

George Edward Gahr, 87

George Edward Gahr, 87, passed away Sept. 8, 2017, at home from complications due to Parkinson's.

George was born to Ethel Potter Gahr and Louis Gahr, joining brother Gerald. Six years later sister Joan completed the family. Raised in Hilbre, Manitoba, George spoke often of harsh winters and many adventures. His lifelong loves were hockey, baseball and music.

At 25, all the family moved to Crookston, Minnesota, then in 1965 to Kalispell where he worked in the woods.

In 1970 he met and married Margaret Pilsch and together raised four children. His faith in Christ and love for family was the defining thing



in his life. He enjoyed songwriting and had a wonderful sense of humor.

George and Peggy moved to Joplin, Missouri, in 2005.

He is survived by wife Peggy, stepson Shane Parker, two stepdaughters Tommie Lewis and Nanette Parker, and son Elton; sister, Joan Johnson; 15 grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Living Water Foursquare in Kalispell. A potluck will follow.

Kelly William Galloway, 64

Kelly William Galloway, 64, passed away Sept. 8, 2017, at home in Kemmerer, Wyoming, surrounded by loved ones.

Kelly was born Sept. 7, 1953, in Kalispell, as the fourth of seven children.

He married his sweetheart, Linda Vance, on Nov. 18, 1972. They remained in the Flathead and raised five, very loved children.

Kelly was a self-employed logger and millwright, a fabricator and manager of Montana Timberline, landscaper, builder, handyman, woodworker, and servant of God in many various capacities. He loved the woods, hunting, fishing and being outdoors. He loved hard work and had superhuman strength inside and out. There was always fun and mischief when he was around.

He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He loved his Savior and had a strong testimony that he eagerly shared. He loved his family and had a strong faith of eternal families. His greatest joy was playing with his 20 grandchildren.

Kelly will be dearly missed by all 20 grandchildren; his loving wife of 44 years, Linda; and their five children, Cade (Jill) Galloway, Thomas (Suzanne) Galloway, Chip (Melissa) Galloway, LeAnn (Clay) Broadhead, and Kelcy Galloway (Dirk Graham); his father, Calvin Rex Galloway; siblings, Tessa (Kent) Hill, Leola (Morris) Stout, Gayle (Val) Galloway, Jerry (Geri) Galloway,



Allan Galloway, and Corby Jay (Tiffany) Galloway; and many more family and

friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Leah Marie (Kelly) Galloway; his father and mother-in-law, Maurice Edward Vance and Beatrice Elaine (Solberg) Vance; and a dear brother-in-law, Maury Vance; along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Kelly will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. A viewing will begin one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the funeral.

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

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Gerald Leroy 'Jerry' Gates, 64

Gerald Leroy "Jerry" Gates, 64, passed away in the early morning of his favorite holiday, Christmas, 2016, after a brave battle with dementia.

Born in Missoula on March 6, 1952, to Ben and Beth (Berry) Gates, Jerry attended Polson High School.

After graduating in 1971, Jerry married the love of his life, Laurel (Warren) Gates and enlisted in the National Guard.

One of Jerry's proudest accomplishments was his service in the Special Forces. His talent, hard work and dedication earned him expert marksman, airborne wings, accolades for number of jumps, and various military awards. Once the Special Forces were disbanded, Jerry joined the tanker unit and later worked in the operational maintenance shop as a diesel technician.

In his spare time, he volunteered at West Valley Fire Department, which spanned 12 years. After 34 years of military service, Jerry retired as an E7 in 2004. Unable to sit still, Jerry continued to work as a maintenance technician at the Montana Department of Transportation until fully retiring in 2011.

While a dedicated military member, Jerry was also a devoted outdoorsman. Hunting, camping and fishing were more than hobbies, they were the way of the Gates' life; and, as long as Jerry was surrounded by family in the mountains or Eastern Montana prairies, he was happiest. His nature is best represented by John Muir's quote, "I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God, than in the church thinking about the mountains."

His infectious smile and lively laugh will forever echo in the Arizona high desert where he and Laurel took numerous Razor rides during retire-



ment. His childlike exhilaration from riding off-road was matched only when driving in his 1967 Mustang through Glacier National Park or participating in local car shows.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Ben; his father-in-law, Maxwell Warren; and his mother-in-law, Ramona Warren.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Laurel Gates, of Polson; daughter Tanya, daughter-in-law Alison, and grandson Maxwell, of Florence; son, Mathew, daughter-in-law Tina, and grandson Justin, of Kalispell; mother, Beth, of Missoula; brother, Dennis and sister-in-law Linda, of Lolo; sister, Ena Riesling and brother-in-law Mark, of St. Helens, Oregon; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry is best remembered as a great family man and dependable friend. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A private graveside service with full military honors will be held in January.

A public celebration of life will be held in the spring at the family's home in Polson.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Quality of Life for the great care of Jerry in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Wishes for Warriors, a nonprofit organization dedicated to returning hope and passion back into the lives of our combat wounded heroes through therapeutic outdoor adventures. Jerry lived his life to honor the Special Forces motto, "De Oppresso Liber," or "To Free the Oppressed." In his honor, please contact: <http://www.wishesforwarriorcorp.org/give-back>.

Clarence Gembala, 86

Clarence Gembala passed away peacefully at his home on Jan. 4, 2017.

He was born in Loop City, Nebraska, on Sept. 5, 1930, to John and Agnes Gembala. Clarence was one of 10 children, which included four girls and six boys.

Clarence and his brother Leonard moved to Montana in 1955 and began a logging business.

Clarence married Betty Conley in 1962 and made a life with their four children in Bigfork.

Clarence had a love for sports and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren participate throughout the years. His presence in the Bigfork bleachers and community will be missed by many. He had a special love for the Montana Griz Football team and enjoyed the games in the north end zone with family. Clarence also had a great joy for anything outdoors including hunt-



ing and fishing and his love for gardening.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents and his nine siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of 54 years; his children, Rick, Randy (his wife Holli), Rod (his wife Tracey) and Brenda (her husband Thaddeus); as well as his eight grandchildren, Amy, Jake, Ryan, MaKenna, Evan, Austin, Adam and Ellie.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. A celebration of Clarence's life will be held after the service from 3 to 6 p.m. at Randy and Holli Gembala's residence.

Johnson-Gloşchat Funeral Home is caring for the Gembala family.

7 Jan 2017

Bonne Germain, 75

Our sweet Mama, Bonne Germain, 75, passed away on Sept. 17, 2017, in Pleasant Hill, California. Her daughters Lia Germain and Terra Germain de Neeve were with her until the end.

She is at peace.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 15 at Lone Pine State Park, in the pavilion. We will have a short memorial and then travel to West Shore State Park to honor Mom's last wishes on Flathead Lake.

Bonne is survived by her brother, Artie McCormick of Florida, and her sister, Alanna McCormick of Kalispell; and her daughters, Lia Germain, Sevy Boutette, and Terra Germain de Neeve, son-in-law John de Neeve, and grandchildren, Jacob Germain, Sophia de Neeve and Cameron de Neeve.

Bonne was born in Florida and at 16 years old started her lifelong love of books and selling books. She moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, where she ran a successful used bookstore called The Old Corner BookShop. Her bohemian spirit kept her seeking new adventures, leading her to Montana. In Kalispell, she con-



tinued to run her book shops, the last being Club Algiers. Club

Algiers was a central location for movies, plays, community events, and Mom was always there with a cup of coffee and a friendly face. She loved to talk metaphysics and history or whatever. Bonne had a wise, worldly way about her that people loved.

Mom was an artist. Her art was original and special to her. She found great peace while drawing. Those that know of her art would agree they are one-of-a-kind pieces. Bright, bold colors and deep, feeling eyes were her trademark. Her art was how she lived life — boldly and without fear, a free spirit.

Rest in peace, beloved Mom, Grandma, sister, friend ... you will be missed.

Please send condolences to Lia Germain, 837 Treehaven Court, Pleasant Hill CA 94523; or Terra Germain de Neeve, 670 Concord Lane, Kalispell MT 59901.

James F. 'Jimmy' Gerrity, 53

James F. "Jimmy" Gerrity, 53, of Polson, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, doing what he loved, loading logging trucks in the woods.

He was born May 28, 1963, in Kalispell to Betty and Bernard Gerrity.

Moved to Polson in 1968, attended elementary school in Valley View and graduated from Polson High School. After high school he attended heavy equipment and diesel mechanic school in Portland, Oregon.

