

Eric Wendschlag, 36'

Eric Wendschlag, 36, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Moapa, Nevada, on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Eric was born on Aug. 3, 1978, in Denver. As his family moved with work-related transfers, he lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Chicago, graduating from Naperville Central High School in 1996.

He attended Colorado Mountain College in Greenwood Springs, Colorado; it was there that he met his future wife, Dawn Michele. He graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, Colorado.

Eric and Dawn were married in 2011 and became parents to their beautiful son, Zeke, in 2012. From 2011 to 2014, they lived in Columbia Falls. At the time of his death, he was living in Murrieta, California, where he was employed as a computer technician.

Eric was a kind and loving soul, filled with gifts of compassion, caring and an innate ability to reach out and teach others even when he and they did not know there was a lesson being given. Because of this, he touched many lives in ways that he did not know. He was also a gifted musician with an incredible ear, especially on the piano, where he could play anything from rock to Beethoven by ear without missing a note or a nuance. He also played drums and loved jamming with friends whenever the opportunity arose.

Eric loved the mountains and thrived on their maj-

esty, beauty and all activities they afforded him. He was an avid snowboarder, including six years as a snowboard instructor at Whitefish Mountain Resort. He was also a true cat lover, paint ball enthusiast, video gamer, Harry Potter fan and had a passion for motorcycles. He said on many occasions that the only way to really appreciate the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park was from the seat of a motorcycle.

Eric loved his family, and he cherished Zeke. He was committed to be the best daddy in the world for Zeke and the times they shared were some of the most treasured and defining parts of Eric's life. He had so looked forward to watching Zeke grow to an age where he could share with Zeke the outdoor activities that he loved so much.

Eric will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jan Wendschlag; and brother, Bryan Wendschlag; and his grandfathers, Ernest Wendschlag and Sher-

wood Monroe.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Wendschlag; his son, Zeke Wendschlag; his parents, Dwight and Peggy Wendschlag; his grandmothers, Violet Wendschlag and Virginia Monroe; and an extended family that includes his in-laws, Cindi Miller and Jaclyn Miller; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and countless friends whose lives he touched.

Eric's life will be celebrated in two memorial services. The first was held June 9 at Hope Lutheran Church in Temecula, California. The second will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 19, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell.

Condolences can be shared on <http://murrietavalleyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/2165700/Wendschlag-Eric/index.php>.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that funds be directed to provide for an education fund for Zeke. One vehicle for this is to designate funds to "College Access for the benefit of Zeke Wendschlag."

John Kirwin Werner, 74

John Kirwin Werner, 74, died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015, at his home in Ronan.

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

Claire 'Bud' Wendt, 87

Claire "Bud" Wendt, 87, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 13, 2015.

Bud was the third of three children born to Max and Clara Wendt on April 4, 1927, and has made the Flathead Valley his home his entire life.

On March 26, 1950, Bud and Alice Isom wed and together had four children, and remained married for almost 65 years, until his passing.

Bud graduated from Flathead County High School and went on to work a variety of jobs before he settled on his final occupation as a commercial deliveryman for Dairygold, where he worked for more than 30 years. In the late '50s he took over the 80-acre farm that his father Max homesteaded. During planting and harvest season, it wasn't unusual for Bud to be up at 4 a.m. to deliver milk, and then come home and work the farm until late in the evening.

Due to physical limitations, Bud did not serve in the military but, while others were away at war, he helped many families in the area with their farming and was always eager to serve his community here at home.

Bud served on the school board and was school clerk for the Fairmont-Egan school district for a number of years.

Bud loved to fish, hunt and go camping. Many summer weekends were spent with his family, friends and their families camping at the many lakes in Northwest Montana, fishing, playing cards and sharing good times. You could often find containers of night crawlers in the refrigerator next to the milk ready for the next fishing trip.



stories about Kalispell and its history.

Bud spent many summer days with

his grandchildren in the garden. They would sit on a stool in the garage afterwards and snap the ends of the green beans or sort through raspberries for jam. Bud always encouraged the girls to "sample" the fruits and vegetables before bringing them inside for Alice.

After retirement, Bud enjoyed weekly get-togethers at Sykes' with his childhood friend John Alton and others, playing cards and having coffee. When he wasn't carousing with his friends, he loved his after-retirement jobs of driving mint trucks for neighbors during the harvest, and working with his tools. He was quick to give a smile and a wave as he often rode his mower, tending to the lawn.

Bud was known for his quick wit. He often had a joke to tell with a straight face, and would scare all the girls in the family by suddenly pretending he was going to bite you when you got close to brush a hair from his face or to whisper something to him.

Bud was preceded in death by father, Max Wendt; mother, Clara Wendt (Nordtome); step-mother, Grace Wendt; sister, Helen; and brother-in-law, Clarence Counsell; and is survived by his wife, Alice Wendt (Isom); son E. Wayne and his wife, Judy, children Sid and Judith; son Michael and his wife Julie, children Cassandra and Ashley; daughter Cheryl Wood and husband Jim, children Josh and Autumn; daughter Connie DeCunzo and husband Jason, children Tessa and Isabella; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Lucille Kaufman; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Church on Sunday was often followed by a "Sunday drive" to see how other farmers' fields were doing and talking about who lived where, who had originally homesteaded the property, and noting any property improvements that were being made, or fishing for salmon on the Flathead River.

Bud was also an avid card and boardgame player — especially dominos. No one wanted to be in the position of following his card hand or move, as often the poker-faced player would lead you to believe he had nothing, only to have the winning play which he quietly celebrated with a sly smile.

Bud would keep everyone awake through these long games with his wonderful gift of storytelling. He loved to share stories of growing up in the Flathead Valley. He had an excellent memory which made for detailed

Bud was a loving and generous man, who treated all his stepgrandchildren as though they were his own, and welcomed all new family with open arms.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, at the Glacier Gardens Memorial Cemetery, followed by an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the family home, 710 Egan Road, Kalispell.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.funerals@buffalohillfuneralhome.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Kathryn Elizabeth West, 89

Kathryn Elizabeth West, 89, known as "Betty" to family and friends, passed away at her daughter's home in Bigfork on Dec. 7, 2015.

Betty, the eldest of two daughters, was born to Charles and Emma Mahony in Helena on June 14, 1926, and grew up in Townsend. She attended the University of Montana School of Journalism.

On April 24, 1948, Betty married Charles C. West and together they raised three children, Kerry Sue, Maureen and Jack. The family later moved to Phoenix where they resided for 30 years.

She had a long career, working with the Montana State Senate, in the secretary of the Senate's office, as the chief clerk of the Arizona House of Representatives and as an executive assistant to numerous companies. Upon her retirement she returned to her beloved Montana.

Betty always enjoyed staying involved in all the activities and events of those she cherished as her children and grandchildren. She loved watching Arizona football and basketball, participating in Thimble Club at Trinity Lutheran Church, and eating chocolate cake with orange sherbet and mandarin oranges.

