

Myrtle J. Cagle, 89

Myrtle J. Cagle, 89, of Columbia Falls, passed away Dec. 15, 2017.

Myrtle was born in Biddeford, Maine, on March 5, 1928. She was raised in Maine and Montana.

She married Floyd C. Cagle on Dec. 26, 1947, in Bremerton, Washington. Myrtle enjoyed quilting, sewing, and supporting our military and local communities she served.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 38 years, Floyd Cagle, as well as by Robert Crane, Cheryl Weeres, Robert Smith, Hazel Smith, Dorthy Baker and Richard Baker.

Myrtle is survived by her son, Robert T. Cagle, and daughter-in-law, Janet Cooper; grandchildren Shiloh Weeres, Shane Weeres and Amber Walter; great-grandchildren Grayson Walter and Ashton Walter; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren;



and sister Ruth (and Buck) Chapman.

A memorial service is scheduled at noon Saturday,

Jan. 13, at the Whitefish Foursquare Church.

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

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Judy Carr, 75

Judy Carr, 75, passed away on Jan. 29, 2017, in Omaha, Nebraska, due to a month-long battle with respiratory failure.

Judy was born in Kalispell on Dec. 12, 1941. She was the second to the youngest of seven children born to Edward and Cecilia Lyonais. Judy attended grade school at St. Matthew's and high school at Flathead High School.

On Nov. 29, 1959, Judy married Glen Carr at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. For 10 years she faithfully supported her husband as he served in the United States Navy.

After being discharged from the service they traveled a bit and eventually settled in San Marcos, California, where they created Glen Carr Blasting Company. In 1976, they welcomed their first child, Glen, and in 1978 a daughter, Dianna, was born.

Judy moved her family back to Kalispell in 1984 upon the unfortunate death of her husband Glen Carr, where she could be surrounded by her caring and supportive large family. She had a variety of jobs — painting wooden ducks, making wreaths at Snow Line and lastly, working at Semitool.

For 20 years, Judy regularly attended and was involved in Risen Christ Catholic Church. She truly loved and valued the friendships that were created.

Judy had a passion for genealogy that sent her traveling, interviewing family, and discovering old documents. She had a great love and respect for America, which she passed onto her children. Judy fully supported her son in 1997 and her daughter in 2008 when they joined the United States Army.

Judy was preceded in death by husband Glen Carr, great-granddaugh-



ter Ki'Ja Bassett, parents Edward and Cecilia Lyonais, siblings Jim Lyonais,

Gail (Lyonais) Mitchell and Doris (Lyonais) Davis, along with in-laws, Don Burnell and Michael Neal.

Judy is survived in death by her two children and families — her son Glen Carr II, his wife Athena Carr, and their daughter Jaquavia; and her daughter Dianna (Carr) Majors, her husband Andrew Majors, and children Abigail, Kiera, Aiden, A.J. and Glen. Judy is also survived by siblings, Janice (Lyonais) Burnell, Patti (Lyonais) and Jim Slack, and Chris (Lyonais) Neal.

A rosary service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, at Risen Christ Catholic Church followed by services at 11 a.m. A luncheon will be served after Mass and interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family is asking in lieu of flowers that donations in her honor be made to Risen Christ Catholic Church, 65 West Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

12 Aug 2017

Delores 'Dee' Ann Cartwright, 66

Delores "Dee" Ann Cartwright of Kalispell "was welcomed home by her heavenly father" Jan. 22, 2017.

Dee was born in Gary, Indiana, on April 17, 1950, the daughter of Claude and Peggy Zimmerle. Dee spent most of her youth being raised on her family's farm in Michigan City, Indiana.

After graduation in 1969, Dee joined the United States Air Force. It was there she met and fell in love with William



Prentice Cartwright III.

They were married on Aug. 22, 1970. They raised

two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Elizabeth, in Indiana and moved to the Flathead Valley in 1998 to enjoy their retirement years.

Dee worked in the banking industry for 15 years. She enjoyed spending time outdoors

with her family in Montana and was talented with sewing and crafting. She was actively involved in her church at Bible Baptist and thoroughly loved serving the Lord.

Her incredible kindness and loving spirit will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Dee will be forever loved by those who have survived her, her daughters Jenny and Liz; her brother, "Stretc,"; two sisters, Karol and Diane;

and many beloved grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Dee was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her parents Claude and Peggy, and brothers John and Kevin.

A celebration of life will be held at Bible Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Cremation & Funeral Gallery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cfgbillings.com through "Our Families."

26 Jan 2017

Patrick Daniel Casey, 80

Patrick Daniel Casey, 80, of Kalispell, passed away at Kalispell Regional Hospital on April 17, 2017, at 11 a.m., after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born to Patrick D. and Betty Casey in 1936 in Chicago. At the age of 5 or 6 he moved with his mother Betty and his brother Jim Casey to Tacoma, Washington, where Betty worked in the shipyards. When Pat was in fifth grade they moved back to Kalispell where Betty's family lived. He started fifth grade at Hedges Grade School and attended Central Junior High. The family moved to Great Falls his freshman year. He played freshmen basketball with the "Fabulous Freshman" who beat the varsity team, hence the name. The family moved back to Kalispell for his sophomore year and graduated from Flathead High in 1956. His achievements included football and basketball where he



became First Team All State Guard. He accepted a basketball scholarship to Western College in Dillon. During

his freshman year he became the Golf Conference Champion. He left college in his junior year to join the Army in 1959.

Pat started his love of golf at age 11 when he was a caddy at the Buffalo Hills Golf Course. Dave Cameron and Gene McGlenn took him under their wings and taught him the game. Pat was a member of Buffalo Hills Golf Club, Whitefish Lake Golf Club and Meadow Lake Golf Club for many years. He won the Whitefish Club Championship in 1997 when he was 61 years old. He served as a director for the State of Montana Golf Association for 24 years.

He later became a director of the MT Senior Golf Association until he moved to Idaho in 2004.

His career began in 1970 when he bought the Club Bar from his stepfather Bill Murr and changed the name to "Casey's." In December of 2003 he sold the bar and retired to Twin Lakes Village in Rathdrum, Idaho. They moved back to Montana in July 2016 where they resided at Village Greens.

Pat is survived by his wife Sally of 30 years, his son Michael (Denise) Casey, grandchildren Danny Casey of Lynwood, Washington, Rachel Casey of Lynnwood and Catherine Casey of Maui, Hawaii.

Stepdaughter Heidi (Ryan) Fox of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and grandson Ethan Fox, granddaughter Andrea Donahue of Henderson, Nevada, as well as Pat's brother Jim (Marilyn) of Banning, California.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held June 17 at Village Greens Community Center with time and details to be announced.

