

Ted Archie Sagen, 54

Ted Archie Sagen passed away the morning of Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, on Sagen Hill in Kalispell.

He was born on May 29, 1962, to Patricia Ann (Shalz) and Lloyd Archie Sagen, also on Sagen Hill. Lloyd passed away in 1964 and Patricia later married Edward Payne. Ted grew up with four siblings, Shelly, Dan and Wendy Sagen, and Edwin Payne. Ted and his ensemble of family, cousins, friends and pets provided countless crazy adventures and family events, giving the farm its character and charm. Ted graduated from Whitefish High School in 1980 and continued on to develop a successful career in plumbing.

On July 7, 1990, Ted married Toni (Libby) Sagen, and together they had three kids, Andrew (24), Jessica (23), and Matthew (19). In 1998, Ted founded Sagen's Plumbing & Heating.



Ted's ingenuity and goofy nature offered his companions endless entertainment, with

the aid of his numerous redneck-engineered contraptions and fearless ambition to push automobiles and his mother's wits to their limits.

Ted was preceded by his father, Lloyd, and his niece, Melissa Sagen.

Survivors include his mother, stepfather and siblings, his children and daughter-in law, and his many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene, under the guidance of Pastor Jason Johnston.

For memorials and donations in lieu of flowers, and for any questions, please contact Toni Sagen at (406) 253-8400.

Shirley Colleen Sakariason, 89

Shirley Colleen Sakariason, 89, passed away Monday, March 14, 2016. She had resided at Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell for the last four years.

She was born Sept. 2, 1926, in Kalispell, and was raised by her parents in Somers on Flathead Lake, until she graduated from Flathead County High School. After graduation she attended business school in Spokane.

She married Wayne Sakariason and they had three daughters. They later divorced and she moved to Seattle, where she lived for 40 years. She returned to the Flathead after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's at the age of 80.

While living in Seattle, Shirley was employed by the Boeing Company as a drafts person until her retirement.

She was a Christian woman, with a strong faith in God and looked forward to being with



the Lord in heaven one day. Her hobbies included gardening and taking care of her many cats.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William McKinley and Bernice Conine; and one brother, Wallace McKinley.

She is survived by her daughters, Charlene Ray of North Carolina, Denise Larson and husband Virgil of Kalispell, and Susan Bissell and husband Greg of Kalispell; and two brothers, Kenneth McKinley of Tacoma, Washington, and Larry McKinley of Sepulvada, California. She is also survived by nine granddaughters, 22 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial will take place at a later date this summer.

Joan Salansky, 82

Joan Salansky, 82, passed away on March 17, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Joan was born to Frances and Alfred Pagano on Nov. 20, 1933, in the Bronx, New York. She lived in the Bronx for her first eight years until her family moved to Yonkers, New York.

She attained her early childhood education at Mount Saint Vincent Academy. She attended Elizabeth Seton Academy for high school. Following her graduation from high school, Joan had a hard time making the decision on where she would go to further her education. Her parents wanted her to stay in New York, even to the point where her father promised her a brand-new car if she'd stay. Despite being an only child, Joan had a strong desire to experience new places, meet new people, and learn new things. Georgetown University is where she aspired to go and, indeed, she made it happen. She went to nursing school and found it challenging, yet rewarding.

Joan met her husband, Jim, on a blind date. Jim was attending Georgetown University Law School. They fell in love and got married on Jan. 7, 1955. Following their marriage, she took the state nursing boards and passed, becoming a full-fledged registered nurse. The two of them moved to Kalispell where Joan experienced a different way of life. She was amazed at the relaxed pace in Montana.

Joan worked for Flathead County as a home health nurse. Following home health care, she worked for School District 5 as a school nurse from 1969 to 1994. She worked at Flathead High School along with several of the local elementary schools.



their children, were involved in an assortment of clubs, teams, lessons and groups. She

was very proud of her children and received great joy from them.

Joan was preceded in death by both of her parents. Her husband, Jim Salansky, passed away on Sept. 23, 1985.

Joan was blessed with eight grandchildren, Shea, Lauren, Kaid, Kiefer, Karissa, Cory, Christopher and Kaleb. She adored each of them and loved watching them grow. She was over the moon when her first great grandchild, Jackson, was born last summer.

Being a member of St. Matthew's Parish was one of the most important aspects of Joan's life. She received a lot of strength and comfort from her faith. Music was also important to her. She loved to sing, dance and listen to many types of music. Joan loved to learn and try new things. She loved being active outdoors. Every chance she got, she enjoyed skiing, hiking, golfing, gardening, playing cards and reading.

Her job as a school nurse changed throughout her 25 years of employment. The early years of her job consisted of making sure the students were up to date on immunizations and health screenings. In the later years, her job became more difficult due to a higher caseload. Joan was saddened by the knowledge of the rough living situations many of the children were faced with. She was the perfect nurse: kind, resourceful and extremely capable.

Joan and Jim had four children. They had a very active household. Susan, Mark, Diane and Marie,

Zukhra I. Salimkhodjaeva, 67

Zukhra I. Salimkhodjaeva, 67, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, in Kalispell.

No services are

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

Prestige Assisted Living was her residence for the last five years. She loved living there, and she considered everyone who worked and lived there part of her family. She continued to utilize her nursing skills and compassion with many of her friends who lived there. Our family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation towards the staff at both Prestige Assisted Living and the Immanuel Lutheran Home. The love and compassion you all showed our mother was above and beyond what we could have ever expected. Somehow, each and every one of you found your own unique way to comfort and reassure her. We are amazed at the care you provide on a daily basis, and we are forever grateful to all of you.

A public viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and a rosary will immediately follow at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with a burial following at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Patricia Ann Sanders, 95

Patricia Ann Sanders, 95, passed away Nov. 8, 2016, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Clifton, Arizona, to Harry and Katherine Martin. She was raised in Clifton until she was 14, then moved to Los Angeles.

Patricia graduated from Pasadena High school and went onto get her teaching degree at UCLA. She married Ralph Sanders in 1961 in Kalispell, and they were married for 41 years until his death.

After graduation, Pat was a PE teacher as well as a swim coach at Hemet High School in Hemet, California. Pat and Ralph had many adventures running a water taxi on the Colorado River as well as a commercial harvesting company from 1948 to 1952. They spent a winter working at the Grand Canyon hauling guano from the bat caves. After that they moved to the Flathead Valley and started pig farming in 1960. Their farm eventually became Farm to Market Pork, which they sold in 1977.

Pat was a member of a group called the "Golden Girls." She was also an active member of the Bonnie West "Primitimers" group. She was always busy with something. She loved gardening, canning, fishing, hunting, travel, combine races, dog sledding, laughing and playing with her best friend (her dog Tillie). Pat was also a card playing fool.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Sanders; father, Harry Klingler Martin; mother, Kathryn Mary Smith; and her sister, Helen.

She is survived by her sons, Bob Sanders and Tom Sanders and Dave Sanders; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and Pat's ashes will be spread with her best puppy, Tillie. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday Nov. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com.

Edith Sanders, 81

Edith Sanders, loving wife, mother and grandmother, peacefully passed away in her home with family surrounding her on Jan. 11, 2016, after a battle with cancer.

She was born May 14, 1934, to Ansel and Helen Filloon Anderson in Fort Collins, Colorado. Edith graduated from Timnath High School in 1952 and in the following year, she married the love of her life, Edwin H. Sanders on Jan. 18, 1953, and together, they completed almost 63 years of marriage.

Edith was born into and loved the life of farming and she worked beside her husband on a Colorado dairy farm which also produced hay and corn crops. After moving from Colorado to the family farm located at Creston, they raised wheat, hay, barley and



beef. She took great pride in her talent of swathing and baling a field of alfalfa with "Not a missed corner or alfalfa stem left standing in the field."

When she was not driving her Allis Chalmers 7045 tractor, she drove a yellow school bus taking community students to their schools. The pinnacle of her nearly 40 years and one million miles of driving a school bus was when she received the Montana School Bus Driver of the Year Award in 2004.

After retiring, she found pleasure in quilting, growing beautiful flower gardens and enjoy-

ing her family. Anyone who knew Edith saw her strong faith and belief in her savior, Jesus Christ, and we daily received the blessings of her prayers and faithfulness.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Wayne Anderson, son-in-law Ronald Doll, two baby cherub babies Doll, and granddaughter Madison Mae Murer.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin; and her sister, Laura Langan; three daughters, Debra Doll, Coleen and Richard Baars, and Connie and Keith Murer. Grandchildren include James, and Andrew and Katie Doll, Richard M. Baars, Robert and Amy Baars, and Michaela, Mackenna, McKinlie and McCall Murer. Great grandchildren include Riley, Dru

and Gideon Doll, and Jordan, Kyan and Scarlett Baars; as well as loved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Edith will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St., Kalispell, with graveside services held at the Lone Pine Cemetery, Montana 83, Bigfork. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Edith and her life following the services which will be held at the Swan River Community Hall, 115 Swan River Road, Swan River.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch and School, P.O. Box 940, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0940.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond G. Sanders, 76

Raymond G. Sanders, 76, of Kalispell, passed away Feb. 25, 2016, surrounded by his family.

He was born April 29, 1939 to William and Iva Sanders in Helena. At the age of 3 his family moved to a farm in Lower Valley which he later purchased from his parents and expanded with his wife, Darlene. Ray graduated from Flathead High School in 1957 and married his high school sweetheart in 1963.

Ray enjoyed life to the fullest, but his two passions were family and flying. After 50 years of farming, he realized this piece of his life took up too much of his playtime, so he retired making flying and restoring aircraft his career. He later discovered his talent and love for wood carving.

