

Boyd Patrick Clark, 56

Boyd Patrick Clark died unexpectedly in the Faith Lutheran Nursing Home on July 15, 2016, in Wolf Point, at the age of 56.

Boyd was born on Dec. 12, 1959, in Billings to Wilbur Sr. and Helen (Sercel) Clark.

He married Twyla Nelson on July 31, 1991. He was an avid hunter and fisherman until a debilitating back injury forced him to retire at a young age.

Boyd is survived by his daughter, Samantha, of Missoula; sister, Rose Clark, of Amarillo, Texas; brother, Wilbur "Skip" Clark Jr. (Barbara), of



Kalispell; brother, Michael, of Billings; and nephews, Clarence, Michael, Patrick and Timothy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Twyla Nelson-Clark; father, Wilbur Clark Sr.; and mother, Helen (Sercel) Clark.

There are no funeral services planned. Interment will be in the Poplar Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Edward Vern Clark, 82

Edward Vern Clark passed away April 9, 2016, quietly at his Kalispell home, at the age of 82.

He was the son of Ike and Opal Clark, born Nov. 16, 1933. The family lived on a farm outside of Cut Bank.

Ed was definitely a farm boy; he loved telling stories about working on the farm, the early rising, sleeping in the bunk house, driving tractor all day, and producing all they could during the war and the rationing.

He attended and graduated from Cut Bank Schools, then served in Korea. After the war he came home and was married, and over the years he fathered four children.

He attended barber training in Spokane, after which he and his family came to Kalispell, where he worked at several locations, with the last being Joe's Barber Shop on



Main Street in Kalispell. Ed retired in 1995.

His favorite things in life were telling jokes, going to garage sales, gardening and, above



all else, picking huckleberries and meeting his friends at Rosie's for coffee at 3 p.m.

Ed is survived by four children, Evan residing in Washington, D.C., Rhonda of California, Gregg of Plains, and Scott of Portland; as well as four grandchildren and his current wife, Molly Clark.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

George W. Clark, 86

George passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on July 8, 2016. The cause of death was congestive heart failure.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1929, in Spokane.

George was married to Doris Clark until her passing in 1994. He has been married to Barbara Elliott Clark for the past 20 years. They recently relocated from Canon Beach, Oregon, to The Dalles, Oregon.

George is survived by his wife Barbara, daughters Connie Clark and Teri Ward (Walt Ward), and son Lonnie Clark. George had four stepchildren that include Randy Elliott (Kathy Elliott), Rick Elliott (Maureen Elliott), Linda Elliott Cummings (deceased 2015) (Bill Cummings), and Mike Elliott. George is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His son Gary Clark (Julie Clark) was deceased in 2003.

After finishing high school, George attended Gonzaga University and went on to graduate in hospital administration from the University of Washington School of Medicine. George was the assistant hospital administrator at St. Patrick's Hospital from 1963 until 1973. He then became the hospital administrator of Kalispell Regional Hospital in 1973. He was very proud of his accomplishments at KRH, which included the new hospital construction on Buffalo



Hill in 1976, the ALERT helicopter ambulance service, the Brendan House (an extended care facility), the dialysis and inpatient rehab facility and a medical/surgical intensive care facility. George retired from Kalispell Regional Hospital in 1994.

The retirement years were wonderful for George and Barbara. They lived a very full life that included traveling extensively, living between Palm Springs, California, and Canon Beach, and spending quality time with family and friends.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, at Risen Christ Parish, 65 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heart of Hospice, 508 Washington Street, The Dalles, OR 97058; or ALERT Air Ambulance/Kalispell Regional Hospital www.krh.org/foundation.

Donald Lee Clark, 90

Ronald Lee Clark passed away Oct. 6, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, with his wife of 64 years, Jean, at his bedside.

Ron was born March 29, 1926, in Scandia, Kansas, to William and Schane Clark. He was a small town Kansas boy in spirit all of his life, returning every year to spend the fall and winter in his boyhood home.

Ron was drafted into the U.S. Army while still in high school. He served in the Infantry in Europe, was captured during the Battle of the Bulge, and liberated on his 19th birthday.

After being discharged at the end of World War II, he returned home. He went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers, where he served as an electrical inspector. Ron met and married B. Jean Case in 1951. They had two children, Michael (deceased) and Shayne. He worked on many of the federal hydroelectric projects throughout the Midwest and Pacific Northwest, including Wilson Dam, John Day Dam, Libby Dam and Chief Joseph Dam. He also worked on Gem State and Abiqui Dam, which



were state projects.

After retiring from the corps,

Ron and Jean settled in Chelan, Washington. They enjoyed boating on Lake Chelan, home projects, playing cards with friends and family, and the sunsets over the lake. They moved to Kalispell in 2010 to be closer to family.

Ron was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Ron is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Shayne, and son-in-law Peter; grandchildren Beecher (Irina), Jennifer (Ross), and Julia (Philippe); great-grandchildren Lena, Ian, Emma, and Lily; nieces Karen Smith, Lana Urban, Suzy Harms, and Robin Ernest; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Ron became a dedicated Jehovah's Witness in 2009. A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Valley View Court, Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Herbert H. Clark, 86

Herb Clark was born Jan. 11, 1929, in the West Kootenai area near Rexford.

He passed away peacefully with loved ones by his side on Jan. 7, 2016.

Herb married Marie Lundberg on April 5, 1970, and together they raised five children — Rick, Sandi, DeAnn, Bryan and Perry.

Herb lived the majority of his life in the Eureka/Trego area, and loved the outdoors and all it had to offer — snowmobiling, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing, hiking and simply being outside were Herb's favorite things. In 1997, he was awarded Montana Snowmobiler of the Year in recognition of his time spent volunteering with the Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club, including countless hours devoted to grooming trails. Herb also enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Herb worked in the construction industry and was known by many throughout the industry



as an excellent loader operator, a job which he continued to work at until he was in his

80s. He was a man always full of energy and it was impossible to keep him still. He was liked and respected by all who had the honor of knowing him.

Herb is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marie; their children, Rick Clark and Suzanne of Browns Valley, California, Sandi Clark and Rick Smith of Sacramento, California, DeAnn Wheaton and Donny of Jaffray, British Columbia, Bryan Lundberg and Julie of Trego, and Perry Lundberg of San Jose, California. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

At Herb's request, there will be a memorial service for family and close friends at a later date.

Scott M. Clawson, 68

"What You See is What You Get."

Scott M. Clawson, 68, husband, father, son and brother extraordinaire, passed away on May 27, 2016, in Kalispell.

One of seven children, he was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1947, in Ogden, Utah, to Moroni and Mildred (Robinson) Clawson. He was an unpretentious, truly patriotic, valiant Vietnam Marine.

