

Gloria Anne (Wilkins) Vollin Bolin, 81

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In the early morning hours of Sept. 24, 2017, our hearts were broken when we lost the most amazing, beautiful, smart, sassy woman, our beloved mother Gloria Anne (Wilkins) Vollin Bolin, passed away at the age of 81.

Gloria was born Aug. 18, 1936, to Norman and Ada Wilkins of Swindon, England. Gloria was raised in Swindon where she graduated high school and later met Phillip Vollin Jr. They married on May 7, 1955, and had seven children together, Debra Lee, Dennis Lewis, Donna Lynn, Danny Lewis, Dwayne Lewis, Diane Lee and Darleen Lee.

Sadly, Phillip passed away in a car accident May 21, 1969.

After Phillip's passing Gloria found with seven children she needed to find a career. Her mom, Ada, came from England to help her with all the love and support a daughter could ask for. Ada lived with her for many years to come. With the help of her amazing neighbor, Lorraine Wilson, they went to school, attending a nursing program and becoming licensed practical nurses. Lorraine would pick Gloria up every day for two years as she had no driver's license. She would later get her license with her oldest daughter Debbie. Gloria loved and appreciated everything her good friend Lorraine did for her. Gloria first went to work at the Flathead County Nursing Home until her retirement. The love of her job and love for helping and caring for people brought her out of retirement when she went to work for the Heritage Place until her final retirement. Gloria had a



wonderful 40-year career.

Gloria's hobbies and interests were her seven children,

28 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Gloria leaves an amazing legacy of love and strength behind to continue on in her large family.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents Ada and Norman Wilkins, her first husband Phillip Vollin Jr., son Dwayne Vollin, sister Margaret Todaro, grandson Richard Veidt Larson and son-in-law Randy Shero.

She is survived by her children, Debra (Steve) Fauerso, Dennis (Elaine) Vollin, Donna (Jerry) Wisher, Danny (Mary) Vollin, Diane (Walt) Vollin, and Darleen Shero. She is also survived by her brothers Pete and David Wilkins of England, 28 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; as well numerous nieces and nephews in the states and in England.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will take place in the spring when she will be buried with her beloved son Dwayne and her best friend Amy her poodle.

"As we see our loved one's ship sailing into the horizon we are saying 'Oh there she goes.' But on the other side of the horizon there are those who are saying 'Oh! Here she comes.'"

Friends are encouraged to visit Gloria's memorial and sign her online guest book at www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert 'Bob' Bonham, 91

Robert "Bob" Bonham "passed into his Savior's more immediate presence" on Friday evening, July 28, 2017, in Kalispell, at age 91.

He was the husband of Catherine Keathley, and father of three children, Howard Russell "Rusty," Catherine Ann "Cathy," and Thomas Richard "Tom," and was "Grandpa Bob" to nine grandchildren and eight (soon to be 10) great-grandchildren.

Bob was born in Warren, Indiana, on Sept. 20, 1925, to Howard and Gladys Bonham, a local farm couple. He grew up on the farm with his older sister Martha, and attended Warren High School. In 1943 he enlisted in the Navy, at age 17. He was accepted into the V-12 Fighter Air Corps and trained at various locations during the war. As part of his training, he studied journalism at Colgate, developing skills that he would later use in his life. With the end of World War II, Bob moved to Detroit to work as an operations manager with the Chicago & Southern Airlines. While there, Bob met the lovely Catherine Louise Keathley, a young ticket agent and stewardess, who later became his wife. They were married in 1951 and enjoyed 60 years together, until Catherine's passing in 2012.

Bob and Catherine left Detroit in the early 1950s, relocating to Hernando, Mississippi, where Bob worked with a local paper and son Rusty was born. They later moved to Hamilton, Alabama, where he was the owner of a small-town newspaper. During this time they welcomed Cathy into the family. Bob continued his journalism/printing career in Whitehaven, Tennessee, and then in Galveston, Texas.



daughter. Here they hosted many guests from around the country, and Bob took great delight in sharing the beauty of the valley and sur-

rounding areas and then typing out descriptive letters about these adventures (mostly citing the routes and restaurants).

People who knew Bob in recent years all would comment on his sharp mind. He treasured a wealth of information that he readily recalled in detail. He was a student of history, especially the railroad, the Wild West, Native Americans, the Civil War and the Revolutionary War. He knew more about Montana history than most Montana folks. He inspired others with a simple and abiding faith and often returned us to the question, "What is the purpose of the Church?" He would gladly talk for hours, if you would porch-sit with him and Bo. He loved getting neck rubs (he would pay cash to grandkids), humor (Tim Conway), music (Tijuana Brass), eating out (Perkins), coffee (Rosauers), animals (Bo, his faithful companion), art (Charlie Russell), the old hymns, photography, driving, and "a place for everything, and everything in its place."

Bob will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him — his family, neighbors, coffee buddies, caregivers and church friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister Martha Bonham Stroud, his daughter Cathy Brenneman, and his

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The early 1960s brought the family to Pennsylvania, where Bob was employed by the Bucks County Courier-Times. Here their last child Tom was born, and the family remained there until 1989. In the late 1980s Bob changed careers to become a successful Realtor.

In 1989, having suffered a massive coronary, he went into retirement, moving with Catherine to Kalispell to be near their

granddaughter Erin Brenneman. Bob's remains will be interred, along with Cathy's and next to wife Catherine's, at the family burial plot near his hometown of Warren, Indiana. There will be a memorial service held at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 1, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell.

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

Myrtus Boon, 90

Myrtus Boon, born May 9, 1927, to John and Ella Hewitt in Polson, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on the evening of July 5, 2017. Her children and one of her sisters had been with her all through the last week sharing memories and the sure hope of her real home in heaven.

Myrtie grew up in Polson, the eldest of four sisters. They were raised to love and follow the Lord Jesus and to love and share the gift of music, which is a legacy for generations. After graduating from Polson High School, Myrtie attended secretarial school in Minneapolis.

She returned to Polson and worked for a local Realtor. She also worked a couple of summers at the lodge on Rocky Point where she met a cute sailor who was the nephew of the caretakers. She married the sailor, Bucky Boon, on Aug. 20, 1947, and lived in Somers for 50 years. Bucky preceded her in death in 1993 after 45 years of marriage.

Myrtie was a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. She was involved in almost every aspect of the church through the years. She participated in and led many activities including choir, accompanist for the Junior Choir, Ladies Aid, Council, cantor and Scripture reading as well as Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher. Being an instructor for the Bethel Bible Series was a highlight for her.



to the Lutheran Home, to a church or school event or a family gathering where

she accompanied them on the piano as they sang. She had a beautiful alto voice that she trained through the years to have a range so she could sing tenor, alto or soprano. In later years she sang with the Sweet Adelines and then with the Valley Voices, two local groups. She was totally involved sewing costumes, practicing constantly and inviting people to enjoy the concerts. Most recently, she and two other music-loving residents at Immanuel Lutheran Home started singing together which led to a few "concerts" by the Singing Songbirds.

Myrtie was preceded in death by her parents, her "one and only" Bucky, and a son-in-law, Michael "Doc" Dockstader.

She is survived by her children, Judy and Pat O'Boyle, Lanni and Ron Fetveit of Kalispell, Dave and Robin Boon of Las Vegas, Janet and Wayne Harness and Wanda Dockstader of Bigfork. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, with one more due in November. She is also survived by her sisters, Delphia Blumenthal of Kalispell, Leona Frazier, and Gail and Harvey Erickson of Moses Lake, Washington; sisters-in-law, Ila Geno of Spokane and Elaine McIntyre

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Making a home for her family of five children and Bucky was a joy to Myrtie. She and Bucky also opened their home as well as their hearts to several foster children. Myrtie loved to sew and baking was a special gift. Her cookie jar was always kept full and the neighborhood kids knew that was so. With four little girls and one boy, she kept the sewing machine going and the ever-present ironing board had almost constant use.