Ray served on the board of the Agricultural Soil Conservation Service (ASCS) and was the area Air Search Coordinator for Montana Aeronautics Division. He had served as president of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the Montana Pilots



Association (MPA), the Montana Antique Airplane Association (MAAA), was a member

of Village Greens Wood Carvers, and was the current Chairman of Flathead County Weed and Parks Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Robert "Bob" Sanders and Horace Sanders and one sister Alice Funk.

He is survived by his wife Darlene; daughter Lori Moran and her husband Billy Moran; two granddaughters Kodee Wagner and Bella Moran; one grandson Dustin Moran; brother William "Bill" Sanders; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo building.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William James Sandson, 23

William James Sandson's life ended unexpectedly on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016, at the young age of 23.

William's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. Whether he was known to you as William, Billy, Will, Bill, Billiam, or any one of his other monikers, the fact that you knew him makes you one of the lucky ones. His quick wit, incredible sense of humor, kind and loving heart and giving spirit made him more special to more people than he would ever know.

William's life was lived in service to his country and to others. He began the service to his country when he joined ROTC in high school. Upon graduating high school, he continued his service by joining the Air Force. He served in Germany and in 2014, he left the Air Force and returned home to Fontana, California. His return coincided with his parents moving from Fontana to Kalispell. In the same fashion of servitude, William chose to move with his parents and help them with their relocation. William chose to stay in Kalispell, but he was not finished yet. He still needed to serve his country and decided to join the National Guard. Yes, folks, he chose to go through Basic Training again, this



time for the Army, so that he could further serve his country. As if that wouldn't be more than enough for most, he then decided to become

an EMT so that he could volunteer at the local Evergreen Fire Department. William may have had a short life, but he lived. He served. He loved. William accomplished more in his short time here than most would in a lifetime.

William is survived by his parents, Dale and Kristin Sandson, of Kalispell; his sister, Rebecka De Leon, her husband, Luis De Leon, and his nephew David De Leon of Fontana; and his maternal grandmother, Marlene Polk, of Corona, California. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 South Main Street, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

William's final resting place will be Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to your favorite charity in William's name.

Leona Sanford, 86

Leona Sanford, 86, of Kalispell, died April 19, 2016, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Mike Sanford, Kathy Mathers, Jenny Stevens, Tim Sanford, Dan Sanford and Jessica Lenz.

Services to be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Canvas Church in Kalispell.

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

Kari Jo Scharsu, 57

Kari Jo Scharsu, 57, of Philipsburg, formerly of the Columbia Falls area, died Monday, Jan. 18, 2016, at her residence in Philipsburg.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 30, at the First Baptist Church, Columbia Falls.

Longfellow Finnegan Riddle Funeral & Cremation Service of Philipsburg is entrusted with funeral arrangements.

Robert L. Schrock, 96

Robert L. Schrock, 96, died April 18, 2016, in Kalispell.

Robert is survived by a daughter, Nancy Scaggs, and a son, Rob Schrock.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2016, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Shirley Marie Scherpenseel, 89

Shirley Marie Scherpenseel, 89, passed away on Dec. 30, 2015, in Denver, Colorado.

Shirley was born in Rockfork, Illinois, on Dec. 15, 1926, to Leo and Marie (Ober) Polleys.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Dennis Pratt and Dale Pratt.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, at Canvas Church in Kalispell.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalo-hillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Julius 'Jay' Schmeeckle, 85

Julius "Jay" Schmeeckle, 85, "went to be with the Lord" on Sept. 29, 2016, in Kalispell from an unexpected heart complication.

He was born in Stoneham, Colorado, on March 23, 1931, and raised on a farm with three brothers and one sister.

Jay was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1954, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. He earned the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Upon returning home after duty, Jay married Rita Lively and raised three children. He became a master plumber, and it was his life's work until retirement. Jay was a multi-talented man and was an archaeologist, acquiring a wonderful collection of early man. He made toy cars out of metal to scale, could paint pictures, and he loved auctions and garage sales.

In the late 1970s, Jay moved to Kalispell and built a mobile home court and storage facility. He met and married Beverly (Jensen) Soderstrom in 1983.



Jay was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister and his beautiful daughter, Julie.



He is survived by his wife, Beverly,

at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, David Schmeeckle of Kalispell and Darin Schmeeckle of Conifer, Colorado; four stepchildren, Sheryl Soderstrom of Sanders, Arizona, Karen Jam of Sun City West, Arizona, Bill Soderstrom, Jr. of Kalispell, and LeAnn Meadows of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews living in Colorado and cousins in Kalispell and Bigfork.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the veterans or a charity of your choice.

Harold Lavern Schiele, 77

Harold Lavern Schiele passed away Aug. 26, 2016.

He was born in Pontiac, Michigan, to Martin and Elsie Schiele on July 8, 1939.

Harold was a skilled carpenter and also built log homes and swimming pools. Later in life he was known as "Montana Gold." He had a karaoke system and played at many establishments around the area. He could always be depended on to sing and play for all family get togethers; music was a big part of his life. He was also an avid old car enthusiast and enjoyed restoring and showing old vehicles.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church all of his life. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Marie Ida Schiele; four children, Dale Schiele (Pam) of Scottsdale, Arizona, Rhonda Hogan of Tempe, Arizona, Barbara Hill (Dwayne) of Sweetwater, Texas, and Sandra



Burby of Kalispell; two sisters, Delores David of Oregon and Sandra Noble of Kalispell;

five brothers, Dennis Schiele, Larry Schiele and Stewarts Schiele of Ronan, Ronald Schiele of Washington, and Raymon Schiele of Eureka; son-in-law Jeff LaFromboise of Arlee; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by parents, Martin and Elsie Schiele; two sisters; Eileen Frazier and Donna Toelke, two brothers, Marvin Schiele and Norman Schiele; and a daughter, Jerilyn LaFromboise

Services will be Sept. 3 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ronan; viewing will be at 9 a.m. with services following at 11 a.m. There will be a dinner following at the church and all are invited.

Jerome 'Jerry' Schmuck, 65

Jerome "Jerry" Schmuck, 65, died Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in Eureka. At his request, no services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Faye was active in volunteer work at St. John's Lutheran Church and School, and she and her husband Mark received the synodical Crest of Christ Award. She was a member of the hospital auxiliary, a Red Cross volunteer, served on the Lincoln County Election board, and was a member of Cabinet View Golf Club Women's Golf Association. Faye was always generous with her time and support for

Memorials can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 1017 Montana Ave., Libby, MT 59923; or Libby Memorial Events Center, 111 E. Lincoln Blvd. Libby, MT 59923.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Margaret Faye Schoknecht, 88

Margaret Faye Matthews Schoknecht "went home to be with her Lord" on Dec. 6, 2016.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1928, in Latham, Kansas, to Ben and Dorothy Matthews — "A Kansas Sunflower Girl born in a 'Little House on the Prairie'" with her sister Inez. The Great Depression and Dust Bowl made it difficult for families to survive, including the Matthews. So, in 1940, the family sold everything in Kansas and loaded up an old Oldsmobile to homestead in Northwest Montana. Faye's uncle Henry Williams had purchased property in the Fisher River area. Faye's parents bought the adjoining 20 acres of land and built a one-room log cabin. Due to limited transportation, and in order to attend high school, Faye moved to Troy at the age of 14 to live and work in a boarding house. Faye graduated from Troy High School in 1945 and went to work at the local grocery store.

She then had the opportunity to work at the logging camp in Warland, Montana, where she met her husband Mark Schoknecht. They were married on Sept. 27, 1951, in Kalispell. They moved with the logging camp from Warland to Rexford, then to Libby in 1955 when Mark became the logging manager for the J. Neils Lumber Company. They purchased their home on the Kootenai River where they lived for 50 years. She and Mark loved to travel and visited many countries abroad and, after Mark retired, spent winters in Palm Desert, California. They relished their "couples club" bridge nights and weekend trips. Mark and Faye enjoyed all of their children and grandchildren's activities.



community projects.

Faye loved her church activities, golf group, bridge clubs and spending time at Crystal Lake and Lake McDonald. She cherished her ladies night outings every Friday with her lifelong friends.

Faye was the chief cook during the cherry harvest at the family orchard on Flathead Lake and was known to bake the very best "cherry pies" (which she loved to share).

Faye moved to Whitefish in June of 2016 to be closer to family as she faced new medical challenges.

Faye was preceded in death by her parents Ben and Dorothy Matthews, sister Inez Mercer, husband Mark Schoknecht, and sister-in-law Dorothy Schoknecht.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Sandman, and her husband, Bob, of Whitefish; son, Joel Schoknecht, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Stacia Fisher and husband Cameron of Issaquah, Washington, Brandann Rohrer of Whitefish, Ashley Rohrer-Smith and husband Kevin of Bigfork, Logan Sandman of Columbia Falls, and Rylene Schoknecht of Kalispell; and two twin great-grandchildren, Liam Fisher and Hamish Fisher, of Issaquah, Washington.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1017 Montana Ave., Libby. The interment will then be held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A celebration of life for all friends and family will follow from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1840 U.S. Highway 93 South, Kalispell.

George John Schrade, 84

George John Schrade passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 28, at the age of 84 and a half in Lakeview Terrace Assisted Home in Bigfork.

Born and raised in Kalispell, he was the son of immigrant German parents John and Elizabeth Schrade, and with the exception of a two-year draft assignment in Fort Lee, Virginia, for the United States Army, he was a lifelong resident of Kalispell.

In his early years, George was raised on the family farm and helped with the family farm. He attended Flathead County High School. He became an All-State tackle and center for the Braves football team and helped lead his team to the 1951 State Championship game against Butte.

