

## Connie Gayle MacLean, 69

Connie Gayle MacLean, 69, lost her battle with interstitial lung disease on Sunday, July 9, 2017, at the HealthCenter at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her loving family, her husband, John, her son, Glen, her daughters, Shellie and Cami, and many grandchildren.

She was born in Santa Ana, California, to Paul and Blanche (Hazen) Stephan and was the youngest of four children. She spent her childhood in Orange, California, and graduated from Orange High School. In 1983, Connie married



John MacLean and a few years later moved up to Montana and lived at Ashley Lake.

Many people in the community will remember her from The Village Smokehouse in Bigfork, the cook from Marion Elementary School, for her great coffee drinks at Tidyman's, or ordering party supplies from Party Time. She also worked at National Flood for many years.

To her children, Connie was their biggest

fan, their hero, and an inspiration because of her fighting spirit. Her feisty personality never allowed her to give up. She had a big heart, loved her family and would always put herself second to those she cared about. Connie did amazing work with her hands; she produced many oil paintings, was a passionate cook and brought those close to her around the table often. During her retired years she created many intricate embroidery and cross-stitch pieces. She loved her dogs and talking to family and friends.

A graveside service is

scheduled at 11 a.m. on Aug. 12 at the Fairview Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Connie's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Flathead County Animal Shelter, 1035 1st Ave. West, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The MacLean family would like to extend their gratitude to all the doctors and nurses at the Health Center and The Rock for all their help, care and compassion for Connie in her last days.

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

## Eunice W. Mahlum, 94

Eunice W. Mahlum peacefully passed away on Oct. 29, 2017, at her home in Bigfork.

Eunice was the second of three children born to Stuart F. and Emma M. (Wittlake) Duncan on May 29, 1923, at the home of her Grandmother Duncan in Kila and lived all but 14 years of her life in the Flathead Valley.

Her family moved to Somers when she was around 5 years old. She loved growing up in Somers and during her high school years she worked as a switchboard operator at the home of Allie Corb. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942 and worked at various jobs, including Christmas trees and Intermountain Bus Lines. She married Kenneth Walter in 1943 and had a daughter, Judith Walter Johnson, in 1944. She and Kenneth divorced shortly thereafter, and in September



1945 she married Andrew Johnson and started working at W.G. Woodward Company,

taking over as the bookkeeper. Andrew passed away in 1954. The original B&B became her next adventure in life when she went to work for Jack Brown in 1955 as the bookkeeper. She loved the B&B as did most people in the valley.

She married Beryl P. Mahlum in July 1961 and moved to Missoula and Potomac. She and Beryl, with John Erickson, started Diamond Bar Meats in 1969, which they ran until returning to the Flathead Valley in 1975. They bought a place on Oldenburg Road where they farmed and raised cattle. The farm was sold and they moved to Bigfork in 1991.

Eunice had a fondness for old things and restored many pieces of furniture, which everyone admired. She had a story for every old piece she acquired. She loved doing cross stitch and needle point and loved the history of the valley. She was very knowledgeable on Kerr Dam and the water table of the lake and the impact created by Montana Power Company.

Problems with hearing and tremors slowed her some but she was a very independent person until her death, still driving and taking care of her personal matters. She always had a joke to share and always looked like she just stepped out of a fashion shoot.

Eunice is survived by her daughter, Judi (Dick) Niederegger, grandson Paul (Nancy) Royston, granddaughter Kimberlee Wolf, four great-great-grandchildren,

six nieces, six nephews and their families.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband Beryl, both parents and her brother and sister.

Eunice did not want a funeral and the family has chosen to respect her wishes; however a celebration of life is being planned for next summer.

She wanted to share a portion of an essay written by Robert N. Test:

"Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and prejudice against my fellow man.

If by chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever."

Care was provided by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

## Patricia Mae Managhan, 95

Patricia Mae Managhan passed away peacefully on Jan. 26, 2017, with family at her side. She was a resident of Hot Springs but had been at the Edgewood Vista Memory Care Center in Kalispell since December of 2014.

Patty was born on Sept. 21, 1921, to George "Pat" and Lila Mae Pasley in Missoula. She was an only child. Her mother died when she was 4 years old and she went to live with her grandmother, Mary Pasley. Upon her grandmother's death, she was raised by her aunt and uncle, Edith and Elmer Maddux. They lived in Missoula, Marion and Lonepine.

At Lonepine School she met Everett Managhan and after high school they were married. They had three daughters, Judy, Linda and Peggy.

When Everett was drafted into the Army during World War II, Patty saved his Army paychecks and made a down payment on a piece of property at the corner of Highway 28 and the road into Hot Springs. They opened a gas station there and started raising a small herd of cattle. Patty ran the gas station by herself on weekdays while Everett worked in Hot Springs for Holt Motor Sales. After many years when the cattle became their main source of revenue, they closed the station, Everett stopped working in town and they began ranching full time.

During those years they belonged to the Hot Springs Saddle Club where Patty was the secretary-treasurer for a few years. For many years they were brand inspectors for Sanders County which involved inspecting the brands of cattle and horses that were being taken out of the county. Patty also



whether it was taking an unplanned hike through jungle-like rainforest in Hawaii,

visiting glaciers and flying to Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, handling a huge boa snake on Hollywood Boulevard, or riding a dirt bike in Baja, Mexico. She took pride in the VIP treatment she received while attending air shows of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as a special guest of family friend, Larry Stellmon, while he was the commander/leader of the squadron.

Patty was known for her unique sense of humor, with her instinctively clever wisecracks and witty comebacks. She got great pleasure in giving her family, friends and even strangers a hard time. Even though she suffered from dementia at the end of her life, she still had that special quality to kid around and joke with everyone.

She was a warm, friendly and giving person. Whether it was relatives coming to stay with her for a week or friends just stopping by to chat, she was always happy to see them. She welcomed them with open arms and the promise of good food, good conversation and lots of laughs.

Patty lived in her warm, comfortable home for over 70 years. She loved that home, the community of Hot Springs and its surrounding area and the people who lived there. During her travels, she always talked about the good people back home and how fortunate she was to be living among them.

In addition to her husband Everett, Patty was preceded in death by her youngest daughter, Peggy,

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served as secretary-treasurer for the Murray Memorial Cemetery Board for several years. Patty and Everett bought into the Big Meadows Grazing Association in Pleasant Valley in the '60s and Patty served a term as president of that cattle grazing association in the late '70s.

Patty was preceded in death by her husband, Everett, when he was 57 years old. He remained the love of her life but she found comfort in the several dogs that she had over the years who were her constant companions, Geronimo, Willie, Timmy and Snoopy.

Even though Patty spent many years living alone, she remained very active and was in good physical health. She liked to work outside and took pride in the flowers in her yard. At the age of 89 she bought herself a new chainsaw so she could continue sawing firewood for her fireplace. She had a riding lawnmower and was still out mowing her lawn at the age of 92.

Patty traveled extensively, often with and/or to visit her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. During these trips she never shied away from adventure,

in 1962.

