

Roger Lowell Blades, 83

Roger Lowell Blades, 83, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1934, at home in Columbia Falls to William and Maude (Robinson) Blades. Roger was the youngest and last survivor of 13 children. He lost his parents at a young age, and his brothers and sisters took a part in raising him. His older sister, Bea, cared for him as her own. Roger attended school in Columbia Falls and enlisted in the Navy in December of 1952. He served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in November 1955.

Roger greatly loved being a part of a large family and spent much of his life enjoying and laughing with his many brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Roger married in 1958 and had three children, Belinda, Mitch and Lee.

He found his career working highway construction and maintenance with the Operating Engineers. During this time, he was the first to be hired to construct the Libby Tunnel. Subsequently, when Libby Dam was being built, he was voted to be the local business manager for Local 371 in Kalispell and participated in the dam's ribbon cutting ceremony. His successes lead him to a position as an International Representative for the Operating Engineers helping to organize workers all over the Western United States. Roger proudly retired from the Operating Engineers in 1992.

Roger enjoyed his family during this time and lived in Columbia Falls, Boise, Idaho, San Bruno and San Mateo, California, and West Glacier. He later divorced and spent time in Twin Falls, Idaho, with his sec-



ond wife building a successful home care business.

Roger loved visiting and spending time with his children, watching his grandchildren grow and

sharing in their accomplishments. He loved to camp, hunt and fish and anything that presented an adventure.

After becoming a widower, Roger wanted to return to his much-loved home in Montana. He enjoyed these last few years with his many relatives and friends. He spent quality time with his son Mitch, who took Roger in when he became ill.

In recent years, Roger spent time with the Blackfeet Indians with his great friends Don Gimbel and Larry Hoerner. In 1964, while working road construction, Roger's supervisor told him to remove a large boulder from the middle of U.S. Highway 2 and bury it. Roger thought the rock was quite beautiful and opted to move it to the side of the road overlooking the river for all to enjoy, where it still stands as a landmark today. Members of the Blackfeet Indians performed a tribal ceremony last year honoring him for his spirit with his Indian name, "Fallen Rock."

In the final days of his life, Roger moved into Heritage Place in Kalispell. Roger's family is grateful to the Heritage Place nurses, aides and staff who cared for Roger. He truly felt at home.

Roger is survived by

his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Grange Hall Community Center, 594 Birch Grove in Kalispell. A light dinner will be served.

"Rest in peace, Fallen Rock, you will always be loved and remembered."

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, at www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence

for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Evelyn Mae Blair, 90

Evelyn Mae Blair, 90, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Evelyn was born in Iowa on July 20, 1928, to Guy and Daisy Hart.

Evelyn loved working in her flower garden and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents. She is survived by her sons, Glen Fox, David Fox and Russell Fox; sister, Mary Wies; and special friends, Art and Kathy VanDeraa.



Funerals services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Buffalo Hill

Funeral Home, with burial to take place at Lakeside Cemetery in Loveland, Colorado.

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

Linda Blanc, 72

Our mom and grandma, Linda Blanc, entered this world on Feb. 6, 1946.

She passed on "to a better place" on Friday March 16, 2018, in Kalispell.

Linda was born to Lowell and Ruth Bergstrom in Portland. She was soon joined by a brother, John. The family moved to Willard, Montana, when Linda was young, eventually purchasing a ranch southeast of Ekalaka in the Tie Creek area. This was a place that Mom loved dearly. She attended a one room country school, and graduated from Carter County High School. She went on to obtain a bachelor degree in education from Black Hills State in Spearfish, South Dakota.

Mom accepted a teaching position in Gas Hills, Wyoming, where she met



Leonard Blanc. The two were married on July 6, 1968. They had a daughter Lori, and

son Lon.

Leonard and Linda lived in several areas in western Colorado. Mom worked beside Dad on the ranches, and later did the bookkeeping for the family business. The family moved from Colorado to the ranch on Tie Creek in January 1982. The four years that we lived there were some of the best she had. Mom rode horses, worked cows, ran tractors, and did everything a ranch wife does.

The family moved to Kalispell in 1986. Mom taught elementary in Kila and Salmon Prairie. She also worked as a book-

keeper. After she and Leonard divorced in 1992, Mom moved back to the Ekalaka area and taught in a rural, multi-grade classroom.

Linda moved back to Kalispell several years later. She found a wonderful batch of friends in her TOPS group, and these ladies were very important to her. We would like to thank them for the happiness and support they gave her, especially in the last few months.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, her brother John, Leonard, her in-laws, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Linda is survived by her daughter Lori Spaid (Jason) of Huson, son Lon (Jessie) of Kalispell, granddaughter Morgann, and grandson Colter. She is also survived by stepgrandchildren Joseth

and Joshwa McGee and Tiffany Borland, niece Shannon, and several cousins.

We will love and miss you always, Mom.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Her ashes will be scattered on the ranch this summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

William John Blanchard, 57

William John Blanchard "went to the all you can eat seafood buffet in the sky" on Dec. 30, 2017.

