

Ronald William Wachsmuth, 80

Ronald William Wachsmuth, 80, passed away July 19, 2017, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula with his family by his side.

Ron was born May 24, 1937, to William and Anna Wachsmuth. He graduated from Flathead County High School and went on to attend the University of Montana where he earned a bachelor's degree in forestry.

Ron's entire career in the United States Forest Service was devoted to working in western Montana. Ron had stints working in the Spotted Bear, Hungry Horse, Darby, West Yellowstone and Plains Ranger Stations and Districts, and the regional office of the Lolo National Forest in Missoula.

In 1967 Ron married Kathy Lee Rose and they had two sons, Mark and Matthew. They resided in Darby and then West Yellowstone until 1976 when they divorced. Ron moved to Plains that summer with the boys.

Ron always had a



heart for service to his community. He worked as an EMT in Darby and West

Yellowstone and served as a volunteer for the Darby Fire Department and the Darby Jaycees. He was very active in the Plains community as well. He volunteered as a baseball coach, umpire and chauffeur. He drove countless numbers of teams and kids many miles to baseball games and tournaments. Ron also served the community by working on the Plains City Council, county tax board, and as an election ballot courier. In his retirement he also volunteered for Plains Public Schools as a crossing guard. Whenever there was a need in town, Ron would be one of the first to help.

Some of Ron's most enjoyable retirement times were those spent at The Circle, meeting

with his friends for coffee, breakfast, lunch or dinner. His sons will be forever grateful to his friends who shared all those times and meals with him and to Larri-Jo, and the folks at The Circle who treated him as though he was their grandfather as well.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dan, and brother Harold.

He is survived by his son Mark (Angella), and his grandchildren, Alivia and Michael, all of Nampa, Idaho; son Matthew (Serena), and his stepgrandchildren, Brent, Bridger and Gracie, all of Plains; niece Vicki (Bob) Blake of Kalispell; niece Debra (Greg) Kirkman of Sutton, Massachusetts; and niece Rhonda (Lyle) Newman of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service, followed by a reception, to celebrate his life is planned for noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at Church on the Move in Plains.

OBITUARIES *May 1*

Janessa Jaimes Wagar, 23

"A limb has fallen from our family tree."

Janessa Jaimes Wagar, 23, "was granted her angel wings" on March 11, 2016. As she walked into her heavenly journey, her family and friends stood close by, comforting her and giving her the strength and courage to begin her new journey.

Janessa was born Aug. 29, 1992, in Whitefish. Janessa had a very special and unbreakable bond with her three siblings and four beautiful children that will continue to live on to honor her name.

Janessa is survived by her parents, James Wagar and Carolynn Dutton; her sisters, Jessica and Samantha; her brother, Colton; and her children, Kaeden, 7, Kinnley, 3 1/2, Keylan, 2 1/2, and Kaiya, 7 months.

Janessa touched the lives of many people with her presence and contagious smile that she will



be forever remembered for.

Please join us in celebrating Janessa's wonderful spirit and

enthusiastic personality at 1 p.m. on May 7, at the Wagar homestead, 230 Gopher Lane, Marion. A potluck reception will immediately follow the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted to help care for the four children. There has been an account set up at Wells Fargo in the name of Kaeden James Wagar, or gift cards are also a good way to help with their growing needs.

Words cannot express how grateful our family is for all the prayers and concerns during this most difficult time. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

— The family of Janessa Wagar.

Richard S. Wagner, 87

Richard S. Wagner, 87, passed away April 4, 2017, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born Aug. 30, 1929, in Park City, Montana, to Fred and Mary Wagner. In 1933 his parents moved to Chinook where they began a farming and ranching operation. Growing up on the farm, Richard began learning the trade of the agriculture community at a young age and became an expert in operating equipment and management. In 1967 they sold their operation and moved to Kalispell. Richard and his wife Connie purchased a cherry orchard in the Yellow Bay area on Flathead Lake. In 1970 they sold the orchard and moved to Bigfork.

Richard was employed by Columbia Falls Aluminum Company until retirement.

He graduated from Chinook High School in 1947 was a fine athlete and was a member of the 1947 Sugarbeeter basketball team that placed third in the Class B State Tournament. He also played baseball on the independent town team. He became interested in flying and at age 16, he began taking lessons and soloed, later acquiring his private license November 1951. He continued flying into later years and pur-



chased a flight simulator, which he operated up to the time of his death.

He traveled to England, Europe, Mediterranean, Egypt, and cruises to the Caribbean and Panama Canal. He was an avid hiker in Glacier National Park and was a snowbird for 10 years, wintering in the Tucson, Arizona, area.

He was baptized in the German Lutheran Church in Park City, confirmed in the American Lutheran Church in Chinook, and a member of Bethany Lutheran in Bigfork and Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell.

He was a member of the Heavy Tank Co. 2nd BN 163rd Inf. Mt. NG. with a M/SGT E-7 for 10 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Connie, of 34 years, on Dec. 26, 1993; his mother, Mary, Oct. 4, 2012; and father, Fred, on March 27, 1988.

He is survived by brother Roger and wife Antoinette of Whitefish, nephews Mark and wife Taunja and Abby of Whitefish, John

of Whitefish, nieces Valerie Denault and husband Pete and children Eric and Alyssa of Missoula, Catherine Lerner and husband Al of Kalispell, and long-time friend and companion Barbra Lafrantz of Kalispell.

A memorial service

will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 4 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place and interment at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be sent to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

OBITUARIES *July 2*

Stephen M. Waite, 70

Steve Waite passed away on June 28, 2017, at home in Lakeside, after a long battle with cancer.

Steve was born Sept. 13, 1946, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He served two years in the Army, stationed in Korea.

He married Sherry in 1971 in Minnesota; they were married 45 years.

He began his career with UPS in 1969 in Minnesota, and they moved to Jackson, Wyoming, in 1973, where he was the first delivery driver in the state of Wyoming as UPS expanded service to the intermountain West. He rose through the ranks of UPS to become state and then division manager, living in several places in Wyoming and Colorado before retiring to the Flathead Valley in 2000.

