

Charlie Lee James, 81

Charlie Lee James, 81, passed away at his home near St. Ignatius, on Sept. 3, 2017.



the ranch morphed into the Sweetheart Ranch, and he became Cowboy Cupid with the blue hat. He and his wife Katie "Cupcake" closed

Born in Hardin on Nov. 21, 1935, to Roy Franklin Sr. and Opal Elnora (Epperson) James, he attended school and worked in Hardin until his enlistment in the Army on his 17th birthday.

His military career spanned 23 years and included becoming the youngest staff sergeant in the 5th Infantry Division in Germany, graduating from Special Warfare School and receiving his Green Beret in 1963, three tours of duty in Vietnam, recruiter in Billings, and Motivation NCO for the state stationed in Helena. He retired as a highly decorated master sergeant in 1974.

He married Katie Rey Engles in 1959 and, after his military career, they owned and operated The ADIT, a shopper, in Helena until 1978 when they moved to St. Ignatius and bought a ranch. With the ranching downturn of the 1980s, he decided to diversify by returning to publishing. While operating The ADIT he had created a popular meet and greet column, therefore he envisioned a publication devoted to helping those who loved the Western lifestyle to find the love of their lives through advertising. So Sweetheart Magazine and Events was created,

the company when their daughter and partner, Lise, died in 2004.

He helped create the Vietnam Memorial in Rose Park in Missoula and proudly took the Angel Statue Memorial on a flatbed to the Crow and Cheyenne reservations prior to its installation in the park.

He was a lifetime member of several military organizations including Special Forces Association Chapter 28, "The Devil's Brigade Chapter."

He is survived by his wife; son, Mark, of Butte; son-in-law, Rande Hall, of Los Fresnos, Texas; brothers, Jim (Connie) James of Hardin, Darrold (Darlene) Morrison of Forsyth, and Delmar (Concha) Morrison of Billings; sisters, Dorothy Brown of Kennewick, Washington, and Doris (Herb) Hollenbeck of Hardin; granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Kayla and Jessica Brueckmann of Polson; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Community Center in St. Ignatius.

11 Sep 2017

John 'Jack' James, 81

John "Jack" James passed away Tuesday the 24th of April, 2017, due to heart failure at home with his beloved wife, Christine, at his side.

He was such a wonderful husband and father and grandfather. He will be truly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Jack was born on April 1, 1936.

Jack loved the outdoors and was very active in California working for Fish and Game. He also belonged to a Jeep club. He did it all with compassion and respect.

Jack moved up here to Montana in the mid-'70s and made his home here in the Flathead Valley. He loved to fish; he would hike up the mountains and fish from wherever he found a place. Jack went to work for Glacier Park in 1981 and retired in 2002. He was an electrician who installed, maintained and repaired electric devices on towers and everywhere through the mountains. He hiked and snow-shoed, and road horses and flew in helicopters to get him to places that nothing else could. When he retired he loved taking care of his



home and loved to be outside building sheds, and was very determined to keep his three yards mowed and watered, and stood his ground during the bad fire in 2003 — the largest fire in Glacier Park. They had an evacuation but he wasn't going to leave. He used every possible hose to keep everything wet. He loved his home.

He is survived by his wife Christine, married in 2008; and has three stepchildren, Briggs of Columbia Falls with five children, Monica of Kalispell with her three sons, and Rebekah of Missoula with her three daughters. He is also survived by a grandson Eddie, his wife Angelina and their four sons. He also has a cousin in Sacramento, California, whom Jack was very close to.

Annice and Jack kept in touch through email. They always said they were sister and brother. Jack was an only child and his only son Raymond passed away in 2005. His parents are

buried in Grass Valley, California.

Jack was truly a wonderful person he was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and he will be missed and loved throughout the years to come.

His services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Active Word Ministries, 172 Pine St. off of Highway 2 in Columbia Falls. Please come and share his memories.

6 May 2017

Dennis 'DJ' Ronald Jarvis, 77

Dennis "DJ" Ronald Jarvis, of Bigfork, passed away at his home on July 14, 2017.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, at The Church at Creston. Family and friends will also have a gathering at the church immediately after the service.

DJ was born Dec. 13, 1939, in Hanford, California, to Alvin and Blanche (Schrader) May. He graduated from Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga, California, and did some college courses at UCLA.

He married Lynn Frances Firth on May 14, 1961. DJ joined the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1962 and retired after 26 years on a service disability.



DJ created several businesses over the course of his life. He built cabinets and taught himself how to program computers, producing one of the first checkbook management programs ever built for a personal computer — Simi Valley CA. DJ was a partner in a publishing software business — Woodland Hills CA. He was a partner in a home building company and was partnered with his son in an online recruiting business — Bigfork MT.

He enjoyed working on cars, camping, fishing, boating, water skiing, hiking, and spending time

with family.

DJ was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Elaine (Jarvis) Danbacher, and niece Leanne (McCord) Decker.