He met his first wife, Dorothy Kelleher, at a logging camp in the Red Meadows while working as a sawyer for Koenig Logging. George spent 30 years in the employ of Royal Logging and Plum Creek Lumber as both a sawyer and later as a woods boss. He then became a business partner with O'Neil Printers in Kalispell until his full retirement.

He was an active member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher for over 50 years, often participating in the fund-raising activities at the



fair booth during Northwest Montana Fair Days. He was also a member of the Eagles Club.

George loved sports and was competitive on all levels as he competed throughout his life and won many awards as an avid recreational bowler, later competing in the senior league. He was equally competitive, as he loved to play and compete in family card games and horseshoes.

He also loved to camp in the woods with his family and friends. He loved to play golf, and in his early years found great enjoyment fly fishing in the South Fork and other outings, including salmon fishing trips to Alaska. He won All Around Montana Logger in 1981, with his skills in the annual competition, scoring perfect in sawing and ax throwing.

During his grandchildren's sports years he was a dedicated grandfather, always in attendance as he never missed a game while they grew up in the Flathead Valley and often attending musical recitals throughout the valley. He kept up with professional, college and local sports activities and was continually aware of events as a

sports enthusiast.

In his latter years, George played in the Seniors Kitchen Band and donated much of his time along with his wife, Marge, entertaining seniors at various events, often on a weekly basis. His commitment to helping others was evident throughout his lifetime, as he leaves behind many family and friends who were the recipients of his endless generosity.

He had a profound love for his country, always debating politics, and he will be greatly missed by his family, his friends as we remember his Schrade grin.

He leaves his wife of eight years, Marge Schrade; his son, Tony, and wife Alyce Schrade, of Castro Valley, California; his daughters, Pam Schrade and Bonnie Grubb, both of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Jarod Grubb, Nathan Grubb, Ryan Grubb and Allison and their father Franklin Grubb of Kalispell; his stepsons, Howard, Gene and Gary Littlefield; his brother, Karl and his wife Carol Schrade; his sister Linda and husband Dick Tabatt; his sister-in-law Marie Greeson

and his many nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Schrade; his son, Matt Schrade; his father, John; his mother, Elizabeth; and his step-mother, Maria Schrade.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and a rosary service will be said at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and a funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

James L. Schreckendgust, 81

On Feb. 8, 2016, James L. Schreckendgust "left this earth in search of a more heavenly place to harvest timber."

Jim was born to Charles and Xavier "Toots" Schreckendgust on Aug. 20, 1934, in a small cabin in Florence. One of six kids, Jim grew up quickly and stepped in to help take care of the family after his father passed away.

He met and married Gladys Swigert, and together they raised four children before Gladys succumbed to cancer. Jim remarried and added to his family when he and his wife Sandy welcomed another baby girl along with Sandy's three children.

On Oct. 11, 1980, Jim married Rosie at a small ceremony in St. Regis, adding three more children into the combined family. He and Rosie continued to expand their family by opening their home to 13 international exchange students over a 10-year period.

He spent his life logging amongst a grand cast of characters, always providing for his family and teaching life lessons in a most unconventional manner. His ability to find good in others and offer forgiveness added to a long list of lifetime friendships.

Music was a big part of Jim's life, and he was known for loving both kinds of music — Country and Western. He was quick to initiate an impromptu jam session among his many friends and family members who



also shared his love and talent for music.

Jim is survived by his wife Rosie; son Jimbo and his wife Judy; daughter Pam; daughter Tina and her husband Randy; son Charlie and his husband Steve; daughter Marcia; daughter Julie and her partner Jorge; son Eric; son Chris and his wife Lila; son Eddy and his wife Michelle; daughter Carrie and her husband Mike; and daughter Christy and her husband Tim; grandchildren, James, Denise, Jason, Chandra, Alexis, Cassy, Joshua, Christian, Ryley and Emma; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Brady, Austin, Jadyn, Jacob and Macie; brother, Charles and his wife Lorelei; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Gladys; brothers John, Delbert and Bill; and sisters Mary Ellen and Dlorah.

A celebration of life is planned for 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the St. Regis Community Center, immediately followed by a brief graveside service and a potluck meal. We welcome anyone to come and share their memories of our beloved dad and husband.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that any donations be made to the Music Department at St. Regis School.

Alvin C. Schroeder, 69

Alvin C. Schroeder, 69, of Kalispell, passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday, Dec. 26, 2016, after a long, hard fought battle with Parkinson's disease.

Alvin was born on March 25, 1947, to John Alvin Schroeder and Rose Maria Holler in Williston, North Dakota. A year later the family moved to a small farm and ranch on Highway 40 near Columbia Falls. His father John installed a passion in Alvin for all animals and the ranching lifestyle. While in high school he helped with the family farm, he was the head bass drummer in the band, and also played both basketball and football, developing into a lifelong love of sports.

After graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1966, Alvin joined his father in working for American Timber at the saw mill in Olney. Throughout those early years he worked for several large ranches in Montana, as well as working in the timber industry both logging and brush piling.

In 1984 Alvin purchased his own small ranch in Marion, and in August of that same year he married the love of his life, Marian Michener. Their family was complete with the birth of their son, Jared, in 1986.

Alvin instilled his love of sports and animals

in both his son Jared and his niece Shelley by teaching them all he knew of each. Their favorite trips were heading to Carpenter's Arena for stock sales and rodeos, the fair for the horse races and his son's basketball and Little League baseball games. In fact, he coached both youth baseball and basketball and was instrumental in building the baseball fields next to Marion Elementary School.

He absolutely loved working with his wife on the ranch, training cattle dogs, bringing in lambs in the cold spring months and raising cattle. At the onset of Parkinson's, Alvin and his family moved to Kalispell. Alvin always lived his life with the value that his handshake was as binding as a contract and treated all he knew with respect and trust.

Alvin was preceded in death by both his parents.

He is survived by his wife Marian, son Jared, sister Marlene Struck, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A private family gathering will be held.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any Parkinson's research organization of the giver's choosing.

Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kacey Camille Scott, 40

Kacey Camille Scott was born in Fresno, California, on Oct. 28, 1976, and died at Oro Valley Hospital, Arizona, on Dec. 9, 2016, of organ failure.

She was raised in Kalispell and worked in health care at the HealthCenter, a part of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, for many years as a certified professional coder.

She is survived by Aaron Gibson, her soul-mate for 20 years; parents, Ron and Camille Scott; grandmother, Billie



Gossett; aunt and uncle, Sharon and Rob Holden, of Missoula; and other cousins

and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Herb and Florence Russell; uncle, Butch Gossett; and grandfather, Buck Gossett.

Kacey loved life, people and animals. During a summer vacation she volunteered her time at

the Best Friends Animal Society Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. Kacey loved to camp, boat, travel and be by the ocean with Aaron and her friends. Her passion focused on the ladies' bowling league in Whitefish. Her main goal in life was to be with people and make them feel special and important.

A celebration/reflection on her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. In May, her ashes will be placed with her grandparents' on

the family property.

Because of her love for animals, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating you money or your time to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana-HAP Fund, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell MT, which provides care for the sick and injured animals. This is Kacey's love and you too can make a difference.

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

Robert 'Bob' Gabriel Scott, 85

Robert "Bob" Gabriel Scott, 85, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at his home in Lakeside of natural causes.

Bob was born on May 30, 1930, in Great Falls to Walter Scott and Grace (Camp) Scott. He was raised in Great Falls where he attended grade school, and junior high at Paris Gibson in Great Falls, then attended high school his freshman year at Fort Benton High School, and the remaining years at Great Falls High School, graduating in 1948.

Bob ranched at his parents' Loma Ranch in Loma, then did an apprenticeship in auto



mechanics at Robinson Motors in Great Falls.

Bob joined the Air National Guard after high school and was activated by the U.S. Air Force in 1951. While



serving his country, he served as an aircraft mechanic and was stationed at George Air Force Base in Victorville, California, and Shepherd Air Force Base in Texas. He was honorably discharged July 19, 1952.

Bob married Joyce

Sheveland in Great Falls in 1953.

After almost 30 years Bob retired from the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Jason Cox, brothers Gilbert and Norman Scott, and sisters Helen Jorgenson and Juanita Sutherland.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Joyce (Sheveland) Scott; daughter Bobbie Scott, grandchild Chad Wenger, and nephews David Sutherland and wife

Fern, Scott Sutherland and Mack Sutherland.

We would like to thank Dr. Davis and Dr. Palchuk for the amazing care they provided Bob for many, many years.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Lakeside QRU. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Lakeside Community Church.

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

Ronda S. Scott, 62

Ronda S. Scott, 62, of Helena, died Thursday, July 7, 2016.

Viewing will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, July 11, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave. in Helena. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 12, at the Helena First Assembly of God Church, 2210 Dodge Ave. Burial with full military honors will follow at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison. A reception will follow the burial at the Fort Harrison Service Club.

Warren Harvey 'Scotty' Scott, 93

Warren Harvey "Scotty" Scott, Chief Master Sgt. of the U.S. Air Force (Retired), was born on May 21, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio, and passed on Oct. 14, 2016, in Whitefish.

Military service: When World War II began, Warren enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 to become a pilot. Unfortunately, the Air Corps had plenty of pilots, so he was sent to radio school and was assigned to the 439th Troop Carrier Group. During the war he was stationed in England and carried the 101st Airborne Infantry in on D-Day. When the war was over he was sent home and discharged in 1945. He re-enlisted in 1947 and was assigned to the 37th Troop Carrier Squadron in Greenville, South Carolina, and later to Rapid City, South Dakota. In 1949, he transferred to fighter jets and moved to Texas with the 561st Fighter Squadron. In 1952, he was line chief of 16 F-84 jets as part of a task force for Operation Ivy, which was the test explosion of the first hydrogen bomb. Hours after the explosion, he found himself aiding a downed F-84 jet at ground



zero. It took six hours of shower scrubbing to reduce his Geiger counter readings to acceptable.



