

Dorothy Lorraine (Kirk) Rabidue-Freich, 96

Dorothy Lorraine (Kirk) Rabidue-Freich, 96, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2017, at Regency Vista in Evegreen, with her daughter by her side.

Dorothy was born on July 21, 1920, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to John and Loda (Westland) Kirk. She attended school in Spearfish and received her certificate on May 29, 1935.

Dorothy's first marriage to Woodrow Rabidue resulted in four children, Carl, Mae, Marjorie Holmes, Larry and Robert. In later years she married Loren "Bud" Freich, who had four children, LaDonna, Vonzell, Vernell and Wayne.

After raising her family, she became a member of the Whiterisk Moose Lodge and granny club. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, beadwork, and anything else crafty. She and Bud enjoyed camping and fishing with friends. Dorothy loved to cook and bake. Her favorite color was purple. She loved collecting black and white cows and will always be remembered for her many different earrings, many of which she made herself.

Dorothy was preceded



In death by her parents, Woodrow and Bud, two sisters, one brother,

daughter Carol Mae, granddaughter Jennifer Williams, grandson Bill Rabidue, son-in-law Kip Holmes, and stepdaughters LaDonna and Vonzell Freich.

Dorothy is survived by her sister Marjorie Ann Fluck, sister-in-law Ruth Kirk, children Larry and Kelly (Shane, Larry Allen, Jerry, Wanda, Carol Mae, and Hunter); Marjorie Holmes (Jim Lynch, Clifford Holmes, Sheryl and Jimmy Williams, and Wayne); Bob and Betty Rabidue (Chales and Kevin, Braman, and Eryan and Karen Reed); Debra and Scott Raebel, Jack Role and family, Vernell and Cliff Schillinger and family and many great-great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held Wednesday, June 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Columbia. Mortuary is caring for Dorothy's family.

Charles Ludvik "Chuck" Racicot passed away from esophageal cancer on Wednesday, June 29, 2017, at his home in Libby. Chuck was born to Johanna "June" Ludvikson Racicot and Victor Racicot on March 4, 1935, six minutes after the birth of his twin brother James.

Chuck grew up in Libby and attended Libby Public Schools. In 1959 he and his brother Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After he was honorably discharged in 1966, Chuck lived in Little Rock, Arkansas, where



he met and married June Barrett. They had one son, Greg. They later divorced. When Chuck returned to Montana, he met Sharon Brown, the love of his life. In 1988, they left Libby in the middle of a snowstorm in December and slipped and slid all the way to the California border. They settled in San Jose, California, where they married and lived for the next 20 years.

A lifelong Democrat, Chuck was a life member of the Libby Masonic Lodge No. 85 and also a member of the Kootenai Valley Stampers Club. Ever a supporter of the blue-colored worker, Chuck was proud to be a member of the AFL-CIO, Local 1334. During his 25 years with the union, he worked not only on a variety of Montana's large building projects but also on major works in the San Diego area. He then became a Realtor. In recent years, Chuck had a small golf business where he provided clubs for both

beginners and seasoned golfers. In 2000, Chuck and Sharon became snowbirds, spending their summers in Libby and winters in San Jose. Chuck had a passion for golf and was an avid golfer. Many memories found him playing golf on one of his favorite courses, the Cabinet View Golf Club in Libby. Even when Chuck was not playing a round, his red golf cart could be seen going from green to green as he repaired divots and picked up broken golf tees.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Tony Reid and Dr. Danny Simpson, Chuck's oncologist and radiologist, at UCSD Moores Cancer Center in San Diego, for their excellent care and loving attention and to thank Hospice of Libby also for their support during the last weeks.

His parents, his sister Lorraine, and his twin brother Jim preceded him in death. Chuck is survived by his wife Sharon, his son Greg (Nancy) Lexington, Kentucky, his brother David Stephenson (Carole Anne) Libby, sister Linda Bradley (Gene) Libby, and

numerous nieces and nephews. At Chuck's request, no formal services are planned. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Stryders Hospitals for Children - Spokane, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204, the Kootenai Pets for Life, P.O. Box 1454, Libby, MT 59223, or the Cabinet View Golf Course Equipment Fund, P.O. Box 1562, Libby, MT 59223.

Chuck's ever-present smile and unique Racicot sense of humor will be missed.

6 Jun 2017

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Doreen L. Harper Raddatz, 76

"My mom, Doreen L. Harper Raddatz, was a beautiful redhead with a personality and presence that people loved and were attracted to. She was born in Sunburst, Montana, to James and Ernestine Harper. The family moved to Whitehall and then to Lima, where small town living and access to ranch life helped her in discovering many God-given talents in which she shined, sharing them to the generations that followed.

My mom was quite athletic. She started riding horses at the age of 2 and in no time she was a talented horseman. She told me that she would ride her horse up and down the dirt roads as fast as she could go. She was fearless. When my mom was married to Alan Raddatz and had her dream home on 20 acres complete with a barn and riding arena, she loved to ride her little Arab horse Western style. After watching her ride I knew why she became the rodeo queen in high school! She was also a fast runner and won many ribbons in track and field.

While growing up my mom spent hours in the kitchen helping her mother cook, can, freeze and make homemade preserves. It was a lot of responsibility, but it gave her many valuable skills that she used later in life. When they were first married and living in Lakeview, my mom cooked for the hired men while raising three little girls. In the 1980s she went to North Pole and Seward, Alaska, with her husband Al. Both summers were spent cooking three meals a day for the crew who worked for Chris Berg Construction. Everyone loved my mom's home-style cooking.



school studies. Doreen was an excellent student. She was valedictorian of her

1958 graduating class and earned a scholarship to the University of Montana. After graduating she went to work at the State Capital in Helena. She loved politics and speech and debate so this was a perfect job for her. Had she stayed on that path she probably would have been a congresswoman, but instead she married her high school sweetheart, Alan Raddatz, and moved to Lakeview where they started a family. When she was done raising us girls, my mom went back to school at the age of 45. She made the dean's list and a 4.0 grade point average while graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the U of M! She went to work for H&R Block and people loved her. Business and taxes proved to be her thing and she was a successful tax preparer for more than 25 years.

In 1967, my dad took a job in Whitefish at the Big Mountain to be a ski instructor. My mom, Doreen, also went to work on the Big Mountain in the Ski Shop. With a sense of business, people skills and an eye for fashion, she thrived in the world of retail and became a top seller. She frequented many buying shows and always purchased what would sell. In the summers she worked at the Village Shop in downtown Whitefish. For the love of people, fashion and accessories, Doreen was on the

Montana-made gifts, jewelry and history books were sold. She loved meeting the vendors at the craft shows and farmers market. She prospered a few years, closed shop, and went to work at the Central School Museum. The love of Montana history and the Native American culture led her to purchase the most authentic gifts and books. Her business degree and years of retail experience helped the gift shop thrive. She was also the bookkeeper for the museum. The museum was her home away from home for 12-plus years until she retired and moved to Alaska.

The last couple of years of her life were spent in Soldotna, Alaska, with my sister, Jackie. Together they found peace and relaxation walking the ocean beaches, planting flowers and reading God's word. On May 20, 2017, after a hard-fought battle with Alzheimer's, my mom "went to dance on the streets of gold."

Alzheimer's stole many memories from her but it didn't steal God and his word from her. He was the rock of her salvation and He stayed

in her mind until the end of her days on earth.

'I will not abandon you and I will not ever forsake you.' Hebrews 13:5

I love you, mom. You were a blessing and you blessed many people in your lifetime. As was said in Proverbs 31:10-30, you were the virtuous woman."
— Your daughter, Sandy

Doreen is survived by brothers Gary, Pat and Jimmy; daughters Jackie Risch and husband Jeff, and Sandy McCracken and husband Tim; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Joan, brother Butch, daughter Diane, and ex-husband Alan Raddatz.

On Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. Jackie and I will lay our mom, dad and sister Diane to rest in Fairview Cemetery, 1710 Fairview Cemetery Road, in Columbia Falls. A celebration will follow at my home. Email Sandy McCracken at sndrmccracken@yahoo.com if you have any questions and please RSVP if you are going to attend the celebration.

My mother often visited her grandmother who taught her how to sew, knit and do crafts. She was an excellent seamstress. When my sisters and I were going to school it was cheaper to make clothes than buy them, so my mom sewed all our stylish school clothes and knitted us the most beautiful sweaters. One year when my dad was off work because of a back surgery my mom knitted for us girls gorgeous Barbie doll clothes and made our Barbie doll furniture for Christmas gifts. She was resourceful.

While in high school my mom developed her talent in music and dance. She was an accomplished saxophone player in jazz band. My dad told me that everyone came just to hear Doreen play. Her fingers would glide over the piano keys when she played hymns for church or for enjoyment. Doreen and Al were the best dancers ever! They had a rhythm and style all their own and they blazed the dance floor with grace. Oh, how they could dance! From those years on my mom always had a little jig in her step and she loved to dance with her grandkids and great-grandkids.