He married Kay Herman on Sept. 25, 1982 and had three incredible sons, Matthew, Brandon and Derek. On March 22, 1996, Jim married Tammy Jo Aber and two more incredible children were born, Eric and Emily.

Jimmy worked for Dupuis Logging for over 30 years operating heavy equipment in the logging industry. He loved his work in the outdoors. He farmed in Valley View an area southwest of Polson in the community where he grew up. Raising a family on the farm was important to him.

As a loving husband, father, brother and son, he was always there when a family member or friend needed his helping hand. Jim loved to tinker and there wasn't a thing he could not fix. He did have a twinkle in his eye that made you wonder what he was up to most of the time. With his easy



smile and great sense of humor he made you smile when you saw his face come through

door. He was a very proud father of his five children and five grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife Tammy; sons Matthew, Brandon (Chiara), Derek (Emily), Eric (Shawna); daughter Emily; five grandchildren, Makenna, Paisley, Brynn, Joslyn and Kane; brothers Gary (Denise) Hewitt and Tom (Deana) Hewitt; sister Laurie (Brad) Dassonville and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Betty and Bernard Gerrity and brother, Dick (Judi) Hewitt.

A memorial service was held at noon Monday, Feb. 20 at the Valley View Clubhouse southwest of Polson.

Donations in his name can be made to Log Jam Inc., a foundation for fallen loggers at P.O. Box 3193 Kalispell, MT, 59903 or www.montanalogjam.org.

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

Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

23 Sep 2017

20 Feb 2017

Bruce E. Getter, 80

Bruce E. Getter passed away on July 30, 2017, at his home in Whitefish.

Bruce was born in Cut Bank on March 4, 1937, the youngest of four children of Glenn and Ruth Getter. He was raised in Cut Bank along with his brothers Ralph and Tom, and his sister Beverly Blankenship. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Montana.

Bruce had three significant life phases. His first phase was his life's work with Getter Trucking. Bruce started working at age 15 and eventually joined his brothers Ralph and Tom, and later his nephew Bill, as principal owners and partners in Getter Trucking, Inc. Getter Trucking was a major oilfield rig mover and heavy hauling trucking company. Bruce was known as an artist with a rig-up truck. As the company grew, Bruce lived and worked in many places including Roundup, Gillette, Wyoming, and Williston, North Dakota. The Getters sold their company in 1989.

Bruce began his second life phase in Spokane where he made many friends and worked out of his office in the Paulson Building. While living in



Spokane, Bruce built his forever home on Whitefish Lake and moved there permanently in 1997. This began his third phase with many friends and family around Montana, Wyoming and Washington.

Bruce was a lifetime Shriner and a member of the Elks Lodge.

Bruce was the last of the Getter siblings and is survived by his nieces and nephews, Nancy Walker of Liberty Lake, Washington, Bill Getter of Sheridan, Wyoming, Tom Blankenship of Helena, Ellen Wesolovski of West Glacier, and Alan Getter, Cindy Brooks and Brenda Foy, all of Casper, Wyoming. He is also survived by many great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Bruce impacted many lives during all of the phases of his life and will be missed.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 25 at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Shriners Children's Hospitals.

Alan Gibson, 77

Alan Gibson, 77, passed away on Nov. 26, 2017, in Kalispell.

Al was born and raised in Kalispell. In 1957 he entered the U.S. Navy and served for four years. After his service he returned to Montana where he met and married Maxine Stale. He then began work in construction.

Al, Maxine, and their daughter Kim settled down in Columbia Falls where they soon welcomed their daughter Karen. They later moved to Lake Blaine where Al began to build the family home. He continued in the union until his retirement. He was later widowed and his daughter Karen moved in.

Al spent his final years socializing with friends, spending time with family and watching his grandson Gibson grow. He also



spent his time with a cup of coffee, watching sports and his favorite Western movies.

Al was preceded in death by his wife Maxine and

daughter Kim.

Al is survived by Karen Gibson of Columbia Falls, Darin Wilson of Columbia Falls, and Cole Staley of Seattle.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Fairview Chapel in Columbia Falls, with burial to follow at the Fairview Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.



2 Dec 2017

9 Aug 2017

James Michael Gibson, 61

James Michael "Mike" Gibson, 61, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, in his home surrounded by his loved ones after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Mike was born on Sept. 30, 1955, in Libby to Al and Lucille Gibson, the youngest of four children. He was raised in Troy and graduated from Troy High School in 1973.

He married the love of his life, Carolyn Bauer, in 1977. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1978 where Mike started working at the Anaconda Aluminum plant. He worked there until its closure.

He was the proud father of three children, Mickie, Lindsay and Dustin Gibson. He loved spending time with his family and was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also played football, basketball and ran track while in high school, and enjoyed watching his kids play sports.

Mike knew no stranger and had a magnetic personality that impacted everyone he met. He was always willing to tell a hunting story or talk sports. Even after his children graduated he enjoyed watching the Wildcats and often attended sporting events.

Mike will be missed every day by his family



and many friends, but he will live on forever through his humor and the positive

impact he had on everyone he met throughout his amazing life.

Mike was preceded in death by his mom and dad, Al and Lucille Gibson, and his brother-in-law Pat Burk.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Gibson; and his three children, Jeff and Mickie (Gibson) Pearson of Okinawa, Japan, Omar and Lindsay (Gibson) Barroso of the Mountain Warfare Training Center, California, and Dustin and Amber Gibson of Columbia Falls; and five grandchildren, Kyleigh, Kaleb, Kollyns and Kynsley Pearson, and Emmanuelle Barroso. He is also survived by a brother, Steve, and Merry Ann Gibson, of Newport, Washington; and two sisters, Jeanne (Gibson) Burk of Trout Creek, and Chad and Marcia (Gibson) Trenkle of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service for James will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the First Baptist Church, 827 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for James' family.

Harold Burton Gilbertson, 84

Harold Burton Gilbertson, 84, passed away Oct. 18, 2017, in Felton, California.

He was born June 9, 1933, the oldest son of Clarence and Mary Gilbertson in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Montana State University. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Nebraska. He taught in colleges all over the country.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia. He is also survived by a daughter, Heather Bireley, and husband Jamie, and grandchildren Cierra, Kodi and Chase of Ritchey, Montana; stepdaughter, Shelly King Schuur, and her husband John of Felton; stepsons, John Gainous and wife Ethel of Cario, Georgia, and Anthony King and wife Kathy of Omaha, Nebraska; as well as two older sisters, Mae Tilton of Helena and MaryLou



Basham (Jack) of Missoula; three younger brothers, Jim (LoAnna) of Seattle,

Ted (Donna) of Kalispell, and Larry (Marie) of Chapin, South Carolina; and his youngest sister, Janice (Larry) of Chandler, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Margaret Jane "Peggy" in 2011, his brother Leroy in February of 2017, and his stepson Tom King in 2006.

The family requests any memorials be sent to the Felton Library Friends who will be installing special features for patrons with sight impairments such as Harold had in the new library being built. Donations may be sent in memory of Harold Gilbertson to Felton Library Friends, P.O. Box 1245, Felton, CA 95018.

2 Nov 2017

16 Feb 2017

'Janie' Dolores Jane Gillin, 81

Janie Gillin, 81, born Dec. 13, 1936, passed away "into the arms of her heavenly Father" Dec. 13, 2017, surrounded by her children in the comfort of her own home. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. Preceded in death by her mother, Eva Scott; father, Lolon C. Timmons and his wife Juanita Timmons; and her children's father James Gillin. She was survived by her children: Debbie Fuller, husband Dave Fuller, Kathleen Rawlings, Ken Gillin, and Jackie Gillin, with Joe Heil. Grandchildren: Tesa O'Brien, with Clyde Wertz, Victor "Allen" Smith Jr., April "Rene" Smith, with Lucas Richard, and Roger Vargas. Great-grandchildren: Triniti, Jayden, Arissa, and Talia. Sisters: Mildred Blackman, Lois Galvan, Rose Clark, and Pila Aleman. Brothers: W.C. Timmons, L.C. Mackey/Timmons, Ernie Timmons, Dave Timmons, and Bobbie



at that time, she was married at 16 and left home to start her own family. She had a love for bowling, golfing, and gardening at this time in her life, and passionately traveled the world including Greece, Japan, Mexico, Canada, and all over the United States.

