

Robert 'Bob' John Zanon, 86

Robert "Bob" John Zanon, 86, "passed to the Lord in heaven" Thursday morning, Sept. 10, 2015, in Portland, Oregon.

Born Dec. 5, 1928, in Kalispell, he was the son of Mary & Peter Zanon.

Bob graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947, served in the U.S. Army, adventured to Alaska and returned to Kalispell where he met and married the love of his life, Adele, at St. Matthews Church. Together, they spent the next 62 years building a life full of love, respect and trust.

Family and children were always at the center of Bob's life as husband, father, coach, mentor, advisor and No. 1 fan. Bob enjoyed bowling, coaching, sports spectating, especially the Green Bay Packers and later in life, tracking his beloved "Where's George" dollar bills.

Bob loved Montana, yet moved with Adele to Oregon in 2007 to be closer to their grandchildren to whom he passed his mastery of the art of "slapjack."

Bob is survived by his



Erin Zanon of Portland; Sharon Zanon

Morrison and Ben Harnetiaux of Snohomish, Washington; Scott and Sara Zanon of Beaverton, Oregon; and eight grandchildren, Ryder, Chase, Parker, Ryann, Nigel, Danika, Jacob, and Claire.

Funeral services and Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Kalispell.

Private family interment will be at Conrad Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest in peace with his parents.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Parish, 602 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

loving wife, Adele, along with five children and their spouses, Geralyn and Fred Merrick of Kalispell; Rick Zanon of Phoenix, Arizona; Craig and

Anita A. Zavodny, 94

Anita A. Zavodny, 94, passed away on May 1, 2015, in Kalispell.

Anita was born on Feb. 21, 1921, in Dover, New Jersey, to Frank and Anna Roslan.

After graduating from Dover High School in 1938, Anita and her girlfriends could be found most weekends in New York City enjoying the big bands and live shows at the Paramount, Loews, Madison Square Garden, and once even found themselves at the exclusive Cotton Club. They saw many of the greats perform live, including the Andrew Sisters, the Ink Spots, Gene Krupa, the Dorsey Brothers, Frank Sinatra, Cab Calloway and the great Lena Horne.

Anita was a "Rosie the Riveter," working to support the troops with desperately needed munitions to bring World War II to an end. She married her soldier sweetheart, Fred Zavodny, on Jan. 28, 1945, following his release from Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, as he was severely wounded while serving with the U.S. Army in North Africa. She remained faithful to him throughout her life, despite his passing in 1975 due to the lasting effects of

his battlefield wounds.

Shortly after her husband's death, she moved to Montana to be with her son and his family. She enjoyed life in the Big Sky Country, traveling and sightseeing with friends, volunteering service with the Red Cross, as well as being an active member of the Kalispell Music Club. Most of all, she loved spending time with her granddaughter Lynette.

Anita was preceded in death by her brothers, Paul, Eugene, Florian and Stephen.

She is survived by her son, Fred, his wife Barbara, granddaughter Lynette and her husband Gabe, great-grandson Isaac Stephen Dillon, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A service will be held at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Anita Roslan Zavodny, 94

Anita Roslan Zavodny, 94, died Friday, May 1, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

A visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held on Thurs-

day, May 7, at 1 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Inurnment will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dr. William F. Zelezny, 96

Dr. William F. Zelezny, 96, passed away on Feb. 28, 2015, in Kalispell.

Bill was born to Joseph Zelezny and Birdie E. (Loder) Zelezny on Sept. 5, 1918, in the log cabin on the family homestead near Rollins established in 1899. Bill and his younger sister, Betty Mae, attended grade school in Rollins from 1926 to 1932. During the school years, 1932 to 1936, the family moved to the family's second homestead near Lonepine so Bill could attend high school there.

From 1936 to 1940 Bill attended Montana State College in Bozeman under the New Deal NYA program, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. With a fellowship, Bill attended the Montana School of Mines at Butte and received a Master of Science degree in metallurgy in 1941. Bill was employed as a chemist at the Anaconda Copper Mining Company in Great Falls until he went into the U.S. Army. Bill was assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service and worked at the laboratory in Manila, Philippines. He was badly burned in a laboratory accident and spent eleven months in a hospital until he was discharged from the hospital and Army in August 1946.