She was a devoted Christian and in the words of her son Jack, "Betty was a loving, generous, thoughtful mom, grandma, great-grandma, great-great-grandma,



Gabby, and aunt, and a caring, helpful friend to those she knew."

Betty is survived by

her daughter, Maureen, and Doug Averill; and son, Jack, and Susie West; her nephew sons, Shawn and Liz Horne, Scott and Josie Horne, and Patrick and Nora Knell Horne; 14 grandchildren, Bryan West, Todd and Brooke West, John and Sara Baker, Stacey Baker, Chase and Kate Averill, Laine and Nicole Averill, Quindee Averill, Finley Knellhorne and Phoebe Knellhorne, Declan Horne and Georgia Horne, Eric Horne, Scott Horne and Evie Horne; 10 great-grandchildren, Rebecca and JC Baker, Brittney and Matt Richie, and Garrett Harrison, Brooks Averill, Jordan, Hawke and Ezra West, and August and Elliot West; and two great-great grandchildren, Jack and Alice West. She also leaves behind her beloved dog Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Charlene, her husband Charlie, daughter Kerry Sue Baker, and grandson Michael Baker.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Evaleen Weter, 92

Evaleen Weter who died on May 8, 2015, was born June 26, 1922, in Newark, Missouri. Her parents, Leslie and Marie Leven-good, came to Butte from Missouri when Evaleen was an infant.

She received her early education in the Butte schools and graduated from Butte High School. She took post graduate courses in business administration.

Evaleen married Julian M. Weter Jan. 6, 1941, and moved to Browning, where Julian ranched. She was employed by the First National Bank at Browning for 20 years. After retiring from her position at the bank she was employed for the next 11 years as business administrator for the Browning School District No. 9. The Weters sold their ranch holdings in 1979 and retired to Bigfork.

Evaleen was a sup-

porter of the Village Square Art and Cultural Center in Bigfork and was a patron of the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts. She was a member of the Kalispell Church of Christ, the Bigfork Lady Lions, Flathead Lake Chapter No. 128 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Bigfork Development Corporation.

She is survived by sisters Wilma Burke of Helena and Carol Hall of Glen Allen.

Virginia and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers, and her husband, Julian.

Due to family illnesses no service is planned.

The Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of cremation.

Contributions may be made to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, or the charity of your choice.

Helen Christian Whirry, 87

Helen Christian Whirry, 87, passed away of natural causes on Nov. 16, 2015, in Kalispell at Heritage Place.

She was born in Great Falls on April 4, 1928, to Gordon and Lorene Christian. Raised on their ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills north of Shelby, she went to elementary school in Gold Butte, graduated from Shelby High School and briefly attended Denver University before returning to Bozeman where she and her husband started their life and family together.

On Aug. 28, 1947, she married Walt Whirry in Shelby, where they raised five of their seven children, as well as developed several different small businesses. The family began their own cattle ranch north of Browning in the late '50s before moving to a larger operation south of the Bear Paw Mountains. They resided in Havre where she was active in the local St. Jude Catholic community and two additional children were born into the family.

In 1968, the family moved to West Glacier where Walt and Helen developed and operated the West Glacier golf course. The golf course was sold in 1974 and after that Helen enjoyed working summers at the West Glacier Mercantile.

In her semi-retirement, she and her husband wintered in the Southwest and enjoyed traveling. They returned to the original family ranch on the



South Fork of the Milk River north of Browning in 1990, while continuing to reside in West

Glacier. After 43 years living in West Glacier, Helen and Walt built a new home in Kalispell.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Lorene and Gordon Christian, and her son Burt A. Whirry.

She is survived by her husband, Walter E. Whirry; daughters, Judy Whirry and Mike Turner, Jane Whirry Mues, and Dawn Whirry Diskin; sons, Gordon Whirry and Janet, Brian Whirry and Sherry Abel, and William Whirry; brother, Steven Christian, and Doreen; cousins, Coby Ferguson Edgerton, Cherie Fey Anderson and Vicki Fey Schulz; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren with one more on the way; and two nieces.

Services will be held at at noon on Friday, Nov. 20, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at Elks Lodge at 1 p.m. after the memorial.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a contribution to the Flathead Food Bank where Helen had been a volunteer.

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

John Lewis Whisenand, 61

John Lewis Whisenand, 61, of Whitefish, formerly of Eagan, Minnesota, passed away at home on Sept. 8, 2015, surrounded by his loving family after a two-year battle with cancer.

John is survived by his parents, Fred and Coral; his loving wife of 41 years, Tracey; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Shawn and Bridgette, Paul and Sonja, Thomas, and David and Katie; five grandchildren; and his loving brother and sisters, Fritz, Barbara and Nancy.

John was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1954 and graduated from Williston High School in 1972. After graduating from the University of North Dakota in 1977, John flew for OK Aviation and Real West Airlines in Bismarck. In 1981, John was hired by Northwest Airlines where he spent 25 years flying and instructing on the B727, B757, A320 and A330 aircraft. After retiring in 2007, John continued his instructing career with CAE Inc.

John and Tracey moved to Whitefish in 2008 where they loved to golf, ski, raft and hike in the surrounding mountains.

John was most proud of his four sons, who through hard work earned college degrees and are very successful in their careers. Shawn is an airline pilot, Paul a manager at an energy company, Thomas owns a brewery, and David is an



attorney. He also adored his grandchildren, Alyssa, Macy, Beck, Nolan and Arthur.

John would like to thank those who cared for him during his illness, especially Drs. Harris, Anderes and Carlborg, physician's assistant Carrie Thompson and nurse Lois.

John would also like to thank Bible Study Fellowship, his spiritual mentor Rick Drenk of Minneapolis, and Pastors John and Ralph of Christ Lutheran Church whose love and prayers blessed him over the last two years. John's faith in Christ was strong, and he wants everyone to know he is alive and well in heaven.

Finally, he would like to thank God for the many incredible sunrises, sunsets, and awe-inspiring displays of stars he was so blessed to see during night flights over the Atlantic. As the Bible says in the Psalms, "The heavens declare the glory of God."

A service for John will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Glacier National Park Conservancy.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for John's family.

Edgar Allen White, 81

Edgar Allen White, 81, of Kalispell, passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. He was born Sept. 1, 1933 in Covington, Kentucky.

During his 20 year service in the Air Force, Major White was a first navigator on a B-36 and a KC-97, a satellite operations officer, an aircraft commander, an instructor pilot as well as a pilot for the KC-135 with over 364 missions flown. He received five Air Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

During his service, he met and married the love of his life, Margaret Toillion of Eagle Grove, Iowa. They met in Great Falls, where Ed was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, and Margaret was an Elementary Education teacher. Together they had three children: Andy, Doug and Marcy.