She then settled in Kalispell, where she raised her four children and worked for Hennessey Steak House for 38 years (later known as the Outlaw Inn.) She took pride in giving great service to everyone and enjoyed her late night cards (where she won a lot of money), dancing, music and most of all her friends. Janie could make a friend out of a complete stranger, bringing them home for a place to stay and a warm meal. Her pas-

Timmons. Janie was born in Pharr, Texas and was the oldest of nine siblings. Like many girls

sion for cooking was cherished by all. With work, raising children and living her own life to the fullest, she didn't have much time to spend with her siblings. She wrote home often, keeping them all aware of her accomplishments and loved each of them dearly.

Janie adored her grandchildren and taught them many of her special qualities, from crafting, to cooking, her jokes (the good ones and the naughty ones), love for music, and all that came with her favorite holidays. She and her friend Martha spent countless hours making holiday crafts to gift and share. Most of all she was a jokester at heart, always sharing them in her cards, letters, by phone, and at every social event. She had a smile for everyone that crossed her path.

She retired and moved into the Elms apartment 12 years ago where she continued to develop many more hidden talents such as drawing and painting. She

shared her holiday spirit throughout the hallways at The Elms, spreading the love and joy. She made many more dear friends and enjoyed their potluck dinners and games. They became her extended family. Jim and the Elms family enriched her life right up to the time she went home, which our family is so grateful for.

Janie was deeply loved by her family and friends. She had a soul that was beautiful both inside and out, accepting of everyone. She will be missed by all that knew her.

We will always be thankful for this incredibly special woman who loved us at our best and at our worst. Thank you mom for being a wonderful warm-hearted woman!

A celebration of life will be held at the Outlaw Inn dining room Wednesday, Dec. 20 at noon. In lieu of flowers please donate to American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

16 Dec 2017

Orville Lee 'Glen' Glendening, 88

Orville Lee "Glen" Glendening, 88, passed away July 10, 2017.

Glen was born in Roscoe, Missouri, in 1928.

He is survived by his wife Mollie Glendening, son William Glendening, daughter Elizabeth Glendening Arnold and stepson Jeff Pernell and their families.

He was preceded in death by his wife Norene Glendening.

Glen retired from the U.S. Navy after 26 years of distinguished service on both surface ships and submarines. During his Naval career he received many honors including being a member of the "gold crew" aboard the first ballistic missile submarine USS George Washington (Groton, Connecticut) and, after achieving the rank of Master Chief, serving as Chief of the Boat (COB) for the USS Menhaden (San Diego).

Glen moved to Kalispell in 1973 where he



completed his degree in forestry and became an instructor at Flathead Valley Community College. He spent many summers working as a forest ranger for

the Spotted Bear Ranger Station in the Flathead National Forest.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Thursday, July 13, at Darlington Burial Services (www.darlingtonfunerals.com). Directly following the service will be the honor guard service and interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Glen would be honored for friends and family to make donations to the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Carl Elias Goble, 89

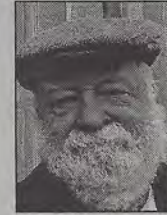
Carl Elias Goble passed away peacefully late in the evening on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

Carl was born Oct. 24, 1927, in Harrison, Montana, to Harold and Elizabeth Goble. He attended Deer Lodge Elementary and Powell County High School.

After graduating, Carl enlisted in the Marines where he served in Guam during World War II. Returning from the war he attended Western Montana College in Dillon, playing semi-pro baseball and meeting his loving wife and mother to his seven children, Rose Mary Tyro. They married Feb. 1, 1951.

Carl and his growing family moved from Spearfish, South Dakota, to Hungry Horse where he took a position at Anaconda Aluminum, a job that kept his family in the Flathead Valley for approximately 30 years until his retirement at the age of 55, where he then settled in Eureka and enjoyed a life as a snowbird, campground host, professional tinkerer and fun-loving grumpa.

Carl was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed camping, fishing and boating. Whether you were Wildcat or a Bulldog you could find Carl and Rose in the



stands supporting the local sports teams.

Carl was preceded in death by his wife Rose and son Curt.

He is survived by his children, Vonnie and her husband Warren of Eureka, Craig and his wife Lori of Whitefish, Jim and his wife Mary Ellen of Dayton, Beth of Whitefish, Helen of Kalispell, and Keith and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no formal service for Carl at this time.

Carl was always involved in the community through coaching and community organizations such as Jaycees, Kiwanis, Rotary, Boat Club or local booster clubs. In lieu flowers and gifts, the family is requesting donations in Carl's name to any of the above-mentioned organizations.

Carl will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

11 Jul 2017

31 Aug 2017

Maxine Kay Goff, 67

Maxine Kay Goff passed away Sunday, April 30, 2017, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, with her loved ones close by.

She was born to Joe and Wilma (Patch) Mercier Jan. 25, 1950, in Sidney — the first girl born on the Mercier side of the family in 25 years.

She graduated with from Flathead High School in 1968. She had three loving sons, Gregory Hagen (Sheri), of Kalispell; Brad Hagen (Dina), of Bismarck, North Dakota; and Aaron Vanalstine/Goff, of Bismarck.

She later married Buck Goff on Aug. 8, 1982.

She enjoyed passing time watching the birds and the scenery from where she lived.

She had three grandchildren, Kelli Wolfe, Cody Hagen and Trystan Hagen. Her love reached out to accept lovingly

three stepgrandchildren whom she adored, Tony Grob, Brandee Grob and Kayla Bonny; with five great-grandchildren. She was blessed indeed!

She leaves behind her three sons and grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three brothers, Don Mercier of Nampa, Idaho, Monty Mercier (Janie) of Helena, and Tim Mercier of Sidney; and one sister, Jody (Roger) Petersen, of Sidney; many nephews and nieces whom she also loved and adored; many close cousins; and even two uncles from her father's side, Bill and Bud Mercier.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents; Buck, her loving soul mate; her sweet sister-in-law, Mila Mercier; many aunts and uncles, and three special cousins.

No funeral services will be held, as per her request.

'Shorty' George Goggins, 79

"Shorty" George Goggins passed away on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the age of 79, with his family present.

Shorty was predeceased by his beloved son Joe Goggins, his sister Mildred Carey, his niece and nephew Jody and David and baby Bobby, as well as his mother and father, George and Bertha Goggins.

Shorty is survived by his loving wife, Jeannie, of 58 years. They were married in Fontana, California, on July 13.

Shorty is remembered with love by his daughters Dana Schneider and her husband Gordon Schneider, and Sherrie Patterson and her husband Mark Patterson.

Shorty was born in Clover, West Virginia, in 1937. After attending school in West Virginia and Georgia he began working at a young age as a paint contractor. He eventually moved to Fontana where he met his wife at the local A&W Drive In and married her after dating for three weeks. He was 20 years old when they married and they soon had three children. Wanting to raise them in a small-town environment, he moved the family to Kalispell, where he worked as a paint and remodel contractor until the death of his son. After losing Joe, he took to the waters of Flathead Lake and



became one of the best known fishing guides, "Fishing with Shorty" for 23 years.

His trips were always an adventure and to be remembered.

Shorty is best remembered for his practical jokes, great and lengthy stories, and his always present captain's hat. He would do anything to help anyone and had a huge heart that he didn't easily show to people.

Shorty enjoyed being in the outdoors and loved to go fishing and hunting. He got great enjoyment from feeding the deer, squirrels and birds around his home and he would watch them for hours.

The family will hold a private celebration of Shorty's life. He will be cremated and buried with his beloved son resting at Glacier Memorial Gardens. His family would love to hear about his life and the impact he had on others. You can contact Sherrie Patterson at 406-334-7580.

The family would like to thank everyone who showed such loving care and compassion to Shorty throughout his illness. Your efforts made a difference in his life and he knew he was cared for and loved.

11 May 2017

April 23

Paul A. Goguen, 88

Paul A. Goguen, 88, of Whitefish passed away Oct. 22, 2017 in Kalispell surrounded with the love of his family. Paul was born Oct. 8, 1929 in Arlington, Mass. to Blanche & Arthur Goguen.



his children. He especially loved Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester, Mass., Ogunquit

As a token of his ambition and enterprising, Paul, who recognized the importance of a college education, used to trap lobsters on Winthrop Beach to pay for his books at Boston University. He attended night courses while working two jobs and raising a family. Born to a military family, Paul lived primarily in New England but spent his junior year of high school in California. He raised his family in Bedford, Mass., retired in Ogunquit, Maine and Naples, Fla and spent his last year with his two sons' families in Whitefish.

