Post frequently just to say hello and listen to his stories about tools, guns and those crazy customers. Dan finally closed the shop after 40 years, with new dreams of retiring in the mountains where he and Judy first met.

Dan and Judy returned to Kalispell in 2011, where he spent time with his twin brother David and wife Carolyn Walsh. The twins would happily reminisce of their mischievous childhood pranks and the fond memories of when they, along with now deceased brother Greg, would embark on long hunting trips via horseback in the mountains with their father.

In his spare time, Dan loved sitting in his yard, enjoying the view of the mountains, watching and feeding the birds and

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who helped Dan during his battle with cancer, including David and Beverly Mosby, Dan and Marilyn Harmon, Pastor Richard Stewart and wife Hope, the entire congregation of the Bigfork Chapel; Drs. Paul and Kelly Berkrum, Dr. Elise Anderes, Dr. Stillie, Dr. Habel, Dr. Bishop, Dr. Rizzolo, Dr. Tubbs, Dr. Coehn, Dr. Carrie Thompson, Dr. Heather Neal Blanchard and all of their nursing staff across Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God, with a reception directly following.

The Chapel is located at 290 Swan Highway, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Hope Renee Wamsley, 52

Hope Renee Wamsley, 52, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015.

She was born May 13, 1963. She was married to Randy Wamsley.

Hope was born in Whitefish Montana to William and Ramona Kienenberger. She lived her childhood in Dobson, Montana. She graduated from high school in 1981. She attended Rocky Mountain Community College and Carol Community College and received an associate's degree in business.

Hope worked several years for Burlington Northern and more recently for the state of Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Kienenberger, and her sister, Kim Ruiz.



Hope loved the outdoors. She loved hunting, camping and fishing with her loving hus-

band Randy. However, the loves of her life were her puppies, Zeus, Apollo and Athena.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Wamsley; mother, Ramona Kien-enberger, of Lovelock, Nevada; sisters, Kelley Kussy and Ken, of Dickenson, North Dakota, sister, Penny Haas of Lovelock; and nephews, Tevin, Landon and Kelton Ruiz of Lovelock.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Hope's family.

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## Bernie L. Warrington, 89

Bernie L. Warrington, 89, passed away May 8, 2015, at Expressions in Columbia Falls.

Bernie was born in Long Beach, California, on June 24, 1925, to Laird and Lola Warrington.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, and brother LeRoy Gipson.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; son, Charles, and Lynda Warrington; two daughters, Gail and Todd Kaiser, and Kathy and Dave Wershiner; stepdaughter, JoAnn, and

Gary Jay; sister, Pat, and Ray Gray; nephew, Steve, and Eleanor Gray; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at the Mission Memorial Park and Cemetery in Seaside, California.

Friends are encouraged to visit buffalo-hillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

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## Linda Marie Ward, 71

Linda Marie Ward, 71, died at her home in Kalispell Jan. 2, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.

Linda was born Jan. 25, 1943, in Kalispell to Walter and Nellie Bergmann, the third of eight children. She attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1962.

Linda married Paul Ward April 1, 1967, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Paul preceded her in death after 38 years of marriage.

Linda worked at Norm's News for 20 years and had many faithful customers.

Linda and Paul spent many happy summers at Swan campground where they made countless friends and enjoyed visits from family. They were great hosts.



Linda was an excellent bowler and enjoyed her teammates who have remained friends. Lin-

da was a longtime member of the Eagles and was a current member of the Moose Lodge. She devoted many hours and food for various functions. She will be missed by the many friends she made there.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; parents, Walter and Nellie Bergmann; and sister, Leslie Lewellen.

Survivors include sisters, Barbara Sundberg, Arlene and Bill Eckert, Connie Bergmann and Bob Lanfear, Janice and Ralph Geldrich and Sharon Phillips; brother, Richard and Helen Berg-

mann; a sister-in-law, Wanda Sevier; stepdaughters, Paula and Joe Forest of Eureka and Twila and John LaBoube of Spokane; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a special great-niece, Cassidy Dern; and dear friend, Larry Bowker.

Thanks to niece Jan Hedeman for her expert care near the end of her life. She made our time with Linda so much easier. Thanks also to hospice's Aimee, Nichole, Penny and others for their loving care.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial and lunch at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, at the Moose Lodge at 2158 U.S. 2 E.

She will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to your favorite charity is suggested.

