

Katherine Padgett Naive, 84

Katherine Padgett Naive, 84, died at home Nov. 12, 2017, surrounded by her loving family.

Kathy began her life in Ottawa Hills, Ohio, and at age 14 moved with her family to La Jolla, California. She attended Occidental College and received her Master of Arts degree from Stanford University.

In her marriage to Joel A. Naive, they begat three children, and an electronics test equipment company, Wavetek. She

was the supportive force behind the success of this innovative enterprise.

She and Joel moved to Bigfork where she became an avid native plant gardener and advocate. Kathy designed and knit beautiful Aran cabled sweaters, socks and extraordinary children's clothing. She energetically supported her eldest daughter in her various business ventures. She was a wonderful Katy (Don't ever call her grandma) to Vanessa,

Jemison and Connor.

Many were enriched by her wry wit (no doubt attributable to her Wit heritage), intelligence, vast knowledge, and keen interest in political affairs.

Her true acceptance of others gave many a connection that will be missed. Her exceptional parenting was deeply appreciated by Greg, Mary Jo and Jill, who adored her. She was longtime friend of Bill and Lois Wilson, and lived

one day at a time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Montana Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 8783 Missoula, MT 59807.

A celebration of her life will be held in the spring when the wildflowers bloom.

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

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22 Feb 2017
Donald James Nelson, 69

Donald James Nelson, 69, of Whitefish, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, on Feb. 17, 2017, from complications following a motor vehicle accident in Thailand.

Don was born in Scobey to Wilfred Nelson and Ruth (Tande) Nelson. His family moved to Whitefish in 1947 and purchased the Marshall Wells hardware store, now Nelson's Ace Hardware. They resided in the apartment above the store while Don was growing up, and spent summers in their cabin on Whitefish Lake. Don graduated from Whitefish High School in 1965 and attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. He married Laura Hovland of Duluth, Minnesota, in 1968 and graduated from Concordia with a degree in chemistry in 1969. He was then commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Naval Air Force, and attended flight training in Pensacola, Florida, serving as a navigator in a P-3 Orion submarine surveillance squadron until 1974.

He returned home to Whitefish to partner with his brother Rick in operating the family hardware store until his retirement in 2005. He began traveling and developed a love for the infectious smiles and colorful cultures of places such as Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, India, Thailand and Myanmar. For the past twelve years, he operated a trekking and import business which allowed him to share his passion for the cultures he visited. He was a gifted photographer who used his talents to raise funds to benefit the people he met in his extensive travels.

Don was an active Whitefish community member. He served as a founding member of the downtown advocacy group, the Heart of Whitefish, and was instrumental in the development of the Downtown Master Plan. He served on the Whitefish City Council from 1998 to 2002



friends with ease. He made the best of his time. He was always up for an adventure, be it on rivers, lakes or hiking in Glacier Park, the Beartooth mountains, or trekking in Nepal. He loved skinning up the mountain and riding his bike with friends, and on more than one occasion he surprised a bear along the way. He served as a volunteer backcountry ranger in Glacier National Park last summer, sharing his love and extensive knowledge of the outdoors.

He is survived by daughter Jennifer Golan and her husband Alon of Columbia Falls, son Chris Nelson and his wife Christy of Whitefish; grandchildren Noah and Kai Golan of Columbia Falls, and Sierra and Olivia Nelson of Whitefish; older sisters Yvonne Bradford, of Missoula, and Lana Nelson, of Columbia Falls, and younger brother Rick Nelson and his wife Marilyn of Whitefish; former wife Laura Cherrington of White Salmon, Washington, and numerous members of his extended family and friends the world over. Don will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in the Continental Divide room at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish. Please come and celebrate Don's life. There will be a display of his photography and slides of his adventure travels. Don was a fierce advocate for and supporter of the people of Nepal and a memorial fund has been established to continue this legacy. Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made at the Whitefish Credit Union to

Don was an amazing father, grandfather, brother and friend. He had a smile for everyone, helped out without hesitation, and made

14 Sep 2017
Michael 'Mick' B. Nelson, 70

Michael "Mick" B. Nelson, 70, of Eureka, passed away at his home surrounded by his daughter and son-in-law on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, due to a seven-year battle with cancer.

