

Randy Lee Hightower, 63

Randy Lee Hightower, age 63 passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on September 2, 2016. Randy was born in Billings, MT on February 19, 1953. Services are pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Christine Lynn Samora Hill, 44

On Dec. 20, 2016, at 12:20 p.m. Christine Lynn Samora Hill, 44, "went to be with our Lord" after four long years of fighting stage 4 colon cancer.

She was born on May 24, 1972.

Christine enjoyed spending time beading, making porcupine quill earrings, crocheting and painting ceramics. She was an avid outdoor person who loved to pick huckleberries.

Christine loved life, she was interested in many things including hunting, fishing, camping, horses and mechanics. She was a homemaker who raised three daughters.

Christine was preceded in death by her grandpa Reed, aunt Dorothy, uncles John and Don Reed, and mother-in-law Edna (Ma) Hill.

She is survived by her husband, David Hill; her daughters, Kayla Borden,



Skyler Hill, Kerry Hill and Sandra Lee Hill, all of Trout Creek, Montana; mother, Mary Alice

Samora, and stepfather, Joe Eddie Samora, of Kalispell; brother, Sam Samora of Colorado; two sisters, Lonnie Reed of Stockton, California, and Melissa Eveland of Sandpoint, Idaho; and her grandmother, WilyoDean Mc Gee Reed of Fort Morgan, Colorado. She was also survived by her three grandchildren: Nevaeh, Wyatt and Remington.

No services are planned at this time. Possibly a service on Memorial Day in May, notification pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Hill, 87

Donald Hill, 87, died Thursday, July 14, 2016 in Whitefish.

No services are

planned at this time.

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

Elda 'Ferne' (Downes) Hill, 87

Elda "Ferne" (Downes) Hill, 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016.

Ferne was born in Columbia Falls Aug. 19, 1929, to Elda Switzer and Clarence "Bud" Downes. Ferne was the second eldest of four siblings. Ferne spent most of her years growing up in the North Fork where she explored the wilderness and helped her family on the homestead.

Ferne later met Julius "Jiggs" Burton Hill and soon were married on May 24, 1947, and had four children together.

Ferne was a devoted Catholic and parish member of St. Richards Roman Catholic Church and spent much of her time volunteering to numerous functions and events. Ferne also loved to garden. If she wasn't



inside baking bread you could find her either in her flower or vegetable garden. Ferne loved

to go camping, go on picnics and spend time in the great outdoors with her family. Her favorite book was *The Night of the Grizzlies* and her favorite musician was Meryl Haggard. Ferne followed her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren in academics and sports and was always willing to offer her support.

Ferne is survived by her two brothers, Lee Downes and Jack Downes; her children, Cheryl L. Neier, Jerry "Cork" Hill, Jay B. Hill, Kelly M. Hill; grandchildren, Teresa Malzer,

Jacey Johnson, Alicia Rinck, Shelly Neier, Kendee Barnes, Jason "Beau" Hill, Jamie Hill, Jesse Hill; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 1210 9th St. West, in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Sean Raftis, celebrant. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Columbia Falls High School athletic department and to the Flathead Special Olympic Program.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Ferne's family. You are invited to go to www.darlingtonfunerals.com to view Ferne's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Norman C. Hill, 77

Norman C. Hill, 77, died Monday, April 25, 2016, in Kalispell, surrounded by his loving family.

Norman was born in Cortland, New York, in 1939 and grew up in Victor, New York, attending Victor Central School.

He worked as an electronics technician for 13 years in the U.S. Navy, and then worked for Eastman Kodak and Mitsubishi.

After retirement, he drove tourist buses in Winter Park, Colorado, and Glacier National Park.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening, and most importantly he



enjoyed his family. His greatest joy was spending time with his

grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, of 40 years; children, Gregg Hill of Bigfork, Heather Hill of Kalispell, and Jennifer Jarrett and Scott Hill, of Bartlett, Tennessee; sister, Diane, and Paul O'Brien, of Canandaigua, New York; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may attend a celebration of Norman's life between 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at 101 West Cottonwood Dr., in Kalispell.

Roderick R. Hill, 62

Roderick R. Hill, 62, died at his home at Mountain View Care Center in Whitefish on May 13, 2016.

No services are planned at this time.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Julius 'Jiggs' Burton Hill, 92

Jiggs died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, March 20, 2016.

Jiggs was born in Gifford, Idaho, April 2, 1923, to Henry "Bert" Hill and Julia "Jude" Kollenborn and moved to Columbia Falls in 1927.

Jiggs graduated early from Columbia Falls High School so he could enlist in 1941 to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a flame-thrower, 50-caliber machine gun operator, as well as a 30-06 rifle sniper. He had an honorable discharge in 1945.

Jiggs met E. Ferne Downes in 1947 and they were later married on May 24, 1947, and had four children.

Following the war, Jiggs worked in Hungry Horse as a bartender for the Bureau of Reclamation until the completion of the dam. Jiggs spent the remainder of his career employed at Plum Creek and retired after 30 years.

Jiggs was an all-around outdoor sportsman. He enjoyed camping and fishing at the Hungry Horse Reservoir as well as fishing at Tiber Lake. He would take his grandchildren fishing in his boat and take the boys to the North Fork cabin in the summer for "boy training." He was an avid hunter, and had the privilege of having two successful moose hunts, in combination with numerous, elk, deer and antelope and waterfowl adventures. His trophy



black bear was made into a rug, which he used in numerous pranks with the grandkids. Jiggs had a creative sense of humor.

Jiggs loved all sports, and followed his children and grandchildren in rodeo, basketball, track and field, football and baseball, as well as their academics. He was an avid reader, sometimes reading two books a day. He also was very fond of dogs and always had a dog (or two) as a companion.

Jiggs was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Chet, and his grandchild Joleen Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Ferne; his children, Cheryl L. Neier, Jerry "Cork" B. Hill, Jay B. Hill and Kelly M. Hill; his grandchildren, Teresa Malzer, Jacey Johnson, Alicia Johnson, Shelly Neier, Kendee Barnes, Jason "Beau" Hill, Jamie Hill and Jesse Hill; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services for Jiggs will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 4, at Columbia Mortuary, with a graveside service following at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the local veterans home and/or veterans food bank.

Robert H. Hills, 86

Robert "Harold" Hills, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016, with his wife Jeanie at his side. He was 86.

Harold was born in Kalispell on May 22, 1930. He grew up at Ashley Lake, working with his father logging and sawing lumber. He married his sweetheart, Betty Jean "Jeanie" Michels, in Kalispell on Jan. 6, 1951. For 56 years he worked in the timber industry in the Kalispell and Libby area.

He is survived by loving children, Steve (JoAnne) Hills of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Kathy (Dane) Hamilton of Big Delta, Alaska, and Corey (Dorothea Schaeffer) Hills of Kalispell; and seven loving grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Harold is also survived



by his brother Gary (Laura) Hills of Lone Pine, as well as numerous nieces and

nephews.

Harold was predeceased by his parents Lewis Sr. and Iva Hills, infant brother Johnny, brother Lewis Jr. "Louie," and sister Nina Jones.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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.

David Michael Hintz, 47

David unexpectedly passed away at his home in Kalispell Saturday, Jan. 13, 2016.

He was born May 4, 1968, in San Diego.

Dave leaves behind his wife, Evon; two sons, Michael David, 25, and Preston Tyler, 9; and a daughter, Montana Rae, 3.

Please join us for a celebration of life at



our home starting at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 23, at 2200 W. Valley Dr., in Kalispell. Call 619-414-

8409 with any questions.

In lieu of flowers, we will have a donation box available to help with funeral costs.

Eunice Estelle Hiseler, 105

Eunice Estelle Hiseler, 105, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, "went home to be with her Lord and Savior" on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born April 8, 1911, in Summit, New Jersey, to Frederick and Ethel Bohl. She was the fifth of six children. At age 5, she would sit down and play by ear the hymns she had heard at church. Eunice put her faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ while under the preaching of evangelist Charles Winters. She was 9 years old. When the evangelist gave an invitation to come to the Lord for the saving of her soul, she ran down the aisle because she was so convicted of her sin and her need of a Savior.

She met her future husband, Clyde, at the First Baptist Church in Millburn, New Jersey. They were married on Nov. 7, 1936. They had three sons and one daughter. Eunice opened up their home for Children's Bible Club on Thursday afternoons. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was also a pianist and organist at the various churches that the family attended. They lived in Millburn for 38 years.

She and Clyde moved to Kalispell in 1974 to a new home constructed by two of their sons. She enjoyed sewing, painting, playing the piano, and being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After 67 years of marriage, Clyde "went to be with his Lord" in October of 2003.

