

Deidra 'Dee' Bryant Faessler, 70

Deidra "Dee" Bryant Faessler passed away in Kona Community Hospital from extended complications of acute pneumonia on July 29, 2017.

She was born March 16, 1947, in Portland, the daughter of Morris A. Bryant (deceased), formerly of Portland, and Betty Bryant (deceased), formerly of San Dimas, California.

She married Jack A. Faessler Feb. 28, 1981, in Anaheim, California.

On Jan. 6, 1986, Dee took her oath as the first woman elected to the Whitefish City Council. From 1985 to 1988 she was director of Community Relations at North Valley Hospital, Whitefish. She retired in 2007 after a 15-year exemplary career within the Finance Division of Qwest Communications, Seattle. She and husband Jack retired in 2012 to Hawaii Island.

Educational accomplishments were very



important to Dee:

Mt. San Antonio College – AA Police Science/AA Secretarial Science

- Portland State University – BS Pre-Law/Business

- Federal Executive Institute – Graduate Fellowship

- Portland State University – MPA Labor Relations/Arbitration Community memberships included:

- Christ Church Episcopal
- Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary
- VFW Auxiliary
- Hospice of Kona

Seven decades ago, Dee was given the gift of life. Her gift had an expiration date. No longer will she shop throughout Seattle's Pike Place Market or feed the gulls on Oregon beaches. No more will she enjoy a favorite

seafood meal at either Merriman's Big Island or 'ULU Ocean Grill.

"Dee wanted everyone to know that her Hawaiian retirement is now over. She received a new calling, an offer she could not refuse, to an off-island appointment from which she will never return. In addition to maximum job security, her new assignment comes with a massive sign-on bonus and a reunion with family and friends not seen in a long time. Her new assignment takes her to a most wonderful destination, where she will be socializing and dancing to her new heart's content. Music, chasing rainbows, laughter and love are guaranteed. Oysters, Dungeness crab and Copper River salmon dining is "Da best" there."

Dee enjoyed retirement on Hawai'i Island, but regretted that there were limited forward-thinking volunteer opportunities to challenge her seemingly

boundless energies. The loss is collectively ours.

Farewell, My Love. We will reunite again — soon, Jack

Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry:

I am not there. I did not die. — Mary Elizabeth Frye

Private services will be held. It was Dee's wish to be cremated and scattered at sea.

Clayton Eldridge Fanslow, 91,

Clayton Eldridge Fanslow, of Missoula, born Dec. 27, 1925, died July 7, 2017.

He wrote the following in 2005:

"Having celebrated the good life for 80 years with my immediate family for more than half that time, I write my own obituary.

In 1925, two days after Christmas, Olga and George Fanslow, in a suburb of Chicago, took on their second son, Clayton Eldridge. A proper work ethic was installed by both Norwegian and German ancestry. Times were very tight.

During my senior year of high school, I anxiously enlisted in the Naval Air Corps and, with an Asian ribbon, was honorably discharged. Thanks to the U.S., once again, my education was continued in Missoula and ended with a "sheepskin" in forest management. Brief employment with the Forest Service and later in sales representing the wood industry and still later in real estate ended my productive years.

My overwhelming investment was made in 1958 when, in Vancouver, British Columbia, I married my wife, Helen, the daughter of Russian emigrants. Daughter Heidi and son Mark



made their entrances forthwith. They are now productive, successful, pay taxes, have never been bailed out, and do not write home for funds. How good can things get?

Our retirement to Kalispell was also rewarding. We continue to enjoy good health. Helen's companionship and artwork were exceptional pleasures. Camping with my family stands out vividly.

My tennis serve is down to 60 mph, I break 100 legitimately, and stop more than once to get to the bottom of the slope. I repeat, at 80, how can things get better! My favorite cowboy said it right, 'When the chips are counted, I win no matter what.'

Thanks Helen, kids, relatives, friends, Montana and the USA for the great journey, Clay.

P.S. keep it light, don't lose your sense of humor."

15 Jul 2017

Kasey White Faulk, 68

Kasey White Faulk, 68, of Hungry Horse, passed away on June 20, 2017.

She was born Sept. 23, 1948, in Georgia.

Kasey was a loving wife, mother, aunt, sister-in-law and a friend to many.

She was a caretaker for several of her friends' and relatives' vacation homes. She had a heart



of gold and everybody she encountered loved her. She will be deeply missed.

Kasey was well known to the Veterans of Flathead Valley; she was an honor guard for over 20 years,

Fraternal Order of Dux, and a Moose Club lifetime member of VCW Wyoming. Kasey helped many years with making wreaths for our United Vets for Memorial Day, and the All Vets barbecue at the Veterans Home every year for many years.

Kasey is survived by her loving husband,

Raymond Faulk, and many children, grandchildren, her sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her two dogs Lucky and Sparkey.

A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, at North Eagles Club, 1640 9th Street West, Columbia Falls.

29 Jul 2017

Matthew Michael Fawcett, 60

Matthew Michael Fawcett, 60, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2016, in Corvallis, Oregon, surrounded by his wife and children.

Matt was born in Coalinga, California, on Feb. 12, 1957, the son of Ray and Gloria Fawcett, and brother to David and Steven Fawcett. He attended schools in Santa Ynez and Isla Vista, California, before graduating from Righetti High in 1975, where he fell in love with Lynn Legault.

Matt and Lynn married in 1979 and moved to Kalispell to be near David and Connie Fawcett and start a family. Jenny Lynn was born in 1982, Zachary Dylan in 1984, and Emma Lauren in 1995.

In 1989, Matt earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from the University of Montana, and shortly after began a career as a sixth-grade teacher at Elrod Elementary in Kalispell. He also coached nationally-ranked teams of Future Problem Solvers of America. During his tenure in classroom 6P, Matt motivated hundreds of kids through his charismatic teaching style and artistic leadership. Matt



summed up his pedagogy with three Rs: "Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships." The

relationships are what form his legacy; his students cultivated lasting relationships to the subject matter, their peers, themselves, and their teacher.

In 2000, Matt took an administrative position at Canyon Elementary in Hungry Horse. Later, he became principal at Ruder Elementary in Columbia Falls. Matt would describe his administrative duties as having more in common with social work than education. These years were a struggle for Matt, both professionally and personally. According to Matt, the "jazz" of education, his life's calling, could only be found in the classroom. In 2008, after 29 years, Matt and Lynn divorced.