Upon retiring in 1972, Ed moved his family to Whitefish. After visiting Glacier National Park on their honeymoon, Ed and Margaret knew this was the place they wanted to retire and raise their family. Whitefish was where they called "home." They watched their children grow. They camped, skied, fished, and enjoyed all the things Montana had to offer, and together they involved themselves in their community and church.

With Margaret by his side, Ed opened his heart



to the less fortunate and provided low-income housing for those in need. He purchased and remodeled every apartment in the old Fernwell (Kalispell's FIRST hospital) with some rents starting as low as \$45 a month. When the Fernwell burned down in 1995, he used all his resources to do it again. Ed cared for all he met. He had a kind spirit and a gentle soul, and was strong when he needed to be.

Ed is survived by his sister, Jeanette, and his brother, Ron; his wife, Margaret White; his sons, Andy and Doug White; daughter, Marcy and husband Rich Birdsell, and grandchildren, Maddy and Jackson Birdsell, and Garrett, Braxton and Katie White.

A Christian vigil with family sharing will be held Monday evening at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. The family blessing rosary will be following the viewing at 7. Family sharing will follow.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial following at Glacier Memorial located on Highway 93 North, Kalispell. Please return to St. Charles Parish Hall for a luncheon and time to visit after the burial.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Ed's family.

Gurdon Ernest 'Whitey' White, 73

Gurdon Ernest "Whitey" White, 73, of Casper, Wyoming, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at the Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home in Casper.

A graveside service was held on March 27 in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive with the Rev. Avis Anderson officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Gurdon was born on April 15, 1941, in Kalispell, a son of Thain and Luella (Adams) White.

He was united in marriage to Claudine Geiger, and to this union three sons were born, Michael, Brent and Kent. This

marriage later ended in divorce.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thain (Fay) White and mother, Luella (Vincent) Roller.

He is survived by his two sisters, Margaret and William King of South San Francisco, and Ruth E. White of Dayton, Montana; three sons, Michael and Cora White, Brent and Cami White, and Kent and Andrea White, all of Glendive; eight grandchildren, Paige, Hope, Thain, Drew, Kyle, Lindsey, Tyler and Katy; one great-grandson, Ryder; one niece, Allison King; and one nephew, William King.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Patricia Donalda (McMillan) White, 77

On Aug. 1, 2015, the dearest of ladies passed from this fair earth with her loving family caring for her. Per her wishes, Patricia was at home in Lakeside under fine hospice and private care. She is dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

Patricia Donalda McMillan was born March 29, 1938, in Regina, Saskatchewan, the only child of loving parents, Violet Ethel Glover and Angus Donald McMillan. Her early life was spent living in Canada, last living in Smithers, British Columbia. During World War II, her father, in his 40s, served as a volunteer in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a telegrapher. Later, they moved to Eugene, Oregon, where her parents opened up a mom-and-pop corner grocery store. Pat graduated from junior high school there and, after her family moved, finished high school in Healdsburg, California, where they started a gift and music store. She became a naturalized American citizen in 1942 at the age of 16. Pat loved to imagine characters for stories and drew them as a young girl. The family still has some of her sketch books.

In junior high and high school, Pat was active with the school paper (writer and editor), as she had been in Eugene. While living in Healdsburg, she worked summers at the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide and then entered Stanford University in pre-nursing, eventually graduating with honors in their graduate nursing program. Pat worked primarily as an office nurse for two major practices in San Francisco in the early days of her marriage. She also enjoyed experiences in public health medicine and at the Palo Alto TB Sanitarium. She learned to drive a stick-shift car in those days



Alaska, and in Vacaville, California. She last enjoyed sharing stories at the Lakeside Elementary

School in Lakeside. She dearly loved children's books and had an extensive collection of her own. She loved spending her time with children.

Music was her other great interest. While in Canada, she took piano lessons and, at one point, her teacher told the family that Pat had the potential to become a concert pianist. She also accompanied her classmates, playing the piano for a number of their musical performances. She played a classical piece on the local radio station one Saturday morning in Eugene. They recorded it for her. She enjoyed her piano at home in retirement and could read complicated music until illness made it impossible.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, her aunt, Lola, and other Canadian relatives.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Andy; her three sons, Timothy of Tucson, Michael of Silver City, New Mexico, and Christopher of Tempe, Arizona; and twin grandsons, Connor and Logan, sons of Christopher and his wife, Kristin; and grandson, Jason, son of Timothy. She still has some remaining cousins in Oregon and other relatives in Canada. She is also survived by her dearest friend, Ayako Kurihara of Vienna, Virginia; her dear sister-in-law by marriage, Ruth McLachlin; of Chico, California; and her friend, Dianne Barske, of Anchorage.

While at Stanford, she met a pre-med student named Stewart Andrew White, called Andy, and, in 1960, on a beautiful, sunny morning, they were married.

They raised three sons, Timothy Andrew (born in San Francisco), Michael Sean (born in Sands, Michigan), and Christopher Todd (born in Rochester, Minnesota). Eventually the family moved to Santa Rosa, California, where Andy was in practice for several years. From there the family moved to Tucson, Arizona.

While in Tucson, Pat returned to school, obtaining her Master of Library Science degree at the University of Arizona and her teacher's credential at a local college. She did some substitute teaching, but far more enjoyed her time spent as a school librarian, setting up her school library's first computer system, even though she wasn't overly comfortable with that early technology.

She spent several years as a volunteer storyteller at schools in Anchorage,

The family wishes to warmly thank those friends and neighbors who have given so generously of their time and skills to make Pat's final time with us so much better with their gifts of visits, calls, wonderful food, support and caring attentions. Thank you.

The family wishes to thank Home Options Hospice personnel for the kind, gentle care — especially Penny and Sue; and a special thanks to Christine of Home Options Private Care who has been an invaluable support to Pat and her family for the last several, precious years.

At her request, there will be no services. There will be a family celebration of her life at a later date in the Southwest. There is also hope for a celebration in the Flathead Valley area at a later time.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice. And, please, if you wish, take a moment in your day to kindly remember this sweet, gentle lady. Thank you.

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

Brock Lyndon Whitehead, 51

Brock Whitehead "went to rest in the arms of our Heavenly Father" on March 15, 2015, surrounded by family and friends. In 2013, he was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, glioblastoma. He fought a good fight. His words always were, "God is faithful" and "Ya gotta keep on ... keeping on," and that's just what he did.

Brock was a Flathead native and graduated from Flathead High. While in high school he was a boxer and wrestler, taking Montana State Golden Glove in boxing. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed many sports — water skiing and water surfing, fishing, skating and unicycling. His greatest passion was horses and participating in O-Mok-See competitions with his daughter Mackenzie, and camping with his son Landin and family. His children were the light of his world; he was so proud of them both. He was the best dad a child could've asked for, the best son and an amazing friend. Brock knew how to have fun and always found time for his fam-



ily and friends.