Eunice was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, her husband and her eldest son.



She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Doris Clogston, and husband,

John, of Morgantown, Pennsylvania; son, Jim, and his wife, Sharon, of North Carolina; son, Tom, and wife, Lynn, of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Kim Denton and husband John of Apple Way, Minnesota, Tom Hiseler of Kalispell, Jennifer Kozlik and husband Michael of Underhill, Vermont, Kelli Hartley and husband Jason of Kila, Jayme Ferry and husband Tim of Hamilton, New Jersey, James Hiseler Jr. of North Carolina, Katelyn Johnson and husband Tim of North Carolina, and Ashley Hiseler of New Jersey. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Alesha, Seth, Nathan, Anna, Sebastian, McKenzie, Tucker, Hayley and Cole.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 9 at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. June 10 at Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor Don Bergstrom officiating. After the graveside at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, there will be a reception at Eunice's home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be sent to Grace Baptist Church, 1385 Columbia Falls Stage, Columbia Falls.

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

Matthew Allen Hobus, 36

On April 21, 2016, Matthew Allen Hobus, 36, "was called home to be with the Lord."

Matt was born on July 30, 1979, in Lincoln, Nebraska, as the eldest of four sons to proud parents David and Barbara Hobus. His elementary school years were spent in Lincoln at Trinity Lutheran School and in Arlington, Nebraska, at St. Paul's Lutheran School. In 1993 the family moved to Kalispell, where he attended Trinity Lutheran School and Flathead High School, where he played football, basketball and track.

Matt was a caring and loving son, and he was a brilliant man. He attended college at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in three years. While in college, he worked full time for Baxter Healthcare, made the dean's list each semester, and paid for his own education.

After college Matt continued to work for Baxter, as he took his first management position in Laramie, Wyoming. Later he transferred to Bellingham, Washington, where he met Joy Elizabeth Langley. Matt then moved to Newport Beach, California, to work as a sales manager for Gateway Computers. In 2006 Matt and Joy were married and he transferred to Sioux City, South Dakota. The newlyweds moved back to Washington in 2007 when Matt took a position as senior sales representative for Vertafore in Bothell, Washington. Matt was finally able to hang up his travel bag in 2011 when he took a home-based position as an account manager selling cross industry



modeling and design software for MathWorks.

Although Matt had many career accom-

plishments, his greatest passion was his relationships with his family. Matt had a unique ability to identify an individual's strengths. He was always willing to support and encourage a person, helping them realize their dream, and develop their gifts. This was especially true of Matt's relationship with his brothers. However, his most important relationships were with his wife, Joy, his princess; and his two boys, Wyatt David (born August 2013) and Wesley Matthew (born August 2015), his pride and joy.

While in Washington, Matt enjoyed many hobbies with friends and family. Every summer he could be found crabbing on the waters of Birch Bay, cheering on the Seattle Seahawks in the fall, or tinkering with his classic Mustang cars throughout the rest of the year. He had always dreamed of returning to Montana, God's country, to hunt, fish, camp, ski, and explore the backwoods with his sons, dad and brothers.

Matt was confirmed in his faith, and Jesus Christ is his personal savior. His family is comforted knowing that "he is home walking eternally with his Redeemer." He was dearly loved, and will be greatly missed. (Job 19:23-27, NIV)

He was preceded in death by grandparents, the Reverend Doctor Robert Hobus, and James and Mary Kaye.

He is survived by his wife, Joy, and sons

Wyatt and Wesley; parents, David and Barbara Hobus; grandmother, Alice Hobus; brother Jacob and fiancée Alexandra; brother Paul, his wife Alyssa and nephew Robert; brother Micah, his wife Melanie and niece Raegan; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Everyone who knew Matt was captivated by his amicable and exuberant personality, whimsical storytelling and kind, selfless and caring heart — this is how he will forever be remembered.

The celebration of Matthew's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at The Church at Creston-Lutheran (5447 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901).

Immediately following the service, there will be a time of fellowship to share and honor Matt's memory.

An account has been established for Matt and Joy's sons, Wyatt and Wesley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Matthew Hobus Memorial Fund at Whatcom Educational Credit Union or checks made out "In Memory of Matthew Hobus."

The families would like to provide memories of Matt for Wyatt and Wesley to learn about their dad as they grow. If you would like to contribute by sharing a story, memory or picture please send them to Joy's sister, Jennifer Groen: groencj@gmail.com

Benny Hoerner, 63

Benny Hoerner, 63, passed away on July 22, 2016, at his home in Columbia Falls with his family by his side. He lost his 34-month battle with a stage IV brain cancer and "entered into the arms of Jesus." Benny never lost faith and said he was going out with the Lord.

Benny was born in Whitefish on Dec. 30, 1952, and lived his entire life in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1971. He worked at various mills, then Royal Logging until they shut down. He went to work as an independent contractor, building and remodeling homes until his diagnosis prevented him from working.

Benny was an avid outdoorsman. The seasons of the year were not winter, spring, summer and fall, but were measured by what outdoor activity was available at the time.

Benny is survived at home by his wife Carol, and his great-grandson and little buddy Karson; his daughter Joy Kuntz of Seattle; son Ray (Jenny) Hoerner of Columbia Falls; grandsons Nyklaus Kuntz and Joshua Kuntz, granddaughters Kyndra Russell, Kaitlyn Hoerner, Raychel Hoerner and Courtney Hoerner; brothers, Virgil "Ed" (Linda) Hoerner and Gary Hoerner; sisters, Marge Gordon, Mary (Nick)



Morstad, Theresa Jackson and JoAnn (Terry) Haverkorn; his best friend and cousin

Larry (Debbie) Hoerner, double cousins Shirley (Jim) Harvey and Doug (EJ) Hoerner; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Benny was blessed with the most amazing and supportive family who were always there for him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Vincent and Dorothy Hoerner, paternal and maternal grandparents, and brother Raymond Hoerner.

There will be a vigil with rosary held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Columbia Mortuary, with services to be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 29, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A reception in the church will follow burial in the Catholic Cemetery. Please dress casually.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to University of Washington for research of Glioblastoma multi-form (GBM) brain tumor at 1959 NE Pacific Street, Seattle, Washington, 98195-6165.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Hoerner family.

Raymond R. Hofer, 96

Raymond R. Hofer, 96, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Aug. 10, 2016, of natural causes.

Ray was born on Jan. 24, 1920, in Waterloo, Wisconsin, the son of Jacob and Lizzie (Pautsch) Hofer.

Ray was united in marriage to Margaret E. Lenius of Watertown on June 6, 1942, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Watertown. Their loving marriage lasted for 58 years until Margaret passed away on April 30, 2000.

Ray was a graduate of Lake Mills High School's Class of 1937. He worked at the Libby canning company during the canning season in October 1937 until he started working on his father's dairy farm from October 1937 until March 1944. In 1944 he started working at the Milford Meadow dairy farm, at that time considered one of the nation's largest purebred Holstein dairy herds.

Ray continued to work in farming for 25 years, when the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture received the Milford Meadow Farm from the Blaine family in a large trust fund in 1947, which became the Emmons Blaine Research Center for holstein and crop research. He transferred to the research station in Windsor, Wisconsin, and became supervisor of the crop



production. In 1977 Ray became the Agriculture Projects supervisor and station manager at Arlington Research Center, Arlington, Wisconsin, until his retirement in 1985.

After his retirement, Ray and Margaret moved to Portage, Wisconsin. They loved to go dancing, and they were part of the square dancing club in Portage for several years. They loved to play cards and being with family was very important to them. Their faith was strong and they were very involved with their church at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pardeeville, Wisconsin, for 15 years.

Ray loved deer and antelope hunting, and for several years he would go to eastern Montana for antelope hunting with good friends or Steve. In Ray's younger days he went bird hunting and even trained his own bird dogs. Ray and his son, Steve, spent several years deer hunting together, and he cherished this time with his son. Another sport he loved was ice fishing, and he would spend every day that he could on the ice and bring back the catch of the day.

In 2000, after his wife's passing, Ray moved to

Columbia Falls to be with his son and daughter-in-law. In 2004 Ray moved in with his son and daughter-in-law until the last few months of his life, when he moved to an assisted living home. Ray was a member to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls for 16 years.

