

## Richard Curtis Lindsay, 83

Richard Curtis Lindsay died of natural causes at his home in Kalispell on Jan. 15, 2017.

Dick was born on April 21, 1933, in Polson to Curtis and Mabel Lindsay (Hendrick). Dick spent much of his early childhood on the Hendrick family farm located just east of Pablo at the foot of the Mission Mountains, it was here that he developed a lifelong love of animals and mountains.

During the Depression Curtis, Mabel and Dick moved frequently, Curtis enlisted in the Navy during World War II and the small family moved to Cincinnati where Curtis suffered a severe head injury, which initially left him in a coma for months and ultimately led to partial paralysis of his legs. Nonetheless, Curtis went on to become a Game Warden for many years to Kalispell and Georgetown Lake.

Eventually the young family settled in Missoula and Dick graduated from Missoula County High School in 1951 where he earned varsity letters in football, basketball and track while being a marginal student by his account.

Dick subsequently attended the University of Montana where he was a two-sport varsity athlete in football and track. Multiple concussions prematurely ended his collegiate football career after his sophomore year but he continued to excel in track. He won several Inter-mountain and Skyline Conference titles running in the High Hurdles. Midway through his collegiate career, Dick served two years in the Air Force and subsequently returned to the University of



agent.

Richard married Carol Sorvig to 1958. At the time, Carol was teaching history at Flathead High School and the two had met

initially on a blind date set up by their mutual friend Huz Jensen, Dick and Carol eventually moved to Kalispell and welcomed Diane in 1959, Bret in 1960 and Kurt in 1969. Both Carol and Dick loved the Flathead and Dick turned down multiple promotions during his career to keep his family in Kalispell. As a young family man, Dick enjoyed coaching his son's baseball teams and helping his daughter with her early and quite extraordinary track interest. He loved Glacier Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness where he guided for many years on his vacations in the fall. He especially enjoyed his many horse-trips into the Bob Marshall with family and friends. He never missed a football, basketball, tennis, baseball or track event that his children participated in. He was an amazing father.

In middle age, Dick served Bethlehem Lutheran Church as trustee, deacon and president of the congregation and developed treasured friendships with Pastors Peder Waldum and Joe Haugestoen. He also served for many years as a scuba diver for the Flathead County Search and Rescue Service. Perhaps his favorite avocation was that of fly-fishing the Flathead River and he went on to catch,

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Montana to finish his junior and senior years. In 1956, Dick qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 120-yard High Hurdles at the Coliseum in Los Angeles after placing third in a preliminary race in which the world record was set in Bakersfield, California. Dick narrowly missed making the Olympic Track Team that year and the Americans went on to sweep gold, silver and bronze in the 120-yard High Hurdles in the 1956 Olympic Games held in Melbourne, Australia. Dick still holds the University of Montana record for the 120-yard High Hurdles as the event was changed to the slightly longer 110-meter High Hurdles sometime in the '70s or '80s. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1957 but having recently met his bride to be and given his concussion history he took a different path. Dick graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in accounting and thereafter took a job as a U.S. Treasury

tag and release over two thousand of his treasured Westslope Cutthroat and could he seen fishing the river in winter, spring, summer and fall. As a grandfather, he enjoyed and encouraged the athletic exploits of his grandchildren.

Dick suffered the losses of his daughter Diane in the fall of 2015, and of his wife, Carol in the winter of 2015. He never truly recovered from these losses and "traversed beyond this world" at his home in Kalispell on Jan. 15, 2017.

He was preceded in departure by his parents. Mabel and Curtis, his wife Carol and daughter Diane.

He is survived by his son Bret with wife Chris and children Noah and Skye; his son Kurt with wife Justine and children Keira and Hanna; his grandchild Bryan Sanders with wife Jessie; his grandchild Liberty Kiefer with husband Meko and children Sasha, Zoey and Arya. Memorials may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or CASA for Kids.

## Russell 'Russ' Earl Linnell, 53

Russell "Russ" Earl Linnell, 53, passed away on Sept. 29, 2017, in Kalispell of natural causes.

Russ was born on June 12, 1964, in Conrad to Ron and Pauline Linnell. He was raised in Sunburst until age 16, at which point he moved to Kalispell.

Russell married Gail Danishefsky in Bigfork in 1992 and they were married for 10 years. And to this union were born two sons, Jake and Beau Linnell.

Russ graduated from Flathead High School and proceeded on to attend the University of Montana in Missoula.

Russ's first job was with Perkins Restaurant in Kalispell, at age 16. He went on to tend bar for



Moose's Saloon and the Garden Bar.

From age 18 through age 51,

Russell refereed many different basketball events. This started his love of promoting different events and, in 1996, Russell started Promo Inc. where he was the event promoter. He coordinated numerous 3-on-3 basketball tournaments here in the Flathead Valley, Bellingham, Washington, and Los Angeles.

Russ was an organ donor and was able to help numerous recipients.

Russ loved the Dallas Cowboys and the Montana Griz. He loved

barbecuing at the Woll Farm and Griz tailgating. He also loved fishing with his lifelong friend, Steve Woll, and doing absolutely anything with his sons, Jake and Beau.

He is survived by his parents, Ron and Pauline Linnell, of Bigfork; along with his sons, Jake and Beau Linnell, from Bozeman. He is also survived by his brother, Raymond (Lisa) Linnell; and sister, Renee (Ken) Foote.