Later, during the '50s, he was stationed in Japan, servicing planes that were a part of the Korean War and eventually was stationed in Guam. In about 1956, he transferred to the Bomber Command, 3rd Air Division, Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. After four years in that position he was reassigned to Castle Air Force Base in the California central valley, overseeing B-52s and KC-135 refueling tankers. About 1962, he was selected for the 47th Air Division Inspector General's team at that base. During his service he received assorted medals and was the first master sergeant elevated to the new rank designation of senior master sergeant, and after that, the first selected to become chief master sergeant. He was highly revered by

his fellow service men and ranking officers who considered him the best enlisted man they had known in the service. He finished his career at Castle and retired in 1964.

Personal life: Warren was one of five children born to Bessie and Winfield Scott, an older sister and brother and two younger brothers. When growing up, the Depression took its toll and he quit school at age 12 to help support his family by working in a local garage. That work experience shaped the rest of his life. When things got better he returned to graduate high school and college. Through a friend he met Dorothy Couchey and they married in December of 1943. During his assignments and travels, Dorothy was always there handling the home front and providing support. In 1948 Warren was stationed in South Carolina, but was on leave for the birth of their son, Toby, in Los Angeles. As time and base assignments changed, the three of them traveled both for Warren's work and visiting friends and relatives in Cleveland, Los Angeles and around the country.

Money was tight so camping along the way were the usual accommodations. Warren, with the help of Toby, maintained their cars and homes with repairs and improvements.

On retiring from the Air Force in 1964 he moved the family to Santa Barbara, California, joining Dorothy's sisters and parents living there. They purchased a modest home and Security Pacific Bank hired Warren in the real estate appraisal department. Twenty years later he retired from that career as a regional vice president of the Bank of America. Over the years, Warren and Dorothy enjoyed traveling with their van, trailer or motor home, going to various destinations in the U.S. and flying abroad. Warren had resumed riding a motorcycle and was especially fond of taking trips around town or around the country. It was not uncommon for him to go on a jaunt of 1,000 miles over a weekend with his best friend and brother-in-law. He eventually rode over 600,000 miles on his cycles.

Warren was involved with the Elks, as a board member and president,

and the American Legion supporting their causes. When his son established himself in Whitefish, trips for a visit occurred several times a year. With the birth of a grandson, Wyatt, Warren was finally motivated to leave Santa Barbara and move to Whitefish in 2004. When asked, "What about all the friends and activities you have in Santa Barbara?" he replied, "I'll make new ones." That same year, Dorothy's developing Alzheimer's proved too much and Warren had to move her to the Whitefish Care facility, two blocks from their home. As a devoted husband, he went to visit and feed her several times a day, every day, until her passing in 2009. He continued on helping at the senior center and frequenting the VFW to visit with friends. At age 85, he stopped riding his motorcycle as his mobility had been diminished from hip surgery on one side and full replacement on the other. After

a series of falls due to his failing balance, he resorted to a walker, but that did not stop him from independent living and his regular rounds. An inadvertent fall in September 2016 left him disoriented and confined to bed in a nursing home until his passing.

His son Toby, grandson Wyatt, ex-daughter-in-law Michelle, and his brother Dick, living in New Jersey, survive him. From his siblings he has nieces and nephews around the country.

Warren enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest with dedication to his upbringing and military training and experience. Ever the soldier until the end, he always had a smile for everyone. He will be missed.

Expressions of condolence and donations should be sent to the Whitefish VFW Post 276, 20 Baker Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Warren's family.

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Albert Schultz, 91

Albert Schultz, 91, of Kalispell, died July 28, 2016, in Warm Springs.

He is survived by his son, Philip Schultz of Kalispell, and daughter, Christine Calhoun of Butte. A graveside ser-

vice will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Keith M. Schuman, 64

Keith M. Schuman passed away July 24, 2016, at his home in Sherwood, Oregon.

Keith was born Aug. 28, 1951, to Walter and Gladys Schuman in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1969. He then attended Flathead Valley Community College.

He was involved in the insurance business as well as banking for many years in Kalispell, Libby and Columbia Falls. Keith and his wife, Marsha, later moved to Portland where he started his own business, Product Management Resources, which he ran until the time of his passing.

Being a caring and social person, he loved being on a golf team, was a member of the Elks in Libby, a member of the Kalispell JayCees and served six years with the Montana National Guard as a medic.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Gladys Schuman.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha (Mangels); daughters Mandy Jo (Taylor) Barrow of Virginia, Meghan (Trent) Gardner of Manhattan,



and Emily (Jeramie) Strawderman of Kalispell; sister Sandy (Paul) Palmer of Fairview, Oregon; and brothers Laurie (Bonnie) and Ray (Rainey) Schuman, both of Kalispell.

Keith was a hard-working man who loved his wife, kids and dearly loved his grandkids, Ava, Emery, Christian, Gabe, Avery, Kyler and Echo. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews and untold numbers of lives he touched during his lifetime.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a reception to follow at the Kalispell Eagles Lodge.

To send condolences to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Doris Norine Sjordal Seel, 99

Doris Norine Sjordal Seel was born in Kremlin, Montana, on April 24, 1916, to May and Odin Sjordal. She departed this life peacefully and well-loved Monday, Jan. 25, 2016.

Doris attended grade school in Kremlin and graduated from Havre High School.

She married William F. Seel in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1982, as did a son, John, in 1989 and a granddaughter, Valerie Van Koten, in 1976.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Havre until 1974 and a member of Atonement Lutheran in Missoula since then. She was a member of OES No. 30 of Havre, as well as Women's Club of Missoula.

She is survived by four daughters and their husbands, Barbara and Jack Van Koten of Havre, Joyce and Gary Blazek of Spokane, Judy and Wayne Mathis of White Sulphur Springs, and Carol and Terry Egeland of Missoula. Two sons and their wives also survive her, Bill and Mary Jo Seel, of Bigfork, and Jim and Peggy Seel, of Missoula.

Grandchildren are Melanie and Joe Eve, Stephanie and Brent Hinger, Lynn and Shawn Bubb, Mike and Anne Seel, Carla Blazek, Bob Blazek, Greg Kiedrowski, Mark and Shannon Kiedrowski, Erin and Jeff Miller, Ross Egeland and Lindsey and Curt Bell.

Doris was loving great-grandmother to 16 great-grandchildren with another on the way.



She would surprise everyone with outlandish costumes. She loved to cook, bake and enter-

tain. Maple sticks, apple pie, apple dumplings, banana bread and cookies were all her specialties.

Doris especially loved holidays and decorating her home. She adored music, flowers, reading and traveling. Always surrounded by a vibrant group of friends, Doris supported everyone she knew. Even on short bus rides across Montana, she would make lifelong friends. She played bridge into her 90s – and she won. She loved classy clothes and wore high heels daily – until we hid them from her for her safety. She was active in the Lutheran church all of her life.

Doris loved Montana, the mountains and especially the cabin on Swan River. Even before there was indoor plumbing, a phone or TV, she spent summers there with her children. Her kids ate trout and pancakes for breakfast, swam in the river, climbed to the tops of trees, ate lunch in the tree house, explored the woods, and played outside after dark. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue these traditions that have endured for more than 70 years on the Swan.

She loved life and faced triumphs and calamities with a quiet strength. Her sense of humor lives on as we remember her hysterical one-liners. Our memories will keep her in our hearts forever. We are all blessed to have known and loved her.

MEMORIALS

Richard 'Dick' Seibert

A Masonic memorial service for Richard "Dick" Seibert, 80, formerly of Polson, who died Dec. 11 will be at 7 p.m.

July 1 at the Masonic Lodge, 1102 Fourth Ave. E, Polson. Refreshments will follow the service.

Richard E. Seidel, 87

Richard E. Seidel, 87, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, in Kalispell. Arrangements are

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

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she was happiest when surrounded by family. She enjoyed the school, athletic and social events of her children and later, her grandchildren, and she loved the Griz. She taught, by example, the value of unconditional love as she took care of her husband Bill for many years. Family reunions and activities were important to her.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the staff at Edgewood Vista who took care of Doris compassionately and lovingly for the past six years.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Burial will take place in Havre.

Robert W. Selton Jr., 66

Robert "Bob" Selton of Longwood, Florida, passed away Monday, July 25, 2016, peacefully at home surrounded by family.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cynthia Selton, and family.

Bob was born in Fort Benning, Georgia, in June of 1950 to Evelyn K. and Col. Robert W. Selton Sr. He was an Army brat and graduated high school from Frankfurt American High, Germany. He attended Rollins College, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1972 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1973 from the Crummer Graduate School of Business. Bob rowed crew and played soccer for the Tars, and was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

He had a long career in real estate at Amelia Island Plantation. He worked in sales and development throughout his career and life. People have always stated he was successful because of his work ethic, knowledge, fairness and intuition.

Bob was an active member of his community. He was past president of the Rotary of Fernandina Beach, past board member of First Coast Community Bank (Synovus Bank), past president of Amelia Island Montessori School, past member of Rollins College board of trustees, past Rollins College Alumni board president, past member on the Florida State College at Jacksonville board of directors, past Minorca property owner board member, past Amelia



Island Sea Turtle Patrol member, and he coached many sporting teams (swimming, baseball

and soccer) through the years.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed working with his hands. He enjoyed everything from walleye fishing in Canada, whitewater rafting, skiing, hiking in the wilderness, to ranching and riding horses in Montana. He became a Montana rancher over the last 20 years, and that became his passion and a job where he could do all that he loved.