Paul graduated from the Bentley College of Accounting and Finance in Waltham, Mass. He later went on to pass the CPA exam. He also served in the National Guard. Paul had a long and successful career at Sexton Can Co., in Everett, Mass., where he worked his way to President of the company. In addition, during every tax season he used his CPA to do taxes for individuals and corporations.

Paul met the love of his life, Barbara, when she was 15 and he was 17. They married two years later. A devoted husband, Paul remained married and faithful to Barbara for the next 68 years, until his passing. He put all six of his children through college and took great pride in the fact that they all went on to have successful professional careers and fulfilling lives.

Paul and Barbara loved to travel together across the country and abroad. He was an avid hunter/hiker and frequented the deep woods of Rangeley, Maine, usually accompanied by one or more of his three sons. Paul loved to swim in the ocean with

Beach, Maine, and Naples Beach, Fla. In retirement Paul treasured time with his 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a voracious reader of James Patterson and Louis L'Amour books.

Paul is survived by his wife, Barbara K. Goguen, of Whitefish. His children Linda Peters of Salt Lake City, Eileen Marcuvitz of Newport, R.I., Michele Hughes of Cambridge, Mass.; Paul Goguen Jr. and Michael Goguen of Whitefish and Brian Goguen of Naples, Fla. His brother Donald Goguen of Westwood, Mass., 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

At 19 years old, in an early college essay, he noted, "...given the choice of the following epitaphs, 'He made a million dollars.' or 'He led a happy life.' I would choose the latter." And he did just that. To all who knew and loved him, he was loyal, trustworthy, authentic, kind, and respected by all. We miss him dearly.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for Paul. To send a note of condolences to the family please visit Paul's tribute page at www.austinhf.com

28 Oct 2017

16 Aug 2017

Noe Gomez, 65

Noe Gomez, 65, of Bigfork, passed away Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at his home.

Noe was born July 16, 1952, in Los Angeles to Pedro and Juanita (Solorio) Gomez. He graduated from Montebello High School in 1970 and is a graduate of Long Beach University.

On Sept. 21, 1974, Noe married the love of his life, Susan Martinez, in San Pedro, California.

Noe worked for the state of Montana at Job Service for 19 years. He started many churches in various states in the U.S., including Pennsylvania, Florida, California and Montana. For 23 years he pastored Glacier Mountain Fellowship in south Kalispell. He also served as chaplain for the Kalispell Police Department.



Noe had a passion for winning souls for Christ. He loved people; there wasn't a person he

met that he couldn't or didn't talk to. His mantra was "Let's make Jesus famous."

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but more than that, he loved his grandchildren. His grandchildren were the light of his life. He was proud of each and every one of them.

Noe is survived by his wife of 43 years Susan; his daughter Angie Martinez of Long Beach, California, his son Noe Mario Gomez of Bigfork/Bakersfield, California, and his grandchildren Britnee

Ornelas, Aaron Martinez, Carissa Ornelas, Noe Esai Gomez, Sunnee Gomez, son Luis (Cynthia) Cruz of Modesto, California, grandsons Louie Cruz and Joshua Cruz, and granddaughter Vanessa Noble, great-grandsons TJ Noble, Nolen Noble and great-granddaughter Jazzy Noble; sisters, Betty Lopez, Velia Sanchez, Celia Baeza, Becky Solorio, Judit Head, Delilah Ejan, Dorothy Gonzales and Romona Rocha; and brothers, Abe Gomez, Marcos Gomez and Peter Gomez III. Noe was preceded in death by his parents, his son Stephen Gomez, and brothers Pete Gomez II and Mario Gomez.

Noe will be fondly remembered by his family and friends as a loving husband, father and grandfather, pastor,

chaplain, mentor and friend. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7465 Montana Highway 35, in Bigfork. Burial will immediately follow services at Bigfork Community Cemetery. Food and fellowship will follow at the home of Noe and Susan Gomez, 127 Esteban Lane, Bigfork MT 59911.

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

Gerald 'Jerry' Hays Goodin, 77

Gerald "Jerry" Hays Goodin, 77, passed away on May 21, 2017, at home in the comforting presence of his wife "and was received into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."



Spring Hill, Tennessee; his daughter, Phyllis Goodin, of Bakersfield; his stepson, Joseph

U.S. 2, Columbia Falls. A reception with food and refreshments will follow immediately after.

French, of Columbia Falls; his stepdaughter, Adrienne Crawford, of Hungry Horse; and 14 grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 2, at the Journey Church, 5091

Jerry was born in Bakersfield, California, on Aug. 28, 1939, to Hays and Mary Goodin.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Goodin, of Coram; his sons, Rex Goodin of Bakersfield, Jeremy Goodin of Olney, and Brandon Goodin of

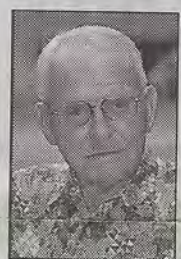
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Paul Edwin 'Smokey' Gould, 85

Paul Edwin Gould, 85, passed away July 1, 2017.

Paul was born in Bassett, Nebraska, to Edwin and Gladys Gould on Sept. 25, 1931. Shortly thereafter the entire family moved to Montana in an old Model T Ford.



independent and continued to make many new friends. He never missed a meal, and especially loved the

They settled in the Pickett Creek area south of Darby, where Paul attended a one-room school with his brothers and sisters. Some years later, they moved to Ronan where father Edwin found employment with the Northern Pacific Railroad.

weekly scenic drives. He was quite the raconteur, sometimes telling a good story over and over again. In February, he was elected Senior King for the Whitefish Winter Carnival.

On June 27, 1953, Paul married Catherine Elizabeth Byrer in Kalispell. They soon moved to Missoula, where the Northern Pacific Railroad employed Paul as a fireman. Paul liked to tell how, while learning to fire a locomotive, the engineer told him to put more coal in the firebox as they were climbing a steep hill. Paul did as told, and when the train leveled out, the firebox blew a great cloud of smoke into the engine cab. Paul was thereafter known to his colleagues as "Smokey." Paul went on to become an engineer, and safely piloted freight trains and countless tons of freight to their destinations for what eventually became the Burlington Northern Railway. In 1986 Paul relocated from Missoula to the Flathead Valley, where he continued with the railroad until retirement. He loved his job and was proud of his career.

Paul attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell for many years, and Christ Lutheran in Whitefish after moving to The Springs.

Paul "took his final night run" at 12:50 a.m., July 1, 2017, and "tied up" with his family at his bedside. Complications resulting from a blood infection could not be overcome in the end.

Paul's parents, Edwin and Gladys, and his older brother Aubrey preceded him in death. His sister Naomi (Hamilton) passed away shortly after Paul on July 4, 2017.

Paul is survived by his wife of 64 years, Catherine; his two sons, Daniel Paul and wife Stacey of Kalispell, and Greg and wife Christi of Helena; his two grandchildren, Jeremy and Emily Gould; his sister, Esther, of Mandan,

Paul was an avid elk hunter and fisherman. He would often track elk for miles, and he loved to butcher and wrap his game meat himself. He enjoyed his winter elk camps with his many friends, especially Cliff, Larry, Roy, Tony, Harold and Don.

Paul was a very capable handyman and mechanic. He loved to rebuild engines and old cars, often involving his two sons in various projects. He was also a collector, and after retirement, he frequented auctions where he both renewed old friendships and made many new friends.

For the last year and a half, Paul and Cathy lived at The Springs in Whitefish. Despite the increasing impact of Alzheimer's, Paul was

North Dakota; brother, Bob, and wife, Delores, of Salina, Kansas; brother, Don, and wife, Lorene of Hungry Horse; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donations in Paul's memory may be made to World Vision, which Paul and Catherine supported for over 43 years, or to Compassion, where for many years they sponsored individual children in developing countries.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 10, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with graveside burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, immediately following.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Paul's family.

Julie Ester Graham, 50

Julie Ester Graham, age 50, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at her home comforted by her family, Little Dog and Bella.

She was born July 20, 1966, in Kalispell to Liz Jones and the late Frank Pollinger. She was a 1984 graduate of Flathead High School.