Russ was preceded in death by his grandparents, Earl and Clara Linnell, and Fred and Irene Lewis.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Bethany Lutheran in Bigfork. A reception will follow at the Marina Cay of Bigfork.

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

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## Herman 'Hal' Loff, 67

Herman "Hal" Loff, 67, passed away on Dec. 31, 2016, at his home in Coram.

He was born in Langdon, North Dakota, on July 23, 1949.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Loff, son Victor, grandson Riley, sister Janet Deseth, and brother Randy Loff.

Hal served in the Vietnam War.

He was a very loved and generous man. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He ran the People's



Store in Kalispell, and was a volunteer auctioneer at the Creston Auction.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Jan. 21 at Packers

Roost. Military honors will take place at 3:30 p.m. Columbia Mortuary is caring for Hal's family.

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# Jane Lopp, 73



Jane Lopp passed away Friday, April 21, 2017, at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle as a result of traumatic injuries sustained in a car accident on the 18th. She was 73.

She was born in Billings on Feb. 16, 1944, and adopted at birth by Russell "Ben" and Edith Wallace of Great Falls. She attended Paris Gibson before the family moved to the Flathead in 1958 where she attended and graduated from Flathead High in 1962. Jane graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Arts in English degree.

After beginning her career as a newspaper reporter for the Park County News in Livingston and substitute teacher, she worked as a planner for Flathead County from 1974-1977. She then served as the Economic Development Director for Northwest Montana Human Resources from 1978-1979 before initiating a career in insurance and financial planning. Jane joined Prudential in 1989 after 10 years with Equitable. Jane was a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and Certified Long Term Care (CLTC) consultant.

Jane was a force of nature, who was genuinely interested in the lives, relationships, goals and concerns of every person she met. She was a fierce advocate for justice, for her community, her clients and her family. She tirelessly fought for women's rights and was an important figure in the Equal Rights movement at the local, state and national levels. An outstanding athlete, Jane was one of the first women at Flathead High School to letter in track, was a terrific softball and basketball player and loved the outdoors.

(Board of Directors, 1987-1992), (Executive Committee, 1988-1992), (Nominating Committee, 1987-1989), (Chair, 1987), (Strategic Planning Committee- Chair, 1990-1992). American Association

fairness. A lifelong learner, she invited conversation, encouraged thoughtful and respectful discussion and exploration, considered all potential points of view and then fearlessly and forcefully proceeded. She creatively helped individuals and groups to see and then realize unimagined opportunities, solutions and ultimately a better world.

**Business:** Prudential Field Advisory Council 2004-2006, Financial Planning Advisory Committee 1977-2006, (Chair 2004-2006). Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Business & Development Committee (Masterplan Update). Montana Life & Health Guaranty Association (Board of Directors, 1994-2017) (Secretary-Treasurer 1994-2017). Northwest Montana NAIFA, 1980-2017, (President, 1988-1989). Montana Association of Life Underwriters, 1980-2017, (Board, 1987-1989). Private Industry Council, 1988-1998. Flathead Cooperative Planning Coalition- 1994. Northwest Montana Human Resources Development Council (Economic Development Director, 1978-1979). Flathead Area-wide Planning Organization Planner 1974-1978. Committee on Rural Development 1977, (Chair). Liaison with Columbia River Basin Commission 1975-1977.

**State Appointments:** Montana Human Rights Commission, 1993-2001 (Chair 1995-1997). Governor's Council for Montana's Future, 1992. Montana Women's Prison Site Selection Committee-1991 (Chair). Supreme Court Gender Fairness Task

of University Women, (Montana State President, 1980-1982), (State Board, 1975-1990), Kalispell Branch, 1974-Present, (Co-Chair "An Afternoon with Mae Sarton"), (Co-Chair "An Evening with Carolyn Heilbrun"). Kalispell Rotary Club (Membership Chair), (President 1991-1993), (Newsletter Co-Editor, 1993-1997), (Rotary Basketball Team Sponsor for many years). IFUW (Group Facilitator Women and Work at Triennial Conference, Netherlands 1983), (UN Seminar Pairing Model Montana And New Zealand). Disabled Recreational Access Movement Board (DREAM), 1986-1993. Flathead County 4-H Council and 4-H Council and 4-H Leader 1974-1984. Hedges School and Russell School PTA, 1970-1980. School Dist. 5 Accreditation and Advisory Committees, 1968-1990. Montana Child Abuse Prevention Council, 1985-1988. Flathead Child Abuse Prevention Council, 1986-1989. MSU Project 80, 1980. University of Montana Alumni Association, Life member. University of Montana Fine Arts Advisory Council 2005-2017.

**Awards:** Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Great Chief Award, 1995 (Co-Recipient with Robert Lopp), Montana Women's Lobby Carry the Torch Award, 1995. 4-H Silver Clover Award 1980. AAUW Named Gift Honoree, 1982,

1993. Glacier Pilot Club Disabled Professional Woman of the Year, 1992. Centennial Equity Award, IMAGE (In Montana Awareness Generated Equity). Who's Who in American Women, 1992-2017.

**Political:** Flathead County Republican Central Committee. Precinct Committeewoman Flathead County 1992-1998. Montana Republican Women Board, 1980-1986 (Nominating Committee Chair, 1986), (Resolution Chair, 1983), (District Director, 1980-1982). Flathead County Republican Women 1969-2017.