He is survived by his husband Shawn Sharp, his father Earl J. Blanchard and his companion, Mary Lee Bakker, of Fort Benton; brothers Larry (Carla) of Great Falls, and Joe (Stacey) of Spokane; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in



death by his mother, Shirley Blanchard.

John graduated from Fort Benton High

School. He owned his own greenhouse in Fort Benton for many years. He then worked for UPS as a delivery driver for 25 years until he retired.

Eldon D. 'Whitey' Blumer, 88

Eldon D. "Whitey" Blumer, 88, "left our earthly world" on Nov. 27, 2017, "to enter heaven for a reunion with our Lord and some of his family."

Born Aug. 28, 1929, in Peerless, Montana, he was the fifth son of Jonathan Blumer and Frances (Starr) Blumer.

He was a master mechanic, and invented the Prairie Rock Press to crush rocks. He paved streets and highways. In 1960 moved to Kennewick, Washington and started his construction business again. In 1983 his first wife, Kitty, passed away, and 10 years later (1993) he moved to California. In 1996 he married his second wife, Ellen.

Eldon was a wonderful and caring husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He leaves behind his sec-



ond wife, Ellen; four sons, Terry (Janet) of Maryland, Randy of Washington, Robin (Jan) of Arizona,

and Tim (Janice) of Oregon; 10 grandchildren, Meryka, Tanya, Heidi, Kasey, Dane, Kristie, Justine, Kurtis, Jordan and Jillian; four great-grandchildren, Payton, Keely, Gavin and Kale; brother, Larry (Rose); sister, Blanche; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held on at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, 641 Conrad Road, Kalispell.

Larry Xavier Blumer, 84

Larry Xavier Blumer, 84, of Columbia Falls, died peacefully at his home on July 15, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Blumer, and his three children, Janet Blumer, Linda Broscheit and Steve Blumer.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for

Lonnie Dean Bogovich, 61

Lonnie Dean Bogovich, 61, the King of One Liners, informant, natty dresser and accomplished napper, quietly passed on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2018, doing it his way.

Lonnie's story starts out in Youngstown, Ohio on Jan. 27, 1957. Born to Angelina Williamson, Lonnie spent his childhood raising hell in Youngstown, befriending anyone that crossed paths with him. This included his lifelong friend Paula DeMaiori, the mother of his two girls. With the encouragement of these friends to seek greener mountains, Lonnie moved to Montana at 19 years old.

In 1977, Lonnie set out to show Paul Bunyan who the hell the boss was when it came to logging! From sawyer to skidder and process operator, he knew the inner workings of the logging industry. If you didn't pull your weight or didn't do it his way, you would be provided a quick lesson in how foolish you were with his salty brash. After 30 years of working in the timber industry, Lonnie was forced to become an armchair logger as his health couldn't keep up with his mouth in the woods.

He took extreme pride in his two daughters, Janu and Zoi, after they could take care of themselves (we all know that adolescent people and puppies were not in his wheelhouse of patience). With smugness he taught the girls important things such as yes, tires need to have the air checked; a dipstick is used to check oils and not just a name you call someone; it is OK for others blocks away to hear the great music you are listening to; how to wrestle a snowmobile when its stuck; how to bang the gears in a hopped up Chevella; how to waste perfectly good



quickly realized the insurmountable task she had taken on.

Continually dressed in his "Coram Leisure Suit" or his lumberjack approved apparel with fashionable suspenders, Lonnie emitted one liners as he was quick witted with no pause for thought of the words being expelled or the inappropriateness of those words for young ears. Tammy spent 33 years trying to filter and tame the wild Bogovich. Even during his last days at the hospital, Tammy had the daunting task of trying to keep him in the realm of PG-13. Lonnie had a soft side that could be seen when he would suppress his brassy persona for his main squeeze to share a dance to one of their favorite songs, "Do You Wanna Dance." Together they enjoyed eliminating challenges on any given pool table, shredding fresh powder with their snowmobiles, bouncing on the waves in a boat at one of many lakes and just being the Bogoviches. Attending a Bogovich backyard barbecue was always memorable with Tammy playing the gracious host and Lonnie providing entertainment with his homemade Polish Horseshoes. Together they embraced a good road trip. From the Land of 10,000 Lakes to the Show Me State to the Golden State the highway was their home on many classic adventures. International travel wasn't too far from home, as excursions to the Calgary Stampede to watch the rodeo or to Revelstoke to chase champagne powder in the Selkirk Mountains with their snowmobiles.

reasonable person should be awake and speaking without hesitation, as if you have been waiting for him to call. Politics, people driving in front of him, being PC, interrupting his show, being quiet, sitting still, waiting in lines or weed whacking were all negatives in his world.

Lonnie's façade and often his saltiness were characteristic of an old man, however, it was just a veneer. To know him was to know that he was the king of gossip or as he called it "keeping you in the know" and often injected a little Lonnie-ism to it for good measure. Hunting, old cars, NASCAR, stereos, snowmobiling, motorcycles, Hooters, chainsaws and John Deere were favorite topics of conversation. Naps with his dog Sissy were critical and he often made that the priority. Remote in hand, you would catch him flipping between "Days of Our Lives," the Discovery Channel or anything investigative. Once refreshed he could be found in the garage, detailing it as if it was going to be judged. Above all else, he loved being with his friends and family, well most of the time.