He is survived by his son, Steve (Roxann) Hofer of Columbia Falls; daughter, Patricia (Tim) Kocher of Watertown; special nieces, Doris Anderson, of Watertown, Phyllis (Donald) Strauss of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, Joyce Kuhl of Lake Mills, Mildred Zoren of Lake Mills, and Ellen Michaelis of Jefferson, Wisconsin; special nephew, Lorin (Carol) Hofer of Lake Mills; a special granddaughter, Sheila Gibson of Watertown; and sever-

al other grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; his parents, Jacob and Lizzie Hofer; his sister Alice, and his brothers Alvin and Clarence; granddaughter Kari Wickert, and nephew Duane Hofer and his wife Shirley Hofer.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ray and the family. A memorial service will be determined at a later date.

A special thank you to JoAnn Henry and Becky Rouser for their care for Ray over the past year and a half. The family would like to thank Frontier Hospice for their care for Ray and the family and to thank Pastor Nelson at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for all his support and prayers.

Clayton J. Hogue, 61

Clayton J. Hogue, 61, of St. Petersburg, Florida, died at 9:22 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016, from complications after a medical procedure at the Bill Young Veterans Hospital at Bay Pines, Florida.

Clayton was born Sept. 26, 1954, in New Castle, Wyoming. He received a Montana state senator appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy following graduation from Bigfork High School.

He was a Florida area resident for the past 10 years, where he was a director of information technology. He owned his own IT company in California for 25 years, was a SCUBA instructor, sang as a tenor in the Sacramento Men's Chorus and Florida's Una Voce. He performed at Carnegie Hall and was a founding member of the St. Petersburg Men's Chorus. Clayton held a degree in computer science from Sacramento State University.

He is survived by his father, Warren Hogue, of Bigfork; sister, Linda Brevik, and husband, Gerald, of Somers; partner, Daniel Kiermaier,



Lon, and nephew Tom Gordon and wife Alicia, great-nieces Ashlyn, Soraya, Tsiyon, Kodi and Gabriel, and great-nephews Archie, Austin and Tamret, all of Somers and Bigfork. There are numerous cousins. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by mother Verona Serfling-Hogue, and sister Silvia Hogue-Gordon, as well as immediate aunts and uncles.

Services will be held at a later date in Bigfork where his ashes are expected to be scattered. It is undetermined at this time if services will only be for the immediate family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Abbey Crematorium, Largo, Florida.

of Maple Falls, Washington; nephew Mark Brevik and wife Christina, niece Debbie Brevik-Savik and husband

Warren John Hogue, 86

Warren John Hogue passed away Monday, July 4, 2016, at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born July 26, 1929, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to John Hogue and Bessie (Stewart) Hogue. Warren graduated from high school in 1947.

On July 15, 1949, he married his high school sweetheart, Verona Serfling. They resided on the family farm until 1952, when Warren went to work for the Forest Service in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

After residing at the Tee Pee Ranger Station on the South Dakota/Wyoming border for three years, Verona and Warren moved to Custer, South Dakota. They left Custer in 1960 and moved to the Flathead Valley, first living in Kalispell and then on to Bigfork in 1963, where they resided at the ranger station. In 1971, they built a home in Bigfork, and Warren resided there until he moved to Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Kalispell in April of 2014. Warren retired from the Forest Service in 1986 after 33 years.

Warren enjoyed trap shooting and shot on a team for a number of years at the Flathead Gun and Trap Club. He spent many hours bird hunting and fishing. In his younger years, much of his leisure time was spent with his family backcountry hiking, camping, boating and water skiing on Flathead Lake. He loved attending any event one of his children or grandchil-



dren were participating in.

Warren was a loving and thoughtful husband,

band, father, grandpa, great-grandpa and friend.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Jerome Hogue and Joyce Anderson; his wife, Verona Hogue; daughter, Sylvia Hogue Gordon; and his son, Clayton Hogue.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Brevik and her husband Gerald of Somers; his grandson, Mark Brevik and his wife, Christina and their children, Archie and Soraya; granddaughter, Debbie Savik and her husband Lon and their children, Ashlyn, Austin, Tamret and Tsiyon, all of Somers; grandson, Tom Gordon Jr. and his wife Alicia and their daughters, Kodi and Gabby of Bigfork; and Daniel Kiermaier of Maple Falls, Washington, surviving partner of Clayton.

The family will have a private celebration of Warren's life on July 16.

His family is so thankful for the loving care he received at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Kalispell, and from Frontier Hospice in the last months of his life. We are forever grateful.

Suggested memorials can be sent to the "Friends of Hospice," 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the Hogue family.

Michael James Holder, 62

Michael James Holder, 62, passed away suddenly Aug. 21, 2016, at his cabin on Ashley Lake.

Mike was a Montana native. He and his wife Kit split their time between Kalispell and Maricopa, Arizona.

The first of four children, Mike was born in Eureka on Aug. 25, 1953, to Gale and Lela Holder. Growing up, he was known to all as "Little Mike." He liked to play pranks, always took care of his family and was a friend to all. His work ethic was ingrained at an early age, working at his grandfather's Sinclair station. With great pride he bought his first car, a 1970 396 Chevelle SS while still in high school.

He graduated from Eureka High School in 1971, where he met his wife, Kathleen "Kit" Bushfield. Married nearly 45 years, they moved to Missoula where he briefly attended the University of Montana, leaving to gain practical business experience over a formal education. They welcomed daughter Jennifer in 1972, son Bart in 1973, and daughter April in 1976.

An entrepreneur, Mike learned all aspects of business from mentors,



joining with Cary Weyrauch to found M&C Tire in 1979. Crowned "the tire god," even-

tually he made property investments in the Flathead and encouraged his wife to attend travel agent school and later buy Glacier International Travel. Upon his retirement in 2009, he and Kit traveled the country with their beloved cocker spaniels until they became snow birds, settling in Maricopa.

Mike loved to spend time in the woods with his family and purchased his first summer home on Ashley Lake in 1978. He and Kit designed and built the family's log cabin on Ashley Lake in 1995, which has become the center of the family. A history buff, he retraced World War I and II battles in Europe and traveled the globe with friends and family, collecting new friends from New Zealand, the UK and Australia along the way.

A lifelong Seahawks fan, he had season tickets dating back to 1980, only

reaping the benefits of a winning team in the last decade. Going to games became a family affair, where he and Kit have Charter Seats with their names engraved.

He became a grandfather for the first time in 1992 to granddaughter Madison, again in 1998 to granddaughter Sidni, and had his first grandson in 2010, Jonathan Michael. Each grandchild brought a new side to Mike, who doted on and teased them, proclaiming that he was the real boss of the family, not their parents. He looked forward to them spending time with them each summer on Ashley Lake, though they would require retraining from grandpa's rules when returned home.

Mike was preceded in death by his father Gale Holder, his mother Lela Holder, mother-in-law Darlene Bushfield, sister Lynn Ann Holder, and brother Rock Holder.

Mike is survived by

his wife, Kit; his three children, Jennifer Spall and her husband Chip; son Bart Holder and his wife Marnie; and daughter April Holder; his three grandchildren, Madison, Sidni and Jonathan; his sister, Gail Burgess, her husband Dawain and their family; and father-in-law, John P. Bushfield.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1840 U.S. Highway 93 South, Kalispell, MT 59901, which will be followed by a wake. All who loved and were loved by Mike are welcomed and honored to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mike's name to Tobacco Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 1815, Eureka, MT 59917.

Condolences may be shared at www.jgfuneralhome.com. Johnson Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of final arrangements.

Charles Michael Holland, 57

Charles Michael Holland, 57, died Sunday, March 20, 2016, in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Rosamond Ingram Hollopeter

A celebration of life for Rosamond Ingram Hollopeter, 97, who died Dec. 27, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the home of Jim and

Margaret Love on Love Drive in Swan Lake.

Meat and beverages will be provided. Potluck dishes are welcome.

Nancy Ann Holter, 91

Nancy Ann Holter, 91, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 4, 2016, at St. Patrick Hospital, surrounded by her family. She lived at The Springs Independent Living since March and is formerly of the Bigfork area, Great Falls, Glasgow and Sun City, Arizona.

Nancy was a loving mother and grandmother, and a proud veteran of the Navy WAVES during World War II. ("Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service.")

She was born in Chisholm, Minnesota, in her grandparents' home on Jan. 4, 1925. She was full of stories about her youth in that area, the "Iron Range," once rich in iron ore mining, and growing up among so many ethnic groups – Scandinavians, "Slavs," Poles, Italians and Greeks. It may have nurtured her deep love of all people and her talent for getting to know them.

Her parents were Van and Jenny Stolpe. She showed her talent for music at an early age and by age 13, played in the orchestra and the school song at all of the assemblies and was asked to accompany soloists. In the WAVES, she was accepted to the "Singing Platoon" of talented women and recalled singing with Perry Como at a memorial service for President FDR at Rockefeller Center.