DJ is survived by his wife Lynn, sister Carol McCord of Long Beach, California, daughter Deborah (Peter) Rivera of San Fernando, California, son Stephen (Terri) Jarvis of Hamilton, son Matthew (Patty) Jarvis of

Livingston, granddaughter Danielle Jarvis of Seattle, grandson Kevin Jarvis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, nephew Bryan McCord of Long Beach, sister-in-law Aprille Firth Johnson of Wofford Heights, California, and nephew Bob Borth Jr. of Wofford Heights. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

19 Jul 2017

Erwin R. Jensen, 74

Erwin R. Jensen passed away unexpectedly at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on July 16, 2017, of natural causes after a short illness.

Erwin was born Oct. 12, 1942, in Cardston, Alberta. He was the son of Lloyd R. "Dick" Jensen and Alta M. Jensen. In 1948, the family moved to Kalispell, and to a farm near Somers in 1951 where Erwin attended the Somers Grade School through the eighth grade and then continued at Flathead County High School until his junior year when he joined the U.S. Navy. He was honorably discharged after completing his three-year service.

Erwin's career included working on the Libby railroad relocation tunnel, for the Operating Engineers Union on the Alaska pipeline, and as a crane operator in Anchorage, Alaska and Denver, before retiring from his last job in Billings.

Surviving Erwin are his wife, Linda; his son, Steven, and Lola Jensen, of Minnesota; and his daughter, Niki, and Gary Marchant, of Billings; sisters, Beverly



Schmeckle of Kalispell, Deanna and King Billedeau of Sun City West, Arizona,

and Linda and Jim Heim of Lakeside; five grandchildren; several cousins and nieces and nephews.

Erwin was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd "Dick" Jensen and Alta Jensen.

Especially enjoyed by Erwin were fishing and hunting in Alaska and Montana and camping with friends in the Good Sams Club. Erwin and Linda lived in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and spent their summers in Polson visiting family and friends and fishing on Flathead Lake and Lake Mary Ronan. Erwin was also an active member of the VFW for many years.

No services are planned at this time. The family suggests memorials be made to the VFW in Kalispell.

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

Jared Whitney Jensen, 29

Jared Whitney Jensen, 29, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 13, 2017, in Kalispell, surrounded by family and loved ones. Jared was born March 24, 1988, in Sandy, Utah, the son of Mark and Lori.

He was an avid creator. Hours were spent cooking and plating immaculate creations in the kitchen. Jared spoiled those he loved and his community with his talents. Jared had a profound love and connection with the outdoors, especially the highest peaks of Glacier National Park. He shared his yearning for exploration with anyone willing to put on a pair of hiking boots and walk for miles to enjoy a cup of jet boiled coffee while taking in the raw beauty of solidarity with nature. For Jared, the winter months meant days skiing over a blanket of freshly fallen snow. Life was meant to be experienced, explored and observed. Jared fiercely loved his family. He was loyal, compassionate, and shared unbreakable

bonds with those he held most dear.

Jared is survived by his parents Lori and Mark, father Craig, sister Madison, brother-in-law Kyle, grandparents Art, Ann, Richard and Inge; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He also leaves behind his beloved dog Joey.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Jean.

A celebration of life will be held in Jared's memory from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service's Glacier Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the rebuilding of Glacier National Park Sperry Chalet (<https://glacier.org/support-sperry-chalet>) in honor of Jared.

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

16 Oct 2017

27 Jul 2017

Muriel Nadine Jensen, 88

Muriel Nadine Jensen, 88, passed away on June 17, 2017, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

As a child Muriel attended school in Columbia Falls. As an adult she worked as a short-term waitress, electronic technician and was a beloved mother and housewife.

She loved gardening, food preservation, decorating, flowers and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her husbands,



Willard Anderson, Robert McCorkl and Paul "Bud" Jensen; parents, Merlin and Alice Reynolds;

brothers, LeRoy Reynolds, Dale Reynolds and Gray Reynolds; and grandson, John Troy Jones.

She is survived by her sisters, Gale Baily and Pattyann Luding; brothers, Charles "Chub" Reynolds, Bruce

Reynolds, Jesse Reynolds and Don Reynolds; children, Judy Jones, husband John Jones, (three children, eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren); Charlie McCorkle (two children, eight grandchildren); Ramona Nessly her husband Bill Nessly (two children, five grandchildren); and Ken McCorkle.

A memorial service for Muriel will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 23, at Columbia Mortuary.

William A. Jensen, 75

Our world lost one of the good guys ... William A. Jensen, 75, mercifully passed away at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula from a horrible lung disease on July 4, 2017, after keeping it at bay for many years. He didn't let it slow him down until the last few months. A friend said recently that he lived large and globally while still appreciating the simple pleasures of family, friends, mud, and nature. In the early hours of July 6, much of Montana felt a 5.8 earthquake. We're sure it was Bill saying farewell, and wishing Carole a happy birthday.

Bill was born in Los Angeles on Jan. 14, 1942, to Alfred K. and Margaret B. Jensen. He kept many of his childhood friends over the years, as was his habit all his life. In the U.S. Army he spent a year serving on a missile base in Germany. Upon his return, he married Carole Becklund on Dec. 21, 1962, planning a Rhine River cruise this fall to celebrate 55 years of marriage. With a degree in business from Cal State Los Angeles, he and Carole moved to Denver where he had a job waiting at Arthur Young & Co. They lived happily in Denver for four years, during which time they welcomed daughter Julie Carol in May, 1969. They moved in 1971 to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to both work for Youth for Understanding, a teen foreign exchange program. In December, 1973, they moved to southern California where Bill worked in the health care industry. It was there their daughter Anne Marie was born in November, 1974.