Hard work brought accomplishments in her

top of it all.

Hard work and diligence got my parents their first home for \$15,000. A good buy back in the mid-1970s. My mom's green thumb made everything, from flowers to vegetables to fruit, flourish and be bountiful. The yard was beautiful! She taught my sisters and I how to keep up a home and do yard work. We lived there a few years then my parents sold it for \$40,000. They purchased 20 acres of land and together built their dream home. It lasted a dream until a painful divorce took it all away from her.

All these skills helped my mom thrive when she had to be on her own. After her divorce Doreen purchased a little house in town and started a business of her own, The Out Post Gift Shop. It was a touristy shop where

Mary Ellen McIntosh Ramlow, 92

Mary Ellen McIntosh Ramlow passed away at her home on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, 2017, just one month before her 93rd birthday.

She was born in Lewistown on Thanksgiving Day of 1924 to John and Helen (Bruce) McIntosh, and grew up on a wheat ranch near Denton. Her education began in the White Arrow School, a one-room country school (her horse as transportation), and continued through Fergus County High School. She graduated in 1946 with a degree in home economics and American literature from Montana State University. Her first teaching position was at Libby High School where she met and married Howard Keel in 1947. Howard passed away after only a year of marriage and Mary Ellen moved to Whitefish to teach high school home economics and English.



She met Russ Ramlow in 1948 when he collided into her parked car as he drove home from an early-morning duck hunt. Their marriage lasted 62 years, but she never did trust his driving. Together they owned and managed the Coast-to-Coast hardware store in downtown Whitefish for nearly 30 years. She participated in a variety of activities including bookkeeper at the store, member of a bowling team, election judge and church treasurer. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining and sewing, and put her skills to good use as a homemaker and seamstress, making matching coats and dresses for herself and her

daughters. She enjoyed traveling, especially to visit family. A highlight of her travels was a trip to England and Scotland where she found the row house in Glasgow where her mother had lived.

Mary Ellen's daughter Judy Neer, her husband Russ, her brother Bill, and two grandsons, John Pemble and David Pemble all predeceased her.

Her son Jim and his wife Alma live in Whitefish. Their sons are Bruce of Whitefish and Hugh of Washington, D.C. Judy's children are Janelle Reinbold of Davenport, Iowa, Jeff Neer of Oakes, North Dakota, and Gina Ehrlin of West Fargo, North Dakota. Mary Ellen's daughter Joan and her husband Ed Pemble live in Caldwell, Idaho. Their sons are Mark and Scott, both of Caldwell. Her sister Betty Sperry lives in Seal Beach, California, and her sister-in-law

Babe McIntosh lives in Denton, Montana. Seven children call Mary Ellen "great-grandma."

Mary Ellen was grateful for the care and concern of her family, who always made her feel wanted and needed. She said, "My family made me the person I became." Her family is especially grateful for the assistance of Frontier Hospice in Mary Ellen's final week.

The Whitefish First Presbyterian Church invites family and friends to a memorial service for Mary Ellen at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3. Memorial gifts may be sent to support the Presbyterian Women's Ministries or to the St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana.

Austin Funeral home is caring for Mary Ellen's family.

1 Nov 2017

Violet J. (Hone) Rask, 91

Violet J. Rask passed away Dec. 19, 2016, from complications after a fall and breaking her hip.

Vi was born March 8, 1925, in Brisbane, Australia, to Harry and Jessie (McLean) Hone, the fifth of sixth children.

Vi went to live with her Auntie Ollie Hone when she was 4 years old, attending school and spending winters in Townsville, Australia, where it was warmer. Summers were spent in Brisbane. She started school at 4 years old and graduated high school at 16. She went to work while attending additional classes. Vi enjoyed young life with a lifelong childhood friend, Helen (Little) Stevens.

Vi met a charming soldier, Norman Rask, who called on her every time his ship docked in Brisbane. They were married Aug. 31, 1945, at Baptist City Tabernacle Church in Brisbane. Vi lived in Brisbane while Norm finished his Army duty, where their first son, Lawrence was born.

When Norm was discharged and shipped back to the states, Vi and Larry spent one month on a war bride ship traveling back, docking off the coast of California. They settled in Marshall, Minnesota, where their next two sons were born, Paul and Thomas. Vi took care of the family and made lifelong friends.

Norm went to school, moving his family to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he began his career as a linotype operator for the local newspaper. This is where their daughter Debra was born. Two and a half years later they all moved to Denver where they spent the next 25 years.

In 1962 Vi started working part time with a girlfriend serving banquets at a country club. When all her children were in school, Vi started working at Sears in Northglenn Mall, then later moving to Westland Shopping Center where she retired in 1985.



Friendship House and the Kalispell Information Booth. She really enjoyed her time help-

ing the residents at the Friendship House.

When Norm passed in 1997, Vi moved back to Denver to where Paul, Maria and family live. She spent winters visiting Tom and Paulette in Texas, eventually moving to their home in 2011. Vi preferred the winters in Texas except for the rare snow storm. Her Australian blood loved the warm sun.

Early in 2016, Vi moved back to Denver, where she was closer to her final resting place near Norm.

Vi was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, of 51 years; an infant son, Robert; parents; sister, Gracie; and four brothers, Leslie, Harold, Jack and Frank Hone.

She is survived by her three sons and their wives, Larry and Fran Rask of Massachusetts, Paul and Maria Rask of Colorado, and Tom and Paulette Rask of Texas; and daughter, Debbie Hanson, of Montana; seven grandchildren, Darlene Langlois, Amanda Lefebvre (Geoff) Crystal Augusta (Jeff), Cristina Rask (Keith Drones), Krista Taylor (Bobby), Aaron Rask (Mary) and Nicolas Rask; and 12 great-grandchildren, and family members in Australia.

"Rest in your Father's arms."

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place in Denver in March.

8 Jan 2017

14 May 2017

Jennie (Voorhies) Rauthe, 92

Jennie passed away of natural causes on May 10, 2017, at Brendan House in Kalispell, surrounded by all five of her loving children and numerous other family members.

She and her tiny twin sister were born on the family homestead near Rocky Point and Devil's Tower, Wyoming, on Dec. 22, 1924 to Wilber Sr. and Ruby (Rundell) Voorhies. They were the sixth and seventh of eight children.

At the age of four, she moved with the family to Orchard, Nebraska. Jennie was raised there until her parents moved to Kalispell in 1941. She attended her senior year at Flathead County High School, where she graduated in 1942. She attracted the attention of local boy, Henry "Hank" Rauthe. Their courtship was interrupted by her folks' move to Rockford, Illinois, to participate in the war effort in late 1942. Hank soon followed the "Love of his life" to Rockford. The courtship resumed and culminated in their wedding on March 18, 1943, back in Orchard, Nebraska. They returned to Kalispell to begin their marriage of 36 years, until his passing in 1979. They had five offspring over a 20 year span. All of their kids' friends were always welcome at Hank and Jennie's home, and all loved coming to "Mom's."

She was proud of her many years of working at "Tut's" Bi-Rite Fountain and 21 years at B & B Restaurant where she made numerous friends and hundreds of acquaintances. Her bosses appreciated her work ethic and cheerful, positive attitude.

Jennie is survived by her youngest sister Nelda Ann Morgan, and all five of her children: Doug Rauthe and Beverly; Janice Rauthe; Marilyn Rauthe Driscoll and Mike; Mike Rauthe and Michelle; Sandi



Rauthe Schuld-heiss and Tim; all of Kalispell. In addition, she is survived by 10 loving grandchild-

dren: Rebecca Rauthe; Kim Skyba Turner; Josh Young; Kurstie Skyba Hammel; Carson Rauthe; Zach Young; Erika Rauthe Furey; Angela Rauthe Bennett; Tucker Rauthe; Madison Rauthe; and 16 great-grandchildren. Her large family also includes numerous nieces and nephews from all across America; sister-in-law Millie Crawford from Spokane; and not to forget the many who "simply loved her" for the wonderful person she was.

Besides her "soul mate" and husband, Hank, Jennie was preceded in death by her infant twin sister Jessie, her brothers Wilber Jr., Everett, Alvin, Marvin, her sister Evelyn Longpre, and infant great-grandson Conrad Rauthe Young. All of whom she was looking forward to seeing again in heaven.

Jennie leaves a large, loving family who is being assisted with preparations by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, where the viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening, May 19. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Faith Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty Street in Kalispell. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a reception following back at Faith Lutheran Church. Memorial donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church.

The family appreciates and wants to give heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Brendan House. They are all fantastic.

22 Aug 2017

Allen Ray Ream, 79

Allen Ray Ream "went to be with his Lord and Savior" on Aug. 19, 2017, after losing his 45-year battle with Huntington's disease.

Allen was born to Marlin and Alice (Evenson) Ream of Bigfork on July 22, 1938. He attended Swan River Elementary School when it was a two-room schoolhouse.