She attended Hibbing Junior College and University of Minnesota, earning a Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree in 1949. She married Willard L. "Bill" Holter Aug. 14, 1948. Before graduating from UM, she'd had baby no. 1, a daughter named Lynn, and Bill began his studies in the new field of radio broadcasting. His career spanned Montana. He was inducted into the Montana Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2002 for his radio ownership across the state including stations in Great Falls, Missoula, Helena, Glasgow, Malta and Livingston.

Bill was a Marine and



the world to Mexico, the Bahamas, Panama, Costa Rica and Cuba, not to mention flights across Montana and the United States.

Throughout her life, she was a choir director or accompanist at various churches and sang in the Great Falls Symphony Choir. She served on volunteer boards for United Way, Girl Scouts, YWCA and the symphony, enjoyed musical theater and the productions of Bigfork Playhouse. She attended the Methodist Church in both Bigfork and Sun City.

She was active in her P.E.O. group Chapter AX of Great Falls and Daughters of the Nile as Bill was active in the Shrine.

In 1972 the Holters moved to lakefront property on Flathead Lake and spent summers working the sprawling cherry orchard of 700 trees. In 1987, Bill was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and they downsized to a smaller place with a gorgeous view. Bill passed away in 2005 due to complications of Parkinson's. Nancy began snow birding to Sun City during winter months. Nancy kept up with a Minnesota group of friends, the Red Hats, her ex-WAVES, P.E.O., and daily swimming. In summers she returned to her home near Yellow Bay.

lieutenant and flight instructor and always had a passenger plane. Nancy was a willing "co-pilot" and the two traveled extensively across

She is survived by daughters, Lynn (Mike) Redpath of Great Falls, and Jann Berntsen of Livingston; sons, Ross (Janet) Holter of Kalispell, and Todd Holter of Los Angeles; Lynn's children, Krista Redpath Pyron and Van (Brooke) Redpath of Missoula; great-grandsons, Evan and Oliver Pyron, and Finley Redpath, of Missoula, and grandsons Carl Berntsen and Casey Berntsen of Livingston; and Mack (Rebekah) Holter and Dillon Holter, of Kalispell. They were the loves of her life! She is also survived by the close friends who've shared her almost-daily phone calls, and surrogate

daughters and sons she has loved for years. You know who you are.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Garden City Funeral Home and Crematorium, 1705 W. Broadway, in Missoula, with a reception to follow. Cards, letters and stories are welcome!

Frederic John 'Fred' Hook, 77

On Thanksgiving afternoon, Nov. 24, 2016, at home in Yuma, Arizona, Fred passed peacefully with his wife, son, niece, nephew and their spouses near him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, a niece, and his son Dru.

He is survived by his wife Penny, his sons Mark (Liisa), and Travis (Kendra), four grandchildren, a brother Glen (Jean), many nieces and nephews and their children.



Fred was born in Detroit on Feb. 26, 1939. He lived in Arizona, California, Washington

and here in Kalispell, prior to moving to Yuma, Arizona, where he fought a courageous battle to remain healthy.

He was retired from the Seattle Fire Department and learned the craft of saddle making, which he continued

doing after moving to Kalispell. It seemed like Fred knew everybody and everybody that knew Fred loved him.

During the course of his life, Fred had many interests and hobbies. He was a busy guy and always had something new going on; he was a multi-talented person. The same vehicle did not sit in his driveway very long; he always loved new toys.

Fred will be missed by family, friends and the car dealers for sure. We will catch you later Fred!

Hollie Genevieve Hoover, 101

Hollie Genevieve Hoover passed away at the age of 101, on March 29, 2016, in Deer Lodge, with her family by her side.

Hollie was born Dec. 28, 1914, to Ada Hogan Hoover and Chester Hoover in Gold Creek, Montana, at the ranch home of her grandparents, David and Emily Hogan.

She attended grade school in New Chicago, Montana, and graduated from high school in Drummond in 1932. Hollie graduated from Montana State Normal College in Dillon in June 1934 as an elementary teacher. She later attended summer schools at Montana State University in Missoula and University of Colorado in Boulder.

Hollie's teaching career began in a country school on the East Fork of Rock Creek south of Philipsburg. The session ran in the warmer months from March through November as the snow was too deep in the winter. Her duties, in addition to teaching, were to build the fire in the stove every day and clean the school house. She rode her horse two and one half miles to school every day and taught in this school for two years.

Hollie then taught at Hall School for five years and taught at the

Philipsburg school for four years. In 1945, she accepted a teaching position in Kalispell and taught in the Cornelius Hedges School for 28 years, retiring in 1975. She was a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for 62 years.

She was an active member of the Lutheran Church for 70 years and especially enjoyed making quilts for Lutheran World Relief which were distributed world-wide.

School vacations were spent traveling and she visited France, England, Ireland, Alaska, and all of Canada and the U.S. She loved her yard, flowers, hummingbirds and watching the deer in the field near her home.

Hollie was preceded in death by her parents; sister and brother-in-law, Alta Hoover Monson and Hans Monson; brother-in-law, Larry Gebhardt; and niece, Karol Monson Charlson.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Hoover Gebhardt, in Deer Lodge; nephews, Chester Monson of Deer Lodge, Don Charlson of Hysham and Larry Gebhardt Jr. of Great Falls; nieces, Rita McDonald of Wapato, Washington, and Shirley Gebhardt of Conrad; and "adopted kids," Marlene Counsell of Little Elm, Texas, and Daryl Counsell

of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Thank you to Hollie's caregivers and special thanks to Joan Sewell for her friendship and generous help.

Services were held on Saturday, April 2, at St. John Lutheran Church in

Deer Lodge. Burial will be at a later date in the New Chicago Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation and Deer Lodge Elks BPOE No. 1737.

Warren L. Hommas, Jr., 85

Warren L. Hommas, Jr., 85, died peacefully in his home on Jan. 12, 2016. He was born on Feb. 23, 1930, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Penn State and was called to active duty into the U.S. Air Force in 1955. He transferred between various Air Force bases from 1955 to 56 for flight training and then remained stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base from 1956 to 58.

Released from active duty in 1958, he joined the Montana Air National Guard, serving from 1958-1985. He was stationed briefly at Maxwell Air Force Base for training at the Air War College from 1970-71.

He married June Haagenson on June 12, 1959, and they remained married until his death. Warren achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel, retiring in 1985.

Following his retirement, he invested and developed as an independent business owner and consultant. He was an accomplished pilot, talented performer, gifted musi-



cian and a skillful woodworker. He is preceded

in death by his parents, Warren Sr. and Ida Hommas and his brother Gerald.

He is survived by his wife June and children, Karla Hanson and Gregg, Scott and Evelyn and Diana Johnson and Robert, and his nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial gifts in Warren's memory may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, Polson, or First Congregational UCC, Great Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, at First Presbyterian Church, Polson, and also at First Congregational UCC in Great Falls at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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

Patricia Maria (Eichhorn) Horvat, 55

Patricia Maria (Eichhorn) Horvat, beloved traveling companion of Patrick Horvat, and loving mother of Samuel and Matthew Horvat, passed away at St. Michael's Palliative Care Centre in Lethbridge, Alberta, on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016, at the age of 55 years, where she succumbed to complications from metastasized colon cancer.

Besides her loving husband and sons, she is also survived by her brother, Robert Eichhorn, of Vancouver, British Columbia; stepsons, Jason, Allan and Ashley, and Bryan Horvat, all of Lethbridge; her grandchildren, Brandon Reid, Julia Maria Horvat, and Morgan and Grayson Horvat; as well as her parents-in-law, Frank and Shirley Horvat, of Calgary, Alberta. She will be dearly missed by all



of Patrick's family ("the outlaws"), as well as many aunts and cousins in Germany of the

Eichhorn and Wichmann families.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bruno and Maria; brother, Wolfgang; and her Sassy Dog.

Randall Allen Horn, 67

Randall Allen Horn, 67, died Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at his home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife Laura Horn, and sons Chad and Keith Horn, all of Whitefish.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday July 26, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

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

Angela Christine Houtz, 39

Angela Christine Houtz passed on to her eternal home in Heaven on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with her family at her side.

Angela was born on Oct. 20, 1976, in Missoula to Earl and Karla Houtz. Though her birth was normal and without incident, her life and the lives of her family were drastically altered for 39 years when she began suffering intense seizures at 4 months of age. For many years her seizures were not able to be controlled for more than short periods of duration, and began taking their toll on her mental and physical abilities. Treasured are those years before she turned 2 years old when our little angel could sing four verses of "Amazing Grace," which remains our family anthem.

Angela attended special education classes in various Kalispell schools until she reached 22, enjoying the focused attention she received by so many caring teachers. One of the skills that she did learn well was how to drink through a straw, quite an achievement for that period of her life.