Patty is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Kenny Crone of Kalispell, and her daughter Linda Lockman of Marysville, Washington. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. In addition, she maintained close relationships with her cousin, Twyla Kabatchnick, her nieces and nephews and the children of close family friends. Patty was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend and she will be forever loved and missed by many.

A private family graveside service was held for Patty at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine where she was laid to rest beside Everett and Peggy in the family plot. Due to the inclement winter weather conditions, a memorial service and celebration of Patty's life will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Edgewood Vista Memory Care Center and Frontier Hospice for their heartfelt care and kindness to Patty throughout her illness.

Memorial donations in Patty's honor may be made to Friends of Hospice, 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of your choice.

## Betty L. (Crowder) Mann, 86

Betty L. (Crowder) Mann was born in Sun Prairie, south of Malta on March 13, 1930.

She passed away at Lake View Care Center on Feb. 17, 2017. After nearly 87 years of life, her body was worn out, but because of her faith in Jesus Christ, she is now "rewarded with a new body in Jesus Christ, her Savior."

She is survived by two sons Marty and Bill; one



daughter, Cora Mae and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons,

Smuck and Jim.

A family memorial is planned for a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Glenn 'Lucky' Manning, 70

Glenn "Lucky" Manning passed on Sept. 29, 2017, at Heritage Place.

He was born to Kenneth and Margaret Manning on June 27, 1947.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Manning, of Kalispell; his brothers, Gary (Sally) Manning of St. George Utah, Steve (Sharon) Manning of Dayton, and his sister, Susan (John) Sullivan of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Manning, in 2014 and his grandparents, Edley and Viola Moon and Melvin and Rose Manning.

He is also survived by his aunts and uncles, Marlene Garrison of Missoula, Don Manning, MaryAnn (Mike) Manning, and Jeannie (Don) Nelson, Myrtle Geis, Helen (AI) Baird, and Edley (Joyce) Moon, all of Kalispell, and Kathy (Paul) Nockleby of St. Paul, Minnesota; and many cousins and nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Flathead High School in 1965, Lucky moved to Provo, Utah, where he worked in the landscap-

ing and nursery business. Later on, he moved back to the Flathead Valley.

Lucky loved the outdoors and the pure enjoyment of nature. This was reflected in the many hours he would spend in the woods while growing up. He was a lover of all things green and growing. Being an avid gardener, he could make anything grow. He also enjoyed learning about geography, pouring over atlases. In his younger years he was a talented and creative piano player.

Lucky was especially known for his kindness and goodness to all. He went out of his way to make others feel welcome. Many have been on the receiving end of his generosity and friendly smile. And his quick wit and good sense of humor brought many laughs at just the right moment. Rarely did we hear him complain even in his last days when his pain was the greatest.

He will be missed by many; our love extends to him at his new address.

"Thank you, gracious Lord, that he is in your comfort and care."

21 Feb 2017

## Ralph Edward Martin, 74

Ralph Edward Martin, 74, was born on June 28, 1943, in Portland, and unexpectedly passed away in Kalispell on Oct. 19, 2017, due to a sudden form of acute lung disease; while his mind longed to stay, his lungs no longer could support him.

At 74 years of age, Ralph spent most of his working years with his shirt sleeves rolled up logging in the Pacific Northwest and retired in the beautiful lakeside community of Polson, where he lived with his wife, Sharon, who preceded his death in July of this year. Ralph will also reunite with his parents Francis and Virginia Martin, his three siblings



Judy, David and Bobby, and his stepdaughter Kandy.

He leaves behind his children

Susan Reyes, Kenneth Martin and Cindy Martin-Watkins, their half brother Todd McKinney and stepbrother Tracy Cook; Susan's husband Demetrio and their two sons Michael and Jordan; Ken's wife Debbie and their three children Stacia, Kylea and Ryla; Cindy's husband Michael and their children Halona and Leland; Todd's wife Sue and their daughter Morgan; Tracy's wife

Wendy and their children Cody, Lindsay, Kayla, Destiney, Kendra and Torie; Kandy's children T.J, Adrian and Alissa. Great-grandchildren are Stacia's daughters Desirae and Harper, Rylan's daughter Madison, Halona's children Hawk and Willow, Lyndsay's son Roman.

Ralph was a very active member of the Four-Square Church and long-time patron at 4B's where he mentored many of the Polson community while retelling many a tale. Loved and already missed beyond words, his family would like to thank the fantastic staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Debby Miller and her fam-

ily who spent many days beside him in the ICU, along with Pastor Greg for his dedicated brotherhood, including the multitude of prayers from his devoted congregation.

The Four-Square Church in Polson is holding a memorial at 1 p.m. on Nov. 11. Another service for Ralph's family and loved ones will be in Oregon at a later date.

As his favorite country artist George Strait sings, "A father's love is love without end. Amen."

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

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## Sharon Ann Martin, 69

Sharon Ann Martin, 69, of Polson, passed away on July 23, 2017, in Kalispell.

Sharon Ann Chronister was born Sunday, Sept. 28, 1947, in Portland, the daughter of Glenn Harry Chronister and Helen Elsie Chronister. She was always on the move, spreading love and cheer everywhere she went.

She married Ralph Edward Martin July 8 and 28, 1989. Over 28 years, they had six children, Todd, Susan, Ken, Cindy, Tracy and Kandy. She was blessed with 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, however, she adopted many others throughout her life.

Sharon was preceded in death by her par-



ents, and daughter Kandy.

She was an employee at Super 1 Foods and an active

member of the Four Square Church. With a heart of gold, she helped all she could and will be missed by many, but never forgotten.

A date and time will be released next week for her celebration of life.

God bless.

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

## Fay Lynnette "Lynn" Martinez, 76

Lynn left us peacefully "to her permanent fishing spot above" on Aug. 2, 2017, after 76 amazing years with us. While here, those cool waters always held for her the promise of peacefulness and happiness, and we now trust those waters to carry her into eternity. She is survived by her two daughters, Tanya "TJ" and Belinda, and son Ben; seven grandchildren, Miro, Winter, Corissa, Cassidy, Sidonya, Shaelynn and Breanna; and great-grandchildren, Ian, Austin, Vela and Spencer.

Lynn was best known



in the valley as an amazing cook for our local restaurants, semi-retiring into

retail, and then finally retiring a few years ago to spend time with her family. She was dearly loved, will be greatly and sincerely missed.

Memorial services will be held Aug. 26. Please call a family member or email [kblsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kblsmith@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us.

19 Aug 2017

July 27

## Manuel Martinez Jr., 83

Manuel Martinez Jr., born Jan. 3, 1934, died peacefully at his home in Bigfork, surrounded by family and close friends Jan. 5, 2017. Manuel fought Parkinson's disease for well over a decade.

Born in Clearwater, California, (Paramount) and raised as a kid during the World War II era of Los Angeles, he was a Korean War veteran and was a master cement mason. He fell in love with the mountains of Colorado and moved his small family out of the city into what would become a pattern of adventure in his travels.