No matter where she worked, she always took on more responsibility than what was asked, displaying a wonderful knack for excellent customer service and solving problems. Julie truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; chatting with friends and family, camping, and spending time with her children, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Julie had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her two boys, Quinten and Conor Graham, her brothers Brian Pollinger and Mike (Annie) Pollinger, her sister, Lisa (JP) Benlian,



and her much loved companion, Jeff Low. She was loved by many cousins and many,

many friends.

Julie will be remembered for her big smile and crazy wacky sense of humor we all loved.

Family, friends and others whose lives Julie touched are invited from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., to reminisce, grieve, support each other and, of course, just to chat.

4 Mar 2017

11 Oct 2017

LaVern Byron 'Vern' Graham, 88

A celebration of life for Vern Graham, 88, who passed away Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, will be held at 3 p.m. today, Oct. 12, at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell.

LaVern Byron Graham was born March 21, 1929, near Grand Island, Nebraska. Three years later, his family moved to the La Salle area near Kalispell, where his grandparents had homesteaded in the early 1900s. Sadly, his grandparents lost a large section of land during the Great Depression that is currently under Glacier International Airport.

Vern attended grade school at La Salle School with his older brother Kenneth and older sister Ruth. He later attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1947.

At age 15, he had the unique experience of being a night watchman at the airport, watching for enemy aircraft during World War II. His pay earned him flying lessons, which allowed him to receive his pilot's license at the age of 16. He spent many hours flying people places and having many adventures.

Also at the age of 16, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service clearing trails, hanging phone lines to fire lookout towers, and even spending some time manning a lookout tower by himself, and he often said it was one of the loneliest times of his life.

He worked at many various jobs as a young man. He worked at Hungry Horse Dam when it was under construction. There he met and worked for a man who greatly influenced his future career choice. His name was Alver Hanson, who taught him some carpentry and homebuilding skills.

At the age of 40, he

decided to become a homebuilder full time. In the next more than 25 years, he and his crews built more than 200 custom homes in the valley. The last few years, he worked with his son-in-law, Dan Spencer, who continued on with the business after Vern's retirement. One of the last homes he built was his and his wife's dream home overlooking Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains in Rollins.

On Sept. 20, 1954, Vern married Norma Osburn of Quincy, Washington. Their children are Joyce Ellen Lynch (Michael) of Tacoma, Washington, Rod R. Graham of Mountain Brook, Montana, Julie Louise Spencer (Daniel) of Mountain Brook, Hiedi Marie Vogeles (John) of Townsend, Nancy Sue Schutt of Mountain Brook, Ed L. Graham (Lucy) of Phoenix and Rollins, and Crystal E. Graham of Glendale, Arizona. They have 10 grandsons, 11 granddaughters, eight great-grandsons and six great-granddaughters. One more grandchild is expected in 2017 and three more are expected in 2018.

Living relatives are sisters-in-law Katherine Graham (Ken) of Whitefish, and LaVonne Holmstrom (Curtis) of Hood River, Oregon, and brother-in-law Otis Osburn (Phyllis) of Stanwood, Washington. He has many beloved nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents Chester Owen Graham and Pearl Sallinger, brother Ken Graham, and his sister Ruth and brother-in-law Bud Pickar. Also preceding him in death was one stillborn daughter Laurel Anne Graham and one grandson, James Orville Shelton.

Evelyn Brand Grant, 84

Evelyn Grant of Columbia Falls passed away peacefully on Nov. 17, 2017, with her family by her side.

She was born Jan. 18, 1933, in Anaconda to Donna and Sam Brand, joining her brother Joe, her sister Thelma, and later followed by brother Bob. Evelyn grew up in Three Forks where she loved playing basketball, riding horses, and swimming in the cool waters of the local gravel pit. After graduating from Three Forks High School, she attended nursing school taught by the Sisters of Charity at Carroll College, graduating as a registered nurse in 1953.

Evelyn's nursing career began in Hot Springs where employment waited. Since the closest stop to Hot Springs by the dog-bus was the town of Paradise, she bought a ticket there, only to have the bus driver make the joking comment to the pretty young lady that she had a one-way ticket to Paradise. The bus driver never knew how true this was since, after Evelyn settled in Hot Springs, she met Jim Grant, a man of many talents, who became the love of her life. Jim and Evelyn were soon married in St Mary's Church in Stevensville Sept. 4, 1954, the last ceremony to be held in that historic mission. Evelyn and Jim lived for a time in Hot Springs, then moved to Columbia Falls, and then on to Hungry Horse where their love of Glacier Park, as well as the surrounding area and careers drew them. By this time daughter Donna



made them a three-some, and soon after daughters Debby and Kathy and son Jim joined the family, all being raised in Hungry Horse. While Jim worked as a machinist at

Anaconda Aluminum, Evelyn continued nursing, a profession she was especially proud of and skilled, at Kalispell General Hospital and North Valley Hospital, before retiring from Immanuel Lutheran Home.

In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Evelyn was community oriented as well, being active in PTA, Girl Scouts, or simply helping others with her many talents. She was a member of the Altar Society and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was quite adventurous in anything she did, trying new things, and making all occasions special for her family and friends. Evelyn's faith in God was known by all who cared for her. Hardly ever without her beads to work while at any activity, she was always talking to God as she participated in life.

Evelyn loved life all seasons of the year, but especially summers when she could go camping, hiking, picnicking and swimming, picking huckleberries and wild strawberries. She also loved painting and her

impressions often depicted her outdoor activities, showing her love of nature and Glacier Park. She was also about everything having to do with the great state of Montana, the great country of the United States, and the flags and symbols that represent them such as eagles and bears. She could have coined "Made in the USA." Her patriotism will be missed.

Evelyn is survived by Jim, her loving husband of 63 years; her daughters, Donna McCann and husband Doug, Debby Grant and husband John Konen, and Kathy Grant and husband Mark Voelker; brother Bob Brand, and wife, Sheila; grandchildren, Theresa and husband Corey, Christina, Marshall, Josie, and Jessica; as well as seven great-grandchildren, and many other family members, dear friends, and adopted son and daughter, Eric and Lorie Shields. She also leaves

behind her furry friend, E.J.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Jim, her sister Thelma Curran, her brother Joe Brand and her nephew Pat Curran.

For the family and friends of Evelyn, simply knowing her throughout our lives was a true blessing for us, and one for which we are grateful. We will all miss her.

A rosary will be said at 10 a.m. with funeral services to follow at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, at Saint Richard's Catholic Church, 1210 9th Street West, Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at a later date. A reception will be held at the church following the services.

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

21 Nov 2017

Herbert A. Grant, 80

Herb Grant, of Bigfork, passed away on July 5, 2017.

He was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, Dartmouth College, and the Tuck Business School. While at Tuck he was in the Marine ROTC Program. After fulfilling his tour of duty, he was honorably discharged as a first lieu-



tenant. Herb spent most of his career with the Kingston Warren Corporation. Two weeks before his 50th birthday he sold the company and worked on his "some-days." Because of his love for antique homes, he became involved with Strawberry Banke

Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, acting as their president of the board of directors. He also continued to do consulting with niche clients in the insurance field.

Herb bought and restored an antique farmhouse in Rye, New Hampshire, and designed and built a Spanish home at the Estancia Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he and his wife,

Robin, lived for 25 years. To his great joy, his later years were spent in Bigfork.

Herb leaves his wife of 25 years, Robin Ann Hargreaves. He will be greatly missed by his stepchildren, Elise Cormier, Lauren Cormier, Corey Walker and Chris Walker; and his two grandsons, Randall and Samuel Walker.

18 Jul 2018

Richard Raymond Greenwald, 94

Richard Raymond Greenwald, 94, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, "went to be with the Lord" on Oct. 28, 2017, in Spokane.

Richard was born on Feb. 17, 1923, in Ludington, Michigan, to John and Ida (Benzing) Greenwald. His family later moved to Saco, Montana.

Richard enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in World War II from 1942 to 1945.

He married Blanche Canen in 1946 in Malta and worked as a meat cutter until re-enlisting in the Navy in 1951. He then served in Korea from 1951 to 1955. In 1956 he moved his family to Columbia Falls where he worked at Anaconda Aluminum from 1956 until retirement in 1985. He also served in the National Guard from 1961 to 1972. He continued to reside in Columbia Falls until this year when he became a resident of the Veterans Home in Spokane.

He was an active member of the Assembly of God church, an avid war buff, memorizer of Scripture and lover of family.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63



years, Blanche, in 2009.