Jane is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bob Lopp, daughter Cheryl Finley and her husband Franklin "Chip" Finley, with granddaughters Sara, Lara and Mary, son Bobby Lopp with granddaughters Madison, Xio and Brinkley Lopp.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Darlington Funeral Home and a celebration of Jane's life and contribution will be held at 4 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jane may be made to: the ImagineIF Library Foundation, Kim Crowley, Director. Call 758-5826 for more information; Flathead Rotary Community Foundation, P.O. Box 481, Kalispell, MT 59903; or the United Way, <https://united-waycares.org/give>

Jane was discovered to have a rare form of muscular dystrophy in her 30s and yet never let it slow her down or limit her activities. Throughout her life she was a staunch supporter of youth sports in the Flathead and could be found next to the scorer's table, next to the bench or behind the backstop at basketball, volleyball and softball games at both Glacier and Flathead. Her passion to serve others was demonstrated by the length and breadth of her professional and volunteer work. Driven by the pursuit of excellence, Jane was a valued mentor and ally, an indefatigable and empathetic supporter and advocate for children, the disabled and disadvantaged, minority groups, education and

Force, 1990-2017. Montana School for the Deaf & Blind Foundation, 1988-1996. County Printing Board 1991-1993 (Chair). Governor's Council for Women in Employment 1981-1985, (Chair, 1981-1983). Montana State Extension Advisory Council, 1977-1983. Co-Chair, Governor's Conference on Employer Sponsored Child Care 1986. Coordinator with Montana Comparable Worth Study Task Force 1983-1985. Montana Extension Service Advisory Council, 1980-1985.

**Community:** Kalispell ERA Council Charter Member. Flathead County Library System Board of Trustees, 2008-2017. Flathead City County Health Board, 1987-1995 (Chair, 1989-1995). United Way of Flathead County

## Kimberly Ann Lorek, 59

Kimberly Ann Lorek, 59, passed away from natural causes in Kalispell on May 29, 2017.

Kim was born on Dec. 1, 1957, in Pueblo, Colorado.

Kim was loved by everyone who met her. Her smile could light up any room. Kim loved every one of her grandchildren and made sure they knew it. Kim spent her days with her loving husband Dennis and their dog Gizmo.

Kim was preceded in death by her mother Shirley Pruett, her sister Debbie Roberts, and a great-grandson, Patrick



Russell.

Kim is survived by her husband Dennis Michael Lorek, father

Wesley Queen, stepfather John Robinson, sister Joni McCracken, brother Race Robinson, and her three children Fabian Malatare, Tiffany Lammerding, and Jackie Wessels. Kim also had 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews.

For service information, please call Tiffany at 509-808-1717.

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## Marc Lorenzen, 72

Marc Lorenzen, 72, died at his home on Flathead Lake on May 30, 2017, after a short, but courageous, battle with multiple myeloma and stroke.

Marc is survived by his wife, Lynette; children, Brent Lorenzen and Erica Lorenzen Lengacher; stepsons, Emmett and Peyton Berg; and seven grandchildren, Alexandra, Cole, Jonah, Leah, Mia, Parker and Sami.

Marc moved to Flathead Lake in the late 1990s after a successful career as an environmental engineer and entrepreneur. After graduating from Cal Berkeley, Marc served in the Public Health Service in Arizona and earned a Ph.D. in engineering and applied physics from Harvard. He subsequently worked as a senior engineer at Battelle and Tetra-Tech before starting his own consulting firm, PTI Environmental Services. After PTI was acquired by Exponent, Inc., Marc served as vice president of Environmental Practices, as well as VP of Corporate and Business Development.

In recent years, Marc served on the board of the Flathead Lakers, Angel Flight West, and the Flathead Community Foundation, where he



was the chairperson for many years.

Marc had a genuine appreciation

of the outdoors, kayaking, hiking and camping in wild places throughout his adult life. At the age of 60, Marc earned his pilot's license and enjoyed taking his family and friends on short flights throughout the Northwest. He loved spending time with his wife, grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Pauli. He could be found regularly helping out neighbors, offering rides on his tractor, woodworking and spending quiet mornings on the deck. Marc had a particular knack for restoring and reviving just about anything and spent many happy hours tinkering in his workshop and on the property. His steadiness, brilliance, humility, sage counsel, kindness, wry sense of humor and generosity will be missed by many.

Per his wishes, Marc was cremated and no public services are planned.

Donations can be made to Flathead Community Foundation, 345 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Brian Loucks, 37

Brian Scott Loucks passed away on Aug. 27, 2017.

He was born Aug. 14, 1980, to Dennis and Debra Loucks. Brian attended Columbia Falls schools and graduated in 1999. He was a natural at sports. Brian won the state wrestling title for his weight bracket in 8th grade and excelled at baseball and football.

After graduation, Brian was hired by Northern Line Layers, a job that took him to Texas to put in fiber optic lines. Brian's incredible work ethic made him a sought-after employee. After three years of working throughout the South, he could no longer live away from the mountains and rivers he loved so well and he returned to Montana. He was employed by a variety of business in the Flathead. Some of his favorites were working for Rodney Strunk creating beautiful rock walls all over the valley; Stanton Stones where he found a new talent for finding the best stone slabs for fireplace mantels in cliffs; and Total Label where he worked his way up to pressman. Brian also had his pilot license and flew around the valley gathering up-to-date weather information.