Since 1965 Manuel was an active Jehovah's Witness, helping countless people, families and communities learn the best way of life — serving Jehovah God. With this dedication came many travels, volunteer/disaster relief work, and he welcomed those in need. Manuel was a storyteller and known for his love



of dancing. He and his wife of 60 years, Paula, have lived in Bigfork the last 10 years.

He is survived in death by his wife,

Paula Amaro Martinez; daughter, Rebecca, and husband Michael Jones; son, Tom, and wife Jenny Martinez; grandchildren, Tashina Jones Edinger and husband Grant, Oliver Martinez, Lorenzo Martinez, and Paloma Martinez; great-grandchildren, Garrett and Shane Edinger; Manuel's brother, Edward Martinez; and sisters, Irene Oropeza and Bertha Smith.

Memorial services will to be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Woodland Park Avenue Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Kalispell. For questions, call 406-253-1752.

Jan 12

7 May 2017

## Wade A. Mason, 86

Wade A. Mason, 86, passed away peacefully at home on April 28, 2017, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

He was born Feb. 10, 1931, in Glendive to Harry Mason and Lela Percy Mason.

Wade spent his childhood in the Pacific Northwest and graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland in 1949. That education enabled Wade to enter the workforce as a highly skilled tradesman and problem solver. He continued his lifelong love of learning with extensive reading of history, archeology, the natural world and music.

Wade married Carol L. Solhjem on May 8, 1958. They had four children and moved to Kalispell



in 1964 to raise them.

He was a great provider for his family, always

busy working at auto body repair and as an electrician at Anaconda Aluminum Plant. In his spare time Wade maintained a large garden and built two homes for his family — one in Kalispell and one on Flathead Lake. He also restored classic cars, earned his private pilot's license and loved to help his kids build or maintain their homes and cars. Wade and Carol traveled extensively in retirement and enjoyed many warm winters in Arizona.

When he wasn't working, Wade loved being outdoors in his native Montana. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and spent many fall weekends tracking elk with his son, grandsons and friends. He was always an enthusiastic audience for his kids or grandkids learning to play musical instruments and all their varied interests.

Wade was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell and Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Lakeside. In addition, Wade faithfully assisted with any and all kinds of maintenance issues at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

Wade was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Milton.

His survivors

include his wife, Carol, of Kalispell, daughter Barbara (Dennis Peterson) of Kalispell, son Douglas (Ashley) of Kalispell, daughter Patricia (Steve Anderson) of Burlingame, California and daughter Sheryl (Cris Miller) of Champlin, Minnesota. He cherished his nine grandchildren: Joseph, Alex and Hannah Peterson; Annika and Brynn Mason; Peter and Finn Anderson; and Gabe and Annie Miller.

Wade was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., July 29 at Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan House or Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

## Judy Mathiason, 71

Judy Mathiason, 71, passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 8, 2017, at her home in Marion.

She was born Jan. 3, 1946, in Kalispell to Wayne and Mildred (Peg) Clark of Bitterroot Lake.

Judy "was welcomed in to heaven by loved ones and beloved pets who passed before her."

Judy was married to Glen Mathiason on May 1, 1965; they were married 52 years.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Clark; mother, Mildred "Peg" Clark; and sister, Joann Elgin.

Judy is survived by her husband, Glen Mathiason,



daughter Robbie Mathiason, son Trevor (Carrie) Mathiason, and nieces Cay Dee Reynolds

and Cynde Knutson.

Services are planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held immediately following at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

A public visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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## Wynona Doreen 'Nonie' Chapman Mathison, 89

Wynona Doreen "Nonie" Chapman Mathison, 89, passed away Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017.

She was born into a loving home as the only child of Lynn Theodore Chapman and Ester Mae Holcomb on March 2, 1928, in Columbia Falls. Nonie grew up on the family property 10 miles north of Polebridge, and her stepfather Ralph Day donated property to build a one-room school house known as the Old Ford School. Nonie attended this school starting in the first grade in 1934 through eighth grade in 1942.

She met John Henry Mathison in the North Fork after he returned from serving in World War II in the summer of 1946. Following a lengthy courtship of two weeks, they eloped and were married on Aug. 10, 1946, in Kalispell. They were the loving parents of six children, Ronnie Jay Mathison, Johnny Day Mathison (Marlene), Connie Mae Bone (Frank), Bonnie Kay Altig



(Eugene), Lonnie Gay Bras (Cy), and Donnie Ray Mathison (Christine); as well as 29

grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Nonie in death were her husband John Henry Mathison, son Ronnie Jay Mathison, daughter Connie May Mathison Bone, grandchild Maria Del Carmen Arden Mathison, and two great-grandchildren Caleb Luccas Mathison and Keagan Trust Etchison.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road with Bishop Todd Cahoon conducting. Viewing and visitation will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Condolences and memories may be shared online by visiting [www.darlingtonfunerals.com](http://www.darlingtonfunerals.com).

28 Aug 2017

## Genevabell E. Matthews, 96

Genevabell E. Matthews, 96, passed away on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at Lake Shore Manor, an adult care home in Lake Stevens, Washington.

She was born March 31, 1920, in Brazil, Indiana, the daughter of Homer and Lucile Matthews.

Genevabell was raised and educated in Columbia Falls and then Polson. She graduated from Polson High School. After high school graduation, she enrolled at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. She was studying for a degree in education. Shortly thereafter, World War II broke out and she and her family moved to Bremerton, Washington, to work at the Naval Ship Yard. Genevabell's military job took her to Key Port, a short distance from Bremerton, where she worked at the Naval Torpedo Station. She worked in a shop where she assisted in building and repairing torpedoes. She was the only woman employed at that shop.

After World War II ended, Genevabell continued her government employment by taking a job at the Hanford Nuclear Site. She worked at Hanford from 1945 to 1948. Her parents had moved from Bremerton



Hanford and moved to Missoula to be closer to family and relatives. Her first job there was with Consolidated Freightways. She worked at CFW for several years as a payroll secretary. Many of the employees at Consolidated became her longtime friends.

The desire to return to government employment was always in the back of her mind, so she took the civil service exam, applied for government positions, and was hired by the Farmers Home Administration. That assignment took her to Kalispell where she held the position as assistant county supervisor at the North Main U.S. Department of Agriculture offices. Genevabell had the opportunity to travel across the country attending Farm Home financial training workshops. She had many interesting

back to Montana and resided in Missoula. She resigned her position at

stories about those trips. She eventually retired from that job. After retiring, she moved back to Missoula to provide care for her mother.

Genevabell was an avid bowler. She started bowling at the old two story Liberty Bowling Alley in Missoula as a women's league bowler. The new Liberty Lanes were built and the leagues moved to that location. Genevabell always looked forward to her Tuesday league bowling. She stopped bowling at the age of 86. Over that time, she won numerous trophies and 200 pins and patches. Many longtime friends were made through her bowling association.