Music was a great love and activity for Myrtie.

Many times she sewed matching outfits for her five children, taught them a medley of tunes and took them

of Mount Vernon, Washington, and many nieces, nephews and truck loads of friends!

Myrtie, Mom, Grammyrtie, GG — She has left a precious legacy: Faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ and the sure promise of eternal life with Him; her contentment with the gift of life even when it gets tough; family and the blessing of time together and laughing together.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 14, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

Memorials can be made to Eidsvold Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.

William 'Bill' Alfred Bowles Jr., 68

William "Bill" Alfred Bowles Jr., 68, of Bigfork, "went to join his heavenly Father" on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017.

Bill was born on April 30, 1949 to William Alfred Bowles Sr. and Ruby (Orser) Bowles in Modesto, California. He passed away at home due to long time complications from COPD.

A tribute to Dad by William Bowles III: "The lovely human being that is the best dad on earth

Always was happy Even if he suffers from COPD,

He is still happy.

He may not show it all the time,

But even if he doesn't,

He is still beaming with ginormous, super contagious, happy smile and positivity.

We love you dad, and always will love you dad, even to the day you pass away and are no longer with us, we will still love you, even when you are in heaven.

We love you Dad.

We always will.

Please love us back no matter where you are.

Everyone loves you, Dad.

Everyone always will, also.

You are our hero.

You are our life.

You are our everything.

Even if you are here or not.

You still are a quarter of our hearts.

You are a quarter of everyone's hearts.

You are special to us.

You are the best dad ever.

Yet I say again,

We love you, dad.

We always will."



Bill proudly served in the United States Army and was in the Vietnam War. He met his beautiful wife, Fawn,

in May of 2001. After a few years of dating, it was obvious that they were meant to be together forever. On Sept. 11, 2004, among family and friends, Bill and Fawn were married. They shared 16 wonderful years together, filled with laughter and love.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents William Alfred Bowles Sr. and Ruby (Orser) Bowles, and his brothers Kenneth Bowles and Keith Bowles.

He is survived by his wife, Fawn Bowles; and his children, Jonathan (Ariel) Stene, Valerie (Dean) Stanford, Sheila (Leonard) Leineweber and William Bowles III. He is also survived by his sisters, Candy Broadway, Phyllis Bowles and Sherry Miller; along with numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

There will be no funeral services at this time, but a memorial will be planned for the spring.

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

Sherron Bowman, 81

"Heaven welcomed an angel" Monday, March 13, 2017, when Sherron passed away surrounded by her loved ones.

Sherron was born to Mildred Collamore Eiler and Denver Eiler on Dec. 12, 1935, in Portland.

After Denver's untimely death both she and her brother were adopted by Warren Charles Huff when Mildred remarried. Two little sisters soon made the family complete. Sherron graduated from Park Rose High School, after which she attended Cottey College, graduating in 1954.

In the summer of 1953 the family moved to the Mission Valley. Soon after, Sherron met Merton Allen Bowman. They communicated through the mail until she finished her college courses. Once finished with college, Sherron and Merton eloped to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in August 1955 embarking on their married journey of 31 years and seven children. The couple lived in Ronan and Drummond before settling in Pablo for the remainder of their married years.

Sherron worked at the grain elevators in Ronan her first summer in Pablo, while helping Merton with ranching. She also worked as secretary at Ronan Elementary when her children were young. Later she ran the Pablo Cafe for several years. In 1974 Sherron became the secretary at Polson High School until she retired in 1988.

In the summer, Sherron could be found working in her garden and in the fall, canning the fruits of her labor for her growing family. Sherron was actively involved in her community. She was a lifetime Methodist serving in Ronan, Polson and later at the Mission Valley Methodist Church. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and served as a lay leader. She also served on the Lake County election board for many years and was an active sup-



porter/participant of the Pablo Little League Baseball Program. Sherron loved the

arts and served as president for the Mission Valley Community Concert Association, fulfilling her love of music. She also performed in several plays with the Port Polson Players. In her down time she enjoyed crafts of all kinds, puzzles, crosswords, reading, crocheting and playing her piano. Sherron loved a good story.

Sherron was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Merton Allen Bowman, in 1986, and partner, Don Miller, in 2001.

She is survived by her friend and caretaker, Ron Richards, of Seeley Lake; children, Michael Bowman (Lyle) of Spokane, Mark Bowman (Elaine) of Wichita, Kansas, Matt Bowman (Lisa) of Thermopolis, Wyoming, Mitch Bowman (Binky) of Polson, Meg Feist (Don) of Plains, Myrna Gauthier (Bob) of Ronan, and Maureen McCrea of Pablo; siblings, Denver Huff of Grants Pass, Oregon, Penny Raynor of Milwaukie, Oregon, and Candee Schweitzer of Missoula. Sherron is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and many special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services are planned at 3 p.m. March 18 at MV United Methodist Church on Post Creek Hill.

A special thanks to staff and management at the Pines of Polson for their compassionate care. Donations in lieu of flowers are asked to be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in her name.

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

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David W. Branscome, 80

David W. Branscome, 80, son of Isaac and Martha Branscome, was born July 1937 on his grandmother's homestead in Eureka. David's siblings were Dorothy, Harbert, Berdett, Joan, Adeline, Sharon, Jimmy and Shirley.

On Aug. 23, 1958, he married Georgia Wagner.

David worked in the logging and construction industry in Montana, Washington and Alaska. After he retired they spent winters traveling to Hawaii, Mexico and Arizona.

David was an avid hunter. Every hunting season he would be looking for game and spending time with his buddies, one season hunting with a walker after hip surgery.

All who knew him say he was loving, kind, and generous, with a crazy sense of humor. He always said "all his stories had a little facts in them." He was worthy of respect.

David is survived by his wife, Georgia, of 59 years; children, David Branscome and Donna, Penny Bravo and Gary,

and Teri Kelly and Tim; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sister Dorothy Aemisegger and Howard, and sister Sharon Mason; brother-in-law Robert Wagner and Judy; also many nieces, nephews and friends.

Parkinson's robbed his body and dementia his mind but nothing could take away his love of God and David "left his earthly home" Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2017, "to be at home with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The family is deeply thankful for the loving care David received from all the staff at Heritage Place.

A time to honor David will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Nazarene church, located at 1295 Whitefish Stage Road. His Pastor and friend the Rev. Ed Koteskey will be officiating.

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.

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Erin Catherine Brenneman, 26

Erin Catherine Brenneman passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2017, in Portland, due to injuries suffered in a hit-and-run incident. She was surrounded by friends and family. She was 26 years old.

Erin was born in Kalispell to Cathy Bonham Brenneman and Joseph Duane Brenneman on April 4, 1991. She attended Fair-Mont-Egan Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School in 2009. After a brief stint at Flathead Valley Community College, Erin attended Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana, where she graduated summa cum laude with a degree in peace and justice and conflict resolution. While living in Goshen, she worked at Ryan's Place, a children's grief support center. After college, Erin returned home to Kalispell and worked at Montana Coffee Traders for several years, which would become one of her most beloved spots and where she made many close friends, before relocating to Portland in 2015. There, she established an extraordinary community of friends, family and coworkers who loved her deeply and nurtured her in all that she did. At the time of her death, Erin was the manager of Hungry Heart Bakery in the Montavilla neighborhood and a volunteer at Women's Residential Center, a treatment and rehabilitation center, and was planning to attend graduate school



in the fall to get her master's degree in social work.