He was born Dec. 13, 1946, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Grant and Elaine (Helburg) Nelson. Mick grew up and attended school in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School with the Class of 1964, remaining close to many of his classmates throughout the years.

He attended college in Billings for two years and then returned to Eureka to work, where he was drafted into the United States Army.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Mick returned to Eureka where he went to work for his father who owned Kooconusa Plumbing & Electric. Mick obtained his Master Plumbing License in 1973 and his Master Electrical License in 1979. Mick apprenticed many employees that worked for him. He never stopped helping or teaching people in the community. He was a vast of information and stories. Mick never retired; he wanted to stay connected with people, and he still had stories to tell. He was a Eureka volunteer firefighter for 25 years.

Mick enjoyed the activities that Northwest Montana offered. He liked hunting, camping,



boating, beer, fishing, four wheeling, storytelling and his finding a great swimming hole, drives with his buddy Dave Hull, and spend-

ing time in the outdoors.

Survivors include his children, Bonnie Nelson-Conard (Donald) and grandchildren Mickayla and Madyson of Eureka; Grant Nelson (Becky) of Burley, Idaho; Misty Kintz (Ted) of Oregon; and Chad Yatch of Billings; his sister, Dianne Schermerhorn (Dexter), of Eureka; and ex-wife, Patsy Smith.

Graveside services for Mick will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Immediately following will be a great storytelling opportunity at the Abayance Bay Resort on Lake Kooconusa. All friends and family are invited to share stories. Please come and enjoy a luncheon and share stories. Hamm's Special Light Beer is welcome.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Tavia Jo Nesbit, 4 months

Tavia Jo Nesbit "received her angel wings" on Friday, April 21, 2017, just a short four months after she came into the world.

On Dec. 21, 2016, Melinda Deneault and Tyler Nesbit welcomed their beautiful identical twin girls into the world. They were 12 weeks early. Tavia was born first; she weighed 1 pound, 5 ounces and she was 12 inches long. Her sister Taylor came shortly after, weighing 1 pound, 9 oz. These amazing little girls were born at 28 weeks; we knew it was going to be a fight for them both. They began their journey in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Tavia went through three surgeries in her short four months in the NICU; she fought the whole time. The NICU nurses say she



doctors for loving our little princess so much and taking such great care of her while she was with us!

On April 21 at 1:43 p.m. we lost our little Tavia Jo Nesbit to our Lord, a short two days after her last surgery. She is missed by so many and has touched so many lives and filled so many hearts with love and joy. Tavia Jo, you are loved by so many and we are all so glad we got to know you for the short four months that you joined us here on earth.

"We will see you again, when we can join you resting peacefully in the arms of our heavenly

was the strongest little fighter they have ever seen. Thank you so much to all of her nurses and

father. You are forever in our hearts!

Tavia has joined other angels from our family in heaven."

Tavia Jo Nesbit is survived by her twin sister Taylor Lea Nesbit who will always remind us how precious life is. She is also survived by her mother and father Melinda Deneault and Tyler Nesbit, her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, all of whom love and miss her dearly.

"There is no footprint so small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world."

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at Lawrence Park in Kalispell.

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

2 May 2017

Carlton Nestegard, 101

Carlton Nestegard passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 at 3 a.m. at the Brendan House in Kalispell at the age of 101 years and three months.

Carlton Sylvester Nestegard was born Sept. 10, 1916 in Fillmore, North Dakota to Sander Knute and Christina Mari (Torgerson) Nestegard.

Carlton came to the Flathead Valley in 1936 and worked for the C.C.C. building roads. He then went to work for the Forest Service in 1938 in Olney where he met Nita Josephine Nelson. They were married Oct. 15, 1938 in Kalispell and spent the first winter as custodians of the Forest Service Camp, 11 miles north-east of Olney, snowshoeing in and out during the winter. He worked in the woods and as a mechanic most of his life until retirement.

During World War II, they moved to Renton, Washington where he worked in the ship yards as a machinist. They moved back to Kalispell in 1942 where their first son, Gary Carlton Nestegard, was born on Jan. 8, 1942. Their second son Larry Jackie Nestegard, was born Oct. 17, 1945.

He was preceded in death by his parents; younger brother, Sander



Charles Nestegard; half-brothers, Louis Sander Bernard Nestegard, Burnell Olson; his

oldest son, Gary; wife, Nita; and great-grandson, Tyler.