Another highlight of her life was fishing with her mother, father and son. Many memorable fishing trips were made near Missoula on Nine Mile Creek, the Blackfoot River and Cottonwood Creek.

In her later years, her family moved her to a retirement home in Granite Falls, Washington. She enjoyed this facility where she had her own apartment. Again,

she made many friends at GenCare Retirement Plaza. As her condition declined, she was moved to an adult care home in Lake Stevens, Washington where she enjoyed looking out over Lake Stevens.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Lucile Matthews, formerly of Missoula; a brother, Charles Matthews, formerly of Missoula; and daughter-in-law, Connie Matthews, formerly of Lake Stevens, Washington.

She is survived by her son, Stephen Matthews, of Granite Falls, Washington; granddaughters, Megan Welle-Pepe and Melissa Evanoff, both of Kalispell; and stepgrandchildren, Hope Struck of Kent, Washington, and Tim Jorgenson of Seattle.

At her request, no services will be held.

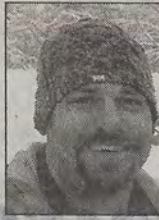
Cremation and arrangements are by Funeral Alternatives, Marysville, Washington.

31 Jan 2017

## Daniel Scott May, 39

A devoted friend, father, brother and son, Daniel Scott May, of Cowley, Alberta, was born on Jan. 11, 1978, and "joined Our Lord" on March 7, 2017, after a 13-year battle with brain cancer. He was 39.

The fifth child of six, Dan was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and raised on the family farm outside of Etzikom, Alberta. The family moved to Kalispell when he was 3. He attended Fair-Mont-Egan grade school until the family moved to farm outside of Valleyview, Alberta, when he was 11.



Dan graduated from Hillside High School, Valleyview, in 1996. He spent time working and playing in Bozeman, until moving back to Canada.

Dan was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Conrad and Frances May, formerly of Inverness, Montana; maternal grandparents, Eldon and Margaret Graff, formerly of Chester; paternal uncles and aunts,

David May (infant), Leo May and Flora Ann Aevertmann; maternal uncles, Richie Graff (infant) and Audie Collins.

Dan leaves behind his son, Braiden May, of Valleyview; parents, Ephraim and Jean May, of Elkford, British Columbia; sister, Janette May, of Bozeman; brother, Rodney (Stephanie) May, of Kalispell; brother, Craig (Kristi) May, of Bozeman; sister, Yvonne (Jake Christiansen) May, of Whitefish; and brother, Tyson May, of Edmonton, Alberta. He also leaves behind nieces and neph-

ews, Cody, Katlyn, Alexa, Emily, Vale, Konnor, Quinton, McKinlee and Kaden; plus numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 17, at Snodgrass Funeral Home in Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

A celebration of life event will be held in Bozeman this summer, with the date to be announced. Contact Craig May at [Craig@ckmayexccavating.com](mailto:Craig@ckmayexccavating.com) for more information.

14 Mar 2017



## Irene McAllister, 85

Irene McAllister, 85, "passed into the arms of her loving Lord and Savior" on December 4, 2017 at her home in Ronan.

She was born in 1932, in Fairview, Mont. to Lloyd and Pearl Welty. At the age of one her family moved to Kalispell, Mont. She attended Elrod, Central and Flathead County High schools. Irene worked for approximately three years after high school to earn and save money for college. She graduated from Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

Irene met Vern McAllister at a church function and they were later married in 1966. She enjoyed living on the farm west of Pablo with Vern and continued living there until recent years. She found great satisfaction working with her flower gardens and fruit trees and was always appreciative of her amazing view of the Mission Mountains.

Irene loved children and she loved to teach. She taught school for 25 years and during her teaching career taught in 1st-4th grade. Her first teaching position was in



Portland, Ore. followed by Great Falls, Mont., and completed her teaching career with 14

years in the Ronan/Pablo school district retiring in 1983. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Women's Teaching Society) and received her 40 year membership certificate at the 2017 state convention. She was also a longtime volunteer at the Pablo elementary school library.

Over the years, Irene loved spending time with her family, her many beloved pets and her friends. She was also an avid reader, enjoyed corresponding with family and loved ones and devoted time to Bible study. She was an active and lifetime member and supporter of the Church of Christ.

Irene is preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Irvin Welty; brothers-in-law: Donald, Lloyd and Bert McAllister; and sisters-in-law: Virginia and Clarice McAllister.

Irene is survived by two brothers: Floyd Welty of Kalispell, Mont. and Lyle Welty (Cynthia) of

Austin, Texas; a sister-in-law June Welty of San Antonio, Texas; and other numerous relatives and friends.

The memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, Dec. 18 at the Lake Funeral Home in

Polson, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Church of Christ in Ronan, Mont.

Lake Funeral home is caring for Irene's family.

9 Dec 2017

## Charlotte Elizabeth McCahill

Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth McCahill (née Rodenberg), of Bigfork, departed this life on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, at the age of 85. She passed on at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a sudden seizure.

Charlotte leaves behind her loving husband of 63 years, Charles Perry McCahill, her four devoted children and eight caring grandchildren; son Mark McCahill (Joanie Durso), daughter Colleen (David Turley and grandson Nolan, daughter Meghan (Tony) Cameron, daughter Kathleen (Rod) Neuheardt, granddaughters Caitlin, Anna, Margaret, Cecilia, Brigid, grandsons Joseph and Peter. She also leaves behind her dear brother Harry Rodenberg, two nephews, John and James Rodenberg and their children, and her niece, Gail Dugan.

Her parents, Edna and Harry Rodenberg, and her sister-in-law Mary Ann Rodenberg preceded her in death.

Charlotte was born in Manhattan, Montana, on April 8, 1932. She grew up in Manhattan, where her father was a bee-

keeper. She met Perry at Montana State University, where she graduated with a degree in Home Economics. She was a member of Sorority. In August 1954, Charlotte and Perry began their married life in Great Falls. They moved often as Perry's career took them around the country. They lived in Montana, Colorado, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota and Tennessee, eventually returning to Montana to "retire" to a cherry orchard on Flathead Lake. After 12 years working the cherry harvest, they really retired to Bigfork to enjoy more leisure time and golfing.

Charlotte and Perry journeyed to China, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Germany and Ireland. Charlotte was a generous volunteer; as a Girl Scout leader, as a reader at Mass, assisting at the Alexian Brothers Retirement Home in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, and in the League of Women Voters during the Minnesota years. Bridge, golf, sailing, reading, orchids, politics, cooking and knitting were

a few of her many pastimes. She had a joyful outlook on life, regardless of her health. Charlotte lived heroically with rheumatoid arthritis her whole adult life. She did not let that stop her from being active and enjoying her family and friends. Her gentle kindness, easy smile and attentive listening made her a warm friend and confidant. She laughed easily and shared her joy with those around her. Charlotte was quick to offer assistance and tenacious when striving for what was right. She loved her husband. Her husband loves her. She loved her children and grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren love her.

She will be missed.  
Greatly. Daily.

