

## Edward W. Hedstrom, 94

Edward W. Hedstrom, 94, passed away from natural causes at Peace Hospice, Great Falls, on May 23, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, in the Rose Room Chapel at the Croxford Funeral Home in Great Falls.

Ed was born in 1923 in Kalispell to William and Karen Hedstrom. He was the youngest and last surviving of six children. He graduated from Flathead County High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 and was stationed in Belgium during the war. Shortly after his honorable discharge from the Army in the Baltimore, Maryland, area, he met his future wife, Hazel Balderson, of Heathsville, Virginia. They married in August 1947 and moved to Montana. Most of Ed's post-military working career was with the Great Northern Railroad as a truck driver delivering freight along the Hi-Line area in northern Montana. The family lived mostly in Havre and Great Falls.

Ed is survived by and will remain in the hearts of his wife, Hazel; his five children, Linda (Steffel), Peggy (Rudy), Steve (Jane), Janet, and Mark (Sharon); and his seven grandchildren - Steve's children: Laura, Stephanie and Matt; and Mark's children: Jeff, Mandy, Jared and Josh. He also had four great-grandchildren, Kaeden, Emma, Libby



and Layne. Ed will be fondly remembered by his extended family in the Flathead, Big Hole Valley, and Seattle area, and his wife's

family on the East Coast. He touched many people's lives as he was always one to help others and was known for being a true gentleman.

His family remembers him for his love of his wife of almost 70 years, his immediate and extended family and close friends. He was a strong man with a determined will. He loved to drive, especially his semi-truck, and spending time on the Big Hole Ranch having long conversations with his cousin, Harold. In his younger days, he enjoyed tinkering on cars with his best friend Lloyd, shopping in hardware stores with his brother-in-law Red, and being the first one out on the back 9 of Eagle Falls. He also loved fishing, gardening and making wood and yard art for his family. He is remembered for being a handyman for friends, family, his neighbors, and anyone who needed help.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bill, and his four sisters Ruth, Helen, Clara and Minnie. As the youngest in his family, he was cherished and doted on by his older sisters.

In Ed's honor, memorial donations may be sent to organizations supporting wounded veterans.

Condolences to the family can be sent to [www.croxfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.croxfordfuneralhome.com).

## William Clark Hedge, 49

William "Bill" Hedge was born in Kalispell on Aug. 12, 1968, to Donna and Clarence Hedge, the second of three children.

He died on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bill grew up in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1986. Bill then went to Respiratory Therapy School and became a licensed therapist.

Bill lived and worked in Dillon for a time, then in Kalispell. Ultimately, Bill moved to Republic, Kansas, and lived there with his wife Robin until the time of his death.

He loved fishing and the outdoors, and stayed



very close to his high school friends Shawn and Karen Cowan, and Mike Bocksnick,

up until his death.

Bill is survived by his wife, Robin; two daughters, Ariel and Olivia; his parents, Clarence and Donna Hedge; his sister, Joy Trottier; niece, Annie Trottier; and nephews, Tanner Trottier, Brandon Hedge and Jacob Smith.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Smith-Greer.

No services are planned at this time.

2 Dec 2017

10 May 2017



## Wayne Arthur Hegdahl, 71

Wayne Arthur Hegdahl, 71 years of age, died Dec. 26, 2016, at the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle from a pulmonary embolism after suffering from a brain aneurysm.

He was born on Feb. 27, 1945, in South Dakota to Adolph Hegdahl and Lois Irene Downs Hegdahl, who both preceded him in death, along with his first-born child, Deanna Lynn.

He is survived by his daughter Deanné Hegdahl of Kalispell, foster son and daughter David Sheldon of Billings and Leanna Horn of Helena; and also survived by his wife of 31 years, Sandy Hegdahl; sister Carol Porter of Shelby, and brother Jerry Hegdahl of Glendive; nephew Tim Porter of Alaska, and nieces Kathy Holdren and Joni Juntz, both of Alaska.

Wayne graduated from Shelby High School in 1963 and Spokane Community College as a mechanic in 1965. He served as an X-ray tech in the Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged as a sp5.

He was employed as a controller at Meadow Gold Dairy many years until his retirement in 2008. Throughout the



years he was very active in his church, serving in many capacities such as sound tech,

working with teens, Bible studies and had a puppet ministry.

He had volunteered the past 22 years at Sykes' grocery on Thanksgiving Day feeding the less fortunate and volunteered at the Kalispell hospital delivering mail.

Two of his greatest passions were shooting and fishing. He shot competitive rifle, shotgun, archery and black powder, taking second in his last national shoot. His hobbies were making fishing rods, tying flies and making beautiful wooden ammunition boxes. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial will be held for him in the late spring.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be sent in his name to the Flathead Animal Shelter in Kalispell; 752-1310.

We have put up a Facebook page where memories, thoughts, or wishes can be left about Wayne and for the family; <https://www.facebook.com/wayne.hegdahl>

3 Jan 2017

## Shirley Louise Heil, 80

Shirley Louise Heil, 80, "received her angels wings" on Tuesday, May 9, when she passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

Shirley was born on Dec. 7, 1936, in a farmhouse in Elkton, South Dakota, to Lyle and Frieda (Engelbrecht) Hummel. Shirley was the second born of five children. When Shirley was 12 her family moved west to Kalispell where her father took a job working on the Hungry Horse Dam. She attended school in Kalispell until graduating from Flathead High School in 1954.

Shirley met and fell in love with Max Heil and they were married on Jan. 29, 1955. Max and Shirley were blessed with three children, Jill Louise, Maxine (Mickey) Lavern, and Ronald Leslie.

Shirley's love of antiquing led her and Max to open the White Elephant



antique store. She enjoyed it for many years until her retirement. She continued to share

her love of garage saling and collecting antiques with her grandchildren for many years.

Shirley loved to bowl, and did so for several years. Her favorite things to do to pass time were reading and working her crosswords. Shirley loved her family dearly and was greatly entertained by her great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchild. She was very proud to let everyone know she was a "great-great."

Shirley was the heart and soul of her family and had a way of making everyone feel like they were her favorite. She will be deeply missed by her family and anyone

blessed to have known her.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husband Max Heil, daughter Jill Marsh, and two sisters Marilyn Minikus, and Lolly Powell.