To send notes of condolences to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

22 Apr 2017

Allan B. Cassan, 73

Allan Bruce Cassan, 73, died on March 16, 2017, at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Arizona.

Allan was born on Feb. 17, 1944, in Kalispell where he was raised and attended Flathead High School. He retired in 1976 after a 33-year career as a saw filer at a Flathead Valley lumber company. Allan was known for his joy of music, singing, cars and his infectious comedic nature; always bringing a smile to the faces of those around him.

He is survived by his brothers, Tony Cassan, Dave Cassan, (and their wives, Owenna and Lois, respectively); his four children, Kris Cassan-Fino of Nine Mile Falls, Washington, Sam Cassan



of Spokane, Washington, Sally Cassan-Archuleta of Clam Gulch, Alaska, and Dale Cassan of Artesia, New Mexico. He is also survived by six grandchildren, five greatgrand-

children, and six nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor Cassan, his mother, Charlotte Louise Robinson Cassan and his younger brother Sundi Cassan.

Riley Gordon Childers, 73

Riley Gordon Childers, 73, of Bigfork, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in Kalispell.

Gordon was born Feb. 15, 1943 in Shelby to Riley and Nell Childers, the oldest of their three children. He was raised in Shelby and Bigfork, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1961.

He was married in 1964 to Aneda Skiftun, and they lived in the Flathead Valley until they moved to Spokane in 1973. Gordon and Aneda were married for 21 years, and he was the proud father of two children, Steve and Lori.

Gordon loved spending time with family and friends, playing his guitar, and singing songs from his fathers book of favorites, "Sing along with Riley." He was an avid cribbage player, never giving up the opportunity to challenge a player, no matter their level of ability. As a young man, he enjoyed the valley for snowmobiling in the winter and water skiing in the summer. In his later years, he enjoyed when his buddies would drop in to take him hunting. Anyone who knew him, knew that he was quite the "Do it Yourself-er" and could wheel and deal with the best of them. He was also, in his sister Donna's words, a good Samaritan, who would come to the aid of a friend or stranger alike. Gordon knew no stranger, and could be found telling many a tall tale, and sharing his love of jokes and one liners.

In his younger years, Gordon was a volunteer firefighter with Bigfork Fire, as well as being a member of the local Jaycees. While in Spokane, Washington, he was a part of the Spokane Executive Association (SEA). Furthermore, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Bigfork



as well as Spokane. Gordon was a born salesman. He started at age 12 selling Christmas

cards up and down the lake shore, moving on to selling Corey Coffee, and then he became one of the youngest real estate brokers in the area at age 21. After moving to Spokane, he took up with his love of automobiles and managed Divine Auto Corporation for several years, then owned and operated Gordon's 2nd Ave. Auto.

Gordon was preceded in death by his father, Riley Childers, and his mother, Nell Childers.

He is survived by his son Steve (Kristin) Childers of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; his daughter Lori (Jeff) Cormier of Kalispell, Montana; grandsons, Cody Childers, Post Falls, Idaho, and Garrett Cormier, Kalispell, Montana. He is also survived by his brother Vern (Marla) Childers of Bigfork, Montana; his sister Donna (Jack) Ganiere, of Bigfork, Montana; his brother Cecil Childers of Evansville, Wyoming; and numerous nieces and a nephew.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. Fellowship luncheon will follow the service at the church, and for those who wish to attend, there will be a short graveside memorial at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork or a charity of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Barbara Jean Chilton, 85

Barbara Jean Chilton, 85, passed away Monday, April 10, 2017, at The Retreat due to complications associated with her stroke in January 2017.

Barbara was born on Feb. 14, 1932, in Olympia, Washington to Miles and Caro Crout. She grew up in the family home in Tumwater, Washington, with siblings, JoAnne, Betty Jo and Kenneth. She attended Olympia High School, graduating in 1950.

She met the love of her life, William "Bill" Chilton, while he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. On Jan. 2, 1953, they were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In the spring of 1953, she began her life as a "wild river pioneer," at Shafer Ranger Station, on the middle fork of the Flathead River. Her first summer home was a walled tent and many new experiences awaited the city girl! In November 1953, their daughter, Carol Ann, was born. Summers were spent in Shafer and the remainder of the year in Kalispell for the next five years. Jim joined the family in December 1962.

Barbara was a homemaker for many years, making sure there were always cookies in the cookie jar and that Carol Ann and Jim grew up with a true sense of what it means to be a family. She was supportive of their activities, volunteering as a room mother, making costumes for class plays, sitting in the bleachers at baseball and basketball games, and as a 4-H leader teaching many young girls to sew. She continued to be involved in her children's lives whenever she could, helping with painting siding, decorating their new homes, dog-sitting her grand-puppies, Ice and Bing, or attending many plays and concerts at Flathead High School with Carol Ann.



enjoyed their trips to Alaska, Australia and New Zealand. She made sure Bill attend-

ed the Woodcarving Rendezvous each summer to catch up with friends and fellow woodcarvers. She was always up for a road trip and there was never going to be any moss growing under her feet! In recent years following Bill's death in 2012, she and her sister, Betty Jo, did an annual spring road trip together and "shopped until they dropped" in Denver.

She was a fabulous quilter and a member of the Flathead Quilters' Guild. She looked forward to attending quilt retreats sewing from daylight until way past a normal person's bedtime with her quilting friends! Everyone was always appreciative to receive one of her creations and will cherish them forever. Some have traveled as far as Australia. She loved flowers and her yard and deck were a mass of color with many people stopping by during the summer, commenting on how beautiful her yard was.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Miles and Caro; husband of 59 years, Bill; infant son, John; sister, JoAnne; and brother, Kenneth.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Ann, of Kalispell; son, Jim, of Somers; sister, Betty Jo, of Aurora, Colorado; and nieces and nephews in California, Washington, Nevada and Minnesota. She also leaves behind many close friends and was "mom" to more than just Carol Ann and Jim.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Barbara was attuned to the needs of the homeless

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Barbara started working in fabric retail in the 1970s at Sewing Directions in the basement of the KM Building. She then went to work in the fabric departments of Ben Franklin and Creative Crafts for 20-plus years until she retired. In her retirement, she became an avid Lakers fan and coach from the recliner - Bill, Carol Ann and Jim quickly learned not to interrupt the game with idle conversation!