He is survived by his sister, Freda Ashe, of Darrington, Washington; and his five children, Sharon (George)

Meier of Spokane, Diane (Doug) Ormiston of Maple Valley, Washington, Randy (Christine) Greenwald of Spokane, Larry (Pam) Greenwald of Superior, Montana, and Rich (Kim) Greenwald of Helena. He also has seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Journey Church, 5091 U.S. 2, Columbia Falls. Officiants are the Rev. Darrel Newby and the Rev. Rich Greenwald. Military burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be given to Ram Ministries, 1318 Knob Hill, Springfield, Missouri 65804.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Richard's family.

1 Nov 2017

Bernard Robert Gregoire, 88

Bernard Robert Gregoire, "Bernie" or "BR," peacefully passed away in his sleep with his daughter by his side on Sept. 7, 2017, in Bigfork. He was 88 years young.

He was born April 21, 1929, in Great Falls to George and Florence Gregoire. He was the youngest of four boys.

At the age of 16 he began his journey as a pilot. He got his license at the age of 17 and bought his first airplane at 19. In 1949 he served in the Navy for a few short months before joining the Air Force from 1949 to 1952. Bernie worked for and eventually took over G.G. Gregoire & Sons as a Texaco consignee.

In October of 1965 he married Karen Fahey and had three children, Rob Gregoire, Renee Gregoire-Serr and James Gregoire.

His true passion was flying. In his 40s he flew every weekend he could from Great Falls to his "cabin" on Swan Lake, announcing his arrival with a low fly-by that thrilled his kids and annoyed his neighbors. In 1988 he moved permanently to his Swan Lake residence, and eventually to a home on the Ferndale airstrip. In his 70s he became a certified flight instructor, and in his 80s he was giving his children ulcers by still doing loops and rolls in his high performance "experimental" RV-8 airplane. He frightened and excited many people



by taking them for rides in the RV-8 and most said the ride was the highlight of their lives. He was still flying just weeks

before his passing. During his 70-plus years of flying he piloted over 60 types of aircraft. He was a long standing member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and a member of the UFO (United Flying Octogenarians).

His other passion was his children. He taught them all the fun things in life including skiing (on snow and water) snowmobiling, driving, flying, camping, riding horses in the Bob Marshall wilderness, fishing and much, much more.

He is survived by two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and his longtime love Punky. He had a fun-filled and exciting full life all the way until the end. He was a son, a dad, an uncle and a friend to so many and is missed dearly.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Angel Flight West in his name.

We will be celebrating his life at 2 p.m. on Sept 23 on the Ferndale air strip, 676 Aero Lane, Bigfork. Everyone is welcome!

Jere R. Gregory, 64

Jere Ramsdell Gregory, 64, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at his home.

He was born April 4, 1952, in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of George and Shirley (Ramsdell) Gregory. As a child he moved to Oelwein, Iowa, where he lived with his grandparents, Bert and Bernice Ramsdell.

He graduated from Oelwein High School in 1970 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in education and Master of Science degree in audiology from the University of Northern Iowa in 1983. He worked as an audiologist for Black Hawk Hearing Aid Center in Waterloo, Iowa, before moving to Kalispell where he worked as an anesthesiology assistant for Dr. James Ronald.

An avid golfer, Jere possessed a lifelong passion for playing, teaching and discussing the game with friends and family.



He is survived by his wife, Maurine; sons, Michael Gregory of Park

City, Utah, and Austin (Claire) Gregory of Chicago; daughter, Lauren Gregory, of Long Beach, California; sisters, Sue (James) Ronald of Norwalk, Connecticut, and Andrea (Marc) Hintz of Albuquerque, New Mexico; brothers, Larry Gregory of Cedar Falls and George (Arcie) Gregory of Davenport, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring at a date and location to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to hearinghealth-foundation.org.

Darlene Ruth Grey, 82

Darlene Ruth Grey, 82, passed away on May 31, 2017.

She was born May 15, 1935, in Minot, North Dakota.

She was married to Robert "Bob" Earl Grey on June 16, 1984.

Darlene was an active and loving member of General Assembly and Church of the First Born. She was a successful business owner of Classic Cleaners in Kalispell. Darlene was also a talented realtor for 20 years in California. She was an extraordinary seamstress who made all of her children's clothes. Darlene was never happier than when she was fishing. She was an outdoor enthusiast who loved seeing all the baby animals in the wild. She also enjoyed

collecting all kinds of Teddy bears throughout the years.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents William and Velma Storbeck, her sister Helen Evenson, and her beloved husband Robert "Bob" Earl Grey.

Darlene is survived by her sister, Geraldine Siemens; and her children, Jeffery Frank Webb, Jennifer Lee Linne, Charlotte Mae Clampitt, Charlene Joyce Kieth, Stacey Ann Webb, Chuck Miller and Leroy Miller. Darlene was beloved by 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Darlene Grey was a devoted wife and mother who will be greatly missed "as she went to be with her Lord and Savior."

Joyce Griffin, 94

Joyce Griffin, 94, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2017, the first day of spring, with her family by her side, after five years of loving care at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



ly enjoyed family get-togethers, and enjoyed many happy hours with her children and grandchildren.

Joy also volunteered her time to the Schuylerville Historical Society and her local garden club.

In 2009, Joy's health required that she move to Lakeside to live with her son Rod, his wife Bev, and their three children. After three years in Lakeside, Joy moved to the Brendan House in Kalispell in 2012, where she lived and had many friends until her passing.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 35 years, John; her in-laws, John Griffin Sr. and his wife Selma; and her daughter Colleen.

She is survived by her sister Alma, and children Jean and Steve of Oakville, Connecticut; her son Rod and his wife Bev, and their children Gilly, Jonner and Kenzie of Lakeside; her daughter, Cheryl, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and children Jenna and Emily; her son Tim and his wife Patty, of New Port Richey, Florida, and children Eric and Darcy; and Colleen's children, Sarah, Mike and Cody, of upstate New York, as well as three great-grandchildren. Joy also leaves behind many special friends, including Ginny Donnelly of Naugatuck, Connecticut, and Esther Blair and Martin Casey of Schuylerville.

Joy was an independent minded lady, and was a kind and generous person. She loved music, knitting and gardening. She will be dearly missed.

No local services are planned. There will be a family graveside service in the fall in Prospect, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a little something to your local animal shelter in Joy's memory.

God bless you Mom ... rest in peace.

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

Joy was born in Chester (Cheshire County), England, to Frank and Florence (Clark) Yarwood, on Oct. 6, 1922. Raised on the family farm with her sister Alma, Joy later served in the British Women's Army, as a physical education instructor, and then as a secretary. During this time, Joy met and married Sgt. John J. Griffin - who was serving in the U.S. Army there during World War II. After the war, John returned to the U.S. to continue medical treatments for an injury. Joy came to the U.S. some months later aboard the Red Cross ship Willard H. Holbrook, along with many other war brides. Her parents and sister later followed, and also lived in Connecticut.

John and Joy were blessed with four healthy children, Rod, Cheryl, Colleen and Tim, after their first daughter was stillborn. In 1956, the Griffin family moved to St. Petersburg, Florida - along with John's parents - and finished raising their family there.

Joy was an active volunteer for the Red Cross and the PTA, and enjoyed singing with the "Choral Belles." In the early '70s, John and Joy moved back to Connecticut to be near her mother and sister. John passed away suddenly in June 1980. After his passing, Joy worked at the Westover School for Girls in Middlebury, Connecticut, for many years. She also volunteered for the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) and in the local garden club. In the early '90s, Joy re-connected with an old friend from her school days. She returned to England and spent several happy years with John Whitby, until his passing. Joy then moved back to the U.S., this time to Schuylerville, in upstate New York, where her children and grandchildren were living. Joy lived at Morgan's Run, a senior apartment facility, and had many good friends there. She especial-

Mary Lou Grigg, 67

Mary Lou Grigg, 67, a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, passed away on March 16, 2017.

Mary Lou was born to George Walton and Marjorie Friske on June 10, 1949, in the Half Moon area of Columbia Falls.

After attending grade school and high school in Columbia Falls, Mary Lou held a variety of jobs before attending cosmetology school and opening her own business.

Mary Lou was married to Floyd Grigg on Dec. 31, 1966, in Columbia Falls. They were married for 39 years. They raised two children together, Tara and Mike.