There was never a dull minute when he was around.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents, two



sisters and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, LaDawna;

three children, four step-children and three sisters.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com.

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Ronald Lee Clark, 90

Ronald Lee Clark passed away Oct. 6, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, with his wife of 64 years, Jean, at his bedside.

Ron was born March 29, 1926, in Scandia, Kansas, to William and Schane Clark. He was a small town Kansas boy in spirit all of his life, returning every year to spend the fall and winter in his boyhood home.

Ron was drafted into the U.S. Army while still in high school. He served in the infantry in Europe, was captured during the Battle of the Bulge, and liberated on his 19th birthday.

After being discharged at the end of World War II, he returned home. He went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers, where he served as an electrical inspector. Ron met and married B. Jean Case in 1951. They had two children, Michael (deceased) and Shayne. He worked on many of the federal hydroelectric projects throughout the Midwest and Pacific Northwest, including Wilson Dam, John Day Dam, Libby Dam and Chief Joseph Dam. He also worked on Gem

State and Abiqui Dam, which were state projects.

After retiring from the corps, Ron and Jean settled in Chelan, Washington. They enjoyed boating on Lake Chelan, home projects, playing cards with friends and family, and the sunsets over the lake. They moved to Kalispell in 2010 to be closer to family.

Ron was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Ron is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Shayne, and son-in-law Peter; grandchildren Beecher (Irina), Jennifer (Ross), and Julia (Philippe); great-grandchildren Lena, Ian, Emma, and Lily; nieces Karen Smith, Lana Urban, Suzy Harms, and Robin Ernest; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Ron became a dedicated Jehovah's Witness in 2009. A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Valley View Court, Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Suzanne Clark, 52

Suzanne Clark, 52, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at The Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, John L. Clark Sr., and children, John L.

Clark Jr., Suzanne E.D. Clark and Donald Clark.

Per her request, there will be no services held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marie Clements, 90

Marie Clements, 90, passed away with family at her side Feb. 17, 2016.

She was born Sept. 28, 1925, in Ryegate.

She married Chester Clements Nov. 15, 1925.

She is survived by her daughter, Becky, and Don Connors; three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; and many other family members. She kept in touch with all.

"Marie has always helped anybody in need," says her friend Helen Bates.

"Without the Lord, I'm nobody," explained Marie, who said, "caring for somebody else" is how she expressed her faith. And being a working wife and mother never interfered with this native Montanan's efforts to help the less fortunate. In fact, serving others seems to have been a Clements family tradition. Marie's husband Chester worked for the U.S. Postal Service. And Marie's daughter Becky became a phlebotomist, serving nursing homes and hospitals.

When Chester and Marie retired and moved from Corvallis to the Flathead Valley, they



worked for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, beautifying campgrounds to benefit others. Meanwhile, Marie continued to volunteer her services wherever needed — whether baking bread for the Bible Camp, making quilts for the Council on Aging, or providing comfort and care to those who needed assistance in the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

While living in Lakeside, the Clements family made Eidsvold their church home and became part of "a wonderful church family," Marie said, who became president of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church Women for a number of years. "We're always doing things together. And everyone is always there for you," she added, recalling the spiritual support her church friends gave her when she lost two grandsons and, later, after the Lord took her husband Chester from her.

She was a 30-year can-

cer survivor and belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary of Corvallis for over 75 years

Throughout her life, Marie had continued to reach out to help others by contacting local service organizations and finding out what they needed and passing on the information to the church. This led to her becoming the liaison between Eidsvold and places such as the Samaritan House (feeding and housing the destitute), the Hope Pregnancy Center (caring for unwed mothers), and the Abbie Shelter (providing a safe haven for women).

She was active until the end, riding a bike with help on her 90th birthday, huckleberry picking every year, loving the family get-togethers, her friends, birds and flowers, and keeping scrapbooks from 1945 to the present.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. March 19 at Eidsvold Lutheran Church. Burial will take place at a later date in Corvallis.

Donations are suggested to your favorite charity.

John Russell Cloud, 89

World War II vet, John Russell Cloud, passed away in Great Falls on Nov. 19, 2016.

John Cloud was born to Dr. Hiram Bryan and Lucile (Russell) Cloud at Plentywood on Nov. 2, 1927. By 1930, the family moved from Medicine Lake to Wolf Point where "Johnny" has great memories growing up. As a kid he had lots of friends, a black mare named Beauty, and a Chesapeake dog named Lindy.

During high school John did farm and ranch work around Wolf Point, went to school, and spent many weekends hunting with his dad. At age 17 John and his younger brother, Jim lost their father in a tragic car accident while hunting. His senior year John played in a dance band on Saturday nights and dated Donna Dahl who would re-enter his life years later. After graduation John joined the Navy and was assigned on a destroyer escort, the USS Presley. He was discharged on July 18, 1946. That fall John went to Missoula and began college at the University of Montana, graduating with a degree in business administration in 1951.

After college John's first job was with Commercial Credit Corporation working the



area of Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls. Next he worked for First National Bank of Whitefish selling insurance and learning the banking business. During that time John met, and later married, Kathy Lloyd. Soon John would go to work for the Abell Agency and Credit Union in Whitefish. Between 1954 and 1958, John and Kathy added three children to the Cloud family: James Lloyd, David Bryan, and Joann Lucille.

Between 1959 and 1962 the young Cloud family moved to Glasgow and then to Great Falls while John expanded his financial experience. He was a banker with the First National Bank of Glasgow, then a stock broker with J. M. Dain & Company in Great Falls. In 1962 John was lured back to Whitefish, where key investors gave him a free hand to start a bank. On his 37th birthday in 1964, John opened the doors to the new First State Bank of Whitefish (later to be named the Mountain Bank) where he became president and

chairman of the board. In 1977 John would be instrumental in helping start another new bank, the Flathead Bank of Bigfork.

In 1977, when the children were grown, John and Kathy Cloud were divorced. In 1979 John married Whitefish native, Elaine (Pete) Cuffe. John retired from banking in 1984 and went back to an exciting outdoor life of ranching, hunting, fishing, and racing horses. Most of the ranching took place near Malta, Montana where he also loved to hunt and spend time with friends and family. His wife, Elaine (Pete), passed away in June of 1997.

In fall of 1997 John would be reacquainted with his high school sweetheart, Donna Dahl. They became married on Oct. 28, 1997 and made their last home in Great Falls. Donna brightened John's life until she passed away on Aug. 29, 2016.

Though John grew up during the Great Depression in the town of Wolf Point on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation,

he has led a life of "varied experiences". He shared these experiences in a book entitled "Montana—The Way It Was."