He was an Eagle Scout, and he taught his son and grandchildren the skills needed to understand life, nature, wildlife, safety and survival. The grandkids told others their "Papa was the smartest man in the world."

He was a devoted husband for over 20 years, the foundation for his son and two daughters, a pillar of strength for his brothers, a teacher for his grandkids, and will be missed and never forgotten by all his friends, family and those who worked and knew him over the years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Robert W. Selton Jr. to the Boys and Girls Club in your area that you specify. Please send checks to

Boys and Girls Club of America, Attn.: Resource Development, 1275 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309.

Monte Senner, 83

Monte Senner, 83, died a later date. Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, in Buffalo Hill Funeral Kalispell. Home is caring for the family. Services will be held at

Greg Sennett, 58

Greg Sennett, 58, died a later date. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, Buffalo Hill Funeral in Kalispell. Home is caring for the family. Services will be held at

Garfield Nicholas Servo, 82

Garfield Servo passed away at home in his sleep on April 24, 2016, after a brief battle with cancer and heart failure. Much thanks to his daughter Karen for caring for him during his last 11 months so he could stay home.

Garfield was born to Nick Servo and Freida Storholm Dec. 21, 1933, in Sidney. He was the oldest of seven children.

Garfield enlisted in the U.S. Air Force before finishing high school. He got his GED, and was stationed in England during the Korean War. He was an instrument mechanic from 1952 to 1956.

On Nov. 15, 1953, he married Norma Ginther in Fairview. They had three daughters, Sherry, Joyce and Karen. Norma and Garfield moved to the Seattle area in 1957. Garfield worked at Boeing, Todd's Shipyard, and later in new construction while learning the electrical trade. After moving the family back to Montana in 1969, he worked for the aluminum plant and Plum Creek in Columbia Falls. Garfield continued his electrical education while working full time and received his master's license. In 1974 Garfield started his own business building houses as a contractor, Servo Construction. He built many houses in the Flathead Valley and also did handyman work, repairs and remodeling. He loved building and was a very hard worker,



the '70s. They played locally for many years. You could always enjoy dancing to their polkas, waltzes and country music. Garfield and Norma were excellent dancers, and enjoyed dancing every weekend they could. They enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, pinochle, and especially their family and grandkids. Garfield had a great sense of humor, and always had a twinkle in his eye when he was telling a good story. Garfield lovingly cared for his wife Norma until her death on June 16, 2014.

He was a longtime member of the Eagles and Moose clubs.

Garfield is survived by his daughters, Sherry Abel and partner Brian Whirry of Kalispell, Joyce Hanson and her husband Darren of Kalispell, and Karen Servo at the family home and Springfield, Oregon. He has five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly. Grandkids include Christa Handford of Kalispell, Joel Mueller of Vancouver, Washington,

rarely stopping to chat while on the job!

Garfield was a self-taught guitar player and formed a band with his wife Norma and daughter Karen in

Michelle Thomas of Bend, Oregon, and Jake Finsaas of Springfield, Oregon.

He is also survived by his sisters, Sharon Woodworth of Arizona and Linda Eaton of Glendive; and brothers, Peter Servo of Pahrump, Nevada, Nicky of Stockton, California, and Doug Servo of Kalispell.

Garfield was preceded in death by his wife Norma Ginther Servo, granddaughter Jennifer

Lynn Servo, sister Gayle Harp Zinn, and son-in-law Thomas Abel.

A celebration of Garfield's life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with full military rites. A luncheon at the church will follow. Contributions may be made in memory of Garfield to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

Robert 'Dr. Bob' Shapiro, 92

Dr. Robert "Dr. Bob" Shapiro died peacefully on Tues., March 29, 2016.

He was born August 8, 1923 in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Max Shapiro and Edith Goldstein Shapiro, the oldest of three children. His siblings, Bernard and Judith, chose to remain living on the East coast, while Robert took up the life of a gypsy until he later settled in California.

He attended high school in Springfield and went on to college at the University of Vermont. He then proceeded to dental school at Columbia University, though he had an underlying desire to be a physician. However, he continued on to serve in the U.S. Army as a dentist in San Francisco towards the end of World War II. There he met the love of his life, an irresistible Army nurse, Florence L. Murphy, and they married in 1947.

Two daughters were later born, Sheila Ann and Amy Louise.

With Florence's encouragement, Robert decided to return to medical school in a quest to become a surgeon, and he graduated with a medical degree from the University of Kentucky in Louisville. He lived to care for others.

His career path took him and his family to Salt Lake City for his internship and finally to San Francisco, where he completed training in what was then called plastic surgery. He embarked on said career during the infamous "Carol Doda" era in San Francisco's North Beach but soon moved on to the East Bay Area, where he transitioned into a very dedicated trauma and burn repair surgeon.

Being so involved in his career left little time for personal pursuits; however, he loved weekend road trips with his family, he was never without a



dog, and he was an avid reader and moviegoer.

Following the death of his first wife, he married Brenda Aquilar.

He remained in his career until he retired and then helped to raise and father her grandson, Richard Stout. He really enjoyed having the experience of a son after two rambunctious daughters. He was so proud of all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He exemplified the generation and immigrants he came from in not always showing his deepest emotions. He was not a man of excess, but his words were deep and true.

He moved to Whitefish in 2013 to be near his daughter, Sheila, but he left his heart in San Francisco.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wives, daughter Amy Bruhl and granddaughter Carly Bruhl.

He is survived by his siblings, Bernie Shapiro and Judith Brody; daughter, Sheila Shapiro; grandchildren and spouses, Cameron and Amy McConnell, Arielle and Aaron Lawhead, Andrew Hudak, Molly, Zachery, and Malcolm Bruhl, and Richard Stout; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the local veterans home or Whitefish Food Bank. Many, many thanks to all who cared for him these last two and a half years. The Springs of Whitefish staff has been superlative.

A Mass and celebration of life will be held at 2pm Friday, April 8, at The Springs of Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the Shapiro family.

Harry Merle Shaw, 83

Merle Shaw passed away June 26, 2016, of natural causes at age 83 in Oceanside, California.

He was born July 12, 1932. After Flathead County High School he joined the Army and had one son, Neil Shaw, then was stationed in Weisbaden, Germany, for five years and had one daughter there, Linda Shaw. He later came back to the Flathead Valley, working as a Farmers Insurance agent before moving to Helena where he worked at Jorgenson's lounge for several years and Black Sands, having one more daughter there, Dionne Shaw.

He moved to Oceanside where he married the love of his life, Jeanne Hemp, on Feb. 15, 1986. They were married for 30 years and loved to drive to Vegas to play bingo and slots. The whole room would light up wherever Merle was with his jokes sense of humor. He loved to bowl and had earned many trophies. Merle had been a member of the Army National Guard his whole life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Shaw, in May 2016; his



mother, "Dolly" Alice Shaw, in 1991; his father, Harry Lavern Shaw, in 1961; brothers, Bill and Robert; and sister, Evelyn Shaw.

He is survived by his sister he loved very much, Marlene Freeman, of Kalispell; a son, Neil Shaw, from Kalispell; a daughter, Linda Shaw French, from Missoula; a daughter, Dionne Shaw Giammaria, from Helena; a stepdaughter, Carrie Tuimavave, from Oceanside; stepsons, Thomas and Jerrod Hemp, from Oceanside; and stepson, Samuel Johnson Erickson, from Salt Lake City; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Montana and California; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services until his ashes come home to Montana to be spread with his wife per their request.

Arlene 'Nannie' Tutvedt Shepherd, 87

Slightly opening her eyes for the final time, Mom raised her frail hand and pointed to the pictures of family we had placed on the walls surrounding her bed ... she smiled and sighed. So fitting of a wonderful, loving mother who had devoted her life and her heart to family.

Arlene Tutvedt Shepherd passed away on Nov. 2, 2016, in Billings where she had lived for the past two years. Our sincere gratitude to the caring staff at Highgate Senior Living and Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell where she had lived previously for loving on her daily.

A celebration of her life will be held next July in the Galata/Chester area where she was born on March 12, 1929, to Norwegian homesteaders Peder and Myrtle Tutvedt. In 1948 she married her high school sweetheart Leo Shepherd, our loving dad, who passed away in 1993.

Lifelong best friends were her big sisters Pearl Shepherd (deceased) and Ruby Glee of Galata who along with Uncle Lyle have faithfully tended the family farm for the past 70 years ... Mom's favorite place of all.

Her legacy of kindness, generosity, perseverance, love of simplicity and family will live on through her loving family: Lynda and John Baker of Great Falls, Lottie and Dan Eggen of Billings, Glen and Debra Shepherd of Colorado Springs, Colorado; honorary daughter and loving Kalispell neighbor Rhonda Niblett; seven grandchildren and their spouses including Shawn (Michelle) Baker of Kalispell, Dan (Season) Baker of Colorado, Tara Eggen (Ed) Kidwell of Virginia, Darci Eggen (Steve) Summerlin of



Oregon, Josie Shepherd (Jason) Harley of Texas, Jennie Shepherd (Benton)

Walker of Colorado, and Jamie Shepherd (Logan) Mahowald of Kalispell, six great-grandchildren, Morgan, Kenzie, Kalysta, Cayden, Story and Bridger, with twin baby girls soon to be born (... the circle of life continues); along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mom loved family, relatives, friends, home, the family cabin on Bitterroot Lake, being a homemaker, cooking, baking, canning, sewing, pansies, aprons, rocks, winters with Dad in Arizona, the sound of meadowlarks, Kalispell, the prairie, the Sweet Grass Hills, Montana, and her Norwegian and homesteader heritage.