Erin was sweet and stubborn, com-

passionate and hilarious, unpredictable and always available to help. Through the struggles in her life, Erin developed a personal strength and a commitment to loving and respecting all that she met, without ever losing her wicked sense of humor. She was truly dedicated to making the world a better, kinder place, however possible.

Erin loved everything about coffee, from brewing it to drinking it, to finding unique places in which it is served. She loved each of the communities she built in her numerous places of employment. She loved journaling and writing and kept a prolific blog. She loved the farm where she grew up. She loved her pets, especially cats, even when they didn't seem to love her. She loved riding her bike in Portland and calling her family while riding, so that it was very difficult to hear what she was saying. She had a famous sense of humor — often silly, often biting, always on alert. She loved to tease others and to make fun of herself. She had a nearly bottomless generosity and care for others and never ceased to amaze those who knew her — and those who didn't — with her compassion and

thoughtfulness. She loved music and books and she claimed to hate movies, although she actually liked a few. Dearest of all to Erin, everywhere she went, were her friends and family, for whom she would do anything. They work now to continue that legacy.

Erin is survived by her father Joseph Brenneman and stepmother Nancy Pensa, of Kalispell; her brother Jesse Brenneman and sister-in-law Catherine Lea, of Brooklyn, New York; her stepsiblings Ian Paulson and Autumn Mansfield, of Kalispell; her maternal grandfather Robert Bonham, of Kalispell; and her paternal grandparents Clifford and Shirley Brenneman, also of Kalispell. She also leaves behind her partner, Jon Dennis, of Ontario, Oregon; and her honorary siblings Kenneth and Bente Grinde of Missoula; and a vast network of extended family, coworkers, friends, housemates and pets who will miss her terribly but will do their best to live up to the standard she set. She will be missed and she will be celebrated.

A celebration of Erin's life will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, at Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell. Another celebration will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Glenwood Park in Portland. All are welcome.

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Catherine 'Cathy' Ann Bonham Brenneman, 59

Catherine "Cathy" Ann Bonham Brenneman died peacefully of natural causes at 11:40 p.m. on April 13, 2017, after a long and joyous life, surrounded by loved ones and music. She was 59 years old.

Cathy was born in Hamilton, Alabama, to Robert Eugene Bonham and Catherine Louise Keathley on Aug. 1, 1957. She and her family moved around the South until settling in Newtown, Pennsylvania, when Cathy was in middle school. In 1976, she left Pennsylvania to attend college in Bluffton, Ohio, where she studied elementary education.

After graduation, Cathy worked as a teacher in Pennsylvania for several years before relocating to Kalispell to start a family and eventually pursue a master's degree in social work. As a social worker, she spent many years traveling the state, working in children's mental health services, and she dearly valued the friendships she made in the schools she served. In the final years of her life, she worked as the executive director of the Nurturing Center in Kalispell, where she had a strong, devoted team whose support she cherished and relied on. She lived and worked in Kalispell until her death.

Music was one of the driving forces in Cathy's life and something she shared with all who knew her. She was discovering and sharing new songs up until the end. She loved to sing and her voice always shone through the



lives. Cathy was known to all who encountered her as a light of life. She connected

people like nobody else, and poured her heart into the people and causes she cared about. She cared deeply about peace and justice. She had a tender heart for animals, a passion for helping people, a phenomenal and often devilish sense of humor, and a love of life. Cathy believed in seizing opportunities, giving selflessly and generously, and making everybody feel welcome; one of the great joys of her life was seeing her home in Kalispell grow to include many friends and family. It can safely be said that, if she knew you, she loved you. But the true loves of her life were her two children, Jesse and Erin Brenneman, and she treasured the opportunity to watch them grow and explore the world and expand their own families. Cathy leaves a legacy of unconditional love, and it is a legacy that those who knew her will carry on.

Cathy is survived by her father, Robert Bonham, of Kalispell; her brother, Rusty Bonham, and wife Mary Lou Bonham, of Portland; her brother, Thomas Bonham, and wife Cindy Bonham, of Belton, Missouri; her son, Jesse Brenneman, and wife Catherine Lea, of Brooklyn, New York; her daughter, Erin Brenneman, of Portland;

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congregation at Mountain View Mennonite Church. She loved live music and delighted in going to concerts with her close friends and, especially, with her children and their friends. They will never cease to be amazed at the number of hours she drove in a crowded van to take them to shows in Oregon, Washington, California and beyond. She gave them the gift of music and it is one of the ways they will celebrate her for the rest of their

ner auxiliary children, Bente and Kenneth Grinde, of Missoula; and countless friends and acquaintances who shared in her vibrant spirit. She will be missed and she will be celebrated.

A celebration of Cathy's life will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at Mountain View Mennonite Church. The family asks that, in lieu of gifts or flowers, donations be made to the Nurturing Center.

John W. Brinkerhoff, 94

John William Brinkerhoff passed away Oct. 5, 2017 at the age of 94. He died peacefully, a few minutes after hearing the rosary said for him by his sister and son, and his family, friends and clergy were with him during his brief time in hospice. John was remarkably independent, vibrant and active until the last few days of his life. Every day, a twinkle in his eye, a quick smile and out the door early with a list of chores to get done.

John was born March 8, 1923 in Kalispell to Jacob Albert ("Bert") Brinkerhoff, and Charlotte ("Lottie") Brinkerhoff, who were of Dutch and German heritage. He was the middle son of three siblings and raised on a family farm in Deer Park with his older brother, Donald, and his younger sister, Ellen. John and his siblings would milk the cows and do chores before walking, or on special occasions, riding the family draft horse 2 miles to school. Like many children of their era, they loved to go to school barefoot whenever they could. John graduated from Deer Park Elementary School in 1937 and Flathead High School in 1941.

John joined the Navy in 1942 and served three years during World War II in the Pacific, as part of the Seabees (Construction Battalion), building airstrips and bases across many atolls and islands, including the Marshall Islands, Marianas, Palau (Peleliu) and the Solomon Islands (Guadalcanal).



John and Ellen lost their brother, Donald, during World War II, who died fighting in Germany a little over a month before VE Day, May 8, 1945.

Ellen and John revered their older brother and would talk about him fondly throughout their lives, giving glimpses into the hard but special upbringing they all shared in the Flathead Valley during the Depression.

After World War II, John attended and graduated from the University of Montana in 1950 with a degree in forestry. During the summer months of his college years, he manned lookout towers, learned horse packing and became a smoke jumper with the U.S. Forest Service. He was called back to the Navy during the Korean War and served another year and a half, mostly on aircraft carriers.

In 1951 John married Ruth Josephine Hellman of Columbia Falls. They got married at the Alameda Naval Station in Oakland, California, and lived in Oxnard, California, for a short time until John was honorably discharged from the Navy. He began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1951 as well. John and Ruth started their family while living at USFS ranger sta-

tions in Coram, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Trout Creek. During that time, their children were born — Alice, Coleen, Donald and Greg. In the fall of 1963, John and Ruth moved their family to Missoula, where they raised their children and lived until John retired in 1977.

During his career, John was active in many community projects and endeavors. He was a charter member and director of the Flathead Credit Union, Manager-Operator of the Bonners Ferry Ski Area, member of the Bonners Ferry Gun Club, Noxon Gun Club and NRA, and instructor in the Montana Hunters Safety Program. John was also a member of the Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, director in the Orchard Homes Association and member of the Intermountain Logging Conference.