His autobiography describes Montana history as seen through the eyes of an accomplished business man who loved horses, ranching, hunting, and fishing. In 2014 John R. Cloud was inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame, an honor for which he was extremely proud.

John Cloud was the ultimate optimist, a leader, and a man of integrity. He was respected by all and will be missed by his family and friends.

John Cloud is survived by (including families of) his brother, James H. Cloud of Clancy; two sons, James L. Cloud of Anchorage, Alaska and David Cloud of Homer Alaska; one daughter, Joann Cloud of Salt Lake City, Utah; two granddaughters, Jamie Cloud of Homer, Alaska and Lacy Francis of Lander, Wyoming; five great grandsons of Alaska and Wyoming.

Etheljane 'E.J.' Clutter, 85

Etheljane "E.J." Graffis Clutter, 85, passed away on Dec. 10, 2016, in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 21, 1931, in Oakland, California, to John Leslie Graffis and Eva Merle Denton Graffis. Her mother died from complications of childbirth three days later. Her father later met and married Edith Kay in 1932; she was formally adopted by Edith Kay Graffis soon after. E.J. attended elementary school in Hayward, California, and later moved to Gold Hill, Oregon, with her parents to attend junior high and high school. The family had a dairy farm, and E.J. helped milk 60 cows twice a day. She graduated from Gold Hill High School in June 1949.

In 1950 she met the love of her life, Louis Albert Clutter, and they married in a small ceremony in her parents' home in Gold Hill on May 4, 1950.

E.J. and Lou moved to Lehi, Utah, where they lived for eight years. During that time they had two daughters, Eva Kay "Kay" in 1951, and Donna Kathleen "Kathy" in 1953. E.J. worked for the Dugway Proving Ground.



She loved spending time with family and friends — camping, hunting, water skiing and fishing. She traveled throughout the United States and even made it to Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Golf became a passion later in life and she golfed in Arizona, Oregon and Montana. She spent lots of time and energy following her family genealogy back through the centuries — it was a fun puzzle for her. She always welcomed her daughters' friends into her home and made them feel welcome. She enjoyed her large garden, and she shared and canned a lot of their harvest. Her grandkids and great-grandkids were her pride and joy. She would share news of them in her yearly Christmas letter that would be mailed around the world to many family members and lifelong friends.

She had a stroke in 2004 that affected her physically, but didn't slow her enthusiasm. She moved to Kalispell to live in Wel-Life assisted living and enjoyed the activities that happened there — she was the self-designated photographer for the events there. She lived there for almost 10 years, when another stroke made it necessary for her to move to Immanuel Lutheran skilled care. She made many friends, enjoyed the social atmosphere, and lived comfortably there until the end of her life. She liked attending concerts and field trips in the Flathead Valley, going out to lunch or dinner and taking rides with Kris and Kevin.

In 1958 they moved to Bullhead City, Arizona. Another daughter came along in 1960, Connie Kristine "Kris." E.J. worked for the Chamber of Commerce serving as secretary, office manager at Lake Mohave Resort, had involvement in the Mohave County Water Safety Council, and 17 years as a 4-H leader, where she helped many young people learn about photography, leather craft, sewing, electricity, cooking, public speaking and being better citizens. She was an active member of the Hope United Methodist Church, Lioness Club, State Extension board, County Fair board, and received Arizona's PTA Lifetime Award. She helped organize the first Lioness Club in Arizona under Lions International. It was among the first 50 organized in the world.

In 1977 they moved to Redding, California, where E.J. received her Associate of Arts degree in accounting from Shasta Community College in three semesters, with a 4.0 grade point average. She and Lou were very active with their Lioness and Lions clubs and hosted Japanese exchange students.

In 1980 Lou retired and they moved to Gold Hill where they renewed friendships and became very active in their community there. She was an active member of the Gold Hill United Methodist Church, served on many local, district and state Lioness committees and offices, and hosted a few Australian and New Zealand exchange students. She received the first ever International Lioness of the Year award in July 2003. She helped with Dogs for the Deaf programs, as well as in the Lions Sight and Hearing Center. After 48 years of marriage, Lou died in 1998.

You could always count on her big smile, listening ear, helpful hands and open arms for a big hug. She will be missed by so many who knew her. Her eternal positive attitude is a good example for her family.

E.J. was preceded in death by her parents, John, Eva and Edith Graffis; and husband, Louis Clutter.

She is survived by her daughters, Kay White (Linda Spencer) of Peoria, Arizona, Kathy Fister of Cape May, New Jersey, and Kris Hursh (Kevin) of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tamara Watson (Tom) of Sparks, Maryland, Bryan Hursh (Elizabeth) of Ashford, Connecticut, and Katie Hursh of Sedro-Wooley, Washington; and great-grandchildren, Ellie, Jack, Sadie and Maeve Watson; first cousin, Don Denton, of Penn Valley, California; and other cousins, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews throughout the country.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held in the summer (date to be announced) in Medford, Oregon, at Hillcrest Cemetery. Conger Morris Funeral Home will take care of the service.

Donations can be made in her name to Dogs for the Deaf, in Central Point, Oregon, at www.dogsforthe deaf.org

Alan Bower Coates, 89

Alan Bower Coates passed away in the early morning of Oct. 21, 2016, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Alan was born in Casper, Wyoming, on Feb. 13, 1927, to Ella and Harley Coates, joining three older siblings, Mariella, Fred and Ruth. He was raised on the family ranch and attended schools in Casper, graduating from Natrona County High School in 1945.

He served in the United States Army from October 1946 through March 1948, and was stationed overseas in Tokyo, Japan, following World War II. Upon honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Montana State University in Missoula (now University of Montana), graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. He worked as a forester at various locations in western Montana and central Oregon from 1952 until his retirement in 1987. He continued to work part-time as a consulting forester for several years after his retirement. He was a skilled forester and well respected by his peers. He was proud of his work and always felt at home in the woods.



River and Washington Coast seeking big coho and king salmon. They returned twice to Alaska and traveled to Australia and New Zealand as well. Alan was a gifted woodworker and craftsman, precisely and lovingly building desks, work benches, tables, M&M feeders, huckleberry pickers and other interesting items. Alan was "famous" for his excellent smoked salmon, huckleberry jam, and tasty heirloom tomatoes. He was a member of the Elks Lodge for many years.

After June passed away in December 1998, Alan relocated to Libby in June 2000. There he continued his hobbies, living on the banks of the Kootenai River and fishing Kooicanusa Reservoir with his faithful yellow lab, Molly, prior to moving to the Flathead Valley in November 2011. Alan was a kind and gentle man with a dry sense of humor, and was loved by all wherever he lived.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife June, parents Harley and Ella Coates, sister Mariella Whitney, and brother Harley Frederic Coates.