*May the angels lead you  
into Paradise*

*And when you come  
may the martyrs receive  
you*

*And lead you to the holy  
city of Jerusalem.*

*May a choir of angels  
receive you,*

*And with Lazarus, once  
a pauper,*

*May you have eternal  
rest.*

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# OBITUARIES <sup>APR 12</sup>

## Janet Arleen McConville, 75

Janet Arleen McConville, 75, of Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2017, following a courageous fight with cancer and COPD. "With family by her side, and God in her heart, Janet made the final journey to be with her parents, two brothers, her sister, her son and daughter and two grandsons."

Born in Denton, Montana, Janet lived a full and adventurous life in which she first married at 18, raising three daughters and a son, while her husband served our country in the U.S. Navy. Following a divorce, she met and married Matt McConville on July 9, 1983, which led to over 33 years of experiencing life in Montana, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and eventually back home to the Flathead Valley. Over the years, Janet worked as a nurse's aid, chemical dependency counselor, property manager, business owner and, her most cherished of commitments, as a volunteer in many organizations and capacities. Janet was a member of the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, and was most humbled by her call from



God to create the Columbia Falls Christmas Day Dinner, which she hosted for

the last four years. Janet simply believed that no person should spend Christmas alone, and because of that belief, she served well over 200 individual meals to members of her beloved community.

Janet leaves behind her husband, Matt, two daughters, Rita and her husband Dan Leeseburg, and Darla and her husband, Darin Wilson; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dawn Skerritt officiating. A burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery followed by a reception at the church.

Janet so believed in volunteering that the family requests donations be made to a nonprofit organization in the Columbia Falls area.

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

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## Jessie Elizabeth McCormick, 63

Jessie Elizabeth McCormick, 63, passed peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena on Nov. 29, 2017, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on March 15, 1954, in Butte, Jessie was then raised in Kalispell, instilling a lifelong love for the Flathead Valley.

Jessie deeply loved her family and Montana. She said many times, the meaning of her life was her family. Her relationships with her children and grandchildren were precious. She had a special heart for care-taking. As a certified nursing assistant (CNA) she brought much peace and compassion to those she cared for.

The family will conduct a private ceremony at a later date.



In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Montana Loon Society, 3027

Montana Highway 83 N. No. E1, Seeley Lake, MT 59868; or a cancer research foundation of your choice.

Please visit [www.aswfunderalhome.com](http://www.aswfunderalhome.com) to offer the family a condolence or to share a memory of Jessie.

## Dorothy Henrietta Sume McFadyean, 99

Dorothy Henrietta Sume McFadyean, 99, formerly of Eureka, died on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born in Decker County, Minnesota, to Alfred and Effie Sume. She was one of four children, the third child, born Oct. 17, 1917. When Dorothy was 7 years of age the family moved to Grand Island, Nebraska, and later to Crete, Nebraska. In 1928 the family move to Montana and located on a ranch near Gateway, which was near the Canadian border and is now submerged under Lake Koochanusa. She attended high school in Eureka and graduated in 1936.

She spent the next five summers working in Glacier National Park where she met and married her husband, Donald McFadyean, in 1940. Together they owned and operated a small grocery store in Cut Bank. In January 1943 when Donald was inducted into the Navy she and their son David went to live with her parents near Gateway.

In February 1947, after Donald was discharged from the U.S. Navy (1946) she and Donald established Mac's Market in Eureka. A daughter, Dolly, was born to the couple in 1950.

Dorothy was an avid gardener during this time in Eureka, an excellent seamstress, making her own clothing, loving the challenge of a Vogue pattern. She also made numerous table clothes, doilies etc., of intricate crochet patterns through-



out her active life.

In 1980, due to Don's poor health they sold their businesses and

also the ranch they lived on, and moved to Oregon for nine years. There, Dorothy enjoyed extensive walks with Don, continued sewing, and added crafts to her hobbies. They returned to the Flathead Valley in 1988 to be near their children. They built a home in Country Estates north of Kalispell and enjoyed being "back in Montana." Don passed away in September 1999.

Dorothy has never really recovered from the loss of Don. He was such an intricate part of her life. She came to Heritage Place in September 2011.

Dorothy is survived by her son, David, and wife Arlette, who make their home in San Tan Valley, Arizona; her daughter, Dolly Crum, and husband, Doug, who make their home in Libby; two granddaughters, Kari and Kimberly; great-grandchildren, Matt and Katie and baby DJ; nephew, Clyde "Bumpy" Sume and nieces Patsy (Sume) Keeper and Laura (Sume) Grimes.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 4, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenberg-fh.com](http://www.schnackenberg-fh.com).

## Dale McGarvey, 90

Dale McGarvey passed away July 22, 2017, at the age of 90.

Dale was born in Great Falls to Arthur and Vercie McGarvey. Dale's early years were spent in Sunburst, Conrad, Plains and Kalispell. He attended school in Denver and Tucson, Arizona, but graduated from Flathead County High School in 1945. He was especially fond of spending summers camping on the shores of Lake McDonald with his mother and grandmother to escape his hay fever while his father ran the family

gas station and vulcanizing business in Conrad, and eventually the gas station and "McGarvey Shamrock Motel" in Evergreen. Dale attended the elementary school in Apgar and went to the 1933 opening of Logan Pass. For the rest of his life, Sprague Creek would remain his favorite park destination.

While the family had little money, they were determined to see that Dale got a college education. In summers, he worked as a section hand on the railroad. This experience made him determined to pursue his education. He received his law degree from the University of Montana, graduating at top in his class. While attending UM, Dale met his first wife, Elsie Taylor, in a student boarding house. They were married on Aug. 30, 1951. Dale went on to Harvard Law School where he earned a Master of Laws degree. The couple moved back to Montana and settled in Kalispell where they raised four children, enjoying summers at the Whitefish Lake cabin and many adventures in Glacier National Park.



the mountain to the green we see today. He also protected many individuals from

the bad faith schemes of insurance companies that would deprive them of the protection they had paid for. Dale took his advocacy into politics as a lifelong Democrat and served as a Montana state legislator for the 31st district in 1957 and 1959.

Dale had a great love for the outdoors and took his family on many adventures of fishing, hiking, backpacking and wilderness rafting. He loved staying at Sperry Chalet, playing bridge and "German poker" — joyfully celebrating his successes in unbridled competition with his grandchildren.

He also had a great love of music. While a middle schooler, he was proud to be chosen to play his trombone with the Flathead County High School band. He had a rich baritone voice and often sang at church or weddings. Later, he was delighted to sing with friends and family with the "Irish Minstrels."

He married his second wife, Genevieve Purdy, July 11, 1998. They enjoyed ballroom dancing and taking trips to Hawaii together. Genevieve preceded Dale in death, on Nov. 8, 2010.