Carlton is survived by half brother, Donald Lee Nestegard and wife Pat; sister-in-law, Elaine Nestegard and sister-in-law, Rosland Olson; his son, Larry and wife Maren of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Jewel Henneman and husband Bob of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Chris and wife Kim Nestegard, Tim Nestegard and LaSenna, and Allison Hawes and husband Todd; five great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren, and many, many friends.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel at 1380 Whitefish Stage in Kalispell. A funeral will follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

27 Dec 2017

Opal Marian Daley Newell, 89

Opal Marian Daley Newell passed away peacefully at Billings Clinic, Billings, on May 11, 2017, surrounded by her family.

Opal was born April 15, 1928, in Whitefish to Carl Alfred Daley and Benora Vigen Daley. Opal spent her early childhood on the family farm with her five surviving older brothers (three died in infancy), one older sister and one younger brother. At age 12, Opal and her family moved to Kalispell where she attended and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1946.

On Sept. 11, 1948, Opal was united in marriage to James Swaney Newell. They started a family and had four children. In 1959, Jim and Opal moved their young family to Billings where Jim began a career in real estate.

Opal was a wonderful, loving, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. During the early years, Opal spent most of her time and attention caring for her young family. She had many talents. She was an excellent seamstress, providing beautifully handmade clothing for her family and homemade pajamas every year at Christmas time for her grandchildren. She also knitted and crocheted many afghans and sweaters. Birthdays were always celebrated with special homemade cakes skillfully decorated with floral designs and the person's name on their cake. She actively supported her children in school and their activities outside of school. Opal also enjoyed yard work and gardening, growing much of her own vegetables in the summer.

When Opal's children were older, she often worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for different businesses in the Billings area. She also found time to religiously exercise, spend time with grandchildren, play bridge with friends, and



complete the daily crossword puzzle in the paper. Jim and Opal were very socially connected to and support-

ed their community as lifetime members of the Elks Club. They were married for 62 years.

Opal is survived by her four children, James (Leta) of Billings, Thomas (Debra) of Glendive, Janice (Jim) Harris of Billings, and Rebecca (Rod) Horst of Laurel; two brothers, Jim Daley and Carl Daley of Kalispell; one sister, Betty Neal, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, as well as 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Opal was preceded in

death by her husband Jim, her parents, six brothers, and her daughter-in-law Cindy Newell.

Graveside services and interment will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 9, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Billings. A luncheon will follow noon at McCormick Cafe, 2419 Montana Ave.

The family would like to thank TenderNest Assisted Living for the wonderful care they gave Opal while she lived there.

Memorials in Opal's name may be given to the Elk's Club or a charity of one's choice.

Smith Funeral Chapels is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be shared online at smithfuneralchapels.com.

3 Jun 2017

Michael Lee Newgard, 68

Michael "Mike" Lee Newgard was born July 12, 1948, to Leland and Neva Jones Newgard in St. Ignatius. He grew up and attended schools in Polson, graduating from Polson High School in 1966.

After graduating from high school he attended Northern Montana College before enlisting in the Army. He served in Korea. There he married a young Korean woman named Son Cha "Sonny." After being discharged they



died in infancy. In the late '70s they sold the store and Mike reenlisted in the Army

and was stationed at several bases in the U.S. In 1986 Mike's wife Sonny passed away. After leaving the Army he worked in the public sector. For the last several years he lived in Great Falls before moving to Troy, Alabama, to be closer to his sons.

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On Feb. 1, 2017, Mike "passed to the other side," his family by his side, after valiantly fighting cancer.

Mike's memory is cher-

ished by his sons, Shawn (Cass) of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Aaron (Kim) of Troy, Alabama, and a stepson B.J. of Boise, Idaho; his grandchildren; his sister, Kathy Newgard Gipe Barber, of Lakeside; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins; and many friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Disabled American Veterans.

A celebration of Mike's life will be planned for this coming spring.

11 Feb 2017

Sue Nicholson, 69

On April 14, 2017, Good Friday, at 6:43 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, Sue Nicholson died at the age of 69. She passed gently in the company of her friends and family in her home, the way she wanted to.