Brian had many loves, but his greatest was for his family, friends and faithful dog, Po. He loved to hunt and fish with his dad and they made many wonderful memories. Brian's passion was fishing and he was a master at it. In the words of his dad, "He could catch a trout out of a five gallon bucket." It was pure pleasure to watch the poetry that he put into motion with his fly rod. The river was his church of choice and he found



ever read. He loved Montana and often expressed his gratitude for living here and being able to enjoy the outdoors. Among his other many talents, Brian was a great cook. Nothing was low calorie, but everything was delicious, especially his stuffed huckleberry French toast.

Brian was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Bob and Barbara Smith; his maternal grandfather, Leonard Reeves; uncle, Chuck Reeves; aunt, Judy Loucks; and cousin, Chuck Strunk Jr.

He leaves behind his beloved dog, Po; and is survived by his parents, Dennis Loucks and Debra Reeves; a sister, Rebecca (Josh) Mahnke, and nephew, Ty Mahnke; his maternal grandmother, Faye Reeves; aunts, Carol Ost, Lenora (Ken) Eaton, Gayle Reeves and Lorna Strunk; uncle, Chuck (Cathy) Loucks; and numerous cousins.

Brian's beautiful, caring heart, quick smile and bright light will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Go with God, Brian, and walk in peace.

A memorial service for Brian will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 2 at Columbia Mortuary. There will be a gathering following the service at Marantette Park in Columbia Falls. Please join us for a meal after the service and share your "Brian stories" with us.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family have created a memorial fund to help with funeral and related expenses. A GoFundMe account has

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great peace being there. Although he wasn't particularly fond of picking huckleberries, he always scouted out the best patches and then took his mom into his "marble patches." Brian took the science of gardening seriously. Through research and experimenting, he created his own formula for fertilizer and the results were simply amazing! A voracious reader, Brian had the ability to repeat word for word much of each book he had

been set up at: <https://www.gofundme.com/brian-loucks-memorial-fund> or you can send a check to: Debra Reeves at P.O. Box 1863, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

*"The unicorns were the most recognizable magic the fairies possessed, and they sent them to those worlds where belief in the magic was in danger of falling altogether. After all there has to be some belief in magic — however small — for any world to survive." — Terry Brooks*

## Bernice 'Bunny' Louden, 89

Bernice "Bunny" Louden passed away shortly before midnight, Monday, Sept. 18, 2017.

Eighty-nine years ago, Bunny, the last child of Ben and Clara Talbot, was born on the wind-swept Alberta prairie. Bunny, the eighth child of the homesteading family, always held an affection for the open landscape. At the impressionable age of 10 her family repatriated to the States, working a small farm in Creston. Upon graduating from Flathead County High School, her eye was on a handsome young

Lower Valley farmer, Cal Louden, whom she married shortly after graduation, moving to the Lower Valley where she raised a family, living on the Flathead River for nearly 70 years.

Bunny Louden was the consummate farmer's wife, dedicated to raising her family, tending the livestock, always a constant and loyal friend to neighbors and strangers alike. Her life was graced by paintings, quilts and craftsmanship, creations she often shared with family and friends.

As a child of the Depression she remained frugal and hardworking her whole life, always accompanied with a smile and sparkling humor. She was widely loved and respected, in large part, because that is how she embraced her world, with love and respect.

Bunny was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers, her husband of 51 years,



Calvin Louden, and one daughter, Leila Lynn Gembala.

As with modern families, Bunny's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren formed a loving network across the United States, which she visited often, always proud of her family.

She is survived by three living children, Allan Louden of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Ben Louden (Maureen) of Lower Valley, and Ann Parker (Terry) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and son-in-law Rick Gembala of Ferndale. Her grandchildren include Megan Jorgenson (Brian) of Hawaii, Sam Louden (Katie) of Lower Valley, Lindsay Rae (Jake) of Washington, Charlie Parker (Heather) of Texas, Adam Parker (Kristen) of Louisiana, Stephanie Joiner (Corey) of Oregon, Amy and Jake Gembala of Ferndale.

Bunny always had a special place in her heart for babies, and found no greater joy than snuggling with her great-grandchildren, a brood that includes, Moria, Isak, Eli, Viola, Gus, Joe, Calvin, Ruby, Holden,

Judd and Baby Parker.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Little Brown Church, with a reception following in the church basement.

## Sandra Stratton Loveall, 77

Sandra Stratton Loveall passed away Oct. 17, 2017, at the age of 77.

She was born Aug. 2, 1940, in Coram, the youngest of five children.

Sandy married her high school sweetheart, Ron Loveall, in 1960. While raising her family, Sandy worked at the B&B and Glacier Foods grocery stores for many years.

Before her retirement in 2009, she worked in the Activities Department of the Montana Veterans Home for 24 years.

Sandy's love and joy for others was contagious. After her retirement, she volunteered at the Columbia Falls Library and hosted weekly Mexican Train game sessions. One of her favorite pastimes was playing Scrabble with her sister Normie. She loved sewing homemade pillowcases, tying fleece blankets and crocheting. Her flower gardens brought her daily enjoyment and pleasure.

Her most preferred activity was spending time with her family and friends, where her love was felt by all.