In retirement, she and Bill became snowbirds, spending winters in Yuma and Casa Grande, Arizona. They thoroughly

and disadvantaged youth in Kalispell; consequently, in lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Heart Locker, School District No. 5, 233 1st Avenue East, Kalispell MT 59901; Flathead High School Activities, 644 4th Avenue West, Kalispell MT 59901; or Sparrows Nest of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 8384, Kalispell MT 59904.

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

Sandra K. Chopper, 71

Sandra K. Chopper, daughter of William and Beryl Alexander, died Oct. 28, 2017, at the age of 71 after a long battle with cancer.

Sandy loved the Lord and she lived her life dedicating herself to the raising of her five children, Ernie, Jody, Eric, Josh and Pricilla, and then continuing her dedication in the adoption and raising of her three granddaughters, Angel, Lynelle and Yvonne, as her own.

She passed in the home of her son Eric, surrounded by the family and friends she loved most dearly. "She rests now in the arms of our



Lord." Her viewing will be open to friends and family from 3 to 5 p.m. today.

Oct. 31, at the Columbia Mortuary, followed by her funeral at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Canyon Community Church, and burial following services at Fairview Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Sandra. To send a note of condolence, please visit Sandra's tribute page at www.columbiamortuary.com.

31 Oct 2017

Colleen Marie (Murphy) Clark, 68

Colleen Marie (Murphy) Clark - February 5, 1949 - September 20, 2017

Our mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Colleen Marie Clark (Murphy) passed peacefully Sept. 20, 2017 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

We know she is reunited with the love of her life Jerry, and they now are hand-in-hand watching the sunset over the beach.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Helene; her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Clark, as well as brother, Warren McAllister.

The memory of Colleen lives on in her immediate family including daughters, Lisa Wells (Terry Wells), Keli Kefauver-Powell (Thomas Powell) as well as Riki Clark, Kristin Clark, Amy Martin (Jason Martin);



and sister-in-law, Kathy McAllister. Colleen was incredibly proud

of great-granddaughter, Peyton Wells; grandsons, Christopher Wells (Brittney), Cody Wells (Shelby), Jacob Powell, Alex Clark, Ethan Martin and Colby Martin.

Services will be at Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th St, Kent, WA 98042, on Wednesday, Sept. 27 promptly at 1:15 p.m. with a gathering to follow at the family home.

Edwards Memorial in University Place, Wash., is caring for the family. A full obituary is available at <http://www.edwardsmemorial.com>.

Allan Clark, 92

Allan Clark, 92, passed away March 5, 2017.

Allan was born July 12, 1925, in Kalispell. He was the first of three children born to Ruth (Moore) and DeWitt Clark. They lived on a farm near Lake Blaine.

He graduated from Cayuse Prairie, Flathead High and University of Montana.

He served in the Army in World War II.

In 1949 he married Phyllis Anderson. They were married 64 years when she passed away in 2014.

Allan worked for over 40 years as a certified public accountant, for most of that time in his own firm. He also taught accounting at Flathead Valley Community College. He served in many local organizations including Central Christian Church, Rotary, Flathead Land Trust, Backcountry Horseman, Toastmasters, Flathead and Montana Society of CPAs, Senior Citizens, and Good Sam's RV Club. Allan's pastimes and pursuits included horses, wilderness pack trips, RV touring, dancing, Pinochle, farming and a volunteer tax preparer



for United Way Tax Service. He was active to the end, attended a swing dance class the day of his stroke.

He was preceded in death by his brother Warren and his wife Phyllis.

He is survived by his sister Elaine in California, children Mary Jo Gardner and Dennis Olson, Brad and Judy Clark, Jennifer and William Crane, all of Kalispell, and Valerie and John Neseemann of Lostine, Oregon, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Allan's honor can be made to Flathead Land Trust or Citizens For a Better Flathead.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, at Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

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

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23 Sep 2017

Beulah Robertson Clothier, 96

Beulah Robertson Clothier of Kalispell passed away peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 8, 2017, just one week short of her 97th birthday.

Beulah was born Feb. 15, 1920, to Clyde "Rabbit" and Minnie Robertson. Beulah lived her entire life in Kalispell.

She married George Stearns on Sept. 18, 1943, and they were blessed with three children, Linda in 1947 and two years later, twins Clyde and Claire. Beulah was a loving mother — she relished those years raising her children and took countless pleasure in their accomplishments.

On Nov. 7, 1980, Beulah married Keny Clothier, and she lived with him for 25 years until his passing in 2005. Beulah loved Montana and its mountains, and held many fond memories of time spent at Ashley, Flathead and Bitterroot lakes. Beulah also loved her Sunday football, and to travel, especially to Panama.

Surrounding herself with family and friends gave Beulah her greatest joy, which she eagerly shared with those around her. She loved to tell her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (and anyone else who would listen) about her father Rabbit's time as an Indian agent at Heart Butte, and how she received her Blackfoot Indian name Sa-Pa-Pis-Tot-Sa-Kee "Spear Woman," from Rabbit's close friend, Mountain



Chief. Beulah loaned the Robertson Blackfoot Indian heirloom collection to the Museum at Central School so it can be enjoyed by the public.

Beulah was preceded in death by her beloved son, Clyde, who passed away suddenly of an undiagnosed heart ailment on Feb. 18, 2016. She was also predeceased by her husband Keny, sister Mary Jane Panick, brothers Vose and Robert Robertson, and her very special cousin Lois Montgomery.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda (Royce) Robinson and Claire (Toby) Svejkovsky, her daughter-in-law Candi Stearns, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews.

Beulah never met a stranger and left the world a better place with her unconditional love and understanding. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her — may she rest in peace.

A private service will be held at Beulah's request.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association, in which Beulah was an active member for numerous years.

Arrangements are in the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

14 Feb 2017

Albert Edward Clarke 80

Albert Edward Clarke 80, passed away on Sept. 29, 2017, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Albert was born to Edward and Jennie (Eastwood) Clarke on Jan. 27, 1937, in Jacko Township (Flathead County).

Albert married Gloria Jean (Karlin) Clarke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Jennie Clarke, sister June Fitzpatrick, wife Gloria Clarke, daughter-in-law Brenda Clarke, and granddaughter Casey Clarke.

Albert is survived by his sons, Albert Clarke of Kalispell, Robert and Sharon Clarke of Lake Havasu, Arizona, and Dale and Evelyn Clarke of



Kalispell; grandchildren, Heather Bucher, Ashley Clarke, Samantha Marcus,

Nicole Clarke, Hunter Clarke, Tanya Clarke, Colby Clarke and Taylor Clarke; and two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family. To send a note of condolence to the family please visit Albert's tribute page at www.columbiamortuary.com

10 Oct 2017

Darrell S. Clothier, 93

Darrell S. Clothier, 93, passed peacefully "from this life to the next" surrounded by his family at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017.