She is survived by her two children Mickey Heil, and Ron (Paula) Heil, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Kendra (Tim) McAnally, Amy Benson, Ryan Benson, Kelly (Mack) Dittmer, Eric Heil all of Kalispell and Jen (Adam) Heil of Fairmont, Minnesota; 12 great-grandchildren, Mattison, Ashton, and Sophie McAnally, Tailer, Logan, and Colton Benson, Caleb, and Jaidee Benson, Eli and Payden Dittmer, Ayren Heil, and Makhenna Hill; and one great-great-grandchild Izelee Purdom; two brothers Lyle (Bud) Hummel and John Hummel.

At the request of Shirley there will be no services.

13 May 2017



## Anneli Elizabeth Margaret (Flechsigt) Heintz, 90

The "Lord Jesus Christ sent his holy angels to take" Anneli Elizabeth Margaret (Flechsigt) Heintz "to heaven" on Jan. 9, 2017, following a short illness.

Ann believed that through Christ's death and resurrection, he forgave her sins as he forgives the sins of all people who repent and believe in him.

Ann was born on March 4, 1926, in Havre, the daughter of Frank and Gertrude (Schickendanztz) Flechsigt.

She was raised on the family farm north of Havre, attending Border grade school and graduating from Havre High School in May 1944.

She attended Northern Montana College for one year and became a teacher during World War II for the same rural school that she had attended as a child.

In June of 1946 she married Lloyd T. Heintz who had served in the Army Air Force during the war. They subsequently moved to Lewistown where they raised their family. After her children were in school, she worked at Don's Store in Lewistown, enjoying many jobs in the store for over 40 years.

In 2014, she moved to Kalispell to be closer to her daughter.

She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, first at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havre and then



at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lewistown. She was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran

Church in Columbia Falls at the time of her death.

She is survived by her three children, Mark R. Heintz and David L. Heintz, both of Sutter Creek, California, and Carla Ann (Roger) Swearengen of Kalispell; siblings, Walter (Betty) Flechsigt of Havre, and Eleanor (Skip) Griffith, of Kent, Washington; three granddaughters, five great-grandsons, and two great-granddaughters.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Lloyd, a miscarried daughter, and a son, Robin L. Heintz.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 18 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Matt Nelson presiding.

A committal service will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 19 at the Lewistown City Cemetery, with reception to follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lewistown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lutheran Bible Translators, Mission Central or the Orphan Grain Train.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Dana C. Henderson, 55

Dana C. Henderson, 55, passed away Monday Oct. 16, 2017, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Scobey to Bill and Mary Ann Henderson. He graduated Flathead High School in 1980 and University of Montana in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business degree.

Dana married Sheila in 1992. Over the years he worked for Triple W Equipment, Turf-Aid Distributing and



Whitefish Credit Union.

Dana had a contagious smile, was great at telling stories and had a fun-loving sense of humor. He loved to play golf and attending U of M Grizzly games. He especially loved spending time with friends, family and his daughters.

Dana is survived by his wife, Sheila Henderson; daughters, Kaylee and Brooke Henderson; father, Bill Henderson; brothers, Don Henderson, Gary Henderson and Ken Henderson; sister, Linda DeVoe; nieces, Cassandra Loyd, Angela Catanese, Mellissa Phillips, Lauren Henderson and Sarah Henderson; and nephew, Andrew Henderson.

He was preceded in death by his mother,

Mary Ann Henderson; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Dana will be dearly missed and a memorial service will be held late spring 2018.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

28 Oct 2017

## Mary Alice Henderson, 80

Mary Alice Henderson, 80, passed away on May 20, 2017, in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1936, in Mabton, Washington. She graduated from Mabton High School on May 25, 1954. After high school she went on to graduate from the State College of Washington, now called Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, on June 1, 1958, where she received her Bachelors of Arts degree in secretarial studies. During her time at college, she was very active in the sorority.

Mary Alice started her career at the Washington State Department of Agriculture in Yakima, Washington, and that's where she met the love of her life C.V. Henderson. She followed C.V. to Alaska and they married on April 2, 1965, in Wrangell, Alaska. While living there, she started working for the Forest Service. She was later transferred to Creede, Colorado, and then finally to Bigfork.

Mary Alice enjoyed playing golf and was very involved in the



Women's Bowling League in Bigfork for many years.

She was preceded in death

by her husband C.V. Henderson who passed away in October of 1982, parents Edward and Osceola Brewer, and her sister Jean Hill.

Mary Alice is survived by her four nieces, Linda (Mike) Farmer of Sunnyside, Washington, Carol Splawn of Yakima, Mary Lynn (Ray) Miller of Bruneau, Idaho, and Johanna (Ed) Montgomery of Ravensdale, Washington.

A public viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, at the Little Brown Church, with burial to follow at Lone Pine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW in Bigfork.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

24 May 2017



## Mable May Henning, 97

Our loving and vivacious mom, Mable May Munson Linder Henning, formerly of Bigfork, "went to join the angels" on March 28, 2017, at the Sunshine House in Cali Mesa, California.

She was born to Olaf and Anna Munson on May 30, 1919, in Hamil, South Dakota.

She married Eric Linder on June 6, 1942, in California. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children Carolyn (Jim) Holbrook, Faye (Clint) Pietsch and Janie (Dennis) Haughn, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After Eric passed away and after a stellar 17-year career at Disneyland, she became re-acquainted with an old friend from Anaheim, California, Richard W. "Dick" Henning of Bigfork. His first wife, Ree, preceded him in death. Mable and Dick married on Feb. 14, 1992, at Zion Lutheran Church in Anaheim. Joining them as attendants were the daughters of Mable and the daughters of Dick, Gay (Dave) Cochrane, Susan (Peter) Mangels and June (Jerry, deceased) Jorgenson, all of Polson. She is also survived by her "new" family, whom she lovingly claimed as her own, just as we claimed her as our mom and grandmother — Gay's children are Brian Sawyer of San Francisco, Richard (Elizabeth) Sawyer of Polson, and their children Lucian, Truman and Roman; Susan's children Christopher Curtner of Alvin, Texas, and his child Jordan, Amy (Mike) Lucas and their children John and Austin, of Shore Acres, Texas; June's children Jeff (deceased) and Theresa Robocker of Bridgewater, South



Dakota, and their children, Sophia, Samuel, Katie, Charlie, Harrison and

Emma; Jana (Dick) Carlson of Shelton, Washington, and great-grandchildren Finn and Emma.