During the last decade of his life, Matt practiced the art of "Being," and discovered his greatest happiness. In 2010, he married Stephanie Ann Davis, whom he always called the

Fair One. The two relocated to Corvallis, or the "Shire of the Willamette." Matt worked as a director for the after-school enrichment program at the Boys and Girls Club and education coordinator at Head Start. Matt and Steph enjoyed a rich life of quiet pleasures, including homemade bread, trips to the coast, friends, and true love.

Matt is survived by brother Steven and sister-in-law Patricia Fawcett, son Zachary Dylan Fawcett, and sister-in-law Connie Fawcett of Whitefish; daughters Jenny Lynn and Emma Lauren Fawcett of Missoula; wife Stephanie Ann Fawcett of Corvallis; daughter-in-law Theresa of Seattle; and ex-wife Lynn Fawcett of Kalispell.

A wake to celebrate Matt's life will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15, at the Park View Pavilion at Glacier Raft Co. in West Glacier. The family asks that guests bring food and stories to share.

Donations to defray end-of-life expenses are most welcome, and can be made online: "Help Matt Fawcett's Family" (<https://www.gofundme.com/3po24x4>).

9 May 2017

Thomas Edward Fedor, 76

Thomas Edward Fedor, 76, a man, friend, Navy veteran, mentor, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and husband, "left us here on earth to be with the Lord" on Aug. 26, 2017, "to do the things he loves in heaven."

He worked for the Forest Service for 33 years, starting in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and ending at the Tally Lake



to cement wisdom in our hearts and minds. Hunting, fishing and loving every day describes him well. We will miss

Ranger District, where he retired. He has touched many lives and will continue

his presence greatly, but have comfort in knowing he will always be in our hearts and in our lives.

Survivors include Jandeen, his wife of 49 years, daughter Debe Miller, son Todd Fedor, grandchildren Ashley and Monroe Kvamme, Blaine and Amanda Miller, Abrianna Fedor and Eli Fedor, and great-grandchildren Kambria

Kvamme and Taylor Mae Miller.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Whitefish Moose Lodge, 230 West 10th Street in Whitefish.

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

10 Sep 2017

Loretta Jean Scovel Fidler, 90

Loretta Jean Scovel Fidler, 90, died Feb. 4, 2017, in her home of 56 years, Scottsdale, Arizona, of natural causes.

Loretta was born Oct. 15, 1926, the only child of Earl Wright Scovel and Olive Belle Thomas Scovel, granddaughter of George and Carrie Thomas, all of Kalispell, and all predeceasing Loretta.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1944 and attended business college in Spokane, Washington.

She married Charles Royal Fidler; they divorced in 1954.

She lived in Kalispell on Route 2 until she moved to Scottsdale in 1961. She worked for Conrad National Bank and Edmiston and Bell Land & Cattle Company with whom she relocated. In Scottsdale she owned Executive Letter Service for many years.



She retired from R.W. Beck and Associates. For 28 years Loretta owned a home in Bridger-land Village, Garden City, Utah, overlooking Bear Lake. She served as secretary/treasurer of the homeowners' association, volunteered and cataloged 30,000 books for the library, gave her time to the city, and was a member of the Garden City Cut-Ups Quilt Guild producing quilts for charity.

In Arizona she volunteered for Scottsdale SW Village Neighborhood Association, First Baptist Church of Scottsdale, Valley Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Maricopa County Hospital, and the Phoenix Zoo. Loretta traveled Europe, Australia, Hawaii, Rocky Point, and

completed a 12-day game viewing tour of five animal refuges in Kenya, Africa.

She was an adventurer. Card games, dice games and fun were enjoyed well into her 80s. She loved life and everything about it. Lover of animals of all kinds, gardener, seamstress, baker of muffins, dancer, lover of the world around her and people of all races and creeds, but her family was most important. She always came from a place of unconditional love. No person or animal in need was ever turned away. She had a smile and fun, kind nature that lit up a room.

Loretta is survived by son Randy Fidler and daughter-in-law Trish Fidler of Hinton, Alberta; grandson Jason Fidler, wife Kathy Fidler, and great-grandchildren Madison Fidler and Talon Fidler of Edmonton, Alberta; Colin Fidler, wife Jenn Fidler, and

great-grandson Kevin Fidler of Hinton, Alberta; daughter Marcia Fidler Heard and grandson Tyler Heard of Scottsdale, Arizona; granddaughter Courtney Heard of Cedar Park, Texas, and her boyfriend Stephen Glanville of Pflugerville, Texas.

At her request there will be no services and she will be returned to her beloved Garden City, Utah, at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah, any hospital or organization that benefits children in need, the Phoenix Zoo, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Remember to live well, laugh often, and love much. Loretta lived a phenomenal dash. Until we meet again and forever, we love you. Thank you for being in our lives. Gone but never forgotten.

18 Feb 2017

Patricia Blake Fierro, 82

On June 13, 2017, our beautiful mom, grandma and dear friend died at her home in Bigfork.

Patricia Blake Fierro was born Nov. 8, 1934, in Santa Clara, California, to Frank J. and Alice Roscoe Blake. Her father, a graduate of Harvard Law School, practiced law in San Francisco. He later joined his brother Leslie, as co-publisher of the Santa Clara Journal.

As the youngest of five siblings, "Patty" was the beloved baby of the family. Her brothers Robert, Frank, Tommy and sister Mary Alice preceded her in death.

Patricia married Arthur Fierro in San Jose California in 1953. They had three children; John in 1954, Carole in 1955 and Scott in 1957. Later she and Art divorced.

While raising her three children, she graduated from the University of Santa Clara. She began working for Santa Clara County in 1968 as an accountant for the County Parks and Recreation Department. In the early '70s she transferred to Valley Medical Center where she served as assistant



personnel officer and employee relations representative.

She was appointed deputy

county executive for employee relations in 1980, at the age of 46. Her promotion made her one of the highest-ranking women in county government. In 1987, she was named Woman of Achievement in Government and Politics in Santa Clara. That same year, she attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Pat retired in October of 1992 after 24 years of service to Santa Clara County and the state of California. She left her career in public service well-respected and distinguished.

She moved to Bigfork to be close to her family. She loved her life in Montana and rarely missed one of the grandkids football, basketball, volleyball or tennis games. She loved each of her grandchildren as well as her 16 great-grandchildren. She was well-

known and adored as "Grandma Pat" by almost everyone who knew her.