After graduating from Bigfork High School, Allen joined the Navy. It was during this time that he met and married Catherine Potteiger, his wife of 55 years.

After returning to Montana, Allen attended television repair school in Anaconda. He then took a job with Melby's and moved his growing family to Columbia Falls. When Melby's closed their appliance department, Allen went to work for Sloan's of Kalispell. Over his years as an appliance repairman, Allen helped many people in the valley.

Allen accepted Christ as his Savior while watching a Billy Graham crusade in the late '60s. He then started taking his family to church at the First Baptist Church. He was an active member there until his death.

In addition to serving in his church, Allen enjoyed fishing, boating, camping and many other outdoor activities with his family.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Marlin Jr., and wife Vera; sister, Eva Brabender, and husband



Jack; in-laws, John and Margaret Potteiger; and several nephews and cousins.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy; his

children, Terri (Phil) English of Stockton, California, Allen Jr. (Michelle) of Columbia Falls, Heidi (Chris) Gaub of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, and Amy Ream of Kalispell. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one on the way; his sister, Leona (Lou) Udall, of Great Falls; several aunts and uncles; in-laws, John Potteiger, Les Potteiger and Peggy Potteiger, all of Pennsylvania; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at First Baptist Church located at 827 9th Street West, Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, and a luncheon will be served at the church at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church building fund.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Ream family.

7 Aug 2017

James 'Jim' Michael Redman, 72

James "Jim" Michael Redman, 72, died on Aug. 2, 2017.

Jim was able to spend the last days of his life at the cabin on McGregor Lake and was surrounded the love, joy and happiness (sights, sounds and smells) of his children and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife Kathleen "Kippy"; sister Lynn Wagner; son Jimmy Redman; son David Redman; son Sean Rumelhart; daughter Shannon Mckeon; son Ryan Rumelhart; daughter Erin Rumelhart; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jim was born on Dec. 26, 1944, in Enterprise, Oregon to Jim and Marge Redman. He graduated from Grant Union

High School in John Day, Oregon. He started working for Pacific Power in 1965 as a meter reader, then apprentice lineman, journeyman lineman and into management in 1980 in Libby.

Jim and Kippy were married in Libby Sept. 9, 1989. Jim retired from Flathead Electric Co-Op in 2001 and they began traveling the world and filling their days with friends and family.

The Jim and Kathleen Redman family would like to thank all of the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their amazing care.

A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

16 Mar 2017 Bruce Dale Reimer, 90

Bruce Dale Reimer passed away of natural causes on March 14, 2017. "He quietly left this earth for heaven after walking faithfully with Jesus" for 90 years.



golden years they enjoyed camping in the Arizona desert and near

the Sea of Cortez.

Bruce was devoted to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and served Him faithfully. Bruce and Mary Alice were blessed to serve on many mission trips to South America, and through the years they remained actively involved in Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

As he became bedridden in his later years, Bruce was lovingly cared for by his family and several special caregivers, most recently the staff at Genesis Health Care. For their devoted care in his final years at home, the family owes a debt of gratitude to Kerry Paulson, Lorna Moss, Mabel Sands and Elizabeth Seymour.

Bruce will be forever missed by his family: sisters, Jo Ann (John) Spurlock and Lorna Isaak; children, Kent Reimer, Kurt Reimer, Kim Harding, Jill Shepherd, Janna Reimer, Melodie Koberg and Michel Reimer, along with their spouses; and many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Clarice, Pauline and Martha; and his beloved wives, Darlene and Mary Alice.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, at Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be given to Jesus Film Harvest Partners at jesusfilminternational.org.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the Reimer family.

Bruce was born to John and Daisy Reimer on Feb. 23, 1927, on the family farm in Whitefish. Although he had only an eighth-grade education, Bruce was successful in many endeavors due to a strong work ethic and perseverance. Bruce's passion was logging. He bought his first bulldozer at the age of 16, and over a 40-year career in the industry made many lifelong friends. In the early years, when he wasn't logging, Bruce, his sisters and their father spent countless hours clearing timber from the family farm, creating the beautiful pastureland that exists today.

On his birthday in 1955, Bruce married Darlene Liudahl, with whom he raised six children. In their early years, Bruce and Darlene loved to play games and throw parties; their home was a gathering place for family and friends. They enjoyed adventures with their family, often going on long drives to find a secluded spot for a Sunday picnic. Bruce loved to find special places in God's creation for his family to enjoy, sometimes just to gather wildflowers.

After Darlene's death in 1971, Bruce married Mary Alice Atkin, who was raising her young nephew, Michel. When Bruce and Mary Alice married, they blended a family of seven children, including Kent, Kurt, Kim, Jill, Janna, Melodie and Michel. Bruce and Mary Alice enjoyed spending time together with the family camping in the Flathead Valley, and in their

28 Dec 2017 Cora Reynolds, 101

Cora Reynolds "went into the arms of her Lord" on Dec. 26, 2017, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She loved the Lord and loved serving him.

Cora was born on April 28, 1916, in Beans Creek, North Carolina. She had 11 brothers and sisters.

Cora is survived by her daughter Barbara Ahrendt and husband Doug Ahrendt; sisters Alma Buchanan and Anne Moffitt; brother Clyde Hughes; granddaughter Tina Berry and husband Doug Berry; grandson Sam and wife Peggy Hughes; granddaughter Sheila and husband Howard Crawford; grand-



daughter Cindy Hughes; grandson Mike Hughes and wife Cheri; several grand-

kids and great- and great-great-grandchildren. Cora will be missed by many.

She loved gardening and working in flowers. What a quilter Cora was, sewing everything by hand.

A service be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, at First Baptist Church on Highway 35 with pastor Rodney Myrum.

16 May 2017 Wendy Arlene Rhoades, 51

Wendy Arlene Rhoades, 51, of Kalispell, peacefully passed away May 14, 2017, in her home.

She was born Aug. 9, 1965, in Washington, D.C.

Wendy spent her youth in northeast Maryland and Duluth, Minnesota. She married Jacob Rhoades, of Battle Ground, Washington, on July 6, 1985. They lived in Yacolt, Washington, until 1998 and then moved to Kalispell. She was a lifelong member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Wendy is survived by her husband, Jacob Rhoades, with their 13 children, Shannon, Paul (Chantel), Lon, Sid (Stacy), Keevin, Sonya, Troy, Chad, Sally, Sylvia, Krissy, Lance and Triss; eight grandchildren;



parents, Stanley and Arlene Simonson; four sisters and one brother, with their spouses;

father-in-law, Christopher Rhoades; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of Christian friends and relatives.

There will be a visitation for Wendy from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday May 18, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside, with services to be held the following day Friday, May 19, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Rudolph "Rudy" Terrance Rice, 78

From the arms of his family and his earthly needs at Renaissance Assisted Living and Frontier Hospice, "to the loving arms of his heavenly angels" Rudy left us to reside in his forever home on Oct. 17, 2017, at 9 p.m., with family by his side.

Rudolph "Rudy" T. Rice was born Aug. 21, 1939, at Powers Lake, North Dakota, the only son of Rudolph Rice and Gudrun (Troen) Rice. As fate would have it, in the middle of a family of nine sisters. The family, with the exception of sisters who stayed in North Dakota, moved to Kalispell in 1948 where he worked on the family farm on Whitefish Stage Road



returned home to help with the farm upon the death of their mother.

Rudy's life and career as a heavy equipment operator led him to work on the Alaska pipeline where he had many adventures, including a run in with a Kodiak bear that took over the cab of

and graduated from Whitefish High School in the Class of 1957. Upon graduation, Rudy joined the Armed Services and was stationed in Germany. He

his heavy equipment for the night, breaking out the windows, to enjoy cookies left behind when the crew left for the evening and waited to greet him the next morning. After returning to Montana, Rudy worked heavy equipment in the Northwest, including the Libby Dam, logging operations, construction projects, which included Glacier Village Greens among many other projects.

Rudy's zest for life included lots of skiing and other activities. His interests in skiing included getting his family involved in skiing on Big Mountain as much as possible. After his retirement, his season ski pass indicated he had been skiing on Big

Mountain more than 60 times in one season. His other interests included skydiving, water skiing, much dancing, playing guitar, wind surfing, lots of crossword puzzles and it was rumored that he was "one helluva poker player." Rudy was married to Janice Gregg at the family farm, Nov. 8, 1969. They were blessed with their only child, Teri Eileen (Rice) Arnst on Sept. 13, 1970.

Rudy met Sue Simonson at the Eagles in May of 2002 and they made a home together until Rudy entered assisted living May of 2012, and Sue was with him at his passing. Rudy spent the last two years at Renaissance Assisted

living under their loving care as he suffered from Alzheimer's.