### Raymond Waterman, 84

Raymond Waterman, 84, of Kalispell, passed away April 12, 2015, of natural causes at the Immanuel Lutheran nursing home.

He was loved by everyone who had the pleasure to know him and will be dearly missed.

He was born June 12, 1930, to Lilly Mae Goss and Willis L. Waterman in Malheur County, Oregon, along with his older sister Doris.

He was married to his loving wife, Judy Ann Benetto, of 45 years, who passed away Oct. 11, 2010.

Those who were close with and loved Ray also knew that his love of his creator Jehovah God was of utmost importance in his life. He showed his love for God by dedicating his life to Him on Aug. 7, 1954, when he was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. As a final request from Ray,

he wanted everyone who knew him to meet together and reflect on his spiritual hopes that he so strongly held close to his heart.

A remembrance of his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 100 Valley View Court in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for final arrangements.

### Pat Watterud, 72

Pat Watterud, also known as Bernie Esker Garrett, formerly of Whitefish, died Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in Llano, California.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta "Bobbie" Hale Garrett; two daughters, Stephanie Swanson

of Michigan and Nicole Adair of California; and his mother, Ruth Shirley Watterud.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 27, at the Johnson-Gloschal Funeral Home 525 S. Main Street, Kalispell.

### Debra Lynn Weatherston, 51

Debra "Debbie" Weatherston "was granted her angel wings" on Dec. 21, 2014.

Debbie was born to Albert and Agnes Wolfe in Shelby on July 1, 1963.

She was married to Don Weatherston and they made their home in Kalispell. Debbie spent her career working at Safeway at several different locations in Montana, lastly as manager at Safeway in Whitefish.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Don, and her two children, Brett and Alicia, and granddaughter, Jane, all from Flathead County. She also left behind her brothers, sisters and their families, Terry and Ronald Wolfe



of Flathead County; Sherry Duenas of Tacoma, Washington; and Wayne Wolfe, Sha-

ryl Jacobsen, Shanon Boehlke and Patricia Wolfe of Missoula County.

Debbie loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling with her children. Debbie had a larger-than-life personality and will be missed by her family and her many friends.

Services will be held at noon on Jan. 24 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

### Ronald 'Ron' Webb, 78

Ronald "Ron" Webb, 78, died Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from several medical issues. His loving family was by his side.

Ron was born on Sept. 11, 1936, in Prosser, Washington, to Frances and Clarence and was raised on a dairy farm along with his two brothers and two sisters. He served in the Army from 1954 to 1957 as an ammunition specialist. He then came back and went to barber school, which was his profession for 10 years. After that, he worked at Benton County PUD until he retired in 1996.

He had a cabin in the mountains and a place at a lake so he and his wife enjoyed many, many great times, as he loved to hunt, fish and snowmobile.

He was preceded in death by his mom, dad, brother and sister.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Dolores "Dee"; daughter, Cindie, of Edwall, Washington; son, Kent, of



Lakeside; grandchildren, Misty Dawn and husband of Texas, Justen and wife of Lynnwood, Washington, Maranda and future son-in-law of



Spokane, Keith and wife of Yakima, Washington, and Keisha of Yakima; along with seven great-grandchildren. He will always be remembered for his big and caring heart.

A celebration of life will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Volunteer Park in Lakeside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ron's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Ron's tribute wall.

C. R. "Art" Weaver passed away May 11, 2015, at his home in Kalispell, surrounded by his family, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Art was a loving and devoted husband, dad, and grandpa and a hardworking, happy, optimistic, outspoken, fun, fearless whirlwind, who lived his life to the fullest.



Art was born in Englevale, North Dakota, in 1933 to James and Lucile Weaver. He graduated from Lisbon High School in Lisbon, North Dakota, in 1951. As a senior in high school, Art's basketball team won the North Dakota State Championship, which was a thrill for a kid from a small town.

After high school, Art started buying farmland near Englevale, and he continued farming for many years of his life. While taking a class at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, he met the love of his life, Grace Palmer, and they married in the summer of 1960.

Art graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 1966 with a degree in economics and began a career in banking through First Bank system, initially in Jamestown, North Dakota, then in Huron, South Dakota, where he later became the bank president.

## C. R. 'Art' Weaver, 82

to Great Falls, where he started an International Harvester dealership and the state's first Burger King franchise, eventually owning three Burger Kings over a 25-year period (the last being in Kalispell, where he lived for the past 30 years). He loved the thrill and challenge of launching new businesses and started numerous others throughout his life.