Steve's passions were fishing and restoring Mopar muscle cars. He and his friend Mark, often accompanied by Steve's son, Michael, made their annual fishing trip to Flaming Gorge Reservoir each May for



30 plus years. Last year, his final trip, he caught his largest fish ever, a 36-pound lake trout. He was a fixture at local car shows and

the Lakeside Days Parade with one or more of the three 1960s muscle cars he restored along with his son Steven.

Steve and Sherry had a winter home in Mesquite, Nevada, for many years but the Flathead was their true home. He will be remembered as a good friend, always willing to help others, and a jovial person who enjoyed a good laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; children Diana (Jon); Steven; Jennifer (Dean) and Michael; four siblings and his loyal dog, Cooper.

Private services for the family only will be held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Anna Louise Walker, 85

Anna Louise Peterson Walker, 85, of Salt Lake City, died in the home of her son, Eric Walker, on Nov. 20, 2017.

Known for most of her adult life as "Louise," she blessed the lives of countless people by her matchless energy and positive attitude. Her family recalls with love the many times she repeated the words of her parents with absolute confidence: "Don't worry, we can work it out." As a mother, grandmother, teacher and missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Louise proved her faith by action. Louise was the last child born to Mary Alvey Peterson and Erik Hilmer Peterson in Duchesne, Utah, on Aug. 21, 1932. When Louise was a child, she helped her parents run their flour mills in the Uintah Basin, as well as a grocery store, an apartment building and other businesses. After graduating from L.D.S. Business College in 1950, Louise married Don Clifford Walker on March 28, 1952. True to her nature, Louise filled her life with activities, owning and managing the "Tots and Teens" store on Main Street in Vernal, Utah, teaching elementary and middle school in Glendive and Kalispell, writing a book on nutrition, teaching seminary and organizing communications workshops for youth and families. Don and Louise also owned the Vacationer Motel in Kalispell, and Cedar Bay Lodge rustic resort



on Swan Lake near Bigfork.

Louise enjoyed reading, swimming and taking her family

on outdoor adventures. Louise prized self-improvement and talent development. Family reunions always included talent shows. Don and Louise were sealed with their children in the Idaho Falls, Idaho, Temple in 1966. In 2007, she served an 18-month full-time mission for the Salt Lake City Family Search mission. In her final years, she shared her love and commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a part-time service missionary, giving tours in the Joseph Smith Building in Salt Lake City.

Anna Louise was predeceased by her husband, Don Clifford Walker, in February of 2007; and two of her children, Sam Don Walker (1952) and Wade C. Walker (2007);

as well as her eight siblings, Stanley, Myrle, Lynn, Dean, Robert, Jay, Maxine and Maurine.

She is survived by two of her children, Shelli Dawn Walker Nye of Philadelphia, and Eric Clay Walker of Alpine, Utah; a daughter-in-law Ronda (Remington) Walker, and her niece, Vickie Gene Peterson Despain. A special thanks to Vicki, whom Anna Louise loved as a daughter, and who helped provide extended care for Anna Louise in the final months of her life. Anna Louise is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Her family will miss her dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Ensign Stake Center, 135 A Street in Salt Lake City. A viewing will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the services. The graveside dedication will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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Virgil Allen Walter, 91

Virgil Allen Walter, 91, surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully at Brendan House in Kalispell on Dec. 2, 2017.

Virgil was born in Polson, June 8, 1926, to Herman and Mary Walter, one of seven children.

He was 8 years old when his mother passed away and, due to economic times, he was placed in the Children's Home in Twin Bridges, where he resided for four years.

Primary education was at the Little Red School House in Lakeside, later attending Flathead County High School. At the age of 16 he started working at various places in the Flathead Valley, later moving to Spokane to work in a meat packing plant. With one of his brothers they moved to Bainbridge, Washington, to work in the ship yards. Virgil then joined the Navy, starting his training at Farragut Naval Training Station in Idaho. He shipped to Hawaii on the USS Essex Air Craft Carrier. Virgil volunteered to be an aircraft mechanic and was assigned as a flight engineer to a PBV air sea rescue squad stationed on Johnson Island for the



duration of World War II. He was honorably discharged April 25, 1946. He was re-activated to service in 1950 and stationed in Okinawa during the Korean conflict and honorably discharged in 1951.

After World War II, Dad met, and married, Fern Albert, on April 15, 1946, in Kalispell at the First Presbyterian Church and they became active longtime members. Their marriage produced three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Dad worked at Ferguson's Shoe for approximately four years and then joined American Timber Company.

In 1951 he began his long association with Royal Logging. Starting as choker setter, jammer, heel boom operator, logging foreman, logging supervisor and to logging manager. Always a perfectionist in his work, he expected the same from

others. His employees named him "Cougar" which meant "Do it right the first time." It was a term of humor and respect. He retired from Royal Logging in 1985. He worked for Walter Company with son Michael for the next 10 years until Mom took Michael aside and suggested that his father needed to retire, which he did. In retirement they spent many winters enjoying the sunshine in Arizona and California.

After 54 years of marriage Fern passed away May 3, 2001.

Civic Service was very important to Virgil. He served as a two-term member of the board of directors of the Evergreen Water System, which he helped establish; president of Evergreen Lions Club, where he was also zone chairman and deputy district governor of 370; director of the Pacific Logging Conference; president of Hoo-Hoo International, Northwest Montana Chapter 187, and in 1986 was chosen "Logger of The Year." He was also co-chairman of the Big Sky Logging Show.

Another great source

of satisfaction was his eight-year affiliation with the ALERT Ambulance System, serving three times as its president and establishing a continuing fundraising activity that helps to this day assure the performance of ALERT. In April 1980, Virgil had the honor of flying in a newly purchased ALERT helicopter from the factory in Fort Worth, Texas, with chief pilot Dan Scaf and Clyde Smith.

April 21, 2006, Virgil married Charlotte Hillstead in Polson. They resided in California and later in Kalispell until his death. He and Charlotte were active members of the Disciples of Christ Church in Kalispell.