Born Ina Sue Werner in 1947 in Wichita, Kansas, she was the youngest child of Cleve and Ruth Werner.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents Cleve and Ruth Werner, brother Cleve C. Werner Jr., nephew Timothy Werner, and niece Tammy Werner Leitschuck.

She is survived by her husband Stan Ogdahl, brother Vernon "Buddy" (wife) Linda Werner, son Charles (wife) Teddi Johnson, daughter Lorrie Smith, grandchildren Jacob, Rachael and Sean (wife) Laua'e, and great-grandson Noa.

She did not have an easy life and worked with her hands and mind to better herself and her situation. She was one of the first women to rise from the production floor of Boeing Aircraft to project planning and engineering. She did so by putting herself through school working full time

and taking night classes and still finding time to provide for two children as a single mother.

Sue would be the first to tell you she was no saint. She battled a life of addiction and alcohol entering a clean and sober life in 1983. From that point on she made it her life's work to help others out of addiction. For Sue there were no strays not worthy of her help, whether two legs or four. She believed in tough love, sometimes painfully so. She was instrumental in improving the lives of many with her experience, strength and faith.

She shared her passion and faith openly so others could come to know our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sue will be greatly missed but her spirit and tenacity will live through those she left behind and we honor her memory by paying it forward each day.

A celebration of life will be held in her home at noon Sunday, April 23, (418 Sixth Ave W. Kalispell).

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

19 Apr 2017

William 'Bill' Nickel, 60

William "Bill" Nickel, 60, passed away from a heart condition Thursday, April 20, 2017.

He was born Feb. 24, 1957, to Alice (Holzbach) and Bill Nickel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Bill grew up in Wisconsin, where he met Cheryl, the love of his life, during high school. After they were married, they vacationed in Montana where they instantly fell in love with the beauty of the area, and decided this is where they wanted to raise their family. Following their move to the Flathead Valley, they were blessed with their two children, Levi in 1983 and Sasha Rose in 1987.

Bill spent his career in construction. His incredible expertise included welding, woodworking, drywall, and painting. For the past several years, he had been the proud owner of his own painting business.

Bill's mission in life was to help others. His passion for this was evident through his selfless giving and volunteering. He spent three decades as a fireman within the Flathead Valley, starting out with Smith Valley Fire Department, and then devoting most of the time to the Creston Fire Department. He was a big brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and more recently he mentored many people through his incredible talent as a woodworker. He shared his woodworking knowledge as a member of Glacier Woodturners and with fellow woodworkers at Flathead High School.



campfire, especially with his wife and family. His quick smile and contagious laugh will

be missed dearly.

Bill played an irreplaceable role in his son and daughter-in-law's lives. He contributed greatly in all aspects, including renovations, projects, building trailers, and assisting with Glacier Shave Ice. He was a best friend to them both and selflessly gave his time and advice whenever needed.

Bill was preceded in death by an infant daughter Sasha Rose, his parents Alice and Bill Nickel, his father-in-law Richard Houdek, his younger brother John Nickel, and his brother-in-law Joe Houdek.

Bill is survived by his wife Cheryl (Houdek) Nickel, his son Levi, his daughter-in-law Sarah (Blevins) Nickel, his granddaughters Madison Rose and Makena'Lei Sophia, his siblings Bruce (Nancy) Nickel, Mary (Jeff) Ames, Ben (Laura) Nickel, Chuck (Rebecca) Nickel, Julie (Paul) Einsiedel, his sister-in-law Linda Nickel, his mother-in-law Monica Houdek, Cheryl's siblings Cathy (Bob) Kasten, Patty (Tony) Zulli, Jerry (Alicia) Houdek, John (Susan) Houdek, Mary (Alan) Lane, Judy (Mike) Olguin, Jim Houdek, Therese (Mark) Joanis, sister-in-law Penny Houdek and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

29 Apr 2017

As an integral member of the Mountain Brook Homestead Foundation, he spearheaded the renovation of the historic school. In addition to all the organizations he volunteered with, he shared his love by being eager to lend a hand or an ear to any friend, neighbor, or community member. He was a role model and mentor to many, and a countless number of people consider him their best friend.