Art was appointed by the governor of South Dakota to the state's Board of Economic Development in the 1970s. He was also the treasurer for the South Dakota State Fair, and he served on a number of other boards, including several church boards, during his life. He was a long-time member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a volunteer

Big Brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County for several years.

Art loved working, dancing, traveling, and playing in a good game of poker. His passion was raising and racing horses, but mostly he treasured spending time with his family, who will miss him greatly.

He always commented on what a lucky man he was and often said, "The good Lord has taken care of this old North Dakota farm boy." He believed in pursuing your passions and convictions full throttle because you only live once, and that it doesn't matter how many times you fail or fall down in life, what's important is that you get back up just one more time.

Art is survived by his

three daughters, Elizabeth Weaver of Kalispell, Jane Weaver of Kalispell, Sara Weaver and Dan Ogborn of Seattle; two grandchildren, Hannah and Garrett Lally; a nephew, Orion Bean and Cindy of Glenrock, Wyoming, who was like a son; foreign exchange student "daughter," Isabelle Punched and Neal, Edina, Minnesota; numerous nephews and nieces, and his devoted friend, Coni Barnes.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Grace, his sisters Marion Cottrel and Hattie Bean, and his brothers Delno and Don Weaver.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Beth-

lehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Lunch will be served following the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County, Samaritan House, or Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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## Bethany Ann Warner Weber, 66

Bethany Ann Warner Weber died from ovarian cancer on May 2, 2015.

Bethany was born to Rod and Rita Warner on Feb. 4, 1949, in Antigo, Wisconsin. She grew up in Rib Lake and Mosinee, Wisconsin, graduating from Mosinee High School in 1968.

She enrolled in the Milwaukee County School of Nursing and received her registered nursing degree in 1971. In the summer of 1971 she enlisted in the Army Nursing Corps. After basic training at Fort Sam Houston, she was commissioned a second lieutenant. Her first duty station was Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. While working in the emergency department at Madigan she met Steve Weber, Captain, U.S. Army Medical Corps. Romance followed them from Washington to Wisconsin, and they were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mosinee on April 28, 1973.

In addition to her time at Madigan General Hospital, her nursing career included employment at the Milwaukee VA hospital, a final Army duty station at Tomah, Wisconsin, the position of head ward nurse at Children's Hospital at the University of Wisconsin, ward nurse at Waterville, Maine (where she worked with the original "Hawkeye Pierce"), Kalispell Regional Hospital, and volunteer nursing at the Free World Eye Clinic in the Philippines.

Tyler was born in 1974 while the family was still in Madison. Zachary was born in Toronto in 1976, during Steve's fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children. The family was blessed with Amanda in Kalispell in 1981.



years hiking in Glacier National Park with her hiking groups, The Great Gripe Getaway and The Trampers, her rotating supper club, the

Basic Food Group, her Riverview Greens book club, all things Notre Dame, and she was a proud member of PEO, Chapter BM. Summer trips with her nine grandchildren were planned carefully and were a great source of pleasure.

Beth was preceded in death by infant sister Deborah, father Rodney, brother Scott, and nephews Ryan Van Luchene and Jamison Rieck.

She is survived by her mother, Rita Mae Warner; husband, Steve; son Tyler, wife Jennifer and children Jack, Abby and Max, of Kalispell; son Zachary, wife Mindy and children Clay and Wes, of Kalispell; daughter Amanda Swift, husband James and children Jayden, Colten, Hope and Hana, of Billings; sisters, Trudy Fink of Oak Harbor, Washington, and Peggy Kowalski and Natalie Rieck of Mosinee; brothers, Todd and Brian Warner of Mosinee; uncle, Ken Warner of Rib Lake; and mother-in-law, Helen Weber, of Kalispell.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 8, at St. Matthew's Church, followed by a celebration of life at the Hilton Garden Inn. A celebration of life will take place in Mosinee at a later date.

## Nancy M. Weckwerth, 91

Nancy M. Weckwerth passed away Sept. 30, 2015, in Kalispell, surrounded by her family.

Nancy was born June 6, 1924 in South Natick, Massachusetts. She was raised at a farm in Wellesley, Massachusetts and at age 18 she and her sister moved to Arizona to work on aircraft during World War II.

After the war, she went to Wisconsin where she met and married her husband, Dick. In the early '50s they moved to Montana where Dick received his master's degree at the University of Montana. Some of her most cherished memories were of living in a one room cabin in Glacier Park while Dick finished his thesis.

