

**James Andrew Vale, 24**

James Andrew Vale died on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017.

James was born on Nov. 7, 1992, in Asuncion, Paraguay. He was adopted almost immediately into the loving home of parents David and Carolyn Vale and big sister Chloe, who was also from Paraguay. He adapted quickly to the abrupt change in climate of his new home in Minnesota.

James first attended school with his big sister at the Little School of Montessori in St. Paul. Later he attended Turtle Lake Elementary in Shoreview; Johnson Park Elementary in Princeton, New Jersey; Princeton High; Bigfork High in Montana; and Flathead Valley Community College. He was planning to continue his education in theater arts at Western Washington University this fall.

James was a talented guitarist, a formidable martial artist, a gifted actor, a budding director, and a joy to many who came to know him. He will be sorely missed by his parents, his big sister, and his extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and his small dachshund, Jem.

A memorial service



will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, in the theater of the Arts and Technology Building

at Flathead Valley Community College.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the James Vale Memorial Scholarship Fund, FVCC Foundation, 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Edmond Van Mullem, 85

Edmond Van Mullem, formerly of Somers, passed away May 15, 2017, in Bozeman at age 85.

He was the son of Joseph and Alice Van Mullem (deceased).

He moved from Winter, Wisconsin, in 1988 to Somers to be closer to his parents. Ed moved to Bozeman in May of 2013 to be closer to his brother Joe.

He is survived by his

brother Joe and wife Betty of Bozeman, brother Albert and wife Chris of Sussex, Wisconsin, sister Rosemary Glessing of Baltimore, Maryland, sister Geraldine Hall of Deer Park, Washington, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, at St. John Paul II in Bigfork. A graveside service will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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## Jack VanVianen, 83

Jack VanVianen, 83, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, at his home in rural Kalispell, after fighting diabetes and cancer since 2013. Jack was born May 23, 1934, in Jakarta, Indonesia, to Dutch parents. He spent his childhood in Indonesia and moved to Holland in 1947. He joined the Dutch Navy as a machinist and was honorably discharged in April 1957.

He immigrated to the United States after his discharge and settled in Denver. Wanting to learn English, he attended Emily Griffith Opportunity School in Denver in 1957-1958. Jack was also trained in auto mechanics in 1960. It was very important to Jack to become an American citizen. This took place on Dec. 21, 1962. Jack held various



jobs until he started working for a military contractor for four years during the Vietnam War. After

his return to the United States, he worked in the heating/air conditioning/refrigeration business for the remainder of his career. His main places of employment were with Commercial Refrigeration Service Contractors, R.A. Haines, Estes Services and Albertsons in Denver. He retired in 1999.

Jack met Mary Jane Beise through mutual friends and married June 12, 1971, in Denver. They moved to Montana in January of 2000 and spent their time together in Eureka, Bigfork and, last-

ly, near Creston. Hunting, fishing and collecting rocks in Colorado were activities Jack enjoyed. Over the years he took special care of his animals, especially the dogs. He loved to keep busy around the property and at his cabin in the Yaak. He also helped the neighbors and friends with their building projects. His favorite jobs after retirement were electrical and plumbing. He was still dreaming up new things that needed to be accomplished right up to the time that "the Lord took him home."

Jack was preceded in death by his brother Jim VanVianen, and his brother-in-law Aad Ernst.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years,

Mary Jane; two sons, Jack Paul VanVianen of Colorado, and Scott Andrew VanVianen of Florida; grandson, Zebulun VanVianen, of Missouri; one great-grandson; sister, Flora Ernst, of Holland; nephew, Vincent Ernst, of Holland; and brother-in-law, Bill Beise, and his wife, Deanna, of Minnesota.

A memorial service will be held at 1p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made out to Church of Creston, Samaritan's Purse or a charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Jack's family.

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## Alice Melvina 'Sis' Veidt, 88

Alice Melvina Veidt, affectionately known as "Sis," 88, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Retreat Center in Kalispell.

Alice was born Nov. 24, 1929, to Melvin and Dolly (Bradley) Larson in Lodge Grass, Montana. As the second oldest child, she welcomed and helped care for her younger siblings. In her younger years the family moved to Kalispell where she attended local schools. Upon graduating from the eighth grade, she went to work as a telephone operator at the local phone company and continued working there for many years.