After Dick sold his cherry orchard and property on the east shore of Flathead Lake, they moved to Kalispell and resided at Buffalo Hill retirement center. Mable loved and cared for Dick until his passing in 2003. She moved back to California to be near her children, who lovingly cared for her in her later years.

Mom Mable will be missed by her Montana family and many friends and neighbors, including her church family at Bethany Lutheran in Bigfork. She touched many lives in the Flathead Valley during her all too brief 15 years in Montana. She blessed us all with her grace, love and joyful smile. Thank you, Mom, for being so wonderful.

A celebration of life for our beloved mother will take place at 10 a.m. on July 20 at Loma Vista Cemetery, Fullerton, California. Condolences may be sent to June Jorgenson, P.O. Box 1113, Polson, MT 59860, or via email to [junejorg@gmail.com](mailto:junejorg@gmail.com)

## Allen Herset, 62

Allen Herset, age 62, passed away after a 28-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis on Feb. 15, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Home surrounded by his family.

Allen was born Feb. 9, 1955, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Johannes and Ragnhild Herset. In 1965, the Herset family moved to Kalispell, establishing a home near Rogers Lake west of town. Allen graduated from Flathead High School in 1973 and went on to a year of studies at Flathead Valley Community College.

From 1974 to 1976, Allen attended the Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Plymouth, Minnesota, where he grew in his knowledge of God, established life-long friendships, and sang on a traveling gospel music team. During the summer of 1977, Allen met Joanne (Hanson) Herset as she was traveling through Kalispell on a similar music team. After a long-distance romance, Allen and Joanne exchanged vows of marriage on March 29, 1980, in Ferndale, Washington.

As a small engine mechanic in Kalispell, Allen loved working with his hands and engaging in conversation with all those around him. Always one for adventure, Allen enjoyed hunting with his friends, fishing at the family pond, cutting firewood, and road trips to visit friends and family. In 1989, Allen was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and life quickly changed. Allen moved to Immanuel Lutheran



Home in 1996, where he became a familiar face and caring friend to residents and

employees alike. Through the years, Allen consistently showed the world his faith in Jesus, by accepting his physical condition, sharing his hope of restoration as promised in the Bible, and remaining committed to Joanne in covenant marriage.

Allen was preceded in death by his father, Johannes; mother, Ragnhild; and brother, Fred. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; three sons and their wives, Matthew (Amy), Nathan (Sarah), and Timothy (Emily); grandchildren, Griffin, Gavin, and Noelle; sister, Mary-Ann (Joel) Rolf; brother, Sylvan (Linda) Herset; and numerous relatives and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in honor of Allen Herset to Faith Lutheran Church or to the Accelerated Cure Project funding research for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis at 460 Totten Pond Road, Suite 140, Waltham, MA 02451, or through the website at [www.acceleratedcure.org](http://www.acceleratedcure.org).

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Services are caring for Allen's family.



### Christine Lynn Samora Hill, 44

On Dec. 20, 2016, at 12:20 p.m. Christine Lynn Samora Hill, 44, "went to be with our Lord" after four long years of fighting stage 4 colon cancer.

She was born on May 24, 1972.

Christine enjoyed spending time beading, making porcupine quill earrings, crocheting and painting ceramics. She was an avid outdoor person who loved to pick huckleberries.

Christine loved life, she was interested in many things including hunting, fishing, camping, horses and mechanics. She was a homemaker who raised three daughters.

Christine was preceded in death by her grandpa Reed, aunt Dorothy, uncles John and Don Reed, and mother-in-law Edna (Ma) Hill.

She is survived by her husband, David Hill; her daughters, Kayla Borden,



Skyler Hill, Kerry Hill and Sandra Lee Hill, all of Trout Creek, Montana; mother, Mary Alice

Samora, and stepfather, Joe Eddie Samora, of Kalispell; brother, Sam Samora of Colorado; two sisters, Lonnie Reed of Stockton, California, and Melissa Eveland of Sandpoint, Idaho; and her grandmother, WilyoDean Mc Gee Reed of Fort Morgan, Colorado. She was also survived by her three grandchildren: Nevaeh, Wyatt and Remington.

No services are planned at this time. Possibly a service on Memorial Day in May, notification pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

7 Jan 2017

### Elda 'Ferne' (Downes) Hill, 87

Elda "Ferne" (Downes) Hill, 87, passed away peacefully surround by loving family on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016.

Ferne was born in Columbia Falls Aug. 19, 1929, to Elda Switzer and Clarence "Bud" Downes.

Ferne was the second eldest of four siblings. Ferne spent most of her years growing up in the North Fork where she explored the wilderness and helped her family on the homestead.

Ferne later met Julius "Jiggs" Burton Hill and soon were married on May 24, 1947, and had four children together.

Ferne was a devoted Catholic and parish member of St. Richards Roman Catholic Church and spent much of her time volunteering to numerous functions and events. Ferne also loved to garden. If she wasn't



inside baking bread you could find her either in her flower or vegetable garden. Ferne loved

to go camping, go on picnics and spend time in the great outdoors with her family. Her favorite book was The Night of the Grizzlies and her favorite musician was Meryl Haggard. Ferne followed her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren in academics and sports and was always willing to offer her support.

Ferne is survived by her two brothers, Lee Downes and Jack Downes; her children, Cheryl L. Neier, Jerry "Cork" Hill, Jay B. Hill, Kelly M. Hill; grandchildren, Teresa Malzer,

Jacey Johnson, Alicia Rinck, Shelly Neier, Kendee Barnes, Jason "Beau" Hill, Jamie Hill, Jesse Hill; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 1210 9th St. West, in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Sean Raftis, celebrant. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Columbia Falls High School athletic department and to the Flathead Special Olympic Program.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Ferne's family. You are invited to go to [www.darlingtonfunerals.com](http://www.darlingtonfunerals.com) to view Ferne's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.



## James V. Hill, 73

James V. Hill, 73, was a resident of Bullhead City, Arizona, for 13 years. He passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017.

He was born in Spokane on Nov. 17, 1943, and was the first child of James W. Hill and Geneva Bowman Hill Vestre.

Jim moved to Kalispell when he was 3 months old and attended school in and around Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961 and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduation. After the Navy he worked in California and Idaho before moving to Washington where he worked at McChord Air Force Base as a maintenance manager for 28 years. He retired in 2002 and moved to Arizona to enjoy the sun.