He was preceded in death by his mother Angie Williamson, sister-in-law Terry Jannetto, and a beloved 1955 Chevy.

Lonnie was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to everyone that he liked and brought humor to every situation, no matter how inappropriate. Lonnie is survived by his overly-patient and tolerant

wife of 33 years, Tammy. Tammy spent these years constantly reminding him to "be good and utilize his filter" to no avail. He is also survived by daughters, Jolienne Wandler with son-in-law Ted Finlay, and Zolia Bogovich with son-in-law Dave Hotchkiss; grandchildren, Alex and Tyler; his cherished dog Sissy; his "out-laws" Lowell and Arline Miller; brother-in-law and wife Tom and Ginger Miller; bonus family Tara and Chad Fincher, along with many other loving relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Dew Drop Inn, 10750 U.S. 2, Coram, MT 59913. Lonnie's ashes will officially be laid to rest in the spring when he will be shot out of his beloved Potato Cannon, into his backyard, because we all know he never liked to travel too far from home.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Lonnie and his family.

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produce by shooting it out of a potato cannon; the proper way of chilling around a campfire; the correct techniques in holding a grudge; how to always enjoy the good times to the fullest; finding the humor in everything, especially if the other person is down and saying things as they are. Lonnie's daughters were one of his greatest joys and he never ended a phone call with them without an "I love you" to let them know.

On May 24, 1985, Tammy Miller, Lonnie's "Brown Eyed Girl" accepted the challenge of a lifelong commitment as Mrs. Bogovich. Tammy

Together the memories they made were often eventful, larger-than-life and ended with a great story to be shared with family and friends.

The "Mayor of the Canyon" as he was often referred, was an incredibly talented person. Friends could always count on him to lend a helping hand with a touch of sarcasm, just to make a difficult situation a little more bearable. From wrenching on combustion powered thrill vehicles to the latest gossip, the Mayor was there providing commentary, solicited or not. He also had a knack for calling people earlier than any

Sue Bolken, 73

Sue Bolken, 73, of Whitefish, passed away Monday, July 9, 2018.

She was born in 1945 in Kansas, the second of nine siblings. Sue graduated from Shelby High School and in October of 1963 married Paul Bolken. They lived in Oregon, North Dakota and Arizona until they retired in Whitefish.

Sue is survived by her children, Synnove (Thomas) Fitzpatrick, and Paul (Teresa) Bolken; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and all eight of her siblings, Charles Howell, Judy Hanson, Jerry Howell,



Tom Howell, Sally Clark, Cheryl Delzer, Patsy Postma and Peggy Taylor, and

their families; along with many other relatives.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Perry and Betty Howell; husband, Paul; and son, Anthony.

A private burial will take place in Shelby.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

LeRoy J. Bolin, 79

LeRoy J. Bolin, 79, of Columbia Falls, passed away April 23, 2018, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He was born in Harlowton on May 17, 1938, to Willis and Jane Bolin. LeRoy was joined by a little sister, Twila, two years later, who happens to have the same birthday as LeRoy. After a few short years in that area, the family settled in Missoula in 1946. He attended Franklin elementary school and Missoula County High School where he played football and was a stand-out basketball player. (Someone once said he never missed a shot he took in his life).

LeRoy enlisted in the Air Force in 1956. He was stationed in Okinawa for two years and spent the next two years at Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake, Washington. It was during that time he met and married Gail Hobbs. They had three daughters, Suzette, Robin and Kristee. They were later divorced. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1962 he settled in Missoula and was employed at the Van Evan Plywood Plant for several years. He then moved his family to Columbia Falls where he was employed at Plum Creek for eight years as a supervisor. He later went to work for the aluminum plant where he retired.

His second marriage, to Gloria, produced no biological children for LeRoy; Gloria had two



daughters, Darleen and Diane, that he considered his daughters. LeRoy enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, even was a hunting guide for

a while and he took great pride in his ability to bugle in the big elk. He loved football and was a die-hard Dallas Cowboy and Montana Grizzly fan. Everyone that knew LeRoy would say he was a very social and passionate man.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, ex-wife Gloria and step-son Dwayne Vollin.

He is survived by his daughters, Suzette Bolin, Robin Gravelin and Kristee Winters; step-children, Debra Fauerso, Dennis Vollin, Donna Wisher, Daniel Vollin, Diane Vollin and Darleen Shero; his sister, Twila (Jack) Rudio; numerous grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

A celebration of LeRoy's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls with military honors.

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

Kenneth Theodore Bondurant, 86

Kenneth Theodore Bondurant, 86, of Seattle, passed away Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at Northwest Hospital in Seattle.

Kenneth was born to Charles and Cleo Bondurant in Somers on May 21, 1932.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Bondurant, son Robert Bondurant,



daughter Cheryl Russell and son-in-law Dan Russell, daughter Trish Bondurant, grandchild

Joshua Gomes, Jessica Gomes and Isabella Grace, and

great-grandchildren Dylan Gomes, Jackson Gomes and Cooper Sketch. He has cousins, nephews and nieces in Montana, Washington, Oklahoma, Oregon and California.