In 1950 she married Donald Lewis Veidt in Kalispell. To this union



were born two sons, Donald George and Kenneth Ralph.

Alice enjoyed gardening, bowling, ceramics, camping and fishing with family and friends, and was a longtime member of the Eagles. She was a wonderful cook and baker and hosted many a get-together with family and friends. Her huge platters of Christmas cookies and cinnamon rolls were gratefully received and much appreciated — and truly missed as her health declined the last couple of years.

As a family, she, Don

and the boys spent many memorable times on Flathead Valley lakes. Alice helped Don build two recreational cabins on a couple of acres in the Middle Fork of the Flathead River that their sons and families still enjoy to this day. In her later years she helped plant, maintain and harvest a large garden. Her home-canned pickles were "to die for" and will be missed, especially by her grandson, Steven.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; Don, her husband of 63 years; brothers, LeRoy, Leon "Tiny" and Ronnie Larson; sister, Donna Hatlen; a grandson, Richard Veidt; and many other relatives.

She is survived by sons,

Donnie and Ken (Janet), and grandson Steven Veidt, all of Kalispell; stepgrandchildren, Richie (Theresa) Vincent of Kalispell, and Stacey Vincent of Encinitas, California; sisters, Carol Street, Bunny Miller, Jeanna Root, Sharon Secord and Karen Caldbeck; and a large extended family.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Alice's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Alice's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

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# OBITUARIES *March 26*

## Ed Vernarsky, 79

Ed Vernarsky, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on March 9, 2017.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1937, in Warren, Ohio, to Stephen and Helen Vernarsky.

He graduated high school from Warren G. Harding High in 1955.

After graduating, he joined the Air Force, and when the Air Force found out about his talent in music, he traveled to entertain the troops, just like Elvis. And that is where the band the Twilighters was formed.

He married Gennifer Applebee on May 4, 1963. He worked for United Telephone Service for 20 years. He fell in love with Montana on a family vacation so in February of 1981 he moved his family of six to Kalispell.

Ed worked a variety of jobs, such as installing poker machines and working at Radio Shack, while still playing the piano with different local bands, plus solo acts in various establishments for the last 35 years. He would even entertain the elderly in various retirement homes on the piano and on the accordion. After learning the accordion at age 8, he taught himself how to play the piano. During his music career in his life he had the privilege of backing Kathy Dee, Connie Smith, Don Rich and various other artists. He was asked to go play at the Grand Ole Opry, but chose to stay at home for his family instead of traveling.

Billy "Crash" Craddock once said "I would not want to follow that band" on one of the shows that Ed's band appeared on. Ed's Floyd Cramer sound attracted fans of all ages.



He would play various styles of music from country to polka to classical to rock.

His hobbies, besides his passion for music, was hunting, fishing, camping, Boy Scouts, crosswords

and cross stitch. He was an enthusiastic member of the Bald Eagle Club, volunteering his time to help raise money for charities.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandson Colter Branson.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Gennifer, son Ed Vernarsky and his wife Jeanie, their four children Dana, Andy, Julie and Jill; daughter Terri Branson and husband Bill and their son Travis; son Ken Vernarsky and his wife Amy and their four children Alyson, Derek, Kendra and Steven; and daughter Patti Fleming and her husband Goose and their daughter Amber, six great-grandchildren, his sister Barb Holdgate and her daughter Kelly. Plus friends too numerous to mention that he considered family.

A celebration of life potluck is set for 2 p.m. April 29 at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen. Bring your musical instruments and let's have a jam session for Ed.

"Can you imagine the jam session it's going to be when all those musician friends that have gone on before him learn that he's there!"

## Henry 'Hank' John Voorhees, 88

Henry "Hank" John Voorhees, 88, died on June 24, 2017, in Kalispell.

Hank was born on April 23, 1929, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to parents Catherine and Milo Voorhees.

He earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in forestry and wood technology at Michigan State University. Hank was a lumber sales executive for over 35 years.

He is remembered as a proud Dutchman who was self-reliant, independent minded and a hard-working person. Hank was the first of his family to go to college, which he funded by shoveling coal on an ore boat on the Great Lakes, along with other jobs. He loved athletic competition, especially boxing and football where he enjoyed success in both endeavors. Hank was a Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion in Grand Rapids and a tackler on the Michigan State University football team. He balanced his competitive side with a great appreciation for sailing on large lakes and oceans and hiking in forests for solitude and reflection.