Sandy is survived by her older sister Norma Williams of Columbia



Falls; brother Frank Stratton (Nancy) of Enumclaw, Wash.; several

cousins, nieces and nephews; son, Kip Loveall of Kalispell; daughter Teri Loveall (Ray Sederdahl) of Kalispell; daughter Kendi Strowbridge (Scott) of Columbia Falls; granddaughter Ashley (Joe) Vanek; great-grandchildren Austin, Emmalee and Ryder of Cut Bank, Aleysha (Curtis) Wagner of Somers, great-grandchildren McKenzie, Lynzee and Easton of Somers; grandson Tyler (Amanda) Benzien of Great Falls; and granddaughters Shanae and Kassidie Strowbridge of Columbia Falls. She also leaves behind her beloved "fur baby" Bishop.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the North Valley Senior Center in Columbia Falls.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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## Opal M. Loveless, 94

Opal M. Loveless, 94, passed away Oct. 22, 2017, in Kalispell.

Opal was born to O.V. and Grace (Savage) Isaacs on June 22, 1923, in Kalispell. She attended Brown's Meadow School and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She married Lawrence "Larry" Loveless on

Aug. 1, 1942. They lived in Kila until moving to Polson in 1962.

She worked in Dr. Wallner's office in Kalispell and went on to work at the First Interstate Bank of Polson. After retiring, Opal worked at the "Soup Kitchen" in Polson. She was very active in the Garden Club, interested

in all kinds of crafts and did flower arrangements for her church.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, husband Larry, sisters Ruth and Shirley, and brother Merle.

She is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation for Opal from 9 to

10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, with services to follow visitation at Polson Presbyterian Church 301 1st Ave. East, Polson, Montana 59860. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery Kalispell.

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

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## Donald Ray Lucke, 72

Donald Ray Lucke, 72, passed away the snowy morning of Feb. 26, earlier this year, 2017. Death came after nearly a decade of decline associated with primary progressive aphasia, a variant of frontotemporal degeneration. He was surrounded by family and the caring attendants at Hidden Meadow Memory Care in Columbia Falls. His family will be hosting a celebration of life on June 23 at his home north of Bigfork. Those who knew Don are welcome to attend.

Don was born Jan. 10, 1945, in Glasgow to Herman and Shirley (Oliver) Lucke. He and his two brothers, Richard and Leroy, grew up in the East Glacier Park area where the family operated a dude ranch. His childhood and early 20s were spent in the mountains on horseback as a hunting and fishing guide. The many encounters with wildlife provided a lifetime of stories.

In 1965, he met "Kathy" Patricia Katherine Speyer, while she was working at the East Glacier Park Hotel. He finally convinced her to marry him on July 18, 1970, in Spokane. They had two sons, Jeremy and Nathan. A third son, Eric, died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in infancy. In 1983 they moved to the Bigfork area where he lived until his care required otherwise.

Don may be remembered by Flathead Valley residents as the friendly customer service face of Lucke's Art and Craft Supplies on Main Street in Kalispell from 1993 to 2005. Together with Kathy they owned and managed the retail business that sold a wide variety of materials and tools used in many types of arts and crafts.

In 2006 Don and Kathy



were also commended by the Montana Preservation Alliance for excellence in historic restoration of The Culbertson

House, a hotel originally built in 1882 in Fort Benton by Kathy's ancestors.

Montana drivers may remember Don from his 15 years of maintaining the state's highways. He was employed with the Montana Department of Transportation in both the Summit (East Glacier) and Bigfork sections.

While attending high school shop class in Browning (graduated 1964), Don learned to turn wood on a lathe. At various times in life, he made a variety of utilitarian and beautiful wooden objects as a side business.

Horses, while not the focus of his life, were always present. Don's calm, friendly and caring personality worked well with horses. He grew hay, broke horses, mended tack and fixed equipment. This way of life allowed him to pursue his love of the mountains and to enjoy the beauty of Montana. With their love of adventure, he and Kathy traveled to many spectacular areas of the world and appreciated the beauty of wild places.

His gentle and friendly presence will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Don is survived by his wife Kathy Lucke, brother Leroy Lucke, son Jeremy Lucke and Jullie Jackson, and son Nathan and Amy (Zinne) Lucke with grandchildren Jack and Alix.

Donations may be made to the Association of Fronto-Temporal Degeneration; [www.theaftd.org](http://www.theaftd.org).

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## Robert 'Bob' Arthur Lucke, 61

Robert "Bob" Arthur Lucke passed on Feb. 16, 2017, at the age of 61, in a cycling accident in Tucson, Arizona.

He was born in Oakland, California, on Jan. 30, 1956, to Arthur and Mary Lucke.

He is survived by



Krueger and Tamara and

his wife, Beverly Lucke, and his two children and their spouses, Kristen and Derek

Christopher Roskam. Bob is also survived by his three siblings: Bill Lucke, Ann Downing and Pauline Brown.

A memorial cycling event is being planned for April in Tucson and for July in Whitefish.

Bob loved the out-

doors, his family and being an athlete. He had a kind heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand. His favorite quotes were, "I simply insist on enjoying life," and, "full gas never give up."

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## Leslie Ann Lund, 70

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother Leslie Ann Lund who passed on Sept. 17, 2017.

Leslie was born on March 14, 1947, in Kalispell. She met her husband Curtis Lund in 1967 and they married later that year. They settled in Green River, Wyoming, where they built their family home with their four daughters and son.

Leslie worked for the Forest Service, BLM and Castle Rock Medical Center. Later, Leslie and Curtis moved to Reno, Nevada, to be near their grandchildren. In Reno, Leslie worked for Renown Health for 10 years until her retirement in 2014.

She spent her years since retirement enjoying all of the things she loved most, especially time with her grandchildren and family who adored and cherished her. She made friends wherever she went and was loved by all that knew her.