She valued education and as a member of the Bigfork School board from 1997 to 2006 she was able to hand four of her grandchildren their high school diplomas. She loved golf, crossword puzzles, Capitola, watching the latest television series, movies, was an avid reader, loved politics and her very special BUGS ladies. She often traveled with her eldest son John and looked forward to "Mom and John's Great Adventures." She leaves with each of us her unconditional love, the value of family, her generosity, kindness and wisdom that will be carried on for generations to come.

"To love abundantly is to live abundantly, and

to love forever is to live forever."

Surviving Pat are her son John Fierro and wife Stacy of Sacramento, California, with grandchildren Hailey and Philip; daughter Carole and husband Larry Hill of Bigfork, and grandchildren Sunny, Lindsay, Jacob and Mitchell; son Scott Fierro and wife Doe of Bigfork, and grandchildren, Josh, Jolene, Alyssa and Kailey; and great-grandchildren, Sydney, Sierra, Stephen, Adler, Blake, Bridger, Bella, Nyla, Taylor, Tucker, Sawyer, Ryker, Navae, Taya, Neriah and Landon.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at 5 p.m. July 2 at her home.

Memorials are suggested to be made to either Bigfork Food Bank or Intermountain Children's Home.

24 Jun 2017

Keith Joseph Filipp, 54

Keith Joseph Filipp, of Whitefish, passed away on May 8, 2017, at 54 years old.

He leaves behind his wife, Linda Miller Filipp; daughters, Megan Colleen and Kara Morgan; son-in-law, Sean Dunleavy; parents, Ben and Loretta Filipp; in-laws, George and Anne Miller; brothers and sisters, Gwen and Paul Fief, Shay and Gene Roberts, Roxanne and Tim Walch, Kevin and Kristin Filipp, Lanette and Joey Roye, and Elaine Reed; and many dear friends.

He grew up in Danbury, Texas, where at an early age he learned from his father what it meant to be a man — kind, loving, fair, brave. His innate tenacity, strength and sense of adventure led him to the United States Army where he served as a highly decorated Special Forces Green Beret for 30 years.

In 2012 Keith retired to pursue other passions — skiing, fly fishing, hunting, shooting, boating, wine making, gardening



and spending time with his animals — in Big Sky Country and Salisbury, Maryland.

Keith will forever be remembered

for his jovial spirit, unwavering faith, contagious laugh and unrivaled strength. To our American hero, loving husband and father — fire and forget.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The family asks for donations in lieu of flowers to the Kalispell Regional Medical Center ALERT fund.

Condolences for the family may be submitted online at www.buffalo-hillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

9 May 2017

Dacia Marie Finch, 55

Dacia Marie Finch, 55, of Kalispell, passed away March 30, 2017.

Dacia was born Dec. 4, 1961, in Polson to Bill and Barbara Finch. She was raised in Valley View then ventured on to Dixon and graduated from Ronan High School in 1980. In the years following she moved to Kalispell.

Dacia's love of children blossomed into several nanny jobs, which led her out of the valley to Washington, D.C., and Denver. Dacia eventually moved home and began working at Sykes'. She worked there for several years before moving on as a faithful employee of Semitool, which later changed hands to Applied Materials. She spent a total of 25 years working for the company as a receiving agent, parts expeditor and inventory/shipping clerk. Dacia spent the last year of her life traveling around visiting family and friends.

Dacia will forever be remembered for her caring heart. She would have given the shirt off her back to help anyone in need. Dacia made everyone that knew her feel like family because she always welcomed you in with open arms.

Dacia had a knack with children and it was a rare occurrence that you would see her without a niece or nephew or even a local kid from down the street. Her yard was always filled with neighborhood kids playing water balloons, slip 'n' slide or with craft projects. The children in her life adored her and the time she devoted to them.



Dacia loved softball and played on a local team for several years. She enjoyed planting

flowers and working in her garden and her neighbors' garden! Dacia had a laugh that could be heard across the room and tended to be contagious. She loved bright colors and was usually seen in something neon or tie-dye — although her favorite color was purple.

Dacia was preceded in death by her mother and father Bill and Barb Finch, and brother-in-law Jim Clouse.

Dacia leaves behind her siblings, Brad Finch (Sharon), Marti Jo Clouse, and Shawn Finch (Savannah Wise); nephews and nieces, Brandon Clouse (Jessica Abel), Ty Clouse (Randi Erickson), Cody Eaton (Heather Eaton), Brittney Koning (Curtis Koning), Jayla and Wyatt Finch; great-nieces and nephews, Ryder and Reagan, Kayden and Autumn Clouse; aunts and uncles, and a ton of cousins and friends.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her adventured life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at Marti Jo's home. This celebration will be a potluck, so please bring a dish and wear bright colors tie-dyed to help us celebrate Dacia.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Flathead County Search & Rescue to help save others in need.

30 May 2017

Steven Arnold Finck, 68

Steven Arnold Finck passed away Aug. 14, 2017.

Son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, friend and teacher, we all loved him. Steve was a good and decent man who was open to, and curious about everyone he encountered. Steve tended his relationships with the same devotion he gave to the plants and trees in his beautiful backyard. He had the ability to put folks at ease with simple questions and had a genuine interest in their responses. He was inspired by art, literature, history and nature.



Steve was born Oct. 11, 1948, in Wadena, Minn. His family moved to Kalispell

in 1954 where Steve grew up exploring, swimming, fishing and hunting. He attended college in Dillon and graduated in 1970, the first to do so in his family, with a teaching degree. He first taught in Harlowton, then moved to Portland. For nearly three decades, Steve taught high school English in

St. Helens, Oregon, serving as department head for a time. There, he worked tirelessly with his students to produce student newspapers and yearbooks. After retiring, Steve enjoyed traveling and gardening. He derived great joy from playing pinochle, pitch, poker and bridge with his family and friends.

Earlier this year, Steve suffered a recurrence of aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder he fought to the end. The family is grateful to the medical professionals who cared for him, particularly

the dedicated nurses at Compass Oncology.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Arnold.

He is survived by his mother, Myra; his sister, Joan Williams; brothers, Mike (Julie) and Dwight (Carol); dear friend, Matt Tamalonis; his adoring niece and nephews, Tiffany and Craig Sweitzer, Joseph and Anthony Finck and, of course, Spike.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Be the Match, the National Marrow Donor program.

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Karla Kay Kienas Fischer, 54

Karla Kay Kienas Fischer passed away April 6, 2017, at her home in Woods Bay, Montana, with her loving husband by her side after a long battle with COPD and congestive heart failure.