A desire to raise their daughters in a more



rural environment prompted a move to Montana in 1981. They lived 34 years in Kalispell where Bill taught in the Business Division at Flathead Valley Community College and then became co-owner of a small finance company. Bill and Carole enjoyed trips to many countries including visiting relatives in the Czech Republic. With health issues cropping up, Bill had the foresight to move to a one-story, less-maintenance, nearer-to-daughters condo in the Missoula Rattlesnake in mid-2015. It was a wise and happy move for them both. In spite of Bill's serious lung issues and the necessity for oxygen 24/7, they made a long-planned trip to Nova Scotia this past May.

It is difficult to name all of Bill's interests as there were many. He was an accomplished potter, loved dabbling in watercolors and sketching, collected art, both paintings and ceramics, loved reading, card games, learning, listening to music, visiting with friends and he loved a nice cozy dinner party (sometimes for eight or 10 people) with nice wine and good conversation. He was a genius at bringing people together and leaves his family with many happy memories of such gatherings. A time-share in Kauai provided the setting for many happy trips with family and friends, including Czech cousins, Liba, Jarka, Vera and Pius.

Survivors include his loving wife Carole of Missoula, daughter Julie Hartman and her sons Kade, of Missoula and Sebastian of Iowa, daughter Anne Hughes and her husband Ted of Missoula, sisters Margaret Jensen, her children Steve, Tim and Susan, and Sally Mason, her children Harvey and Heather, of California, cousins Jeff Bates of Minnesota and Rick Bates of Texas, and cousins Claudia Elfving and Roberta Bednar of California.

Gatherings to remember Bill will be held at Silver Park in Missoula on July 30 from 2 to 4 p.m., and at Buffalo Hill

Golf Course in Kalispell on Aug. 2 from 3 to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorials be sent to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (MOLLI) at University of Montana, c/o K. Hendrickson, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812; or the Alice Ritzman Junior Golf Program at Buffalo Hill Golf Course, c/o Steve Dunfee, 1176 N. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; The Clay Studio of Missoula, c/o Shalene Valenzuela, 1106 Hawthorne St., Missoula, MT 59802; or any charity which helps children and/or promotes learning.

22 Jul 2017

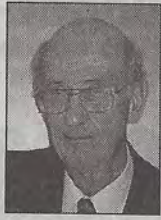
Richard Jepsen, 82

Richard Jepsen, 82, passed away peacefully in the presence of his family, on Jan. 19, 2017, at the Brendan House.

Richard was born to John and Elizabeth Jepsen on Jan. 12, 1935, in Hartford, Connecticut, he was the youngest of four children.

Richard graduated from Hartford High School in 1953. He attended the University of Connecticut, majoring in mathematics and physical education, graduating in 1957.

Between 1957 and 1977, Richard taught mathematics and biology in both junior high and high school in Windsor, Connecticut. He also coached cross-country. After moving to Haines



he continued teaching math in high school and college.

Richard met the love of his life,

Pauline Loiseau, at a basketball game at UCONN in 1956. They married on Dec. 27, 1958. They had eight children while living in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

In 1977, Richard and Pauline moved with their family to Haines, Alaska. They lived there for 37 years. In 2014 Richard and Pauline moved down to Kalispell where they had since resided.

Richard enjoyed spending time with family,

sports, especially baseball and basketball, fishing, gardening, and taking walks around the neighborhood. He was a loyal UCONN fan.

Richard was a man of few words but was full of wisdom and is so fondly remembered by all for his gentle and kind spirit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Jepsen, son Steven Jepsen, daughter Christine Moore, and two grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, of 58 years of Kalispell; sister, Shirley Berner, of East Hartford, Connecticut; brother, John Jepsen, of Columbus, Ohio; son, Richard Jepsen, and wife Sarah, of Delta Junction, Alaska;

daughter, Jean Kierce, and husband Dan, of Salem, Oregon; son, Ken Jepsen, and wife Joan, of Kalispell; daughter, Sarah Carbajal, and husband, Francisco, of Kalispell; daughter, Beth Kimble, and husband Ben, of Kalispell; and son, Peter Jepsen, and wife Esther, of Kalispell; 18 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 28, at Hope Church, 436 Birch Grove, Kalispell.

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

24 Jan 2017

Willa Marie Wilson Johns, 82

Willa Marie Wilson Johns passed away peacefully on July 22, 2017, with her family at her side, at her home in Spokane Valley, Washington.

Willa Marie's life journey began on Aug. 7, 1935, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was born to Harold "Curly" G. Wilson and Wilda May O'Neil. They relocated to the Flathead Valley to be near family when her father was called to action during World War II.

Willa attended schools in Kalispell, Olney and Whitefish. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953. She graduated from the University of Washington and received her master's from Gonzaga University.

Willa touched more lives than we know through her career in social welfare. She began her career with Lutheran Social Services by opening her home to foster children. Following that, she was director of Hospice of Spokane. She finished her career as executive director of the Arc of Spokane. She was passionate about the care and treatment of people with special needs. She established numerous group homes and facilities that allowed people with special needs to live independent productive lives. She retired after serving the Arc of Spokane for 22 years.