Dad had a great love for the outdoors and truly enjoyed bird hunting with his beloved golden retrievers, grandson and longtime hunting buddies. Fondlest memories of our childhood were spending weekends at the lake boating, swimming and water skiing with our family along with family vacations and wonderful Sunday dinners.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents; five siblings; and his wife of

54 years, Fern Walter.

Surviving Virgil are his wife, Charlotte; sister, Mildred Walter, of California; daughters, Sandy Wheeler and spouse Terry, and Sharon Sevier and spouse Tom; and son, Michael Walter; grandchildren Mark J. Lamoreux, Amie Stevenson, Mathew Sevier, Jennifer Roettig, Amber Walter and Levi Walter; with eight great-grandchildren; and Charlotte's children, Billy, Nancy and Janice, all of Washington state.

The family had private gravesite burial on Friday, Dec. 8, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The service was officiated by Glenn Burfeind. The family is planning a celebration of life sometime in May or June 2018.

If you would like to contribute in memory of Virgil, you may contribute to the ALERT Foundation or charity of your choice.

When our father left Brendan House for the last time the ALERT helicopter was preparing to lift off. It seemed so appropriate, as though ALERT was taking Dad for his final flight.

OBITUARIES

Chris Walterskirchen, 60

Chris (Sparky) Walterskirchen passed away of natural causes in Missoula, May 8, 2017, with his two brothers and sister by his side.

He was born Feb. 1, 1957, to William C. and Kathryn Korn Walterskirchen, in Kalispell, where he attended kindergarten through high school.

At Flathead High School, Chris fine-tuned his lifelong interest in and enthusiasm for sports. Though legally blind, he had an uncanny ability to instantly rattle off intricate and complex statistics. This provided a valuable resource to coaches where Chris served as team manager and statistician for Flathead Braves football, basketball and track teams, and Kalispell



Laker Legion baseball teams. He earned the nickname "Sparky" for his shows of

excitement, jumping up and off the bench during tense game moments.

Chris attended Montana State University in Bozeman, graduating with a degree in communications in 1980, and a master's in education in 1981. He moved to Missoula in 1985, and worked for the Missoulian for 23 years, writing columns of sports and general knowledge trivia.

He savored his role as record keeper in the lives of friends, surprising them with real and some-

times obscure trivia that related to their lives. It was not uncommon to get a phone call from Chris saying, "35 years ago today you were ..." adding whatever bit of information he had to share.

Volunteering for Missoula Little League kept Chris busy from 1987-2016. Among other official duties, he collected and reported game scores for 29 years. From 1987-2008 Chris announced games and reported scores for Missoula Maverick American Legion Baseball teams. Montana Grizzly athletics were a big part of Chris's life. He rarely missed a game and was part of the stats crew for Grizzly football and men's and Lady Griz basketball programs from 1985-2016.

In 2006 Chris received the Campbell Buzzetti Award for "Community Sports Enthusiast."

Chris brought his positive attitude and commitment to service to schools throughout Missoula, first as a classroom volunteer at Chief Charlo Elementary School for seven years, and then as a childcare volunteer at the YMCA for ten years. In 2008 Chris received the YMCA "Volunteer of the Year Award." Chris was enjoying his fourth year as a classroom aide at Russell School.

Chris will be remembered by friends and family for his quick wit and sense of humor. An astute observer and a loyal friend, Chris always found ways to entertain those around him with

keen insights and his encyclopedic store of personal trivia.

Chris is survived by his sister Lindsay Addington (Jeff) in Bonner, brother Brad Walterskirchen (Vicki) in Kalispell, and brother Mark Walterskirchen (April) in Springfield, Missouri; four nieces: Josey Walterskirchen, Kelli Walterskirchen, Lisa Twining, Aislinn Addington; and one nephew: Tobin Addington; three great-nieces and one great-nephew as well as cousins, uncles, aunts and countless friends.

Chris suggested memorials to "YMCA Childcare Programs," 3000 S. Russell St. Missoula, MT 59801.

A celebration of life is being planned for Chris in the fall.

Robert B. Walton, 88

Robert B. Walton, 88, "went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on July 4, 2017.

Bob was born June 12, 1929 in Manchester, Montana, to Benjamin and Leota Walton. Bob spent his first five years in Pinnacle, near Essex, where his parents were building the first tourist accommodations in Glacier Park. He attended school in Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Bigfork and Auburn, Washington. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School. An all-around athlete, Bob lettered in basketball and football. He turned down an athletic scholarship to Oregon State and Montana State to join the Army.

Bob went through his basic training at Fort Ord, California, then to combat engineer training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He went to Korea and then to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he took intelligence and instructor refresher courses at the special training center. Next, he volunteered to go to Germany for a year.

Proverbs 22-29 states, "Have you seen a man skilled in his work? He will serve before Kings; he will not serve before obscure men." Bob was such a man. After he was discharged from the Army, he worked on interstate highway construction in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Wyoming. He worked on the North Slope in Alaska, the oil fields in



Montana, and for several years as a private contractor in the Big Sky area. After four years in the gold exploration in Nevada, he was

ready once again to make his home in his beloved Montana.

A quick wit and a ready smile, master at his craft, he enjoyed his life, work, meeting and helping people, and his much-loved family and friends. He loved the movies and taught himself to swim by watching Tarzan and even swam the Flathead River at the North Fork when he was 12. He wanted to be a sergeant in the Army after watching "Sergeant York," which he accomplished one year and one day after he enlisted. He even got a wire hair terrier, Heide, after watching "The Thin Man" with Myrna Loy.

Bob loved exploring new places and his work provided the opportunity. Many of the people he met became lifelong friends. Rock hounding, lapidary, hunting and fishing were his passions. At 80 years old, he bagged a five-by-five elk at 129 yards with a 243-caliber rifle. He especially enjoyed his Secret Santa ministry that he carried on through the holidays — helping

people in need without letting anyone know who did it. He lived, loved, and laughed, a lot.