Mary Lou enjoyed crafting, growing amazing flowers and decorating her home. She enjoyed discovering new hobbies from ceramics to stained glass to painting. She thrived most spending time with her family and was a devoted mother and wife. One of her great joys was spending time with her grandchildren, whom she loved to play ~~bake and garden~~ with. She was known for being a great and loyal



friend. She had the ability to bring a smile to everyone who knew her. She had a kind

and gentle heart and could always be counted on to help those around her in need.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, George Walton and Marjorie Friske; and her husband in heart, Floyd Grigg.

She leaves behind her son, Michael Grigg, his wife Kim, and children Abbey and Ty; her daughter, Tara Harvey, her husband Russ, and children McKenna and Justin; sister, Marjorie (Babe) Walton; sister-in-law, Geraldine Gimbel; and brothers-in-law, Don Gimbel and Melvin Grigg.

There will be a service for Mary Lou at noon on March 31 at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Mary Lou's family.

Leroy Hans 'Grump' Gronley, 88

Leroy Hans "Grump" Gronley, 88, passed away peacefully on Monday morning, Nov. 13, 2017.

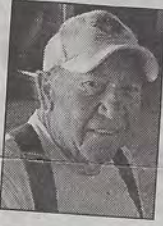
Leroy was born Dec. 23, 1928, on a farm in Fairdale, North Dakota, to Marie Ann (Vejtasa) and Hans Nicholi Gronley, the fifth born of 10 siblings. The family moved to Kalispell in the fall of 1942.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, he enlisted in the Air Force. When he returned home, he worked as a butcher for Meat Supply, worked construction on the Hungry Horse Dam, and for the following 55 years he owned and operated a building business, eventually retiring at the age of 78.

On Aug. 5, 1951, he married Iris Kay Iverson in Kalispell; to this marriage they had four sons. The family spent weekends at their place on Bootjack Lake hunting, fishing, cutting Christmas trees and mountains of firewood.

Leroy was preceded in death by his wife Iris, son Dallas, his parents, brother Sidney, and sisters Darlene Polejewski, Gwedolyn Clements and Bev Schenck.

Leroy is survived by three sons, Jamie (Lynn), Delray (Patty), and Brad (Tracy); 11 grandchildren, Crystal, Jason,



Rachelle, Travis, Ben, Ashley, Jake, Emily, Jeff, Missy and David; 27 great-grandchildren and two

great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Gerald of Seattle, Winford of Michigan, and Stanley of Kalispell; sisters, Frances Roth of Spokane, and Gloria Sandon of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his best friend and lap dog, Griz, whom cared for one another over the past six years.

A celebration of his life with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to any of the local veterans associations.

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

15 Nov 2017

Robert Raymond Gruber, 91

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, following a brief illness, Robert Raymond Gruber, 91, "was called home to his family."

A descendant of Montana homesteaders, Bob was born in Townsend to Edward and Dora Gruber on Feb. 4, 1926. The sixth of nine children, Bob attended Riverside School District 31, in Crow Creek Valley near Toston. District 31 was a one-room schoolhouse with eight students. Six were Grubers. He graduated high school in Boulder in 1943, worked briefly for Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California, and enlisted in the Navy in 1944.

His service in World War II was on the USS Hammondsport, a freighter operating in the South Pacific. He was honorably



discharged in 1946. Several years were spent on road construction in Idaho and Montana. It was while working on Highway 93 near Salmon, Idaho, that he met his first wife, Frances Joan Bartlett. They had four children, Terri, Cathy, Roger and Jeff. In 1964 the family settled in Libby and Bob started up Granite Concrete Company. With longtime business partner George Oldham, he operated Granite Concrete until retirement in 1983.

Bob married Lois Ochsner in Kalispell in 1979. Lois owned and

operated This 'n That in downtown Libby and Bob assisted as unofficial Maytag delivery man for many years. A lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge, he also enjoyed the motor home, skiing, antiques, garage sales and was a regular at the Sater Auction in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. An engineer at heart, Bob remained a highway superintendent, bridge inspector and mechanic of all moving parts his entire life. His last years and days were lived in the home and wildlife sanctuary he created in Libby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Dora; brothers, Jack, Donald, Bill and Ted; sisters, Alice and Dorothy; and wife, Lois.

He is survived by brothers, James (Barney)

of Newcastle, California, and Frank of Helena; children, Terri Gruber of Spokane, Cathy Gruber Anderson (Jim) of Boise, Idaho, Roger Gruber of Havre, and Jeff Gruber (Doreen) of Libby; grandchildren, Evan, Sherri, Allan, Seth, Kelsey, Tyson, Trent, Thomas and Emma; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, with rosary following at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held by Father Richard Kluk at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with interment and military honors immediately following.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Terry Lynn Gorton Guerrero, 75

Terry Guerrero was born May 12, 1942, in Kalispell to James and Mary Gorton of Creston.

She passed away on Sept. 14, 2017. A graduate of Flathead County High School in 1960, she attended Crest Elementary and Eastern Washington University. In 1961, Terry moved to Portland where she worked for U-Haul headquarters. Soon after, her lifelong best friend and sister, Kate Heggan, joined Terry. The sophisticated duo shared a small apartment and lived on wine, cheese and crackers. The two then moved to Seattle where Terry worked for Boeing.

In 1963, Terry moved to Los Angeles where she met and married Thomas Guerrero. Blessed with three boys, Tom and Terry were



very proud and loved them very much. In 1972, Terry, Tom and the boys moved to her hometown of Kalispell, where she worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years.

After retiring from the Post Office in 2005, Terry took up gardening and quilting. She had a green thumb and an eye for fabric. If you received a quilt from Terry, you are damn lucky. Terry was known for her kind soul, generous heart, sense of humor and love of all animals, especially little yapper dogs.

Her parents, Jim and Mary Gorton, aunt, Betty Holmes, and granddaughter, Piper, preceded Terry in death.

Her sister, Kate Heggan and her husband Jerry, brothers Bill wife Jana, and Tom, wife Noel; sons, Kevin, wife Heather, Vincent, D.J., wife Jessica, grandchildren, Hannah and Holly Guerrero, Kiah Brauer, Skiler and Zoie Guerrero, great-grandson, Kean Brauer and Jessica Guerrero's children Nicholas and Emily Brooks and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews survive her.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Jaime Woods officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gary Victor Guest, 76

Gary Victor Guest, 76, peacefully passed away at his home on Sept. 20, 2017.

Gary was born on Jan. 26, 1941, in Kalispell to Victor and Dolly Guest. He was a true native of Kalispell. Other than a few years spent away for military training and college, Gary spent his entire life in the Flathead Valley. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1959 and from the University of Montana in 1964.

He went to airborne training in Georgia in 1969. He joined the National Guard and spent 22 years serving his country. He retired as a major from the Army Reserve Civil Defense.

He returned to Kalispell to work at the family business, Guest Photo Art & Books. Gary and his brother eventually purchased the family business. He operated the business until his retirement in 1991, but never ended his love for photography. Whether it was taking pictures of weddings, graduations, grandkids or the beautiful Montana scenery, Gary was always there with a camera in hand. He also owned and operated Wheels West Roller Rink for many years.

Gary struggled with his health and in 2001 he was fortunate enough to receive a lung transplant. He beat all odds and lived 16 more heartfelt years. There were many times we thought we would lose him but he just kept going and going. He was truly our "energizer bunny!" His transplant allowed him to once again enjoy his favorite game of golf, sing karaoke, watch his grandkids grow up, travel south and meet his longtime companion Pat. We are thankful for the additional time we were able to spend with him.

Gary was an active member of many organizations, including the Elks for 55 years, the Moose Lodge, Eagles, Jaycees and helped



many years with the Junior Miss Pageant. He was proud to be a Mason and a Shriner.

He was very active

throughout his life. He loved to play golf, skydive (he had over 170 jumps), karaoke, water-ski, hunt and spent many years with his brother-in-law "Pickin" for the pawn shop. He was very social and touched many lives.

He is survived by his longtime companion Pat Schaffer, his son Scott Guest and wife Laurie, daughter Susan Schmid and husband Shawn, daughter Sheila Wilson and husband Andy, grandchildren Amanda Eachon and husband Brandan, Levi and Heidi Schmid, Kaylee, Emily and Madison Wilson, Brittany and Allison Guest, step-grandson Mason and great-grandson Jackson Garsland, sisters Linda Guest and Sandra Van Riper and husband Charles, and sister-in-law Connie Guest, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Victor and Dolly Guest, and brother Michael Guest.