She enjoyed gardening, weekends at her



Mount Spokane condo and time with her family, which included her faith-

ful dog, Maggie.

Willa Marie was preceded in death by her firstborn daughter Julie, her parents, and her brother Douglas.

She was blessed with a large, loving family. Survivors include her sister, Bobbie Truckner, and brother-in-law, Bob O'Neil; her children, Alison Johns Clark, Mark (Starlene) Johns, Kyle (Natasha) Johns, and Amy (Brian) Elliott; and grandchildren, MaryBeth (Kyle) Bryant, Krystle (Tony) Robinson, Ashley Johns, Myles and Richie Johns, Gryphon and Phoenix Elliott. Willa Marie was also blessed with three great-grandchildren.

They include MaryBeth's son Sullivan, and Krystle's sons Aiden and Ray. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Unity Spiritual Service Center in Spokane at 29th and Bernard.

In lieu of flowers, please acknowledge Willa's life in a way that will carry on her devotion to helping others. Donations can be made to Hospice of Spokane, Spokane Guilds' School, or the Arc of Washington.

27 Jul 2017

Brendan Colin Johnson, 45

Gunnery Sgt. Brendan Colin Johnson, 45, died tragically on Monday, July 10, 2017, when he and 15 of his fellow servicemen were killed in an aircraft accident in Mississippi.

Brendan was born in Burlington, Vermont, on Aug. 19, 1971.

In 1994, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and began a 23 year-long military career. Brendan had a distinguished service record and was a veteran of Operating Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism. He was the recipient of several honors and recognitions, including the Air Medal with strike/flight award, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal 3rd award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation 2nd award, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal 4th



Expeditionary Medal 3rd award, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary & Service Medals, Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon 2nd award, Armed Forces Reserve Medal 2nd award, a Certificate of Commendation, five Letters of Appreciation and was designated to wear the Marine Corps Combat Aircrew Insignia. He achieved the rank of gunnery sergeant and

awards, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal 3rd award, National Defense Service Medal 2nd award, Armed Forces

served as a KC-130 crew master.

Throughout his lifetime, Brendan had resided in Vermont, Fort Worth, Texas, New Windsor, New York, and Fishkill, New York. He enjoyed many hobbies such as art, travel, and food and was an avid Seattle Seahawks fan. More than anything else, he cherished spending time with his wife, family, friends and fellow Marines.

On Jan. 26, 2002, he married Anna M. Tousey in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Johnson survives at home in Fishkill. Additional survivors include his parents, Kevin and Suzanne (LeBlanc) Johnson of Burlington; his brother, Cullen Johnson of Essex Junction, Vermont; his father-in-law, David Tousey, wife Terry, of Marion, Montana; his mother-in-law, Sharon

Flint, married to Jim of Tukwila, Washington; his brother-in-law, Ben Tousey, of Suffern, New York; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, godchildren, bonus family and other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Joseph and Helaine Johnson, and Valerien and Theresa LeBlanc.

Calling hours will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. The family will celebrate Brendan's life during a private memorial service.

Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home. For online tributes, you can visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoul-funeralhome.com.

25 Jul 2017

Dorothy Mae (Saddler) (Anderson) Johnson, 94

Dorothy Mae (Saddler) (Anderson) Johnson, 94, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born in Puposky, Minnesota, to Clyde and Grace (Durand) Saddler on Dec. 10, 1922. Dorothy grew up in Puposky, graduating from the Bemidji High School Class of 1939 with honors.

She married Jerome S. "Jerry" Anderson on Aug. 14, 1939, in Puposky. In 1941, they moved to the Los Angeles area with their daughter where Jerry went to work for Lockheed Aircraft. They returned to Minnesota in 1943 as a family of four. In the spring of 1951, the family of then seven moved to Montana with a short stay in Bigfork, before their permanent stop in Kalispell. There they raised their six children and remained in Kalispell for the rest of their lives.

Dorothy began to work outside the home after the sixth child was born by scrubbing floors at Kalispell General Hospital, followed by nine years as a dental assistant, and then to Flathead Electric Co-op as a clerical worker, eventually retiring as secretary to the office manager. Even working full time while raising her family, she never missed school events or making treats for school parties, Brownies, and Cub Scouts. After more than 25 years of marriage, Jerry passed away April 19, 1966.

On July 3, 1970, Dorothy married Oscar T. Johnson from Rudyard, Montana. They were married for 33 years when he passed away Nov. 25, 2003.

She was very active at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and sang in the choir, belonged to the Bethlehem Lutheran



Church Women/Bible Study group, was a council member, and at one time was president

of the congregation. She and her second husband Oscar were very active with the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp near Lakeside. Their favorite pastime was to dance and they belonged to a senior group (some from as far away as Missoula) and had a dancing good time about once a month.