He was a lifetime member of the NRA, Commanders Club of the DAV Patriots Hall of Fame, RNC, American Legion and the VFW. Bob was one of the original donors of the Endowment for Sports at Columbia Falls High School.

Preceding him in death were his wife and companion of 47 years, Irma Rosenberg; his parents Ben and Leota Walton; his brothers and sisters-in-law Parley and Bernie Walton, Benny and Norma Walton; nephew Robert B. Walton; daughter Marla Langley; great-nephew Brad Walton; and great-niece Deana Bauer Walton.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Doris (Dolly) and Pat Lee of Columbia Falls; daughter Diana; granddaughters Regina, Katharine and Amy; grandson Michael; great-grandsons Nolan, Conor, Zeek and Ashton, all of Washington; his aunt Faye Reeves of Columbia Falls; brother-in-law Allan White; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers,

donations can be made to the Montana Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 215, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912; the Endowment for Sports at the Columbia Falls High School; or the Columbia Falls Food Bank.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A reception will be held following services, at 11:30 a.m. at The Journey Church, 5091 U.S. 2, Columbia Falls, behind the LaSalle Grange.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Robert's family.

Avis Arleene Wang, 81

Avis Arleene Wang was born to Clinton and Hazel Johnson on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1936, in Glasgow and passed away peacefully on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2017, in Spokane.

Avis grew up in the Flathead Valley where she attended a one-room schoolhouse. She then attended Flathead County High School and that is when she met the love of her life, Marvin Wang. They were married at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers on Aug. 30, 1953. Avis and Marvin lived in many cities and states but always returned to the Flathead and finally settled in Somers in 1972. They eventually moved into Kalispell, and most recently Spokane, to be closer to their daughter and her family.

Avis loved spending time with her family and friends. She belonged to many bowling leagues, enjoyed playing games and was spiritually fed with her weekly Bible studies.

Avis and Marvin loved to travel and spent many of their journeys with a group of friends they called "The Shaky Eight." They made multiple trips to Alaska and traveled all over the Northwest during their retirement,



but her favorite was camping with family and friends.

Avis was a loving daughter, sister, wife,

mother, grandmother and friend.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clinton Johnson, mother Hazel Johnson, and older sister, Yvonne Earl.

Avis is survived by her loving husband, Marvin Wang, her younger sister Janice Hosford, daughters Shannon Coburn (Mitch) and Karen Robinson (Dan), and two beautiful grandchildren, Kyle Coburn and Lindsey Robinson.

The family has chosen not to hold a memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your local hospice organization.

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Betty Anne Warner, 67

On Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, Betty Anne Warner passed away peacefully in her home with her loving family surrounding her. Betty battled cancer for the last six years of her life, showing great courage and peaceful humility that inspired others who saw her and cared for her.



She loved the preparation and planning and all the little things, like baking cookies, wrapping gifts and decorating her home.

Betty was also a game enthusiast. She loved to play Yahtzee, bingo, and Uno, often giving away her good hand by her excitement. Her passion for games was not limited to a sit down. She and Ed loved to go bowling and hit the dance floor with friends and family. And while at home, she even loved watching TV game shows.

Betty is survived by her husband Ed, and their son Scott (wife Stacy and their children

them and meeting their needs before her own. Betty was especially fond of the holiday season.

Kyle and Kendall), and their son Joe (wife Karen and children Harleigh and Shawn), her sisters Frances, Peggy and Rose, and their families, her brother Bill (wife Karla) and his family, and her sister-in-law Lavonne and her family. She is also survived by her lifelong friend Judy Woller. And finally, she leaves behind her faithful little companion and foot warmer, her dog Buddy.

The family would like to thank all Betty's incredible doctors and

nurses who cared for her as well as her hospice care team who was there when Ed and Betty needed them. Donations can be made in Betty's name to Home Options/Hospice.

There will be a viewing at 10 a.m. and a celebration of life at 11a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A reception will immediately follow at the Moose Lodge of Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the Warner family.

Betty was born June 29, 1950, to Peter and Mary Hammer in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. She grew up in Troy and graduated from Troy High School in 1968. And then a few weeks after graduation, she married the love of her life on June 8, 1968. Ed and Betty's incredible partnership lasted over 49 years as they journeyed through life together.

Betty loved taking care of her family. She had the pleasant habit of putting everyone else first, always welcoming

Perry Lee Warren Jr., 64

Our beloved dad, son, grandpa, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle and friend, Perry Lee Warren Jr., physically departed from this great planet earth due to heart failure on March 4, 2017.

He was born on June 15, 1952, in Jerome, Idaho, to Perry Lee Warren (born Aug. 16, 1925, in Kutch, Colorado) and Bonnie Marie (Page) Warren (born Sept. 8, 1930, in Cozad, Nebraska). The family was from Dietrich, Idaho, and that is where his ashes shall be laid to rest.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his father, son Brenton, and many other great family members.

He is survived by his mother Bonnie Marie Dorris, of Burley, Idaho; son Miles Warren and family of Kalispell; brother Jim R. Warren and wife Cheryl of Dietrich, Idaho; sisters Janie Marie and Ken Meyers of Valley, Washington, Roxyann Lee Carper of Odessa, Washington, and

Roberta Sue Pool of Port Townsend, Washington; Aunt Ruby and Uncle Herb McCowan of Dietrich; and many other relatives.

Perry pretty much grew up in the farming country of southern Idaho in Lincoln County. To his very end he repeatedly told stories of his younger days, especially those spent with Aunt Ruby and Uncle Herb and family on their farm/ranch in Dietrich. He got into construction and began his tile learning skills in the Sun Valley, Idaho, area prior to moving to the Flathead Valley in 1991. Most people do not realize that in his younger days he was one "helk" of a basketball player, pool shooter and liked to fish and hunt, and began trap shooting with his dear friend Scotty in Kalispell.

There shall be a memorial service for Perry from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 18 at Scotty's. Please join us in a celebration of Perry's life while living in the Flathead Valley.

Sydney Ann Hale Watson, 77

Sydney Ann Hale Watson was born in Whitefish on March 1, 1939, to Arnold and Ann Hale. She graduated from Whitefish High School and was a graduate of Montana State University. Sydney held a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology as well as a Master of Science degree in immunology that she earned from California State University.