She was born Feb. 21, 1963, to Robert and Joanne Kienas in Kalispell. As a child growing up in Somers, she grew a deep love for horses and enjoyed being outside. In 1981 she graduated from Flathead High School.

At the young age of 18 she met the love of her life, Allen Kurt Fischer. After only six months they knew they were soul mates and tied the knot Oct. 24, 1981. With Kurt in the Marines they moved to California and Karla gave birth to their first child, Lacey Marie. After three years in California they moved their family to Great Falls, where Karla graduated from Dahl's Beauty College and pursued her dream as a cosmetologist at Hair West Salon. Their family grew much larger with Karla having three more children, Lindsay Joann, Erik Allen and Sierra Kay. In 1998 they decided to move back to Kalispell to be closer to her family and she began her new career at Connector Technology, doing contract work though Boeing making harnesses for helicopters and airplanes; her biggest accomplishments included making a harness that is in the space station and making a harness for Air Force One. She always took such pride in her work.

December 2011 Karla was diagnosed with COPD and placed on oxygen. She began to fill her time scrap-booking and spending time with her family, especially the joys of her life, her five grand-



children. She often spoke of the amazing trip she and Kurt took exploring abandoned ghost

towns in Montana and loved spending time with her family at McGregor Lake. Karla was very artistic and good at everything she did.

Karla is one of those people when you meet you don't forget, with a heart of gold and the brightest smile, she brought so much joy to everyone she knew.

Surviving Karla are her husband, Allen Kurt Fischer; mother, Joanne Kienas; brothers, Bud Kienas, Bob and Wendy Kienas; children, Lacey and Adam Kinkel, Erik Fischer, Sierra and Amanda Fischer; grandchildren Emmalene Kinkel, Jade Fischer, Cyler Fischer, Addlyn Fischer, Mary Fischer; in-laws Rodney and Karen Fischer, Cindy and Mark Holzimer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Karla was preceded in death by her father, Bob Kienas; daughter, Lindsay Joanne; and her sister, Brenda.

Karla's family would like to thank Home Options Hospice for their dedication to Karla and her family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Home Options Hospice.

There will be a funeral service held for Karla on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell, with burial to follow services at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

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

Paxton R. Fisher, 18

Paxton R. Fisher, 18, of Columbia Falls, "went to be with Jesus" Tuesday, April 18, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications from cancer.

Paxton will be remembered, by all who knew him, for the passion he lived out through all he did. His greatest passion was knowing and living life with Jesus Christ. His favorite place on earth was Dickey Lake Bible Camp, where he spent every summer. His greatest desire was that as many people as possible would be able to see the love and freedom in knowing Jesus as Savior. The desire was evident in everything Paxton took part in. He lived, not perfectly, but passionately, fervently, intentionally, and gave every endeavor all he had, and pushed everyone around him to do the same. He admitted when he was wrong, asked for forgiveness and moved on.

In his last days if you asked him what you could do for him, he would simply and genuinely say, "seek Jesus."

His greatest passions were soccer, and music. He loved soccer not only for the beauty of the game, but for the lessons it taught him about how to live in community; about how to be a part of a team and family. He started playing when he was 5 and never quit. He loved music, and was gifted at it because he could feel the life in it; its beauty of motion and emotion. He started playing drums when he was 5 and played for the Lord



every week for youth group and Sunday services at his home church, Fellowship Church, in

Columbia Falls.

His was a powerful personality that made an impact everywhere he went. It drove him to excelling at everything he did and loved, and it has certainly left a deep imprint on those around him. He will be greatly missed, and gratefully remembered.

Paxton is survived by his parents Joseph and Nikki of Columbia Falls, his brother Payton and sister Aletheia. He also leaves great-grandparents Glenn and Yvonne Kartheiser of Columbia Falls, and great-grandmother Dorothy Fisher of Coram, paternal grandparents Bob and Karen Fisher of Coram, maternal grandparents George and Karla Lippy of Staton, Oregon, and many uncles, aunts and cousins, and innumerable close friends.

A memorial service and celebration of a life well lived will take place at 4 p.m., Friday, April 28, at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. Refreshments to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family will be setting up a memorial account at Parkside Federal Credit Union, proceeds to bless a few of Paxton's favorite things.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Paxton's family.

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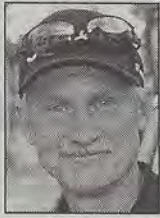
James 'Jim' L. Floyd, 57

James "Jim" L. Floyd, 57, of Kalispell, "moved to his home in Heaven" on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 12:35 a.m. after his month-long battle with pancreatic and esophageal cancer. He was surrounded by family, love and prayers.

James is survived by his wife, Shawna Floyd; his children — Nichole Graham, Brandon Floyd, Meghan Andrews, and Austin Floyd; his grandchildren — Chase, Evie, and Liam Graham; his siblings — Gary Floyd, Michael Floyd, Pat Floyd, Bob Floyd, Cindy Wingert and extended family on both sides. He was such a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all.

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1960 to William and Georgia Floyd. James joined the Navy at 18 years old and served 13 years split service. He served as both an Intelligence Specialist and an Avionics Technician from California to Spain. While stationed in Spain, he met his soon-to-be wife, Shawna. They spent the following 27 years of adventure together. James moved his family to Kalispell in 2001 when he joined the FUN Beverage team as the Warehouse Operations Manager at Fun Beverage Inc.

James also attended Southern Illinois University and completed his BA. He had a servant's heart, volunteering to coordinate and par-



ticipate in many nonprofit events in Flathead Valley. He was also a trustee on the Smith Valley

School Board for 6 years. During his Navy career, he was a volunteer CPR instructor.

Anyone who knew James knew that he had an unfathomable love for the game of golf. He spent hours in the sun and rain to play his favorite game. He also loved to play racquetball, softball, ride horses with his lovely bride, and do anything outdoors with his family. His greatest joy was taking his kids on their first hunt, camping, fishing, shooting, hiking, etc. His loving and giving heart for his family and friends will forever be remembered.

Thank you to the medical team at KRMC that took such good care of James in his last days, and took such good care of his family. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be sent to the Wings Regional Cancer Support www.wingsnwmontana.com

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. at FUN Beverage, 175 Schoolhouse Loop, Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Loyd D. Foster, 82

Loyd D. Foster, age 82, passed away on Feb. 9, 2017, at his home in Kalispell surrounded by his family.