Brock starting in the paving business at the age of 17 with his brother, Purnal. He worked for Ron Pack at Pack and Company, Ron Thornberry at T-Bend, and the last 16 years for Bill and Dallas Traeger, and was the superintendent for Glacier Paving. He loved paving and took so much pride in all his jobs. He was one proud man when, for his 50th birthday, his coworkers voted him the "Best Damn Paver in the Pavers Hall of Fame." They had a special cap made with this inscription which he wore proudly.

Brock was preceded in death by his father, Purnal Whitehead; sisters, Carlene Whitehead, Leanna Whitehead and Sherry Lynn Hills; grandparents, Carl "Mike" and Agnes Pearson, Anthony and Edith Whitehead, Thomas and Gladys McGovern; uncle, Carl Pearson; his ex-wife, Robin Basnett, whom he was married to for nine years; and his life chosen brother, Lon-

nie Witzel.

He is survived by his mother, Colleen Wise; daughter, McKenzie Bolster; son, Landin Whitehead; brothers, Michael Hills and Purnal Whitehead; sister, Rhonda Jendro, and her husband; nieces, Luganda Koger, Amanda Moore, Sommer Daniels and Amy Lakkenof and their husbands; nephews, Michael Hills and Andrew Hills, Kurt Whitehead, Scott Whitehead, Daymion Hills and Adam Hills, and their wives, and Todd Byrd; uncles, Michael Pearson, and Don and Carolyn Pearson; and by his life's chosen brothers, Jeff Basnett, Mark Marsh, Scott DeVall and Ray Hoerner.

Brock was active with the First Nazarene

Church of Kalispell. He loved his Lord and Savior and was baptized on Easter Sunday, along with his son, in 2014.

He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. His leaving this earth leaves a huge void in the lives of many, but we know he is just beginning his greatest journey of all.

Cremation has taken place and all are invited to the celebration of his life at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at the Church of the Nazarene, located at 1295 Whitefish Stage Road.

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

Wayne Ward Whitney, 85

Wayne Ward Whitney passed away on June 19, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was 85. The world lost a good husband, good father, and a good man.

He was the seventh child born to Ida (Hart) and Ward B. Whitney, on June 5, 1930, in Kalispell. He spent most of his early childhood on Swan Lake where his father, who was a carpenter, stayed on as caretaker of Six Mile Estates after building the many cottages and buildings on the property. He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1949 and enrolled at Montana State College (now Montana State University) in the study of architecture. He lost both his parents his freshman year.

At college, he met Helen Hesse who was later to become his wife. His studies and courtship were interrupted when he was drafted into the Army in 1954 during the Korean conflict. After his honorable discharge in 1956, he married Helen and returned to Bozeman to continue his studies. On their honeymoon they started building a family cabin on Swan Lake that would become the favorite family spot where lots of fun and memorable times were spent. His daughter Joy was born in 1957 and he received his architecture degree in 1958. After graduation they lived in Kalispell where he was employed in an architectural firm. His son Mark joined the family in 1959.

The family moved to Helena where their son Frank was born in 1961, on Wayne's birthday. While in Helena, he helped found and was a partner in the architectural firm Crossman, Whitney, Griffin. This firm is still in business as CWG Architects in Helena. During their 32 years in Helena, they were active as a family and enjoyed skiing, family vacations, time spent at the family cabin on Swan Lake, and following the athletic endeavors of kids and grandkids.



The whole family also built a ski cabin at Bridger Bowl which had been a longtime dream of Wayne's.

Wayne was on several civic boards

in Helena, and at one point was president of the Montana chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He was an award-winning architect and some of the buildings he designed include the Carroll College PE center, Bigfork Summer Playhouse, Flathead Bank of Bigfork, Eagle Bend Club House in Bigfork, St. Labre Mission church, the Catholic church in Polson, St. Mary's Church in Helena, the Highway Department building in Helena, and multiple private residences. He was also a talented artist and loved to paint landscapes, old buildings and teepee scenes.

He and his wife retired to the beloved Swan Lake in 1993 to a house built by son Mark next to the original family cabin.

Wayne was preceded in death by all six of his siblings, Ralph, Arthur, Jack, Dempsey, Julia and Phyllis.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Helen; and his children, Joy and Robert Corwin of Great Falls, Mark and April, and Frank and Toni Whitney of Bigfork; grandsons, Tyler Corwin, Kevin and Kinsey Corwin, and Evan Whitney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be done at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Swan Lake Search and Rescue, or Bigfork QRU.

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.

Gloria C. Wiberg, 91

Gloria C. Wiberg, 91, died Aug. 9, 2015, in Kalispell.

Gloria was a registered nurse, and is survived by daughter Erica Anne

Gerber and son William Wiberg. Services will be held at a later date.

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

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Elmer Andrew Wiedmeier, 92

Elmer Andrew Wiedmeier, 92, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, in Bountiful, Utah.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1922, in Loyaltown, South Dakota, to Martin J. Wiedmeier and Paulina Mantek.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Adaline Wiedmeier, William J. Wiedmeier, Reuben A. Wiedmeier and Violet Wiedmeier Hasvold.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Selma Stenquist Wiedmeier; and his four children, Randy D. Wiedmeier, Susan E. Wiedmeier, Val D. Wiedmeier and Lezlie A. Wiedmeier Atwood. He was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was married to Selma Stenquist on Aug. 25, 1958, in Pocatello, Idaho, and their marriage was sealed in the Cardston, Alberta, Temple on March 18, 1967.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from 1942 to 1945. During his service in the Navy, his ship, the Jose Navarro, was sunk by a German U-boat. He spent six days in the Indian Ocean before he was rescued by the British Navy.

He spent most of his life working as a heavy diesel mechanic in both the oil fields and road construction. His talents working with machinery often lead him to develop new tools needed in his profession.



He was active his entire life in service to others, and he was often heard saying, "I have never met a stranger." Elmer could start up a con-

versation with anyone at any time. He spent many years in the Boy Scouts of America as a leader to many youth. Many of these youth looked to Elmer as a role model and guide through life. He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; frequently giving service to anyone he found needing help.

Elmer's positive attitude was very contagious. He often spoke of the many blessings in his life and gave thanks to his heavenly Father for those blessings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Bigfork. A viewing will begin at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Alene Louise (Everett) Williams, 85

Alene Louise (Everett) Williams passed away on June 26, 2015, at Wilcox Memorial Hospital in Kauai, Hawaii, at the age of 85. Alene was born on April 28, 1930, in Kalispell to parents Rena and Ernest Everett.