In 1977, John returned to the Flathead Valley, where he would live the rest of his life on the family farm where he was raised. He worked as a consultant for Canyon Logging and Plum Creek Timber for many years and farmed as well during his "retirement." John married Helen Horner Weiland in 1985 and they enjoyed their retirement years traveling to national monuments and historical sites in the West, camping and picnicking, dancing at the F.O.E. Eagles on Saturday nights, visiting family and teaching us all sorts of fun card and dice

games from decades ago.

Our dad and grandfather was truly a Renaissance man from a bygone era. He was well-read, an avid hunter, fisherman, horse packer, hiker, snow skier, water skier, dancer and card player (dice too!). John was a carpenter, farmer, gardener and sawyer as well, like many from his generation. He bestowed upon his children and grandchildren a tremendous zest for life and adventure. We love you and miss you, Dad and Grandpa. We will always remember you in our prayers and reminiscing of the countless adven-

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tures you took us on.

John is survived by his sister, Ellen Brinkerhoff (Kalispell); his four children, their spouses and eight grandchildren, Alice, John, Gene, Jake and Jesse Sol (Missoula), Coleen, Bob, Brian and Kyle Anderson (Missoula), Don, Donna, Timothy and Layla Brinkerhoff (Fort Benton), and Greg, Lia and Anika Brinkerhoff (San Francisco). John is also survived by his nephew, Rob Miller (Bozeman).

A Vigil Service with Rosary will be held 6:30 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017. A Funeral Mass

will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church on Friday, Oct. 20, 2017. Burial will immediately follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A lunch reception will be hosted at noon at St. Richards Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are being coordinated by Columbia Mortuary (Troy Knutson, 406-892-4289). Flowers and remembrances may be coordinated through the mortuary or the church (Father Sean Raftis, 406-892-5142).

Condolences for the family may be submitted online at www.columbia-mortuary.com.

Kathryn Neils Brinton, 94

Kathryn Neils Brinton passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children, on Aug. 29. "She went to be with the Lord who she loved and served her entire life."



in Eureka, in 1962 and started their dream of ranching and farming.

Kate and twin brother Kenneth were born in Libby, Montana, on March 13, 1923, to George and Ruth Neils and lived in Libby until she went away to college. She grew up with five brothers and enjoyed school, ice skating, tennis and was in a school play every year until she graduated from Libby High School.

Kate love landscaping, flowers and gardening and had two large gardens and several flower beds.

They lived on the ranch until 1981 when they moved to a smaller ranch on Highway 37 where she lived until her death.

Kate went on to college in Missoula, and later Berkeley in California where she graduated with a Bachelor degree in art.

She was preceded in death by her son Paul (Jake), husband Richard and son Geoffrey (Jeff).

After college, she returned to Libby and married Richard Brinton on March 1, 1947, and went on to have six children, three boys and three girls.

She is survived by her four children, Barb Price, Bob Brinton and wife Penny, Kalispell, Marti Bushfield and husband Mike, and Jeanne Montoya, Eureka.

Kate was a very accomplished pianist and organist and one of her best memories was playing the pipe organ at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby.

Kate had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved them dearly.

The family of eight moved to the 69 Ranch

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Meal and time of sharing memories of Kate after the service.

James Allyn Broderick, 79

James Allyn Broderick passed away June 21, 2017 at the age of 79.



retirement.

He was born July 25, 1937, in Eureka to Doris and James Broderick. Almost 80 years later, Eureka would become his final resting place due to natural causes.

He is survived by his former wife Beverly, daughters Jody and Shawna, sons Lanny (Judy) and Pat; and Derek (Pamela), along with



"Jimmy" attended high school in Eureka and later moved to Spokane to graduate from Gonzaga High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After serving three years with 1st Force Recon, he was honorably discharged on Nov. 14, 1958, as a corporal. He served tours in both Japan and the Philippines.

stepsons John and Ted.

Jimmy married Beverly Keene, May 20, 1967, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. From there they moved to Eureka to raise their family at Glen Lake. Jim worked as a logger in Montana, California and Alaska during the peak years of the industry until his

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Patricia Hipley, Maxine Meuli, Carol Green, brothers Wayne Broderick and Dale Broderick, along with son Mark Broderick and great-grandson Challice. He also leaves behind many grand- and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday July 2, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Eureka, and will be followed by a graveside service at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

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Gottlieb Peter 'Lee' Brockel, 88

Gottlieb Peter "Lee" Brockel, 88, died March 29, 2017, in Las Vegas.



brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend.

Known as Lee to his friends and family, he was born to William and Barbara Brockel in Vananda, Montana, but lived the majority of his life in Whitefish.

Lee was a business owner (Lincoln Cleaners), fire chief, councilman, king (Winter Carnival), bowler and yeti; but those are just titles. Most importantly he was a son,

He cared about everyone he met. We know that because he listened and he shared, but didn't judge. Lee's list of achievements and interests were long, but likely he was most proud of his bowling, his

beer brewing, his garden, his wife, his daughters and his grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, all his siblings, his soul mate Jolene, son William, and daughter Vickie Brockel.

He is survived by daughter Teri Sunell and her husband Conway from Las Vegas, grandsons Joel Barranger, wife Angie and beautiful great-granddaughter Ava from Portland, Oregon; Kellen Barranger, wife

Morning Dove and awesome great-grandson Hendricks also from Portland. There are also countless nieces and nephews in the great Northwest.

Services in Whitefish will be planned for late July where friends and family can celebrate the life of a wonderful man.

1 Apr 2017

Jack Earnest Brown, 95

Jack Brown passed away peacefully of natural causes at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, April 20, 2017. He was 95.

Jack was born in Havre on June 18, 1922. He spent his early years on the family ranch near Box Elder, and attended primary school there. During the summer months, he herded ewes and lambs on his father's ranch, with the help of his two faithful dogs. The ranch was home to more than 50,000 head of sheep.

In 1936, Jack moved to the Flathead Valley with his parents Jack Sr., and mother Lydia, along with sisters Janice and Dorothea (all since deceased). After arriving in Kalispell, he met, and fell in love with Cecille Sykes. They married in 1939 and had two sons, Scott and Ron. Cecille passed away in 1996, at the age of 73. Following Cecille's death, Jack remarried the new love of his life, Cheri, and the two enjoyed many wonderful years and memories, right up to Jack's final hours.

At the age of 19, Jack and a partner signed a one-year lease of Sykes' Grocery from his father-in-law, Cecil Sykes. A year later he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. After discharge, Jack purchased Sykes' Grocery and served as owner and



manager for the next two years. During that time, the store was enlarged, a "first-of-a-kind" 10-stool soda fountain was introduced,

and new equipment was installed. In 1948 he sold the store back to Cecil Sykes. His dream was always to build his own store, and following the sale of Sykes' back to his father-in-law, he determined the location of his new store. That dream would become a reality on the northeast side of Kalispell along Highway 2. The name of this new dream was B&B Grocery. Due to tremendous success, the store was expanded, and re-named as B&B Shopping Center. This also led to additional stores in Polson and Columbia Falls.

In 1959, Jack sold the B&B Stores to Fred Meyer and at their request continued to serve in an advisory capacity until 1964. Jack retired to enjoy more time with his family and his favorite hobby, golf. In later years, his passion for golf, turned to fishing. Countless, wonderful hours on Flathead lake, with his fishing partners (not the least of

which, his wife Cheri) became his new passion and it didn't end until he became physically unable to manage launching and un-launching his boat. Other hobbies included reading, playing cards and games and watching the Seattle Seahawks games, as well as other televised sports.

Jack was very civic minded and was active in the Montana Food Dealers Association, serving as president in 1954, served on the board of Independent Grocery Association (IGA), headquartered in Spokane, a member of the Order of Elks, a co-founder of the Kalispell Lions Club, past president of the Kalispell Golf Association, and a member of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. Jack served for many years on the board of directors for the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, and as well as the board of directors for the Conrad National Bank. His many awards and honors for civic contributions included "Man of the Year" and "Boss of the Year." He was even approached to run for governor of Montana many years ago, which he declined. Jack lived by the "Golden Rule." Nobody was any less than he and he could hold his head high with anyone, and his word was his

bond.