Leslie and Curtis reached their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Frances Roe. She is survived by her husband, Curtis Lund; four daughters, Lisa (Bill) Hoffman, Amy (Don) Judd, Staci Lund, and Wendy (John) Gray; her son, Christopher Lund; and her seven grandchildren, Cody and Madison Judd, Hailey and Cade Hoffman, and Riley, Lily, and Piper Gray, all who reside in Reno. She is also survived by her two brothers, Richard (Lisa) Roe, and Dan (Jill) Roe of



Kalispell; her nephew Tyler Roe, niece Jenna (Craig) Weiseman, and great-niece Harper Weiseman.

The family is grateful for the loving care the nurses, doctors and caregivers

in the Trauma ICU at Renown Regional Medical Center gave to Leslie in her last days.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Renown Children's Miracle Network ([www.renown.org/about-us/renown-health-foundation/ways-to-give](http://www.renown.org/about-us/renown-health-foundation/ways-to-give)) in Leslie's honor.

Condolences can be sent to Walton's Funeral Home at 875 W. 2nd St, Reno, NV 89503, or you may leave a message on the book of memories at [www.waltonsfuneral-homes.com](http://www.waltonsfuneral-homes.com)

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## Sandra 'Sandy' Lundstrom, 69

Sandra "Sandy" Lundstrom, 69, of Columbia Falls, passed away Oct. 31, 2017, at the Heritage Place.

She was born Jan. 4, 1948, in Baker to Thomas and Lydia (Singer) Beck.

She married Richard "Dick" Lundstrom on Sept. 1, 1970.

Sandy was a home-maker while her children were in school. Later in life, she worked at Dairy Queen where she made many friends and memories.

Sandy enjoyed having family and friends over



for a barbecue in the yard and making special dishes for everyone.

She had a passion for reading and putting together jigsaw puzzles. You could rarely find one that she had not completed.

Sandy is survived by her daughter Stephanie (Karl), and son Chad; and four beautiful grandchildren, Tristan, Jakob, Cody and Alivia. Sandy is also

survived by her six siblings, Linda Holliday, Rita (Delbert) Hawkins, Wendy (Wayne) Witte, Meredith (Rich) Tuttle, Thomas Beck and Randy Beck.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Richard Lundstrom; by her parents; a brother, Ray; and infant daughter, Kimberley.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery.

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

## Darlynn L. Lundy, 68

Darlynn Lois Lundy, age 68, of Kalispell passed away Dec. 5, 2017. Darlynn was born in Scobey, Mont. on Sept. 14, 1949 to Louis and Alice Doyon. She graduated from Grand Forks Central High School and attended Southwestern Oregon Community College. During her career, Darlynn worked for Bay Area Hospital, National Flood, Pathways, and the Montana Center for Wellness and Pain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Alice Doyon, brother Dean Doyon, and nephew Jeremy Doyon. Darlynn is survived by her children, Jason (Yana) Doyon, Amber (Rodney) Crowell, and Travis (Amanda) Nelson; grandchildren Shaun Lee, Troy Hadley, Jacob Hadley, Faun Doyon, Kaitlyn Hadley, Trinity Nelson, Savannah



Nelson, Scarlett Doyon, Benjamin Doyon, and Tristen Staats;

great-grandchild Amy Lee; nieces and nephews Sky Fox, Billie Frye-Dingfelder, Alicia Sasser, Brian Sasser, Corey Doyon, and Melanie Stenhouse; brother Dennis Doyon, and sisters Deanna Sasser and Rose Powell.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service.

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

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## Ronald W. (Ron) Lyford, 86

One of Flathead's finest native sons, Ronald W. (Ron) Lyford left his beloved Montana to "go to a more beautiful home in heaven" on March 8, 2017, at his home while surrounded by his family; he was 86.

Preceding Ron in death were parents, A.R. (Lon) and Ruth Lyford, and his two older brothers, Will and Bob.

Ron is survived by his brother Jerry and wife Gail and their family of Kalispell; his wife of 62 years, Lois Byrne Lyford, their children, Lori and partner Jana of Chandler, Arizona and Larry and wife Beth and their children, Austin, Aaron and Jennifer of El Cajon, California, and Ken Huff



and wife Michelle of Somers; three great-granddaughters, Kyra and Brooklyn of El Cajon, California,

and Haley of Somers; several nieces and nephews and one cousin, Joyce Bansch and daughters of Indianapolis.

Ron loved music and played in the Don Lawrence band in high school and Flathead Valley Community Band since inception, which was about 50 years.

Ron worked as a plumber for over 60 years, beginning his father's shop, Lyford's Plumbing. He didn't retire after

Lyford Plumbing closed but, instead, became chief of maintenance for Glacier Park Inc. in Glacier Park. His greatest challenge came when he had to oversee replacing the roof on the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Ron still didn't retire after leaving GPI as he continued to work as a consultant. Then he decided to become a long haul truck driver for a few years and saw all but three states plus parts of Canada.

After finally retiring, Ron and Lois traveled throughout the U.S. and took several cruises and trips to the British Isles, Amsterdam, Germany and Italy.

Ron enjoyed golfing,

hunting and carving his life-sized songbirds that got him Best of Show awards in the California Open. It isn't often you meet a plumber who can drive a big rig, play violin, drums, trombone and sax and carve gorgeous things but Ron could.