1957. She lived in Ellensburg, Yakima and Seattle, Washington, in her adult life. She did

bookkeeping for their trucking business for many years. She was an accomplished artist with knitting and crocheting, and made many beautiful things for her family and friends. She also enjoyed hosting dinner parties and entertaining. She loved to go on cruises and traveled extensively throughout Europe, Africa, Australia and Hawaii. She and Don made their home in Hawaii in later years and were always by each other's sides, often seen holding hands as he called her "baby."

Alene was an exceptionally kind and generous mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She had grace, elegance and style inside, as well as out, and will be greatly missed. Cremation has taken place and, per her wish, there will be no services.

She is survived by her husband, Don Williams; sister, Ardath Brown; brother, Irving Everett, and wife, Joyce; daughter, Linda (Williams) Jackson; son, Jack Williams, and wife, Sheri; and son, Mike Williams, and wife, Shari; grandchildren, Dale Williams, Don Blume, John Williams, Chris Williams, Travis Williams and Justin Williams; as well as many great-grandchildren and extended family.

She attended school in Kalispell. She married the love of her life at a home ceremony in Ellensburg, Washington, on Feb. 14,

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Emily Ruth Williams, 56

Emily Ruth Williams, 56, "went home to be with Jesus" on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1959, to Bernice and Duane Clark in Whitefish.



Emily worked at Walmart for 16 years where she met a lot of great people. She was a wonderful mother and a great woman. She will be loved and missed by everyone who met her and her family.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents, Duane Sr. and Bernice Clark; and her brother, Duane Clark Jr.

She is survived by her children, Rachel Hanson, Doug Williams and Amanda Magnuson; husband, Wayne Williams; sisters, Ruby Foss and Mary Jane Foss; brother, Dale Clark; and six beautiful grandchildren, Angel, Courtney, Timothy, Arleen, Charles and Cassidy.

A memorial service to celebrate Emily's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Austin Funeral Home.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Emily's family.

Bonita 'Bonnie' Lee Williams, 70

Bonnie "passed into the Lord's arms" on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, at about 6 p.m. at the Brendan House with her sons, Wade, Frank and Bill by her side. Frank's wife Randi, brother Frank, and sister Darlene were also there to comfort her. She was at peace within her soul, knowing that nothing could be done to treat the leukemia.

Bonita was born on April 10, 1945, in Worland, Wyoming, to Frank and Loretta (Dinger) Williams, joining sister Darlene and brother Frank. Her early years were spent at the Grass Range, Geary, N Bar school, then Kaycee, Wyoming, before moving to Kalispell in 1955.

In 1960, Bonnie moved back to Lewistown and married Marv Long in 1962. They had two sons together, Wade in 1963, and Frank in 1964. In 1975, William "Bill" Stillman was born to Bonnie and Daniel Stillman. Her three sons were the light of her life and they loved her completely.

Bonnie embraced life with many adventures, from skydiving to raising and riding some amazing horses, to exploring many yard sales and finding those treasures. She loved to hunt, fish, listen to country music, and watching John Wayne movies or any old Westerns. She loved her family and she loved the Lord.

Her varied jobs included working at TCI Television, owning and operating two gun shops, St. John's Gun Ranch and Ammunition Specialties, cooking at various restaurants, and being a homemaker.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Loretta (Dinger) Williams; and a granddaughter, Rebecca



Marcinek Long.

She is survived by her three sons, Wade Long of Kalispell,

Frank Long and Randi of Kalispell, and Bill Stillman of Salt Lake City; brother, Frank Williams, of Lewistown; sister, Darlene Jump-Rauthe, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Schon Long, and Shelbi and Lucas Cummings; great-grandchildren, Adalyn Lilly and Emmet Carl Cummings; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews that she adored.

Her significant others included Marvin Long, Daniel Stillman, Paul St. John, Art Gilroy and Harvey Smith.

We thank her family members and friends who came to visit during her hospitalization. She will be well remembered by all who shared her life.

In lieu of flowers, please take a moment and hug your parents, child, grandchild, friend or take a nice walk in the woods for a moment, an hour or a day.

The memorial service was held Jan. 2 at Family Life Church in Kalispell. Burial will take place later in the year.

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

Lawrence 'Larry' D. Williams, 53

Larry Williams was born Oct. 10, 1961, to Ronald and Alta Williams in Kellogg, Idaho.

He departed this life April 27, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

Larry grew up in Trego along with his brothers and sister and attended Trego Elementary. He later attended Eureka High where he was involved in 4H, played in the school band, and dabbled in a variety of sports. After school he did odd jobs involving a stint in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, oilfield with his brother Dennis.

He would go on to join the National Guard in Dec. of 1980. He had a son with Diane Wickham named Nathaniel in 1981 before pursuing work in Eastern, Montana. While in Eastern, Larry worked for Holly Sugar where he rose to head welder. While there, he married Rhonda Lou Larson and they had a son named Keith in 1983. His marriage to Rhonda Lou would dissolve and he met and married Dorothy Carpenter. He adopted her son Tim. They expanded their family with the birth of daughter, Alicia, in 1986. In 1989 he left Holly Sugar due to a back injury that would also honorably discharge him from his National Guard duties in 1992.

Larry moved his family to the Spokane area where he attended ITT



Tech and graduated with honors attaining a degree in

computer aided drafting in 1999. He and Dorothy eventually parted ways and he returned to the Kalispell area. He met and married Cindy Johnson in 2006, and gladly accepted her two adult daughters into his family.

Larry enjoyed fixing things up, riding his Harley, photography, and cooking. He had a heart for kittens, and taking care of those in need of care, which was reflected in his involvement with the Lower Yellowstone ABATE chapter.

Larry is preceded in death by his grandparents on both sides, brothers Tony and Dennis, and his father Ronald Keith Williams.

He is survived by his mother, Alta Williams; wife Cindy, Williams; daughter, Alicia Moody; sons, Nathaniel Wickham, Keith Larson and Tim Williams; stepdaughters, Melissa Keckhaver and Emily Johnson, and their families; his sisters, Rhonda, Krystina, Shauna, Cecelia, Sonia, and Sarah Williams, and various nieces and nephews.

Memorial with potluck luncheon will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Trego Community Center.

Sherry Ann Williamson, 35

Sherry Ann Williamson was born Sept. 30, 1980, to Ruth Kimzey in Carmichael, California.

She peacefully passed away with loved ones by her side on Dec. 16, 2015.

On Dec. 11, 1998, Sherry gave birth to Kevin Hammell in Sacramento, California.

Sherry lived in Sacramento and in 2002 moved to the Flathead Valley.

On Nov. 18, 2002, Sherry gave birth to Alesha Hammell in Kalispell.

Sherry was a devoted, loving mom. She loved to laugh with her family and loved ones. Her time was best spent making quality memories with her two children. Sherry loved to make her children feel special and knew just how to put a smile on their face.

She leaves behind her two children, Kevin and Alesha Hammell and other family and loved ones.

Her services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, at Fresh Life Church in Kalispell.