Up until recent years she loved spending summer and fall at her family home in New Hampshire. She was an avid outdoors woman and enjoyed baking bread and brownies for her family and friends. Other interests



included yoga and feeding the wild birds at her home. She took great joy in watching

her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; her sister, Jane Berg, and brother, Henry McCrillis.

She is survived by her children, Peter and wife Norama, Maty and husband Steve, Elizabeth and husband Jim; four grandchildren, Peter and Chad Weckwerth, Eliot and Rachel Leathe, and five great-grandchildren, Lucas, Bridger and Cade Weckwerth.

She told her granddaughter recently, "I've been very fortunate, there is nothing I would have changed about my life."

Per her wishes, no services will be held.

We wish to thank her friends and family for all of their friendship and support during Beth's battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Beth may be made to the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation - Emergency Department Expansion; <http://www.kalispellregional.org/foundation/>.

Bethany owned and operated optical businesses at Medical Arts and Glacier Eye Clinic. She was active in the Flathead community and generous with her time in volunteer service. Her volunteer service included Big Brothers Big Sisters as president of the board and banquet fundraiser, the St. Matthew's school board, United Way, Care, the Flathead County Health Department, Lunch Pail Pal Program, youth soccer coach and many other local causes.

Beth enjoyed her time with family and friends at the North Fork cabin and various North Fork community activities which included creative roles in the Polebridge Fourth of July parade, her many

### Glenda Depew Weddle, 71

Glenda Depew Weddle, 71, of Kalispell, "rejoiced as she entered the gates of heaven" Aug. 2, 2015. Her faith in God produced in her a mighty spirit in which she lived each day. Glenda inspired all who knew her by her will to live, her unwillingness to complain, and her precious faith in Jesus.

She was born in Hamilton, Ohio, on Jan. 17, 1944. Glenda was the daughter of Yancie and Martha (Gray) Depew. Glenda graduated from Ross High School in 1962. Then she attended God's Bible University and later graduated. She graduated from Hamilton School of Nursing, Hamilton, in 1966. She married James Weddle on June 24, 1967.

Glenda worked as a nurse at Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio. Glenda was an Army wife while her husband James was in the Army. After retiring, Glenda and Jim joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and served as missionaries for 15 years. After Wycliffe Bible Translators, they served for four years with the International Rainbow Foundation, stationed in Romania. While in Romania, Glenda distributed medicines and continued to practice nursing.

Glenda and Jim moved to Kalispell in 2004 and Glenda was an active member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her husband, James Weddle; and her three children, Jason Weddle and his



wife Astrid, Victoria Schwartz and her husband David, and Michelle Weddle; four grand-

daughters, Brittany Trogden and her husband Joshua Trogden, Brianna and Bridgette Schwartz, and Summer Weddle; two grandsons, Colin and Hayden Weddle; and one great-grandson, Joseph Trogden. She is also survived by her two brothers, Merle Depew and his wife Linda of Hamilton, and Carl Depew and his wife Angela of Largo, Florida; two sisters, Gloria Winkler of Fairfield, Ohio, and Gayle Arnold and her husband Michael of Okeana, Ohio.

Glenda was preceded in death by her father and

mother, Yancie and Martha Depew; one brother, Keith Depew; and two sisters, Carole Staton and Penny Schurger.

Funeral services will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene at 10

a.m. Friday with Pastor Ed Koteskey officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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### Glenn Weeks, 78

Longtime Flathead Valley resident, Glenn Weeks, 78, died Jan. 30, 2015, at home.

Glenn was born March 13, 1936, in Hobart Mills, California. He went to school in Sloat and Quincy, California, and moved to Kalispell with his family in 1979. The family moved to Hungry Horse soon after, and then settled in Columbia Falls.

Glenn served with the U.S. Army and the California National Guard in the early 1960s and later worked as an engineer with the U.S. Forest Service in Quincy and Hungry Horse. He retired from the Forest Service in 1992.

Following retirement, he bred AKC Labrador retrievers and did European taxidermy for several years.