James was preceded in death by his father James Woodrow Hill, and his mother Geneva Mae Bowman Hill Vestre, and grandmothers Gertie Lang and Mary Etta Cyr, formerly of Kalispell.

James is survived by his partner Edith Nicholson Hjelm, his son James A. Hill of Gig Harbor, Washington, and his children Alex, Kori Rose, and Joseph; a daughter Heather L. Alfaro Hill of

New Braunfels, Texas, and her children Crystal and Colton, and one great-granddaughter Sophia. He is also survived by his brother Tim Hill (Debby), and sisters, Neva Joy Fraleigh of Kalispell and Vicki



(David) Lyons of Eureka; and by a half sister Mary Hill, and a half brother Wally (Debbie) Hill of Laurel.

James has numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews whom he loved with his whole heart; as well as his aunt, Mabel Caldwell of Lacey, Washington, and his uncle, Vern (Phyllis) Hill of Yuba City, California; Edith's children, Christopher (Melody) Hutton of Pacific, Washington, and William (Wendy) Hutton of Surprise, Arizona, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom they called Papa Jim.

A celebration of life will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

## Jay B. Hill, 61

Jay B. Hill "joined his parents, Julius "Jiggs" and Ferne Hill, in heaven" on June 27, 2017. Jay was 61 years old.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Lynda Hill; his brothers, Jerry "Cork" Hill and Kelly Hill; his sister, Cheryl Neier; his children, Jamie Hill and Jesse Hill; and his grandsons, Jakson and Jebidiah.

In high school Jay took part in many activities including being class president, president of Key Club, captain of his football team, and playing basketball.

Jay took a job pulling on the green chain at Plum Creek after graduation. He then went to work for the Forest Service in the summer and trapped with his brother, Cork, in the winter. These were some of the best days of Jay's life.

He was married in 1975 and had his daughter in 1976. Jay went to work for the aluminum plant in 1977. In 1978, Jay and Lynda purchased 18 acres and began building their home by hand with the help of family and friends. Jay's son was born in 1980.



Jay enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, farming, and watching his children play sports.

Jay was always willing to help his children. Jay helped take care of his parents until they passed last year. He was a rock for many.

Jay was a kind man with a big heart. He was always mischievous, messing around with his nieces, nephews, children and grandsons. Jay loved dogs and all of God's creatures. Jay loved spending time with his grandsons. Jay remained living in his home until his last days. He will be missed by all.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Jay's family. There is no funeral service planned at this time, but the family plans on having a celebration of life for Jay. Those who wish to attend the celebration can contact Darlington (406-755-2662) with their name and number.

19 Sep 2017

## Marlene Hill, 80

Marlene Hill, 80, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sept. 17, 2017, at Hidden Meadows Memory Care in Columbia Falls.

Marlene was born in Libby to Earl and Ida Lindsay. She attended school in Libby.

She was a homemaker most of her life; however, she was an Avon lady, and also worked at the Gas Shack in Kalispell and at Mike's Conoco in Columbia Falls.

She enjoyed crocheting, watching movies, her cats and spending time with her husband Lavon.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Ida; infant



daughter, Diana; infant granddaughter, Lindsay Hill; sisters-in-law, Patty Hill

and Edna Lindsay; and recently, the love of her life for 63 years, Lavon P. Hill Sr.

Marlene is survived by daughters, Deana (Terry) Green, and Donna Blake; sons Lavon P. Hill Jr. (Lorna), and Lonnie Hill; brother, LaMar Lindsay; sister, Joan Larson; brother-in-law, Gene Hill; and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and neph-

ews.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Beehive Homes and Hidden Meadows Memory Care in Columbia Falls for their support in her final days.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Columbia Mortuary. TJ Wendt of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodland Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is handling the funeral arrangements.



## Betty J. Hills, 82

Betty "Jeanie" Hills, of Kalispell, passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. She was 82.

Jeanie was born in Kalispell on June 22, 1934. She grew up in the Kila area. She married Robert "Harold" Hills in Kalispell on Jan. 6, 1951. They moved to Libby in 1959 and resided there for 29 years before returning to Kalispell.

She is survived by loving children Steve (JoAnne) Hills of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Kathy (Dane) Hamilton of Big Delta, Alaska, and Corey (Dorothea Schaeffer) Hills of Kalispell and seven loving grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Jeanie is also



survived by brothers Denny (Mimi) Michels of Diamondhead, Mississippi, and

Jerry (Sharon) Michels of Libby and sister-in-law Sue Michels of Kalispell, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jeanie was predeceased by her husband, Harold, her parents, Roger and Blanche Michels, and brother Allen Michels.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

5 Apr 2017

## Haskell 'Hack' V. Holeman, 90

On the morning of May 3, Hack Holeman passed away at 90 years of age, to the disbelief of many of his family and friends who knew him, proving he wasn't immortal!

At the young age of 16, he tried numerous times to enlist in the Navy to join the fight of World War II. When turned down because of his age, he would hire drunks to act as his parents, paying them with whiskey. However, after many failed attempts, at 17, his mother finally signed the papers allowing him to join for his birthday. He became a Navy diesel mechanic on a destroyer. The ship he was on sunk, and being a mechanic for the engines, he was in the bottom of the ship but managed to escape; thus beginning his image of being immortal.

Hack left the Navy a few years after the war,



up in Seal Bay, California. There he met Larry Dobbs who he followed to Fort Morgan, Colorado. They created the Dobbs & Holeman Distributorship. Due to their success, Hack swore it was important to get his pilot's license, thus creating his passion for flying. He always said, "Any landing you can walk away from is a good landing!" They worked together until General Motors came and offered him the opportunity to start his own shop in

continuing his career as a diesel mechanic. He worked through the oil fields in Texas, Oklahoma and many other places, eventually ending

Billings.

He left for Montana with the "Gang of Five," which included his brother, Paul Lawson. Together the group established and opened Holeman G.M. Diesel in Billings in 1958. Hack recalled these beginning years as some of the most memorable of his life. This is when he created most of his friendships and bonds that lasted the rest of his life. Through this time, he expanded his business to multiple locations in four states and hundreds of employees. Many of these people helped create the success he enjoyed. During this time, he also opened the first Coors Distributorship in Montana, along with Big Sky Airlines.