Darrell was born in Kalispell to Asa and Leah Clothier. He grew up in Lakeside with five brothers, Keneth, Stan, Don, George (Eldon) and Neal, and his only sister, Emma Lu.

Darrell met Delores Dietrich in Cody, Wyoming. They were married for over 60 years. They had a son, Stanley Clothier, who preceded them in death. They have a daughter, Geri Malberg, in Kalispell. Delores died in Kalispell in 2010.

Darrell was a hard worker, a visionary, who could fix any piece of equipment, and invented many things, including the Puzzle Packer, which he marketed successfully for several years. He was a woodcarver, and his carvings are in many places throughout the states. He was proud of being an ironworker for so many years, helping to build bridges and the Hungry Horse Dam. His family heard many stories of growing up in Lakeside, working on the dam, and



lots of other episodes in his life. He and Delores owned Spruce Park

Mobile Village and RV Park for over 30 years.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Asa and Leah Clothier; and his brothers, Keny, Don, Eldon and Neal.

He is survived by his remaining brother, Stan Clothier, of LaQuinta, California; and sister, Emma Lu (Allan) Reed, of Sumner, Washington. He is also survived by his daughter, Geri Malberg, and husband Robert; his three granddaughters, Amity Malberg, Cadie Bailey and husband, Ethan, and Jessica Malberg-Fiftal and husband Jeffrey. He is also survived by the four Bailey great-grandchildren, Ezias, Azalea, Abby and Matt.

The family will have a time of remembrance and visiting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts to Flathead County Animal Shelter in Kalispell.

David Lee Cochrane, 58

Columbia Falls lost one of their beloved residents on May 26, 2017. Born in Harrison Township, Michigan, on March 20, 1959, David Lee Cochrane passed peacefully at home surrounded by his devoted family and close friends. Dave fought a courageous battle with mantle cell lymphoma for 13 years.

He was loved more than words can express, and never failed to make others smile with his pranks and witty jokes. He loved fishing, hunting, hiking and playing cards. He was a devoted Conservative and stood up for his beliefs and what he felt was right, staying in close contact with political officials at all times via phone and letters. Dave was an avid baker; holidays and family gatherings will never be the same without his sweet confections and warm presence.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Jean Cochrane.

He is survived by five siblings, Carol, Donna, Steve, Howard and Donnie.

David graduated from Clovis High School in 1977, immediately joining the Air Force, followed by the Air National Guard. He met the love of his life and was married



in 1986 to Geri. He was unconditionally loved by her for 31 years and she never left his side during his battle with cancer.



Together they raised two beautiful children in the Flathead Valley where he planted his roots and called it home, working at Plum Creek.

David is cherished by his son Jason of Mountain Home, Idaho, and daughter Jena of Columbia Falls, and his beloved dog, Koko. His life revolved around his family and friends; he loved playing with his grandchildren, Isaac, Hunter and Raelyn and he treasured his many nieces and nephews. We will all miss our Mr. P, and we will be forever grateful for the example he left us.

David's celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls. David was given excellent care by Kalispell Regional Healthcare Hospice, and Columbia Falls Mortuary is caring for the family.

26 Nov 2017

31 May 2017

Michael Wesley H. Cole, 64

Michael Wesley H. Cole, 64, died unexpectedly in Polson at St. Joseph's Hospital Oct. 23, 2017.

Michael had raised two fine sons and loved his family life full of soccer, camping, band concerts, Scouts and more. He helped raise a multitude of children through his involvement in education. His students were from all stages and abilities. The major goal of Michael was to help his students feel accomplished and proud of their effort. He loved his job and was a master at it. Michael had a gift to make family, friends, students, and co-workers feel loved and important in his special way. His gentleness, laughter, and love of fun will be missed.

Michael would throw himself into his interests with passion. For years he bred and showed curly haired Cornish Rex, then sleek oriental shorthair cats mainly in Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA). Big Arm Hannigan (as Michael was known by Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) members) was heavily involved



with Cowboy Action Shooting for a number of years. He made many pre-

vious friends through being a past member of Orygun Cowboys and regularly shooting at matches throughout the Northwest. Continuing his love for the shooting sports, he also participated in United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA), 3-gun matches, and was a range officer for the Polson Shooting Range. He enjoyed countless hours making furniture and other pieces of art in his woodworking shops. The Moose Lodge No. 1774 in Vancouver, Washington, is where he had his membership. He enriched his love of music by taking guitar, mandolin and piano lessons. Most recently, he was enthusiastically learning and participating in the world of ham radio where he earned his technician, general, and extra amateur licenses.

Born in East St. Louis, Illinois, Michael then moved to Chehalis, Washington at age 7. He grew up with his sister, LaDonna, and his brother, Jim, until going to Washington State University. He met his wife, Paula, at WSU. They lived in Pullman, Washington; Kellogg, Idaho; Vancouver and Camas, Washington. The final move was to Big Arm in 2007.

Michael loved learning. He was a high school graduate of W.F. West in Chehalis, Washington. He earned his bachelor's at Washington State and his master's at Portland State University. As a lifelong learner, he continued studies at many different colleges.

Love of learning was also shown in his choice of occupation: educator. He taught for more than 39 years at Kellogg School District, Kellogg; Evergreen School District, Vancouver; adjunct professor, Seattle Pacific University, Vancouver; Polson School District, Polson; and site supervisor for student teachers, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mildred Cole, his uncle, Jerry Varvel, and cousin, Jeff Cole.

His survivors include his wife Paula, sons Ian and Pierce, sister LaDonna Hansen and her husband Ron, brother Jim Cole and his wife Arloa, uncle, Noel Cole, aunt, Fern Schneider, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A celebration of life has taken place in Big Arm. There was also a celebration of life for Michael held Nov. 4 at Vancouver Moose Lodge, Vancouver, Washington.

Messages of condolence may be expressed to the family online at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. The Lake Funeral Home, Polson, is assisting with Michael's arrangements.

4 Nov 2017

Madeline Thursa Young Coleman, 83

Madeline Thursa Young Coleman "went home to Christ" on Friday July 21, 2017.

Madeline was born on the March 2, 1934, in Lodge Grass, Montana, and was the seventh of 10 children born to Fred and Hazel Young.

Madeline was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 50-plus years, JD Coleman, one child, Reid, four sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Sudan of Kila and Michelle Standley of Kalispell, and three sons, Darrell of Fort Worth, Texas, Roger of Kalispell and Joseph of Dallas, Joseph Young of Portland and Wesley Young of



Kalispell. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and far too

many nieces and nephews to list here.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family and graveside services are planned for 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at her home in Kalispell.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed every day."