Bill loved spending time outdoors. He enjoyed playing softball, coaching soccer, hiking, cross country skiing, sledding, snowboarding, walking, and sitting around a

Bill deeply touched the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. In the words of his granddaughters, "We were so blessed to have him" as our dear, loving, and caring husband, father, grandfather, and friend. If you wish to honor Bill, please continue the chain of love by lending a hand to others, as he so enjoyed doing.

A gathering to celebrate Bill and his life will be held at a later time this spring.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send notes of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalo-hillfh.com.

Raymond 'Ray' Nicklaus, 86

Raymond "Ray" "Gramps" Nicklaus, 86, "rode off into the sunset on his favorite horse" on Nov. 26, 2017, surrounded by his family.

Ray was born in Elgin, North Dakota, on Oct. 18, 1931.

Ray was a loving husband, father and grandfather; he cherished his family dearly.

Ray proudly served his country in the Korean



War. On Aug. 25, 1954, Ray married Janette Karlin. Together they had six children, Don (Cathy) Nicklaus, Joan (Robin)

McElrath, Betty (Donny) Wilhelm, Cheryl (Carl) Nelson, Karen (Leonard) Wilkey and Randy Nicklaus. As a result, Ray had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Ray worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company plant for 32 years.

Ray and Janette resided in the Flathead Valley until 2003 when they

moved to Valier.

Ray is survived by his wife Janette, and their children, and his sisters Irene Eggers, Deloris (Leo) Schneider, Arlene Arnth, and Violet (Neil) Monson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Ray is being cremated. Services will be determined at a later date.

18 Dec 2017

Scott R. Nieboer, 55

Scott R. Nieboer, of Nashville, Tennessee, beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend, passed away unexpectedly on April 25, 2017, at his cottage on Flathead Lake.

Scott was born Aug. 14, 1961 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Robert and Carol Nieboer. In 1963 his parents moved to Kalispell and Montana became his home. In 1979 he graduated from Flathead High School where he played saxophone in the band and lettered in tennis. He received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1982 from Montana State University, and his master's degree in business administration from Vanderbilt University's Owen's Business School in 1986.

Scott had a very successful career in the global financial markets. He was employed by Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York City; J.C. Bradford & Co. in Nashville; 5th Market, a company he founded; and Curtiswood Capital where he was a founding partner.

In 2015 Scott became an investor in commercial real estate and spent



much of his free time in Montana and Canada where he loved to ski, hunt, fish, hike and spend

time with family. Most recently he took a trip to Australia where he dove in the Great Barrier Reef and fly fished streams in Tasmania.

Scott was preceded in death by his wife Alden Tucker Nieboer in 2009.

He is survived by his parents; wife Polly Nelson, whom he married in 2016; son Case Nieboer, a student at the University of Chicago; sister Julie Nygaard (Ken) of Ridgefield WA; brother Gary Nieboer (Heidi) of Salt Lake City, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held in Nashville at Vanderbilt University Benton Chapel May 1. A celebration of life service will be held in the Flathead Valley this summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

4 Mar 2017 Betty Jo Smith Nock, 94

Betty Jo Smith Nock, 94, left this world Monday evening, Feb. 20, 2017, with her daughters, Royann, Elaine and Carole by her side.

Betty Jo was born in Sullivan County Missouri to Laura and John Smith. One year later Betty was joined by her younger sister Virginia Ann. The family moved to Denver when Betty Jo was 4 years old. She completed her education, graduating from North High School in Denver.

She married Roy Nock in 1941 and was part of the "greatest generation" during World War II.

Betty Jo received "Jesus Christ as her Savior" and was baptized at the age of 12. Betty Jo loved the lord, his church and fellow followers of Christ. She was a life-long learner, applying herself to bible study and reading. Her love of good books remained all 94 years of her life. She was distressed when her eyesight began to fail and reading was no longer an option but Betty persisted and spent many hours listening to books on tape.

Betty and Roy made their home in Denver until they moved to Montana in 1964. Having been a working cowboy's wife following the war years it was nothing new to live on their small farm with horses, cattle and other creatures. She



"a really good horse." which was quite an admission as she wasn't as generous

in describing all the other horses.

Betty and Roy sold their farm near Whitefish and moved to a home in the Northridge area of Kalispell in 1978. As empty nesters mom and dad entertained their friends from Bethel Baptist Church and the community, with mom keeping notes of recipes, dates of events and guests in attendance.