He was preceded in death by sons Mark Bondurant and David Bondurant.

A graveside service

will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A reception will follow at Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Frederick 'Jack' Bostedt, 90

Jack Bostedt passed away in Kalispell at age 90 on Dec. 10, 2018.

He was born Oct. 31, 1928, in Oconto, Wisconsin, the second child of Wilfred Earl and Palmy (Jilot) Bostedt. His father and grandfather were commercial fishermen, and Jack spent his childhood enjoying the outdoor life.

He was a lifelong fan of his beloved Green Bay Packers, and attended his first game in 1945.

During high school in Oconto, Jack participated in sports, including boxing, football, and softball. After graduating in 1946, he moved to Salinas, California. There, Jack attended Hartnell Community College. In May of 1949, he married Mattie Juanita "Tutti" Ramsey and began his career in civil engineering with the city of Salinas. His profession led the couple and their four children to Sunnyvale, California, in 1960, and two years later to Pleasanton, California, where Jack was employed by MacKay & Soms Civil Engineers.

On June 3, 1971, Jack was remarried to Barbara (Watkins) Fairfield in Alameda, California. They moved to Bigfork that summer. Jack continued his engineering career in the Flathead Valley. Also,

owned the landmark Bigfork Inn and other properties in Montana, Oregon and South Dakota. After retiring, Jack and Barbara wintered 20 years in Arizona, where they developed many wonderful friendships.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Yvonne "Vonnie" (Vince) Van Hecke, of California; and his brother, Earl "Skelly" Clinton (Joy) Bostedt, of Idaho.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, along with four children, John William Bostedt of Nye, Montana, Jane Allison Malley of California, David Fredrick Bostedt (Georgia) of California, and Marci Ellen Mendolsen of California; and two stepdaughters, Terri Anderson (Brian) of Montana, and Connie Ganz (Jeffrey) of Oregon. He has 11 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack's final resting place will be Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Memorial donations are welcomed by the family to Swan Chapel, 22376 Montana 83, Bigfork, MT 59911; or Bigfork Fire Department QRU, 810 Grand St., Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Johnson-Gloschat

Charles Andrew Bott, 66

Charles Andrew Bott, 66, of Frostproof, Florida, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at his home, surrounded by family and loved ones, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

He was born Aug. 18, 1951.

Andy was a self-made man who served his country with pride. After his discharge from the Air Force, he spent three months exploring America on his Triumph 650 motorcycle. He then proceeded to work in Alaska for a year to put himself through college. Andy then attended San Diego University Law School and graduated with honors.

He joined the Wyndham Co. and quickly became an executive in the legal department. After 20 years of dedication, he retired in 2016. Andy loved camping, hiking, traveling the country and exploring new things. Andy and his wife, Ester, once hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, then turned around and hiked back out in one



day. One way Andy loved to unwind was to play his guitar.

Andy is survived by his wife, Ester, of 42 years; daughter,



Christina (Luder) Palacios and Amanda Lettman; grandchildren, Ashley, Michael and Braydon Palacios; great-grandson, Elijah Palacios; brothers, Jeffrey (Lynn) Bott and Steven (Rossy) Bott.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents, George and Eileen Bott; brother, Rick Bott; and sisters, Mary Jo Knudsen and Connie Flood.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Palm Avenue, Frostproof, FL 33843. A reception will follow the services.

Norman T. Bouchey, 83

Norman T. Bouchey, 83, was born April 17, 1935, to Ernest and Helen Bouchey in Helena.

He succumbed to leukemia Sept. 28, 2018.

Norman was educated in Missoula and Helena and graduated high school in Kalispell, then became a student and maintenance manager with Brook Institute.

He served in the Army as a photographer in France.

His passion was photography and woodworking.

On June 21, 1985,



he and Myrna Sonju were married, and in

June 2003 they moved to Spring Valley, Arizona.

He is survived by wife Myrna, brother Ramon, sister Charmaine, stepsons Mike and Dan, nephew Reese Hindman, and nieces Theresa Zukowski and Penny DePaul.

There will be a graveside memorial at 10 a.m. Oct. 23 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Robert 'Mike' Branam, 65

Mike was born in Rogue River, Oregon, to John and Jeannie Branam March 24, 1953. He and his younger brother, Brad, grew up on West Evans Creek Road and went to Rogue River High School. Mike started racing motorcycles in 1968, becoming the local champion, known as "The Rogue River Kid." He got his pro license in 1972 and had a successful career.

Mike turned his focus to home construction, graduating from the Mackie School of Log Building in 1985. He later formed his own company, Mountain Timber Construction. Mike was a master craftsman, working on many impressive homes in Montana's Flathead Valley. Mike married Elizabeth Nunley and was the proud father of three wonderful kids, Linsey, Easton and Ryland. He was an unconditionally loving father who climbed mountains with his daughters and skied the backcountry with his son.



of his life, Judy Davis Palmer. They had many adventures together before and after

he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer in 2009. For nine years Mike underwent constant treatment with ferocious resolution, never giving up hope.

Mike valued his many friendships and treasured his children, including Judy's sons Nick and Jack, and his grandkids, Elam, Johnny and Emerson. He and Judy found comfort and happiness together despite all his health concerns.