Angela spent her entire life in the care of her parents who were assisted by loving and caring medical personnel, among whom were Dr. Wallace Wilder and Dr. Mark Sorenson in her earlier years, and Angela's physician and friend, Ann Bukacek, and neurologist, Bret Lindsay, in Angela's later years.

Angela enjoyed hugging everyone who came close to her. Going on walks with her parents was fun for her, but even more exciting for Angela was for Dad and Mom to take her for bike rides while she sat in her bike trailer behind them. Another of the highlights of her life was to go camping with her family, especially at Logan State Park. So very special to her also was attending church on Sunday morning where she would hold on to her dad during the praise and worship service, often humming in only the way Angela could.

Though her family could not foresee the future at her birth, Angela Christine was named so appropriately



— an Angel from Christ. Those that knew her could easily tell that she radiated the

conditional love of God. Every member of Angela's family can attribute their relationship with the Lord to having known their precious Angela. Her friends and family grieve with their loss, but are rejoicing in the knowledge that in her new home she is now talking, walking, and singing — even louder than she used to squeal!

Angela is survived by her parents, Earl and Karla Houtz; sisters, Jeni LeGassey and husband Eric, and Laura McIntosh and husband Gary; nieces and nephews, Jeffrey and Shanea Tritten, Joshua and Jessica LeGassey, Jordan Tritten, Jonathan and Moriah LeGassey, Jaben Tritten, Morgan McIntosh, Julia Tritten, Jade LeGassey, Kyler McIntosh, Ashlyn McIntosh, Justine LeGassey, and Shannae McIntosh; great-nephews and -nieces, Jett Tritten, Archer LeGassey, Haylee Tritten, and Scarlet Sportsman; plus uncles, aunts and cousins, all who made her life so rich and full of reciprocating love. Also surviving Angela is her church family at Adventure Church of Kalispell, and her pastor Jim Davey.

Angela was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Earl and Marie Houtz, formerly of Great Falls; her maternal grandparents, Lowell and Laura Gilman, formerly of Alder; and uncle Glenn Gilman, formerly of Denver.

Angela's memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, at Adventure Church, 348 Second Street West, Kalispell. Interment will be the next day at Taylor Cemetery near Alder, where she will be laid to rest next to her maternal grandparents.

Memorials in Angela's name may be given to Hope Pregnancy Ministries, 1281 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Contributions to the family may be sent to the Angela Houtz Memorial Account at any Whitefish Credit Union office.

Rose O. Houseman, 81

Rose O. Houseman, 81, passed away surrounded by her family at her home in Missoula on Tuesday, April 5.

Rose, a third generation-Montanian and the first of four children of Fred and Alice Nelson, was born in Great Falls on Feb. 27, 1935. The family moved to Columbia Falls from Great Falls when Rose was in the sixth grade. As the oldest of four children growing up on the family ranch, Rose developed a keen appreciation of hard work and frugal living. Rose graduated high school from Flathead County High School in May 1953 with honors and won a high school honor scholarship.

Always adept with numbers, Rose was employed at the high school office and at Pacific Fruit and Produce in the book-keeping department. Later, Rose dedicated 30 years to working in accounts receivable at the University of Montana.

On June 1, 1953, shortly after graduating high school, Rose married the love of her life, Ellis Houseman, in Kalispell. The couple moved to Boulder, Colorado, followed by a move to Yuma County, Arizona, and finally returned to Kalispell. Rose and Ellis had two children and moved their young family to Missoula in 1956.

In 1966, Ellis and Rose built their home on Mullan Road and enjoyed country living, especially gardening and raising rabbits, for 50 years. The couple had many hobbies together and upon retirement dedicated more time to both their hobbies and travel, including spending winters in Blythe, California, and exploration of all the backroads of Montana. In particular, Rose had fond memories of an RV trip the couple made through Alaska.

In addition, the couple traveled all over the U.S. and Alberta, participating in rabbit shows, and



both were lifetime members of the Garden City Rabbit Breeders Association, where Rose volunteered

as show secretary. Rose's collection of rabbit figurines and memorabilia, especially her rabbit music boxes, will remain fond memories for those who knew and loved her. The couple later joined the Hellgate Mineral Society and Rose was the club treasurer for many years. Rose enjoyed rock and mineral shows, rock-hounding trips in the mountains, and creating beautiful wire-wrapped jewelry.

In addition to being known as an excellent seamstress and quilter, Rose was known for her green thumb and delicious fruit pies from her many peach, apple, cherry and plum trees. Even during her final summer in Missoula, Rose could be found working in her flower beds with her faithful dog, Bonnie, by her side. Rose was an avid reader and always had a crossword puzzle book nearby. Additionally, Rose enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren, and was a supporter and champion of all of their goals and activities. She especially loved the time she was able to spend in recent years with her young great-grandchildren.

Rose is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ellis; mother Alice; siblings Georgia and Jim, Betty and Bob, and Ed; children Belle and Fred and K.C.; and grandchildren Sarah and Ryan, Julia and Wyatt, Emily, Thomas, Travis, and Kyler; and great-grandchildren Charlie, Grace, and Claire.

Rose requested no services, and in lieu of flowers, please remember Rose as you tend to your own gardens.

Addie Lorraine (Ramsey) Howard, 66

Island girl, mountain woman, hippie lady, Addie Lorraine (Ramsey) Howard, 66, passed away peacefully on Pi day, March 14, 2016, in Spokane.

She was born Feb. 7, 1950, in Kalispell to William "Bill" Ramsey and Joyce (Howard) Ramsey. She attended Flathead High School and, after living in both Hawaii and California, Addie came back to the mountains of Montana to raise her daughters on the old Halverson farm in Bigfork.

She became a stay-at-home mom/entrepreneur, and an avid collector/seller of antiques. She truly loved life to the fullest — relaxing days at the river or lake, huckleberry picking, preserving her garden's harvest, tending to her flowers and animals, white cake with white frosting, a good ice cream, orange pop, sweet tea and, above all, time with her family and friends. Addie had an innate ability to love all who came into her life.



She is survived by her two daughters, Michelle (Cameron-Cline) Black, and Kristina

"Tina" Bouquet; three grandchildren, Logan Black, Aaron Black and Ava Bouquet; three brothers, Vaughn, Val and Chris Ramsey; as well as many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her father, William "Bill" Ramsey; her mother, Joyce (Howard) Ramsey Vioria; and her sister, Marie (Ramsey) Schutt.

A short graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery (section "i") will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5. Immediately following, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a memorial potluck will commence at Woodland Park.

Please bring a dish to share, and we will remember Addie and celebrate her amazing life!

Jerry Dean Howard

Jerry Dean Howard "went home to be with his Lord and Savior" on Oct. 3, 2016.

Born and raised in Great Falls in 1945, Jerry moved to Columbia Falls in 1971.

Jerry has been a very active member of the communities of the Flathead Valley. He has worked with the Special Friends Organization, taking clients on excursions to shop and recreate. In 1992, Jerry organized the first "Fishing Without Barriers" on Flathead Lake with assistance of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and charter boat captains on Flathead Lake. Over the years Jerry has helped thousands of handicapped children and adults experience the excitement of catching their first fish through the Crossing the Barriers organization. Jerry had fundraised to build wheelchair accessible fishing landings and hunting blinds.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ilene Howard, daughter Jan (Michael) Mader of Great Falls, sons Jim (Katey)



Landis of Victor and Frank (Karen) Landis of Columbia Falls, and Katie Landis of

Bonnors Ferry, Idaho. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren include Carrie (Jason) Matthews, Kristin (Brian) Tayettin, Broedynn Brodzinski, Allistair Landis and Kimberly (Trent) Oliver.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 29 at First Baptist Church in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Fishing Without Barriers; contact John Fraley at Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 490 North Meridian Road Kalispell, MT 406-752-5501.

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

Elaine D. Howard, 69

Elaine D. Howard, 69, of Libby, died June 28, 2016, of natural causes at the Libby Care Center.

No public service will be held. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

Robert 'Bob' William Howard, 98

Robert "Bob" William Howard, born to Leslie and Hazel Howard, Aug. 27, 1917, "went to meet the Lord" June 10, 2016.

As a young man he worked the CCC camps, where he learned to cook and be a ham radio operator. He continued the ham radio the rest of his life as a hobby.

Bob worked for the Forest Service a couple of fire seasons, being in the lookout towers and actually fighting fires. He could tell really good stories about these events. Most of his working life was in local sawmills and on his farm.