Gifts in Mom's name may be given to the Flathead Valley Community College Scholarship Fund where Dad was the first business manager.

"Mom, we will miss you dearly and yet take great joy knowing you and Dad are dancing together in heaven."

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on www.dahlfuneralchapel.com.

Margaret Alice Shirts, 98

Margaret Alice Shirts, 98, of Salem, Oregon, formerly Kalispell, passed away peacefully on the evening of Nov. 15, 2016, at Salem Hospital in the companionship of her daughter and granddaughter. Her family and close friends encompassed her with their love and support in her final days. With unwavering faith in her Lord, she looked forward to flying with the angels in heaven.

Margaret was born on March 20, 1918, in Heaton, North Dakota, to Frederick and Ivy (Abbott) Thurston. She lived with her family on a farm, and fondly told stories of her adventures with her brothers and love for the piano. She continued to play and teach piano for many years.

After attending a teaching college, Margaret married Lowell Alvin Philip Shirts in 1940. Being an adventurous woman, Margaret joined Lowell in Tannacross, Alaska, where he worked for Pan American Airways. Living in the middle of nowhere, they enjoyed each other's kind heart and sense of wit, adventures together and dog sledding.

Together they had two children, Edwin Leroy (1942) and Carolyn Ann (1944). The family settled in Martin City during the building of the Hungry Horse Dam, where Margaret began teaching first grade and Lowell opened Glacier Radio. Her daughter Carolyn was one of her students, who fondly remembers her mother's class. She continued her love of teaching upon their move to Evergreen where she helped Lowell move his business. As a family they enjoyed hik-



ing through Glacier National Park, driving the Going-to-the-Sun Road, and playing

music.

In 1969, they closed down the shop in Evergreen and moved into town (Kalispell), where Lowell passed away from cancer in 1982. In 1990, Margaret moved to Salem to be closer to her family. Her granddaughters cherished the many sleepovers and playing duets together. In 2003, she moved in with her daughter's family where she loved eating Indian food and playing with her great-grandchildren. She remained there until her death.

Margaret had a zest for life and a deep devotion to her family, friends and God. She served as a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher over her many years in church. Her kindness was beyond compare and her wit came at just the right moments. She was truly loved and will continue to be cherished.

She is survived by her younger brother, Donn; daughter, Carolyn, and husband Mahendra; and son, Ed, and wife Madeline; grandchildren, Deva, Urmila, Cathe, Doug and Sandy; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Road South in Salem.

In place of flowers, please make a donation to Marion Polk Food Share. Assisting is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem.

Donald W. Shea, 80

Monsignor Donald W. Shea, 80, died on May 17, 2016, at Brendan House.

He was born in Butte on April 15, 1936 to Ed and Agnes Shea. After studies at Carroll College and the St. Paul Seminary in Minnesota, he was ordained for the Diocese of Helena on June 2, 1962. He assisted at Little Flower Parish in Browning, and then served at the Cathedral of St. Helena for three years. In 1965, he became assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Butte. One year later, he was released to serve as an Army Chaplain.

The Army Chaplaincy took Msgr. Shea to many places in the United States, and to Vietnam, South Korea, Panama, and Europe. While serving with the Army Special Forces in Vietnam, he was known as the soldier who went into battle with no other weapon than a Mass kit and a Bible. He received numerous decorations, medals, and badges, including a Purple Heart and four Bronze Stars (one of which for valor).

Msgr. Shea was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and was appointed Army Chief of Chaplains in 1995. He served in that capacity at the Pentagon until he retired as a major general in 1999.

He earned a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma, a master's



in education from Long Island University, and a master's in personnel management from Central Michigan University.

Following his military chaplaincy, he returned to the Diocese of Helena in 1999 and later assigned as pastor for Butte Catholic Community North. In 2003, he began service as pastor of St. Catherine Parish and Blessed John Paul II Parish in Bigfork. In terms of church distinctions, he was named a prelate of honor (monsignor) in 1992 and a protanotary apostolic (supernumerary) in 2002.

He is survived by his brother Ed and sister-in-law Kari, nephews and a niece.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday May 27, at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the Mass. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Butte on Saturday, May 28. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Catholic Youth Rural Outreach (CYRO) at St. John Paul II Catholic Church, P.O. Box 277, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Ann Christine Shelt, 81

Ann Christine Shelt's vibrant soul left this earth on Aug. 7, 2016, at age 81.

Ann often bragged about the 6-by-6 buck mounted on the wall and told the tale of how she caught him to anyone who would listen. Spending her life as a housewife, mother and grandmother gave her much joy in life. Though her hunting adventures ended much sooner than her wish, she still took much pleasure in her kid "critters," crocheting, knitting, church and of course her family.

Ann traveled extensively during her husband's 30 years of military service, learning German as a second language.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Paul C. Shelt; and parents Garfield "Al" and Irma C. Ruppel.

She is survived by two sons, Nick Shelt (wife Brenda Lee) of Kalispell, and Bruce Shelt (wife Elena) of Anchorage, Alaska. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Stacie Erickson (husband Rocky Erickson) of Columbia Falls, and Trina Shelt of St. Albans, Vermont; and two great-granddaughters, Bailey Erickson and Oakley Erickson.

She will be missed by her numerous family and friends in Toledo, Ohio, as well as family scattered throughout the United States.

In lieu of flowers and cards, the family requests that donations be sent to Frontier Hospice of Kalispell in her loving memory or other hospice in senders' local areas.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lorie Ann Short, 44

Lorie Ann Short, 44, of Kalispell, died Aug. 23, 2016, in Bigfork.

Services will be held

at a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

William Shouler, 95

William Shouler, 95, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, at his home in Kila. Services are pending

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

Jay Shrode III, 59

Jay Shrode III, 59, of Hendersonville, passed away Monday, Sept. 12, 2016.

Funeral service was Saturday, Sept. 17 from the chapel of Family Heritage Funeral Home. Interment was held at Providence United Methodist Church Cemetery in Philpot, Kentucky, with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation was Sept. 16 at Family Heritage Funeral Home.

Mr. Shrode was born May 18, 1957, in Whitefish. He is survived by wife, Karen Husk Shrode of Hendersonville; daughters, Amy Scott (Jeremy) of Hendersonville and Sara Shrode of Millersville; father, Jay Wesley Shrode II (Lezlie) of Evansville, Indiana; mother, Faye Walters Shrode of Kalispell; brother, Scott Shrode (Cheryl) of Evansville, Indiana; and sister, Leslie Hayden (Clif) of Whitefish.

Mr. Shrode was a member of Rehoboth United Methodist Church. He was employed by R.R. Donnelley for 26 years. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity, Shalom Zone, or Rehoboth



United Methodist Church
Children and Youth
Groups.

Online condolences may be submitted at familyheritagefh.com. Family Heritage Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Steven Raymond Siefert, 38

On the evening of Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, following a valiant seven year battle, the world lost a loving and caring man just days before his 39th birthday. Steven Raymond Siefert of Hardwick, Massachusetts, passed from this world surrounded by his loving family.

Steve was born to Charles R. "Chuck" Siefert and Janet Vannatta Siefert in Helena on Feb. 24, 1977. He was an independent soul from an early age. He was an adventurous risk-taker. He gained a love of downhill skiing at the age of 8. He enjoyed skateboarding, and was involved in a campaign to have the City of Helena add a skate park.

Steve moved to Havre after graduating from Helena High School in 1995. While he attended Montana State University-Northern, he met Lori Keeley. He earned a bachelor's degree in automotive technology, and then Steve and Lori moved to metro-Detroit where he worked at the Ford Technical Service Hotline.

On Nov. 23, 2000, Steve and Lori were married



in Niagara Falls, Ontario. They then moved to Massachusetts to start their new life together. They were blessed with their first child, a daughter, Melanie Ray, on July 19, 2002. Their family was completed with the birth of their son, Joshua Evan, on Jan. 16, 2007.

Steve was employed at the Ford Boston Regional Office as a field service engineer before becoming the technical operations coordinator. He returned to field service until becoming a zone manager. At the time of his death, Steve was the business development specialist for the Boston region.

Steve was an avid skier and automotive enthusiast. He truly enjoyed spending time at their condo in Smuggler's Notch, Vermont. He found great pleasure in hiking, disc golfing and camping. He always appreciated a bargain, and was well-known for seldom paying full price for anything. Above all else, he loved being a father.

People were immedi-

ately drawn to Steven and his zest for life. His smile and sense of humor were contagious. Family, friends and neighbors remember him fondly for his compassion, generous heart and willingness to help in any way he could. He danced like no one was watching and never missed an opportunity to karaoke. He was known for his elaborate Halloween costumes and enjoyed making a production of any holiday. He stayed connected to his many friends and cousins across great distances.

Steve was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Raymond Siefert; his maternal grandparents, Leonard and Ella Vannatta; his cousins, Jessica Vannatta, Nick Vannatta and Nathan Vannatta; and his nephew, Mark Keeley.

He is survived by his wife and children of Hardwick; his par-

ents, Chuck and Martha Dutch Siefert of Helena, and Janet Vannatta of Lewistown; his paternal grandmother, Gladys Siefert, of Walnut Creek, California; his nephews, James Malley, Jacob Springer, Zach Malley and Austin Murray, of Kalispell; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, at Charbonneau Funeral Home in Ware, Massachusetts. A memorial luncheon will follow starting at 1:30 p.m. at Hardwick Winery in Hardwick. A funeral Mass will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Community, 1700 Missoula Avenue, Helena, with a reception following at Bert & Ernie's Grill, 361 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena.