After Roy passed away in 2010, Betty Jo moved to Buffalo Hills Terrace in 2011. Betty greatly appreciated the staff who took good care of her during her final years.

Betty Jo is survived by three daughters, Royann (Norb) Cygan of Castle Pines, Colorado, Elaine Nock of Beaverton, Oregon, and Carole (Jon) Poe of Billings. She is also survived by a son, Gary (Dawn) Nock of Ephrata, Washington. Betty is also survived by eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Interment has been held at Conrad Cemetery.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill

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7 May 2017

John T. Noonan, 81

Dr. John T. Noonan passed away on April 13, 2017, at the Cascades of the Sierras in Reno, Nevada, where he lived for seven years.

The son of Thomas Harold Noonan and Marie Carey Noonan, Jack was born in Butte on June 16, 1935. He attended St. Patrick's school, Boys Central High School and Carroll College.

A 1959 graduate of Creighton University School of Dentistry, he practiced his profession in Great Falls for 40 years. With kindness and concern he included in his practice special needs patients including those in Boulder.

He served in the United States Air Force at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska, where he was head of dependent dental care. He experienced some



there.

He was a member of the Western Regional Board of Dentistry and served as president for two years. He was also a member of the Montana Board of Dentistry.

An active charter member of Saints Peter and Paul parish, he participated in the development of the new parish and school.

Jack enjoyed life and was always enthusiastic about having fun! He provided many joyful experiences for his fami-

exciting rides with bush pilots as he was flown into remote areas to care for the dental needs of personnel stationed

ly — skiing, golfing and spending time at their place on Swan Lake. Riding his Goldwing motorcycle was also a favorite activity. He had a passion for travel and he made every trip an adventure!

He was married to Carol Hughes Noonan from 1961 to 2005.

Survivors include his brother, the Rev. Robert C. Noonan, of Missoula; son, Dr. David Noonan (Mary), of Jeffersonville, Indiana; daughters, Elaine Messerli of Reno, Marilyn Noonan of Kalispell, Kathleen Putnam of Seattle, and Jennifer McKibbin (Scott) of Seattle; grandchildren, Ryan Messerli, Amanda Roubo, Kristie Messerli, Matthew Messerli and Michael Messerli, all of Reno, and Hope Putnam of Seattle; and three great-grandchildren, Hailley, Payton

and Noah Messerli of Reno.

Services will be held at noon on June 16 at Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Missoula, followed by a reception.

There will be a celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 18 at Del's Bar in Somers.

Memorials are welcome to the Swan View Coalition, 3165 Foothill Road Kalispell MT 59901.

Sandra J. Nordahl, 71

Sandra J. Nordahl, 71, passed away at home in Eureka on July 3, 2017.

She was born on May 18, 1946, in Powers Lake, North Dakota. She was raised on the family farm, raising horses and cattle.

Sandra was a professional barrel racer and horse trainer, and a self-taught artist with paintings that are displayed in the Canadian cowboys' Hall of Fame.

Sandra fought a courageous battle with cancer for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Erma Blikre; her and her sister, Jackie Blikre, formerly of Powers Lake.

She is survived by her biggest supporter, Jean Nordahl, her husband; her sister, Sharon Jensen, of Fargo, North Dakota; her daughter, Tamra Engle, of Eureka; her



stepdaughters, Faith Weed of Kalispell and Kara Cooley of Eureka; and four grandchil-

dren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Goodman and his oncology staff for their excellent care.

The family would also like to thank Frontier Hospice for their excellent care and allowing Sandi to fulfill her final wishes. Thank you, Kim.

Cremation will be handled by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby, to be followed by a memorial service at a later date.

Any donations may be made to your local animal shelter on Sandra's behalf.

12 Jul 2017

Betty D. 'B.J.' Johnson Norem

Betty D. "B.J." Johnson Norem, of Creston, peacefully passed away on March 22, 2017, in Kalispell.

Born to Ole A. and Mae Johnson in Scobey, the family moved to the Flathead Valley where she was raised on farms near Kalispell. Betty graduated from Flathead High School and attended the University of Arizona. Upon returning to Montana, she worked as a teller at Conrad Bank in Kalispell, where she met her husband, A.J. They married in 1953 and lived in Kalispell, Bigfork and Creston.