25 Jul 2017

Travis Paul Collier, 75

Travis Paul Collier was born Oct. 30, 1941, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Neal and Anne Collier.

He passed away at home in Kalispell on Aug. 12, 2017, due to congestive heart failure.

He is survived by his wife, Beth; and daughters, Susan Harsh and husband Kurt, Courtney Rudbach and husband, Karl, and their children, Maggie and Will. He is also survived by brothers, Troy and Stuart of Texas, and Norman Haug and wife Sharon; sister, Virginia Haug, and nephews Blake and Ethan Haug.

At a young age, Travis moved to Choteau with his mother where he was one of a handful of students at the Bynum one-room school, and graduated from Choteau High School in 1959. After graduation, he joined the Navy as a sonar technician on the USS Turner Joy.

After serving, he moved to Whitefish, where he met the girl next door, Beth Adaskavich. They were married in the Whitefish Methodist church and later moved to Shelby where Beth's father enlisted Travis to help farm wheat and barley — a job that lasted the



next 50-plus years.

While living in Shelby, Beth and Travis raised their two delightful girls, Susan and Courtney. Travis was active in the

local community, serving many years on the Shelby School board, was a member of the Elks, the Jaycees and the Methodist Church, and was on the board of directors at the First State Bank of Shelby in his retirement years. He was very proud that his family contributed the land for the Shelby Veterans Memorial.

Travis loved to ski and was always up for taking his daughters and their friends to Teton Pass, Showdown and Big Mountain. His other passion was playing golf, and after many, many years of hacking, he finally made a hole-in-one at the 1999 Marias Valley Farm and Ranch Tournament. But wouldn't you know it, due to the poor crops that year it was the only time in tournament history

that KSEN radio didn't offer a fancy new combine or pickup for a hole-in-one prize!

Travis was a loving husband and devoted father — Papaw to not only his grandchildren but also honorary grandchildren Colin, Connor and Kennah Beth Fuller. He enjoyed spending many hours watching all their various sports and activities, especially Mariners baseball, volleyball, 4-H, taekwondo, football, and many more.

Travis knew he had a good life. In his last days he reflected on his time spent with his friends and family on Whitefish Lake, the Collier's famous Fourth of July parties, his good friends on the golf course and those that had gone before him. In his later years, he was a regular at The Wave and The Summit, always up for an "executive workout," which was equal time working out and chatting in the hot tub.

Travis' favorite uncle, Joe Collier, passed away on the same day. The family is comforted by knowing the two old cowboys rode off into the sunset together ... probably catching one last rodeo on their way up to heaven.

The family would like to thank the staff of Frontier Hospice, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, North Valley Hospital and particularly the care given to him for many years by Dr. John Kalbfleisch.

Please join us as we celebrate Travis' life from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course.

Memorials may be directed to the Kalispell Kiwanis Club.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

15 Aug 2017

Wilbur Doyle Combs, 92

25 Oct 2017

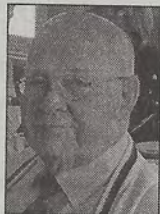
Wilbur Doyle Combs died from congestive heart failure on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, in Redmond, Oregon, with family by his side. He was 92.

He was born in Lancaster, Washington, on Jan. 17, 1925, to Thomas and Lovell Combs, one of 11 children. He milked cows on the family farm before school, and helped his father make sorghum and brooms during the Depression. He graduated from high school in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1943 and married his high school sweetheart, Trudy Lee Swanson, on April 23, 1944.

He was a timber faller in Oregon and Alaska and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Lebanon, Oregon.

He enjoyed fishing, swimming, golf, bowling, pinochle and travel.

Doyle was preceded in death by his parents, and six siblings, Wilda, Ella, Thelma, Emily, Johnny and Leo; and survived by four, Lavelle, Jerry, David, and Alice; and Trudy, his wife of 73 years; three children, Shirley and husband Danny,



Larry and wife Cindy, and Charlotte and husband Richard; nine

grandchildren, Eric, Stacey, Heather, Aaron, Briana, Rachel, Ashley, Brice and Lesliagh; and nine great-grandchildren, Shannyn, Ryker, Jaxson, Tristan, Tucker, Kolbie, Austin, Logan and Mateo.

Doyle was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1951 and an elder in the Canyon View Congregation in Redmond. He was a very wise and loving man, always ready to listen and give kind counsel from the Bible to those who asked. He had complete faith in the resurrection and we hope to see him again soon on a paradise earth. Jehovah's people never say goodbye for the last time.

A memorial will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 851 NW Canal Blvd., Redmond, Oregon.

E. Joyce Logan Conklin, 86

Joyce, being a woman of great faith, "decided when the saints came marching" in on All Saints Day that she would march out with them" Nov. 1, 2017, at the age of 86.

She was born June 11, 1931.

Joyce was full of surprises right up to the very end. She overcame breast cancer, falling down the stairs and breaking her neck, and thyroid cancer with a no survival rate. The family had to ask doctors to stop telling Joyce what she couldn't live through, because she just lived on anyway. She liked to have it her way. It should not have been a surprise to her family that she marched out of this life with a heart attack when she had no history of this disease. Joyce kept us on our toes until the last minute.

Joyce had an avid love in life for welcoming



people into the family, especially at holidays, listening to your woes, not offering advice even when

you really wanted it. She always said you would figure it out. Joyce was right. We did. Right or wrong, we owned what we had done. She made sure of it. She was there to drive us, cheer us on, bake something, sew it for us or let us know when we screwed up. Joyce was a steward of the earth before it was in style. If she wouldn't put it in the land, she didn't put it in her body, even if you were her doctor telling her it was OK.

Joyce was a woman of many talents. She always had a smile on her face and a heart of gold. She was sweet, with a side of zesty, to keep life interesting.

She is survived by her husband, five children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who will miss her more than words can say. Rest in the arms of Jesus. You have been so strong for so long.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 11 at Christ Episcopal Church, with a reception to follow at 215 Third Ave. East, Kalispell. A Committal ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. July 7 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Joyce would want you to do a big random act of kindness. (Now, do it, she really means it!) She was a big believer in volunteering and being kind to others. Please pick the charity of your choice and donate generously to it.

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

3 Nov 2017

John E. 'Shaun' Corette III, 81

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, John E. Corette III "Shaun" of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died at the age of 81.

Shaun was born June 24, 1936, and raised in Butte, a fact well known to all his friends and colleagues.

Shaun and his wife Mary Ann were summer residents on Caroline Point in Lakeside.