Mike was surrounded with love when he recently lost his long battle with cancer on Aug. 22, 2018.

There will be an open house to celebrate Mike's life from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29 at Mike and Judy's home at 12575 Kelley Drive, Bigfork.

In lieu of cards or

Support (406 257-WING) or Flathead Cancer Aid Services (406 212-7340).

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

Arthur Richard 'Dick' Brennan, 83

Arthur Richard "Dick" Brennan, 83, passed away on Sept. 28, 2018, at the Community Hospice Care Center in Longview, Washington.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1935, to Arthur J. and Dorothy L. (Schlegel) Brennan in New York City, New York. His father worked for Grumman Aircraft and was transferred during World War II to California, where the family relocated. After the end of the war, they moved to Beaverton, Oregon, where Dick finished school, graduating from Columbia Prep High School in Portland in 1953. He joined the Beaverton Police Department in 1956. In June of 1960, he married Judy McHenry, and they made their home in Beaverton, until moving to Kalispell in 1969.

Dick worked as a route delivery salesman for Eddy's Bakery until being disabled due to a job-related injury in 1973. After being diagnosed with Lewy body



dementia, Dick and Judy moved to Kelso, Washington, in 2007. For the last nine months, he had been

living in an adult family home. Throughout his life, Dick was an avid Seahawks fan and loved Westerns and John Wayne movies.

Dick is survived by Judy, his wife of 58 years; and his children, Gregory Brennan and wife Raylene of Sherwood, Oregon, Susan Absalonson of Kalispell, Bruce Brennan and wife Teri of Monroe, Washington, Becky Connolly and husband Mark of Kelso, Washington, and Heidi Gast-Wilson and husband Ron of Livermore, California. Dick was blessed with numerous grand- and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Kalispell.

Joseph Duane Brenneman, 60

Joseph Duane Brenneman passed away during the early morning hours of June 10, 2018, from metastatic kidney cancer.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1957, in Kalispell to Shirley and Clifford Brenneman and was the oldest of seven children. His childhood was spent on the family farm where he loved playing with his brother David. When they weren't playing at pretend farmers, they roamed the woods looking for adventure. They spent many hot summer days in the pond splashing around, tinkering with hand tools, pulling each other out of ditches on their bikes or corraling the various farm animals. As he grew older he often found hiking, fishing and hunting a way that would allow him the solitude he needed to reflect on life.

Joe attended Fair-Mont-Egan Elementary School and Flathead High School. He then went to college in Goshen, Indiana, where he graduated with a degree in middle school education. He taught middle school long enough to realize he didn't like teaching middle school, and then made his way back to the valley and had remained here ever since.

Joe wore many hats in the years he spent here. He was, first and foremost, a farmer and his love for the land and our valley affected his decision to become involved in many groups that sought to preserve a way of life that is not often found elsewhere. Becoming engaged on several important boards, he was able to influence decisions regarding land management. He was an advocate for smart growth policies; he knew the beauty and way of life in our valley appealed to many people and that this would



ment was expressed in every kind of weather.

Joe sat on many boards: CHS,

City/County Planning, AERO, Flathead County Commissioner, Habitat for Humanity, Western Dairy, Kalispell School District, Flathead Basin Commission, Rotary, Montana State Fund and the ImagineIF Library Foundation. He was a first responder for Creston Fire and an EMT on the Blacktail Ski Patrol. He was a Dream Adaptive volunteer and skied with them on Whitefish Mountain. Editor Kellyn Brown gave him a wonderful opportunity to write a regular column for the Flathead Beacon titled "Occam's Razor."

Joe thought life was an adventure and a way to catalogue those adventures was through storytelling. He had a natural skill for providing details in his stories that resulted in hilarious retelling of events. He enjoyed public speaking and could often get a group of people to laugh at the absurdity of life. He was honored when he was told that some thought him the Will Rogers of the Flathead Valley. Joe was married to Cathy Bonham in 1985 and they had two children, Jesse and Erin. This marriage was later dissolved and in 2001 he married Nancy Pensa. They shared many adventures together which gave Joe the opportunity to gather even more stories to tell to others. In the years of their marriage they hiked many trails in and out of Glacier Park, kayaked lakes, traveled to other countries and drank many cups of strong coffee while discussing the finer points

Jerrold, and Carl and wife Amber; also many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Our family would like to thank the team that comprised Joe's health-care during the years of his illness — Dr. Karen Hunt and her wonderful staff, Dr. David Sheldon, Joan, Jen and all the people who worked with him there and Dr. Andy Ferdinand and the Interventional Radiology staff. You gave him the opportunity of extra time

with us and we very much appreciate it.

A private service will take place at Darlington Funeral Home.

Condolences and remembrances will be greatly treasured.

entice newcomers who also wanted to call this place home. He believed that we could grow our valley while still maintaining the beauty and wildness of this place, if done with mindful planning.