Dorothy is survived by three daughters, Nola (Curt) Rice of Kalispell, Penny (Jim) Lee of Spokane Valley, Washington, and Linda Duplessie of Phoenix; a son, Timothy (Rosemary) Anderson, of Spokane Valley; stepson, Douglas Johnson of Olympia, Washington; 17 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dorothy was preceded in death by both her husbands, Jerry and Oscar; her oldest daughter, Jerralyn (Dick) Peters; her oldest son, Douglas (Bev) Anderson; her parents, Clyde and Grace Saddler; four sisters, Helen (Herbert) Norgaard, Lucille (Clyde) Stevens, Nola (Court) Kisser and Leona Saddler; an infant brother; and grandson Jeremy Rice.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery next to her first husband Jerome S. (Jerry) Anderson.

Memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell; Immanuel

Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell; Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 S. Main, Kalispell; or a charity of your choice.

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

10 Aug 2017

2 Oct 2017

Chester 'Chet' Johnson, 95

Chester "Chet" Johnson, 95, passed away Sept. 26, 2017, in Polson.

Chester's journey through life began on the northern coastline of Siberia on the Arctic Ocean on July 7, 1922, at a fur trading post operated by his Swedish father, Carl Johnson and his Russian mother, Marie Zimina Johnson. Two books about the Arctic refer to Chester as the first documented Caucasian baby born north of the Arctic Circle. Arrival in Polson was in 1924 where the family raised foxes and farmed. Some of his life is documented in the book, "A Cup of Tears."

Early education was at the rural Sunny Slope School west of Polson with later graduation from Polson High School in 1940. He then worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle before joining the Navy and serving in the South Pacific campaigns on an LST (Landing Ship, Tank). After World War II he returned to Polson and worked at farming, ranching, and mining.

He greatly enjoyed riding horses, dancing, and prospecting for gold.

Chester was preceded in death by one sister, Gloria Violette; Vietnam veteran nephew, John "Hawkeye" Stephenson,



and nephews Joey Violette, Damon Ziemin, and Tim Johnson.

Survivors include immediate family Lillian Stephenson (children, Janice Myers, Rick Stephenson and Gary Stephenson); Helen McClellan (son, Ron McClellan); Gene and Inger Johnson (son, Marc Johnson); and Ed Violette (children, Dan Violette, Lynee McMillan and Susan Violette). Chester had no children but many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends enjoyed his sense of humor and were awed and inspired with his recollections of World War II.

Military funeral services are pending. One of Chester's last wishes was, "Buy a good lunch for the folks at the VFW. They deserve it."

Indeed. Bon voyage, Chester.

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

Evelyn Blanche "Levy" Johnson, 87

Levy was born and raised in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming with her parents Archie and Nadene Wilson and her brother Jack.



Cancer ended her life on Oct. 20, 2017, in the beautiful mountain community of Whitefish, at the age of 87.



Levy attended school in Sheridan, Wyoming, and graduated from Carroll College in Helena and St. Vincent Hospital in Billings as a registered nurse. Levy met Jess Johnson at Carroll College and, three years later when she was working as a surgical nurse in Tuscan, Arizona, she saw him again as he was attending pharmacy school. She then married William J. Johnson, the love of her life. They

bought a pharmacy in Hardin in 1960 where they raised their four children. After 30 years, they retired and moved to Whitefish where Jess was a relief pharmacist and Levy became very involved in community/volunteer work. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Soroptimist International, and Stich & Bitch Knitting Club.

Levy loved bridge, raising beautiful flowers and was a loving mother and wife. Summers brought all the children and grandchildren to Whitefish where many cherished times were shared.

Jess and Levy were married 64 years and were constant and loving companions. They were surrounded by many very close friends.

Levy was a caring and compassionate person. She blessed us with many words of wisdom in her ways of teaching us. She was a great storyteller and we learned to play many games together as a family.

Levy was preceded in death by her parents, brother and grandson.

She is survived by her husband William "Jess"; her children, Scott and Vicki Johnson, Kim Johnson, Kristi Wagner and Tempe Lalonde; grandchildren include Ali and Abbey, Drew and Tyler, and Jack and Presley; and two

great-granddaughters, Evie and Hazel.

A memorial service will occur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice, or the Whitefish Library or the American Cancer Society.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

24 Oct 2017

Georgine Mae Dillman Johnson, 60

Georgine Mae Dillman Johnson, 60, of Libby, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home on Sept. 5, 2017, surrounded by family.



Horse; one daughter, Nikki M. Johnson, of Hungry Horse; one sister, Ramona Smith, of

She was born in Browning on Nov. 25, 1956, to Marie and Orville Dillman.

She married Clifford A. Johnson, the love of her life, who predeceased her.

Georgine's favorite hobbies and pastimes included yard sales, reading, time with her family, canning, and baking with her granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband and love of her life Clifford A. Johnson; parents, Marie and Orville Dillman; and uncle, Arthur Plouffe, of Pablo.

She is survived by her two sons, Orville Dillman of Missoula and Shea Johnson of Hungry

Missoula; six grandchildren, Anthony Johnson of Missoula, Trey Bergman of Hungry Horse, Shaylee Gribble of Hungry Horse, Noah Dillman, James Dillman and Riley Johnson; four nieces, Jennifer Murer of Libby, Misty Norstebon of Missoula, Shannon Lafley of Missoula and Debra Norstebon of Missoula; several great-nieces and -nephews; and several cousins.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the Libby Cemetery, followed by a reception at St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Libby.