In 1969, Shaun arrived in Washington, D.C., to be general counsel of the U.S. Export-Import Bank. After seven years in that position, he elected to make Washington his home and established a long and distinguished law career, first at his own firm (Cole, Corette & Abrutyn) and later as a partner at DLA Piper.

Shaun's practice spanned the spectrum from corporate to finance to international trade. A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, he developed an enviable list of longstanding clients, including timber interests and the snowsport industry's national trade association. In 1988, after six months of testimony, he won a famous case for the government-owned silver mining company of Peru against individuals seeking to corner the silver market.

He contributed to the improvement of the legal profession through his leadership roles with the American Bar Association and with Georgetown University Law School as an adjunct professor. He is fondly remembered as a mentor to young associates and was recognized on the list of Washington's top



lawyers by Washingtonian magazine.

Shaun may have become a Washington insider

but he never gave up his love for his home state. After his retirement in 2011, he spent the summer and fall months at his home on Flathead Lake. He relished his large, extended family and friends and supported myriad of nonprofit educational institutions, including the University of Montana in Missoula, and Carroll College in Helena.

This cowboy considered everyone a friend and was a larger-than-life figure to all who knew him. He excelled at skiing, golf, tennis and storytelling. He will be missed for his sage advice, strong opinions, his warmth and love.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Ann; his daughters, Erin Corette of Washington, D.C., and Kim Corette of Missoula; his son, Mike Tierney, of San Diego, Mike's wife Andrea Migdal, his grandchildren Elyse and Ian; sister, Joan Hanley of Rancho Mirage, California; and brother, Bill Corette of Rolling Hills, California.

A celebration of life will be held in Lakeside during the summer of 2018.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Flathead Lakers (flatheadlakers.org) or to the Boys and Girls Club of Glacier Country.

18 Dec 2017

Vern Jon Corneliuson, 75

Vern Jon Corneliuson of Bigfork passed away peacefully May 26, 2017, at home on an evening with a beautiful mountain sunset.

The oldest of five children, Vern was born in Kellogg, Idaho, to Wilma and Chester (Chet) Corneliuson Sr.

Vern spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley where they lived across the pond from his grandparents' farm and near his other grandparents' farm. He attended Spring Creek School, began his first year of high school at Grass Range and then moved back to Kalispell that same year, graduating from Flathead High School, class of 1959.

In 1961, Vern attended mechanical drafting school at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, where he also worked updating drawings on the Minute Man Missile project.

In 1962, Vern married Mitzi Rose in Seattle. His oldest daughter, Jami, was born in Seattle in 1963. They later moved back to Kalispell, where their second daughter, DeAnna, was born in



1965. Vern built their first home at Echo Lake in the late 1960s, although he and

Mitzi divorced in 1972.

Vern married Sharon Noll Johnson in 1987. They lived at Echo Lake and later moved to the farm in Bigfork — his pride and joy, where he lived out the rest of his days.

Early on, Vern worked as a logger in the family business with his Dad and brother. He later became a skilled carpenter, receiving training as a Journeyman Carpenter. He worked for Matelich Construction and became a partner in ABC Builders. Later he designed and built many homes for his own local business, Sundance Construction.

Vern enjoyed antique car shows, fishing, hunting, gold panning and being anywhere in the woods or on back roads looking at nature and talking about history and geology. He especially liked showing photos and

talking about the wild animals that would appear periodically at the farm. He was an avid reader, he liked history and westerns. Vern was an artist at heart. His work was his craft — he was a carpenter, journeyman builder, logger, artist, silversmith, musician, poet, outdoorsman and a proud father, grandfather and more recently, great-grandfather.

Vern was preceded in death by his infant brother Donald Corneliuson and infant sister Janice Corneliuson; and his parents Wilma and Chester (Chet) Corneliuson, Sr.

Vern is survived by his wife, Sharon Noll Corneliuson; sister Mary E. and James Childers of Kalispell; brother Chet and Bette Corneliuson of Clinton; daughter Jami and Dr. Robert Lippencott of North Plainfield, New Jersey and their children BreeAnn Lippencott and Bradley Johnston and their sons Orion and Jasper of Griffin, Georgia; Ross & Manami Lippencott and their daughter Emi of Boonton, New Jersey; daughter DeAnna Corneliuson and Thomas

Sapp of Kalispell, and their son Ethan; stepdaughter Corrina and Alton Arnold of Challis, Idaho, and their children Aspen and Tre'. There are also several nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces, and a great-great-nephew and niece. Vern also leaves behind many cherished cousins.

Vern will be greatly missed; we will hold him in our hearts and memories forever.

A memorial service to honor Vern's life will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A gathering will be held at The Museum at Central School, Hollensteiner-Stahl Hall following the memorial. Friends and family are welcome.

Memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association (P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011, www.alz.org)

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral is caring for Vern's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Vern's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

3 Jun 2017

Roy C. Countryman Jr., 87

3 Jun 2017

Roy C. Countryman Jr., 87, passed away on May 31, 2017, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1929, in Kalispell to Roy and Mae Countryman.

He moved to Halfmoon at the age of 12 where his father was the store keeper for Stoltz Lumber. He attended Canyon View grade school and Columbia Falls High School and graduated in 1948.

He married Elaine Smith Oct. 17, 1955. They lived in Whitefish for six years and moved to



Columbia Falls in 1961. He retired from the aluminum plant in 1993 after 28 years.

He enjoyed his yard and garden at home on the flat for 51 years. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and golf. His pride and joy were his children Tom and Becky.

He is survived by his wife Elaine of 61 years, son Tom (Cindy) Countryman, Becky

Countryman-Doherty (John), sister Barbara Nichol and brother-in-law Gene Darling.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Doris Darling.

A private service and cremation were held.

A celebration of life will be from 2 to 5 p.m. June 10 at the Countryman home, 1009 Third Ave, East.

In lieu of flowers a donation is suggested to Columbia Falls Food Bank, Columbia Falls Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association or Shriners.

Wayne Francis Couture, 82

Wayne Francis Couture, 82, died Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at his home at Dog (Rainbow) Lake, Montana.

Wayne was born Feb. 12, 1935, in St. Ignatius to Alexander and Madeline Ruth (Philips) Couture. He was the third born of six children.

Wayne married the love of his life, Barbara Louise Noble, on Dec. 20, 1957. He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged on March 30, 1962. Wayne and Barbara returned home and lived in Polson for a short period of time with their children Marla and Craige. The family moved to St. Maries, Idaho, in 1965 and added three more children Casey, Traci and Mark. Wayne worked for Potlach Corporation until he retired as a heavy equipment operator in June of 1995.