Joe was a dairy and grain farmer but then moved the operation to beef cattle and grain. There wasn't any aspect of farming that he didn't enjoy. From planting and harvesting a crop, to working with cattle, to repairing machinery that always broke down, Joe thought doing these things was a day well spent. And this senti-

of a well-written book or article. He was a phenomenal life partner and a joy to love. His love, kindness and generosity of spirit made him a wonderful husband, father and friend. He will be missed tremendously.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Erin.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Autumn, Jesse and wife Catherine, and Ian; his parents, Shirley and Clifford; siblings, David and wife Lorri, Cal and wife Twila, Mary and husband Lowell, Joyce and husband Doug, Karen and husband

Terrence 'Terry' Charles Brick, 58

Terrence "Terry" Charles Brick, 58, of Kalispell, passed away at his home on Friday, July 20, 2018.

Terry was born on Feb. 26, 1960, to Joe and Carole Brick in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The family moved to Montana where Terry attended Fairmont-Egan, St. Matthew's and Flathead High School.

Hailing from Eau Claire Wisconsin, drummer Terry Brick played locally with "Gladys Friday," "Scott Free," "Hang dynasty" (Billy Peterson family and Kenny Lee Lewis from the Steve Miller Band), (Craig) "Barton and Brick" and Toby Stone.

Terry will be remembered for his great sense of humor and willingness to pay-it-forward during difficult times. His dedication to effective recovery touched many lives. He is deeply loved and will be sorely missed.



A celebration of life will be held later.

In lieu of flowers, contributions for music-

in-the-schools can be made to Fairmont-Egan School District 3, C/O Mrs. Bachurski, 797 Fairmont Road, Kalispell, Montana 59901; and Music Department, C/O Mrs. Jennifer Stephens at Flathead High School Music, 644 4th Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Humorous stories and anecdotes about Terry are much appreciated. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Rodrik Einar Brosten, 70

On Aug. 25, 2018, Rodrik Einar Brosten unexpectedly passed away in his sleep at the age of 70.

Rodrik was a surprise when he came into the world on June 3, 1948, 10 minutes after his twin brother, Henrik. The doctor had told his mother that she was not having twins.

His father, Henry Brosten, was a Norwegian immigrant who came to Montana at the age of 16. His mother, Magdalyn Strand Brosten, was a North Dakotan who came to Montana at the age of 5. Rodrik learned to be a good citizen from his father and he received his passion for justice from his mother.

Rodrik grew up in the Swan River community on the edge of the wilderness at the end of 1.5 miles of ruts in a log cabin with no electricity, no telephone and no indoor plumbing. To share his life, he had four siblings, 19 cousins and a closeknit community.

Rodrik attended Swan River Grade School and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1966, where he participated in sports and other activities. He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University. To pay his way through college, he worked as a smokejumper for the U.S. Forest Service and had 48 jumps. He honorably served his country for two years in the U.S. Army.

For most of his life, Rodrik worked as a machinist. When he was young he, his twin brother Henrik and his father built many homes, churches and other buildings in the valley. He was always available to help his family and friends with projects.



private person. However, he was dedicated to preserving our democracy and felt he needed to be involved.

Rodrik had a very kind and

soft heart for animals. His most treasured pet was his cat Sammy, whom he rescued on the streets of Portland.

Rodrik was preceded in death by his father Henry, his mother Magdalyn, and his brother Mark.

He is survived by his partner, Irene Johnson; his siblings, Deanna Conley (Robert), Arne Brosten (Alice), twin Henrik Brosten (Robanna) and Kariena Brosten (Butch); nieces Della and Jessie, and nephews Bryan, Mark and Troy.

A public viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, followed by a reception at Swan River Community Hall, Bigfork.

Memorials may be made to All Mosta Ranch, P.O. Box 937, Marion, MT 59925, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

RODRIK developed two passions as he got older. One was for golf, which he enjoyed playing with his friends. The other passion was participating in politics. He ran for office after one Flathead legislator proposed a bill for Montana to secede from the United States. Campaigning for office was difficult for him since he was a very

RIAN ERIK BRITT, 41

July 15, 2018 at 5:00 am |



Rian Erik Britt, 41, passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Erik was born on July 28, 1976 in Cardston, Alberta, to Rian J. and Nancy (Hutchison) Britt. Erik attended school in Kila from kindergarten to eighth grade, then on to Whitefish High School, graduating in 1994.

Erik loved skiing, snowboarding, waterskiing, hunting and camping in Glacier National Park. Erik was a building contractor who built many homes in the valley alongside his dad and brother.

Erik was a loving and beloved father, son and brother. He was very close to many of his aunts and uncles and cousins. He was known for his willingness to help anyone who needed it, friend or family. Erik will always be remembered for his gentle soul and beautiful smile. He will be greatly missed by all who ever knew him.

Erik is survived by his parents, Rian and Nancy Britt, of Kalispell; two sons, Kyler Rian and Rylee Alexander Britt, both of Kalispell; and two brothers, Nolyn R. and Shane A. Britt.

There will be a celebration of Erik's life at 2 p.m. July 28 at the Britt home on Whitefish Stage.

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

Betty Friske Brown, 93

Betty Friske Brown, 93, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2018, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, with family by her side.

Betty was born on Sept. 11, 1924, in Kila on her parents' farm. She was the oldest of four children of Fred and Hattie Knutson.

Betty married James F. Friske in February 1947. James passed away in April of 1974.