Bill continued his education under the G.I. Bill (part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal) at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City and received a Ph. D. in physical chemistry in 1951. While in Iowa he met Virginia Lee Scarcliff and they were married in 1949.

Bill was employed at



the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (now NASA) in Cleveland, Ohio, Washington State College and the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho.

His final years of employment were at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. In 1980 Bill retired and he and Virginia returned to the family homestead near Rollins.

Bill is survived by his younger sister, Betty Mae (Manford) Morris of Little Rock, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his older sister, Anna; his older brother, Eugene; and his wife, Virginia.

Bill was an avid gardener and well-known for his homegrown tomato plants and gourmet corn. He was an active member of various community organizations in Rollins, from the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department and Community Club to years of involvement with the Lake County Democratic Central Committee. Bill was instrumental in providing text for the 'Lake County School History' book and other local historical publications.

Rest in peace, Bill — your dry sense of humor and tongue-in-cheek comments will be missed.

A celebration of life for Bill Zelezny will be announced at a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral home is caring for the Zelezny Family.

Andrew L. Zimet, 60

Andrew L. Zimet, M.D., 60, of Whitefish, was found deceased the week of July 1, 2015, in the Pamir Mountains of Kyrgyzstan.

He was an anesthesiologist at North Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Zimet, of

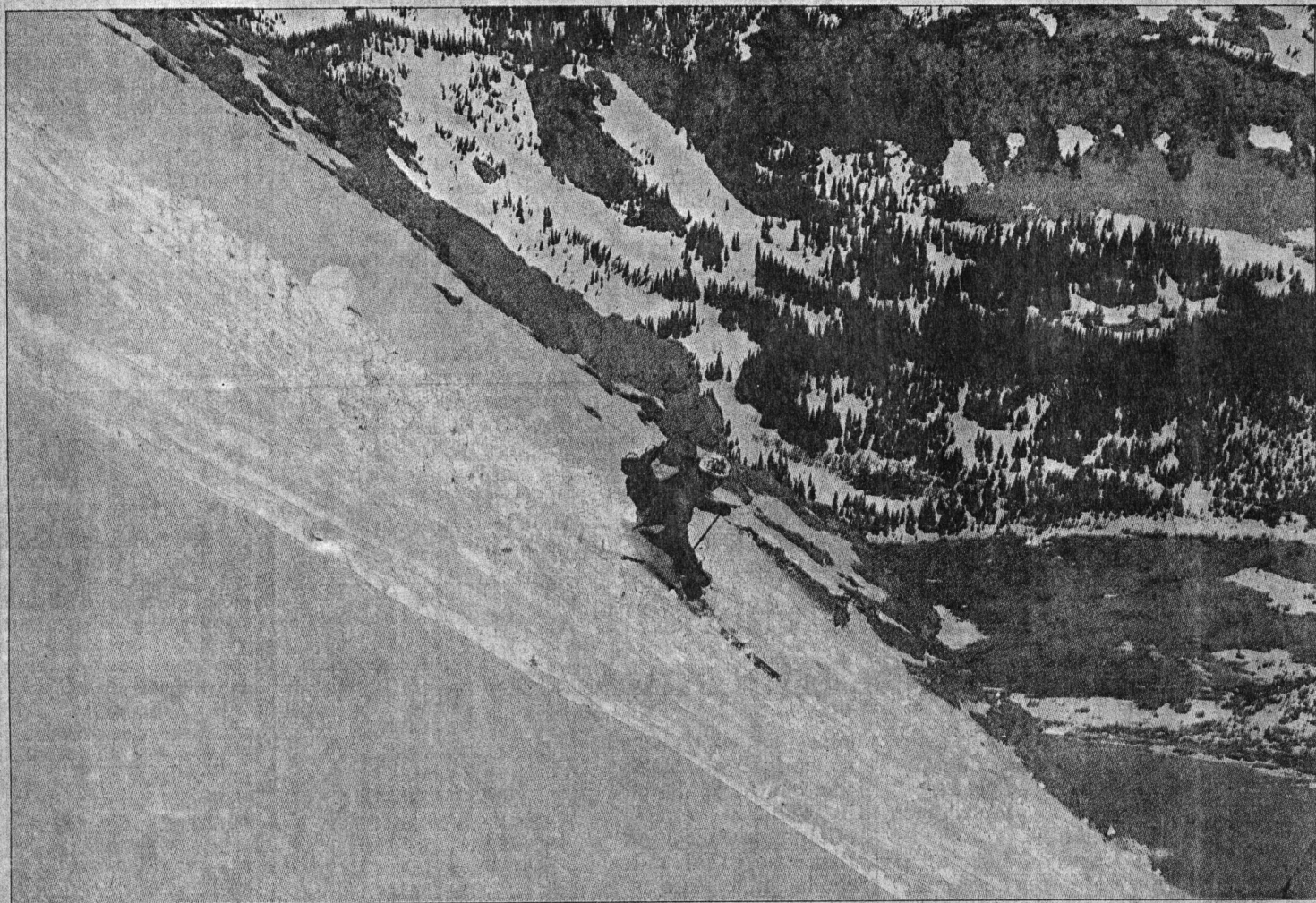
Whitefish; parents, Carl and Sarah Zimet, of Denver; and stepsons, Adam Helgesen of Hawaii and Josh Helgesen of Virginia.

A memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Base Lodge on Big Mountain at Whitefish Mountain Resort.

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ADVENTUROUS ANESTHESIOLOGIST DIES ON KYRGYZSTAN CLIMB



ANDY ZIMET skis in the Java Creek area of Glacier National Park. He was a tenacious extreme skier, mountaineer and kayaker. He was the first person known to complete ski descents of Glacier's six highest peaks, the "Big Six." (Photos courtesy of Zimet family)

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'Fun at a very high level'

Zimet conquered Glacier's 'Big Six' among other extreme feats

By LYNNETTE HINTZE
The Daily Inter Lake

Many of Andy Zimet's closest friends say he died doing what he loved.

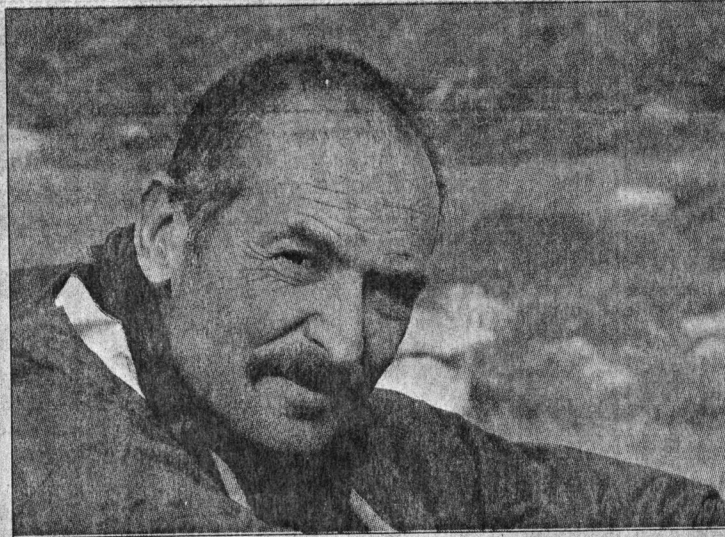
But the opposite also is true: He lived doing what he loved.

Zimet was a Whitefish physician and consummate outdoorsman who pushed the boundaries as an extreme skier, mountaineer and kayaker. He was on a solo expedition in the Pamir Mountains of Kyrgyzstan when he was found dead July 3 in a sleeping bag inside his tent.

A preliminary autopsy determined Zimet, 60, died of edema and cephaladema complicated by mountain sickness, also referred to as altitude sickness.

He was an experienced explorer who meticulously mapped out the details of his trips, including the elevation where he was going to be each day.

"He knew how to do this, and for Andy it wasn't that high," his wife, Linda, said about the spot where he was discovered below the summit of a 23,000-foot peak. "He'd gone higher and stayed at higher elevations longer.



ANDY ZIMET, 1954-2015

Sometimes the body does weird things."

Those in Zimet's inner circle said he had the true heart of an explorer.

"Andy had no end to his desire to do what he was doing," said Don Scharfe, owner of Rocky Mountain Outfitter in Kalispell and a longtime ski mountaineering companion of Zimet. "He did push harder than anyone I know in the valley. He wasn't afraid to go out alone and do big things alone. Not many people would do that. This particular climb he

was on was one of those scenarios."