Rudy was preceded in death by his father Rudolph Rice and mother Gudrun Rice, his grandson Logan Arnst, Janice (Gregg) Rice, and his sisters Irene Enger, Audrey Elsbernd, Lorraine Lidstrom and Helen Miscampbell.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Teri Arnst; his beloved partner, Sue Simonson; sisters, Ruby Enger and husband Jerome of White Earth, North Dakota, Ina Herriges of Kalispell, Janet Lane and John Lane of Somerset, Kentucky, Geri Solum and Alan Solum of Somers, and Connie Mitchell and Dan

Mitchell of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Kalispell Eagles Club at 37 First Street West, Kalispell in the basement for all to attend and exchange memories of Rudy's life.

Memorials may be made in Rudy's name to Frontier Hospice, Alzheimer's Association-Montana Chapter, or any charity of your choice.

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

Mitzi D'Ewart Richards, 64



spending the first three months of her life in Shodair Hospital. Mitzi grew up

on the D'Ewart Ranch outside of Wilsall and was proud to graduate a Wilsall Longhorn in 1970. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in business education from Montana State University in Bozeman. Mitzi married Duane Vincent in 1974 and together they had three children (Christen, Frank, and Tricia). Although Mitzi and Duane divorced, Duane and his current wife, Judy, were steadfast friends of Mitzi and Mike.

Mitzi moved to Denton in 1986 where she taught business for 10 years at Denton High School and served as the Business Professionals of America adviser. She held a variety of jobs, including working as a substitute teacher, filling in at Bonnie's store, and serving up delicious meals at Michael J's, after she made the decision to "retire" from teaching. Even in "retirement" it was difficult for anyone to keep up with her busy schedule. Being the social butterfly that she was, Mitzi developed many life-long friendships while in Denton, and married her soul mate, Mike Richards, in 1999. Ever active in her community, Mitzi was the "First Lady" of Denton as well as "Mayor" of Denton after Mike's term as mayor. She took pride in her community and was involved in several community projects to improve the overall conditions of the town of Denton.

Mitzi returned to the Shields Valley with her husband, Mike, in 2004. She made the decision to come "out of retirement" in 2006, and taught busi-

ness at Shields Valley High School from 2006-2016. She developed the Business Professionals of America (BPA) program at SVHS and guided many, many SVHS BPA students to nationals and beyond. Her students were "her kids" and they, and the program, earned several state and national awards under her direction. Mitzi gave everything she had to her students and her community, no matter where she was living. Her dedication to and genuine love of teaching shaped the lives of her students and she was a mentor and positive role model to her peers. Mitzi was named the Montana Business Education Teacher of the Year in 2010 as well as the Montana Association of Career and Technical Educators Teacher of the Year in 2011. In 2016, she was nominated by a student and received the KBZK Gold Star Teacher Award for her care of the students and the lengths she would go to ensure that they believed in themselves to accomplish whatever they wanted in life.

Outside of teaching, Mitzi enjoyed camping,

bowling, NASCAR, gardening, and all Shields Valley activities. She was a member of PEO Chapter P, Women of Wilsall, Build a Better Wilsall, Wilsall Foundation, and Wilsall Community Church. She loved spending time with friends and family, and went out of her way to support others. She has left an imprint on the hearts of many and her love of life, positive attitude, and insurmountable faith will be carried on by all who knew her. Though she will be dearly missed, we know that she is sitting in the gardens of heaven with her loved ones and friends who passed before her, sending us love and light as she watches down on us all from the "best seat in the house" singing the Shields Valley Rebel Fight Song. We love you ... to the gate!

A memorial service and reception to celebrate the life of Mitzi Richards will take place at Shields Valley High School in Clyde Park on Friday, April 14, 2017, at 1 p.m. A family interment service will occur at a later date.

Online condolences may be shared at www.franzen-davis.com.

On April 6, 2017, Mitzi D'Ewart Richards 64, of Wilsall passed away at her home surrounded by family and with peace in her heart. Her faith in God's grace allowed Mitzi to embrace her next journey as she believed with all her heart that her husband, Mike Richards, would be waiting for her to take her home.

Mitzi is survived by her mother, Pearl D'Ewart of Wilsall; her uncle, Bob Gwaltney, of Texas; her children, Christen (Shawn) Loendorf of East Helena, Frank Vincent of Belgrade, Tricia Ayers-Weiss (Travis) of East Helena, Mike Richards Jr. (Barb) of California, and Josie Richards (Keith Chromey) of Lewistown; her grandchildren, Carlyn Tecca, Dustin Tecca, Emily Tecca, Apen Merritt, Brady Vincent, Arik Ayers, Carson Ayers, Keaton Ayers, Chris Cote (Mandy), Cutler Chromey, Jaycey Chromey, Mike Richards III, and Matthew Richards; her birth family, including her birth mother, Sharron Rhodes of Washington, brother Miles (Libby) Weatherson of Washington, sisters Gayle (William) Gatchel of Oregon, Jill Weatherson of Butte, and Melissa (Alan) Meador of Washington; her step-siblings, Jim (Bonnie) Francis of Livingston, Sandy Small of Billings, and Nancy Hofferber of Billings; many awesome cousins and friends near and far and members of her church family who were very important to her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill D'Ewart, and husband, Mike Richards, who passed away in 2011 from thyroid cancer.

Mitzi lived an adventurous life and touched the lives of many along the way. She was born in Helena on June 12, 1952, and was adopted at three months old by Bill and Pearl D'Ewart after

1 Jan 2017
Brittany Ann Richmond, 29

Brittany Ann Richmond, 29, passed away on Dec. 24, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July, 27 1987, in Kalispell.

Brittany grew up in Kalispell where she attended West Valley School. She graduated from Flathead High School in 2005. After high school she attended college at Montana State University and University of Montana. While studying pre-nursing at UM she worked as a certified nursing assistant, a job she enjoyed and excelled at. She recently became a licensed insurance agent and was excited to start her career in this field.

Brittany had great love for family, friends, and nature. These were the most important things in her life. She was a kind, gentle soul. She cared so much about others and was always there for her friends and family. Brittany's life philosophy was "As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we



have hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful."

Brittany is survived by her parents Kevin and Marla Richmond and Rich and Teresa Yarde; her sister Ashley, and brothers Austin and Justin Richmond. She is also survived by her nephew Jaxon Burr (Ashley); and grandparents Carol Richmond and Laurel Wehr. She leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles and cousins that were so important in her life.

Brittany was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harold Richmond, James Wehr and Dick Yarde; grandmother, Gail Yarde; great-grandmother, Florence Ladd; and her cousin, Ely Gelinas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Eagles Lodge.

3 Nov 2017

Ellen Rickard, 68

Ellen Rickard, 68, peacefully passed away in Kalispell Oct. 29, 2017.

Ellen was born Sept. 23, 1949, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Rodney Rickard, of Glendale, Arizona; and her daughter, Ranae Perrine, of Kalispell; her sister, Bertha Watson, of Kalispell; her brother, Orlee Erickson, of Columbia Falls; and her brother, Larry Erickson, of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Rickard; her sisters, May Christenson,

and Julia Weber; and her brothers, Les Erickson and John Erickson. Ellen had three wonderful grandchildren, Kyle, Shelby and McKayla and two great-grandchildren.

Ellen was a wonderful and loving person. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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

15 Apr 2017

Robert 'Bob' E. Rickard, 78

Robert "Bob" E. Rickard passed away April 12, 2017 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was 78 years old.

Bob was born Dec. 24, 1938, in Kalispell and raised in Bigfork and the Swan Lake area. He started his career in Kalispell at the Forest Service, and later went on to work for school district No. 5 for 35 years.

Bob married Ellen Rickard on Jan. 23, 1976. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and boating with family and loved ones. He was a very gentle, kind and easy-going guy. He was committed and hardworking.



his daughter Renae Perrine of Kalispell, and his son, Rodney Rickard of Silver Dale, Arizona, and grandchildren, Shelby Isles, Kyle Perrine and Makayla Mullenix, along with great-grandchildren, Randy Jr., and Bently, and his best friend Harold Broad.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents,

Bob is survived by his wife, Ellen of Kalispell, Brother Harry Rickard of Bozeman,

Charles and Bernice Rickard, his brother Jack Rickard, and his niece, Cindy Rickard.

His spirit will be missed dearly.

Services will be held 10 a.m. April 20 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside prayer and burial will be at Lone Pine Cemetery, with a potluck reception to follow at Family Life Christian Church on Foy's Lake Road.

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

4 Apr 2017

Dorothy Ann 'Dottie' Riley, 85

Dorothy Ann Riley, 85, better known as Dottie to friends and family, passed away peacefully at her home in Columbia Falls, March 29, 2017, with family members at her bedside.

Born Jan. 14, 1932, in Ypsilanti, North Dakota, Dottie was the first child and daughter to Carl and Laura May (Anderson) Nelson, soon to be followed by a brother, Duane, and a sister, Doris. The young family lost their mother to colon cancer when Dottie was 7. In a life sketch, she describes living for a short while afterward with their father's sister in Big Falls, Minnesota, then later shuttling between homes of grandparents and maternal aunts and uncles in Minnesota and North Dakota. During snow winter days, one uncle would hitch the horses to the sleigh, cover everybody up, and cart them off to school. She especially enjoyed farm life in Jamestown, North Dakota, where the girls would listen to phonograph



records in an upstairs bedroom and eat her aunt's good roll-out cookies fresh from the oven.