Betty lived with enthusiasm and was involved in many local organizations. She was one of the first women in Montana to own her own real estate brokerage, Montana Properties. In the course of over 50 years as real estate broker and Realtor, she left her imprint on the development of the valley. Included in her many transactions were placement of the Circle K stores and the first Wendy's restaurant. Her peers of the Flathead Board of Realtors honored her by electing her to terms as secretary, vice president and president in 1960s. She was elected to the board of directors for the Montana Board of Realtors, where she served two terms from 1969 to 1972. In addition to real estate, Betty co-owned



the Arts.

Betty served on the board for Flathead County Youth Guidance and was, for many years, an active member of Toastmistress Club and the Eastside Grange. She was instrumental in bringing the first senior care facility to Bigfork.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arden J. "A.J." Norem on March 1, 1997, and her brother, Arthur Johnson.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Alice Cramer, Connie and husband Lee Conrad of Kalispell, Sharon Johnson of Louisiana, Kenneth and wife Angelina Johnson of Arizona, Duane and wife Eileen Johnson, Muriel and husband Rob Ridnour and Gary Johnson of Washington. She adored her many nieces and nephews.

Aside from family, she had great love for the picturesque Flathead Valley and, in particular, Creston, where she and Arden raised their two girls on a small farm. She accomplished so much in life, but she would say the proudest

auctions with local artists and she was a strong supporter of the Hockaday Center for

moments of her life were with her daughters, Linda and Kathi. Betty is also survived by daughter Kathleen Norem and Jeff VerHoef of Seattle, and daughter and son-in-law Linda and Irv Burnham of Bigfork, grandson Aric J. Burnham and wife, Brittany, and granddaughter Aryn M. Burnham.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 27, at the Bigfork Chapel, 290 Swan Highway, Bigfork. Prior to the funeral, viewing will be at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on Sunday, March 26,

from 2 to 4 p.m. and Monday, March 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. Betty will be interred at Fairview Cemetery, beside her late husband Arden at 11:30 a.m. Monday March 27.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her name to Conrad Mansion Museum, 330 Woodland Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Creston Fire Fighters Association, 4498 Montana Highway 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

a clothing boutique, The New Vintage, in downtown Kalispell and, since 1965, farmed in Creston with her husband.

Never shy about politics, Betty ran for the House of Representatives in 1976. Although she lost the final election, it was the one of the closest races in Montana history. She went on to lend support to the Montana Federation of Republican Women.

Philanthropy was a priority in her life. She was an active member of P.E.O., Eastern Star, Soroptimist club, and attended Bigfork Chapel. She and her family actively worked to raise substantial initial funds to restore the Conrad Mansion. For many years, she sat on the Conrad Mansion board, and donated hundreds of hands-on hours toward the mansion's restoration and opening to the public. She loved the arts and spent many hours coordinating charity art

Justin Edward Novak, 31
Rose Mari Novak, 33

Justin was born July 31, 1986, in Santa Clarita, California, and Rose was born Oct. 18, 1984, in Ventura, California. Justin and Rose were married in Cambria, California on Jan. 21, 2006, and died together in a tragic car accident on Nov. 21, 2017.

Together they enjoyed many adventures, due to their missionary spirit, preaching as Jehovah's Witnesses in American Samoa, Morelia, Mexico and Guyana, South America. They were saving up for and excitedly planning for their next trip to Botswana.

They have touched so many hearts with their love and zeal for Jehovah. We will miss them terribly and look forward to the time promised at John 5:28 when "those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". Then we will be able to welcome them into the paradise that they so strongly believed



in and so zealously taught others about. It is then that as 1 Corinthians 15:26 says "...the last

enemy death is to be brought to nothing".

They are survived by Rose's parents Neal and Sarah Bahrman of Bakersfield, California, and her sister Alyssa and Aaron Brown of Rohnert Park, California. Justin is survived by his parents Dale and Angela Novak of Kalispell and his sisters Sasha and Jim Hass of Columbia Falls, Christina and Eduardo Batz of Totonicapan, Guatamala, Hannah and Anelisa of Kalispell. They also have some surviving grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

All are invited to a memorial service at at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Fairbridge Inn and Suites (Outlaw Inn).

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