Jack leaves behind his wife, Cheri; sons, Scott (Shirley) of LaPine, Oregon, and Ron (Judy) of Maui, Hawaii; grandchildren, Eric of Vancouver, Washington, Hilary of Arroyo Grande, California, Kemp of Seattle, and Derek of Missoula; and great-grandchildren, Austin and Alexis of Vancouver, Trey of Missoula, and Iris of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He will also be missed by stepsons, Patric Stuber and family of Montgomery, Alabama, and Matthew and family of Topeka, Kansas, as well as step-grandchildren, Christina of Belle Fourche, and Tera of Boise, Idaho.

Our wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather will live in our hearts forever, and the sweet memories will never end. Godspeed our dear person and rest in peace.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 24, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on South Main Street in Kalispell. Internment to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, immediately following services.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made, in Jack's memory, to the Museum at Central School.

22 Apr 2017

Inez Brown, 92

Inez Brown passed away Feb. 10, 2017, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Inez was born Jan. 18, 1925, in Minneapolis to John and Dora Mae Penson. Later her family moved to Williston, North Dakota. It was there that she met the love of her life, David

H. Brown. They were married on June 16, 1942. In 1950 they moved to Kalispell

where they lived until David passed away in March of 2003. She then

moved to Polson where she was living until her death. Inez worked many years for Pacific Power and Light. She had many friends and liked to socialize and dance. She loved reading and listening to music. She was a wonderful mother, creating many happy

memories with her children going to school functions, Summer's Beach and Sundown Drive-in movies.

She is survived by her three children, Gary Brown from Marysville, Washington, Melodee Scott and her husband Dick from Polson, and Mark Brown and his

wife Anna from Kalispell. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Karen Suttula of Spokane, David Macaluso of Issaquah, Washington, Dana Meldrum of Helena, Jeffrey Brown of Butte, Jason Brown of Pocatello, Idaho, Rory Brown of Kalispell and Taira Baker of

Marysville, Washington. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Shelley Brown (Gary) and Mike Brown.

To accommodate family travel, services are planned for a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.



14 Feb 2017

James F. Brown, 81

James Brown, 81, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Jan. 22, 2017, with his children at his side.

He was born Dec. 6, 1935, on the family farm in Smithsboro, Kentucky, to Merlin and Hassie Brown.

Merlin was a foreman in the coal mines and Hassie worked on the farm along with Jim, his brother Watson, and sister Zella Mae. Jim attended grades one through seven in a one-room schoolhouse. He later went to Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky.

He met his future wife, Carol Mae Dunham, while both were working for the FBI in Washington, D.C. They were married in 1955. After the birth of their son Curtis in 1956, they moved to Kalispell, Carol's home town, where Jim worked first at Greig's Dairy and later for the Equity Supply Company creamery. Their daughter Kathleen was born in 1958.

Jim retired in 1990. His wife Carol passed away in 1991 after a long struggle with colon cancer. They had been married for almost 36 years.

Jim loved hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors. He was an avid reader who was especially interested in military history and the history of the Western frontier. He



also enjoyed cooking and trying out new recipes and ingredients. In his later years he enjoyed watching

the birds and squirrels and spending time in his garden. He regularly attended AA meetings, exercised at the Summit, and was a faithful member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his sister, Zella Mae Browning, of Letcher, Kentucky; his son, Curtis Brown (Karen), of San Antonio, Texas; his daughter, Kathleen Pierce, of Kalispell; and two grandchildren, Lauren and Matthew Brown, of San Antonio.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's name to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203.

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

25 Jan 2017

Frederick 'Fred' Ray Bryant, 87

Frederick "Fred" Ray Bryant, 87, passed away on May 3, 2017, in Kalispell.

Fred was born on Feb. 19, 1930, on a farm near Powers Lake, North Dakota, to Ray Allen Bryant and Carrie Steele Bryant; he was one of seven children. The family moved to Conrad in 1936. Fred returned to North Dakota in his seventh year of school. As a 4 year old his education of reading and counting began with his five older sisters playing school with him being the student. This set the foundation for him being a self-taught, highly educated man, who was a ferocious reader. He did not graduate with a high school diploma, but did enlist in the Navy, eventually becoming an electronics engineer and educator.

His Navy career took him around the world to the Caribbean, England, Scotland, Norway, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, the Philippines, Japan and the USA — Florida, Virginia and California. He served in World War II, Vietnam and the Korean War.

His exemplary work ethic, instilled by his father, promoted him to



shortly thereafter and he built their house. They were married 56 years before her death on Dec. 23, 2012. They were both very active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 234 Kalispell, and North Valley, Columbia Falls Aerie 4081, being honored as Mr. and Mrs. Eagle in 2004.

They were founding members of Shining Mountains Church in the early 1970s. Fred was well known for his hugs, paper napkin roses, and tipping waitresses with gold coin dollars — after having consumed his favorite meal of apple pie and black coffee. He was an exceptional marksman, skilled at hitting a target using weaponry deemed unsuitable and impossible by others. He could also build or repair anything in the most unconvention-

ranking the seventh highest of E9 Status in March. He retired from the Navy in March, 1972.

He and Betty moved to Kalispell

al way possible, causing others to scratch their heads. Above all he was a giving, hard-working, community-minded man.

A memorial service will be held at 1p.m. May 12 at the Eagles in Kalispell, followed by military honors and spreading of his and Betty's ashes at the family home — 150 Goodrich Road.

He leaves behind his kitty, Sassy.

Fred loved flowers and would be delighted if you planted or gave some in his honor.

Monetary donations can be made to either Eagles clubs in Kalispell or Columbia Falls, or the Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry and Stand Down, in Evergreen.

Special gratitude to the medical attendants at the VA, especially Dr. Swanson and Nurse Kelly, the Hock family, the Eagles Ladies' Auxiliary for providing a luncheon and Buffalo Hill Funeral Home for their care and support.

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

9 May 2017

Lloyd Brynie, 83

Lloyd Brynie wasn't a tourist; he was a traveler. In his 83 years, he journeyed to 64 countries, finding joy in every finding, custom, site and person he saw or met. He welcomed every new experience, whether he was riding camels in Egypt or climbing the ruins at Machu Picchu. As an avid photographer, he preserved incomparable images everywhere he went, from rural Spain in the 1950s to the modern-day camel fair at Pushkar, India.

Lloyd was born in Butte, the son of a miner. He graduated from Butte High, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in geology and a Master of Arts degree in education from the University of Montana. He was an inventive, enthusiastic and masterful teacher of science and math, spending most of his 40-year career teaching American students in Turkey, Spain, Germany and England. During his summer breaks, he and his family often returned to Bigfork, where his parents operated a cherry orchard for many years.

In 1997, he retired to Bigfork where he was a frequent traveler again, bicycling the Swan River Nature Trail, fishing from his kayak on Echo Lake, and exercising at the Montana Athletic Club. He took an active interest in local issues and played a major role in helping Bigfork acquire its new green box site. He loved people,



parties and entertaining, and many friends enjoyed happy times with

Lloyd as their host.

Of all his travels, his trips on his bicycle were perhaps most notable. He once cycled from the Mediterranean to Jerusalem, raising \$4,000 for cerebral palsy. He cycled the length and breadth of the Netherlands and the course of the Moselle in Germany. He completed the UK's 140-mile Sea to Sea cycle route, which begins on the Irish Sea and ends on the northeast coast. Closer to home, he pedaled the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes in Idaho on several occasions.