Zimet's many accomplishments in the world of extreme sports flew largely under the radar. He wasn't a self-promoter; he simply went out and did big things.

The breadth of his climbing, kayaking and skiing journeys took him to remote spots around the world, including China, Kyrgyzstan, Canada, Argentina, Bolivia, Nepal, India, Chile and Alaska.

Zimet is considered to be the first known skier to com-



ZIMET KNEW no fear in taking on extreme challenges, whether it was climbing, as shown in this photo, skiing or kayaking. He died July 3 during a solo expedition in Kyrgyzstan.

plete ski descents of the "Big Six" — six peaks over 10,000 feet in Glacier Park. He spent two decades chipping away at the feat, successfully skiing Mount Jackson, Mount

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Merritt, Mount Siyeh and Mount Cleveland before tackling Mount Stimson in 1997 with fellow skier Pete Costain.

It was a number of years before he completed the final peak because his focus diverted to white-water kayaking for about 12 years.

When a neck injury sidelined his extreme kayaking, Zimet reverted to skiing and continued on his way to bagging the Big Six. Kintla Peak, at 10,101 feet, presented a challenge. He had attempted it a couple of times, to no avail.

On the Fourth of July three years ago, Zimet and longtime friend Jay Shaver took another stab at Kintla.

"It's a classic Andy story," Shaver said, explaining how Zimet had gone up three other times but couldn't get across Upper Kintla Lake.

"Finally he comes up with the idea to take inflatable rafts," Shaver recalled. So they canoed across Lower Kintla Lake and hiked to Upper Kintla, then used the rafts to cross the outlet. From there, Shaver said the climb was "the most difficult thing I've ever climbed with skis on my back."

The wildfires of 2003 had burned through a once-impenetrable thicket, but maneuvering through the layers of burned logs was like walking in pick-up sticks, Shaver said. They skied off the summit down Kintla's north face, but Zimet still had in mind another route he'd studied, so the next weekend he returned and completed a second successful first descent off Kintla.

"In Andy's world that's just another day," Shaver said. "He was certainly not afraid of doing things

by himself. He was incredibly safe, and the conditions were always appropriate, but it's a high-risk game.

"I can't hold a candle to his skill level, but I hit the two criteria for being a ski buddy," Shaver said. "One, I could keep up, and two, I never told anyone where we skied."

RENOWNED outdoor adventure travel writer Jon Turk of Darby pointed to Zimet's first descent of a river in Nepal as "the biggest thing he did on an international scale."

Zimet and four other Americans tackled a first descent of the Langu Khola River in the northwestern reaches of Nepal. During that trip in 1999, they began kayaking at more than 14,000 feet, moving through Class V and VI rapids.

"He was totally cutting-edge, on top of the game

at that time," Turk said.

Turk first met Zimet about 20 years ago during an attempt to summit Denali in Alaska.

"We got blown off the mountain by a big storm, so we came down to base camp," he recalled.

Instead of sulking over their predicament, Zimet suggested they fly over to Ruth Gorge and "ski some cool lines." Turk agreed and a lifelong friendship was forged.

"That week on Ruth we had so much fun together. It wasn't doing big heroics like climbing [Denali]," he said. "The bond that was made persevered over the years.

It was never about the heroics or the recognition for Zimet, Turk stressed. It was about "having fun at a very high level.

"To people not in the game it might seem like a fine line, and it is a funny fine line," Turk contin-

ued. "Andy had his ego to accomplish things, but at the same time he had one of the greatest senses of fun and enjoying those things of anybody I've ever known.

THERE WAS a consummate element to Zimet's professional work at North Valley Hospital, too. He had worked at the Whitefish hospital since 1989 as an anesthesiologist.

"He was always real current on the new research and was very good with his patients," said Dr. David Nichols, who was a partner with Zimet. "He was very well-liked and appreciated by the medical staff. He interacted with other departments in a very positive way."

Zimet talked about his many expeditions, but always in a low-key manner, Nichols said.

And Zimet always was planning his next trip, he added.

"He pushed his limits; Andy always pushed," said Turk, who has received National Geographic's Adventurer of the Year award several times.