Memorial donations on Steven's behalf can be made to the American Brain Tumor Association.

Ashlee Renee Sifuentes, 31

Ashlee Renee Sifuentes, 31, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, at her home in Kalispell. After a long battle and the struggles she faced with her pain, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and depression, Ashlee chose to take her own life.

Ashlee was born on Dec. 10, 1984, in Washington to Kim Renee Abell and Frank Anthony Sifuentes.

Ashlee began her early education in Evergreen and attended both schools in the Evergreen School District before moving up to Kalispell Junior High School and finishing up with Flathead High School. It was no surprise that from an early age Ashlee had a strong love for sports. Ashlee played girls basketball throughout her entire education, and was a phenomenal baseball player as well. She spent eight years playing on the boys all-star baseball team in Kalispell. Her love for the game, no matter which ball it involved, was nothing short of intense and she wasn't afraid to show her passion for the game no matter how extreme it seemed.

Ashlee's admiration



for baseball and softball grew even more so in the past few years, when she recruited her "baby" sister Shawna Jean to play softball with her. Coaching, teaching, practicing and playing ball with her sister made Ashlee happier than anything else. Her hopes of passing on her reputation and legacy as a ball player to Shawna Jean, were just becoming a reality for her. Lovingly referred to as "Smash," "Bad-Ash" and "Ash-itude," Ashlee was in her true form and in her happiest moments when she was wearing her infamous No. 23 jersey. Hey Double-D's, Rainbow Beats and Spirit Quest Archery ... "We made it!"

If you didn't know Ash for her reputation in sports, then it was most certainly her passion for dogs and being called "The Dog Whisperer" by her friends and family. Ashlee was a certified Paws for Humanity dog trainer, but it was her soft spot for pit bulls that made her stand out. Ash could relate first hand to the negative stereotype and reputation they

both had, and spent her days proving why that was wrong. "The kids," her ying and yang pit bulls, Dash and Aries, and her "little man" Bentley Franklin were "Daddy's" pride and joy. They weren't pets, they are family. Daddy will always be their best friend.

"Trust and believe," she'd show you how and why "actions speak louder than words." We'll never be able to forget her slightly theatrical performances she gave while telling the stories of her epic adventures, past, present or future.

We'll never stop believing in you, Ashlee Renee. Your legacy will carry on in each and every person whose life you touched. To us you're already famous, but it's our promise to honor you by sharing your story to raise awareness.

"Sometimes the most broken people try to fix others because they can't fix themselves." #SMASHtheSILENCE23.

You truly were "the best of both worlds," just as you said, "Won't ever find another like me, shoulda' put a patent on me."

Ashlee was preceded in death by her grand-

mother, Vi Abell.

She is survived by her mother, Kim Abell, of Kalispell; her father, Frank Sifuentes, of Arizona; her stepfather Jerry Abell, a sister Shawna Abell, and maternal grandparents Georgie Gasser and Glen Gasser, all of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Adaline Sifuentes and Ben Sifuentes, of Washington; uncles; Shawn Gasser of Kalispell and Monte Gasser of Washington, as well as many cousins, adopted family members and friends.

A memorial for Ashlee will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen. In honor of Ashlee it will be a black and white remembrance from 6 to 9 p.m., for her closest family and friends only. A celebration of life is planned for Ashlee's 32nd birthday on Dec. 10, open to all who would like to attend; location and time to be determined.

As Thomas Campbell said, "To live in the hearts of those we love is to never die."

"Tsk ...Tsk ... Rest in peace, my girl, we know you're always watching."

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory has been caring for Ashlee's family.

Ruth Simon, 93

Alma Ruth Simon, 93, who passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, was born July 18, 1922, to Katherine and George Zeiler in Billings. Her early years were spent farming along the Yellowstone River with her large family, and she retained fond memories of those years, recounting a simple, rewarding life that kept food on the table and spirits up throughout the Depression.

She met the love of her life, Art Simon, in Billings, and began a courtship prior to America entering World War II. When Art was shipped to Marfa Air Force Base (Texas) for training prior to deployment to the European theatre of the war, Ruth traveled to Texas, where they were wed in the town of Alpine. Living conditions were "primitive," at best, for the young married couple, but more fond memories were generated there. When Art was shipped out, Ruth returned to Billings in a Model A Ford, in the middle of winter, with another



woman and their two babies, showing her true grit and ability to cope with whatever

came up. Art was in Europe for the duration of the war, and though severely wounded while driving ambulance, he came home whole and ready to truly make a life with Ruth.

A few years later, that traveling baby (Steve) who made the winter journey with his mom, was joined by Rande, and the two boys made sure Ruth never lacked for challenges. She was a wonderful mother and raised her boys to be independent, strong and self-sufficient, just like herself.

As time passed, and the boys went off to their lives, Ruth remained supportive and a strong role model, keeping books for the family welding business, playing an active role in the "friendly circle" at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, and doing her best to make sure her grandsons never lacked for love and plenty of treats and toys.

When Art passed away in 1986, Ruth continued her independent ways, and traveled extensively throughout the United States and (finally) got to see her German homeland. There she discovered that her spoken German carried a distinctly Bavarian accent, which pleased her enormously. She lived alone in her house in "the old neighborhood" for 26 years until deciding that lawn care and housework should be left to others and moved into a senior apartment in Billings. She really loved the West Park Village lifestyle, and remained there until her health necessitated her move to a Kalispell nursing home in 2014.

Ruth is survived by son Rande and wife Dawn Duane of Kalispell, and daughter-in law Cecil Simon of Laurel; grandsons, Jeremy of Dickenson, North Dakota, and Kody and wife Mieke Simon of Cannon Falls,

Minnesota; and one sister, Irene, of Billings.

A remembrance and celebration of Ruth's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 25, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Billings, followed by a brief social gathering at the church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ovid Rene 'Ray' Sindon, 81



ment in 1995. After retirement he continued to do bodywork in his shop from home that he

loved.

He was our hero, he could make something out of nothing and often did. His sense of humor will be missed as we have all been part of his stories, jokes and pranks. He was determined to do it all and usually did. Most of all, we will miss his love for us and the love he showed our mother, Funeral services

will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St. Kalispell. Viewing will be at 1 p.m. with services at 2 p.m., officiated by Pastor Gregory DeJarnette of Providence Family Baptist Church, Lynnwood, Washington.

Ovid Rene "Ray" Sindon, 81, passed away at his home on Sept. 18, 2016.

He was born July 7, 1935, to Norbert J. Sindon and Alice Sears Sindon in Sweet Grass.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and five brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; and his eight children, Teri Sparks, Daniel Shewalter, Monica Schulze, Mary Gilbert, David Heston, Becky, Anderson, Deb Lucas and Tracy Button.

He will also be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

He was an amazing automotive painter and bodyman and made this his lifelong work. In 1975 he packed his family up and moved back to the Flathead Valley where he was raised as a child.

He opened Sindon Autobody, providing for his family until his retire-

Alger Wayne Sine, 90

Alger Wayne Sine, 90, died Sunday April 10, 2016, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Beth; and children, Robert Sine, Richard Sine, April (Sine) Rambo, Peggy

(Sine) Keller and James Sine.

Family services will be held at a later date.

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

Betty Jane Sivelle, 91

Betty Jane Sivelle, 91, died at her home in Polson Dec. 9, 2016.

The Lake Funeral

Home and Crematory is handling arrangements for the family.

John Thomas Sistok, 55

John Thomas Sistok, 55, died as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Jan. 20, 2016, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Born to Doris and Victor Sistok on Sept. 26, 1960, he spent his early childhood in West Virginia. His father moved for work to Englewood, Colorado, where he became a lifelong Denver Broncos fan, and spent his middle school years. The family finally settled in Kalispell on Patrick Creek.

John graduated from Flathead High School in May 1978. In September of that year he enlisted in the United States Navy. On his way, he met the girl who would be his best friend for the rest of his life, Lela Combs. They were married May 5, 1979.

During his years in the Navy, John achieved the rank of 2nd class petty officer aviation ordinance man. He served two overseas tours aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation during the Iran Hostage Crisis with 110 straight days at sea. John was very proud of his service to his country and wore his veteran status with pride.

In 2015, John retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a supervisor of postal operations after 30 years. After retirement, he volunteered at the Veterans Food Pantry to honor our nation's veterans.

John loved Montana. He was an avid outdoorsman that never missed an opportunity to hunt, fish and camp. He had no greater joy than teaching his children and grandchildren how to follow in his footsteps.

John loved his family. He was very proud to wear the title of "Papa"



for seven grandchildren, Bryan, Caitlyn, Cameron, Joshua, Alexander, Conor and Nathalie. He took special care to teach his grandchildren about history and life.

John was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents; his father, Victor; nephew, Shilo; and his close friend of 30 years, Don Burgau.

John is survived by his wife, Lela; daughters, Rebecca Sistok of Evergreen, Heather and James Osborne of Casper, Wyoming, and Meghan and Anthony Rogers of Kalispell; mother, Doris Sistok, of Kalispell; brothers, Michael and Kelly Sistok of Roswell, New Mexico, and Robert Sistok of Kalispell; sisters, Barbara and Dennis Venturini of Kalispell, and Debbie Sistok of Billings.

The family also wishes to acknowledge his many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cherished family friends who all had an impact on John's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Veterans Food Pantry in John's name.

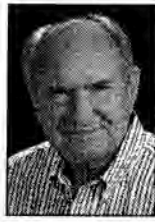
A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Thomas E. Sliter, 69

Thomas Sliter peacefully "followed his Lord's call home" on Saturday, July 2, 2016.