He was born Sept. 10, 1934, in Blackwell, Oklahoma, to Ray and Bonnie Foster. He graduated from high school in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and attended one year of college at the University of Washington.

Loyd enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1954 during the Korean Conflict. He served a tour of duty in Thule, Greenland, and two years in the Strategic Air Command as an airborne radar technician. Loyd was discharged in 1958 at Rapid City, South Dakota.

Loyd met and married Patricia Morgan Underwood, which resulted in four children and later ended in divorce.

He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1961 working as a technical representative to the Air Force, at the radar site near Blacktail Mountain. In 1965, he went back to Thule, Greenland, and worked on a satellite tracking station. Returning to the Flathead Valley, he worked for Columbia Falls Aluminum for a short time and also as a chief engineer at KGEZ Radio. In 1969, he went to work for the Federal Aviation Administration as a radar technician. He moved several places as a Radar Technician to help set up and maintain new radar equipment. In 1972, he returned to the Flathead Valley and continued to work for the FAA on Blacktail Mountain until his



retirement in 1990.

He married Garnett Goeddertz Alcorn and acquired two stepchildren in 1979. After 10 years of marriage Garnett passed away



due to cancer in 1989. In 1993, he married Joe Ann "Joedy" Kinder Blasdel and acquired five adult children. He and Joedy have covered many miles on horseback, touring other countries, lots of camping and fishing.

Loyd is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, two brothers, two sons and his wife Garnett.

He is survived by his wife Joedy and his daughters and their families; Gena Grinestaff and Kim Hughes and his stepchildren and their families; Diane Alcorn, Dean Alcorn, Larry Blasdel, Karen Baker, Connie Blasdel, David Blasdel and Brad Blasdel, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Loyd's life with military honors will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, Glacier Chapel, 3408 U.S. 2 E. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. Pastor Ron Pierce will officiate.

In lieu of flowers donations to ALERT helicopter foundation or a charity of your choice.

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

Rachel 'Betty' Ethelyn Lovell Fountain, 94

Rachel "Betty" Lovell Fountain, past away peacefully at the Heritage Place in Kalispell on the 22nd of July 2017.

Betty was born in Rockingham, Vermont, on Aug. 9, 1922, to Clair Milan and Lucy Jane Olmstead Lovell. She grew up in White River Junction, Vermont, and graduated from Hartford High School in 1941. Betty attended Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in Hartford, Connecticut, and graduated from Gifford Memorial Hospital in Randolph, Vermont, in 1945.

She married Cpl. Leland Herbert Fountain, U.S. Marine Corps, on Jan. 9, 1945, in South Royalton, Vermont. They were blessed with three children, Richard Clair and Betty Lee (twins) and



daughter Dale Ann.

Betty and her husband owned and operated Lee Fountain's

Electrical Service in White River Junction. Betty worked at the Alice Peck Day Hospital, Lebanon, New Hampshire, Mary Hitchcock Hospital and the Hitchcock Clinic in Hanover, New Hampshire. The family moved to Chandler, Arizona, in 1965 where she worked at the Chandler Hospital as education director. While working in Arizona, Betty was nominated to and published in "Who's Who of American Women" from 1977-1980.

She was a Past Matron

of Wenona Chapter No. 43 Order of the Eastern Star. She was active with the Rainbow Girls and in the United Methodist Church in White River Junction. Betty and her husband were active in the Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Leland H. Fountain; her son, Richard Clair Fountain; her bother, Clair Maitland Lovell; her parents, Clair and Lucy Lovell; grandparents, Maitland and Ethelyn Lovell; and sister-in-law, Lillian Fellows Abbott.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty Lee, and her husband Henry Cichowski of Kila, and Dale Ann and husband Warren Whitney of Placerville, California,

daughter-in-law, Sue Fountain, of Lakeside, Arizona; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Per Betty's request there will be no services here in Kalispell. Lee and Betty will be taken home to Hartford, Vermont, where they will be laid to rest together at a graveside gathering.

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

29 Jul 2017

Donald Richard Franchi, 77

Donald Richard Franchi, 77, passed away on March 29, 2017, surrounded by love at his home in Marion.

Don was born on June 16, 1939, in San Francisco, the first of five children born to Reno and Dorothy Franchi. He spent much of his childhood in the San Francisco Bay Area, later graduating from Nevada Union High School in Grass Valley, California. He went on to graduate from the University of San Francisco where he majored in biology.

Don proudly served in the United States Army and through his service was able to attend law school at the University of the Pacific-McGeorge School of Law.

In the mid-1960s, Don was heading home on leave and had the opportunity to spend time at his Army buddy's home in Montana. It was on this trip that he first visited and fell in love with Lake Mary Ronan. From that moment on, it was his dream to someday live in the Flathead Valley. In 2003, he and his beloved wife Teresa, made that dream a reality.

Don was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell and was a past master of the Woodland, California, Masonic Lodge No. 81.

He is survived by his loving wife, Teresa; his children, Andrea (Cassie)



Franchi, Timothy Paporiello, Edward Franchi, Jenna Taylor, Rebecca (Stanley) White, Lars (Gena) Johnsen, Nicole Johnsen,

and Andreas (Laura) Johnsen; his grandchildren, Jonah (Natalya), Maya, Solomon, Ava, Chloe, Tyler, Cory, Owen, Madden, Ainsley and Zachary; and his great-grandson, Jackson. He is also survived by his siblings, Barbara (Wilbur) Howe, Marilyn Chapman, Peter Franchi and Mary (Kevin) Wilson; as well numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 4, at Christ Episcopal Church, 215 Third Ave. E., Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

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

Janet Spencer Franklin, 73

Janet Spencer Franklin, age 73, passed away peacefully on Nov. 16, 2017, with her family by her side. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother. Born March 2, 1944, in Oakland, California, to Allan Thomas Spencer II and Elizabeth Spencer, Janet joined her older brother Allan Thomas Spencer III. She spent her childhood years in Gerber and Red Bluff, California, where she graduated high school and earned a degree and teaching certificate from Chico State University.

She met the love of her life, Wayne Franklin, at a ski club and they were married on Aug. 28, 1971. They enjoyed 49 wonderful years together and their two daughters Kathryn Hilary and Elizabeth Anne cherish the years they had with their wonderful mother. Jan and her family spent much of their years together in Los Altos, California, where she was a homemaker, Sunday school teacher and devoted wife to Wayne and mother to her girls. The family relocated to Kalispell in 2007 and she loved her time under the Big Sky. Since coming to Montana, Jan embedded herself in the community



and leaves behind numerous beloved friends.