Sydney met Paul in 1964 in Southern California when he was in his pathology training. Along with being a wife and mother, she worked closely with Paul in his pathology practice.

She leaves behind her husband Paul; four children, Brett, Michelle, Brian and Julie; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a



brother, Martin Hale, of Whitefish; her loving nephew, Alrick Hale, and his family of Whitefish; and her aunt, Electra Lockridge, of Missoula; as well as many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Sandy Unger.

Sydney and Paul enjoyed travel, fishing, hunting, and their home overlooking the Pacific in Baja, Mexico.

Sydney was an accomplished pilot, Ham radio operator and fisherman. She loved her golden retrievers; over her lifetime she had eight beloved dogs.

Sydney passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, after a two-year battle with metastatic melanoma. She died at home peacefully, surrounded by her family.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Dennis Peterson of Kalispell for his compassionate care throughout Sydney's illness. Sydney and Paul also express their gratitude to the professionals at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, and especially those at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City where she received such compassionate care for over a year.

The family plans a private memorial at their home in Baja this spring.

Donations may be made in Sydney's name to the American Cancer Society/Hope Lodge.

A Funeral Is More Than A
Single Day In A Lifetime

Feb 5

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OBITUARIES *March 19*

Clarence Anderson Watts, 89

Born on Nov. 11, 1927 to Signe Evelyn (Anderson) Watts and Cary Porter Watts in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Clarence was the second child of seven. The family spent their early years following construction jobs in several states, finally purchasing land in the Flathead Valley in 1942.

Clarence passed away in Kalispell on Dec. 16, 2016.

Clarence had fond memories of Miles City, where he got his first horse, a Spanish pony, and spent time around the stockyards watching the cowboys work. While father Cary worked on the construction of the dam at Fort Peck, the family stayed in Glasgow where the last of Clarence's six siblings was born. Clarence spent the time working on local ranches where he learned many skills relating to animal husbandry and even spent time rounding up wild horses on the eastern Montana plains. He later followed his father into the construction business as an oiler and then worked as a crane and shovel operator, including time digging missile silo sites and dam foundations all over the state of Montana.



ers who were also serving in Europe at the time. Upon his release from active duty in 1952, he returned to the Flathead

Valley, became a lifelong member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and continued running cranes, draglines and shovels, helping to harness Montana's water resources at Hungry Horse, Cochran, Clark Canyon, and Libby dams. In 1970 he turned to the Iron Workers Union for steady work at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls as a mechanic and welder so he could stay close enough to begin buying the family farm from his mother after his father's death. After 20 years at the plant, he retired to full-time farming and cattle ranching at age 65 in 1992.

Clarence always held a strong love and responsibility to his family and to the land. Many people, friends and family alike, will always remember Clarence for his assistance

The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1942, purchasing what would become the family farm north of Lake Blaine for an annual payment of \$368. Clarence stepped up to be the surrogate "man of the house" while his father traveled to find work, helping his mother run the farm while attending Deer Park School nearby. Even with the extra responsibilities, Clarence went on to graduate from Flathead County High School in 1947.

After several years continuing work on the family farm, Clarence joined the Army in 1950 during the Korean War. He attained the rank of Corporal and served with the 10th Mountain Division as an M.P. in Germany and was able to visit two of his broth-

and advice, often focused on safety and conservation. That is why it was no surprise when he turned to the Montana Land Reliance to maintain his love in perpetuity through a conservation easement on the family farm.

Clarence is survived by his sisters Georgia Doane of Washington, Signa Howe of Wyoming, Verna Wilson of Washington and predeceased by his brothers Clifford, Richard and James Watts.

Clarence Anderson Watts will be missed by family and friends, all who are better for having known him.

Graveside services to be held at 1 p.m. March 26 at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Celebration of life to follow at the Eagles Club, 37 First St. W., Kalispell.

5 Oct 2017

Ira Weaver, 91

Ira Weaver passed away in Plains on Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.

He was born in Linden, Idaho, on May 8, 1926. His family later built a homestead in Proctor, in the Flathead Valley, where he went to school and spent a good part of his life until moving to Kalispell. Ira was a World War II veteran. When he returned to the Flathead he worked in the logging, and radio and appliance repair industries, then in the U.S. Forest Service as the electronics technician for the

Flathead National Forest. When he retired from the Forest Service he went into business for himself as a master electrician under Weaver Electric.

Ira moved to Thompson Falls around 2005 where he resided until his passing. He was especially known for his sense of humor and his stories he would relate about his life, he was known and admired by many.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth and later Dorothy, his



sons Bob and Cory, and a daughter Judy.

He is survived by his children, Kathleen, Samuel, Nicholas, Vivian, Steve and Rhonda;

many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ira was past master of the Masons, Kalispell Lodge 42. The Masonic rites will be performed at the service.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Kalispell, with a reception to follow at the Masonic Lodge, 241 South Main Street, Kalispell.

Donations will be collected and set aside for a memorial bench on the Thompson Falls walking trail along the river. Ike loved taking his scooter along this trail.

OBITUARY *May 26*

Myrt Whitman Webb Jr., 74

Myrt Whitman Webb Jr., 74, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2017, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on May 9, 1943, in Meridian, Mississippi, to Myrt and Betty (Burk) Webb Sr.

Myrt grew up in Denver and Lennox, California. He played high school varsity football for three years. He graduated from Lennox High School in Lennox in 1961. After high school, he attended college at UCLA in Los Angeles, where he enrolled in ROTC and received a bachelor's degree in psychology. He later earned his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Utah.