A memorial service is planned for later in the summer at Central Christian Church with reception at Sykes' lower room.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is honoring Ron's wishes to be cremated.

In Ron's memory, donations to Central Christian Church, FVC Band, Hospice or charity of choice would be appreciated.

## Olive Betty Lyon, 88



On Oct. 3, 2017, with her family by her side, Olive Betty Lyon, 88, "joined her beloved husband and other family members in heaven," after complications from several strokes.

She was born on May 21, 1929, in Kalispell, daughter of Oliver and Gertie Frederick. She met her husband, Norman Lyon, at the Blue Moon bar, and was married on Sept. 1, 1956. They raised two daughters, and together they all enjoyed many camping and fishing trips. They were active members of the Eagles, as well as the Evergreen Fire Department.

After retiring in 1991, Norman and Olive enjoyed many excursions traveling from Alaska in the summer to Arizona in the winter. Her travels also included a trip to Norway to meet relatives from her heritage.

For everyone that stopped by for a visit, they could count on being treated to a fresh cup of coffee and Olive's famous sugar cookies! As for family get-togethers, "Grandma" was in charge of the homemade dinner rolls. Interests in her later years included contributing hand crocheted shawls and afghans to her church for

clothing drives.

After the death of her husband, Olive received companionship from June, her lifelong friend of 80 years. Together they spent many hours going for drives, shopping and laughing together.

She is survived by her children, Sandy L. Krusoff of Kalispell, and her daughters Destiny Townsend, Mikelle Eckley and Carissa Morton, also Judy Lyon and her daughter Emily Dempsey. She was also

blessed with three great-grandchildren whom she cherished dearly.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the caregivers at Heritage Place. Without your care, love and understanding, her last months wouldn't have been as special.

The following poem describes how blessed we all were to have Mom in our lives.

Mother

Like whispering grains of sand, blowing in the wind

Your gentle ways have guided me through all the tears and grins.

Our walks and talks

and lots of hugs

Have taught me truth and wisdom

As well as firmly reined in tugs

That saved me from temptations.

The bustles and burdens of each day

Made each moment precious

When I could cuddle in your arms

And tell you all my wishes

Though many years have come and gone

Sweet lullabies and storybooks

Still echo in my dreams

Please know how much I love you, Mom,

For I know that God must see

What perfection he has wrought

In choosing you for me. (author unknown)

A celebration of life for Olive will be held for family and friends in the spring of 2018.

25 Feb 2017

## Opal Theresia Lynch, 94



Opal Theresia Lynch passed away on Feb. 23, 2017, at her home in Madison, Ohio, after her battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Waubay, South Dakota, to Julius and Marie Schmig on Dec. 7, 1922.

She attended school in Waubay. At age 17 she moved to Helena where her Aunt Sophie Cotton lived.

She worked for F.W. Woolworth while attending night school for tele-typing. Upon completion she worked for Mountain States Bell Company for 20 years. She was an active member of the Evangelical Covenant Church and involved in many church activities including teaching Sunday school.

On June 6, 1959, she married Jesse T. Lynch in Helena.

May 1964 they moved to Hungry Horse.

She was a member of the Hungry Horse Home Demonstration Group through the county extension from 1965 till the early '70s. She was also a member of the Hungry Horse Community Club. She enjoyed fishing and hunting with her husband and family. She also enjoyed the Christian Women's Group. She participated in many of the local school activities.

Opal moved to Madison, Ohio, to live with her daughter Rita and husband Dennis

after the passing of her husband Jesse.

Opal is survived by daughter Jane Packer and husband Bill of Edgewood, New Mexico; Rita Miller and husband Dennis of Madison, Ohio; granddaughter Tess Gelderloos and husband Paul of Everett, Washington; granddaughter Erika Lunar and husband Kevin, great-grandsons Aidan and Karson of Virginia Beach, Virginia; granddaughter Jessica Slater of Columbus, Ohio, brother Raymond Schmig and wife Mary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Opal was preceded in death by her husband Jesse; parents Julius and Marie Schmig; five brothers, Harry, Harold, Orval, Floyd and Earl; four sisters Ruth, Violet, Lorraine, Alice and two infant babies.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer in Kalispell.

Ducro Funeral Home and Crematory, 4524 Elm Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio is handling the arrangements. Visit their website at [www.ducro.com](http://www.ducro.com)

5 Oct 2017

## Michael James Lyngholm, 66

Michael James Lyngholm, 66, of Missoula, "has launched his next great adventure." Mike died on Jan. 6, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Raised in Davenport, Iowa, by loving parents who taught him to work hard, enjoy life and appreciate his family, he was the eldest of nine children. He loved his parents and his sisters and brothers, and remained close to them his entire life.

Mike attended school in Davenport at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School, Assumption High School (1968), and St. Ambrose College. He headed west in 1970 to study forestry at the University of Montana.

In the rugged mountains of central Idaho, he fell in love with a beautiful red-haired Montana girl who shared his passion for the outdoors. After graduation, Mickey and Mike married, started a family in rural Montana, and raised two boys to be fine men and good fathers. The love Mickey and Mike shared for 43 years lives on their children and grandchildren.

Mike had a successful career as a forester and sawmill manager with F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company in Dillon, Darby and Columbia Falls. He later managed a biomass boiler plant for the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. He retired to Missoula in January 2014.

Mike lived life fully. A certified blaster, he



enjoyed the challenge of removing obstacles with a well-placed explosive charge.