Jan's faith in Jesus Christ

was paramount in her life and she was a true prayer warrior and loving friend. Jan always put the needs of others first and her family takes solace that she's with her Heavenly Father. Jan is survived by her husband Wayne, and daughters Kathryn and Elizabeth (Walter). She leaves behind her brother, Allan Thomas Spencer III (Hilary), nephew, Allan Thomas Spencer IV (Lisa) and their daughters Charlotte and Stella. On the Franklin side of the family, Jan leaves behind her brother in law, Kent Franklin (Marian), daughter, Barbara Jorgensen (Dan) and their daughters Anna and Alex.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for taking such excellent care of Jan in her time of need. A private family burial has occurred and a memorial service is planned for a later date to be announced.

4 Apr 2017

John Frederick Jr., 74

Longtime Polebridge resident and champion of the North Fork, John Frederick Jr., passed away on Nov. 15, 2017. He was 74.

He was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1943, to John and Betty W. Frederick. He attended school in Marion, Ohio, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from the Ohio State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969, stationed for almost two years in Alaska.

John moved to Montana in 1976, living first near Olney and then at Rogers Lake. In the fall of 1978, he and his former wife purchased a residence in Polebridge and converted it into the North Fork Hostel. He managed the hostel with welcoming grace for nearly 30 years, providing comfortable and hospitable lodging for travelers from around the globe and a popular gathering place for North Fork events.

He was an ardent outdoorsman, hiking the trails and camping in Glacier National Park and the Whitefish Range, navigating the lakes and rivers of the area, participating in Mountain Man Rendezvous events, and supporting a wide range of wildlife initiatives and wilderness proposals.



member of the North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee and a board member of the former Glacier National Park

Associates. He served on the board of Headwaters Montana for many years, participated in the recent Whitefish Range Partnership, and was a member of numerous conservation associations and initiatives.

From 1983 to 1985, John authored a weekly column about North Fork happenings in the Hungry Horse News. He inevitably served as announcer for the eclectic and unpredictable Polebridge Fourth of July parade and earned the well-deserved honorific "Mayor of Polebridge." He was a longtime member of North Valley Search and Rescue, and also helped found the Polebridge Irregulars fire-fighting team.

In 2014, he received a Conservation Achievement Award from the Flathead Audubon Society in honor of his 35-year effort to keep the North

In 1982, he founded the North Fork Preservation Association to advocate against paving of the North Fork Road and to promote protection of the North Fork River from proposed coal mining operations in the Canadian Flathead. He served as president of the organization for nearly 30 years. NFPA annual meetings became a fixture of North Fork summer fare, with interesting and educational speakers. The NFPA also supported extensive trail maintenance and fire lookout preservation in the Hungry Horse Ranger District, as well as preservation of the Kishenehn Ranger Station in Glacier National Park.

He served on the board of directors of the North Fork Improvement Association for many years. He was also a

Fork wild. He will be long and well remembered for his soft-mannered yet persistent personality, his wry sense of humor, his dedication to environmental consciousness, and his tireless efforts in the interests of wildlife and wilderness conservation.

He is survived by a sister, Bonnie Lee Hankey, of Harveysburg, Ohio; a brother, Alfred William Frederick (Imaculada) of Tampa, Florida; and 14 nieces, nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Announcement of a celebration of John's life will be forthcoming. Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

6 Jun 2017

Ralph Nolan Freeman, 92

Ralph Nolan Freeman, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away at home on April 8, 2017.

He was born in Metaline Falls, Washington, Jan. 10, 1925.

He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Ralph was a pleasant and kind man, loved by all who met him. He enjoyed playing pinochle and cribbage. He volunteered to teach children cribbage in the Kalispell schools, and served as a girls' softball coach. He worked as a lumber grader, retiring from the business at age 80. He moved to Maricopa, Arizona, late in 2014.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Mary Freeman, of Maricopa; three children, Valerie Miller, David Freeman and Joleen Olson; two stepdaughters, Kelli Wilson



and Karen Wanjico; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three children, Timothy Freeman, Tamara Novotny and Ralph "Nolan" Freeman Jr., and was followed in death by his son Melvin Freeman.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on June 10 in the basement of Central Christian Church, 248 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, with graveside services at 10 a.m. on June 12 at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 U.S. Hwy 93 N., Kalispell.

19 Nov 2017

June Arvilla (Porter) French, 87

June Arvilla (Porter) French, 87, passed away peacefully at home on April 17, 2017, near Bigfork.

She was born Feb. 11, 1930, in Nebish, Minnesota, to Ralph E. and E. Bessie (Madison) Porter.

In 1947 she married Richard L. French while he was in the Coast Guard serving as a radioman near Oakland, California. They later moved to Nebraska where they farmed outside Blair, Nebraska, until 1959. In 1959 they moved to the Wolf Creek Ranch on the Fisher River between Libby and Kalispell.

In 1971 they started building a registered Black Angus operation known as



Clay Creek Angus. They ranched near Hot Springs, Irvine Flats, near Polson, and

on the Tongue River near Miles City. After retiring from ranching they owned and operated a motel in Greybull, Wyoming. In 2001 they moved back to Montana where they resided on Flathead Lake near Dayton, until Richard's death in 2013. Most recently she had been living with her daughter Jackie McCoy and her home caregivers, grandson Levi Harrod and his wife Holly (Davis) Harrod near Bigfork.

She was an active member of the Red Hat Society, Rollins Women's Club, Yellow Bay Club and the Dayton Quilters group.

June is survived by her sister, Lillian (Porter) Waters, of Yukon, Oklahoma; her four children, daughter Billie (French) and husband Roger Murdoch of Dayton, son John French and wife Jan (Rue) of Otis, Oregon, daughter Jackie June (French) McCoy of Bigfork, son Jim French and wife Lori (Mathern) of Emblem, Wyoming, grandchildren, Nikki (Garrison) Reynolds, Justin French, Sally June (French) Taylor, Tyler French, Levi Harrod,

Jesse Harrod, Carlissa and Charlie French; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

June was preceded in death by her husband Richard L. French, her parents Ralph E. and E. Bessie Porter, sister Darlene (Porter) Shaffner, brother Ralph Porter and son-in-law Mike McCoy. June was preceded in death by her husband Richard L. French, her parents Ralph E. and E. Bessie Porter, sister Darlene (Porter) Shaffner, brother Ralph Porter and son-in-law Mike McCoy.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

21 Apr 2017

Wesley 'Frenchy' French, 64

Wesley French sadly passed from our lives on May 23, 2017.