Together they had three children, James, Terry and Carolann.

Betty married Ransom Brown on Jan. 21, 1977, in Columbia Falls and moved to Heyburn, Idaho, where Ransom managed a credit bureau. Ransom passed away in August 2016.

Betty held several



School District 6, and also helped Ransom with his business.

Betty loved flowers up to the very end. She had a large flower garden and would plant flowers wherever there was open space. She also loved canning fruit and vegetables in the fall from their orchard and large garden. There were always shelves full of canned fruits and vegetables.

Betty and Ransom loved to travel to Arizona in the winter, and to Alaska in the summer

secretarial and bookkeeping jobs: Bank of Columbia Falls, Plum Creek Lumber,

and many places in between.

Betty is survived by her sister, Norma Brumbaugh; her sons, James Friske (Karen) and Terry Friske (Sylvia); and daughter, Carolann Racine (Clyde); her stepchildren, Pam Jensen (Larry) and Patty Dodge (Dee); four grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, and 40-plus great-great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Pat and Buster Knutson, and husbands James and Ransom.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. June 20 at Columbia Mortuary with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Braxton Brown Sr., 83

Braxton Brown Sr., 83, died Sept. 18, 2018, of complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was currently a resident at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Brax was born in Missoula, July 13, 1935, to Braxton Clifford Brown and Adeline Ida Rice. He was raised in Missoula and Tucson, Arizona.

Braxton graduated from Tucson High School in 1953. He enlisted in the United States Navy his junior year of high school, during war-time Korea. Following his high school graduation he proudly served in the Navy Seabees. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Navy, on that same day he traveled home to Missoula, and on a chance blind date, Brax met the love of his life, Edith Steck, an 18-year-old farm girl from Jarvie, Alberta. Three weeks later Dad sent her an engagement ring and a bus ticket in the mail. That was the beginning of their beautiful 57 years of marriage and the blessings of three children, nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Brax was a dedicated employee of Johnson Controls for 37 years. He worked on the boilers, heating and air conditioning HVAC systems for many of the schools,



hospitals, banks, and commercial buildings throughout western Montana. He was simply known as "The Best" at what he did.

Brax was a 60-year member of the United Association Missoula Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 459.

He proudly represented the Missoula Local 459, winning top awards in the 1964 National UA Apprenticeship Competition at Purdue University. Brax held a passion for the plumbers and pipefitters trade and taught apprenticeship school for many years.

Brax's legacy is his family whom he loved, blessed and provided for with all he had to give, and with all his heart. He was an avid and expert fly fisherman, spending many great times on family outings camping and fishing up the West Fork of the Bitterroot and the Swan.

Brax was a lifelong member of St. Anthony's

Catholic Church and called Jesus his Lord and Savior.

Brax is survived by his three children, Braxton Brown Jr. (III), Adeline Suzette "Sue" Job, and Mary Emily Brown; grandchildren, Braxton Brown (IV), Brenton Brown, Briana Watson, Ryan Job, Meaghan (Job) Lewis, Jordan Rauk, Kendall Rauk and Logan Rauk; great-grandchildren, Champ Watson, Hayli Brown, Barrett Brown, Oakleigh Watson, Braxton Brown (V), Annabel Brown, Ember Lewis, Boyd Brown, Braydon Brown, Ellianna Lewis, Bridger Brown and Kason Lewis.

Braxton was preceded in death by his loving wife, Edith (Steck) Brown, his parents, his sister

Mary Emily Brown, his daughter-in-law Diana Brown, and grandson Jonathan Brown.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 5 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Missoula, with a reception following.

Burial will follow at the Montana Veterans Cemetery in Missoula with Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to an Alzheimer's or Hospice Foundation of your choice.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family. Please visit www.columbiamortuary.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Braxton.

Linda Ann (Riddle) Brown, 63

Linda Ann (Riddle) Brown, 63, passed away on Aug. 1, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born to Ralph and Dorothy Riddle on Jan. 6, 1955.

Linda was married to Stephen Brown in Denver in March of 1974. They had three children, Justin, Misty and Kaylene. Justin adopted Angelica. Misty has two daughters and a son,

Areyanna, Kieanna and Daunte'. Kaylene has two daughters and a son, Marcella, Alexis and Leonardo.

Her passion was always house plants and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph; brother, Wayne; her husband, Stephen; and her son, Justin.

She is survived by her daughters and grandchildren; mother, Dorothy;

and sisters, Susan Rauthe and Janice Olson; also, a good friend, Steve Kelly, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was dearly loved and will be missed.

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

Robert L. Brown, 91

Robert L. Brown, age 91, died peacefully at his home in Bigfork, Montana on July 27, 2018. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 3, 1926 and lived with his family in Harriman, Tennessee, Valdosta, Georgia, and Birmingham before serving with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After graduating from Auburn University with a degree in electrical engineering, he had a successful career with the Fusion Energy Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he was awarded numerous patents for his innovative work. A long-time resident of Kingston, Tennessee, Bob retired to northwestern Montana in 2000 following the death of his beloved wife Betty. He enjoyed a long second act as a published author whose works included novels and collections of short stories. "Buffalo



Bob" as he was known to his loving family and many friends, was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a cherished friend of

quiet loyalty and gentle humor to all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lou Sloan Brown. His family includes a son, David L. Brown of San Jose, California, and a daughter, Sandra Waldrip, of Kingston, Tennessee. Grandchildren include Jason Brown, Stephanie Boone, Graham Waldrip and Sarah Waldrip, and great-grandchildren Amanda Brown and Hayden Boone.