After retirement, he enjoyed traveling the world with his wife and friends, along with golfing and living in Bigfork

and Sedona, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Constance, his three sons, Andy, Tracy and Rob, and his loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He lives on through the three things he always professed—the Navy made him a man, GM made him a businessman, and every night is a Saturday night!

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Sedona and Bigfork. In Billings, the family is having a celebration of life from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Dos Machos. Please join us in the celebration.

Memorials may be made to your local V.F.W. Post.

6 May 2017



14 Sep 2017

## Margaret Holmes, 99

Margaret Holmes, 99, passed away at her home Sept. 10, 2017, at the age of 99.

She is survived by her sister Pat Montgomery, and brother Lewis Lobner; and two daughters, Elaine Framness and Betty Bailey and husband Marvin. She has 15 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Albert Holmes, her mother Florence Lobner, father Earl Henschen, brother Floyd Henschen, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A viewing will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow Monday afternoon at the funeral home.

15 Feb 2017

## Paul David Holmquist, 89

Paul David Holmquist was born at home on the farm in Kalispell on June 28, 1927. He was the seventh child out of eleven siblings.

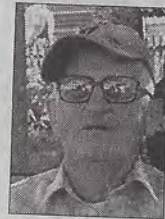
He passed away at his home in Kalispell on Feb. 5, 2017.

Paul was proud of his full-blood Swedish ancestry, as his family immigrated to the U.S. in the late 1880s. He grew up in an era people now still don't realize existed in the 1930s and 1940s — horse-drawn farming equipment and buggies with no indoor conveniences. Paul remembered the brilliance of the farm's first 25-watt light bulb; he was 14 at the time. Seven years later came the luxury of indoor plumbing and toilets.

The most important part of Paul's life was accepting "Jesus as his Lord and Savior" at age 18. Paul's love of God defined the rest of his life, creating a man of great integrity.

Paul attended Bible school for two years before joining the Air Force. These travels brought him to New York where he met the love of his life, Ruth Gloss. They were married Oct. 18, 1952, and then returned to Kalispell.

Paul started his lifetime career of carpentry and home building and did all the stages of construction. Paul's perfectionism made him a true craftsman. Because of his faith, Paul never cut corners to make a buck. He had no exact retirement date; he just took



on smaller projects as he slowed down later in his 70s. Paul once again enjoyed being a small-time farmer.



Paul and Ruth had two children, Karen and Allen. Paul enjoyed helping with 4-H projects, fishing, camping, fishing, hunting, fishing, and oh yes, fishing. Number one was serving Jesus at the Assembly of God Church. Paul was there whenever the doors were open and answered every call for service.

Paul was the last of his siblings to die. Ruth preceded him in death in 2007.

He is survived by daughter, Karen (Ron) Meroney in Portland, Oregon; son, Allen in Kalispell; granddaughter, Tabitha (Jon) Borchardt in Seattle; granddaughter, April; great-granddaughter, Inka in Kalispell; and dozens of cousins, nephews, nieces, etc.

As Paul said at the end of letters and conversations ... "Jesus is coming soon. Keep looking up!"

A public viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with service to immediately follow. A burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Ralph Burton Holmquist Jr., 55

Ralph Burton Holmquist Jr. passed away peacefully on Feb. 1, 2017. He passed away after a short battle with large cell lymphoma.

He was born June 10, 1951, in Havre. He was the second child of Ralph Burton Holmquist and Mariam Ella Newhall Holmquist. Ralph spent the first twelve years in Loma, Montana.

He graduated from Tulare High School in Tulare, South Dakota. He returned to Montana to work his grandparent's farm every summer until his freshman year of college. He got his bachelor's



degree in religious studies from Montana Institute of the Bible in Billings.

After graduating from college he married Elaine Maki and they moved to Broadus, Montana. He spent his career as a stock clerk for grocery stores in Montana, ending at Rosauers in Kalispell.

He enjoyed gardening, hunting, reading (especially history books), photography, cooking, studying and memorizing

scripture, and shopping at Salvation Army. He was an elder at Central Bible Church in Kalispell. An introvert by nature, Ralph was a fount of knowledge, sharing when he got to know you. He had a puckish sense of humor and loved a good pun.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and his children; Heather, Burton, and Heidi. He is also survived by his siblings; Mary, Ruth, Margaret, John, Jim and Jane.

The family wishes

to express their gratitude to the doctors, nurses, aides and other caregivers at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. The family would also like to thank the members of Central Bible Church, Smith Valley School, Flathead Valley Community Band and Cornelius Hedges Elementary School for their support.

A viewing will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, at Central Bible Church with funeral services to follow at 4 p.m. Ralph's final resting place will be at Conrad Cemetery.

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## Caroline Taylor Hooper, 92

Caroline Taylor Hooper, "Mom" to many, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2017, due to natural causes.

Carrie, "Mom", was a loving wife and mother and a proud grandmother. She and Bob ("Dad" Hooper) celebrated 74 years together in June.

They had one son, Bob, his wife, Cheri, and two grandchildren, Mark and his wife Kari, and Matt and his "wife" Tanya; as well as four great-grandchildren, Shelby, Brock, Mileah and Olympia.

One of Mom's greatest accomplishments was keeping books for Hooper's Garden Center. During the building of Hooper's in 1998 and 1999, she learned to "squeeze the buffalo 'til it squealed." She was very



instrumental in getting the nursery where it is today. She had many hats at Hooper's

and will be missed by all. Mom will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery. There will be no funeral now, but the family will have a celebration of life later this fall.

In lieu of flowers, please support hospice or the veterans' pantry or food bank.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

5 Oct 2017

## Caroline T. Hooper, 92

Caroline passed away peacefully Sept. 18, 2017.

Caroline T. Hooper was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, on Dec. 20, 1924. Her father was Harry E. Taylor and mother was Silvia Kliskey. Caroline had two younger sisters, Silvia who is deceased and Harriet who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. When Caroline was 3 years old the family moved to North Braddock, Pennsylvania. Caroline started grade school but was too smart for first grade and was moved to second grade. Fortunately for Bob Hooper, he was in that grade and room.

Thus began the Hoopers. Caroline was very smart with numbers and also played the violin, which her uncle had made for her. Robert and Caroline continued on together through high school — Carrie playing the violin and Robert the tuba in the high school orchestra. Graduation



came and Caroline went to the University of Pittsburgh in 1942. Robert

was off to the Navy. They were married while Robert was home on leave June 23, 1943.