He met and married Eunice McMann, living their life together

on their farm in the Birch Grove community. Building the home of their dreams, and as active members of their community, they helped keep the school/community hall and grounds in shipshape condition, being good neighbors to all, and having good neighbors.

He loved hunting, fishing, hiking, picking huckleberries and, in doing these things, talking to the animals, watching the birds and enjoying the fresh air, beautiful lakes and streams, mountains and hills — communing with God without realizing it.

Robert loved watching TV, taking in all the news.

Our country and world happenings mattered a great deal to him, even to the point of voting absentee the last few years.

Robert "Bob" Howard spent the last few years of his life living at The Springs Assisted Living and Riverside Nursing Home in Whitefish.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Eunice; son, Bob; parents, Les and Hazel Howard; brother, Monty; and sisters, Elaine Winslow and Jennie Thomen.

Survivors include daughter, Marilyn Edwards; daughter-in-law, Faith Howard; one grandson, one granddaughter, several great-grandchildren, one sister, Azalea

Bacon; special first cousin, Jane Barnes; many nieces and nephews, special ones being, Charlotte and Gary Corbeil, Starlene Connerley, Don Bacon, Carl and Barbara Howard. Seeing Robert as often as they could, they held a special spot in his heart. Very special friends that became like family to him include Micki Lehman, and Misty and Bob Teeples. They were there close when the rest of his family couldn't be.

Loved ones and friends will gather at his burial site at the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell, at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, for a final farewell.

The family of Robert W Howard
would like to invite you to a
No Host Gathering to celebrate his
life and passing. *July 15th, 6 pm*
at the Nite Owls Back Room
in Columbia Falls.

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Robert lived most of his life in the Birch Grove Community in Kalispell with his wife Eunice Howard, where he enjoyed farming, raising cattle and picking Huckleberries in the summer.

Robert was preceded in death by the parents Leslie and Hazel Howard, his wife Eunice Howard and his son Robert L Howard. Surviving relatives include his sister Azalea Bacon, his daughter Marilyn Edwards, his daughter in law Faith Howard and her family.



Kenneth E. 'Grampee' Howlett, 72

Kenneth E. Howlett, 72, passed peacefully on July 7, 2017, in Helena, with his wife Janice by his side.

A member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes, he was born on Aug. 24, 1943, in St. Ignatius to Eugene and Clara Howlett. He graduated in 1962 from Hot Springs High School.

Working was always something Ken enjoyed doing his entire life. He worked at the Polson saw mill, operated his own business, Standard Construction, and also taught heavy machinery at the Kicking Horse Job Corps where he helped many young men and women.

Ken also loved to plow snow.

He was a member of the Polson Jaycees and Polson Elks Club, through which he helped put on many community events.

Ken, best known to many as "Grampee," was a very special man. His true passion was always family. If it was a birth, a birthday party, a ball game, a graduation, Bloomsday, Hoopfest, Christmas or you just inviting him for a visit, he was always there and enjoyed every minute spent with family.

He treasured his two sons Kevin and Deri and all the grandchildren they gave him. He gave so much to his community, strangers, family and anyone who needed help and he never required anything in return but a smile or a thank you!

Ken's humor and one-liners always left an impression on all. He left so many wonderful memories with his family, including so many laughs and stories for us all to share.

Grampee had his health issues but never



once did you hear him complain about going to dialysis, to the doctor or being in the hospital. It was never about him! He just wanted to live and that he did until his last breath with his can of winter mint Skoal in his pocket.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene, and mother, Clara Howlett.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; son Kevin Howlett of Spokane; son Deri and Sandy Howlett of Spokane; stepson, Joe (Nui) Johnson of Kalispell; sister Gloria (Jack) Riech of Hot Springs, brother Glen (Sue) Howlett of Polson; sister Dianna Howlett of Polson; five grandchildren, Austin Howlett, Kyla Tripp, Taylor Howlett, Brooklyn Howlett and Demi Howlett; three great-grandchildren, Kinley Tripp, Porter Tripp and Finnegan Howlett; and nieces and nephews, Todd Reich, Lisa Mueller, Rocky Howlett, Angel Howlett, Alan Howlett and Ashley Howlett.

The family is especially grateful to his bride, Janice, for standing by his side and giving him so much to live for the past two years.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.

Following the service come help "Ken Cut A Trail" at the Polson Elks Club at 1:30 p.m. We are asking attendees to bring their favorite potluck dish.

"Remember the soul, heal the spirit, until we meet again."

Marci Ann Hudson, 54

Marci Ann Hudson, 54, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. The viewing will be Monday, March 7, at 10 a.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Marci Ann Wishard was born on Sept. 2, 1961, in McLaughlin, South Dakota, to Tom and Myrna Wishard. She attended school in Lantry, South Dakota, Glasgow, Montana, and Timber Lake, South Dakota. Marci earned her GED diploma in 1980. She enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard in 1982.

She was united in marriage to Russell Rohwer and to this union they had Casey Allen, Cyle Andrew and Catlyn Adam. These boys were her pride and joy. She married Edward Hudson on October 9, 2009, in Columbia Falls.

Marci enjoyed the simple things in life, ensuring that her priorities were always the people she loved. Marci enjoyed the weekly Country Music Countdown, drawing, talking on the phone,

gardening, playing cribbage and shopping for unique gifts for her loved ones.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Hudson, of Columbia Falls; sons, Casey and Megan Rohwer of Port Orchard, Washington, Cyle and Jennifer Rohwer of Eunice, New Mexico, and Catlyn and Cassandra Rohwer of Syracuse, New York; father, Tom Wishard, of Lantry, South Dakota; mother, Myrna Fiddler, of Pierre, South Dakota; granddaughter, Mackensie; grandsons, Chase, Austin, Carter and Connor, who is due April; sisters, Deb Holzer, Lori and Waldon Jewett, Lona Longbrake, Donna and Richard Trautman, Jami and Brian Oakland and Kelly and Jeff Wilson; brothers, Tom Wishard, Jr., Joe and Larissa Wishard, Donnie and Margo Wishard, Chris Fiddler and Jeremy Fiddler; plus many nieces and nephews.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sharon Godfrey Hufstetler, 77

On April 22, 2016, we said goodbye to our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, wife and friend, Sharon Godfrey Hufstetler. She passed peacefully in her own home under the constant and loving care of her husband Glen.

Sharon was born on Sept. 25, 1938, in Ogden, Utah, to Melvin Alonso and Elsie Bues Godfrey. She was the oldest and spunkiest child and was later joined by her brother Gary and sister and best friend Gloria. She remained in Ogden her entire childhood. She attended school in Ogden at Washington Elementary, Washington Junior High and Ogden High School, graduating in 1956. During that time she learned to play piano and developed an appreciation for music and the arts. She was also part of a baton twirling troupe and worked as a car hop at a local restaurant.

After graduation she went on to attend Weber State College for a short time and worked for Dr. Dean Tanner as a medical assistant for several years. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Robert Glen Hufstetler. They were married on May 24, 1957, in the Salt Lake City Temple. They resided in Ogden for a short time and then bought a small ranch in Liberty, Utah, and there began their love for the outdoors and farm life.

Montana was calling to them and they found themselves leaving their friends and family behind on an adventure that would span many decades. They purchased a large cattle ranch in Bigfork in 1960 and worked the land, milked the cows and started their family. Rob was the first to arrive, followed by Heidi and Mark. The farm was then sold and her family moved to Kalispell. It was during this time that the youngest daughter Carin joined the family.

Sharon and her husband Glen opened a small school in their basement called the Positive Learning Center. They hired several teachers and worked with children who were struggling in school, tutoring them and helping them with social skills. Sharon very much enjoyed the role of mother and wife and took on responsibilities that would improve her own family life. She was always active in the PTA program at Cornelius Hedges School and served as president and all other capacities there. She was an active member of her church and served diligently in her church callings as both ward and stake primary president, Relief Society president, Relief Society counselor, primary teacher, and Gospel Doctrine teach-



er, among other callings. One of her most recent roles and one that she held very dear to her heart was working with the young women in the church. They brought her so much joy and were so kind to her as her health began to take a turn for the worse.

Sharon had a deep appreciation for the arts and began taking calligraphy classes at Flathead Valley Community College. She became a beautiful calligrapher and even taught classes at that same college. She shared that art with many family members and members of the community. She also worked for School District 5 as the attendance clerk at Kalispell Junior High School until her retirement.

Throughout her many years and many phases of her life here in Kalispell she has made wonderful friends that she considers to be family. They loved her for her spunk and sassiness and her willingness to always open her home to strangers. She had an ability to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable. She was a collector of antiques and had a natural knack for home decorating. She was also a fabulous cook and rarely did the family sit down to a holiday meal without friends and sometimes strangers at their table. She served everyone she met and had deep concern and compassion for their well-being.