The cliché aside about climbing a mountain "because it's there," Zimet's extreme quest was, at some level, "some sort of a spiritual journey," Turk said. "Bringing yourself so close to the ultimate edges ... if you're out there long enough, magical things happen to you."

A memorial service for Zimet will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at the Base Lodge at Whitefish Mountain Resort.

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Donald G. Zimmerman, 75

Donald G. Zimmerman, 75, of Somers, passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, surrounded by his three children at Brendan House, after a short battle with cancer.

He was born on July 12, 1939, in Saskatchewan to Henry and Ethel "Peggy" Zimmerman. As a young boy he grew up on the family farm and enjoyed playing hockey.

He moved to California as a young adult where he worked at Standard Oil. He would often tell stories of the movie stars he met there.

He was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, where he served our country as a radio operator.

On April 6, 1963, he married Dawn Gloria Wood. The couple lived in Anchorage until his discharge from the Army, and then returned to Southern California where he owned and operated a pool maintenance business with his brother, Wayne.

Upon selling the pool business, they moved to Cortez, Colorado, where they worked their pig farm. They eventually sold the pig farm and moved to Jerome, Idaho, to be closer to his mother, sister and brother. There, they farmed sugar beets, peas and potatoes. Afterwards, they moved to Hunt, Idaho, and worked in the potato fields.

From there they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where they bought the Viking delicatessen. Don missed his ranch and farming roots, so they eventually sold the deli and took a job running Timber Ridge guest ranch in Harrison, Idaho. Don was a natural with entertaining the guests and enjoyed his work there very much. Dawn did all the cooking. They were a great team.



and had a large garden. Dawn passed away in 2006. Don sold the ranch in 2013 and moved to Somers to be closer to his son's family.

Don was an avid outdoorsman. He loved camping, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and was happiest in the saddle, horseback riding. A fanatical hockey fan, he rarely missed a Toronto Maple Leafs game. He had a great sense of humor and could always make people laugh with his singing and quick wit. He was the life of any party and made friends everywhere he went.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dawn Zimmerman; his mother, Ethel "Peggy" Zimmerman; and his father, Henry Zimmerman.

Survivors include his brother, Wayne Zimmerman; sister, Lorraine, and Jeff Marble; daughter, Jodi, and Mark Ellis; son, Chad, and Libby Zimmerman; daughter, Cara, and Bryan Seekell; grandchildren, Anthony and Lindsey Ellis, Kelsey, Connor and Sidney Zimmerman, and Rachel, Donna and Ashleigh Seekell; great-grandson, Colter Zimmerman; and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews and extended family.

Private family burial was held at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson on March 13.

Please join us for a celebration of life at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, to be held upstairs at Brannigan's Pub, 101 East Center Street No. 1 in Kalispell.

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Warren Anthony 'Zeke' Zychal, 73

Warren Anthony "Zeke" Zychal left us suddenly on June 5, 2015.

Zeke was the second son of Clara and Walter Zychal born on May 3, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a versatile athlete in high school and college and served his country in the military including a tour in Vietnam.

Zeke made Whitefish his home in 1972 working construction until his retirement in 2008. Zeke enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking, and was active in recreational softball, the Turkey Bowl, and ice hockey.

There was never a child in Soroptimist Park that didn't receive a bit of coaching. Zeke loved teaching kids and making them laugh; and there



were the practical jokes.

He loved his black dogs.

Predeceased by his brother, Wayne Zychal, he is survived by two brothers,

Wesley Zychal and Joan of Glendale Heights, Illinois, and Michael Krzystyniak and Rebecca of Haslet, Texas; four nieces; two nephews and his extended family of friends on Dakota Avenue.

Ceremonies and memorial are to be determined.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

When the guest ranch sold, they moved to Montana and took a job managing Lost Trail Ranch, a very large, commercial cow/calf operation, in Pleasant Valley.

From there the couple retired and moved to Kila where they kept a few horses and enjoyed gardening, boating, fishing and camping with friends. They eventually purchased a small ranch in Ronan where they raised a few cattle, horses and hay

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Braveheart Chaplain Ministry, 650 Fifth Ave. West North, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Kalispell Regional Healthcare, Brendan House or Cancer Services, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memories and condolences may be sent to www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.