Caroline graduated in 1945 in business and education. She wrote letters to Robert every day of World War II.

Caroline taught school in Pennsylvania and Wilton Manor, Florida, where they moved after the war. They moved to Kalispell in 1974 to help their son Bob and Cheri in the nursery business. Caroline was the secretary and bookkeeper.

A celebration of Caroline's life will be held sometime in November.

The family wishes to thank hospice for all their love and care.



## Billie Jean (Munson) Horn, 72

Billie Jean (Munson) Horn, of Spokane Valley, Washington, passed peacefully in her home in Kalispell on Feb. 13, 2017 after a long illness.

Billie Jean was born May 17, 1944, one of five children of William John Henry and Pauline Lenore (Berry) Munson of Spokane Valley, Washington.

Billie Jean, also known as Bj, was a free spirit. A kinder person you could not meet. She would give you the shirt off her



back if she thought you needed it more than she. She was preceded in death by her son Kerri Lee Munson, her parents William and Pauline Munson, brothers Dennis, William, Ricky Lee Munson, her granddaughter Shaylene Marie Murdock, and grandson Jonny Charles Blackman.

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She was preceded in death by her

She is survived by her life partner, Larry Johnson of Kalispell, her children Scott Murdock of Billings, Stacey Black-Brunmeier of Billings, Michelle Alamillo of Sagle Idaho, Daniel Murdock of Deer Park, Washington, as well as 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The following excerpt expresses how real and loved she was to those she left behind ... from The Velveteen Rabbit

“Generally by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes don’t see as well and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don’t matter at all, because once you are Real you can’t be ugly, except to those who don’t understand.”

You were Loved. RIP Mom/ Momma

18 Feb 2017

## Harlan ‘Hoss’ Horstman, 69

Harlan “Hoss” Horstman, 69, of Bigfork, died June 23, 2017, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Harlan was born July 1, 1947, in Spokane, Washington. the son of Bernard “Barney” and Opal Horstman.

Harlan worked as a carpenter in Alaska, Oakland, California, and Montana.

He is survived by his mother Opal Horstman of Kalispell; son, Bernard

of Anthony, New Mexico, and daughter, Kimberly Maldonado of Albany, California; and six grandchildren; two brothers, Edward of Bigfork, and Alan of Scio, Oregon, and a sister, Jeanne Dodson of Lebanon, Oregon.

At his request no services are being held.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

17 Jul 2017



## Chad Eugene Hrvatin, 32

Chad Eugene Hrvatin, 32, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017.

The son of Ben and Sharon Hrvatin born on June 19, 1984, in Tacoma, Washington, has left our lives and hearts too soon.

Chad and his family moved to Lakeside in 1998.

Chad is survived by his parents, Ben and Sharon Hrvatin; his daughter Arianna Hrvatin, 10, and son Zaniel Hrvatin, 7; sister, Janel Machado, husband Henry and daughter Addilyn; brother, Ty

Hrvatin, his wife and children; along with aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services to celebrate his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society or the Suicide Prevention Foundation in your area.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Stanley James Hould, 90

Stanley James Hould, a man whom reinvented himself numerous times during life through various successful careers, passed away at age 90 in Kalispell, on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, surrounded by his family.



school. In the school district he also taught German, physics and chemistry.

During these years of teaching and farming, Stan welcomed two more children, Jami and Jay. After guiding and mentoring many of Dutton's youth, he retired from teaching and moved to Conrad in 1970 to embark on a career in the construction industry.

In Conrad, Stan built and remodeled homes, while also working on commercial construction projects. It was during this time Stan became interested in the seed growing distribution industry, which he saw as having significant opportunity for growth. This led Stan to yet another reinvention.

In 1975, he started his own seed company, Big Sky Wholesale Seeds, in Shelby. Stan grew the company from a rented warehouse with a trailer for an office, to a successful, well-respected native grass seed supplier. He developed a wide network of relationships with farmers and seed industry professionals which he viewed as both colleagues and friends. This business has continued to prosper and grow, now owned by his son, Jay.

In his retirement, Stan moved on Flathead Lake. He loved fishing, gardening and continued to build homes in Lakeside.

In 1994, Stan married Pat Lambrecht. They shared a great passion

Stanley, or S.J., as he was referred in his youth, was born on July 27, 1927. He was born at home on the homestead of his parents Marguerite and Sid Hould in Wagner, Montana. Stan was the second of three boys in the Hould family.

From an early age the three boys, Denver, Stan and Donald, learned the tools of the farming trade while getting an education at a nearby, one-room schoolhouse. As tale was told, all three boys rode the 5 miles to school each day on a single horse. This school was significant to the family because, it was where Margueite (King) Hould came to teach when she moved to Montana from North Dakota in 1917. Stanley then attended Malta High School where he was on the basketball team and participated in the local 4H club.

Stan's college career included time at Carroll College and the University of Nebraska. During his second year of college, his father passed away and Stan was called home to help his mother run what had grown into a large farm and ranch. He continued to run the ranch with his mother until marrying Beverly Ann Harrison in 1950 and soon after, welcoming his first child, Ann Marie.

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Stan and his young family moved to a dry land farm in Dutton, Montana. The old homestead had no running water; each day water was hauled from 10 miles away for washing and drinking. Stan worked diligently to operate the farm, with only the help of a single hired man during the harvest. In the early years the yield would be five bushels to an acre; and a wished-for bumper crop would be 15. During the winter months, Stan would return to Malta to work at the Peters' Lumber Yard. This job taught him carpentry skills that he continued to enjoy throughout his life.

In 1956, Stan went back to college at the University of Montana, where he completed his undergraduate degree in science and then obtained a master's degree in physics and science in 1960. The family began spending winters in Helena and Stan went to work overseeing ranch lands for the Rankin family. During this time, he also taught math at the girl's reform school in the Helena Valley. Summers continued to be spent working the dry land farm near Dutton.

In 1963 Dutton became his year-round residence. That year, Stan was named principle of the Dutton grade

for the accomplishments of their blended family. Their real delights were with all the grandchildren — "Ah, the lake life."

The couple spent 18 winters in Wickenburg, Arizona, where Stan became involved with the business aspect of Pat's art career. Subsequently, he also developed of love for painting.

Stan and Pat spent 23 loving years together. Stan has left many great and funny memories for us. He was loved by all, and will be greatly missed.