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Clifford Elmer Willis Jr., 71

On July 28, 2015, we said goodbye to a father, brother, uncle and friend. Cliff passed away with his family by his side, knowing we loved him dearly.

Clifford was born Sept. 27, 1943, in Kingsburg, California, to Clifford Elmer Willis Sr. and Mary Jean Gunn Willis. He was the oldest of four children.

During Cliff's lifetime he did many things. Cliff entered into the Army where he completed the construction machine operator course, which then led him on his career path for the local labor union construction where he retired from.

Outside of work, Cliff enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and, most importantly, time with his family and friends.

Cliff was preceded in



death by his parents, his brother Gary, his niece, many other relatives, and the love of his life, Marlene.

Cliff leaves behind his son, Clifford Elmer Willis III, "Tad"; brother, Richard, and Consuelo Willis; and his children; also his sister, Sharon Nead, and her children; many other relatives and, of course, his special friends he has made over the years far and wide.

The family will do a private memorial at a later date. Any cards may be sent to 691 Kelley Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Charles Richard 'Dick' Wilson, 81

Charles Richard "Dick" Wilson was born Dec. 9, 1933, in Kalispell, and passed peacefully after a lengthy illness on Aug. 28, 2015, at his lakeside home in Bigfork.

Charles recently celebrated his 57th wedding anniversary with wife Lona, whom he married in Silverton, Oregon.

Dick leaves behind his three children, Todd Wilson and wife Stacy, Carolyn Wilson from Modesto, California, and Scott Wilson of Vallejo, California; and two grandchildren, Taylor Wilson and Jacob Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis (RIP) Wilson; mother, Norma Beck Wilson; and sister, Barbara Spies.

Dick graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1956. He was an accomplished college and high school athlete. He was inducted into the OSU Basketball team Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Flathead High School Legends Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Dick attended Oregon State on an ROTC Scholarship and then served four years as a U.S. Navy aviator. Upon his completion of his military



service, he began work at E. & J. Gallo Winery in Modesto.

Dick led Gallo Glass Company as their vice president and general manager and retired in 1996 after 36 years of service.

During his life, Dick was an active member of the Sportsmen of Stanislaus in Modesto where he served as president and enjoyed playing basketball, tennis and handball and spending time with family and friends. He also loved golf, sailing and travel.

Dick and Lona shared many adventures and visited all seven continents. Their love for sailing took them to many exotic places and they circumnavigated the globe in 1991 to 1993.

Dick will be remembered as a true gentleman with a generous heart and spirit.

His favorite charity was Intermountain, which is an organization caring for children and healing through healthy family relationships located at 3240 Dredge Drive, Helena; www.intermountain.org

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

Ralph Henry Wisner Jr., 70

Ralph Henry Wisner Jr., 70, of Kalispell, died March 12, 2015, in Kalispell.

There will be a memorial gathering at 3 p.m.

March 20 at the Red Lion Inn Ballroom in Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Ralph H. Wisner Jr., 70

Ralph H. Wisner Jr. peacefully passed away in the arms of his wife Karen, on March 12, 2015, after a long battle with an illness.

He was born Jan. 13, 1945, in Richland, Washington, to Ralph and Alice (Frach) Wisner. Ralph was raised in Kennewick, Washington, where he graduated from Kennewick High in 1963, after which he joined the National Guard, serving for six years.

He married Tula Ady and they had two beautiful children, Heather and Jeff. He moved to Kalispell in 1976, opening Able Body Shop on April 1 of that year. Ralph always said "If you love what you're doing, you'll never work a day in your life," and that's how he felt about Able Body Shop. He enjoyed serving people of the greater Flathead Valley, and was very grateful to everyone who helped make Able Body Shop the success it is today.

Ralph met and married Karen Kearns in 1981, adopting her son Jason as his own, making a family of love. Ralph's passion was collecting and restoring vintage hotrods; the faster the better! His need for speed took him to the 1/4 mile drag strips with his dragster, and to the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah with his Lakester race car. Ralph and Karen loved traveling the world, with Ralph especially enjoying Europe. He so loved his children and was very proud of all three. His grandchildren held a very special place in his heart,



and his heart was full to the brim, being blessed with 14 grandchildren.



Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Sr. and

Alice Wisner; and sisters, Margie and Joanne.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Karen; daughter, Heather, and Josh; son, Jeff, and his wife, April; son, Jason, and his wife, Karly; and siblings, Linda and Dean Johnson, and Gary DeReche. Ralph's legacy carries on through his grandchildren Haylee, Jack, Ashton, McKenzie, Max, Leela, Addi, Gunnar, Gretta, Oakley, Gannon, Rowan, Barret and Magnus; and his great-grandchild, expected to join us this summer; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 20, located at the Red Lion Inn, Kalispell. Please join us in the celebration of a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Ralph donated land to the Lions Club so the children of Evergreen would have their own field for sports. He so wanted to see it finished and it's almost there. In lieu of flowers, please send any donations to Abs Park First Interstate Bank. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ralph's family.

Marilyn Winger, 54

Marilyn Winger, 54, of Kalispell, died Nov. 6, 2015 in Kalispell.

A memorial ser-

vice will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Donald D. Winslow, 65

Donald D. Winslow, 65, passed away in Marion on July 9, 2015.

Donald is survived by his wife, Patti; son, Donald Jr.; daughter, Wynter; son, Jacob; and son, Micah.

Services for Donald are

currently pending at this time.

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.

Daniel Witwer, 62

Daniel Witwer, 62, formerly of Kalispell, died July 18, 2015, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, due to cancer.

He had worked as a logger for Plum Creek.

He is survived by his wife, Doreen Witwer, of

Hydaburg, Alaska; and children, Nicholas Witwer and Alexandra Witwer, both of Kalispell.

Services were held July 28. Burial took place on Sukkwan Island near Hydaburg.

Dora Lee 'Dode' Ostrom Wolf, 80

Dora Lee "Dode" Ostrom Wolf, 80, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Dode was born on Jan. 25, 1935, in Plains to Logan and Hazel (McAdam) Ostrom. She joined three brothers, George, Richey and Alva.

She started her early years at the Flathead mine west of Kalispell. The family then moved to Kalispell in 1945. She graduated from high school there in 1953; following was two years of education at the University of Montana. Dode worked for the JCPenny Company in Kalispell for several years. She also taught school at Foy's Lake for a year.

In 1959 she married Carl Wolf and moved to Whitefish. Dode started skiing on Big Mountain when the only way up to the ski lift was a Jeep motor! Teaching skiing in the early '60s was one of the subjects that brought out several comical stories. Dode was an avid golfer and served on the Whitefish Lake Golf Course board of directors. She won the Ladies Golf Club Championship four times. She would get up at 5 a.m. and go to the starters box in her jammies to get the best tee time for her friends! Only God, Lee Trevino and Dode Wolf could hit a one iron!