Wayne loved time with his family, spoiling his grandchildren, picking huckleberries, hunting, fishing, sitting by his fire at Dog Lake with a cup of coffee with whoever was lucky enough to be present.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alex Couture and



Madeline Couture; sisters, Agnes Caye and Mary Lefthand; brother, Ignace Couture; and infant sister, Madeline.

He is survived by his brother, Raymond "Eddie" Couture (Earline), of Elmo; aunt, Helen Charlo, of Elmo; the love of his life, Barbara, of Dog Lake; children, Marla (Robert) Cowan of Dog Lake, Craige (Brenda) Couture of Polson, Casey (Danielle) Couture of Ronan, Traci Couture and Willie Birthmark of Polson, and Mark (Tana) Couture of St. Ignatius; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. July 8, at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Ronan with a meal to follow.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

2 Mar 2017

Daniel Cox, 38

Daniel Cox, 38, of Kalispell, passed away on Feb. 19, 2017, while in San Diego seeking medical treatment.

Danny was born in Grand Junction, Colorado, on July 24, 1978, and grew up in San Clemente, California. He moved to Kalispell approximately eight years ago.

Danny was preceded in death by his great-grandma, Lillian Pixler; his grandma, Patsy Brandenburg; his aunt, Sharon Parrish; his cousin, Jeremy Garcia; and his stepdad, Jim Jungwirth.



He is survived by his son, Ethen Cox; his sisters, Jill, Kelly, Amy and Tanya; his mom, Joy

Briggs; his father, Ed Cox; his stepdad, Dave Johnson; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A celebration of Danny's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Smith Valley Grange on U.S. Highway 2.

1 Jul 2017

James A. Cranmer, 90

James A. Cranmer, 90, of Great Falls, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, at a local care facility.



days. He attended schools in Whitefish.

He met and married the love of his life, Violet

V. Wilson, on May 18, 1950, in Kalispell. They had three daughters.

In his early years, Jim worked as a mechanic in his grandfather's garage, and in sawmill operations. He later became an accountant after attending Business College in Missoula. The family moved to Great Falls in 1966, and remained there until the early 1970s when he relocated to Lincoln. After several years of living and post-cutting in the Lincoln area, they

returned to the Flathead Valley in the mid-1980s.

Jim always loved music, and played several different instruments including the guitar, mandolin and harmonica – as well as the organ. In his retirement years, he spent many happy hours every day singing and playing. Sometimes it was for others, sometimes just for Violet. He often sang and played at family gatherings, as well as for the socials held at the senior living apartments in Kalispell where he and Violet resided for a number of years. He recorded many songs onto cassettes over the years – mostly gospel, ballads and cowboy songs.

He is survived by his wife, Violet Cranmer,

of Great Falls; daughters, Dora (Steve) White of Great Falls, Grace (Charles) of LaGrange, Georgia, and Ruth Baker of Lincoln; sister, Sherry Caverly, of Bigfork; cousin, Fred Nelson, of Missoula; eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Iven "Butch" Cranmer, sisters Maxine Nelson, Rayola Lancaster, baby sister Gladys, adopted sister Betty Nathe, and granddaughter Amanda Baker.

Jim was also a man of faith, a kind and gentle soul. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home. A celebration of his life and burial of ashes will be held in the Flathead Valley in the spring. Details to be announced at a later date.

James, or "Jim" as he was known to friends and family, was born on Aug. 9, 1926 in Eureka to Porter R. and Jeannetta (Nelson) Cranmer, who later divorced. He was raised in the Whitefish area by his grandparents, Fred and Bertha Nelson, and was known as Jimmie Nelson in those

Roylene 'Bj' Crawford, 66

Roylene "Bj" Crawford, 66, born in 1951 in Deer Lodge, "entered a world that would be forever changed by her grace, love, and strength."



nieces and nephews. She continues to be a beacon of light and hope for all who knew her, and

will be forever missed.

Please join us for a celebration of Bj's life in her home at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 130 N. Hilltop Road in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Judes' on her behalf.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Bj's family.

Her endurance and fortitude carried into very aspect of her life, at home with her family, and in the workplace with her peers at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company where she was employed over 30 years. She cared deeply for all who walked through her door, and gave selflessly to all who needed. She loved relaxing on the water, food with family and friends, any kind of butterfly, the color purple, and Pepsi.

She passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Dec. 2, 2017, due to complications with cancer and lung disease.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Walt; loving children, Cassie and Chad; and grandchildren, Haley, Amp, Ash and Riot; her father, Monroe; and numerous

Edwin James Criswell, 54

Edwin James Criswell passed "into God's light" at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, after a six-month battle with cancer, including a broken, extremely painful right leg.



Derrick Sims.

Ed was a caregiver all his life and cared for many animals

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, at the family home just outside Kalispell; his mother, Grace Criswell; his sister, Bobbette Carr; three children and a number of grandchildren.

He was born in Spokane and leaves behind a 35-plus years best friend, "Crash"

in need of help. His deep faith in Jesus Christ help him through this struggle.

A small memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Hampton Inn, with Pastor Larry Lautaret officiating.

13 Dec 2017

Paul Henry Crosby, 82

Paul Henry Crosby, 82, of Kalispell, passed away on Wednesday, March 8, at his home.

He was born on May 15, 1934, to William Crosby and Helen Walker of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he grew up.

He married his loving wife of 60 years Barbara Ann German on Sept. 8, 1956.

Paul loved his country dearly and entered the U.S. Armed Forces, first in the naval branch; then the Air Force where he proudly served and retired as a master sergeant after 24 years of dedicated ser-



vice. Paul lived a rich and full life leaving an incredible legacy. His happiest moments were spent with his loved ones, enjoying being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and looking forward to the many family gatherings over the years.

Paul is survived by his wife, Barbara; son Paul "P.J." Crosby and his wife, Ellen; daughter

Stephanie Ricks, and her husband, Ken; son David Crosby and his wife Yvonne; daughter Renee Hart and her husband, Jerry; sister Nancy Capane and her husband, Moe; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jimmy Crosby, and grandson Andrew Ricks.

His devotion to his family was fueled by his love of Jesus. Not only was he a student of the word of God, but he also loved to teach it as well. Written on the inside cover of his

well-worn and much-loved Bible is a testament to Paul who embraced life with gusto. "Though none go with me, still I will follow ... no turning back, no turning back".

Funeral services will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 South Main St. in Kalispell with public viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service.