Myrt entered the Army in 1965 as a second lieutenant and served for 27 years. He served in the Vietnam War in 1965-1966 and 1969-1970. After the war, he was:

- ROTC Instructor - San Luis Obispo, California, at Polytechnic University.
- Commander of Artillery Battery - Rhineland, Germany area
- Psyc Operations - JFK Special Warfare Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Graduate of Commander and General Staff College - Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- National Guard advisor - St. Louis
- Executive officer, 25th Infantry Field Artillery Brigade - Scholfield Barracks
- Commander of the 1st Battalion 8th Field Artillery - Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii



- City administrator - Colfax, Washington
- City manager - Columbia Falls
- Interim economic development director - Flathead County
- Interim Solid Waste District manager - Flathead County
- Interim county administrator - Flathead County
- Interim city manager - Kalispell

Myrt married Sharon Ann Wetmore in 1966 in the Methodist Church at Hawthorne, California. They were married for 45 years. In 2016, Myrt married Linda Jean Putman. Myrt was a member of the Methodist Church, the Flathead Land Trust, and the U.S. Army Historical Society. He enjoyed hiking, skiing, avalanche observation, bicycling, camping, history and politics. As a Microsoft certified engineer, he volunteered at North Valley Hospital in IT security. He was also a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children.

Myrt was preceded in death by his wife Sharon Webb, and son Geoffrey Webb.

Myrt is survived by his spouse, Linda Putman, of Columbia Falls; his daughter, Cynthia Webb, of Whitefish; daughter-in-law, Shelly Webb, of Spokane; and his grandchildren, Chad Bowman

- Deputy G4 Logistics I Corps - Fort Lewis, Washington
 - Graduate, U.S. Army War College resident - Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
 - Director of Logistics - Fort Sill, Oklahoma
 - Graduate of the Field Artillery Advanced Course
 - Commander of Post - Fort Chaffee, Arkansas
- He retired in 1992, achieving the rank of full colonel. After the army, he worked as:

of Helena, and Sabrina Webb, Forrest Webb and Gwendolyn Webb of Spokane.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the United Methodist Church, 117 2nd Ave. West, Columbia Falls. A reception will be held afterward.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Myrt's memory to the Columbia Falls Methodist Church to support the gift card program for foster families.

18 Mar 2017

Delores Tkachyk Weber, 78

Delores passed away in her home at Sweetwater Assisted Living in Billings on March 16, 2017. "She has gone to be with her beloved husband of 60 years, Leslie."

Delores was born in Scobey to Peter and Nellie Tkachyk on May 7, 1938. She completed her schooling in Scobey where she graduated from high school.

Delores and Leslie married in 1957 and made their home in Flaxville, Montana. They purchased the Westland Gas Station and had four children. In 1970 they moved to Billings where Delores worked as a certified nursing assistant and later a waitress.



Delores and Leslie loved to camp, go fishing, gardening, and loved to spend time with their children and grandchildren.

Delores was preceded in death by her husband Leslie, parents Peter and Nellie Tkachyk, and two sisters, Leona Tkachyk and Jeannie Beglau.

Delores is survived by her four children, Kelly (Maggie) of Fairbault, Minnesota, Brian (Charla) of Columbia Falls, Lezlee (Brian) Krings of Lewistown, and Jeff (Kristine) of Billings;

11 grandchildren, Nick, Kaleigh, Gage, Erica, Cece, Ashley, Chelsea, Alison, Taylor, Jordan and Leslie; four great-grandchildren, Marli, Kayston, Aniyah and Connor; and her siblings, Ralph Tkachyk, Paul Tkachyk, Patty Haugan and Mary Hackman.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sweetwater Assisted Living and Compassus Hospice Care for the wonderful care given to both our parents.

Memorials are suggested to Compassus, 2110 Overland Ave, Suite No.111, Billings, MT 59102.

Helen Amelia (Demarest) Weber, 100

Helen Amelia (Demarest) Weber was born in Great Falls on Nov. 29, 1916, to Harry and Amelia (Brown) Demarest.

Helen passed away on Feb. 14th, 2017, in Kalispell, a few months after her 100th birthday celebration.

She was raised on the family ranch in the Sweet Grass Hills and attended school at Whitlash, Montana, until the eighth grade. Helen had to board with a family in Chester to be able to attend high school. After graduating from high school, she attended Northern Montana College where she received her teacher's certificate. She augmented her teaching certificate by attending the University of Colorado, specializing in early childhood education. Helen taught in Lothair, Brady, Cut Bank and Great Falls.

While teaching in Cut Bank, she met Wilfred "Web" Weber from Flaxville, Montana. They were married in Shelby on Sept. 14, 1941. The military and their careers moved them from Cut Bank to Texas to Billings to California, back to Billings and then to Great Falls. "You move to where the work is" she used to say.

In Billings, Helen operated a home day care that she said was the hardest job she ever had. In 1960, she started teaching at the Ursuline Academy and Holy Family School in Great Falls. She taught there until 1979 when she purchased an optical store in Kalispell and became self-employed.



to assisted living in 2009. After a fall, she became a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Communities. She had a room with a view and was very much at home.

She is survived by her children: Steve Weber, Kalispell; Jane Weber Christman, Great Falls; Greg (Lois) Weber, Poplar; Mark (LouRae) Weber, Twin Bridges; Stuart (Sas) Weber, Belgrade; daughter-in-law, Jane Byard, Missoula; and her youngest sister, Lucille Ritter, Lakeside; 13 grandchildren: Paula (Chris) Ostrom, Conrad; Derek VanLuchene, Helena; Katie (Patricio Gonzalez) VanLuchene, Great Falls; Candice (Joel) Hoerner, Kalispell; Lanelle Christman, Seattle; Nick Weber, Los Angeles; Tyler (Jen) Weber, Kalispell; Zachary (Mindy) Weber, Kalispell; Amanda (James) Swift, Billings; Warren Weber, Baltimore, Maryland; Mason Weber, Bozeman; A'Raeann Weber, Twin Bridges; and Amelia Weber, Belgrade; 20 great-grandchildren: Stefanie Ostrom, Kelsey Ostrom, Cale Ostrom, Dallas VanLuchene, Lane Hoerner, Kayla Deutsch, Adysonon VanLuchene, Liam VanLuchene, Dana Arroyo, Marshal Gwinn, Cristofer Gonzalez, Jackson Weber, Abby Weber, Max Weber, Clayton Weber, Wesley Weber, Jayden Swift, Colton Swift, Hope Swift,

time on earth — and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up — that we will live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had." —Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

The family would like to thank Immanuel Lutheran Communities for her loving care during her final years.