He is survived by son Edwin Coates of Libby, daughter Cara Sargent and her husband Glen Sargent of Kalispell, sister Ruth Allison of Farmington, New Mexico, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He married June Inez Herbert in Red Lodge on Sept. 1, 1957. They settled in Polson where their two children, Edwin Bryan and Cara Lynn, were born and began school before moving to Thompson Falls in 1972. Summers in Montana were spent fishing for kokanee salmon on Flathead Lake and other local lakes, camping, picking huckleberries and visiting family. In the winter, the family enjoyed skiing at Big Mountain and Schweitzer Basin. Bigger adventures included trips in the camper to Canada and a month-long trip to Alaska, driving the 1,300-plus miles of gravel Alaskan Highway in their pick up and camper. In 1974, the family moved to Prineville, Oregon, where Alan was employed as a timberlands manager for Brooks Scanlon, Inc., a position he thoroughly enjoyed. Alan and June loved fishing the lakes of central Oregon for salmon and trout, as well as traveling to the Columbia

The family would like to thank the staffs of The Springs Assisted Living in Whitefish and Expressions at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell for their loving care of Alan during the past five years of his life, and the staff of Home Options Hospice for their outstanding care during the last two weeks.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association at alz.org, or 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

A private service will be held by the family at a later date.

Michael Dean Cochran, 65

Michael Dean Cochran, 65, passed away on Oct. 9, 2016.

He was born in 1951 in Colorado to Dean and Jo Cochran and was raised by Dean and Anne Cochran in Broomfield, Colorado. He joined the Army at 17 and served 18 months in Vietnam during his eight-year service. He loved flying and had his first solo flight at 16. He dedicated his life to maintaining and flying aircraft in Colorado for 10 years and for 28 years in Montana.

He retired from being a corporate jet pilot for Semitool after 16 years of flying all over the world, including Europe and Asia. He adored his grandchildren and loved camping and four-wheeling.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean Cochran.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Cochran; his daughter, Dr. Billie Jo Davis and her family, George Gagnon,



Anthony, Ethan, and Marcus Davis; his young-

est daughter, Andrea Chambers and her family Jim, Isabella, and Abigail Chambers; his mothers, Anne Cochran and Jo Cary; his favorite mother-in-law, Leone Wachsmuth; his siblings, Tony, Dave, Julie Cochran and Darrin Cary and their families; his beloved dogs, Missy and Brutus, who provided him much comfort while ill; his second family, the Semitool flight department, and numerous friends and relatives.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Springhill Suites, Kalispell.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Danny 'Hal' Coker Jr., 45

Danny "Hal" Coker Jr. "rode his horse through the pearly gates to be with his Lord" on May 23, 2016.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1970, in San Francisco, and lived with his wife, Annette Coker, in Eureka.

Hal was larger than life. His love of God, family, friends and his passion for life touched everyone he met. He lived his life to the fullest. The morning of his death he rode his horses and later died while shoeing a horse. Hal's love of horses began when he was a preschooler. He never missed an opportunity to ride a horse, and his dream was to work on a cattle ranch.

It was on a cattle ranch in Montana that he met the love of his life, Annette. They were married in April of 2012



in Surprise, Arizona. Together they were building their dreams to continue working

with horses. They were grateful each day to have each other, and their love was an inspiration to many.

Hal was devoted to God and had true love of the Lord. He was licensed to preach the gospel while in college. Although he did not formally preach in a church, he spread God's message throughout his life at roundups and brandings. He performed weddings and was invited to conduct many Sunday morning devotionals.

Hal graduated from Monterey High School, Monterey, California,

in 1989 and California Baptist University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He was a graduate of Western's School of Horseshoeing, Inc. and became a certified licensed farrier in 1996.

Hal is survived by his wife, Annette Venteicher Coker; stepsons, Joshua and Jesse Venteicher; his father, Danny Hal Coker Sr. (Jacquelyn); his mother, Damaras Emily Hough (Aubrey); his sister, Rebecca Kay Lane (Tim); brother, William Coker (Aleshia); three nieces and two nephews, Emily

Rose Lane, Aaron Gray Lane, Matthew Gray Lane, Savannah Mae Coker and Madison Jean Coker.

Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. June 16 at the First Baptist Church, 355 9th St. East, in Eureka, MT 59917; and in Monterey at 2 p.m. on June 25 at the Lighthouse Baptist Church, 1030 Hilby Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memorials may be made at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Brittany Johnson Colby, 27

Brittany Johnson Colby, 27, died on March 25, 2016, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Caleb.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 2, at Family Life Christian Church on Foy's Lake Road.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard C. 'Dick' Collier, 91

Richard C. "Dick" Collier passed away July 31, 2016. He "went to heaven to join his wife and three children and dearest friends" who meant the most to him.

Dick was born to Myron and Mary (Parsley) Collier on Jan. 22, 1925, in Kalispell. He attended school from Hedges Elementary through graduating with the Flathead County High School Class of 1943.

After serving in the Army during World War II he returned to Kalispell and married Margaret "Pat" Knowles in 1949 and raised five children (four sons and one daughter). Dick joined the Army National Guard, serving many years and becoming a staff sergeant. He was very dedicated to serving his country and always contributed to Disabled American Veterans.

Dick and Pat bought the Trego Bar and had lots of stories to tell about that endeavor! Later he worked with his cousin, Eldo, running a jukebox business. He then went to work at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, where he remained until retirement.

Dick took great pride in his home, yard and garden. The garden was very large, and he bar-



tered with the neighbors for different jobs and work that needed done. All of us kids got very well educated in "picking weeds," as no hoeing of them was

allowed. Dick was a hard worker concerning all jobs and tasks that needed to be done. He was the epitome of, "Give a man an honest day's work for an honest day's pay and then some extra."

Dick grew up the old-fashioned way. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and boating to provide food, recreation and education for his family. His favorite pastimes were card parties and dancing. Singing around the campfire was enjoyed by many friends on many occasions. He moved the family to Bitterroot Lake in Marion in 1968.

After retirement, Dick enjoyed his winters in Arizona with many of his good friends, includ-

ing his longtime buddy, Stan Ness, and his wife, Louise. Dick later settled back in Columbia Falls after the death of his wife, Pat, and met his "newly and forever cherished partner," Norma Finberg. Our thanks go out to the Finberg family for their constant and loving care for Dad.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Pat Gardner; wife, Pat; son, Ronald;

daughter, Mary-Helen; grandson, Jason; loving partner, Norma Finberg; and, on Aug. 8, 2016, son Rick.

He is survived by his sons, Robb and wife Elaine of Marion, and Randy of Marion; and seven grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Columbia Bar on Nucleus Ave. in Columbia Falls.