His loss is deeply felt by his family: wife, Faith Brynie, of Bigfork; daughter, Tammy Brynie, of Newton, Massachusetts; son, Kevin Brynie, of Bristol, England; and stepdaughter, Ann Whiteley, of Denver; and four beloved grandchildren.

Those who wish to honor Lloyd's memory are encouraged to send donations to the charity of their choice.

Lloyd Brynie: He began his journey on a Sunday, April 1, 1934, and traveled his last on a Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017.

"Keep traveling, dear man."

21 Nov 2017

3 Jan 2017

Lawrence J. Bucher, 79

Lawrence J. Bucher, 79, passed away on Dec. 25, 2016, in Newport, Washington.

Lawrence was born Nov. 26, 1937, in Sunburst, to Alvin and Hildegarde Bucher. His family settled in Kalispell in 1952, where he spent the majority of his life. He married Margaret Bucher in 1975.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings: Ida VonDerHeide, Alan Bucher and Eugene Bucher.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Margaret; his children, Elizabeth Peterson and Bobbie (Jody) Blakley; siblings, Eileen Rollins, Rita Boss and Martha VonDerHeide; grandchildren, Caleb, Jeselyn, Jacob and one on the way; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry supported his



family by working as a janitor for 30 years at Fred Meyers.

He was a man who loved the outdoors and working with his hands, he was always fixing and tinkering with whatever needed done. He was a very quiet gentleman with a quiet laugh who loved to tell jokes. He had a soft spot in his heart for cats. He would often pick up his kitties to pet and speak gently. His gentle nature endeared him to all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foys Lake Rd, in Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Helen Angeline (Bulla) Buck, 93

Helen Angeline (Bulla) Buck, 93, passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, at Heritage House in Kalispell.

She was born on July 25, 1924, in Decatur, Illinois, the only child of William and Grace (Nelson) Bulla.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Milton Buck, whom she met through her uncle Russell. The two men served together in World War II. Helen and Mick exchanged letters until the end of the war when

he came home, and they married on April 20, 1946, in Decatur, Illinois, and then settled in Kalispell.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Jane Jimeno, and husband Gerald of Libby; and her son, Michael Buck, and wife Kelly of Billings; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Helen's family.

11 Nov 2017

Ronald Robert Buck, 79

Ronald Robert Buck, 79, passed away Monday, August 28, 2017.

Ron was born and raised in Kalispell. He grew up on a farm, where he learned the value of hard work. Ron graduated from Flathead High School and then received a degree from Montana State University in Bozeman. While attending college, he married his high school sweetheart, Dianne Buckingham.

Ron then took a job with the Boeing Company in the Puget Sound region, where he celebrated a 31-year career. Ron and Dianne shared a loving and welcoming home in Bellevue for their children, Pam and Rod, and were joined by Ron's youngest sibling, Marcia, for her high school years.

Ron loved being with friends and family and enjoyed his yearly trips to Arizona for the spring and Montana for the family summer vacation at Little Bitterroot Lake.

Outside of work Ron showed a passion for being a do-it-yourselfer. Ron will be remembered as a hardworking perfectionist who would always help anyone in need. His great sense of humor will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dianne. He also leaves behind three siblings; Don, Karen and Marcia; two chil-



dren, Pam and Rod; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

We are now comforted that Ron is free from the Alzheimer's and Parkinson's that had impacted his life for the past 10 years. In lieu of flowers we ask that you donate to the Alzheimer's fund to find a cure, or a charity of your choosing.

Services will be at 4 p.m., at Flintoft's Funeral Home, Issaquah, Washington, on Sept. 9. Friends are invited to sign the family's guestbook at www.Flintofts.com.

3 Sep 2017

Gerald D. Buker, 78

Gerald (Jerry) D. Buker, M.D., 78, of Whitefish "went to be with the Lord" Sept. 19, 2017.

Gerald was born to missionary parents (Richard S. and Minola Buker) May 30, 1939 in Kentung, Burma (Myanmar). After attending international schools, he graduated from Stony Brook High School (N.Y.). He met Tiann (DeLong) Buker, his loving wife of 57 years, while attending Wheaton College. Upon completing medical school at Columbia University: College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, Dr. Buker joined the Public Health Service and practiced as a general surgeon in Maryland, New Mexico, and Montana. He was passionate about his life's work, achieving the distinction of a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Buker continued to practice surgery following his retirement from the PHS both in private practice and medical mission work.



He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking and golfing. He was actively involved in his community as a member of the Rotary Club. He lived out his faith serving in church leadership, teaching Sunday School, and as a member of the Gideons International. His life provided an example of godly leadership. His family cherishes their memories of him as a devoted and loving husband and father.

Dr. Buker is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife (Tiann) and three daughters: Cynthia Allison (Donald), Karen Bellm (Tim), and Eva Buker. He was the loving grandfather of Carissa and Jeremy Bellm. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Richard S. Buker Jr. of Chester, his

cousin, the Rev. Raymond Buker Jr. of Evergreen, Col., and his brother Maj. Gen. Robert Buker, MD (deceased Sept. 25, 2017).

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." —Hebrews 10:23

7 Oct 2017

24 Dec 2017

Alta Marie Bunch, 79

Alta Marie Bunch passed away Dec. 22, 2017, before she could have her last chemo session. She was born in Bemidji, Minnesota to Ben and Louise Knudson on April 23, 1938. She graduated from Bemidji High School and worked many different jobs. She married Jim Bunch when living in Missouri and they moved to California where she worked for a lawyer and Jim drove truck. When he couldn't work anymore because of emphysema, she took care of him for eight years until he passed away.

Alta wanted to be near family, so she sold her house and drove to Canby, Oregon where her sister was waiting for her to drive the rest of the way to Montana. She lived with her sister and brother-in-law and being as independent as she was, she bought a mobile home after a month and lived at the meadow manor village until her death.

Alta loved playing cards and enjoyed many sessions with her sisters, brothers, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. She joined her sister's card club, meeting once a month with her new friends.

Alta was preceded in death by her parents Ben and Louise Knudson, her husband Jim and his brothers and sisters; Elva Knudson and Don Holmquist. She is survived by siblings: Alton (Myrna) of Tennessee, Karen (Lem Pierce) of Minnesota, Jerry (Joan) of Montana, Lila (Gene Stahglberg) of Montana, Sandra (John Bates) of Colorado and lots of nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

As requested there will be no funeral. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Judes or the breast cancer foundation.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Donald Bunker, 81

Well-known longtime valley resident Donald (Don) Bunker passed away Dec. 20, 2017, at his home on Helena Flats Road in Kalispell. He had suffered from a variety of health problems for several years; now his suffering has ended.

Don was born in Wolf Point, Montana, in 1936 to Raymond and Vera (Byxbe) Bunker. In 1942 he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley, where he later graduated from Flathead High in 1956. After high school Don joined the Army and then the Army Reserves. For several years he worked for the Forest Service, then moved on to a few other jobs such as the Ford dealership, Plum Creek, manager of Jet Oil, S&S Manufacturing and then on to McElroy & Wilken driving a concrete truck until his retirement. As a concrete truck driver Don had the opportunity to meet many area residents and was well-known for his generosity and sense of humor.

In his early years Don married Lorene (Sue) Engbretson. Don adopted Lorene's daughter Kelly and together they also had two children, Ron and Rebecca. Don and Lorene divorced, and Don later married Geraldine Dodd. Geraldine had two children, Robin and Denise, whom he also adopted.