A fit and enthusiastic hunter, he explored hidden canyons in the Tendoy Mountains of southwestern Montana with his hounds and heard them sing on a lion in a big Douglas fir tree; he tracked elk at dawn after a fresh snow. An accomplished private pilot and sailor, he loved to fly Cessna 4AlphaMike out of the Dillon Airport on a cold winter day or to feel his boat surge in a good wind on Flathead Lake. He fished anywhere he could, but was especially fond of fishing for steelhead on the Clearwater River in Idaho. He loved the lift ride up Big Mountain after a good run. He shared these experiences with family and friends whenever he could. He especially loved his grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife, Mickey, in Missoula; children, Jeff and Jennifer Lyngholm and granddaughters Neila and Olive of Kalispell, and Wayne and Sarah Lyngholm and grandson Silas of Missoula; nephew Brice Pullen (Deb Hunter) of Bigfork; parents, Jim and Roselyn Lyngholm of Davenport, Iowa; brothers, sisters and many favorite nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

A private celebration of Mike's life will be held in the spring.

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## Dorothy Jean (Jacquemart) Lyon, 86

Dorothy Jean (Jacquemart) Lyon, better known as "Jeannie" or "Jeannie Pie," decided her time on Earth was done on Feb. 16, 2017 at her home in Kalispell, leaving to join the love of her life, John, her family and by countless friends she has not seen in a long time. Jeannie will be missed by many.

Jeannie was born on Feb. 11, 1931 in Foley, Minnesota to Pete and Mary Buckley Jacquemart. Pete and Mary spent three years in Minnesota helping his family on the farm before returning to their home in Shelby.

Most of Jeannie's life was spent in Shelby where she graduated from high school. She worked throughout her school years cleaning houses, babysitting and eventually obtaining one of the best jobs in Shelby for a teenager, an usherette at the Roxy Theater. After high school, she was promoted to bookkeeper and held that job until her marriage to John Lyon on Aug. 11, 1951.

Jeannie and John enjoyed a wonderful life in Shelby where they raised five children and were active members of the community. John owned and operated KSEN Radio while Jeannie worked relentlessly to help John master whatever he set his mind to. Jeannie was behind the scenes, making sure everyone was well-fed, the house was spotless, the laundry done, the kids clean, and travel plans complete.

After selling the radio station in 1976, John went into the oil and gas industry, eventually moving the business to Whitefish in 1986. Shortly before John died in 1993, they moved to Kalispell where Jeannie lived until her death.



ty, charm and wit. Throughout their lives, the Jacquemart Girls competed over who was

the best cook. For years, they argued about their pie dough recipe, who it originated with and eventually it became known as the "Jacquemart Girls Pie Dough."

Adored by her grandchildren, Jeannie was always there for them whether it was their favorite meal, a few extra bucks, or just her smile and advice. Her wisdom was a guide they all sought. Despite her reputation as a stern mother, she proved herself to be gentle, kind, and full of love and understanding to her grandchildren. (Well, most of the time! Occasionally, it was beware the wrath of Grandma.)

Jeannie leaves behind her constant companion and beloved dog, Mojo. Her spirit lives on in her children, Julie Lyon, Kalispell, Joni Stewart (Butch), Cut Bank, Joanna Lyon, Kalispell, Jeff Lyon, Kalispell, and Jamie Darbro (Pat), Bozeman; grandchildren Nate Hagen (Amber), Brett Morton (Alessia), Derin Russo (Anthony), Nick Morton (Nicole), Annie King, John Lyon (Jordanne), Ali Lyon, Steven Lyon, Izy Lyon, Katie Compton (Ben), and Anthony Darbro, great-grandchildren, Avery Russo, Jean Lyon, and Aryiah Lyon. Additionally, she leaves behind many special nieces and nephews and her "adopted daughter," Ruth Lindberg Flesch. During the last few years, Jeannie was lucky enough to be cared for by Julie Musialowski, who came to hold a special place in all of our hearts,

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Jeannie's family was her life. She would do anything for them as well as others in need. No one entered Jeannie's house without being offered pie, cake, cookies, coffee, a meal or a martini if it was after five. Without realizing it, Jeannie touched everyone with her warmth and love. In her later years, Jeannie filled her freezer with gallons and gallons of soup for her grandchildren, who never left her home without a full grocery bag.

Jeannie never met a washer, dryer, ironing board or cleaning utensil she didn't like. The family didn't have a laundry hamper because Mom was always on the hunt for items to fill the washer with so she could run another load of laundry. Spring cleaning was never done in her home because it was done every Saturday, with the help of five argumentative and complaining kids.

Jeannie and her four sisters, Patsy, Georgia, Peggy and Helen, legendarily known as the "Jacquemart Girls," were famous for their beau-

especially Jeannie's.

Jeannie was predeceased by her husband, John; parents, Pete and Mary Jacquemart; siblings, Patsy Brown, Georgia Krshka, Peggy Mallette, Helen Schnee and Pete Jacquemart Jr.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Risen Christ Church with a celebration luncheon in the church hall following the service. Rosary vigil is at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Risen Christ Church. Burial will be at a later date at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home of Kalispell is handling the funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Risen Christ Parish, St. Williams Parish or an organization of your choice.

We ask that you have a martini (dirty with three green olives and a twist of lemon, fondly known as a Jeannie Martini at Spencer's Steakhouse), a glass of wine or your favorite drink and make a toast in honor of a life well-lived!