Glenn is survived by his wife Cathy Weeks; son Karl Weeks and daughter-in-law T.J. Weeks, daughters Amy Weeks and Kerri Harvey, granddaughters Kelby Weeks and Rylie



Weeks, and grandsons Logan Harvey and Carter Harvey, all of Columbia Falls; grandson, Braedon Weg-geland, of Henderson,

Nevada; stepgrandchildren, Aaron Lennick, Randi Gustave and Evan Wells, of Columbia Falls, and Justin Lennick of Missoula; and stepgreat-grandchildren, Brycen Fleming, Taven Fleming and Ryland Lennick, all of Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the church immediately after the funeral service.

Donations in memoriam can be made to Hunt of a Lifetime, P.O. Box 241, Harborcreek, PA 16421.

### Nancy M. Weckwerth, 91

Nancy M. Weckwerth, 91, of Kalispell, died Sept. 30, 2015, in Kalispell.

No services are planned

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

## Barbara Ruth Weikert, 84

Barbara Ruth Weikert was born June 26, 1931, and passed away Sept. 25, 2015.

Barbara was born in Kalispell to Austin Dean and Ruth D. Weikert, then residents of their homestead north of Polebridge.

She spent her early life in various Flathead Valley communities, including Lakeside and later near the Montana State Salmon Hatchery on the west side of Flathead Lake. Barbara graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949. She received an associate degree in 1951 from John Muir Junior College, Pasadena, California; taught a year at Ashley Creek Elementary School in Kila; earned a Bachelor of Science degree in library science at San Jose State College, California; worked two years as a high school librarian in Fall River Mills, California; and received her Master of Science degree in library science in 1957 from the University of Southern California.

After earning her Master of Science, Barbara became an Army Special Services librarian for three years in Heidelberg and Kitzingen, Germany. She was able to tour most of western Europe and the near east while working there. When she returned to the U.S., she worked in Spokane as assistant county librarian until the fall of 1962 when she and her youngest sister, Mary

Cay, moved to Tacoma, Washington. In Tacoma, Barbara worked for Pierce County Libraries for more than 30 years in several positions.

She became very active in Mason United Methodist Church, in Wesleyan Service Guild, later known as United Methodist Women, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Church Women United and several community organizations. She held offices at the local, district, state and regional levels in several of these groups.

Throughout her life, Barbara loved to read, walk, play the piano, research genealogy, and travel across the United States and through foreign countries including the USSR, China, and Cuba. She spent many vacations in Montana visiting family and friends.

Barbara died at the home of her niece, Cheryl Oltmann, near Vancouver, Washington, after being ill with cancer for several months.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother James Austin Weikert.

Barbara is survived by her sisters, Elizabeth Dean Davis of Helena, Mildred Clare Connelly of Ridgefield, Washington, and Mary Cay Utterback and Dick, of Greeley, Colorado; and many nieces, nephews, and their children and grandchildren.

## James A. Weikert, 79

James A. Weikert was born on Nov. 11, 1935, to Austin and Ruth Weikert in Somers.

"He entered the kingdom of heaven" peacefully on Nov. 24, 2014, after complications of heart surgery.

In John 14:27 our Lord and Savior says "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Growing up in the Flathead was an incredible source of pride for "Jim." While in high school, Jim was granted the opportunity to attend an FFA Chorus event in Kansas City, Missouri. The experience was a milestone in Jim's life and held sentimental feelings of accomplishment and awe.

After high school, Jim attempted to enlist in the Army to follow his father's accomplished success as an artillery/marksman training specialist. However, a heart valve defect prevented him from serving his country so Jim enrolled at Montana State University.

It was at MSU that Jim reunited with childhood friend Richard Dukelow. The two young college students shared a love of the Flathead which forged a friendship that lasted his lifetime. While in Bozeman, Jim met and married Bertie (Alberta) Hanson and together they had five children during their 19 years of marriage.

Jim loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing; especially with both his brothers-in-law Bill Davis of Troy and Dick Utterback of Greeley, Colorado, as well as his sons, Ben, James and Anthony. Many cherished family vacations centered in Northwest Montana, hiking and fishing in the splendors of the Flathead region.

Jim was employed by Mountain Bell, a position which relocated him in numerous cities in the state; eventually settling in the Great Falls area. In



1972 he was able to transfer to Bozeman. He and Bertie divorced in 1975 but remained good friends,

enjoying many happy family events. Jim later married Gloria in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Together they enjoyed a love of golf which became Jim's life passion.