Richard M. 'Rick' Collier, 66

Richard M. "Rick" Collier passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 8, 2016, of natural causes.

"Our Lord in heaven has granted him the opportunity to join his parents, brother Ronn and sister Mary-Helen, as well as other relatives and friends."

Rick was born to Richard and Pat (Knowles) Collier on June 18, 1950, in Kalispell. He attended school from elementary at Hedges through Flathead High School, Class of 1968, and furthered his education at the University of Montana in Missoula.

His love of music allowed him to play with a few bands for many years as an accomplished drummer. Rick also played guitar and piano, always entertaining friends and family. He enjoyed being with friends and having a good time.

Rick had an adventurous mind and became a photographer with Parkway Studios International Inc. His



love of people drove him to be a great family studio photographer, which eventually earned him

a promotion to the home office in Pittsburgh. He managed 30 studios in the United States and Canada, later to become vice president of the corporation.

Nearing retirement, nature called and Rick wanted to move back to Montana and enjoy where his roots began. He returned to Marion to relax in comfort at Bitterroot Lake.

He is survived by his children, Maggie and Colton, of Pittsburgh; brothers, Robb (Elaine) and Randy Collier, of Marion; one nephew, four nieces, and a grandchild.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the Hilltop Hitching Post in Marion.

Kathy (Pee Wee) Collins

July 6, 1959 – February 19, 2016



**Dearest Sister,
We Will Forever Love and
Miss you.**

Virginia Lee Colvin, 87

Virginia Lee Colvin, 87, formerly of Rollins, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal, Kansas.

She was born on March 7, 1929 in Madison, Kansas, to Leonard and Elizabeth (Heidrick) Shunk. She attended Madison High School, graduating in 1947.

On June 12, 1954, Virginia married William Colvin in Madison. He preceded her in death on March 13, 2009.

As a homemaker and business owner of High Plains Pizza for over 50 years, she remained very involved in the local community.

She was a member of the Liberal Country Club, Seward County Community College Booster Club, and Friends of the Baker Arts Center. She enjoyed supporting philanthropic causes in Liberal and across Kansas. As a great supporter of Seward County Community College, she was a sponsor of the Saintsations Dance Team and the Colvin Adult Learning Center, and most recently provided an endowment gift for the Colvin Family Center for Allied Health.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Bill, Preston "Jimmy" and Max; her sisters, Corrine and Vivian; and a granddaughter, Ashley Colvin.

Virginia is survived by four sons, Kent Colvin and his wife Molly, of Liberal, Mike Colvin of Hugoton, Kansas, Greg Colvin and his wife



Elizabeth, of Great Falls, and Tracy Colvin of Phoenix, Arizona; 12 grandchildren,

Kevin Colvin and his wife Brittney, Kayla Johnson and her husband Cody, Brandi Eakes and her husband Brady, Alex Colvin, Brionna Colvin, Josh Kohler and his wife Stephanie, Brett Colvin, Corey Colvin, Austin Colvin, Geoffrey Colvin, Alyssa Colvin, and Matthew Colvin; seven great-grandchildren, Kyler, Kahne and Kendyl Johnson, William Kyle, Kambelle, and Slade Colvin and Braxton Eakes.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, at the First Baptist Church located at Second and Sherman in Liberal, with Pastors Jason Ramsey, Kyle Woodrow and Gregg Turpin presiding.

A guest book will be available for signing at Brenneman Funeral Home from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Seward County Community College Foundation designated for Nursing Scholarships, or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in care of Brenneman Funeral Home, 1212 W. Second Liberal, KS 67901.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brennemanfuneral-home.com.

Frances A. Combs, 78

Willie Frances Alexander Combs, 78, of Fortine, was called home Nov. 24, 2016. She was born Aug. 13, 1938, to Wilson Forrest Alexander and Lela May Daniels at the family home in Luling, Texas.

She spoke often of her childhood days in Texas, recalling fondly her many adventures with her brother and sisters. After graduating high school, she was working at a cafe when in walked a man who wouldn't take no for an answer.

She married the love of her life, Robert L. Combs, on June 14, 1958. They traveled extensively, following his work and then settled in Montana to raise their family. After Robert retired, they spent many days together fishing, camping and visiting family throughout the western United States.

Mom's many interests included, playing cards, putting together puzzles, reading and crocheting and spending time with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Grandma Tuffy's" house in Fortine was a home for all.

She was preceded in death by her son Rodney; her husband Robert; her



grandson Lance; her parents; her sister Beatrice; and son-in-law John Sistok.

She is survived by her sister Dorothy Westbrook, sister Evelyn Schule, and brother Benjamin Alexander, all of Texas; her son Russell Combs of Montesano, Washington; daughter Lela Sistok of Kalispell; and daughter Shelley Ax of Big Lake, Alaska, and their spouses; stepsons, Robert and Gary Combs; grandchildren, Matthew, Abigail, Dalton, Rebecca, Heather, Meghan, Rachel, Tawnya and Samantha; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. There will be a reception following at 3:30 p.m. at Jerry's in Fortine.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Robert N. Compton, 44

Robert N. Compton, 44, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Havre, and his funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, also at St. Jude. Burial will follow in Cottonwood Cemetery in Havre.

Rob's family has requested that memorial donations be made in his name to the 4-H Chuckwagon, 315 4th St., Havre; to Montana State University-Northern Foundation for scholarships, P.O. Box 1691, Havre; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit Rob's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for his family at www.hollandbonine.com.

Rob was born on March 30, 1971, in Gravette, Arkansas, to Terry and Linda (Mitchell) Compton. He spent many of his younger years in Great Falls and Kalispell, before moving to Missouri to finish high school.

Following graduation, Rob returned to Kalispell where he met Kelly Keller, and the couple married in 1995. They had four children, and made their home in Kalispell for the first several years. Rob and Kelly moved



to Havre in 2002, where Rob worked as a salesman for Gusto Distributing.

Rob enjoyed playing and coaching basketball, hunting, golfing, Motocross, watching his beloved Broncos, and watching NASCAR, in which he followed Rusty Wallace until his retirement and then Carl Edwards. He found joy in raising his livestock, but he experienced his greatest pride and joy in helping to raise his kids. Rob especially enjoyed coaching his daughters' basketball team at Central, even convincing their older brother to help coach one year.

Rob was preceded in death by his daughter, Taylor Compton; and his grandparents, Wylie B. Mitchell, and Dean and Zona Gayle Compton.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly Compton, of Havre; his children, Michael, Kate-Lyn, and Cassidy Compton, all of Havre; his parents, Terry and Linda Compton, of Kalispell; his siblings, Alan and Darlene Compton of Kalispell, and Jennifer and Jeff Lisac of Medford, Oregon; his grandmother, Martha Mitchell, of Anderson, Missouri; and numerous beloved relatives-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Jackie Cooney, 68

Jackie Cooney, 68, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, in Kalispell.