On Jan. 21, 1950, at age 18, Dottie married Wallace Millard Riley in the Lutheran Church of Bemidji, Minnesota. He said she'd winked at him during their first meeting and he had to come back to see what she meant by it. They soon moved to Montana where Wally had found steady work at the Plum Creek Mill in Columbia Falls. Several years later they bought land a few miles from town and built a permanent home for their growing family of three sons, Jim R., Ronald W., and Leslie B. Riley.

With Wally a good provider, Dottie settled in as helpmate to raise her sons and enjoy life on their rural acreage. She cooked and baked, cleaned, sewed and mended, kept a cow

and chickens, sowed a garden, looked after hunting horses, and fed and loved various dogs that arrived at her door. She grew skilled at preserving wild game and fish Wally brought home. She also loved peacocks and for years raised flocks of these exotic birds which terrorized the neighborhood with their squawking and pecking. Always a lover of nature, in her later years, it's been the wild creatures moving through the fields around her home — birds, squirrels, deer and turkeys — that she watched out for most.

Her parents and her husband of 66 years preceded Dottie in death.

Surviving are her sons, Jim living in Hawaii, Ron at the family home in Columbia Falls, and Les in Alaska; grandchildren, Tyler, Desiree, Jamie and Josh; several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Hidden Meadows Memory Care and at Home Options

Hospice for their loving care of Dottie during the final weeks of her life.

If the measure of a woman can be taken by the numbers of those who grieve at her passing, Dorothy Ann Riley was beloved indeed. She will be sorely missed.

Visitation is planned for 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. West in Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Columbia Mortuary, with burial after at Woodlawn Cemetery. A luncheon will follow burial services at Columbia Bible Baptist Church, 195 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Dorothy's family.

Linaire O. (Wells) Ritter, 83



Linaire O. (Wells) Ritter, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed peacefully at her residence in Missoula, surrounded by her family, on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at the age of 83.

Born on March 13, 1934, outside Antigo, Wisconsin, Linaire was the only child of William "Wiley" Adget and Helen (Kirsch) Adget. The Adgets and Kirsches were of German and Quebecois ancestry, immigrating to the United States in the mid-20th century. Her birth father, William, was a decorated veteran of the First World War. After returning from the war, William married Helen, and they welcomed Linaire, their first and only child, shortly thereafter.

Tragedy struck early in Linaire's life with the

sudden death of her father William in 1938. Following his passing, Linaire's

mother Helen married Charles Wells, who adopted Linaire and moved the family to Helena in the late 1930s. In 1945, the family was marred again by death, when Linaire's mother Helen died due to complications from breast cancer. Linaire was only 11 years old.

Shortly after the passing of her mother, Linaire moved into the Helena Deaconess School for Children, where she was raised and received her early education. Though she resided at the Deaconess Home, Linaire would later recall fond memories of her

stepfather Charles picking her up on weekends for outings to the drive-in or bowling alley. In 1952, Linaire graduated from Helena High School and went to work at the office of the Montana state auditor.

Four years later, in 1954, Linaire met a young Russ Ritter while he was home on leave from the U.S. Marine Corps. Their courtship lasted just over a year while Russ served in the Korean War, and the two were married at the Helena Cathedral on Aug. 4, 1956.

By the close of 1957, the couple had moved to Billings where Russ had taken a job as teacher and coach at Billings Central. In Billings, they welcomed their firstborn, Mike. After one year, the couple moved to Missoula in 1958 where their two daughters, Leslie and Teresa, were

born. In the summer of 1962, the family moved yet again to Kalispell, where younger sons Greg and Dan were born.

Finally, in 1969, the Ritters packed up and permanently relocated to Helena, the city Russ and Linaire knew best and would spend the next 47 years.

In Helena, Linaire was known for her firebrand spirit, unbounded kindness and seamlessly planned social events. Together with Russ, the two were staples of the Helena philanthropic circuit, particularly with respect to development efforts at Carroll College. Linaire was additionally known for her volunteer work across the community, notably her mentorship of students in the Central School reading program. Linaire's fondness for pets and animals of all shapes and sizes

was known to many — she was indeed a lifelong animal lover. Dubbed "Grandma Awesome" by family and friends, her immaculately decorated, holiday-themed sugar cookies and cakes will be sorely missed.

Twice a survivor of lymphoma, Linaire's fighting spirit inspired those around her and she will forever be remembered for her lifelong perseverance in the face of adversity.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Linaire is survived by her five children and their spouses, Mike and Mary Ritter, Leslie and Tom Wozniak, Teresa Ritter, Greg and Brenda Ritter, and Dan Ritter; and her 13 grandchildren and their spouses, Matt and Kara, Brian, Andy, Alex, Sarah, Abby and Jenna Ritter; Ryan, Dylan and Stephanie

Wozniak; and Donovan, Mitchell and Connor Dennis.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon on Friday, Oct. 13, at the Cathedral of St. Helena, 530 N. Ewing St., Helena. A reception will follow the Mass in the Brondel Center located in the cathedral's lower level. Burial at Resurrection Cemetery will follow the reception.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that condolences be directed to the Florence Crittenton Home, 901 N. Harris St., Helena, MT, 59601; and the Lewis and Clark Humane Society, 2112 E. Custer Ave, Helena, MT, 59602.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Linaire.

Dorothy Jean Roberson, 92

30 Jul 2017

Dorothy Jean Roberson was born in Eureka, Kansas, on Feb. 6, 1925, to Creet and Adelia Meredith. Dorothy was a very bright student in high school and earned a place in the National Honor Society.



After graduating from high school Dorothy traveled to Alaska to take a job with the State Department. Her occupation took her to far away places meeting people from all walks of life. Her occupation eventually landed Dorothy

in Afghanistan. There she worked at the American Embassy where she met her beloved husband John "Robbie" Roberson. Robbie was in charge of the guard duty for the embassy at that time with the United States Marine Corps.

Dorothy and Robbie were married on Dec. 6, 1962, in Colombo, Sri

Lanka.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, John "Robbie" Roberson, and her two children Kathy Iverson and John Roberson and his wife Julie. Dorothy has four grandchildren, Brianna Ralph, Cameron Iverson, Kiera Roberson and Cayden Roberson, and one great-grandson Gunnar Ralph.

On July 22 2017, "Our Lord and Savior called her home." She was 92 years old.

Kenneth G. Roberts, 71

Kenneth George Roberts, 71, died Dec. 20, 2017, after coping with the effects of dementia for far too long. Though we may never know what he was aware of during the last decade of his life, we can find peace in knowing that he was surrounded by loving family and friends to the end.



Born on June 28, 1946, to Helen Miriam Johnson and George Harold Roberts in San Francisco, Calif., he grew up in an idyllic time for which he was perfectly suited. His natural disposition to just be a good guy could be witnessed by all who knew him. He excelled in athletics, and after graduating from high school he went on to play college football at San Francisco State University, where he majored in physical education. He met his future wife, Julie Ann Kuehn, there, and they married on Aug. 31, 1970. They stayed in the city while he finished school, and trained as a member of the 1972 Olympic wrestling team. At one point, he was ranked second in the nation for Greco-Roman wrestling as a heavyweight. He stayed back from the games to be home for the birth of their first child.

In October 1972, he was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness. He served in many ways: going to where the need was great, serving as a Ministerial Servant, and finally by taking on the

his gifts of spirit, and served faithfully for many years.

After returning to school to get his degree in teaching, Kenn worked with the inmates at California State Penitentiary in Vacaville, from 1988 until his retirement in 2003, as a teacher in the recreation yard and classroom. The inmates quickly grew to respect him after he and an inmate named Rock, watched by inmates and guards alike, squared off in a wrestling match (which Rock had been badgering Kenn to do for many months). After pinning Rock in three seconds, Rock claimed that it wasn't fair and wanted a rematch. Obliging, Kenn gave him a few more chances, with the same result. After that, no one bothered to mess around with Coach!

On July 26, 1997, Kenn married Vera Marie Scott, and following his retirement, they moved to Marion, Montana, to be with his family. At this point he had already been experiencing some of the effects of dementia, but they continued to enjoy hiking, trips to Glacier Park, watching their grandchildren's sports and other activities, and the wonderful Montana people for some time.

Kenn is survived by

Sherman of Loomis; son Isaac (Linda) Roberts of Sacramento; his stepsons Oran (Teresa) of San Francisco and Jereb (Amber) of San Diego; sister Kathy (Tom) Clausen of Benicia, Calif.; brother Keith (Jenny) Roberts of Sacramento; grandchildren Natasha, Malachi, Rhiannon and Anika Bennetts, Jonah (and his wife Natalya), Maya, Solomon, and Ava Franchi, Michael and Arlo Sherman, Jasper Sherman-Holt; great-grandson Jackson Plummer; and nieces and nephews as well. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and by brother Raymond Thomas Roberts.