After semi-retirement, they purchased the Lakeside Motel and spent several years upgrading it and enjoyed sailing. After retiring from Mountain Bell, Jim continued to subcontract to phone companies in Florida, Colorado, New York and Nevada. Jim and Gloria later divorced and he once again left the Flathead Valley. Jim had the good fortune to meet the truest love of his life, Diane, in Albany, New York. Time and distance were no match for the joy and love they shared. After reuniting in 2003, they married in Nevada in 2006 and settled in Boise, Idaho. Diane's charm, wit and intellect provided many happy hours of creative discussion and storytelling.

Jim is survived by his wife, Diane; his sisters, Barbara, Elizabeth Dean, Mildred and Mary Cay; his children, Ben Weikert, Cindy and Traig Howells, Teri Weikert, James and Becky Weikert, and Anthony and Priscilla Weikert; also grandchildren, Nicholas, Bria, Paisley, Cale, Bo, Chance, Jessica, John, Colby, Camryn and Carson; and great-grandchildren, Gage, Sackett, Iylah, Brogen, Tanner, Teagen, Tizer and CeCe.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Austin and Ruth Weikert; his first wife, Bertie; and his brother-in-law, Walt Connelly.

A celebration of life is to be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 2 at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

**Myrtle Irene (Kennedy) Weisert, 92**

Myrtle Irene (Kennedy) Weisert, 92, passed away on Dec. 14, 2015.

Myrtle was born Aug. 9, 1923, in Bemidji, Minnesota, the daughter of Lloyd and Birdie (Devereaux) Kennedy.

Myrtle loved to travel the world and telling her grandchildren stories of all the places she had been. She enjoyed gardening, baking and spending time with her loved ones.

On March 28, 1946, Myrtle married the love of her life, Adolph Weisert, and together they raised two children, Wallace and Carol.

Myrtle is survived by her son and his wife, Wallace and Sharon of Weisert, of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Ken LaCoursiere of Fargo, North Dakota,



Scott Weisert of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Carmela Martin of Columbia Falls, Zachary

and Tonya Weisert of Kalispell, Candice and Spencer Ivers of Kalispell, and Brandon and Teal Weisert of Kalispell, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Myrtle is preceded in death by her husband, Adolph Weisert; daughter, Carol Weisert; parents, Lloyd and Birdie Kennedy; sister, Loretta and Hubbard Palmer; and brother, Lloyd Hubbard.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, at Columbia Mortuary.

**Jane Teresa Weise, 68**

Jane Teresa Weise, 68, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at Brendan House from complications from breast cancer. "She has gone to be with her heavenly Father, parents, brother, aunts, nephew and many dear friends."

She was born in Grand Island, Nebraska. She accomplished degrees in math, physics and computer science from Chadron State, Nebraska. She was a computer analyst for the Navy Logistics Command in Norfolk, Virginia, where she met and married the love of her life, Lt. Col. David Weise, U.S. Army. For the next 21 years she was the ideal Army wife, making homes and doing community work in foreign countries and five states, and rearing two children; son Eric and daughter Jacki. She retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield in Utah as



a senior computer analyst.

Her avocations were ceramics and, upon moving

to Montana in 2005, she joined the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead and did volunteer work in the Kalispell Library.

She is survived by her husband, David; son, Eric, and wife Heather, and grandchildren, Kora and Kila; daughter, Jacki Kovnesky, and husband Jared; and her sisters, Kay Gishpert and husband John, and Mary Nance.

Jane wishes to thank each and every relative and friend for their love and loyalty. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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**Steven Jake Weisz, 66**

Steven Jake Weisz, 66, of Kalispell, passed away from natural causes peacefully at his son, daughter-in-law, and mom's home in Missoula, surrounded by loved ones on Dec. 26, 2015.

Steve was born on Aug. 23, 1949, to Howard and Valentine Weisz in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1967.

He married Linda Johnson in 1968 and together they had two children, David and Martin.

He worked several jobs to provide for his family: Plum Creek, setting mobile homes, construction, wood cutting, and any other jobs that paid the bills and provided for his family.

He loved being on the family farm raising cattle on LaSalle Road.

In 1972, Steve and his family built the first



asphalt speedway in Montana, known as Big Sky Speedway. Steve and his family operated

Big Sky Speedway for 20-plus years. Racing was in his blood and Steve and many friends would race snowmobiles, mud bogs, and street races any chance they could. He also enjoyed time with family and friends at their cabin in Echo Lake, going hunting, fishing and watching (and recording) NASCAR races. His favorite driver was Jeff Gordon. He loved collecting anything with Jeff Gordon's No. 24 or Jeff Gordon's memorabilia.