23 Sep 2017

John M. Johnson, 66

John M. Johnson, 66, of Bigfork, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at home surrounded by family.

He was born May 2, 1951, in Kalispell to James E. and Babette L. Johnson. John lived his entire life in the Flathead Valley. As a boy growing up on the farm, he learned his work ethic milking cows, haying and helping his father. But there was also time for play with his brother and sisters and many friends, building forts in the woods, swimming in the nearby creek, or picking fresh carrots and peas out of the garden.

John graduated from Bigfork High School and joined the Montana National Guard where he served for six years.

On July 21, 1972, he married the love of his life, Camellia Ann Found A Gun, "Mick."

John worked at Stoltze Land and Lumber for many years until he returned to the family farm near Swan River in 1977. There, he and Mick raised three children, Lorell, Tyler and Faithe. Black angus cows and hay kept him busy. Later on, Tyler and he would be seen side by side tackling those tasks. Even when he could no longer climb in the tractor, he would drive his "buggy" around at feeding time for the cows and help his daughter-in-law Jenny if she needed it. In 1986, he started driving school bus as a contractor for Bigfork Schools and continued safely transporting children for 30 years.

Despite his strong work ethic, John always found time for play. He enjoyed snowmobiling, hiking, fishing and a good hot dog roast every now and then. He could be found riding his motorcycle down the dirt roads near Choteau on his way to visit Faithe



and family. But flying captured his heart. As a member of the EAA for 28 years, he held his private pilot's license and went on

many adventures. From fly-in lunches throughout Montana with the "fly boys," backcountry camping at secluded airstrips in the Bob Marshall, or flying to Alaska with friends — a dream fulfilled.

John was loved by many and you could always count on him to stop and have a chat. He never did anything fast, but he did it right. He believed in honor and generosity. His heart was full of love and forgiveness — a testament to his strong belief in Christ. We know he is in heaven, free of pain soaring to something big.

John was preceded in death by his father James E. Johnson, and by his grandparents Grant and Mamie Robinson (maternal), and Sol and Edith Johnson (paternal).

He is survived by his devoted wife of 44 years, daughter Lorell Johnson of Bigfork, son Tyler (Jenny) Johnson of Bigfork, and daughter Faithe (Tanner) Lee of Choteau; four grandchildren, Cody, Bailey, Elias and Weston; his mother Babette, sister Ann (Andy) Cottle, and brother Joe (Dee) Johnson, all of Bigfork, and sister, Carolyn Morgan (Brent Ostlund), of Dassel, Minnesota; his aunt Gwen Anderson of Bigfork; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be held in his honor at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 25, at Swan Chapel with a lunch and fellowship to follow.

Mabel A. Johnson, 90

Mabel A. Johnson, 90, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Feb. 25, 2017, at the Montana Veterans Home.

Mabel was born in Sidney on Nov. 12, 1926, to Marjorie and Lloyd Tewes. She was one of four children.

Upon graduating from high school, Mabel attended business school in Los Angeles. Sidney beckoned her back where she worked as a bookkeeper for the Rural Electric Co-op for several years. It was there that she met the love of her life, Leonard; he snatched her right up! They married Feb. 24, 1946. Together they purchased her dad's cabin court and gas station where they shared the daily operations and ownership.

"Johnson Family Part One" began with the birth of four children, all within a couple years apart. While raising their children, Mabel continued to maintain the books for their cabin court and gas station.

In 1955, they left the flat plains of Eastern Montana to the majestic mountains and lakes of the Flathead Valley. While Mabel dedicated her life to her growing family, Leonard utilized his higher education in mechanics and auto-body repair working in various dealerships in Kalispell.

In Kalispell, "Johnson Family Part Two" began where four additional children were born, including a set of twins!

While maintaining her busy household, Mabel loved working in her flower beds, crocheting, knitting and needlepoint. Above all, Mabel was a master seamstress. She made all of her daughters' clothing. One year she custom fit over 50 uniforms for the Flathead High School Drill Team! Her talents in sewing didn't stop there; she sewed all of her daughters' beautiful formals, and even created one of her daughter's wedding dresses using four different patterns.

After raising her



eight children, Mabel utilized her artistic talents in creating beautiful wreathes

for Montana Evergreen.

After working a few years, she and Leonard decided to fully retire and enjoy the fruits of all their hard labor. They hooked up the camper and traveled all over the United States visiting friends and family. Later, their enjoyment was spending time with family and camping with their best friends Bea and Max Pugh.

In the last few years, Mabel and Leonard moved into the Montana Veterans Home, making new family and friends. We would like to acknowledge all of the wonderful staff at the Montana Veterans Home who provided such loving care and friendship for Mom.

She leaves behind her eight children and their spouses, Jim (Bethy) Johnson, John Johnson, Mike (Sonya) Johnson, Kathy Harp, Pat (Keilla) Johnson, Margie (Steve) Herman, Mark (Suzanne) Johnson and Carol (Bruce) Kelley; and her sister, Patricia Matina. In addition, she has been blessed with 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and many new friends she made at the Montana Veterans Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Leonard Johnson; parents, Marjorie and Lloyd Tewes; and brothers, Thomas Tewes and Stan Tewes.