The family will be holding a celebration of life this summer where family, friends, and well-wishers are welcome. As a gesture of hope, and in an effort to help find answers for many, the family has chosen to participate in research geared at investigating the effects of trauma to the brain resulting from the high impacts associated with the sports he loved so much, and will be working with Boston University School of Medicine to do so. To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

24 Dec 2017

28 Jun 2017

Ronald 'Ron' Wayne Robinson, 69

Ronald "Ron" Wayne Robinson passed away and "went to be with the Lord" on June 23, 2017, as a result of a four-wheeler accident.

He loved his four-wheeler, hunting, fishing, trap and skeet shooting. He was a National Rifle Association (NRA) member for many years. The Bison Range and Glacier National Park were two of his favorite places to go to be close to nature. After high school and the Army, he attended Ohlone College in Fremont, California.

He met Darlene Cramer (Robinson) and was married to her for 13 years.

He worked for General Motors for 30 years and retired in 1997 and moved to Montana to be closer to his daughter Jennifer



Kelly (Robinson). One of the things that brought the greatest joy to him was his grandson Andrew "Drew" Speer. He taught

Drew to shoot trap and skeet, which was one of his passions. He always called Drew his "Little Buddy."

Ron had the biggest heart and would do anything for anyone. He helped countless people over the years that were down and out by opening his home to them or helping financially to get them back on their feet. He did

not expect anything in return; he did it out of the kindness of his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Wayne Robinson, stepfather Albert "Al" Chaney and Reba "Nadine" Chaney; and siblings, Russell "Rusty" Robinson and Jeffry "Jeff" Chaney.

He is survived by his

daughter Jennifer Kelly (Robinson), brother Jerald "Jerry" Robinson, sister Janell Chaney, grandson Andrew "Drew" Speer, and son-in-law Russell Kelly.

Ron will be forever missed. There will be a private family memorial July 3 to honor him and celebrate his life.

18 Feb 2017

Roberta Carol (Herriges) Rocks, 76

On Dec. 9, 2016, after a long battle with cancer, Roberta Carol (Herriges) Rocks, age 76, died peacefully in her home, with family by her side.

Carol was born and grew up in Whitefish, graduating from WHS in 1958. She spent most of her adult life in the Tri-Cities and Seattle areas where she married Ken Jones and gave birth to her three sons, Rick, Mike and Pat. She had a



good life there but her fondest dreams were always to return to the Flathead

and to own a bookstore. She realized both by moving to Columbia Falls in the mid-90s and opening Bad Rock Books in 1997. She found satisfaction in being surrounded by

books and by sharing her love of them with all. She continued to work in her beloved bookstore and the community until shortly before her death, making many friends along the way.

Carol was preceded in death by her brother, Bob Herriges, parents, Edgar Herriges and Bette Hiser and brother-in-law Dale Huntsman.

She is survived by her husband, Russell; sons

and daughters-in-law Rick and Heidi Jones, Mike and Karyl Jones, Pat and Patti Jones; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rae and Stan Buckland, Ann and Jim Driskell and Jean Huntsman; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

Judy Roehl, 76

Julia Ellan Mostad Roehl, 76, of Loveland, Colorado, suddenly "went on to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on March 9, 2017, due to a pulmonary embolism.

A public viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a private family burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Julia (known as Judy by those she loved) was born in Malta to Ted and Elsie Mostad on May 26, 1940. She went to high school at Anaconda High School, graduating in 1958. She was an athlete extraordinaire. Her 1957-58 high school fast-pitch softball team



was State Champion with Judy being their fastest, albeit slightly erratic, pitcher as well as their

very talented first-base ace. Not only did she excel in softball, she also was an excellent bowler. Judy won second place at State in 1976, and had a 635 high-series with no handicap. Her athletic abilities transcended into playing sports with the family, including with grandkids. Judy was the best mom and grandmother ever! She was fun, supportive, loving and kind.

Judy enjoyed serving others, loving animals and those who seemed to need love and kindness the most. "She is currently enjoying great rewards

in heaven, because she operated in the currency of heaven: unconditional love, self-sacrificial service and abundant faith."

Her prayers will be felt for generations.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Elsie Mostad; two brothers, Gerald Mostad and Jim McGillis; and previous husband, Lee Roehl.

Judy is survived by her sister, Phyllis Bloom, of Kalispell; daughter, Rhonda Marcus, of Fort Collins, Colorado; daughter, Robin Main, of Loveland; son, John Roehl, of Kalispell; six grandchildren, LeAnn Loccisano, Jesse Roehl, Hunter Roehl, Austin Roehl, Jessica Marcus and Cody Main; and five great-grandchildren, Anissa Marcus, Annika Roehl, Harper Roehl, AJ Roehl and Olivia Roehl.

April 5

24 Aug 2017

Charles H. Roman, 83

Father Charles H. Roman, 83, died peacefully on Aug. 23, 2017, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Charles Henry Roman was born in New York City on July 8, 1934, to Walter and Charlotte (Walters) Roman. He was raised in Jamaica, New York, and graduated from John Adams High School in 1952. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served as a signalman aboard the USS Albany, the USS Worcester and the USS Missouri. He transferred to the United States Air Force, where he served as a personnel clerk at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1962, he enrolled at Immaculate Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri. After graduating in 1966, he enrolled at St. Bernard Seminary/Aquinas Institute in Dubuque, Iowa, where he completed theological studies. Then-Bishop Raymond G. Hunthausen ordained him as a priest on June 6, 1970.

His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Butte, and to the faculty of Butte Central High School. In January of 1971, he was named the chaplain of the Montana State Hospital at Warm Springs. His pastoral assignments included the Cathedral of St. Helena, St. Anthony Parish in Missoula, St. Michael Parish in Drummond, St. John the Baptist Parish with its missions in Alberton and Superior, and St. Joseph Parish in Libby with its mission in



Troy. He took a leave to tend to family members while serving at parishes in Naples and Fort Myers in the Diocese

of Venice, Florida. He was appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Whitefish in 1991 and served there until he accepted senior status on Aug. 1, 2004. As a senior status priest, Father Roman lived in Kalispell and assisted parishes in the Kalispell Deanery until his health no longer allowed.

His parents, his sister and his nephew preceded him in death.

He will be missed by the priests of the Diocese of Helena, and his friends in the Flathead area.

Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Whitefish. Bishop George Leo Thomas will preside at the funeral liturgy at noon on Monday, Aug. 28, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Whitefish. A luncheon will follow the funeral Mass. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. St. Richard Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials are suggested to the priest retirement fund: Clergy Senior Status and Security Trust, P.O. Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624-1729.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home of Kalispell has been entrusted with the arrangements.

3 Sep 2017

Dianna Lynne Rooney, 57

Dianna Lynne Rooney, 57, of Libby, passed away on Aug. 29, 2017, at her home in Libby.

Dianna was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Barbara and Irvin Dinning on Dec. 29, 1959. She went to school at Bonners Ferry.



She never cooked them, but she loved picking them. Of course, when huckleberries

were ripe, it was time to hit the mountains again. She loved picking huckleberries, but her bucket never seemed to fill up as fast as it could have.

Dianna was preceded in death by her father Irvin, and multiple aunts and uncles. Dianna is survived by Tim Rooney, her husband of 35 years; her son, Kelly, wife Jill (Wood) and grandson Hunter; her daughter, Brenna; three brothers, Dan Dinning and his wife Mary, and Rick Dinning and his wife Chris of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Jay Dinning and his wife Lori of Libby; her mother, Barbara Dinning, of Libby, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Libby Christian Church with Phil Alspaw officiating. A reception will follow the services and will be held at the Rooney family home at 3207 East Fifth Street in Libby. Memorials may be given to the Wings and Wings Walkers cancer support programs of Libby and Yaak. Mail to First Montana Bank, "Wings account," Box 1550, Libby, MT 59923. The Rooney and Dinning families wish to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Sarah Huddleston and the Home Options Hospice organizations, the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, and the Libby Christian Church family.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memorials may be made to www.schnackenbergoff.com.

After moving to Libby, she met and married Tim Rooney on May 15, 1982, at her parents' home in Bonners Ferry. In Libby, she worked as the bookkeeper for Tungsten Holdings for 20 years. She also worked for First American Title Company until retiring in 2008 to become a stay at home grandma to her one and only grandson Hunter. Dianna loved her time she had being able to take care of Hunter. She was blessed with the birth of two children, her son Kelly, in 1984, and her daughter Brenna was born in 1986. She became involved in the Libby Youth Baseball and Softball organizations from 1992 to 2002, when her children were old enough to play. She had a significant impact on the construction of the baseball and softball complex located near the Libby Cemetery. She was the president of the Little League baseball program during the last baseball games held at the Kelly Walliston fields located at what is now Riverfront Park complex. She was instrumental in bringing State baseball and softball tournaments to Libby during her time in the programs. She was referred to as "Mama Rooney" by her kids group of friends. And still to this day that name has stuck with her. She really enjoyed camping and fishing, but her very favorite day was opening day of grouse hunting season. She was famous for getting grouse the hard way — with a rock! Grouse season also meant picking shaggy mane mushrooms.