Stan is survived by his wife, Pat Lambrecht-Hould, of Lakeside; daughter, Ann Hould-Ward of New York; son, Jay Hould (Diane) of Shelby; daughter, Jami Dyrdaahl (Lance) of West Linn, Oregon; daughter, Tresha Lambrecht-Holden (Jack) of Valier; daughter, Tanya Lambrecht of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sisters-in-Law, Myrtle Hould of Malta, and Kay Hould of Malta; along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Stan's memorial will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Community Church in Lakeside, with a lunch/reception to be served.

In lieu of flowers, please send condolences to Home Options (Hospice), 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.



## Donald Eugene Howard, 83

Donald Eugene Howard, 83, passed away on Jan. 16, 2017, in Bozeman, due to a combination of multiple health issues.

Donald was born in Hettinger, North Dakota, on Sept. 9, 1933, the youngest child of Milo and Arabella Howard. The family moved to Northwestern Montana, then settled in Kalispell in the mid-1930s. Donald graduated from Flathead County High School.

He served in the United States Naval Construction Battalions (the Seabees) March 1953 to March 1957. During that time, he was stationed on Kwajalein Island and in Alaska.

On June 8, 1957, he married Margaret Amalia Schultz. He worked for several different businesses in Kalispell then for the city of Kalispell, and retired after working for Flathead County as a heavy equipment operator.

He went hunting, fish-



ing and hiking. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent time photo-

graphing the scenery and camping.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, his parents, and many friends and relatives.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Eldon and Rae Howard of Whitefish, two daughters and their husbands, Mark and Rose Clevidence of Belgrade, and Scott and Ruth Wheat of Livingston; niece and nephews; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A private family graveside service and interment was held on July 29 at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers or donations, please take a moment and go outside, thank God for His creation and remember Dad.

## Marion D. Howe, 82

Marion D. Howe, aka James Virgil Howe, was born June 5, 1934.

He passed away in his home surrounded by his loved ones Feb. 19, 2017, at the age of 82 from natural causes.

He was longtime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War followed by a lifetime career as a residential electrician. He had a love for fishing and was very well known for his talents.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Loretta Jean Howe and his daughter, Susan Marie Howe.

He is survived and very much loved by his sons James Howe, Lorne Howe, Steve Howe, Roland Howe and Darrell Howe as well as his daughters Jean Griffin and Dianna Hilton. He is also survived and loved by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who really loved his endless supply of stories.



He was loved and admired by all that knew him. He now joins his wife, daughter and siblings in the embracing arms of our Lord.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of



Latter-Day Saints. The address is 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. Burial with military honors will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery. A potluck luncheon will follow the burial at the family home at 225 Bison Hollow Road, Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Howe family.

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## Pamela Christine Schreckendgust Derrickson Howe, 61

Pam passed away on Feb. 17, 2017, after a lengthy battle with heart disease with her family at her side.

Pam was born July 15, 1955 in Missoula to James and Gladys Schreckendgust and was the third of four children. In 1959 Jim and Gladys moved their family from Missoula to Kalispell and there they raised their four children until Gladys passed away in 1976. Jim later re-married Sandy Jones of Kalispell and together they gave us Christina Schreckendgust in 1978.

Pam attended Evergreen Schools and Flathead High School in Kalispell. When Pam finished school she married Jay Derrickson and they welcomed daughter Denise Derrickson on Sept. 18, 1973. Pam and Jay later divorced and Pam married Steve Howe of Colorado. Pam and Steve were married a few years and divorced.



Pam then met the love of her life Joseph (Joe) Davis, when Pam decided to go back to school in Havre to become a CNA. Pam and Joe shared 15 years together, fishing, camping and traveling until Joe's death in 2016.

Throughout her life Pam worked at several different restaurants throughout Kalispell and eventually retired as a CNA from the Montana State Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls in 2013.

After Pam retired, she and Denise moved to Florida to enjoy the warm weather and the year round fishing.

Pam was preceded in death by both her maternal and paternal grandparents as well as her father, Jim and mother, Gladys.

Pam is survived by

her daughter Denise Derrickson of Titusville, Florida; her brother James and wife Judy Schreckendgust of Kalispell; her sister Tina and husband Randy Norris of Kalispell; her brother Charlie Schreckendgust and husband Steven Skidmore of Ocoee, Florida; her sister Christina and husband Tim Shaver of Kalispell; her nephews James Schreckendgust and significant other Chris Araiz and Jason and wife Lisa Schreckendgust of Kalispell; her very special niece Chandra and husband Shane Schnetter of Kalispell; niece Cassy Schreckendgust of Kalispell; nephew Riley Shaver and niece Emma Shaver of Kalispell, along with having several great nephews and nieces that will miss their aunty Pam immensely. Pam left behind several cousins, aunts and uncles and friends too numerous to

mention.

Pam was also a special mom to Lyndsey and husband Eric Pieffer of Kalispell and Gramma Pam to Denali Peterson of Ely, Nevada. And Lyric Pieffer of Kalispell.

Pam's choice was to be cremated and to have her ashes spread with her mother and her Joe Joe.

A celebration of Pam's life will be held this summer in Kalispell. Details will be forthcoming. In lieu of flowers the family has set up a GoFundMe page on Facebook or donations can be made at any Whitefish Credit Union location under Pam Howe Memorial Fund to help assist the family with final expenses.

Newcomer Cremation & Funeral Services in Titusville, Florida, is caring for the family. If you would like to leave your condolences, you may do so at [www.Newcomerscremation.com](http://www.Newcomerscremation.com)

## Dale Howell, 89

Dale Howell, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away from natural causes at his home in Polson with family members at his side Jan. 20, 2017.

He was born in Dillon on April 9, 1927, to Wiley and Lula Howell, the ninth of 10 children. The family moved to Charlo in 1928. Dale graduated from Charlo High School in 1945.

In 1946 he was drafted into the Army. After basic training he was shipped to Tokyo, Japan, as a member of General Douglas MacArthur's honor guard where he served for two years. In 1950 he was called into the Korean conflict as a reservist.

He married Faye Johnston on Jan. 20, 1952. He passed away on their 65th wedding anniversary. After serving his coun-



try Dale served his apprenticeship in the glass

trade. He attended MSU in Bozeman and then became employed for WP Fuller Paint & Glass as an estimator. In 1966 he founded Valley Glass in Kalispell with Herb Albright and his brother Ted Howell.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and his son Larry and daughter-in-law Leslie.