A celebration of life is scheduled for March 18, times and place to be announced later. Interment of ashes will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Cemetery in Great Falls where Web

has been patiently waiting since 1974.

The family requests that memorials be sent to either Ryan United, 800 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT, 59601 or donations can be made online to www.ryanunited.org, or the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium, 218 E. Front St., Missoula, MT 59802: www.missoulabutterflyhouse.org.

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With her very busy schedule, Helen had little time for hobbies but one she made time for was bridge. She played it until she was the last person at the table. After her bridge partners passed away, she worked the bridge games in the paper and, also, crossword puzzles with bigger and bigger print. Helen loved to quilt and started making quilts as gifts when she moved to Kalispell.

Helen moved from her townhouse in Kalispell

Hannah Swift, and one great-great granddaughter Spencer Jane Posey. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilfred Weber; her parents, Harry and Amelia Demarest; brother, Claude Demarest; sister, Mabel Iverson; son, Byron Weber; daughter-in-law, Beth Weber; and grandson, Ryan VanLuchene.

"It's only when we truly know and understand that we have limited

Kenneth Weed, 82

In loving memory of Kenneth Weed, who "went to rest" on Dec. 11, 2017.

Kenneth was known to most as Ken. He was born on Nov. 10, 1935, on the west side of Kalispell at a midwife house. He was a loving father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Ken loved Montana and all it had to offer. Ken loved to hunt. He got his first deer at the age of 9. Ken reloaded most of his ammunition. Ken's love for fishing would take him to Flathead Lake to troll for "macs" and salmon. When it was legal, he would go the Flathead River plugging for bull trout. Ken also went on several fishing tournaments with his son.

Ken loved the outdoors and would take all the kids, nieces and nephews to go whitewater rafting.

Ken loved to ski both water and snow. He skied from Little Frenchies to Big Mountain. Ken took the whole family out to the Jone's cabin on Lake Blaine where he taught all the kids to water ski



on the skis and surfboards which he made by hand.

Ken loved working with his hands: woodworking, building houses and he was known

as the fixer upper. Ken built his own home on the farm he purchased between Kalispell and Whitefish. He fixed all of his own equipment.

Ken had fun cleaning his own property. He would build a brush fire and sit around it as if he were camping.

Ken was the type of person who cared deeply about his family and friends. He kept track of everyone no matter where they were to make sure everyone was OK. He went to nursing homes to visit with the residents.

Ken was in the National Guard for 12 years and was a lifetime member of the Elks.

After graduating from Flathead High in 1953, he went to college at the University of Montana in Missoula for a year. Ken returned to Kalispell and started working at Plum Creek Lumber where he retired after 44 years.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Pat, of 55 years, whom he married on Feb. 11, 1963. Ken is survived by his son Mark Weed, and wife Michelle, and their son Colter of Kalispell. Mark has two daughters, Stephanie and her children, daughter Addison and son Brody of Kalispell, and Brittani from Portland and Mark's son Steven of Kalispell. Ken is also survived by his daughter Cindy Weed, her son Calen and daughter Amelia of Kalispell.

Ken is survived by

his daughters Jackie Shumacher and husband Rod of Canada, and Tawnya Hugo and daughter Jennifer of Washington. Ken is survived by his sister-in-law Lynn Weed who was married to Earl E. Weed; also lots of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Earl S. and Evelyn (Honey) Weed, his sister Karen O'Hare, his brother Earl E. Weed, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of life will follow at 1 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel Kalispell.

Dec 14

July 4

OBITUARIES

Randy Weiland, 60

Randy Weiland, 60, died peacefully in his sleep on June 30, 2017 at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 19, 1957.

Randy will be forever missed by his family and friends. He walked miles around the town of Columbia Falls making many friends along the way. He was a daily fixture at all the places along his walking route; Dairy Queen and Town Pump to name a few.

Randy lived a quiet life and took each day as it came. He never missed a Saturday Mass at St. Richards. He loved family gatherings and holiday dinners. His nephews Wade and Guy will always have fond memories of Uncle Randy taking them to the movies every Saturday night after church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brother Donnie, and his dog Beau.

Randy is survived

by his sister Darlene Herman (Henry), nephews Wade Herman (Leslie), and Guy Herman (Michelle); great nieces, Jade Herman and Brittney Herman-Malley (James); great-great nieces Gracelynn and Madison and his stepfather John Brinkerhoff.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 at Columbia Mortuary. The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 6 at St. Richards Parish with burial following services at St. Richard Cemetery.

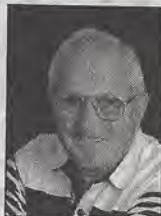
Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

25 Jan 2017

Erhardt 'Curly' Weidner, 82

Erhardt "Curly" Weidner, 82, passed away in Kalispell on Jan. 21, 2017. Curly has fought cancer since 2002.

Curly was born on Dec. 9, 1934, to Jacob and Linda Weidner in Beulah, North Dakota. Curly was raised on the family farm, leaving school in the ninth grade to help the family. At the age of 18 he went to work at the Garrison Dam, working for them for two years, and then he moved to Scobey, Montana; he then moved to Kalispell and ran the Gulf Station, moving on to work for City



Service for the next 44 years as a mechanic, and as an electrician and gas pump repair for

Northwest Fuel as well. He was the security supervisor for the Outlaw Inn for 33 years.

Curly married Sharon Amundson on Jan. 9, 1982. He and Sharon were able to have a six-week honeymoon traveling to different parts of the country and spending time in Cancun, Mexico.

Curly was a member of the NRA and Lions Club; he loved to hunt and work. Curly had many friends all over, especially through the Church at Creston — that was his joy after retirement.