15 Mar 2017

Harriet Rosen, 77

Harriet Rosen, 77, of Kalispell, passed away from complications of kidney cancer on March 10, 2017.

Harriet was born Jan. 16, 1940, in Brooklyn, New York, to Morris and Lillian Zinn. She grew up in both New York and the Los Angeles area, graduating from Van Nuys High School.

She married Mark Rosen in Los Angeles in 1958. Harriet was a loving homemaker that enjoyed involvement in numerous community charitable

organizations in the Los Angeles area, and later in life in Kalispell.

Harriet and her husband worked together at their resale store, "Best Quality Resale" in Evergreen where they both enjoyed working with people. She loved supporting her two daughters and later raised her granddaughter.

Harriet is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Mark Rosen, daughters Sherri Rosen and Cindy Rosen, granddaugh-

ter Helena Weaver (Schylar Sonju) with expecting great-granddaughter, and brother David Zinn.

Harriet was loved by a wide circle of friends and brightened everyone's life with her humor and love.

The family will have a celebration of life service at a later date. Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalo-hillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

11 Jun 2017

Sally Marie (Holland) Rosse, 71

Sally Marie (Holland) Rosse died on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at Kalispell Regional Hospital at the age of 71.

Sally was born in Monroe, Michigan on Feb. 2, 1946 to Calvin James and Myrtle Mae Holland. At a young age her mother and two brothers (Jeffery and Daniel Holland) moved to California. There Sally attended grade school, high school and medical training. This training led to work at John Muir hospital in the San Francisco Bay Area. In Walnut Creek, California, Sally met and married Howard Abraham and moved to Corvallis, Oregon. After 11 years of marriage they divorced. In Oregon she worked at the Good Samaritan Hospital for about 10 years.

Sally met and married Francis Rosse on Dec. 16, 1989 in Corvallis, Oregon. Shortly thereafter she retired from the hospital and they moved to their home in Columbia Falls, Montana. Sally and Francis were happily married for 28 years.



Sally was a long-time member of the Eagles Club in both Oregon and Montana.

She made friends with ease everywhere she went because of her great sense of humor and natural and generous gift of serving others.

This beautiful, amazing, accomplished, intelligent, sunshine soul will be dearly missed.

Sally is survived by her husband, Francis Rosse; her two daughters, Heather Abraham and Laurie Ann (Rosse) Kirby and husband Richard Kirby; and her three granddaughters, Allison Flamez, Maddison Beine, and Kimberly Kirby.

A memorial will be held at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

"We miss Sally so much."

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

2 Oct 2017

Gail (Martinelli) Rossetto, 68

Gail (Martinelli) Rossetto, 68, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, at her home in Kalispell, where she lived a life filled with love.

Gail is survived by her husband, Bennie Rossetto; two loving daughters, Carrie Dahlman (Brock) and Kelly Rossetto Isbell (Matthew); grandsons, Kellen and Bryson Dahlman; sister and best friend, Alison Meehan; brothers-in-law Tony Rossetto (Mary Lou) and Tom Meehan; and wonderful cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. All love her dearly and will miss her nurturing spirit. Gail was preceded in death by her mother and father, Mabel and Kieth Martinelli, brother Richard Martinelli, and nephew Richard Martinelli.

Gail grew up in Roseville, California, and graduated from Roseville High School in 1967. She graduated from UC Davis in 1971, where she also began her life with Bennie (married in 1971). After four years in Salt Lake City and Seattle, they moved in 1977 to Kalispell, where she raised her two



daughters and created a wonderful home. Gail was known for her amazing cooking, holiday

traditions, bringing family together, and love of games — football, cards, and even pop trivia. She loved traveling and cherished the time she spent back in California with family; in Europe and New Orleans with her sister and brother-in-law; meetings and hunting trips with her husband; and visits to Austin, Boston, New York, and Coeur d'Alene with her daughters. Nothing made her happier than sitting at the dinner table talking with the people she loved and quiet moments with her springer spaniels. She will always be remembered for her sweet smile, laugh, and unconditional support.

Family and friends will forever celebrate Gail's life and share in all the memories they made with her — a wonderful mom, grandma, wife, sister, and friend.

15 May 2017

Richard 'Dick' Rousselle, 78

Richard "Dick" Rousselle, son of the late Norman and Virginia Rousselle, passed away peacefully at age 78 at his home in Ronan, on May 14, 2017, in the loving presence of family members after a nearly five-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Born and raised in Kalispell, in his early teen years Dick worked various jobs in Polebridge, then, later worked as a short order cook in Evergreen and a food prep worker in Glacier Park.

Dick married his high-school sweetheart, Maryalice Spindler, in June of 1959. Upon earning a two-year teaching certificate, Dick taught one year in Boulder, followed by one year each at Montford School (a one-room schoolhouse for grades one through eight) and Batavia School, both in Kalispell.

By taking summer classes, Dick was able to complete his bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Montana through Northern Montana College in 1964.

After being hired over the telephone, Dick accepted a one-year teaching contract in Langlois, located on the southern Oregon coast. The following year, Dick embarked on a 29-year teaching career at an elementary school in Newberg, Oregon, earning his master's degree along the way in 1973. Four years after his 1994 retirement, he and Maryalice moved back to Montana, settling in Ronan.

Dick loved the great outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was known for his gentle spirit and playful sense of humor, and maintained a large network of friends extending across many



Western states. He liked to explore the world and was famous for his "shortcuts," which

rarely cut down on travel time but always increased adventure. He enjoyed traveling with Maryalice, and was an active member of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Jaycees, Elks and Oregon Education Association.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Maryalice Rousselle, of Ronan; his son, Jim, and his wife, Judith, of Darby; his son, Jerry, and his wife, Lisia, of Tualatin, Oregon; his granddaughters, Ashleigh and Hayley of Tualatin; his son, John, and his wife, Isabelle, of Missoula; his sister, Norma Hawbaker, and her husband, Jim, of Yellow Bay; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A viewing for Dick will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home in Ronan. His rosary service will be at 9 a.m., Friday, May 19, at Sacred Heart Church in Ronan. His funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the parish hall. The burial service will take place on Saturday, May 20, at 9 a.m., at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorial cards and flowers may be sent to Maryalice Rousselle at 37983 Songer Road, Ronan, MT 59864.

Arrangements are under the care of Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home, Ronan. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.shridერთompson.com.

21 Nov 2017

Michael Shawn Rowe, 49

Michael Shawn Rowe, 49, died Nov. 16, 2017.

He was born Dec. 4, 1967. He lived most of his life in Columbia Falls and attended schools there.

He enjoyed ranch work and always remembered his time working the Cooney Ranch in Harlowton as some of his fondest times.

Coaching his daughters' softball teams was a big part of his life. Driving them to tournaments was always a huge reward for him. He was very proud of their softball talent.

Michael Shawn loved the North Fork, especially floating the Flathead and camping at Blankenship.

Michael Shawn is survived by his mother and stepfather, Susan and Kim Conklin; his best friend and brother, Matt Bohmer, and wife Ann; longtime companion, Heather Fitzpatrick; daughters, Morgan Rowe,



Shaun Rowe and Brandy Bigger; and son, Rick Rowe; and six grandchildren, Kadence,

Kenna, Kyler, Oakley, Kennalee, Russell and Liam. He is also loved and missed by his two nieces and 11 cousins. His Rowe aunts and uncles remember him more as a baby brother than a nephew.

At the time of his death he was working for the Hungry Horse Water District.

No services are planned at this time.

8 Jan 2017

Kennedy Grace Ruff, 6 months

Kennedy Grace Ruff, 6 months, was born in Portland, Oregon, on June 29, 2016, to Shawn and Jyndia Ruff, who is formerly of Kalispell. She arrived in her own perfect timing- nearly two weeks late (a characteristic she received from her mommy).

Our sweet baby girl "danced into the loving arms of Jesus" on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016.

To all who knew her, she was full of life and love. Her spirit was infectious and she truly brought joy to all who met her. In her short life, she moved to Montana from Portland at just three weeks old demonstrating how content she was to be on the go. She travelled across the country to meet her family and friends and made weekend trips to visit grandparents; often sleeping the entire drive of three or more hours.

Her beautiful smile



and genuine giggle brightened everyone's world including

perfect strangers. Having only lived in Helena for three months she was already a celebrity around town. She attended most Capital High School sporting events to spend time with her daddy. She could easily be spotted with her pink headphones and binky. Kennedy's personality emerged early. Her face had an expression for all things: surprise, concern, giddy happiness, wheels turning curiosity and adventure. She was a mobile little one always wanting to learn the next skill. She was content in nearly all situations and loved being outside.