A public viewing will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Johnson family.

Myrna Mae Johnson, 78

Myrna Mae Johnson, 78, of Kalispell, passed "into the light" on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017.

Born on May 20, 1939, to Bill and Mable Kemp, Myrna quickly developed chubby cheeks, thick braids and a precocious nature. Growing up in Jamestown, North Dakota, Myrna was charming and funny — qualities which naturally drew many friends to her. She was reportedly a daredevil, willing to do anything for attention or a laugh. She loved to help her mother cook, visit her dad at his job as a custodian, and relentlessly chase her older brother Ray around town. Myrna developed a love for music early on. She played a mean clarinet in the high school marching band and later in the Flathead Community Band. She enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Myrna was born to be a caregiver. Throughout her life, she was willing to lend an ear, hand, or heart whenever it was needed. Following high school, (Jamestown Class of '57), Myrna decided to turn her gift into a profession by becoming a nurse. Following nursing school (Grand Forks, North Dakota, Class of '61), she was off to the big city of Great Falls with her best friends to begin their careers.



In her later years, her greatest joy was spending time with her seven

grandchildren. She loved to read, garden, hike in Glacier Park, play cards, do crossword puzzles, go antiquing with her friends and watch the hummingbirds at the family cabin on Lake Five. Adventurous to the end, she did not hesitate to dive off the dock or shoot down the sledding hill if goaded by one of her grandkids.

Of all her gifts, Myrna's greatest was her ability to listen. If you came to her with a story of joy, she'd reflect it back to you tenfold. If you gave her a story of sadness, she'd soak it all up and provide just the right medicine to help you approach the next day. We will miss her huge smile, loving heart, and accepting nature. We are happy she is now at peace and look forward to her dropping in on us from time to time.

Myrna was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Mable, brother Raymond, and infant sister Shirley.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jim Johnson; children, Mike and Tami Johnson, Erika and

David Sandler, and Tyler and Emily Johnson; and grandchildren, Connor, Kaelen, Cameron, Kjell, Kenna, Paisley and Keller. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Arlene Kemp, nieces Loni Nethercutt, Michelle Helbacka, Liz Johnson, and their families, all of Minnesota. Other close family members include Robert Johnson of Maryland, Dennis Johnson of Oregon, and Signe Johnson of Oregon and their families.

Myrna was a storyteller and the stories about this time in her life are some of our family's favorite. The stories typically start with her and her friends hitting the town, ending with a classic punch line and her thunderous, infectious laughter. Somewhere between work at the hospital and Singapore Slings at the J Bar T, Myrna caught the eye of a handsome young Stanford student named Jim Johnson. They quickly fell in love and were married on Dec. 28, 1963.

Children soon followed with Michael arriving in 1967 and Erika in 1970. While expertly raising her children, Myrna stayed busy with her nursing career, playing her clarinet, and involvement with church and several community organizations including Junior League, PEO and Soroptimists. Myrna embraced change with grace in 1979 with the arrival of her third child Tyler "TJ," and the family's move to Kalispell, which she called home for the remainder of her life.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the following Kalispell organizations in her honor: Hospice, Immanuel Lutheran Foundation, Loyal Care, First Presbyterian Church or to Alzheimer's research. The family wishes to thank the people serving these organizations for their dedication to Myrna's and our family's care and comfort.

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Sophie Marie (Thompson) Johnson, 99

Sophie Marie (Thompson) Johnson was born May 29, 1917, on the family farm near Litchville, North Dakota, to Thorvald and Olive (Sortland) Thompson. She was the second of six children. She attended a one room school in Svea, North Dakota with her (future) husband, Roy V. Johnson. After graduating from high school she earned her teaching degree from Valley City Teacher's College and worked as a teacher for several years in eastern North Dakota and Minnesota.

Sophie and Roy were married in 1945 after Roy returned from service in World War II. They subsequently moved to Kalispell and, in 1947 when the family began to grow, she dedicated herself full time to caring for her family, which she considered her main calling in life. When the youngest of her five children entered school, she returned to the classroom as a tutor, substitute teacher, aide — and surrogate grandmother — for the children there.

Sophie continued her caring and loving ways with her grandchildren. She was, as one granddaughter's college friend commented, a "real grandma," baking cookies and Norwegian pastries, becoming a "pusher" of such delights to the joy of all.



in their Lord, upon whom they relied for all things in life, and now, in death.

Roy died in 1999, Sophie on Dec. 27, 2016. "They are now side by side once again, heading home on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd." Their trust in God's grace was nurtured for over 60 years as active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Roy sang in the choir (for more than 50 years), while Sophie sat with their five children in one of the front pews every Sunday, trying to maintain some decorum and control over them. She was also very active in the women's groups ("circle" and "Ladies Aid.").

Sophie was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, her husband Roy, her youngest son Tom, and much loved son-in-law, Mark Egertson (Sharon's husband).

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon, and three sons, Steve (Linda), Dave, and Jim (Nancy). She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Having died five months before her 100th birthday, it is fair to say that she outlived all of her friends and most of her

Sophie was not only loving but patient and wise in her relationships. Not one of her children or grandchildren missed out on her brushing their hair from their forehead and hearing her say "It'll be OK," followed by "Let's have a cookie and some milk ..."