Wesley was born on Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls on Aug. 11, 1952. He lived in several Montana towns in his youth before settling in Whitefish. Wesley graduated from Whitefish High School and enlisted in the Air Force before being drafted. When his enlistment was done, he moved back to his beloved Montana.

Frenchy worked for and retired from Plum Creek MDF. He loved the mountains and trees of this great state. Being outside, enjoying nature, fishing and his family were what made life precious.

Frenchy was preceded in death by his brother Stephen, mother "Granny Jo," sister Teri, and his



son JD. Each of these fractured his heart and tore a piece

of his soul.

Frenchy is survived by his wife Earleen, son Joseph French, daughter Adrienne Crawford, stepdaughter Crystal Lower, stepsons Vern Lower and Devin Howke, brothers Michael Owens and Orrion French, his Aunt Margaret, many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and "adopted" family. He was quick to take you under his wing and call you family.

Please don't be sad of Frenchy's passing. Remember the quick wit, many stories (especially the whoppers) and his rendition of "Three Irishmen."

30 May 2017

E. Parke Frizelle Jr., 79

E. Parke Frizelle Jr., a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away on Sept. 5, 2017, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls after a long illness.

He was born May 15, 1938, in Minneapolis to E.P. "Friz" Frizelle and Dorothy "Duc" Dryer Frizelle.

When he was 2 years old, his family moved to Billings and later to Butte where he was raised. Being a "Butte Guy," as he called himself, lead to many friendships wherever he lived, and he was very proud to be from "Butte America." He went to McKinley grade school and graduated from Butte High in 1956 and then enlisted in the Navy. After his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1959, he attended the University of Montana in Missoula where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, skied with the UM Ski Team ('59-'60 — the last Griz ski team that was a varsity sport), and graduated with a degree in business administration.

In 1964, he accepted a position at First Bank Systems in Minneapolis as a credit loan analyst. Another banking opportunity took him to San Francisco in 1966 where he was a banker for many years, eventually becoming president of his own bank, Foothill Bank. In his spare time he could be found skiing or playing a lot of golf in and around California.

Parke moved back to his beloved Montana to Whitefish in 1982 with his family where he lived until he passed away. In his years in Whitefish, he worked for Veeneman Construction, managed Sportsman Ski Haus, was event bartender at Majestic Valley Arena, worked at Nelson's Hardware, and worked for Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.



He was an avid skier, outdoor sport enthusiast, and a ski racer spending many years skiing in Whitefish and other Western

ski areas. He also was a regular on the golf course at Whitefish Lake Golf Club where he was a member for 30-plus years, getting in as many games as possible before golf season — when he would be found on Big Mountain on his skis.

During football season, Parke was glued to his TV, rooting for his favorite teams, or he was in the stands at Washington Grizzly Stadium in Missoula where he had season tickets for all the Griz home games. To say he was an avid football fan would be an understatement. He could call a play before the ref or announcer did.

He will be very sorely missed on the greens, on the hill, in the stands, in Whitefish, and in "Butte America" by his many longtime friends. He was a dynamic and magnetic personality who no one will forget. He will be especially missed by his "art major" soul mate, Nanci, whom he met five years ago and who has been with him since then, as well as throughout his long illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, "Friz" and "Duc," and his brother, Scott.

He is survived by his sister, Susan (Don) Craig, daughter Wendy, granddaughters Kolda, Tyra and Kelsie; and great-grandchildren Jace and Wyatt.

A May 2018 celebration is being planned.

Kenneth Lavern Frost, 77

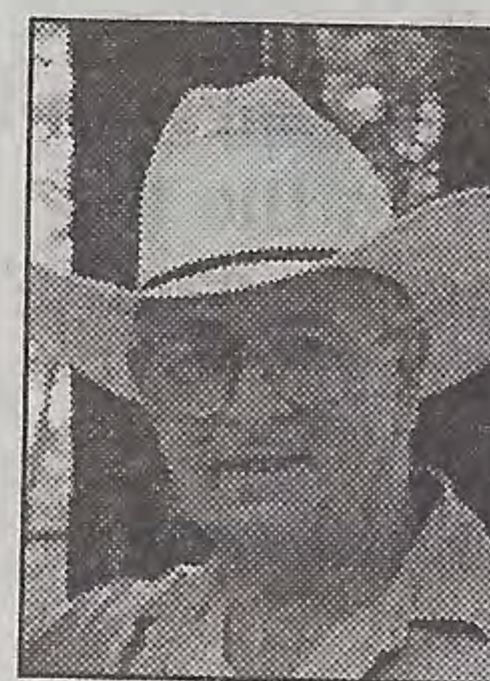
On Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016, at the age of 77, Kenneth Lavern Frost, our beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

On Aug. 12, 1939, Ken was born the seventh child of Floyd C. and Edna Greene Frost at the family home on Sinclair Creek near Eureka. He spent his childhood on the Sinclair Creek home, attending the nearby Glen Lake one-room school and then graduating from Lincoln County High School in Eureka with the Class of 1957.

While in school, he met and fell in love with Geraldine Krueger. On June 15, 1958, Ken and Gerry married in Eureka. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters, Becky Jean in 1960, and Jill Yvonne in 1962. Ken and Gerry initially made their home in "old" Rexford. After construction of the Libby Dam and the eventual flooding of "old" Rexford, Ken and Gerry, along with many friends and neighbors, relocated to a bench overlooking the newly-minted Lake Koocanusa and established the town of "new" Rexford.

Ken spent most of his working life in the forests of Lincoln County as a logger. At 12, he began his apprenticeship at his father's gypo saw mill, working as a tail sawyer. He also spent time hauling cants with his truck for other local mills. After his marriage, Ken took a job with the J. Neils Lumber Company (which later became St. Regis) with its Rexford logging outfit. Ken worked as a choker setter, sawyer and scaler, and also operated a skidder and road grader.

In 1981, after Champion shut down the old St. Regis Rexford crew, the family moved to Libby, and Ken took a position at Champion's Libby mill site, working at the loading docks and running heavy equipment. Champion, too, ultimately closed its doors, and Ken finished his working days with the City of Libby's road maintenance department. In September 2002, Ken, grinning from ear to ear, retired.