Sharon will be missed greatly and is survived by her devoted husband of 59 years, R. Glen Hufstetler; her children, Robert G. Hufstetler and Pam, Heidi Wright and Steve, Mark Hufstetler and Rachel, and Carin Leeb. She is also survived by her 13 grandchildren, Amanda, Logan, Tana, Jamie, Jessica, Hanna, Ry, Jordyn, Anna, Henry, Emily, Christian and Zach; and two great-grandchildren, Saylor and Madden; along with her sister, Gloria, and Rubert Funk; and her brother, Gary, and Emily Godfrey. She will also be missed by 25 nieces and nephews, along with many lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Elsie Godfrey.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home where a viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 29. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at 1380 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell, (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) with a viewing beginning at 1 p.m. We welcome all friends and family to join us as we celebrate the life of this beautiful lady.

Barbara Jean Hughes, 90

Barbara Jean Hughes, 90, of Great Falls, "went to join her beloved husband, Richard 'Dick' Hughes," on Valentine's Day 2016. This brought their love to a complete circle as she proposed to him on Valentine's Day in 1952, a leap year. They wed June 19, 1952.

Barbara was born Oct. 28, 1925, to Lewis Arthur and Minnie Eneboe. She went to grade school in both Butte and Great Falls. She graduated from Great Falls High in 1943, and then from Great Falls Commercial College.

She worked as a medical transcriptionist at many local institutions including Great Falls Clinic, Montana Deaconess Hospital, Dr. George Shemm and Great Falls Orthopedic



Association. She was a charter member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, active

in PTA, Boy Scouts, Jayceens, held several offices for Chapter AR of PEO, and served on several boards of First Congregational Church where she and her husband also taught Sunday school. She was proud that with the baptism of her great-grandchildren, her family represents six generations of membership.

In her younger years Barbara loved to water-ski (her first love), swim, cross country ski and travel. She also loved to

knit, crochet, play bridge with friends, do crossword puzzles, read and spend time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed many beautiful summer days at their summer home on Swan Lake.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Patti and Randy Fisher of Great Falls; daughter-in-law Sharyn Hughes of Great Falls; son Stephen and Stacy Hughes of Kalispell; and son Robert and Dona Hughes of Great Falls; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her favorite, loving dog, Sadie, and many great friends.

Her parents Art and Minnie Eneboe, her husband Richard Hughes,

and her son Ronald Hughes preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the First Congregational Church, 2900 9th Ave. S., Great Falls.

Memorial donations are suggested to U.C.C. First Congregational Church; P.O. Box 6303; Great Falls, MT 59403; Great Falls Salvation Army Auxiliary Children's Programs; P.O. Box 2585; Great Falls, MT 59403; Animal Foundation at P.O. Box 3426, Great Falls, MT, 59403-3426; or Peace Hospice of Montana; P.O. Box 7008; Great Falls, MT 59406.

Patricia Hughes, 72

Mrs. Patricia Hughes, 72, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Oct. 26, 2016, at home with her daughter by her side.

Pat was born a triplet on Nov. 20, 1943, along with her sisters, Pamela and Paulette, to John and Mina Martin in Massillon, Ohio.

At a young age her family moved to Orlando, Florida.

In her senior year of high school she met the love of her life Robert "Pete" Hughes. After graduating they married and moved to Bartow, Florida. Pat loved to scuba dive and hunt and spent lots of time in their canoe. They had one daughter, Evelyn, who was born in 1965. Later in 1974, Pete's work as an electrical engineer took them to Libby. The beauty of the state captured her heart. She especially delighted in finding wildflowers and bird watching. Pat enjoyed trying to out fish Pete along the Kootenai River. She eventually held the record in the Hughes household.

They loved to travel and had many adventures together. She would often say the Grand Canyon and Alaska were two of her most favorite places visited.

After Pete's death, Pat moved to Kalispell to be closer to her daughter and family. She had lived with them for the past six years. She cherished her time spent with Jonathon and Patrick and was very proud of the young men they had become. Her other grandsons, Colby and Taylor, were devoted to her and she treasured being a part of their lives as well as their father, Dale. She shared in the excitement of the pend-



ing baby arrivals of granddaughter Tanya and grandson Colby. Her other "adopted" grandson Wyatt Pehling had a special place in her heart.

Pat is remembered for her infectious laugh, warm hugs and wicked sense of humor. She had a gift for caring and nurturing. She was always willing to help encourage people with their ideas and dreams. She was the inspiration and an enormous partner when Evelyn and friend Barbra Fraser decided to throw caution to the wind and open an antique store. People loved to come into Shop 313 and visit with her and her sidekick Lola.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Hughes; and sisters, Paulette Martin, Pamela Maas, Nancy Ivy and Judy Crews.

Pat is survived by her daughter Evelyn Clarke (Dale); grandchildren, Jonathon Darville, Patrick Darville, Colby Clarke, Taylor Clarke and Tanya Clarke; other relatives Bill and Roy Ann Martin of Orlando Florida; Maurice and Carolyn Carlson of College Station Texas, and Elizabeth and Tomgren of Battleground, Washington; along with several nieces and nephews. And last, but not least, she leaves behind her trusted and furry companions Eddy and Lola.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond Hughes, 86

Raymond Hughes, 86, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, at his residence in Polson.

Memorial services are

pending.

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

Vivian Hull, 91

Vivian Hull passed away July 28, 2016, after a brief struggle with heart disease. Independent to the end, she remained at her home in Whitefish under the care of family and friends.

Vivian was influential in numerous community organizations and committees. She became known to a generation of children during her 18 years as a secretary at Central and Muldown Elementary schools. Mrs. Hull knew the names of each student and remembered them years later.

She could make friends with all ages, from a shy 3-year-old to adults who valued her ability to listen. After her children were grown, she was known in the neighborhood as the "lollipop lady" for her stash of treats left by the front door. One long-time neighbor described her as the mother of Whitefish.

She was born April 5, 1925, in Whitefish to Florence and Harvey Montgomery. The last of nine children, she was younger than many of her nieces and nephews.

Vivian worked for a local attorney while in high school for \$10 a month. After graduation, she was secretary in the Great Northern Railway superintendent's office in Whitefish. In 1944, a chance encounter with a former classmate, Albert Hull, led to a whirlwind romance and they were engaged before his leave was over. They were married when he returned from the Pacific at the end of World War II. The union was interrupted after 69 years by his death last year.

They returned to Whitefish at the end of Albert's enlistment and raised three children at their home on West Third Street. During her years as a homemaker, she sewed most of her daughters' dresses. She



created and sewed the Great Northern mountain goats costumes for the first Winter

Carnival, and made outfits for a local dance studio. She was also prominent in Eastern Star and Rainbow girls; Cub Scouts, Brownies and PTA; Bible and Sunday school, and served as a deacon at the Presbyterian Church.

With her trainman husband on the road much of week, she learned to deal with crises ranging from a son's broken arm to a flooding washing machine by herself. She encouraged her children to be adventurous and take advantage of the activities that the rural neighborhood had to offer. Education was important, and her three children all completed college.

While working and well into retirement, she was active in local organizations. Vivian was head of the Stumptown Historical Society during the renovation of the Whitefish Depot, pushed for keeping Central School downtown as a member of the building committee, and succeeded in getting the First Presbyterian Church listed on the National Register of Historic Places, noting its Japanese-American ties. She also was a frequent volunteer and updated records at the hospital, served as an election judge and more.

She was proud of being chosen as First Lady of Whitefish in 1984.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; and a son-in-law, Andrew Davidson.

She is survived by Richard Hull and wife Jennifer, Lauren Ball and husband Keith, and Andrea Davidson. Also surviving are grand-

sons, Kevin Ball and wife Alyson, Scott Ball and wife Maeve; and great-grandchildren, Ondrej, Zoe Vivian, and Charlotte Ball; and sister-in-law, Marybeth Montgomery.

Services were held

at 11 a.m. Aug. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

Memorials in Vivian's name can be made to the Presbyterian Church, Stumptown Historical Society or local charity of your choice.

Patti Dimler-Hulett, 74

Our loving mother, Patti Dimler-Hulett, 74, passed away March 26, 2016.

Patti was born in Elgin, Oklahoma, on Dec. 15, 1941.

She had worked hard her whole life. She was always there, always doing for her children. Our mother was very giving to all. Many of our friends called her Mom.

She gave to St. Jude Children's Hospital every month. This was her character — a loving mom, devoted grandmother and loyal, hard-working friend.