Curly is survived by his wife, Sharon; brothers, Hap Weidner and Eldor Weidner; mother-in-law, Isabelles Dougherty; stepson, Brett Cislo; stepdaughter, Dea Cislo; Block, whom he always dearly loved and considered his children; step-grandchildren, Bryane Cislo, Shayla Block, Chris Block, Shawn Block, Josh

Cislo and Jenna Johnson; nine stepgreat-grandchildren, all of whom he loved as his family and never considered them as stepchildren or stepgrandchildren.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 9 to 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27, followed by a 10 a.m. funeral service at the Church at Creston. A reception will follow services and a graveside committal will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

OBITUARIES *Saw 25*

Florence Lucille (Derencin) Welsh, 98

Florence Lucille (Derencin) Welsh, 98, passed away peacefully Jan. 22, 2017, in Columbia Falls.

Mother was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 7, 1918.

She was a loving dotting mother, and grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband Maj. Charles H. Welsh. U.S. Army Retired, formerly of Somerset, Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her children, Susan Nyberg and husband John of Arizona, Robert Welsh and wife Sharen of Arizona, Nancy



L'Homme-dieu and husband Phelps of Montana, Cynthia Mash and husband Eugene

of Arizona, and Mark Welsh and wife Lucinda of Virginia; and sister, Dorothy, of Michigan.

Private services are being held. Internment will follow this year in Pennsylvania.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Florence's family. You are invited to go to www.darlingtonfunerals.com to view Florence's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

OBITUARIES *Nov 18*

Alice Wendt, 87

Alice Wendt, of Kalispell, 87, passed away peacefully at the adult care home where she resided for the last six months on Oct. 27, 2017. Alice was born to John and Edna Isom on March 15, 1930, in Tacoma, Washington, and moved to Kalispell as a teenager. Alice graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949.

On March 26, 1950, Bud and Alice wed and together had four children, and remained married for almost 65 years, until Bud passed in 2015.

Alice was homemaker for many years then went on to do housekeeping at a local Flathead hotel and finished her working career at Fair-Mont-Egan School as an aide.

Alice loved to garden, bake and go camping. Many summer weekends were spent camping, fishing, playing cards and sharing good times with her family, friends and their families throughout Northwest Montana. Alice was also an avid card player and



enjoyed the monthly pinochle parties with many of her and Bud's

friends.

Alice was preceded in death by stepfather Andy Anderson, and mother Edna Anderson; and is survived by son E. Wayne and his wife Judy, children Sid and Judith; son Michael and his wife Julie, children Cassandra and Ashlie; daughter Cheryl Wood and husband Jim, children Josh and Autumn; daughter Connie DeCunzo and husband Jason, children Tessa and Isabella; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for immediate family members will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, followed by an open house celebration of Alice's life from 1 to 3 p.m. at Joe and Lucille Kaufman's home, 656 Conrad Lane, Kalispell.

James Douglas 'Doug' Wendt, 89

Doug passed away March 3, 2017.

He was born on the family farm Aug. 3, 1927, to Otto Richard and Kathleen Marie Wendt in the Fairview community of Flathead County. He was the first of four children and attended Fairview School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947. Upon graduation from high school he worked at the Equity Supply Creamery for several years before joining his parents in running the family farm and dairy. He eventually took over the farm upon the retirement of his parents.

Beyond the family farm, Doug had several passions in life, airplanes, jazz music and the theater. He was able to pursue his passions especially later in life after retiring and selling the farm. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of aircraft and traveled all over the world attending air shows. He was a frequent attendee at many local jazz establishments, especially the Kalispell Eagles Club and Lounge. A couple favorite performers were Jack Waller and Patrice from "La Nota."

He enjoyed doing all these things with his companions in life. Joyce Lawlor was his companion for 15 years, until her death in 2002. She had introduced to Doug the Lawlor Family, Tim, Theresa, Tom, Sabra and Ryan to name a few, all of whom had loved and remained very close to him. Later, Joyce Workman and Doug spent many years together, attending the high school basketball and volleyball games, Bigfork theater, jazz and many dinners. Beckie Housel then became his best friend and continued to go to these events



for many years. He was able to continue going too many air shows, air races, not

to mention the many WWII aircrafts he flew in, the theater in Bigfork, Missoula and Spokane. Doug's passion was mesmerizing. Doug also became very close to his dear friend Judie Cossette, they spent a great deal of precious time together. She drove, while he told old farm stories about the areas where he grew up. He became very close to Doug and Jennifer Cossette, Chad and Sheri Lawlor and their five children Maddy, Cade, Brabyn, Mason and Logan who considered him grandpa all their lives. During the last two years of Doug's life he lived with his closest friends and caretakers Jesse and Beckie Housel. He was a very happy man and his life was fulfilled in every way.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents Otto and Kathleen, and his sister Mary Margaret Nickol.

He is survived by his brother Norman Edward and wife Patricia Ann of Whitefish, sister Kathy and husband Larry Crandall of Washington and numerous nieces and nephews, and his loving caretaker family Jesse and Beckie Housel of Kalispell.

There will be a Mass of Christian burial held for Doug at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with burial to follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

27 Apr 2017

Ruth Vera Wentworth, 93

Ruth Vera Wentworth, 93, passed away April 24, 2017, with family, at her home.

She was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Bemidji, Minnesota, to Flora and Lody Mackaman. She was the fourth of six children.

Ruth was just 16 when she married her soul mate, Ben Wentworth.

They shared 46 years of marriage, three children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She led a loved life.

She was preceded in death by her sweet Ben, daughter Pam Dryer, great-grandson Conrad Tousey, parents, siblings and their spouses.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Sharon Tousey; and son, Keith Wentworth, and wife Joanie; her six grandchildren, Jay Tousey, Lea Tousey, Shelly



Williams and husband Wes, Mark Dryer and wife Sonja, Tomas Kline and wife Toni,

and Miriam Bland and husband George Bland III; eight great-grandchildren, Seth and Grace Murray, Logan and Olivia Williams, Marily Dangelo and husband Andrew, Ashley Foster, Bradley Kline and Jaclyn; and two great-grandchildren, Faith Williams and Hayes Dangelo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 1, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held afterward at 364 Antelope Trail, Whitefish.