Dode was famous for her storytelling around campfires and numerous fishing trips. She was notorious for the one liners that would come out of that witty, resourceful brain of hers. She was definitely one in a million! She lived life her way and never worried what anyone else thought.



What an amazing woman!

Dode started her own obituary which stated, "If there's anything you

kids want to add that's OK. I could go on and on about how wonderful I was, but I don't know how much would be true and what would be B.S. You know how I loved to tell stories. I loved the outdoors, fishing and camping. But I loved my children more than fishing!"

She definitely loved her family 'cuz we all know how much she loved fishing.

Dode was preceded in death by her parents; brother Alva in 1951, in the Korean War; and brother Richie in 1985.

She is survived by her three children, daughter Teri Wolf and Gerald Zieg of Missoula, daughter Tami and Vern Down of Auburn, California, and son Matt Wolf of Whitefish; brother, George Ostrom, and wife, Iris, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dode also had an uncountable number of wonderful and dear friends.

There will be a gathering of close friends and family at 2 p.m. Monday April 13, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of Dode's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Humane Society of your choice.

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.

Jessie O'Neal Woods, 82

Jessie O'Neal Woods, 82, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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Jessie Woods, 82

Jessie Woods, 82, passed away peacefully Jan. 16, 2015, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Jessie was born in Globe, Texas, Dec. 1, 1932, to Jesse and Zona Woods. He spent his younger years in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

On Dec. 25, 1952, he married Faye Janell Smith. After a brief stint in the Army, he joined the Air Force. He was stationed in several places including Kansas where their son Gene was born, and then in Puerto Rico where their daughter Melissa was born.

Jessie and his family moved to Great Falls and fell in love with beautiful Montana. Jessie, his father and his family built a cabin in the North Fork and traveled from Great Falls on the weekends to build it. He and his family shared many wonderful memories at the cabin which he referred to as "Moose Chip."

When Jessie returned from the Air Force in



1972, the family moved to Kalispell where he started his very successful upholstery business. Jessie owned and operated a miniature

golf course and he enjoyed gardening. He built a greenhouse adjoining his home and made many memories with his grandchildren as they played in his "white sand box" in the greenhouse and had fun swinging on the willow trees in the yard.

Jessie was a member of the of the Sunrisers Lions Club and, as a part of that club, he was in charge of the fair parade for several years. He was instrumental along with Dr. Steve Weber in a program that enabled people to donate their used glasses to those that needed them but could not afford to buy

them.

In 1990, he married Sandra Ross and they became snowbirds for several years. They traveled coast to coast and border to border, visiting family and meeting friends and always enjoying new experiences. He and Sandy enjoyed the company of the "Breakfast Club."

Jessie was preceded in death by his father, Jesse; and his first wife, Janell; and his mother, Zona.

Jessie is survived by his wife, Sandra; son Gene, Gene's son Justin, wife Alexa, and their children David and Isabella; and daughter Melissa, her husband Larry, and her daughters Amy and Shelly, and Shelly's children Alissa and Donny. Also surviving are Sandra's children whom he considered as his own, Scott Ross; Jeff Ross and his wife, their children Robert and Jason, his wife and their son Blake; Mark Ross and his wife Kathy, their children Matt and Jenny; and

Tamara Armentrout, her husband Jeff, with their kids Tyler and Trevor.

A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, Jessie will be missed in a great way by many people. Jessie's family would like to thank hospice for the many services they provided. They made it possible for home to be in this home for this final days. Also thanks to Dr. Rosetto, Jessie's VA doctor for the wonderful care he gave him over the years.

"You fought the good fight" and your family fought it with you. "Til we meet again."

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be made to Home Options Hospice or Veterans Food Pantry.

There will be a memorial service held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home 525 S. Main Street, Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat is caring for the family.

Howard Dennis 'Woody' Woodworth, 60

Howard Dennis "Woody" Woodworth, 60, died Feb. 8, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Woody was born in Los Angeles on May 10, 1954.

He lived and worked in many states, including California and Oregon, before moving to Montana with his wife Kristi and son Andrew. Some of his many skills included gourmet cooking, serving and bartending.

Woody served his country in the U.S. Army.

He was a friend to many here in Kalispell and will be missed.

Woody was widowed when his wife, Kristi Davis, died unexpectedly in April 2008. The Davis family siblings, Nancy, Bob, Scott and Susan, will miss their brother-in-law.

Woody is survived by



his son, Howard Andrew Woodworth of Kalispell; daughters, Jenny and Tina, and mother, Phyllis Woodworth, all of Oregon; grand-

daughter, Lilly; sister, Susan Clanton of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Bill Clanton of Kalispell; niece, Samantha; and nephew, Ben.

A memorial service will be held in the spring or summer.

Memorial donations may be given in Woody's name to the Howard Andrew Woodworth Trust, at Glacier Bank in Kalispell.

Lois A. Workman, 86

Lois A. Workman, 86, of Eureka, died on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Services will be at 1

p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Sidney L. Workman, 96

Sidney L. Workman, 96, passed away peacefully into the hands of our Heavenly Father on Monday Dec. 14, 2015, in Eureka after a long stay at Mountain View Manor. Sid was born May 9, 1919, in a log cabin beside Pinkham Creek to Charles and Alta Workman.

He grew up on his father's homestead on upper Pinkham with his two sisters and six brothers. Sid had an eventful youth as one time his brothers talked him into riding a calf which belonged to old Dan Anchor. When Dan saw them, the brothers ran away but Sid got hung up in the coral rails where Dan caught him and proceeded to give him a spanking to remember. (Dan had been a scout for the 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn with General Custer.)

Sid attended his early school years at the Pinkham School and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1940.

Sid became a packer at age 16 for the U.S. Forest Service on forest fires with his dad and ran his own pack string. In 1938 he manned the lookout on Mount Robinson and continued to work for the U.S. Forest Service until 1941. He was known to his colleges as Louie "The Whip" Workman. Sid joined the Army Air Force in August 1941. He trained as a military policeman and later trained as a Glider Pilot for the invasion of Europe. He shipped to England in 1943 and was attached to the 8th Air Force. He served until December 1945. Sid enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and telling true stories.

Sid married his childhood sweetheart, Alice Marie Combs, in 1943. Their marriage brought 5 children and they were all were raised on Pinkham Creek.



Sid worked as a logger and then for the U.S. Forest Service until his retirement in 1981. He was always involved in the community as he

served on the local school board for many years and for the council of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year for the State of Montana by Sen. Max Baucus. Sid was loved by many and he loved them back and always would play his harmonica for any and all occasions. Sid was one of the last old-timers and was always called upon to tell of all the local history. He always had a sharp memory and could tell any story.