No services will be

held at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Blanche Eleanor Carter Conat, 92

Blanche Eleanor Carter Conat, 92, passed away on Feb. 9, 2016 at Heritage place in Kalispell.

Blanche was born August 11, 1923 in Turtle River, Minnesota to Benjamin and Albie Carter. She had four brothers, Earl Carter, George Carter, Laurel Carter and Stanley Carter; and four sisters Rosalie Carson, Evelyn Swigart, Fern Eyre and Teresa Carter. She graduated from Bemidji High School and then attended nursing school in Evansville Indiana.

She married her high school sweetheart, Donald Conat, in 1946 when he returned after a long tour of duty in Europe and Africa during World War II. They settled in Olney and Whitefish where they raised their two sons,



Terry and Rick Conat. Among her most cherished memories was the time spent working for

Dr. Bruce McIntyre at the Whitefish Clinic.

In the early 1960's the family moved to Santa Clara, California where Blanche worked for Kaiser Hospital in the medical records department until she retired. She and Don eventually settled on McNary Estates Golf Course in Keizer, Oregon where they lived for over 23 years. They were honored by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon for their tireless commitment to granting wishes to hundreds of critically and terminally

ill children.

Blanche was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, an infant son Jeffery, and her beloved husband Don, who died just one month short of their 69th wedding anniversary.

Blanche returned to Montana in 2015 to be close to and be cared for by her sons. Though she struggled for five years from the effects of a severe stroke, she never lost her sense of humor, her love for her family and her ability to make people smile.

She is survived by her sons, Terry Conat (Jeanie Balding) of Whitefish and Rick Conat of Columbia Falls; her daughter Linda Carpenter (David) of Mount Vernon, Washington; five grandchildren, Stacey Taylor

(Colonel Michael Taylor), Brandie Elia (Jeff Elia), Sara Kurashige (Aaron Kurashige) Weston Conat (Enya Chiu) and Lexie Conat; six great-grandchildren, Tyler, Morgan and Zack Elia, Kate and Owen Taylor, and Benjamin Kurashige; numerous nieces and nephews, and her dearest friends Molly and George McVey.

Her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren will gather at Willamette Military Cemetery this summer for a private interment and to celebrate the life of this incredible woman who died as she lived with courage, dignity and surrounded by love.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Blanche's family.

James Cone, 91

James Cone, 91, born March 4, 1925, died peacefully on June 27, 2016, at his home, which he shared with his devoted granddaughter, Sarah, who provided for his care right up to the moment of his passing.

Jim's military career began in 1941 in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor on the "... day that will live in infamy." He served just over five years in the U.S. Navy as a machinist mate aboard the USS San Clemente and the USS Shenandoah. He then re-enlisted and served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Jim received numerous wartime and service medals from both branches.

Jim's career took him and his wife of 51 years, Ruth Ann, to the corners of the globe. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, antique clock repair, old Western and military films and



his days in the garden. He was a life member of the VFW Post 2252.

Jim was the last of a "rare breed."



He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth

Ann, and his son Russell.

He is survived by son Bill Cone, son Mark Cone, and daughter Lisa Smith; grandchildren Charles Simmons, Paul Simmons, Rachel Hick, Mason Smith, Sarah Smith, Henry Smith, Hiram Smith and Erica Cone.

Jim lived large and encouraged all to do the same.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. July 10 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. All post members are encouraged to attend.

Stanley 'Keith' Connors, 73

Keith Connors, 73, died Monday July 25, 2016, in Kalispell. Flathead Valley, with funeral services to follow at 2 p.m.

A viewing will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at Calvary Chapel Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

S. Keith Connors, 73

S. Keith Connors, 73, "arrived in the loving arms of our Lord" at his home on Monday, July 25, 2016, at 73 years old, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He spent his life lovingly caring and providing for his family.

He was born July 13, 1943, in Seattle to Stanley J. and Doris Connors (now deceased). He had four siblings, Ken Connors, Don Connors, Floris Dyke and Doris Marie Palicz. The family settled and were raised in the Helena Flats area of the Flathead Valley. He graduated from Flathead County High School.

On Feb. 16, 1969, he married Dorothy Flansaas in Lakeside. They built a home together on the north side of Kalispell. Together they had three children, Vicki Bradley (Keven) of Cut Bank, Dan Connors (Shelly) of Maple Valley, Washington, and David Connors (Hollie) of Bozeman. He was a loving grandfather to his three grandchildren, Canon Connor Bradley, Camille Ann Bradley and Jonathan Keith Connors, who all loved his comedic spirit for life.

He spent his many working years as a sheet metal worker providing for his family wherever it took him — locally in the

Flathead Valley, Alaska, Nevada, California and Oklahoma, just to name a few. His family always knew his love for them as he did whatever was needed to provide for them.

In December of 2011, Keith and Dorothy started attending Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley, where they found themselves right at home. They grew together in their faith in Jesus alongside their church family. The church has been a major support for them over the past five years. He loved to volunteer his skills, especially as the Fellowship Hall was being built.

His life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, at Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley, 2395 Whitefish Stage Road, with a viewing prior to service from 11 a.m. to noon at Calvary Chapel. Burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens will follow the ceremony, with a reception after at Calvary Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley building fund.

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

Charles 'Chuck' Conrad, 82

Charles "Chuck" Conrad, 82, was born Dec. 8, 1933, in Kalispell, to Werner and Helen Hansen Conrad. Chuck passed away in the embrace of his loving family on May 16, 2016 in Kalispell. Chuck was a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley. He suffered with congenital heart disease.

Chuck attended schools in Marion and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953. After graduation, Chuck worked in a logging camp before serving in the U.S. Army. Chuck's working career involved 33 years at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, where everyone knew him as "Charlie." He retired as the paste plant foreman in July 1990.

Chuck enjoyed working on his farm in the Helena Flats area, outdoor activities, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, and especially spending time with his family. He was a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Kalispell.



Chuck is survived by Loretta, his devoted wife of 54 years; sons, Wade (Star) of Portland, and Todd (Bobbie) of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Kari Conrad

Mocabbe (Ty) of Kalispell; sister, Cherie (Ed) Ellingson of Amity, Oregon; grandchildren, Jessie, Karley, Victoria, Christian, Amber and Alyssa; sister-in-law Janice Knapton (Doug) of Columbia Falls; and brother-in-law Lynn Everett (Virginia) of Portland; and several nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents and son Joel.