Dale is survived by his oldest son John McGarvey, and grandson Ryan McGarvey; son Allan McGarvey and his wife Valeri and family (Betsy Cummings and CJ Cummings, great-grandchildren Brody and Eleanor; Kathleen

Lechable and husband David, great-grandchildren Arthur and Adele; Erin McGarvey, husband Dan Neely, great-granddaughter Sally); son Michael McGarvey and his wife Vonda (granddaughter Mariah), daughter Margie Henderson and husband Mike (granddaughters Catie and Anna).  
As his law practice began to wind down (he never retired), Dale launched a new adventure as a movie producer, and recently completed the full length feature film "The Forlorned" (to be released this fall). Dale will be well remembered by all as a man who never flagged in his exuberance for the next adventure and the next case to right a wrong.

Services will be held

at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 28, at Central Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Glacier National Park Conservancy.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dale's Family.

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Dale founded his law practice in Kalispell in 1955 and he quickly became known as a fierce advocate, securing justice for his "common-man" clients in historic battles with big companies, government and insurers. After the 1964 flood in Evergreen, he prevailed in protecting the 100-year flood zone designation for property owners who pay less in flood insurance to this day. He won fair compensation for clients whose land was taken for highway construction and for the farmers of the Kootenai Valley whose land was condemned for the Kooconusa Dam. He protected the air quality of the Flathead from the fluoride emissions of the Anaconda Aluminum Co., forcing the installation of pollution scrubbers, setting a national precedent for individual rights to clean air, and returning

Lechable and husband David, great-grandchildren Arthur and Adele; Erin McGarvey, husband Dan Neely, great-granddaughter Sally); son Michael McGarvey and his wife Vonda (granddaughter Mariah), daughter Margie Henderson and husband Mike (granddaughters Catie and Anna).

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## Larry McIlhargey, 67

Larry McIlhargey, 67, passed away peacefully Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, in Kalispell, after a long battle with cancer.

Larry was born on May 30, 1950, in Conrad, to O'Larry and Delores (Whittmier) McIlhargey. Larry attended Flathead High School. Larry then went served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971.

He married Sherry Barkley on May 17, 1973, in Kalispell. They were married for 44 years.

Larry went to work for CNC Plywood for several years, before Conrad Plum Creek where he stayed until 2005, Larry then went on to work at Lowe's until he retired in December 2016. Larry was always in his garage working on projects if he wasn't camping with his family, riding four wheelers or going to Thursday dinner with the guys.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister Debbie Silverthorn.

Larry is survived by



his wife, Sherry McIlhargey, of Kalispell; son Dan

and wife Tiffany of Louisiana, son Donnie and wife Cindy of Alabama, and daughter Shaunda and husband Abram of Colorado; nine grandchildren, Dan and wife Samantha, Larry and wife Tana, Britney, Krystine, Mandy, Lindsey, Jillian, Ziah and Owen; 12 great-grandchildren, Jordyn, Macey, Tucker, Avery, Rory, Jack, Alexis, Madilyn, Shana, Austin, Tailor and Tanner; siblings, Jenny (Bob) Taylor, Rick McIlhargey and Vicky Trebas.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Please visit Larry's online guest book at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Catherine 'Katie' McKinley, 96

Catherine "Katie" McKinley, 96, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2017, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Katie was born on Dec. 13, 1920, in Wibaux, Montana, to Anton and Rosalia Strack. She grew up on the family farm in Beach, North Dakota, with four brothers and two sisters.

She married James (Babe) McKinley on April

26, 1950, at St. Matthew's Parish in Kalispell and they were later blessed with two children, Robert and Russell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Babe in 1993 and a great-grandson, Alden Hagemo.

She is survived by her sons, Robert McKinley of Santa Cruz and Russell McKinley of Kalispell; grandchildren Kristy Castro and Kevin McKinley of Santa Cruz, California, Andrea

Stocklin of Kalispell and Cathy McKinley of Billings; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Katie is being cared for at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Donations may be given on Katie's behalf to St. Matthew's School or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

At Katie's request, there will be no formal service. The family is planning a celebration of

her life later this summer.

The family wishes to especially thank the wonderful staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home and the special friendship of Linda Mellor and Elaine Knudson in her last few months.

Friends are encouraged to visit [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.

15 Apr 2017

## Eloise McMillan, 93

Eloise McMillan, 93, of Kalispell, died May 4, 2017, in Kalispell.

Eloise was born on June 23, 1923, in DeKalb, Illinois, to William and Hilda Price, the eldest of three children. She met the love of her life, George McMillan at the age of 28 while rollerskating with her friend. They were married shortly thereafter and raised a family of five children, Patricia, Cathy, Vance, Bryan and Wesley.

Her family remembers Eloise as a joyful loving mother, full of kindness, gentleness, selflessness, sweetness, love and light who always offered her children a soft place to land and was always more concerned about everyone else's needs over her own. They remember a childhood of camping trips, Halloweens with creative handmade costumes, Sunday drives that ended with treats of ice cream cones, Christmases with tinsel filled trees and homemade divinity and the world's best apple, huckleberry, blueberry and strawberry pies and chocolate cakes. Eloise and George followed their dreams to begin a new chapter of their lives in Kalispell where they built



their own home on a parcel of 66 acres of land. Eloise was employed as a secretary at

Diamond Wire, Anaconda Copper Company, Glacier National Park, Bank of Columbia Falls and the Welfare Office over the years.

Eloise is survived by daughters Patricia Bremberg, Cathy McKinney, and sons Vance McMillan, Bryan (Cindy) McMillan, Wesley McMillan, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother, husband George, two daughters-in-law, and one son-in-law.

There will be a closed casket visitation held from 11:30 to noon Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory with services to start at noon officiated by Pastor Kurt Rau. Burial will take place directly following the service at Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## C.B. McNeil, 80

C.B. McNeil, 80, of Polson, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2017, in Polson after a brief illness.

He was born Feb. 17, 1937, in Anaconda and was proud to be a fifth-generation Montanan. After attending the School of Mines in Butte, he completed his Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering degree at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in 1959. While in school he was in Army ROTC, and earned his pilot wings before his commission as a second lieutenant.

On Dec. 27, 1958, he married the love of his life, JoAnn, his wife of 58 years, and together they raised two children, Chuck and Jolie. While in the military, he was stationed in Germany as an Army aviator flying the German/Czech border. While contemplating what he might do after the military, he "borrowed" an Army airplane and flew to Heidelberg to take the Law School Admission Test. He was honorably discharged as a captain in 1963.

His love for the outdoors, fishing, hunting, skiing and all that Montana has to offer led to their decision to move to Missoula, where he graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 1966, and then they moved to Polson. He practiced law with Jean Turnage and John Mercer in Polson until 1984 when he was elected as the first district judge for the 20th Judicial District and Turnage was elected to the Montana Supreme Court. During his 29 years on the bench, he presided over 27,266 district court cases, including 223 jury trials to verdict. He was a delegate to the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention and was proud to have



helped author many of the environmental protections afforded to Montana citizens under our Constitution.

He was a family man first, and enjoyed all possible opportunities to attend activities and sporting events involving his kids and grandkids. Over the years he coached Little League, and taught his kids how to ski, fish, hunt and to enjoy and respect the outdoors. He was active in Jaycees, Polson Outdoors, Flathead Lakers and the Shriners. He will be missed.