Kennedy was friends with everyone. She would

hold out her hands to be picked up with the biggest smile that would fill one's heart with joyous love. She was loved fiercely by her family and friends. It was hard not to love her squishy cheeks and button nose.

Though Kennedy's life was short, her impact has left a legacy. Her family and friends look forward to the day they can see her and play with her again. No doubt she has already introduced herself to family and friends who have gone before her. We love you little girl.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Gateway Center, 1710 National Avenue. A reception will follow the service at the Gateway center.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Kennedy.

Ben William Ryan, 94

Ben William Ryan passed away peacefully July 26, 2017, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls with his loving wife Agnes, "Butchie," and friends at his side.

Ben began life March 21, 1923, in Belleflower, California, the son of Ben and Mary Ryan. Ben had an older sister, T. Antoinette. His family moved to Three Forks, Montana, in 1931. In 1932 Ben was introduced to airplanes, a relationship that would last his lifetime. Two Lockheeds landed near town. The pilot boosted young Ben up on his shoulder to retrieve the mail from the baggage compartment.

Ben entered Stanford University in 1941 to study geology. His keen interest in petroleum engineering took him all the way to Alaska's North Slope where he would eventually take part in the discovery of its world-changing oil field.

On the Friday following the Pearl Harbor attack, Ben enlisted in the Army Reserve as an aviation cadet, and went active duty in May, 1943. The Army flew in his mother — then a PFC in the Women's Army Corps — to pin on his wings, a total surprise to the young aviator. Ben joined the 32nd Fighter Squadron in September 1944. While flying the twin Lockheed P-38 in "trail formation" the plane in front of Ben's malfunctioned and slowed rapidly.



courtship they were married in Denver on June 8, 1946.

In March Ben was discharged from the Army and rough-necked on an oil well

near Livingston. That fall the couple returned to Stanford to get his petroleum engineering degree. Butchie worked at the Palo Alto Hospital.

He joined Richfield Oil Company in September and monitored wells in California. He was assigned to Wyoming to manage the Mountain States exploration, then, in 1956, the company sent the Ryans to Caracas, Venezuela. Upon the ouster of Jiménez, they were transferred to Los Angeles. In 1961, they transferred to Anchorage, Alaska. With two of his fellow employees they purchased a Cessna 172. Ben enjoyed flying, hunting and fishing with a kayak he'd built.

Richfield was a leading explorer in Alaska and Ben's job was to recommend where to drill. This was before the North Slope's significance was known. Ben concurred on a report about promising oil sands south of Prudhoe Bay and recommended they act soon. Before long, men and material were moving north into what became

In the early 1970s, he began clearing the dense lodgepole pine for a 2,500-foot airfield. To create the park-like finish, he acquired a road grader from his mother's contracting and mining business.

Ben built his first airplane in 1974. The maiden flight was in October, 1977. Butchie had helped in its construction and was not a bit hesitant to fly with Ben. He built a Fisher Classic bi-plane, then a World War I Fokker tri-plane. There were no plans, so he simply enlarged Cleveland model airplane plans.

The Ryans were introduced to the Recreational Aviation Foundation in 2005. Its mission to create and maintain recreational airstrips for public enjoyment resonated with

them and triggered their desire to donate their property to the RAF.

"Ryan Field is for everyone to enjoy," Ben often said.

The couple moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in May of 2012.

"He will be greatly missed by staff and residents," according to the obituary prepared by the Veterans Home.

Ben is survived by his wife of 71 years, Agnes "Butchie" Ryan.

Mass is planned at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with honor guard to follow at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Ben's family.

"I barely slid under the plane, but another P-38 took my vertical stabilizer off with his wing as he evaded the slowed plane," Ben wrote in his memoir. He had no rudder or elevator control. At 400 miles an hour, the plane went into a vertical dive. Ben had no choice but to bail out. His plane hit the water and sank in seconds. He cut his chute away before it pulled him under but his life raft would not inflate. Sharks were known in the area. Ben treaded water until a native in a sailboat pulled him out. An Army boat took Ben back to the base where an Army doctor gave him a belt of Scotch. Early the next morning, he was back in another P-38 on a formation flight.

In the meantime, petite little registered nurse Agnes Butchovsky, — affectionately known as "Butchie" — was working aboard the hospital ship Republic. The ship broke down near the Canal and had a lengthy wait for parts. It was a "lucky break," for that's when a friend arranged Ben and Butchie's blind date that would change their lives forever.

After a nine-month

the Prudhoe Bay oil field.

Ben left the company in 1965 when Richfield and Atlantic merged and the Ryans moved south. The couple purchased a quarter section of timbered land above West Glacier, calling it "home" after Panama, California, Wyoming, Venezuela and Alaska. Together, they constructed an A-frame home, surrounded by stunning views. Ben designed and built a sawmill from which he sawed lumber to build a shop and hangar. Always a partnership, the couple shared the challenges of living remotely in a land of heavy winter snows. Neighbors vouched for their self-reliance, even witnessing the pair repairing their heavy crawler-tractor together.

30 Jul 2017

24 Nov 2017

Claude Leon Rydalch, 84

Claude Leon Rydalch, 84, longtime resident of Idaho Falls, Idaho, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017.



History Mission, where they indexed Ellis Island records.

Claude was preceded in death by

his parents, Roy and Mary (Robinson); his brother, Charles Rodney; his daughter, Mary Eliza; his sister-in-law, Dauna (Murland); his daughter-in-law, Melanie (first wife of son Mike); his great-grandchild, Rob Saad Jr.; and his sister, Jolene (Ralph) Cluff.

Claude is survived by his wife, Jeanniene; their children, Lee (Janis), Carey (Audrey), Robin (Dan) Whitworth, Mike (Darlene), Wendy (Allen) Jones, and Todd (Trisha); his siblings, Don (Doralee), Janice (Merle) Jeppesen, and Murland; 21 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The family thanks the folks at Schwab Mortuary & Crematory of Afton, Wyoming, and those who have graciously served.

His funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building located at 651 Gladstone Street, Idaho Falls.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a luncheon will follow the funeral service. Burial will be at Teton-Newdale Cemetery.

Claude was born in Grantsville, Utah, Oct. 21, 1933. He graduated from Sugar-Salem High School and attended the University of Utah.

Claude married Barbara Jeanniene Shields on May 9, 1956. In May of 2016, they held a 60th wedding anniversary celebration in Idaho Falls.

Claude worked as a firefighter for the Idaho Falls Fire Department for 25 years. He was a driver for 16 of those years, and for nearly five years, he was a paramedic. His selfless service is remembered by residents to this day.

He also worked for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Monte's Mobile Homes.

Claude greatly enjoyed sports, especially basketball, football and softball. He also wrestled, and was happy to drive the Star Valley High School State Champions wrestling team to their games, after he retired from the fire department.

Claude was an active member of the LDS Church and served two missions; he was called to the Great Lakes Mission in 1953, for two years, and in 1999 he served with his sweetheart for one and a half years in the Utah Salt Lake City Family

22 Jul 2017
Clarence Frank Rydeen, 80

Clarence Frank Rydeen "went to be with Jesus" on his 80th birthday, June 22, 2017, at home surrounded by family.



where he worked as lead engineer on Reagan's Star Wars project.

Born June 22, 1937, in Kalispell, he graduated high school there in 1955. He entered the Air Force in 1956 after working a year in the local saw mill. After five years teaching and writing training manuals for the Air Force in Biloxi, Mississippi, he moved to Florida to work for Douglas Aircraft on the "Skybolt" Missile project. While there he met and married his wife, Gerry, on July 5, 1963.

He worked a year on an RCA missile tracking ship in the South Atlantic. Returning home, he completed his bachelor's and master's in engineering science at Florida State University. He worked in the FSU High Energy Physics department for 15 years. While there he became father to three sons and one daughter.

He served as deacon and elder at First Christian Church of Tallahassee, Florida. He and his wife started the College Youth Fellowship, which later became the Christian Campus House at FSU. Throughout their lives the family enjoyed snorkeling in the gulf and oceans besides backpacking in the Smoky, Sierras and Rocky mountains.

In 1982, the family moved to California

Following which he worked in private industry, developing numerous items in the medical, dental and industrial fields. In 1989 he was called to be the deputy chief engineer at the Super Conducting Super Collider in Dallas. After four years he moved back to Laurin, Montana, where he had maintained a summer home. He consulted with various firms from the East to West coasts. In 2002 he was tasked with developing two companies in Puerto Rico. His wife and eldest son moved there with him for four years. He continued consulting until he retired due to illness in his late 70s.

He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, hunting, hiking, swimming and reading.

He will be missed by his wife of 54 years, his four children, their spouses and his five grandchildren and siblings.

Please join friends and family in celebrating Frank's life at a memorial service at 3 p.m. on July 29 at Ruby Valley Bible Church in Sheridan, Montana. A reception will be held after the service.