Gary was a very loving father, grandfather, companion, brother and friend. He will truly be missed.

The family would like to thank Hospice and all the doctors and nurses who have cared for Gary. A special thank you to Fatt Boys for letting him enjoy his time with friends and treating him like family.

Services will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, at Johnson-Gloschate Funeral Home, with a reception following at Fatt Boys Bar & Grill.

In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice.

21 Sep 2017

Venus Gloria Guest, 91

Venus Gloria Guest, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away Feb. 22, 2017, in Portland at the age of 91.

Born on Oct. 3, 1925 in Billings, she was one of three children born to Ora and Garlan Qualls. In September of 1937 her family moved to Tacoma, Washington, where she met and married of husband of 64 years, Francis LaMar Guest. Venus and Fran had five children, LaMar, Muriel, Marlene, Mark and Kevin. They are the grandparents of 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.



Venus was involved in a variety of community and religious organizations and was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served in numerous callings including Relief Society president three times. Venus and Fran also served a full-time mission in the New York Rochester Mission. Venus loved music and was an accomplished

pianist. Her life revolved around her family and her religion.

Venus was preceded in death by her parents, Ora and Garlan Qualls, her brother Gary, her husband Francis, and her granddaughter Erin. She is survived by her five children, LaMar and Bobbi Guest of West Jordan, Utah, Muriel Guest-Reed of Kalispell, Marlene Francis of Portland, Mark and Grace Guest of Kalispell, and Kevin and Lori Guest of Riverton, Utah; her sister, Deanna Freiberg, of Kalispell; and 43 grand-

children.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Viewing will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 4, with funeral services at 11 a.m. and burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

28 Feb 2017

Logan John Eugene Guse, 16

On the morning of Oct. 7, 2017, at approximately 4 a.m. near Nelson, Montana, Logan's young life was taken too soon, at the age of 16, as a result of a car accident. Logan was a sophomore at Capital High School. He, along with two of his best buddies were on their way to do what he loved most, hunting.

Logan was born June 21, 2001, in Helena to Debbie (Voelkel) Guse and Daryl Guse. Born six weeks early and a fighter from the start, he spent two weeks in the NICU in Great Falls. Even as a newborn Logan demanded everyone's attention with his bright red hair, that twinkle in his eye, and his infectious, mischievous smile. We always knew he would be a fireball. He had a contagious laugh and a bright smile



that would light up any room. He brought joy and happiness to everyone, no matter who

they were. At Capital High School and Super 1 Foods, Logan was known for his sense of humor and was a bright light in everyone's day. Without his presence there will be a silence felt by all who knew him.

The youngest of four, Logan hit the ground running. By the age of 2, he took off his own training wheels to keep up with the big kids because nothing would ever hold that boy back! He spent time with his neighborhood grandpa, Hoy Bryant, who taught him about yard work and how to fix

things. Logan was forever fascinated by how things worked, always taking them apart and trying his best to put them back together, usually with a few misplaced or extra pieces. No matter what he was doing, Logan insisted on having music blaring in the background. He loved anything upbeat, but country most of all.

Logan's love for the outdoors and nature started at a very young age. From camping to fishing, hunting and hiking, he never turned down the opportunity to be in the mountains with his family. He enjoyed taking many spontaneous trips and spending countless memorable hours fishing with his mom. With fly poles and tackle, hiking gear and his boots, Logan was prepared for any adventure at a moment's

notice. Finally old enough to carry his own rifle hunting, he was always on the lookout for the big one.

Logan enjoyed many summers at his uncle Earl and aunt Karen's ranch in Hamilton. He loved haying, tying flies, fly fishing, and helping neighbors with odd jobs, always wanting to help. As Logan got older he was a natural with any shop class, always working with his hands, pouring his heart into every project. Spending many hours helping his dad work on cars and household projects, he was always willing to help and learn. He loved automotive and wood shop, and aspired to learn about welding. His dream was to run his uncle's ranch, making a living doing what he loved most.

Hunting. Fishing. And loving every day.

Logan was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Erna L. and John G. Guse, Earle E. and Lucelle Philips, and Dorothy and Orville Popenhagen; and grandfather, Glenn L. Voelkel.

Logan is survived by his mother, Debbie Guse and father, Daryl Guse; brother Casey (Katrina) Guse, along with their children, Addyson and Braxton; sisters, Katie Guse and Morgan Guse; grandparents, Ron J. and Mary L. Guse, and his Oma Carol Popenhagen; aunts and uncles, Caryn Guse, Julie (Scott) Schneckloth, Amber Langley, Susan (Leland) Tash, and Harold Voelkel; cousins, Calvin, Megan, Shelby, Sean, Stephanie, Stacia, Chelle, Ronald, Liana and Dion; and a

large extended family and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13, at the Helena First Assembly of God Church, 2210 Dodge Avenue. A reception will immediately follow in the fellowship hall of the church. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations sent to the Montana Wildlife Federation at montanawildlife.org in memory of Logan's great love for wildlife and the outdoors. Also, a GoFundMe account has been set up at gofundme.com/logan-guse-memorial-fund to help offset the cost of funeral expenses.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Logan.

Agnes Melasina (Patterson) Gustafson, 91

Agnes Melasina (Patterson) Gustafson, at the age of 91 1/2, passed away at the Buffalo Hill Terrace the evening of Jan. 23, 2017, with her beloved niece, Nancy, by her side.

Agnes was born May 16, 1925, and spent her entire life in the Kalispell area. Aside from raising two daughters, her most challenging job, Agnes owned and operated the Merle Norman Cosmetic franchise for many years. She was a charter member of the Hobby Club which was started in 1951 in Kalispell and only disbanded a year ago. The Hobby Club ladies met once a month and that was a great source of happiness in her life. The members gathered



together to gossip, create craft projects and enjoy a snack; all this conducted under parliamentary order.

Agnes married Harold Gustafson Jan. 27, 1945. Their first business venture together was running a special delivery business for the post office along the eastern lakeshore called the Galloping Goose. Agnes and her husband, Harold were avid square and round dancers. They danced for many years, even dancing their way on a bus tour to Washington, D.C., with their dance group.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband and beloved partner of 55 years, Harold. Also preceding her in death was her daughter Terry LaSpina, her parents Karl and Elsie Patterson, her beloved uncle and aunt Robert and Elizabeth Patterson, five of her siblings, Hank, Walt, Earl, Bobby and Ann, and several nieces and nephews.

Surviving Agnes is her daughter, Sherry, and husband, Harold Michael, of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; her granddaughter, Shae Stautz and husband, Shay, of Arlington, Virginia; her grandson, Jamahl Michael, and wife Tiffany, of Bunker Hill, West Virginia, and their children, Sandra

Haentschke and family of North Carolina and Shelly and family of Maryland; her sister, Betty Patterson VanAlstine, of Whitefish; and many nieces and nephews, especially her favorite, Linda Howard and Nancy Turner of Kalispell, Agnes' caregivers for the past seven years, her niece Carol Freeman (Gustafson) of Kalispell and Gary Gustafson of Missoula, as well as many friends in the Flathead Valley.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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

28 Jan 2017

Joyce Carlstad Gustafson, 77

Joyce Carlstad Gustafson, 77, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2017, "into the loving arms of Jesus, her savior." She was surrounded by her loving family.

Joyce was born April 1, 1940, in Ambrose, North Dakota, to Otto and Edna Carlstad. She graduated from Crosby High School in Crosby, North Dakota.

On June 29, 1958, she married Claude "Gus" Gustafson. They lived their early years of their marriage in Claude's hometown of Clifton, Texas. In 1964 they moved to Ronan to help out on Joyce's aunt and uncle's dairy farm. In 1970 they moved to Kalispell where they raised their family.

She loved doing crafts, country gospel music, traveling and wearing lots of bling. Joyce was known throughout the Flathead Valley for her lefse and Norwegian baking. Thankfully she passed on her lefse making skills to her granddaughter. She worked at many different places and made friends wherever she went. Joyce valued her friendships but her family was everything to her.



Joyce is survived by her husband Claude "Gus" Gustafson, daughter Angela

(Tom) Clark, son Galen (Amanda) Gustafson, grandchildren Bailey (Mitchell Schaller) Clark, Will Clark and Kayley Potter. She also leaves behind her beloved Chihuahua, Missy.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Edwin, Kenneth and Wallace Carlstad.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at the funeral home, Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Private interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers make a donation to your favorite charity.

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

9 May 2017