Don dearly loved fishing and camping and would do so every chance he got. When he was a bit



younger, boating, skiing, and snowmobiling gave him great pleasure. For many years, he

and his wife Jerry looked forward to spending part of each year down south. Don was quite the social butterfly and made many friends there.

Don is survived by his wife Geraldine (Jerry), and his children, Kelly Smith (Steve), Ronald Bunker (Nichole), Rebecca Williamson (Jim), Robin Bunker, all of the Flathead Valley, and Denise Bunker of Libby. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jonathon, Tyler, Alex, Hannah, Kyle, Brandon, Derek, Chaz and Mariah and five great-grandchildren; his brothers, Mark (Joan) of Wyoming, Kenneth of Kalispell; sisters Nadine Sand of Wyoming and Barbara Hayes (Mark) of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service for the immediate family will be held and a "celebration of life," to include all his friends and family, will be planned for a future date in 2018.

In lieu of flowers please feel free to make a donation to "Hospice" or a charity of your choice.

Don will be truly missed by his family and many, many friends.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dolores Janet Bunyea, 84

My mother, Dolores Janet Bunyea, was born in Seattle on Jan. 7, 1933, at Harborview Hospital, to Banjo and Maxine (Newsome) Pilon.

She passed away on June 7, 2017, at the HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Dolores spent much of her early childhood in and around Seattle before moving to Kalispell with her family. She went to Flathead County High School where she graduated with the Class of 1950.

After high school she moved to Great Falls with her sister Donna where she worked at Skaggs Drug. While living in Great Falls she met and married my father Edward Lee McFadin III, who was serving in the Air Force. After being discharged, the newlyweds moved to Garland, Texas, where my brother Michael and I were born. Later she returned to Kalispell with my brother and I where she met and married Ernest LeRoy Bunyea. Dolores and LeRoy were married for 35 years until his passing in July of 1998.

During those 35 years, I am happy to say, she led the life she wanted.

Dolores had a great sense of humor, was smart and vivacious and didn't hesitate to give her opinion. She loved to read and crochet, but also enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. She also kept a garden for many years and never tired of



watching things grow and sharing the bounty with friends and family.

Later in life

she developed a passion for helping others and volunteered at a number of different places including East Evergreen Elementary School, the county Justice Center and at the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1993 my mother and LeRoy were bitten by the travel bug when she won a trip to the Grand Cayman Islands. During the next 24 years she traveled regularly to places such as Ireland, Italy and Mexico with her family and friends.

Other interests were attending the monthly breakfasts with her graduating class, exercising at The Summit and attending Mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Dolores was preceded in death by her son Michael Joseph McFadin, her husband Ernest LeRoy Bunyea, her father Evangelise Pilon, her sister Donna Theresa Struck, and her brother Arnold Pilon.

She is survived by her son Reed McFadin.

A memorial Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with a burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

12 Jun 2017

24 Dec 2017

Melvin 'Mel' Bunyea, 82

Melvin "Mel" Bunyea passed away at his home in Santa Maria, California, on July 9, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his father Vern Bunyea, his mother Grace Hellen (Buck), and his brothers Vern Bunyea and LeRoy Bunyea.

He is survived by a brother Eugene Bunyea of Bigfork, sister Nancy Fryer of Hillsboro, Oregon, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was born Dec. 14, 1934, in Kalispell, and educated in Kalispell. He worked in lumber mills in Yaak, as well as working in hospitals in Kalispell and later Santa Maria. He eventually went to work for Union Oil in Santa Maria and remained with them for 33 years as well as



six years at Rembrandt. He loved to travel, have coffee at Denny's, steaks at

the Hitching Post, tell jokes, win big at the casino, and was a friend and mentor to so many. He was greatly loved and will be missed.

He was a member of St. Louis de Montfort in Orcutt, California, and will be buried next to his mother in the family plot in Creston. His wish was to not have a service.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice in his name or to his favorite charity, Father Flanagan at Boys Town.

14 Jan 2017

Dorothy Burns, 77

Dorothy Burns was a loving wife, devoted mother and a caring grandmother.

She was born in Shelby on Nov. 10, 1939, to Raymond and Beatrice McVay.

In 1957 Dorothy graduated from Flathead County High School.

Shortly after high school Dorothy married Francis D. Burns on Nov. 15, 1960.

Dorothy loved her garden, to make crafts and, as the years passed, watching and playing with her grandkids.

Surrounded by family Dorothy passed away on Jan. 10, 2017, at North Valley Hospital.

She was preceded in

death by her mother, father and two sisters.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Francis; son LaVern and daughter-in-law, Pam; grandchildren, Tianna and Kyler; three sisters; a brother; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thank you to the North Valley Hospital staff for such excellent care for our family. And a special thanks to Lou, who took such great care of our sweet Dorothy.

Cremation has already taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Dorothy's family.

Richard Wesley Burningham, 83

Richard Wesley Burningham, 83, passed away peacefully Dec. 1, 2017, in Kalispell.

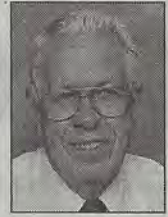
Richard Burningham was born June 5, 1932, in Ogden, Utah, to his parents John Alfred Burningham and Florence Lemmon.

He was sealed and married to his eternal companion, Karon Emma Quist, on March 21, 1958, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Richard grew up in Salt Lake City (Holladay), going to school with his childhood sweetheart. He received his education at Granite High School and Brigham Young University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in business.

While raising five children in Salt Lake City he quickly worked his way up in the JCPenney Company. In 1973 he transferred to Montana to manage Fashion Fabrics stores all over the state and decided Kalispell was the best place to raise his family. Shortly thereafter, he opened his own retail store, "Mr. B's Kiddie Shop," which was later renamed "Kid Stop." He retired in 1993.

Richard was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was very active and served in numerous positions — teacher, bishop, stake presidency, Scouting popcorn colonel, family history and temple service. He also served one two-year full-time mission in Montana and then three



service missions with his wife in Toronto and New York. Many lives

were touched by his big heart and smile and the kindness he showed to all those he came in contact with.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and exploring this beautiful world he lived in.

He is survived by children, David R. Burningham, Steven K. Burningham, Renae Hyer, Eileen Bartlett and Mark Q. Burningham; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Burningham and Florence Lemmon Burningham; and his loving spouse, Karon Emma Quist Burningham.

A viewing will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell. A funeral will follow at 10 a.m. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Elysian Gardens Cemetery, 1075 E. 4580 S. in Salt Lake City.

In lieu of flowers, please support your favorite charity, church or other good cause.

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

Nancy P. Burns, 61

Nancy P. Burns, 61, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Friday, April 14, in her home.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1955, in Washington D.C.

She was survived by her husband Don Burns, daughter Amanda Carlson, son Joshua Blackburn, stepdaughters Emily Stone, Donna Martinsen, and Monica Mendive and foster son Brian Bostwick. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and her brother William Polsgrove.

Nancy had several careers in her life, ranging from teaching, screen printing and working as a CNA. Her passion was her family. She was an avid gardener and loved to cook large family meals. She loved having a full house and a dinner table full of friends, family and great food. She was passionate about volunteering for Spay Neuter clinics and loved her pets, and believed you could never have too many furry friends.



A celebration of life is planned for 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the

Montana Veterans Home Columbia Falls in the old chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the donations may be made to: Flathead Valley Spay Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

29 Apr 2017

Frederick 'Baumann' Busch, 79

TSgt. Frederick "Baumann" Busch, 79, passed gently during the night of Sept. 8, 2017, in Kalispell.



itude, maintaining a small circle of friends

A retired Air Force veteran, TSgt. Busch served with the 80th Tactical Fighting Squadron, known as the Headhunters and was a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

TSgt. Busch was born on June 10, 1938, in Boston to Dale and Ellen Baumann of North Fairfield, Ohio, where he spent the majority of his youth.