Outside of work, Ken had a lifelong passion for horses. Ken was a champion O-Mok-See

racer, a member of the Libby Roping Club and the Backcountry Horseman. Some of Ken's most treasured memories were of backcountry pack trips with his wife and friends into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and his many trail rides in the Kootenai National Forest and the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness. He was also a skilled wood carver and outdoor photographer, leaving many pieces for his family to share and cherish.

Indeed, Ken was devoted to his family. He was especially proud of his beloved grandsons, often remarking that they were his most prized reward on this earth. He was particularly thankful his second grandson, Derek, finally gave him a granddaughter when Derek and M'Lynda were married.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Gerry; daughters, Becky and her husband Brent Miller, and Jill and her husband Joe Sark; grandsons, Kyle Elliott (Nelson), Derek Elliott and his wife, M'Lynda Elliott, Alexander Luce and Braeden Miller; great-grandson, Samuel Elliott; and two stepgrandsons, Lee Luce and Jeremy Miller; three sisters, Vivian Purdy, Jacqueline Holder and Roberta Johnson and many other nieces, nephews and other friends and relatives.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Edna Frost, two brothers, Floyd Frost Jr., and Wayne Frost, one sister, Helen Riebe; and five nephews, Keith Purdy, Gary Purdy, Larry Frost, Barry Frost and Dan Riebe.

A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

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

Donald L. Fry, 89

Donald L. Fry, 89, was born June 4, 1927, in Kalispell and passed away April 20, 2017, in Whitefish.



daughter Layla Calhoun, a sister Carol

The third of five children to Louis E. Fry and Caroline (Wilhelm) Fry, Don grew up in Kalispell. After high school Don enlisted in the Navy becoming a member of the Seabees. Upon returning home he went to work for the Bonner Lumber Company becoming a cabinet maker.

He married Carla Herzog Dec. 23, 1953. They had two sons. With a partner he started The Cabinet Shop and later the Kalispell Truss Center. Don was a hard-working family man but also gave back to the community. He touched many lives coaching Little League baseball for 43 consecutive years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Carla, and his sons Terry and Tim.

He is survived by his granddaughter Angel Mae Fry, great-grand-

(Fry) Sloan and extended family.

Don enjoyed socializing. He had a great sense of humor and was a hit with the ladies; he even flirted with the nurses up to the day he passed away. His granddaughter Angel Fry and great-granddaughter Layla Calhoun lived with him and cared for him for almost 15 years. They were very close and took care of one another because his wife and two sons all passed way too early in life, leaving Donald and Angel and then Layla Calhoun the only ones left in the Fry family. He will be greatly missed and always thought about.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Donald Louis Fry, 89

Donald Louis Fry passed away April 20, 2017, at the age of 89.



teams and boys than about win or loss records,

He was born June 4, 1927, in Kalispell, the third of five children of Louis E. Fry and Caroline Wilhelm Fry. Growing up in Kalispell Don attended Cornelius Hedges grade school, Central Junior High and Flathead County High School.

Don was a World War II veteran joining the Navy right out of high school. He trained as a Seabee and spent time in the South Pacific developing his skills in construction. After his tour of duty he returned home and began working for Monarch Lumber where he learned cabinet making. From Monarch Lumber Don partnered with Harold Vachal and started a cabinet making business known as The Cabinet Shop and later the Kalispell Truss Center.

In 1953 he married Carla Herzog, adopting her two sons Terry and Tim. Don was devoted to his family and his amiable nature and sense of humor garnered him many lifelong friends and associations. He enjoyed working with young people and in 1951 he joined with his father, Louie, coaching in the fledgling Pee-Wee baseball program when another coach failed to show up. Don was a sports enthusiast who had never played organized baseball himself, but rule book in hand he waded in. What followed were an amazing 43 consecutive years of tryouts, practices, games, local and traveling tournaments and fundraising. When asked about his years of coaching he would downplay his role. He enjoyed reminiscing more about the various

championships or trophies. It was about the kids. Wherever you went with Don around town, you were bound to meet someone who had played or coached (or both) for him. And amazingly he would probably remember them and tell you something about them.

A good husband and father... a good man. His life, a grand slam, he is safe at home plate.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Caroline, wife Carla, sons Terry and Tim, his brothers Fred and Burt and sister Verda.

He is survived by his granddaughter Angel Mae Fry, great-granddaughter Layla Calhoun, sister Carol Sloan, numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. June 3 at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main Street.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Kalispell Kidsports Complex is suggested.

"EPITAPH ON MY OWN FRIEND" — "An honest man here lies at rest; As e'er God with his image blest; The friend of man, the friend of truth; The friend of age and friend of youth Few hearts like his with virtue warm'd; Few heads with knowledge so informed; If there's another world he lives in bliss; If there is none, he made the best of this." —Robert Burns.

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

27 May 2017

Paul Howard Fugleberg, 86

Paul Howard Fugleberg of Polson, 86, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2017, of natural causes. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Paul was born May 8, 1930, to Amelia and Paul Jonathan Fugleberg in Hollywood, California. Following the untimely death of his father, his mother remarried, after which he was joined in the world by younger brother, Norman.

Paul graduated from Hollywood High School in 1948. After short stints at Los Angeles Community College and UCLA— and an off-putting first exposure to journalism in his coursework — he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. There, he served as Link Trainer instructor and later became editor of the base newspaper. He met his loving wife, Mary Lou Erickson, while serving as associate editor of the Roundup Record Tribune. They married in 1956 in Lewistown.

Following his discharge from the Air Force, Paul made the trek from Canton and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Bishop, California, and eventually to his own personal Shangri-La, Polson. Honing his craft, raising his kids, strengthening his faith and forging lifelong connections — Paul made his mark every step of the way.

Above all, Paul loved God, his family and his



community — which he showed in his daily actions even more than his prolific writing. In the words of his children, “By any and all measures,

Dad, you ‘done good,’” a reference to Paul’s ultimate sign of approval for a job well done.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Lou, and infant son, Jimmy.

He is survived by his brother, Norman (Tess) Wright, his sister-in-law, Roberta Erickson, his kids Alan Fugleberg (Jacki Elam), Ruth (Lance) Hinthier, Mark (Teresa) Fugleberg, Laurie (Pat) McHugh, and Tom (Christine) Fugleberg; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Paul’s life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, at the First Presbyterian Church in Polson. He will be laid to rest in the Veterans Section of the Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Polson, Polson High School for the purpose of the Paul and

Mary Lou Fugleberg Memorial Scholarship, or another charity of their choice.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the

family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

13 Mar 2017