

John Zauner Jr., 83

John Zauner Jr., 83, passed away peacefully on Nov. 12, 2016, at Heritage Place under the care of the wonderful staff.

John was born in North Dakota on Sept. 7, 1933, to John Zauner Sr. and Margaret (Polensky) Zauner. John's family moved to Montana during his youth. He graduated from Flathead County High School, and then married Mary Ann Schad in 1955.

John worked and owned many independent businesses. He started out working with his brother, David, in the family owned service station in Kalispell. From there, he went into the retail hardware business. He managed the Gambles store in Kalispell and Worland, Wyoming, and then moved up to a Tempo store in Lewiston, Idaho. He then partnered with his younger brother, Fred, to buy and run the Kalispell Coast to Coast store. They expanded the store twice and ended up at a Meridian Road location with the "big" store, a Coast to Coast/Ben Franklin combo. John and Mary Ann then bought and ran the Ben Franklin in downtown Whitefish. After it burned, they moved back to Kalispell with a Western Auto store. John then joined his son, Darrel, in a hardware store in Eureka. John loved retail ... the customer was No. 1.

John belonged to many groups and organizations through the years: National Guard, Elks, Masons, Epworth

United Methodist Church, American Legion Baseball, Kalispell City Council, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Kalispell Downtown Organization, Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, Whitefish Winter Carnival, Eureka Senior Citizens, etc. John found great joy in helping others and organizing and participating in town projects.

John loved his family, his businesses, his customers, time at community sporting events, time spent at Ashley Lake puttering, traveling, watching his grandkids grow and become successful and have loved ones of their own, and spoiling his great-grandkids with sweets.

John leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Mary Ann, at Heritage Place; daughter Cheryl and husband John King, son Darrel and wife Shelley Zauner; grandchildren, Ashley and Bobby Jones, Shila and Cody Schreiner, Patrick King, Ali Zauner and Marni Zauner; and great-grandchildren, Anna Lynn and DeLand Schreiner. He is, also, survived by brother David and Rosie Zauner, brother Fred and Shirley Zauner, sister-in-law Dixie and Cliff Tye, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dad wants to wait for Mom to join him, so there is no service planned at this time.

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

Diane Zorb, 70

Diane Zorb, 70, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, in Kalispell, with her two children, Steven and Kristi, by her side.

Diane was born on Oct. 2, 1945, in Minneapolis to Sylvia and Stanley Erickson who moved the family to Montana when Diane was a young child. Diane attended Flathead County High School and married her high school sweetheart, Larry Zorb, in 1963.

Diane was a loving, supportive and dedicated wife and mother. She and Larry created a life together in the Flathead Valley centered around family, friends, fun and work. They spent many years living at Echo Lake swimming, water skiing and raising their family. Through the years they started a small, successful business with close friends and owned a local gift shop as well as several rental units in the area. Together, Diane and Larry enjoyed and experienced many things in their life. After their children grew, they lived in Kalispell and enjoyed traveling. Diane and Larry were married for 36

years before Larry passed away in 2000. After Larry passed away, Diane found great joy spending time with and helping care for her grandson, Landon, doted on her pets and spent time with family and friends.

Diane is survived by her son, Steven Zorb; her daughter, Kristi Zorb-Seals; her grandson, Landon Zorb; her mother, Sylvia Erickson; her sisters, Sharon Holcomb and Bonnie Tobiason; her brothers, Edwin Erickson and Arlen Erickson; as well as numerous other relatives.

Diane requested to be cremated. A memorial will be held at her home from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent in her name to Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt A Pet Way, U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 752-7297.

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

Robert Allen Zunick, 45

Robert Allen Zunick, 45, passed away April 6, 2016, at his home in Kalispell from cancer.

He was born Aug. 14, 1970, in Whitefish and raised in Bigfork. He graduated from Bigfork High School and served in the U.S. Army.

On May 14, 2011, he married Pamela Mackenstadt in Kalispell.

Robert was an over-the-road truck driver and a commercial drivers license instructor.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and racing.

He was preceded in death by his mother,



Susan Angeline Woodruff; sister, Sandy; and brothers,

Mike and Dan.

Robert is survived by his wife, Pamela Zunick; father and stepmom, Allen and Karen Zunick; stepfather, Roger Libby; and his children, Brady, Chance and Isaac Zunick, Bryant and Tanner Bell, and Naomi and Lydia Evans; nine siblings; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.