Memorials or donations may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Ramone Eugene Corbeille, 88

Ramone Eugene Corbeille, 88, "met his maker" Dec. 8, 2016.

He was born May 16, 1928, to Walter Hanslip and Nellie Rogers Hanslip, in Fremont, Nebraska.

Dad, or "Papa Gene," as he was known to his family, had a unique and tough childhood, to put it mildly. When he was only 18 months old, his mother narrowly saved his life, during a terrible house fire, by wrapping his little body in a blanket and tossing him out a second story window into a snow bank. Sadly, Nellie died a few days later from her injuries, leaving his father to grieve the death of his wife and the sole responsibility of his young son.

Unable to cope with the grief, Gene was passed from one poor relative to the next during the Great Depression years, until at age 14 he hopped a freight train and headed west. He experienced many adventures along the way, and finally ended up in California at age 15. It was there that he lied about his age and joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was enlisted as a tail gunner on a dive bomber but was grounded after his typing skills were discovered. He served out the remainder of the war behind a desk typing away on an old Underwood typewriter.

After the war he met and married a young woman named Virginia Gamo and they made their home in Santa Barbara, California. A few years later they were blessed with a son they



named David. A painter by trade, Gene had a beautiful tenor voice and was widely known as the "singing painter." He sang at countless weddings, funerals, churches and community events throughout his life. Dad always said the greatest event in his life is when they were "wonderfully saved" and became Christians. Gene and Virginia were married for 56 years until Mom passed away in 2006.

Violin making became Dad's hobby after retirement. Many friends and family have been blessed by his gifts of violins.

After Mom's passing, Dad remarried an amazing lady named Lee Grobe. They shared six wonderful years until she passed.

"Papa Gene" was known as a gentle, friendly, generous and thankful man. He left behind a legacy of grace, gratefulness and the incredible value of loving others.

The family would like to thank and recognize the care givers at the Brendan House for the love and excellent care Dad received during the final three years of his life.

He is survived by his family, David, Susan, Daniel, Michael, Alexis and Hunter Corbeille; also, Justin, Laura, David, Trent, Laina, Graham and Trace Heinrichs.

Norma Jean (Schwaderer) Corbitt, 79

Norma Jean (Schwaderer) Corbitt passed away on Nov. 6, 2016, in Kalispell after a long fight with dementia. She was 79.

Norma was born on March 16, 1937, in Alliance, Nebraska, the oldest of three children (Janis and Larry). Her father worked in agriculture and her mother was a nurse. She played saxophone and sang in the choir at school.

After graduation, she took a job with the phone company as an operator. It was here she met Richard Corbitt, spending time sneaking calls to him at work. They were married on Sept. 1, 1956, in Alliance and spent the next 60 years together in marriage.

After Richard graduated from the University of Montana in 1957, they moved to Arlington, Washington, for Richard's first teaching job, then on to Kalispell and Flathead High School in 1959. Daughter Traci was born in 1962, and son Scott in 1965.

Norma was very engaged in the community. She was active in the Hockaday Center for the Arts, as both a volunteer and an artist showing her work. She helped design and build the nativity scene at the Conrad Mansion that was displayed for years

at Christmas. She was a member of the City Planning board, and also worked as an interior decorator. In 1978, she took a position as an assistant librarian at Flathead High School until 1994.

After retirement, Norma continued to paint, sculpt and take photographs, especially around her house overlooking the lake. She loved Griz football and going to games in Missoula. She was happiest sitting on her deck in the sun, overlooking the lake, with family around, and perhaps a nice glass of wine in her hand.

Norma is survived by her husband of 60 years, Richard, who was by her side through the battle with dementia; her daughter, Traci, of Kalispell; son, Scott, and his wife, Suzie, of Lewiston, Idaho; and grandchildren, Romano, 26, of Kalispell, Madison, 17, and Jack, 15, of Lewiston, Idaho.

At Norma's request, there will not be a memorial service. Please send any cards, notes, or remembrances to P.O. Box 22, Somers, MT 59932.

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

Terri Leigh (Hatch) Cortez, 54

Terri Leigh (Hatch) Cortez, 54, "went home to her Lord" on May 15, 2016, after a courageous three-year battle with a ~~type of~~ cancer appendicial cancer.

She was born Oct. 25, 1961, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to Don and Jenean Hatch. Terri grew up in Colorado and Montana and graduated from Flathead High School in 1980. She attended Flathead Valley Community College on a volleyball scholarship and completed her education at Kinman Business College in Spokane.

Terri's job in the airlines brought her to Boise, Idaho, in 1990 where she met Ken Cortez. They married in April of 1991 and recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were blessed with two wonderful and beautiful children, Sergio and Siara. Her "job" at the airlines evolved into a 34-year career. She last was employed with American Airlines as a supervisor and friend. Her passion was to serve and help others and this allowed her to do both.

Terri loved to travel and a highlight was her visit to Israel with her brother and mother. Terri had many hobbies and interests. She and Ken shared the love of golfing and the out-



doors. She enjoyed coaching and playing softball, hiking, biking, fishing, huckle-

berry hunting and gardening in her yard with her chickens. Terri was a true entrepreneur. She enjoyed sharing her business ventures with friends and family. Her generous spirit rendered most her business endeavors as "not for profit." Terri's payment was the satisfaction of the joy she brought to others. Her enthusiastic spirit was contagious. She was a beautiful, kind and selfless woman who is missed dearly.

She is survived by her husband Ken Cortez, son Sergio and daughter Siara, mother Jenean Hatch, sister Jennifer and brother Greg, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Don Hatch.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. today, May 20, at Red Rock Christian Church, 1124 S. Roosevelt, Boise, with a welcoming of friends to follow.

Donations will be accepted at Red Rock Christian Church for children's summer camp.

Richard R. "Dick" Coverdell, 84

Richard R. "Dick" Coverdell was called peacefully home on Thursday, September 1, 2016 after battling prolonged illness.

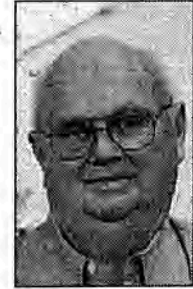
He was born in Poison, MT on August 14, 1938 to Ralph Elsworth and Bertha Elnora Coverdell. Raised and educated in Poison, he married his high school sweetheart Clairice Christine Semingson and began a 60-year relationship of unfaltering love and devotion.

After completing his service with the U.S. Army, Dick and Clairice made Columbia Falls their permanent home. He worked as a brick mason for Anaconda Aluminum but found his professional passion as a log truck owner/operator for over twenty-five years. After retirement from the timber industry, he stayed active driving low-boys and belly dumps.