He is survived by his wife Faye, his daughter Diana (Mike) Brown, and his sons Lyle (Laurie) and Loyd (Jeri). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held in Polson on April 15, 2017, at First United Methodist Church. Time to be announced at a later date.



## Kenneth E. 'Grampee' Howlett, 72

Kenneth E. Howlett, 72, passed peacefully on July 7, 2017, in Helena, with his wife Janice by his side.

A member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes, he was born on Aug. 24, 1943, in St. Ignatius to Eugene and Clara Howlett. He graduated in 1962 from Hot Springs High School.

Working was always something Ken enjoyed doing his entire life. He worked at the Polson saw mill, operated his own business, Standard Construction, and also taught heavy machinery at the Kicking Horse Job Corps where he helped many young men and women.

Ken also loved to plow snow.

He was a member of the Polson Jaycees and Polson Elks Club, through which he helped put on many community events.

Ken, best known to many as "Grampee," was a very special man. His true passion was always family. If it was a birth, a birthday party, a ball game, a graduation, Bloomsday, Hoopfest, Christmas or you just inviting him for a visit, he was always there and enjoyed every minute spent with family.

He treasured his two sons Kevin and Deri and all the grandchildren they gave him. He gave so much to his community, strangers, family and anyone who needed help and he never required anything in return but a smile or a thank you!

Ken's humor and one-liners always left an impression on all. He left so many wonderful memories with his family, including so many laughs and stories for us all to share.

Grampee had his health issues but never



once did you hear him complain about going to dialysis, to the doctor or being in the hospi-

tal. It was never about him! He just wanted to live and that he did until his last breath with his can of winter mint Skoal in his pocket.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene, and mother, Clara Howlett.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; son Kevin Howlett of Spokane; son Deri and Sandy Howlett of Spokane; step-son, Joe (Nui) Johnson of Kalispell; sister Gloria (Jack) Riech of Hot Springs, brother Glen (Sue) Howlett of Polson; sister Dianna Howlett of Polson; five grandchildren, Austin Howlett, Kyla Tripp, Taylor Howlett, Brooklyn Howlett and Demi Howlett; three great-grandchildren, Kinley Tripp, Porter Tripp and Finnegan Howlett; and nieces and nephews, Todd Reich, Lisa Mueller, Rocky Howlett, Angel Howlett, Alan Howlett and Ashley Howlett.

The family is especially grateful to his bride, Janice, for standing by his side and giving him so much to live for the past two years.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.

Following the service come help "Ken Cut A Trail" at the Polson Elks Club at 1:30 p.m. We are asking attendees to bring their favorite potluck dish.

"Remember the soul, heal the spirit, until we meet again."

## Dennis R. Hulsing, 72

Dennis Ray Hulsing, 72, of Dickenson, North Dakota, passed away Aug. 24, 2017, in Tampa, Florida, where he was being treated for pancreatic cancer.

Dennis was born April 15, 1945, in Bremerton, Washington, the son of Dean and Helen Hulsing. He spent a happy childhood in the Swan River community near Bigfork. He graduated from Polson High School in 1963. He attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1970.

Dennis married Roene Lein on July 31, 1966, and celebrated 51 years of marriage. They moved to Dickenson in

1974. Dennis started an architecture firm and later expanded into construction. Many public buildings in Dickenson were designed by his firm. Always the champion of the underdog, he and his Native American partner worked in collaboration with many of the tribes in the Western half of the U.S. to design projects which benefitted native people.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Roene, daughters Kerry Hulsing of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Wendy Hulsing of Kansas City, Missouri, and Lori Hulsing of Minneapolis, sons-in-law Sanjaya Gupta and T.J. Wildenborg; seven grandchildren; brother, Russell Hulsing, of Buffalo, New York; and mother-in-law, Helma Lein of Dickenson.

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## Betty Lorraine (Kezar) Hutchison, 94

Betty Lorraine (Kezar) Hutchison, 94, passed away on March 16, 2017, at Heritage Place, in Kalispell of natural causes.

Born on April 8, 1922, in Havre to Signa (Granell) and Lee Kezar. Betty grew up on the family farm with eight siblings outside Kremlin. Her father was an engineer for 48 years with Great Northern Railway. Her mother was born in Alfta, Sweden, where Betty visited in later years. She graduated in 1940 from Kremlin High School.

She married William R. Hutchison of Chester on Aug. 28, 1940, in Havre, and they were married for 70 years.

Betty was an accomplished artist with over 200 paintings. She painted many beautiful scenes of Glacier National Park, portraits of family and well-known people, and incredible replicas of the old masters such as Vermeer and Rembrandt. She was a fantastic cook, baker and seamstress. She loved a variety of music and loved singing. Betty and William sang many duets together and both sang in church choir. She was an avid golfer and loved the area courses. She and family enjoyed camping and hiking in Glacier Park. In later years she joined kids and friends and floated the Missouri River. In her 70s she scaled the white cliffs above the river.

She loved traveling and visited many countries including Sweden, Russia and most of Europe. She



loved the history of Europe and especially the art museums. Betty was a beautiful woman inside and out, always portrayed a positive attitude, and was gracious to everyone she met. She was everyone's friend. She learned from her parents early on to be respectful of others and be on good terms with everyone, and this she did. She saw good in everyone, and with very few exceptions, had only positive things to say about people she knew. It was a high priority to keep in touch with her friends and family, which she did through letters, cards and calls. She never forgot birthdays, or special occasions, and was forever creating hand-made gifts for her family and friends. She liked to make people happy, and this was her primary goal in life. In a world that too often seems to be growing cold and distant, she was that rare exception, a person who genuinely liked people and lived accordingly. She was adored and will be missed by all of her children, grandchildren, her many friends and all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by husband William Hutchison, granddaughter Patti Silva Cleveland, six siblings, a niece, and two nephews

She is survived by: her son, William L.

Hutchison of Bigfork, and four daughters, Penny Benbrooks of Kalispell, Judy and Phil Ford of Bigfork, Betty and Larry Salois of Cut Bank, and Nancy and Rian Britt of Kalispell, 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, two sisters, Patti Walen of Great Falls, and Joanna Mangels of Littleton, Colorado, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wants to thank all the staff at Heritage Place for their hard work and kindness during Betty's stay there.

A memorial celebration is planned for June in Apgar, Glacier National Park.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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