She is survived by her children, Billy, Benny, Deana and David; her grandchildren, Kensie, Davie, Adrian, Pagie, Morgan, Shyanne, Traveler, Grace and Faith, and David Jr.

As her grandson said, "We are going to miss you for a long, long time."

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a potluck reception at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell. For questions or more information, call 250-0273 or 270-7221.

Stephen 'Coach' Hullett, 65

Stephen "Coach" Hullett, 65, passed away "to be with the Lord" on May 29, 2016, in Kalispell.

Steve was born July 20, 1950, in Kalispell and raised in Bigfork, where he graduated from Bigfork High School in 1968. Growing up, he excelled at sports, representing Bigfork High School in football, basketball and track. He received a football scholarship to Montana State University-Northern in Havre, but chose to enlist in the Navy in service to his country. He served three tours in Vietnam as a gunner and engine mechanic on a river patrol boat.

After the Navy, Steve returned to Bigfork, where he worked as a wrangler at the Flathead Lake Lodge. There he honed his skills team roping and leading pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He met Joannie Peterson, and the two married in 1978 in Swan Lake, Montana, raised two daughters and were married for 23 years. He loved the outdoors and spent much of his time fishing, camping and hunting with friends and family.

In his later years, Steve worked at Eagle Bend to stay close to a sport he truly loved.

His true passion was



coaching athletics. He coached the football team as defen-

sive coordinator, and head coach his final three seasons. He was the head golf coach for 34 years. He ended his coaching career cheering on the 2016 Boys State Championship golf team as he was unfortunately not well enough to fully participate.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Bunny Hullett; and survived by daughters Katy and husband Kurt Adkins of Kalispell, and Bobbie and husband Caleb Ford of Apopka, Florida; sister, Shari, and husband, Tom Isom, of Yelm, Washington, and grandchildren, Riley Ford and Zac Adkins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on June 18 at Bigfork High School at 600 Commerce St. in Bigfork. A gathering of friends will follow at Harbor Village Pavilion, 70 Marina Way in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Steve's name to Bigfork VFW Post 4042, P.O. Box 645, Bigfork MT 59911; or the Bigfork Booster Club, P.O. Box 204, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Dale Lynn Huntsman, 73

Dale Lynn Huntsman passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at the age of 73.

He was born to Lionel and Iola Huntsman and raised on a small farm in Ashton, Idaho, along with four siblings, Mary, John, Verle and Donna. He moved to Montana in 1975, managing a Bonanza 88 store. There he met and married the love of his life, Jean.

Together they built a beautiful life, family and home. Dale also managed Yellow Front, was a buyer for the Army-Navy store and finally managed the garden center at Hooper's Nursery, from which he retired in 2008. He loved gardening, retail and talking with people, which made his work at Hooper's most satisfying.

After retirement he enjoyed spending time restoring his '43 Ford tractor and maintaining their 15-acre property. He had a large asparagus patch, garden, and a beautiful orchard that produced many gallons of apple cider during the annual Huntsman Family and Friends Cider Press. He loved shooting pool with his eldest son Richard, and together they won many tourna-



ments. His other interests included reading, canning and food preservation, and beating almost

everyone at cribbage.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Verle and Mary.

Dale is survived by his wife, Jean, and four children, Richard Huntsman, Cindy Basnett and spouse Jeff, Jennifer Tipton and spouse Daniel, and Ryan Huntsman. He was a loving grandpa to his six grandchildren, Arrika LaSalle, Heather Huntsman, Zackary and Kaedon Basnett, and Ryder and Sierra Tipton.

Dale was an intelligent man of great integrity, had a dry wit, and was very charming. He made friends everywhere he went and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Dale's life will be held at the family home from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

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

Jeri A. Hunt, 61

Jeri A. Hunt, 61, died Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. There will be no ser-

vices held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Pansy J. Hurd, 92

Pansy J. Hurd, born Nov. 20, 1922, passed Sept. 15, 2015, at the age of 92.

She is survived by her eight children, Jack Coleman, Daisy Larson, June Kelly, David Hurd, Leslie Gregory, Ann Hurd, Sandy Booth, Frank Hurd and Emily Heil; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pansy belonged to many clubs in Libby: Montana Institute of the Arts Writers Club and Art Club, Women's Club, Farm Women's and Minerva Minions Club. She also volunteered at



the Libby Museum for five years.

Her husband, Leslie S. Hurd, was born Nov. 22,

1907, and passed Nov. 4, 1995, at the age of 88. She "joins him in hand" along with eight of her siblings, three stepchildren, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. July 23. Both Pansy and Les' ashes will be spread together.

MEMORIALS

Pansy J. Hurd

A memorial service for Pansy J. Hurd, 92, who died Sept. 15, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday,

July 23, at the home of Jack and Emily Heil, 4630 North Fork Road, Columbia Falls.

James Logan 'Jim' Hurst II, 98

James Logan "Jim" Hurst II passed away in Palm Desert, California, on Sept. 12, 2016.

He was born Aug. 28, 1918, in Galata to James Logan Hurst and Clara M. Hurst. Jim grew up on the family "homestead" near Rexford, where hunting and fishing were not only recreation but also a means of survival. As a result, he became an excellent woodsman and hunter. Home was a two-room log cabin that he shared with his parents and five sisters, with the closest neighbor being two miles away.

Jim attended high school during the Great Depression in Eureka. During this time, he spent a year working on the National Bison Range for the Civilian Conservation Corps. He often started school a month late, as summers were spent manning lookouts for the U.S. Forest Service, which required him to stay until fire season was over.

Jim answered the call of duty by enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1941 and attained the rank of first lieutenant. He flew 28 bombing missions over Germany and France as a navigator on a B-17 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for his service in World War II.

Jim married Glenna Olson of Eureka in 1943, while he was stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

He mustered out in 1945 and bought a portable sawmill and a team of horses for skidding logs to the mill in Eureka. This was the beginning of a successful career in the lumber industry that culminated in 1971 when he sold his business, Ksanka Lumber Company, to Plum Creek Lumber Company.

During his retirement Jim took up golf, seek-



ing out the warmth of Palm Desert, Calif., in the winter and spending summers in Kalispell.

He was a member of the LaQuinta Country Club and the Buffalo Hill Golf Club and was instrumental in the construction of the "Championship 18" at Buffalo Hill. He will be remembered for his generous spirit, hard work and good mind at both clubs.

In addition, he was involved in a number of community activities during his time in the Tobacco Valley. Jim was a school board member, a founding member of the Eureka VFW and was instrumental in moving the Fewkes Store from old Rexford to the Historical Village, where it resides today.

Jim epitomized the virtues of the Greatest Generation — hard work, honesty, self discipline, generosity and service to country.

Jim is survived by his son James Hurst III and his wife, Carol; two grandchildren, Jennifer Hurst Troupe (Chris Troupe) and James Hurst IV; his sister Cyrilla Curtis; two great-grandchildren, Joey and Jami Janetski; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Glenna Hurst; his parents, James and Clara Hurst; and four sisters, Betty Patrick, Lola Page, Mary Leighty and Carol Neyland.

A family service is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch in Billings.

Mike Hutchinson, 64,

Mike Hutchinson, 64, passed away at Kalispell Regional Hospital on July 31, 2016, following a massive stroke.

Born William Michael Hutchinson on March 22, 1952, he was raised on a large livestock ranch outside of Cokeville, Wyoming. As a young cowboy surrounded by more animals than people, he became a voracious reader and talented storyteller.

After graduating from high school in 1970, he attended Eastern Montana College in Billings, where he met Peggy Kelly. They were married in 1972 and had two children before divorcing in 1986.

In 1976, Mike and Peggy moved to Kalispell, where Mike discovered his love for stage performance. For over a decade he immersed himself in the Flathead Community Theatre and took on any role, ranging from walk-on support to starring protagonist. In the 1990s he began singing with the Glacier Chorale, along with his mother, sister, and dearest friend, Shauneen.

From 1983 to 2005 Mike was the Children's Librarian at the Flathead County Library, where all of his talents came together to



help him inspire children to read and love books.

In his final years, Mike Returned

to his cowboy ways of youth, becoming a gun expert and historian; his love for guns only rivaled by his love of cinema (especially a good and accurate Western).

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Bill, and his beloved sister, Barb.

He is survived by his mother, Esther; daughter, Michelle, her husband Rob, and their sons, Aidan and Kiran; and son, Brian, his wife Stacy, and Brian's son, Liam.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 23 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family requests that any memorials in Mike's name be made to the Flathead County Library or any of the performing arts organizations of the Flathead.

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

Johnny Hull, 69

Johnny Hull, 69, died Saturday, July 9, 2016, in Kalispell.

Services will be held at

a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.