Dick found pleasure in traveling, wood-carving, reading, camping, scouring the Oregon Coast, working in the yard, and spending time with his family. He found much joy and pride in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Dick had a positive, profound effect on all who were fortunate enough to make his acquaintance. He welcomed new friends and made everyone feel like family. He was a supportive husband and father and an outstanding grandfather.

He is survived by his loving wife Clairice Coverdell at the family home in Martin City; daughters Teresa Babcock and son-in-law Paul of Columbia Falls, Rhonda



Teague and son-in-law Scott of Woodburn, Oregon, Leah Zika and son-in-law Daniel of Battle Ground, Washington, and Jody Baiar

and son-in-law Jeff of Columbia Falls; grandchildren Kyle Babcock, Angela Eastham and husband Jason, Travis Teague and wife Candice, Tyler Teague, Deanna Teague; Ryan Zika and wife Kristine, Megan Zika; Michael Baiar and wife Emily, and Jessica Sharbono and husband Kirby; great-grandchildren Quinten Babcock and Skylar Eastham; brother Arthur Coverdell and wife Carolyn of Missoula, and sister Marilyn Miller and husband Miles of Fernley, Nevada; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members and friends.

A family memorial will be held following the return of grandchildren who are currently serving overseas in the Army.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in his name to the Columbia Falls Freedom Post #72 of the American Legion. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

John E. Cramer, 90

John E. Cramer, 90, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, at his residence at Big Arm.

Memorial services will

be at a later date.

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

Shirley Mae Cramer, 89

Shirley Mae Cramer, 89, died Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at her residence in Polson.

Memorial services for Shirley and her hus-

band John Cramer, 90, who died Jan. 12, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Lake Funeral Home in Polson.

Jay V. Crawford, 71

Jay V. Crawford, 71, died July 13, 2016, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Anelita, and son, Paul Crawford.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Benjamin Thomas Creech III, 26

Ben left us on March 10, 2016, at the age of 26.

He was born on May 18, 1989, to Shirley Creech and (Benjamin) Thomas Creech Jr. in Whitefish.

Ben graduated in 2008 from Columbia Falls High School. He had many interests in life, but whatever he did, he enjoyed it most with family and friends.

Ben leaves behind his parents, Tom and Shirley; his brother Brandon with his wife Becca, and sons Daxon and Braden; his grandmother, Luella Rehmke; and beloved son Haydyn with mother, Alexas Young.

He leaves behind his extended family, brother Shawn Mountan, and sis-



ter Tamara McConnell; and many aunts, uncles and numerous cousins.

Services will be held

at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Eagles Lodge, 1640 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls.

A Ben Creech Memorial Fund is established at Freedom Bank, 530 Ninth St. or P.O. Box 2076, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. A GoFundMe page for the Ben Creech Fund is set up through Facebook.

Cremation was by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Friends, Classmates & Family
Please Join Us In
Celebrating the Life of
Clifford (Kip) Croskry
who passed away in Oregon on Nov. 24th, 2015

Tuesday, June 28th
at 11:30 a.m.
at The DeSoto Grill
227 1st St. West, Kalispell

Join us to share tales of his extrodinary life.
LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Marion Gordon Cross, 96

Marion Gordon Cross, 96, died Sept. 11, 2016, in Whitefish.

There are no services

planned at this time.

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

Bruce L. Crowell, 76

Bruce L. Crowell, 76, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Judy F. Crowell, and children, Robert Crowell, Rodney Crowell and

Roger Crowell.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at The Dwelling Place in Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joseph Lyle Cunningham Jr., 85

Whitefish resident Joseph Lyle Cunningham Jr. died in the early evening on Dec. 13, 2016, in Kalispell. Passing away after a long illness, he was 85 years young. Known as Lyle by all who knew him, he was surrounded by members of his family at the time of his passing.

Born in 1931 in Los Angeles, Lyle was a true "Son of the West." After his early years in Wisconsin, Lyle was raised in Boise, Idaho, where he graduated from high school and attended Boise Junior College, which later became Boise State University. Lyle then followed in his father's footsteps and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University in California.

It was during Lyle's Stanford summers that he found his way to Western Montana, where he worked as a backcountry surveyor on the Hungry Horse Dam project near Glacier National Park. Lyle's deep love for Montana lasted the rest of his life. An avid river rafter, sailor, hiker, skier and swimmer, Lyle was also a world traveler, journeying to such far-flung places as India, Morocco, Turkey, El Salvador, Mexico, the Caribbean and Western Europe.

A successful businessman, Lyle's 40-year professional career began as a claims adjuster with the Traveler's Insurance Company in Los Angeles. He went on to become a broker and then principal partner at Columbia Associates of Pasadena, California. Lyle later joined the firms of Johnson and Higgins, and Marsh-McLennan. He retired in 2000, when he and his wife, Lonnie, moved to Whitefish.

Lyle was also active in the community, serving on the boards of the Master Chorale of the Los Angeles Music Center, the Southwest Museum of Los Angeles and the Hillside



Home for Children in South Pasadena. He also belonged to the prestigious California Club of Los Angeles. Lyle was also a

proud member of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitas, the Queen of the Cow Counties, Platrix Chapter, a somewhat eccentric California historical society, to say the least. But Lyle was most proud of his years with the U.S. Marine Corps, in which he served on active and reserve duty from 1953 to 1968, attaining the rank of captain.

Lyle is survived by Lonnie, his very loving wife of 34 years; his brother, Jim Cunningham, of Orange County, California; his sister, Charlene Burns-Hawley, of Twisp, Washington; and his stepmother, Dorothy Cunningham, of Arcadia, California. Lyle is also survived by two sons, James Cunningham of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Michael Cunningham of Aromas, California; and a daughter, Lori Samuels, also of Aromas.

A family patriarch in his own right, Lyle also will be greatly missed by his 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 17, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Columbia Falls. There will be an interment ceremony for Lyle's ashes following the service. Lyle's family asks that friends limit their expressions of support and sympathy to cards only.

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

Vivian I. Cunningham, 86

Vivian I. Cunningham, 86, of Kalispell, died Aug. 6, 2016.

No services are

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

Jerry 'Coach' Curran, 72

Jerry "Coach" Curran, 72, died Sept. 9, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Curran, and children Mark Curran, Kristin

Layton, David Curran, Kasey Fishman and Matt Curran.

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

Patrick J. Curran III, 67

Patrick J. Curran III, 67, died April 11, 2016, in Kalispell due to natural causes.

He is survived by his son, Damian James

Curran, of Kalispell.

A celebration of life is pending.

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

Jean Marie Cusick, 77

Jean Marie Cusick, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Dalager;

and stepchildren, Mary Bartunekand and Gary Cusick Jr.

Services will be held at a later date.