C.B. is survived by his wife JoAnn, his son Chuck (Joni) McNeil, his daughter Jolie (Marty) Vigen, his grandkids Jace (Emilie) McNeil, Maria (Bill) Williams, Bethany McNeil, Catie Vigen and Julia Vigen, and his great-grandson Bodie Williams.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Lake and Sanders counties, which C.B. helped establish in his court, at P.O. Box 511, Polson, MT 59860; or to a charity of your choice.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Linderman Gymnasium in Polson. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements are under the care of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family on line at lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

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## Jackson Chester McWhorter, 74

Jackson Chester McWhorter was born Dec. 13, 1942, and passed away at his home Feb. 25, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho.

He was the first child born to Chester and Siri McWhorter. Jack attended elementary school at Boorman School west of Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961. He started his college education at Northern Montana College in Havre. Jack didn't like the wind in Havre. He told us the wind blew his hat off onto the side of a building and it stayed there for months. After attending college in Havre for a couple years, he transferred to the University of Montana where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Jack worked construction while attending college to help finance his education.

After graduating from college Jack served four years in the Air Force. When he returned home from his military service, Jack taught high school math at Lodge Grass and Butte Central High School.

He left the teaching field in 1979 and went



Community College for a short time. It was during his time at the phone company he met the love of his life, Sandy McClanahan. Jack and Sandy were married May 23, 1981.

In 1991 he left his job at the phone company to teach high school math at a very remote village in Deering, Alaska. His remaining working years were spent at Hewlett-Packard in Boise, Idaho. He retired from HP in 2006.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sandy, of Nampa, Idaho; daughters, Lori Emmert of Douglas, Wyoming, and Kathy and Kurt Hafferman of Kalispell; brothers, Bob and Judy McWhorter of Kalispell, Gary and Sharon McWhorter of Butte, Melvin and Lindell McWhorter of Walla

to work for the telephone company in Kalispell. While working at the phone company, he taught algebra classes at Flathead Valley

Walla, Washington; sisters, Faith and Dale Hodges of Kalispell, and Laurie Foster of Helena; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Chet and Siri McWhorter.

When Jack and Sandy retired, they enjoyed traveling across the United States and especially enjoyed their time in Quartzsite, Arizona, where Jack became an ardent rock hound and jeweler extraordinaire. Jack and Sandy were both passionate fishermen, and they loved their Boston terrorists. Jack loved the time he spent with his family and the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jack was very much a people person. He always had the biggest and brightest smile; Jack never met a stranger. His favorite saying was "top of the morning" or whatever time of the day it happened to be.

Friends and family are invited to a potluck and celebration of Jack's life at 2:30 p.m. on July 8 at Smith Valley Grange Hall west of Kalispell.

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## Patrick David Meehan, 25

Patrick David Meehan, beloved son, brother, grandson, nephew, uncle, father, fiance and friend, 25, passed away at home on Aug. 6, 2017.

Patrick was born in Whitefish on Nov. 14, 1991, to David and Angie Meehan. He attended Whitefish High School and Flathead Valley Community College where he studied culinary arts.

He worked closely with Dave Sheeran for several years and managed Second Street Pizza South in Kalispell.

Patrick is survived by his mother Angie Meehan and father David Meehan; his sister Jenny Meehan (Douglas Sullenberger); brother Dustin Meehan (Jen, Logan and Liam); grandparents Raphael Salinas, Sharon Salinas and Verna Parks; fiancée Rachel Leavitt and daughter Eloise Meehan; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Mary Salinas and grand-

father James Patrick Meehan.

Those who knew Patrick can't think of him without hearing his infectious laugh. He would do anything to see his friends smile. His energy and work ethic was second to none. He always made sure to do everything to the best of his ability and was a natural at anything he set his mind to. He enjoyed basketball, playing guitar, anything music related, cooking and being surrounded by loved ones. Perhaps his greatest joy was being a father. Patrick adored Eloise with all of his heart. He passed down his high energy, laughter and sense of adventure to her and his legacy will live on through her.

Our Patrick was goofy, compassionate, brilliant and thoughtful. Our lives will never be the same, but we will always feel fortunate to have known and loved him and to know that he has found peace.

hope of the resurrection of lost loved ones. He continued this, as long as his health permitted. Many in the community remember Bud calling at their door with a Bible in his hand. But, he was probably most remembered for his informal or casual witnessing as he loved that best. He liked talking to anyone who came around and would listen to what he had to say about the Bible.

A few years after Joyce passed away, Bud started seeing Helen Lawrence from Kalispell. They soon fell in love and got married on July 13, 2002. They remained married for 14 years, until Helen recently passed away on Sept. 30, 2016.

Bud enjoyed traveling to many of the Kingdom Hall 'quick builds' where he would volunteer his time and

George Henry Meek and Ethel Marie (Nelson) Meek; three brothers, George "Pork" Meek and wife Shirley, Roy Meek and wife Judy and Gene Meek; two wives, Joyce L. Meek and Helen F. Meek; daughter, Amber L. Spence; son, Allen R. Meek, Jr.; granddaughters Lori A. Meek & Crystal J. Spence, and stepdaughter, Francine Smith.

Memorial services for Allen R. "Bud" Meek will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 100 Vista Drive (off Highway 35), Bigfork. Justin Beavers, an Elder from the Bigfork Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, will officiate.

Arrangements were made by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

17 Feb 2017

## Allen R. 'Bud' Meek, 87

Allen R. "Bud" Meek of Bigfork, passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 6, 2017 at the age of 87.

He was born on May 4, 1929 in Great Falls to his parents, George Henry Meek (of Barkingtown, England) and Ethel Marie (Nelson) Meek (of Great Falls).

Bud was educated in the Montana school system. Shortly thereafter, he met and married Joyce L. Lewis on April 26, 1947. They lived in Great Falls where they had three children, Allen R. Meek, Jr., Amber L. Meek and Richard R. Meek. They moved to Blue Bay, Montana in 1961. Bud soon after started to study the Bible with one of Jehovah's Witnesses and was baptized on Nov. 24, 1962. Bud and Joyce remained married for 52 years, until Joyce passed away on Sept. 5, 1999.

Bud had many different jobs, but they all revolved around his long time love of working on cars. He was a body and paint man who enjoyed working on damaged cars. He did body repair work for over 50 years and was very good at what he did. He took on some of the most difficult jobs, some that others wouldn't dare to tackle. He knew his trade well.

Though he worked hard at his job for many years, Bud also enjoyed his work in the ministry as a volunteer Bible student as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He would talk to others about the wonderful hope the Bible holds for the future, the many Bible truths he had learned, and about the

labor working. He especially loved working in the cooking trailer (cook shack) where he worked side by side with many of the friends who supplied meals for all of the volunteer workers in attendance. The association with his friends and the time meeting many new ones from other areas was also a highlight. He also enjoyed buying and selling used items and antiques. Over the years, he learned a lot about antiques.