Steve started his own business in the early 1980s, Americana Distributors. He provided products to small busi-

nesses, restaurants, bars and convenience stores. He owned and operated Americana Distributors until the fall of 2015 when he became ill.

He did lots of voluntary work in the Canyon area. He helped during the holidays by playing Santa, helping young children and those less fortunate. That giving provided great joy to Steve.

In 2002, Steve married Debbi Larson and together they had one daughter, Samantha.

He is survived by his mother Valentine Weisz, and son David and Lori Weisz, all of Missoula; daughter, Samantha Keller; four grandchildren, Kevin Weisz, Keith and Katie Weisz, Alicia Gordon and Tom, and Kayla and Nic Roark; four great-grandchildren, Kaden and Kayln Weisz, and Kodi and Gabbi Gordon, all of Kalispell;

and one sister, Janice, and Allen Burd, of California.

He was preceded in death by one son, Martin Weisz; his father, Howard Weisz; and one great-grandchild, Kamie Weisz.

At the request of Steve, there will be no service. A memorial will be planned in the summer to celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 911 West 5th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204.

**Ella Yolanda Welch, 79**

Ella Yolanda Welch, 79, known to everyone as Yolanda, died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, at her Kalispell home with her husband, David, by her side.

Yolanda was born March 28, 1936, in San Salvador, El Salvador, as the oldest of six children to Manuel and Martilda Olivares. Since childhood, Yolanda had the dream of one day coming to America, and at the age of 19, that dream came true.

In San Francisco she met her first husband, Warren Clark, and together they had four children, Bryan, Malcolm, Warren and Shelley. Yolanda also has three grandchildren.



On Jan. 18, 1986, she met and married her current spouse David Welch and as

Christians, they supported one another through the love of Christ for almost 30 years! Yolanda was a passionate Christ follower and loved to walk and exercise.

Yolanda is survived by her husband, David, four children, three grandchildren and many friends.

Ella Yolanda Welch was a wonderful mother, wife and friend. She will be greatly missed!

**Norman Weller, 50**

Norman Weller, 50, died at his home in Olney Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

A memorial celebration of life will be at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Stillwater Bar in Olney.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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**Teresa A. Schenherr Wells, 75**

Teresa A. Schenherr Wells, 75, died Jan. 18, 2015, at her home in Kalispell, due to cancer.

She was born April 1, 1939, in Missouri.

Teresa was retired from National Flood Service.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Phillip Wells.

Teresa is survived by her children, Mark Wells,

Candy Wells, Mathew Wells and Toni Moon.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen, fol-

lowed by a luncheon at the VFW in Whitefish. Burial will take place in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Theresa Elizabeth Welty, 81**

Theresa Welty, 81, "passed gently into the arms of her loving Lord and Savior" at 3:10 a.m. on July 17, 2015, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in 1933, in Kalispell, to Werner and Theresa Franz. She attended Cornelius Hedges, Central and Flathead County High schools. She graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre with a teaching degree.

Theresa met her high school sweetheart, Floyd Welty, while ice skating in Woodland Park. They were married in 1954 and were blessed with four beautiful children, Michael, Christine, Kevin and David.

Theresa loved to teach. She taught grade school in Whitefish and Kalispell, owned and operated a private kindergarten, taught Sunday school at Trinity Lutheran Church and served as the superintendent of Sunday school for many years. She was a lifelong member and supporter of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Throughout her adult years, Theresa enjoyed her ladies Bible study groups, and was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi and the Red Hat Society. She loved to coordinate events and helped to plan many high school reunions.

An accomplished musician, Theresa won first place at the State Music Festival for flute during her junior year and was first chair throughout high school. Later she played in the Flathead Valley Com-



munity Band. She also played piano and sang in the church Concert Choir.

Theresa loved spending time with her family at their cabin on Echo Lake, going on drives with Floyd and feeding the ducks in Woodland Park. In fact, Theresa loved animals. She loved to sit in the yard and throw the ball for the German shepherd, or cuddle with the cats she had adopted as strays.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Floyd Welty; sister, Dorothy; sons, Michael and wife Mary, and Kevin and David Welty; daughter, Christine and husband Walter Kromer; grandchildren, Jonathan, Brian, Jeremy, Timothy, Magdalena, Mathew, Katrina and husband Paul, Charissa, Marieva, Trevor and wife Deltra; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with a luncheon following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Theresa's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Theresa's tribute wall.