Enlisting in the Air Force in 1955, he traveled and served worldwide with successful tours of duty and stations in Japan, Okinawa, Vietnam and stateside. He received an honorable discharge with honors in 1975.

Known as a restless and adventurous spirit, Frederick retired from the Air Force to the Pacific Northwest to pursue a second career as a long haul truck driver based out of Spokane and eventually working out of Columbia Falls. Following retirement from the road, he settled in Columbia Falls for a while before eventually moving to his final home of 15 years in Marion.

He enjoyed the various outdoor activities Montana has to offer, as well as the wide open spaces, privacy and sol-

that shared his interests and sentiments.

He was preceded in death by his parents, older sister and younger brother, and is survived by his sister Mary Ellen, sons Eric and Fred and daughter Natheena, in addition to a handful of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Following his passing and military burial with honors, Frederick "Baumann" Busch is now resting peacefully at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family would like to thank the staff, nurses and doctors at the ICU and intermediate care at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center and at the Brendan House, for their kindness and compassionate care both to the patient, and to the family. We would also like to thank the United Veterans of the Flathead for their support role during the service, complete with "Taps." Finally, a warm thank you to Adam Mills at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home for his expeditious and professional handling of the various details of the service.

10 Oct 2017

Dorene Butler, 67

Dorene Butler, born Oct. 30, 1949, led a full and energetic life until illness and her untimely passing took her from us on Aug. 12, 2017. She graduated from Pacific Palisades High School in Los Angeles, attended Pacific University, traveled the world with Chapman College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Cal State University, Northridge.

She traveled widely in India, Africa, South America and then in the U.S. and Canada with friends and her husband. Natural landscapes and small towns were her favorite places and where she made many friends.



Dorene appreciated beautiful and whimsical things that displayed the luster

of age, epitomized by her vast salt and pepper shaker collection. She loved wild and domestic animals, particularly her cats. Dorene supported birding societies, garden clubs, and was a generous contributor to the Kalispell Food Bank.

She is survived by her brother Douglas Butler and sister Debra Butler James, and former husband Mike Evans. Her family and friends miss her!

20 Sep 2017

Daniel C. Bush, 63

Daniel C. Bush, 63, ended his journey in Port St. Lucie, Florida, Jan. 30, 2017, after a long and difficult illness. Family members were able to care for him until his last day, as was his wish. His son, Jeffrey, provided the major portion of his care.

Dan was born in Missoula in 1953 and at the age of 9 weeks flew half way around the world to Guam to join his Air Force father.

Being an "Air Force Brat" he attended many schools, and graduated from Cabrillo High School in Lompoc, California.

He did spend some time at Bigfork High School. Later he spent many years in the area as owner of Alpine Home Center and a valuable member of his family's Jubilee Sweet Cherry Orchard.

Anything that needed to be done, he could do or find a book to show him how. He could make fine jewelry and also build heavy equipment.

Dan was a true Montanan, loved all ani-

mals, hunting, fishing and camping. He raised a buffalo and ended up making a coat from the hide.

His travels included most of South America and the Caribbean when he piloted a boat through a hurricane. He also traveled down the Amazon River in a dugout canoe and lived with his family in Brazil for some time.

Dan had two children, a daughter Monica and son Jeffrey, and a granddaughter, Sophia, who is a year old.

He is survived by his mother Clarice Bush and father Bill Bush, sister Julia Bush-Swanson and several cousins and niece, Andrea Swanson; he is also survived by his former wives Ivete and Mila.

Memorial services will be held in Florida and later this summer in Montana with his ashes spread on his beloved mountains and the Gulf Stream.

In lieu of flowers, remembrance can be sent to Treasure Coast Hospice, 5000 Dunn Road, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981.

25 Feb 2017

Roy Rodney Butts, 85

On Feb. 15, 2017, Roy Rodney Butts, beloved father, husband, "Grampa," uncle and loyal friend, "passed on to the embrace of our heavenly Father" after a valiant fight with illness, surrounded by loving family.

Rod, as he was affectionately known by all, was born in Priest River, Idaho, on Dec. 2, 1931, to Clarence and Ilda Butts. His older sister Clarice welcomed Rod to the family and he was followed in later years by brothers Jack and Gerald.

Rod enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951, serving four years as an electrician's mate aboard the USS Prairie (AD-15), based



laughter.

Family was always the most important focal point of his life, providing for and supporting everything his family needed. Rod's unselfish willingness to help everyone around him made him a role model that will be extremely missed by all

out of San Diego.

On Feb. 6, 1953, Rod married his high school sweetheart Betty and together

they enjoyed over 60 short years of love, life and

that knew him. He never hesitated to help anyone and everyone if there was a task to be done, no matter the situation.

Following his Navy service obligation, Rod spent the next 40 years working in electrical shops in Washington and Montana, including owning and operating "Roy's Electric" in Kalispell, from which he retired in 1995.

An avid outdoorsman, Rod's passion for adventure was second only to family that led to many trips including hunting, fishing, traveling, camping with family and friends, wilderness trips on horseback ... if it was outdoors, he loved to be part of it.

Rod was preceded in death by his lovely wife and soul mate, Betty, in 2013, and is survived by children Janice and husband Jim Dry, Ken and wife Sue Thompson and Jean and husband Ron Glasgow; grandchildren, Sarah Thompson, Jacie Sievers and her husband Wes Newsham, Brian Glasgow, Tyra Glasgow, Randy Glasgow, Beth Glasgow, Tracey Glasgow and Ronnie Glasgow; and great-grandchildren, Kaiden and Liliauna Glasgow.

A celebration of life for Rod will be held in the spring.

Roy Rodney Butts will be greatly missed.

Leona "Lee" (Campbell) Byington, 86

Leona "Lee" (Campbell) Byington, 86, of Whitefish, passed away Feb. 17, 2017.

Lee was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, July 17, 1930, to Pearl Mildred Johnson Campbell and Ruben Campbell.

Lee loved the outdoors, dogs (especially Champ) and painting. Although Lee did not receive formal training, her artwork was extraordinary. She drew and painted landscapes, animals, and dabbled in abstract painting. By leading with her heart, she was able to capture the essence of her subjects making the art pure and simple. As Lee lost her eyesight in her later

years, she would describe scenes from her memory and how she would capture them on her canvas.

Lee began working at the age of eleven washing dishes at a restaurant in her home town of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho. In order to reach the sink she stood on a milk box. The money she made from her work there and later as a lifeguard was used to feed her family, but it also allowed her to save enough to buy the books and supplies she needed to graduate from high school.

It was after graduation that she met her husband of 68 years, Blaine Rudolph Byington. Lee

described Blaine as her one and only true love. Lee lost Blaine Jan. 6, 2014, and mourned his absence every day.

Lee was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, Mitt, Joe and Buddy, one sister, Twila and her son-in-law Michael Derbidge.

Lee is survived by her four children, Tori Byington and her wife Leah Hyman-Byington of Millersburg, Oregon; Dart Byington and his wife Carol of Elizabeth, Colorado; Craig Byington and his wife Denise of Helena; and Judyth Derbidge of Idaho Falls, Idaho; nine grandchildren, Sarah, Nicholas,

Domini, Aron, Adam, Clint, Codi, Brooke and Weston and numerous great-grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren were a great source of pride for Lee. There was not a day in her life she was not asking about them, thinking of them and praying for them.

A memorial service will be held for Lee at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave W. Columbia Falls, MT 59912. The service will be followed by a reception 1 p.m. at the Back Room of the Nite Owl Restaurant in Columbia Falls. Columbia Mortuary is caring for Lee's family.