Bud is survived by: his son Richard Meek and wife Donnie; two stepsons, David Lawrence, Jim Lawrence, Jr. and wife Debbie; former son-in-law Larce Spence; one step daughter, Heidi Currier and husband Jim; one sister-in-law, Barbara Meek; former daughter-in-law Nancy Meek; three grandchildren, Autumn Drey and husband Aaron; Britney (Meek) Fazekas and husband Kyler; Misty Thomas and husband Seth; two step-granddaughters, Kari Zavala and husband Roberto; Billie Roberts and husband Ryan; one great-granddaughter, Aries Fazekas; four great-grandsons, Cohen, Wyatt, Bodhi and Eli Drey; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Serena Zavala and Tyler Zavala, & Carson Heaton, Madeline Roberts and Parker Roberts; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Jade Heaton and Emilia Heaton. And many more recent stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; along with his nieces and nephews.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents,

## Roxanna Dorothy Marie Menish, 61

Roxanna Dorothy Marie Menish, 61, passed away unexpectedly on June 7, 2017.

She had been married to Brent Menish for 29 years and mother to two daughters and two granddaughters.

Born in Kalispell on Feb. 23, 1956, she was the daughter of Pastor Gerald and Genevieve Schulze. When she was growing up she attended school in College Place, Washington, Orofino, Idaho, Sandpoint, Idaho, and Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington. In 1980 she moved to Great Falls and she and her parents started Roxi's Rover Mobile Dog Grooming in 1981. It was the first business of its type in the state of Montana.

In 1988 she married her best friend and soul mate Brent Menish. In 1994 the business was sold and she relocated to Las Vegas. In 1997 she returned to Kalispell. In 1999 she began working as deli

manager at Village Greens Golf Course and worked there up until the time of her death.

She had many passions in her life. She loved to make beaded jewelry and silver jewelry, and enjoyed boating, painting,



drawing, woodwork- ing, fishing and spend- ing time with her grandbabies and dogs. She also

loved traveling and cruis- ing.

Her compassion for others will always be remembered. She always thought of and took care of others before herself. She was the glue that held everyone and every- thing together. She was strong,

direct, independent and a person that many people leaned upon in hard times. Her absence is greatly felt by many and her big family pro- ductions on holidays will also be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her brother Monte Schulze, her father Gerald Schulze, mother- in-law Gretchen Menish, and father-in-law Frank Menish.

Survivors include her husband Brent Menish, daughters Melina Murri and Magon Menish, moth- er Genevieve Schulze, sis- ters Melinda and Melanie Schulze, sisters and brothers-in-law Rebecca and August

Geryk and Deborah and Michael Menish,

granddaughters Genevieve Murri and Sophia Russell, and sons- in-law Michael Murri and Kevin Russell. She has many nieces and neph- ews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Village Greens Community Center locat- ed at 195 W. Nicholas in Kalispell. A small recep- tion will follow.

30 Aug 2017

## Elizabeth Jean 'Betty' Betty Meredith, 90

Betty Meredith, a lifelong resident of Anaconda, was born on June 6, 1927, and passed away on Oct. 14, 2017. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in the Anaconda community as well as her numerous family members. Betty graduated from Anaconda High School in 1945, where she was editor of the school yearbook and newspaper and was very active in many school activities.

Soon after graduation from high school, like many of her generation, she married at a young age. She and Robert Leroy "Bob" Meredith filled their home over the years with five active and healthy children. Attending the numerous activities their children were involved in, both Betty and Bob seldom missed a sporting activity.

Betty loved to play bridge and, with Bob, was active in the local and state square dancing scene. Betty was a lifelong member of the Anaconda Catholic community, past president of the Anaconda Garden Club, was a 4-H leader and enjoyed crossword puzzles, painting and crocheting. She was very proud of her Irish heritage and loved collecting and receiving gifts from Ireland.

Overall, Betty's greatest joy was spending time in the company of her family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Bob in 1980, and her parents James and Julia Fitzpatrick.

She is survived by her



five children and their spouses, Bob and Sue Meredith of Anaconda, Jim and Karan

Meredith of Spokane, Brenda and Randy Dorrington of Kalispell, Dave and Cathy Meredith of Kalispell, and Carolyn and Wayne Boese of Spokane. Betty was proud of her 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Holy Family Church in Anaconda. Interment will occur after the service at Mount Olivet Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Holy Family Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Community Nursing Home of Anaconda, 615 Main Street, Anaconda, Mt., would be appreciated.

17 Oct 2017

## Annabel 'Ann' Messing, 93

Annabel "Ann" Messing, 93, passed away Jan. 22, 2017, at the BeeHive Home in Columbia Falls.

She was born to Sedrick and Vera Portner Landreth in Freeport, Illinois, where she grew up. She graduated from Freeport High School and completed two years at Illinois State University in Normal.

Like many of her generation, her college years were cut short by World War II. She left college to marry Marvin "Skeez" Messing, days before he joined the Navy. While Skeez was in the Pacific, Ann worked for Kraft Foods. She often told the story about while working at Kraft, she misplaced an entire boxcar of cheese and the mystery was never solved. After the war, Ann and Skeez settled in Freeport where they raised two daughters, Pam and Kris.



Ann had diverse interests. She worked as a buyer and book-keeper for the family business, Messing and Becker Sporting Goods. She loved fishing for white bass and crappie on Lake Wisconsin. Involvement in her community was important to her. She volunteered for years as a "Pink Lady" at the hospital and helped organize the first polio vaccination clinic in Freeport. During the '60s she was active in the Civil Rights Movement. Ann belonged to a P.E.O., Philanthropic Educational Organization, chapter in Freeport and also loved singing in the choir at her church, Grace Episcopal.

Ann and Skeez retired

to Whitefish to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. In her new home, Ann again dedicated her time to her church, Holy Nativity in Whitefish, and later Christ Church Episcopal, Kalispell. She helped found the Touch of Grace free medical clinic in Kalispell and scheduled workers during its initial years. Ann loved a variety of needlework ... crewel, knitting, needlepoint. The Christmas stockings designed by Skeez and stitched by Ann for her three grandchildren are petit point masterpieces. She also expressed her creativity through rose-maling and gardening. She opened her heart and home to an endless parade of wildlife brought home by her family.

She endured a bullfrog in the dining room, a skunk and raccoon in

her antique pump organ, a crow in the hall closet and snakes hibernating in the basement. In order to feed this menagerie, she developed the uncanny skill of stalking katydids without a flashlight.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Skeez, and sister Kay Landreth Dotlich.

She is survived by daughters, Pam Messing Hughes (Dick) of Whitefish, and Kris Messing of Stevensville; and grandchildren, Brennan and Spencer Hughes and Lindsay Dalby. She is also survived by two beloved exchange student daughters, Hiroko Nakamura of Tokyo and Marta Dantas of Sao Carlos, Brazil.

A private family service will be held in the spring.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell is handling the arrangements.

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