Graveside committal service with military honors will take place directly after the funeral at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

10 Sep 2017

Harold 'John' Crough, 58

Harold "John" Crough, 58, passed away Sept. 6, 2017, following an illness.

He was born Dec. 17, 1958, in Devils Lake, North Dakota, and was raised in Devils Lake. He graduated with the Class of 1977 from St. Mary's High School in Devils Lake.

John was a jack-of-all-trades and much of his career was in sales.

He also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was a Boy Scout leader.

His hobbies and interests included woodworking, hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his son Kevin Crough, father Harold Crough, mother Marjorie Hudson, and grandparents Cecil and Hilda Crough and Willard and Thelma Hudson.

John is survived by his son, Shaun Crough and Michelle Grant of Devils Lake, and daughter Jenny Crough and Aaron Killiam of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Dailyn Crough, Gabrielle Crough, Liam Saunders, Paityn Gage, Alli Grant, Bailee Banet and Caleb Banet; great-grandchild, Alaia Crough; brothers and sis-



ters, Greg Hudson of Laurel, Montana, Terry and Robyn Hudson of Dubuque, Iowa, Robin Maisey of Williston, North Dakota, David Johnson of Mineral, Washington, Michael Crough of Oregon; and Jim Crough of Oregon; and many extended family members.

John was a kind soul who was loved by all. He was always willing to help anyone at anytime. He will be dearly missed by all those blessed to have known him.

A celebration of life will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 8600 Wayfarers State Park, Montana Highway 35 in Bigfork, followed by a reception at the Garden Bar in Bigfork.

A second celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the KC Hall, 5229 9th St. NE., in Devils Lake.

Cremation and burial arrangements will take place in Starkweather, North Dakota.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

24 Jan 2017

Carol Jane Culkins, 59

Carol Jane Culkins, 59, of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 13, 2017.

Born to Ernie Falcon and Shirley Culkins in Williston, North Dakota, Jan. 11, 1958, this is where Carol spent her early childhood and attended school until the fifth grade. Carol then moved to Daily, California. She then moved back to North Dakota in 1970 to live with grandma Culkins. She graduated from Williston High School in 1979 and while there, participated in band, basketball and softball.

Carol worked many jobs around town to support her family. Heather Dawn was born in 1984, after which Carol moved her and her little family to Kalispell where she made her home and heart. It was in Kalispell that Chris was born and her grandchildren were born. Though she would visit North Dakota many times over the years, she would never leave Montana. Carol loved camping, hiking, horseshoes, football, NASCAR, billiards, bowling, rodeos, barbecues and family reunions.



Carol was preceded in death by her mother and father, as well as a niece Angle Knoph, and

mother-in-law Judy Falcon. Carol is survived by her

son Christopher Thomas Thurow, and daughter Heather Coughlin, both of Kalispell; grandchildren, Thea Marie Horton, Evan Jacob Horton, Trenton Thomas Riggs and Thane Richard Riggs; son-in-law, Joseph Richard Riggs; adopted daughter, Erin Eacker; adopted granddaughter, Jasmine Horton; sisters, Trish Knoph, Jennifer Olsen, Kimberly Falcon, Stacy Falcon, Nikki Gravos and Amber Jensen; brothers, David Falcon and Andrew Culkins; and mother-in-law, Judy Falcon.

There will be a viewing for Carol from 10 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 27 at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, with services to follow at 11 a.m.

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

Aubyn Ann Curtiss, 92

Aubyn Ann Curtiss, 92, has died. The former Montana state senator and representative passed away at her home near Fortine, surrounded by the love and care of her children, relatives and friends on Aug. 9, 2017.

Aubyn was born in Park City, Montana, on July 1, 1925. Her parents were Perry Davis Armstrong and Ina Guthrie Armstrong, both school teachers. The family moved to

Fortine when Aubyn and her younger sister Rosalie were very young. It was there that her mother died of tuberculosis when the girls were 5 and 6 years old. Raised by her loving father, she and her sister traveled with him to his various teaching jobs around the state, but Fortine was always considered home. She graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in 1943 and then moved to Los Angeles to attend UCLA and study journalism. While there she worked in the shipyards as a welder, helping build the "Liberty" ships as part of the war effort. Following the end of World War II, she returned to Montana and married her sweetheart, David Curtiss, in a military ceremony in Great Falls. The two built their home on Deep Creek near Fortine and their first child, Sue, was born there.

The family lived an adventurous life. Dave worked in the woods and owned a saw mill.

They moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, in the late '40s where their son David Marcel was born. Shortly after that they returned to Montana for the children to be able to attend

better schools and be close to family. Their son Gareth was born there in 1959. David sold the mill shortly thereafter and went to work for the U.S. Forest Service where he was the District Fire



Control officer at Murphy Lake until his retirement.

Aubyn Curtiss deeply

loved Montana. In the early 1960s, Aubyn had a series of prolonged illnesses and nearly died. Upon getting better she took a role in helping do interviews with the people who were being displaced by the building of the Libby Dam and Kootenai Reservoir. The plight of the people in the face of a taking by big government prompted her to begin taking an active part in politics. A lifelong Republican, Aubyn first served at the local party level. She ran for the State Legislature in 1971 and was narrowly defeated. Never a quitter, she ran again and in 1976 started her long career in state politics. She served many years in the Montana House of Representatives as well as in the State Senate. She also served for a period as the state chairman of the Republican Party. She was a proud supporter of Ronald Reagan and met with him on numerous occasions. She was appointed by him to serve on the Presidential Scholars Commission and served there under both President Reagan and President Bush.

Upon being term limited out of the House and Senate, Aubyn continued to be active in Party politics and the issues that concerned her community. Her style in government was never to impose her ideas upon those she served but instead listen closely to their needs and truly represent their wishes. A very humble person, she was loved by many people. Her deep Christian faith dictated how she conducted herself through life. Her desire every day was to be a blessing to

someone. She was the rock of her family and her steadfastness through personal trials and adversity is a testimony to all who have known and been inspired by her. She made a positive difference in the lives of many, many people and she will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her sister Rosalie, her husband David R. Curtiss, and her son David M.

She is survived by her daughter Sue, her son Gareth, her grandchildren Patrick Nelson, David Curtiss III, Aubyn Bluetta Curtiss, Heath Curtiss and Amber Curtiss; also her great-granddaughters Rachel, Annalise and Harper.

Memorial services for Aubyn will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. 19 at the Fortine Community Church with a graveside service to follow at the Fortine Community Cemetery.

Memorials in her honor may be made to

the Missionary Fund at the Fortine Community Church, 240 Meadow Creek Road, Fortine, Montana 59918.

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

15 Aug 2017