Sid is survived by two sons, Lee Workman and Steve Workman; daughters, Sandy McCrorie (John) and Sydney Lou Island; brothers, Harry Workman (Claire) and Jack Workman (Carol); and sisters, Lula Richmond and Elajean Henry, all of the Eureka area. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; daughter, Betty Jane; his parents, Charles and Alta Workman; and brothers, Wayne, Lynn, Chuck and Roger.

Funeral services for Sid were Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Interment followed at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials may be made to the Mountain View Manor in Eureka. Arrangements were under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka.

Anna Marie Wright, 86

Anna Marie Wright, 86, of Bigfork, passed away Aug. 11, 2015, in Bigfork.

Anna is survived by her son, Darrell Himmesoete, and her daughter, Rose Portillo.

There will be a visitation for Anna from 5 to

7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial to take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Helena.

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

Colleen Michelle Wright, 63

Colleen Michelle Wright, 63, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, at home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her

sister, Kathleen Wright.

Private family services will be held in Vancouver, Wash. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Edward Joseph Wright, 77

Edward Joseph Wright, 77, of Judith Gap, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015, at the Central Montana Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lewistown.

At his request, cremation has taken place and private family services will be held later.

Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown.

John C. Wright, 69

John C. Wright "was taken home to be with the Lord" on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on May 8, 1945, in Laurel, Mississippi. After high school, he attended Mississippi State University where he pursued a degree in business. John was an avid sportsman and enjoyed all sports, including football, golfing and baseball.

John attended Canvas Church in Kalispell and could be found at the church's Saturday evening service sitting in his power chair, in the back center row under the camera. He was surrounded by friends and enjoyed the opportunity to visit and worship.

People enjoyed listening to the recounting of John's adventures in South America, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. For years, John worked as a drilling fluid engineer, better known as a "mud engineer" in the oil industry. He was often working in dangerous locales under risky conditions, including encounters with anacondas and guerrillas.

As a true Southern gentleman, John was proud of his Southern heritage. He loved his native cuisine and had mastered the art of creating mouthwatering dishes. John was also a great jokester with mischievous green eyes. He was known for an enormous sense of humor and for his soft heart. It was not unusual for him to do random acts of kindness when he saw a need.

John had a special love for children. His grandchildren, Maxie, Will, Jack and Lila, were the highlights of



his life. He also took great delight in following the activities of his extended family's

children which included Conner, Max, Charlie, Caleb, Abby, Alex, Joey, Ashley, Jamie, Rachael, Owen, Victoria and Mara. They all knew, of course, how to find that special candy drawer!

John was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Wright and Mildred Fagan Wright. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Denise Scroggs-Wright; and his dearly loved stepdaughters, Shannon Scroggs of Huntington Beach, California, and Carrie Ann Scroggs-Moldenhauer and husband Lenn of Denver; also, his sister, Lynda Wright, of Jackson, Mississippi; his brother, Robert Wright, and his wife, Ann, of Fort Worth, Texas; his niece, Michelle Wright-Valderas, and husband, Terry, and daughter, Victoria.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Canvas Church Youth Ministries.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, March 24, at Canvas Church, lower auditorium, in Kalispell.

Jess C. Wrightson, 57

Jess C. Wrightson, 57, passed away Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015, in Kalispell.

Jess was born Aug. 23, 1957, to Jack and Donna Wrightson in Butte. His family moved to Troy in 1965. Jess graduated from high school in 1976. He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army.

After his discharge, he moved for a short time to California and married Beverley Barner on Oct. 18, 1985. They were blessed with four children. They later moved back to Montana and resided in Columbia Falls and Kalispell.

Jess worked in the HVAC business in California and Montana. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 2252. He enjoyed woodworking and exploring his Native America ancestry. He enjoyed camping at his favorite spot, Yaak River Campground.

Jess is survived by his son and daughters, Jess of Kalispell, Brianna of Seattle, Roselynnne of Hungry Horse and Charity of Bigfork; and grandson, Kayden, of Hungry Horse. He is also survived by his mother,



Donna Munyan, of Kalispell; stepmother, Sandra Wrightson, of Columbia Falls; and partner, Tami Heikes, of Kalispell; and by his siblings,



Fern Hanley of Columbia Falls, Jan and Marty Osier of Ansbach, Germany, Lisa and Dave Brown of Portland, Leslie and John Coyne of Columbia Falls, and Mike Lee of Troy; and by numerous nephews and nieces. He also leaves behind his dog Kootenai.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Wrightson; brother, Jay; and stepfather, Ralph Munyan.

Cremation has taken place and Jess' ashes will be cared for by family.

A celebration of life will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at 1460 Marjory St., in Columbia Falls. A potluck will be included.

Donations may be made to Toys for Tots.

Gregory 'Sam' Wurster, 53

On Monday, March 9, 2015, Gregory Wurster, of Whitefish, passed away at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. His mother, Dorothy Kendall, and his brother, Scott Wurster, were at his side.

On Jan. 3, 1962, Gregory began his journey with us in Lakewood, Ohio. He was a shy, dark-haired boy with sparkling eyes who loved wearing hats, ran everywhere and made people laugh. Greg's travels eventually led him to the University of Montana, Missoula. On a whim, he took an acting class at UM and, just like that, realized he was a born performer. At 21, Greg graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and off he went to Los Angeles to become an actor.

Working as a waiter in high-end eateries in LA, Greg pursued his dreams with a passion. He networked, auditioned and was chosen for roles on popular TV shows including "Highway to Heaven," "Designing Women" and "Days of Our Lives." Because of his outgoing personality, charm and incredible sense of humor, Greg made many friends both in and out of show business. As a songwriter, musician, singer, actor and writer, Greg put everything he had into his career.

He loved sports and could rattle off stats or trivia without hesitation. While Greg was in LA, he organized and managed a baseball team made up of fellow actors and waiters. He was a consistent winner of trivia contests on the radio. Greg loved putting people together.

In 2001, Gregory returned to Montana, the home place he loved



the most. Along with him came Missy, his beloved dog. They were inseparable. Missy

shared camping, fly fishing, playing pool, singing karaoke, songwriting and making the rounds around town with Greg. She became a fixture in Whitefish. Missy preceded Greg in death.

Being a person suffering from bipolar disorder, Gregory struggled every day with loneliness and isolation. The relentless demons tortured him until the battle in his mind became overwhelming and he chose to end his own life.

"We understand, Greg. Please know that we love you, and we know you loved us. You had a beautiful and intelligent mind and loved helping others. As your family, we will forever miss you, the outrageous young man who could make us laugh with a quick turn of your head or a look, your inimitable impersonation of Barney Fife or your brilliant imitation of ... a chicken!"

A celebration of life for Gregory Wurster will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

To all who read this, we ask you to keep your hearts and minds open to those with mental illness and to be good and gentle and gracious with others. Greg would want it that way.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sunburst Foundation Emergency Fund in memory of Gregory "Sam" Wurster, P.O. Box 703, St. Ignatius, MT 59865.