With Roy, her husband of 54 years, Sophie left a remarkable legacy of being the man and woman whom every one of her children would say of all the people they have ever known, they respect them the most of all. They were simply good people, living their lives in concert with their faith

acquaintances.

While her family is saddened by her death, the overarching sense which we share for her is joy. "She is finally at rest and finally beside her beloved Roy again and enjoying face-to-face all those reunions and heavenly things for which she once hoped and now possesses by the grace of our God who so loves the world."

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

"Rest in peace, Mom. With our children, we'll see you in the morning."

20 Apr 2017

Jerry Robert Johnston. 66

Jerry Robert Johnston, known by many of his family and friends as "JJ," passed away on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 from esophageal cancer.

JJ was born on Dec. 10, 1950, in Libby to parents, Joseph Lindsay and Lillian Beatrice Evert Johnston.

After receiving primary education in Libby, JJ was inducted into the Army, serving a tour of duty in Korea. JJ returned home from the Army in 1972, going back to work for Westmont Tractor Company for a short time. JJ completed horse farrier school in Arizona, then worked throughout Lincoln County. JJ was very successful with his business, meeting and making many friends. After residing and working in Libby, JJ relocated to the Flathead Valley leaving the Farrier business, beginning a long career in the auto sales business. During his many years in the Flathead Valley, he continually kept in contact with his "Libby Folks" as many of them were his car customers. JJ had a huge love of fishing and even during his illness was able to fish with his good friend, Wade Nixon. JJ lived many years in Marion with his wife, "Charli," and daughter, Cricket.

JJ was preceded in



death by his parents, Joe and Lil, his brothers, Jim and Jan ("Bandan").

JJ is survived by his wife, Alesia

"Charli" Lynn, his daughter, Cricket Leigh Eaton (Cain Eaton), son, Gary Jack "GJ" Zajanc (Amanda); brother, Joseph and sister Jonette Johnston Tubb, (Stan Tubb); sister-in-laws, Linda "Jo" Zajanc, Leannette "Hinke" Wilson; grandchildren, Alexie Margaret Zajanc, Gattlin Gary Zajanc; nieces Samantha Jo Wilson, Jessica Johnston Brooks, Susan Tubb Rose; nephews, Colton Joseph Tubb and David Tubb; and father and mother-in-law, Gary and Billie Zajanc.

Funeral services for JJ will be at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, at the Schnackenberg Funeral Home. Grave side services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery, with military honors. A reception will follow at the American Legion, Post 97, in Libby. Special concert performed by "Back in Five."

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com

Abbie Delaney Jones, 35

"A new light glistens in the halls of Valhalla." Abbie Delaney Jones (Lady Cocaine) "has joined the ranks of the Valkarie" at the young age of 35. She passed from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on July 9, 2017.

She is survived by her sons Cale, Axel, Wes, Boue and Jonny, her husband Michael Hedstrom, and her mother Nikki Judge. Her passing further saddens the many lives she touched, especially her brothers and sisters in her biker family and the entire biker



community. Her many interests had her touching countless lives, as she served as a mem-

ber of South Kalispell Firehouse and as a local volunteer.

A service will be held with a celebration of life to be shared with all who knew her at 3 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the Rail Line Tavern in Marion.

Johnson-Gloschat funeral home is caring for Abbie's family.

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Matthew Juelfs, 47

Matthew Juelfs, 47, passed away Dec. 29, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Hospital surrounded by his family and friends.

Matt was born Feb. 9, 1969, in Great Falls. Matt was the adopted son of Sharon Juelfs and Larry Juelfs.

He attended school in Great Falls, Missoula, Bigfork and California before finishing his schooling in Kalispell. Summers were spent at Aunt Sandi's on Flathead Lake. Winters were skiing on Big Mountain. School years you might find him delivering the Daily Inter Lake.

Early on he learned carpentry skills which started in Montessori School with his making rain gutters and fly swatters. Matt has helped build homes in the valley from Eagle Bend to Whitefish with an occasional change to help building the bank by Home Depot.

After many years together Matt married Jessica Scotten in August 2006. Through this union were born Mattilynn Clair, March 25, 2010, and Jesse Hawk, arriving Sept. 22, 2015. He and Mattilynn had a special bond, you could always find them the first Saturday of the month building a project



together at Home Depot. Matt and Jessica especially liked to get out and find a new adventure

together. For many years they celebrated the Fourth of July by renting a Forest Service Lookout.

Survivors are his wife, Jessica, and children, Mattilynn and Jesse. He's also survived by his mother, Sharon Juelfs; and his brother, Joseph Gone with wife Tiya Miles and their children Nail, Noa, and Sylvan of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Aunts, Sandi Daniel of Denver, and Sonja Daniel of Kalispell; as well as cousins, Heather Shipley and Allison Hawes; and grandfather, Clyde Johnson. From Jessica's family are Gini and Doug Artley, Katie Scotten, Jesse Nick, Monte and Janet Nick, Greg Nick, Melinda and Dan Schriver, Dorothy Artley and many more relatives.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 7, at the Church of the Nazarine at 1295 Whitefish Stage.

The family is being cared for by Darlington Cremation and Burial Service.

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