Tom's faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior was the strongest of all of Tom's convictions. Tom bore witness to everyone through his kindness, grace and seemingly endless ability to serve. He accepted many roles at Trinity Lutheran Church, School and Camp. He served on the school board, including as its chairman, advocating for teachers and growing the Kalispell school. He served as Trinity's congregational secretary and as a lay ministry elder. Tom needed a bit of persuasion to serve as an elder. He felt he was, perhaps, too human. Fortunately, the primary tenet of Tom's Lutheran faith is grace — we are all human, but deserving of forgiveness and God's love. His peers convinced him to accept the call. Despite working six or seven days a week, Tom rarely missed a church or school board meeting or a regular 8 a.m. service.

Tom was a kind and selfless father and grandfather, a best friend and traveling companion of his late wife, Ralene, a generous friend to many Flathead Valley initiatives, and an owner of Sliters Lumber & Building Supply. He was a Kalispell native who was dedicated to his faith, his family and his community. Tom was an honest and humble man who continued a family legacy of civic leadership that spans generations.



the Tijuana Brass, the Ventures electric surfer jazz, The Beach Boys, The Byrds and, of course,

The Beatles.

Tom and Ralene married in Tom's senior year at Valparaiso and made their first home in Highland, Indiana. Upon graduation, Tom worked for 10 years as a systems engineer with IBM in Chicago. He leveraged his computer savvy to automate his unit's payroll while serving in the U.S. Army National Guard. While in Chicago, Tom and Ralene grew their family, adding daughters Andrea Rianne and Laura Margaret, and a son, Andrew Thomas. Their fourth child, Linda Agather Johnson "A.J.," was born in Kalispell after the family moved to Montana. From 1979 through the end of his life, Tom actively participated in the management and leadership of Sliters Lumber and Building Supply.

Tom was surrounded by great people in his work life at Sliters. Tom graciously led the company for 30 years but would have traded anything to have his father, his brother, and his nephew Paul at his side. Tom was decorated with achievement awards from the Western Building Material Association, Flathead Building Association and the Somers Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few. Rather than take credit, Tom would deflect such praise toward his father, his brothers and his crew of amazing employees.

Tom was born May 11, 1947, to Everit L. and Margaret (Grata) Sliter, the youngest of three sons after brothers Neils (Joe) and Everit A.

He is survived by daughter Andrea Goudge, and husband, Bill, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughter Laura Sliter, and husband, Christian Sorensen, of Anaheim, Calif.; son, Andrew Sliter, and wife, Debbie of Bigfork; and daughter Linda A.J. Yearous, and husband, Ryan, of Missoula. Tom had six beloved grandchildren: Abigail, Fisher, and Graham Sliter of Bigfork; and Beck, Greta, and Thomas Sorensen of Anaheim.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Ralene Kay (Johnson) Sliter, his parents, his eldest brother, Joe, and his nephew, Paul.

Tom attended Hedges Elementary and graduated from Flathead High School in 1965. He followed in the footsteps of several family members, choosing Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he studied geography and mathematics, and fell for his bride, Ralene Johnson. Tom struggled to win his spot on the Valparaiso basketball team and would reminisce, "I might not have been the best player, but I always had the most hustle." Tom earned the uncharacteristic nickname "Rockslide" after wrecking his prized Austin Healey convertible on the way to Spokane for a tune-up. To some, "Rockslide" was a reflection of Tom's alter ego. Tom once took a part-time laborer job at a Bethlehem Steel mill without telling his parents, in order to save up for a hi-fi stereo, which he kept his whole life. Tom and Ralene loved listening to Herb Alpert and

Tom's business card read "Owner-Janitor." This sense of stewardship extended beyond his business. Picnics with the family at Apgar campground always ended with a round of cleanup of litter left behind in the park. Tom would proclaim, "Leave a place better than you found it!" Every visit with his kids ended by Tom reminding them, "Love you guys. Take care of each other." Tom lived these ideals in the way he served and how he treated everyone. We can only hope to absorb these life lessons and continue to live Tom's legacy. Tom certainly left this place better than he found it!

Instead of flowers, Tom's children recommend donations to one of the local causes dear to his heart: Somers Company Town Project, Trinity Lutheran School, or the Sliters Endowed Scholarship for the Industrial Arts at FVCC.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

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Business, civic leader Tom Sliter dies at 69

By LYNNETTE HINTZE
Daily Inter Lake

Tom Sliter, an active community leader and owner of Sliters Ace Lumber & Building Supply for 30 years, died Saturday. He was 69.

Sliter grew up in the family business that began in the mid-1920s when his father, Everit Sliter II, and Neils Sliter bought the Horn & Smith general merchandise store in Somers, about half a mile east of the current Sliters store.

After graduating from Flathead High School in 1965, he went on to major in geography and math at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Sliter went to work for IBM as a systems engineer, helping smaller manufacturers install computers. He progressed to regional technical support representative, working in Denver, Omaha and Chicago.

When his father asked him to come back to the Flathead

and help with the family business, he obliged.

Sliter returned in 1979 and began to modernize the company's paperwork by computerizing the price book, according to a 1999 Daily Inter Lake article about the business. It took a while to bring everything together under a new computer system (an IBM) that was installed in 1989.

He took over the management of the business in 1986 following the deaths of his father and his oldest brother, Joe. He continued to grow Sliters, adding an additional store in Lakeside and a custom design center in Bigfork.

Sliter's motto, posted on his home page on the Sliters website, reflects how he embraced both his business and community service: "Don't just THINK it — Do it!"

In recent years he was secretary of the Somers Company Town Project that has raised money to restore a steam locomotive and build an accom-

panying pavilion reflecting the town's railroad company heritage.

"He did a marvelous job [as secretary]," said Fran Ruby, an active Somers volunteer. "I can't say enough about what a good person he was. He was very involved in every aspect of the Somers Company Town Project."

Ruby said Sliter was enormously generous. "He donated for everything that happened in Somers," she noted.

He also helped with the Volunteer Park project and other community endeavors in Lakeside.

Sliter served for many years on the Trinity Lutheran School Board of Education, including a stint as board chairman. He also served as secretary of the church and was a church elder at the time of his passing.

Laura Sliter, one of his four children, said the lessons he passed on to his children reflected his work ethic and



TOM SLITER

love of community. One of his favorite sayings was "always leave a place better than you found it," she recalled.

"Whenever we would leave he would said, 'Hey, I love you guys. Take care of each other.'

"My dad had this deep sense of history and interest in car-

rying on a legacy, whether it was the lumber company or community tradition in Somers or their family's farm in Lower Valley," she said.

Sliter's self-described job title — owner and janitor — showed another dimension of his willingness to always go the distance.

"He always felt you could be the CEO and you may still have to contribute at a menial level to make it work," Laura continued. "He was not above getting his hands dirty. He was always doing whatever needed to be done."

In 2014 The Western Building Material Association awarded Sliter the Distinguished Dealer Award, given to an association member who demonstrates outstanding service in the building materials industry.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A full obituary will be forthcoming.

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Martha Mary Sloan, 91

Martha Mary Sloan, 91, "went to be with our Lord" on Oct. 6, 2016 at The Springs in Whitefish.

Born June 18, 1925, she was the daughter of West Glacier homesteaders John B. and Mary Martha Cook Sloan. The second youngest in a large family, Martha always preferred the working in fresh air to domestic duties, and she spent much of her time helping her dad and brothers with the chores around the farm in her youth. Martha graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1943, and she went on to further her education for a time in Spokane, Miami and Los Angeles. In her 20s, she accompanied her Aunt Minnie on adventures around the world, traveling to Europe, South America and Africa. She even kissed the Blarney Stone.

Although she had a flair for adventure and fun, Martha, or "Snookie" to her close friends and family, also loved her home area. She lived most of her life in the home built by her father and grandfather in the 1930s on the farm above the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. By many, she may be best remembered for her 47 years of employment in Glacier National Park where she worked as a secretary. She truly loved Glacier's splendor, wildlife and, likely more than anything else, the community of fellow park employees. After retiring from the park service, she was commonly seen visiting



with old friends and new acquaintances at local restaurants. A popular lady,

Martha made friends everywhere she went.

Aunt Snookie was a favorite to many, many nieces and nephews. She was good humored and playful, loved by her family, and was a great friend to many. She enjoyed the simple things in life: picking huckleberries, gathering apples, gardening, hiking, fishing, and she had an impressive collection of unique old bottles, river rocks and driftwood. She enjoyed driving her lawn tractor and giving kids a ride; she played guitar for summer mass in Apgar with her sister Jane, she played bridge in a local ladies group, and she golfed. She loved her West Glacier community. At Christmas time she would round up children to sing at the program in the park. She enjoyed the company of pets, and had many faithful, furry friends over the years. She was a dedicated sister and always attentive to her family. She helped care for her brother Teddy when he fell ill with polio, and cared for her mother in her final days. Martha preferred others to herself and lived a life of uncommon and unflinching selflessness and generosity. She was always encouraging and championed those around her. She added something

special everywhere she went, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, and seven siblings, Frances Tyree, John E. Sloan, Glendetta Nelson, Thomas Sloan, Dorothy Mackin, Robert Sloan and Theodore Sloan.

She is survived by her sister Jane Bolles of West Glacier, as well as family and friends too numerous

to count.

A rosary service will be held for Martha at 7 p.m. on Friday Oct. 14, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Richard's Church. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Martha's family.

Mike Slough, 53

Mike Slough, 53, of Helena, formerly of Kalispell, died March 1, 2016.

A celebration of his life will be 2 p.m. Friday,

March 11, at Highland Cemetery, Great Falls.

Big Sky Cremation and Twitchell Funeral Service in Helena are handling arrangements.