As a father and a husband, he was single-minded in purpose of support. Education was stressed as he believed it was paramount to success. All his children attended college and most have advanced degrees. He was notably proud of this, coming from a hardscrabble upbringing. His Christian faith and practice was an integral part of his life; praying before and after meals,



attending church "religiously" and expressing thankfulness for life in both the

good and the bad times. While born into the Dutch Reformed Church, he joined the Lutherans here in Kalispell.

Hank is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Pauline; his sons Dirk (Lissa), Steve and Henry (Briony); his daughter Susan; and his grandchildren Jack, Bill, Kathleen, Marie and Genevieve.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Nick.

A celebration of Hank's life will be scheduled for later this summer at The Church at Creston with a reception to follow at the church. All will be welcome to attend and celebrate Hank's life.

The final verse of his favorite Bible passage, Psalm 23, sums up his life; "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

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

July 2

## Louis Mastin Voss, 94

Louis Mastin Voss, 94, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 1, 2017, while residing at BeeHive Assisted Living in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Havre on Feb. 7, 1923, to Rude and Etta Mastin Voss, the fourth of eight children. He attended Lakeview Mountain School until he was 14. Times were tough in those days; people had only what they could make or do for themselves. Dad recalled that he ran a trapline as soon as he was big enough, trapping skunks and other critters for cash money.

When he was 14, Louis moved with his family to the Flathead area, where he finished schooling as an eighth-grader at the Nyack School. He signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps as a railroad section worker and sent the money he earned home to his parents. After World War II started, Louis moved back to Havre and enlisted in the military. However, a farm injury prevented him from being eligible for military service. He spent the next eight years in Havre working for Eddie's Bakery in the mornings and Great Northern Railroad in the afternoons. During this time, he met the love of his life, Rena Faltrino, while he was remodeling houses for her father, Joe Faltrino. Louis and Rena married in 1943. Their first child, son Joe, was born in 1945. Daughter Lindalee came next, followed by another son, Larry, all born in Havre.

Louis and Rena operated the Havre Ice Company for eight years, harvesting large blocks of ice from reservoirs and lakes near Havre for Great Northern Railroad boxcars hauling perishables. Dad recalled harvesting up to 8,000 tons of ice from Fresno Reservoir during one winter before boxcars known as "reefers" equipped with a



gy so while he was working at Anaconda he and mom bought a portable saw mill and for five years in his "spare" time they contracted to cut custom

lumber for private land-owners all over Flathead, Lake and Lincoln Counties, among others.

In spite of just eight grades of formal education, Louis was known for his remarkable engineering talents. He was a mechanic, a carpenter, woodworker, furniture maker and inventor. He could visualize a gadget to save time and energy for a task and then build it in his shop. He never ran out of ideas. He manufactured his own custom water skis, including kid-sized skis which made it possible for just about every kid in the neighborhood to learn to water ski. It seemed like he always had a pickup load of kids wherever he went ... his own and a bunch of their friends.

After he retired, Louis and Rena traveled extensively to mine gold and dig sapphires, which they then learned to facet. They loved to hunt and fish and they both had snowmobiles and trail bikes that they wore out traipsing around the country with their friends.

Louis will be remembered for his deep love of family, wonderful sense of humor, his unending curiosity about everything and his incredible memory. He never backed away from hard work and was always ready to help a friend. His was a life well lived.

Louis was preceded in death by Rena, his beloved wife of 64 years, parents Rude

and Etta Voss, brothers Dale Thompson, Edwin Thompson, Glen Voss and Bobbie Voss, and his sister Nona Grant.

He is survived by sisters Ruth (John) Dalimata and family and Marion Morris and family. Also surviving are his children, Joe (Shirley) Voss; Lindalee (Dave) Cleveland; Larry Voss and Arlene (Ron) Fish; grandchildren Jolene (Ralph) Van Hee, Tony Voss, Jamie (Jennifer) Kanzler, Brad James and Marie James, Jason (Roxanne) Fish and Eric Fish, 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and many cherished in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Special thanks to hospice and to the amazing staff at the BeeHive in Columbia Falls for the compassionate and loving care Louis received during his time there.

No services are planned at this time. A celebration of life will be held later this summer.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.