Elinor 'Ellie' Felicia (Carlson) Buchanan, 93

Elinor "Ellie" Buchanan was born in Moose, Wyoming, on Jan. 9, 1925, to Roger Frederick Carlson and Lauretta Marie Sensenbach Carlson. The family soon moved to California and then returned to Moose and Jackson, Wyoming, in 1931. Later they moved to Rock Springs, where Ellie graduated from high school in 1942.

She worked in a dental office until her enlistment into the Navy WAVES on Feb. 13, 1945. She took her boot training at Hunter College in New York and Hospital Training Corps at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. This was the first year women entered the service and she proudly served her country. Ellie was assigned to the Oaknoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, and worked there until honorably discharged June 13, 1946, as World War II had ended.

She returned to Wyoming and worked in the surgical department at Rock Springs General Hospital, then worked in an accounting office until her marriage to Chester "Buck" Buchanan on Aug. 20, 1947. Their daughter, Penny Lee Buchanan, was born June 14, 1950, in Casper, Wyoming. In



March of 1951, the family moved to Miles City, where Buck was trans-

ferred with Social Security Agency and later another transfer brought them to Kalispell in January of 1961.

Twenty five of their best years were spent living on Brown's Gulch in Mountain Brook where they knew most of their neighbors and entertained often in their garden. It was here that they adopted many friends as family.

Ellie is survived by Penny of Rathdrum, Idaho; and her brothers, Gene (JoAnne) and Chuck (Jan).

Her husband, Buck, parents and two sisters, Eunice and Gabby preceded her in death.

She was cared for and loved by many close friends during her final days and shared so many interesting stories of her 93 years.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by a military salute by the VFW.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Guy Bundrock, 78

Guy Bundrock passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home on June 13, 2018.

Guy was born Dec. 11, 1939, to Alberta Mae Gronseth and William John Bundrock, Jr. Guy and his younger brother Donald Bundrock grew up in Montana's Flathead and Lincoln counties and graduated from Flathead County High School.

Guy married Loraine Katherine Measure at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell in 1961.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1959 and 1960 to 1962 at Camp Pendleton, California, where he was a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. Guy and Loraine raised their growing family first at Camp Pendleton and later in Seattle, Kalispell and Bozeman (where he attended Montana State University) and the North Shore of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands.

Over the years, Guy pursued several careers but he was most at home working in the woods as a sawyer, skidder operator and log truck driver. He returned to this career many times but also managed a pool hall, drove truck for the Zonolite mine, worked as an airplane mechanic, worked at KGEZ Radio, managed a car dealership and supervised a construction crew on the Island of Maui.

Guy had a life-long love for Harley Davidson motorcycles, classic cars ('57 Chevys and 1960s Mustangs), horses, hunting, music and working with his hands.

He struggled with mental illness beginning in his 30s and was separated from his family while being treated in Veterans Home hospitals for his illness. Despite this persistent



challenge, he continued to live a life rich in experiences and remained a kind and loving man who was dedicated to his family

and friends. He spent much of his later life in Libby to be near his aunt and uncle, Florence and Fay Tisher, as well as his uncle Art, aunt Helen, uncle Don, cousin Dan and many other Bundrocks.

He also joined and was an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he made new and valued friends.

He moved to the Montana Veterans Home in 2001, where he remained for the rest of his life and the staff came to appreciate his openness and humor.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Daren and Jody, Steven and Tamera, and Lori and Michelle, as well as four grandsons, Ayrton, Silas, Atle and Clay, his former wife, Loraine Measure, his cousin Wanda and numerous other family and friends. His family extends a very heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Montana Veterans Home who provided Guy such exceptional care.

Guy will be interred at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

An informal outdoor memorial gathering is planned for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 30 at 545 Swan Hill Drive in Bigfork. Family and friends who knew and loved Guy are encouraged to attend to celebrate his life.

Dorothy Louise Harvey Bunting, 60

Dorothy Louise

Harvey Bunting passed away on Oct. 14, 2018, in Phoenix after a struggle with lung disease.

She was born Feb. 5, 1958, in Hot Springs to parents K. William and Betty Monger Harvey. She graduated from Ronan High School in 1976 and then the University of Montana in 1980.

Dorothy and Robert

Bunting were married in Colorado in 1991, and had two sons, Steven and Joseph.

Dorothy is survived by husband and sons in the Phoenix area; mother Betty of Lakeside; brothers and families Ken and Elizabeth of Aviano,



Italy, Tom and Joan of Salt Lake City, and Neil and Laura Lee of Manhattan, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services are scheduled for Oct. 25 in Glendale, Arizona.

The family also anticipates a memorial gathering next summer in the Kalispell area.

Gail Jean Burgess, 62

Gail Jean Burgess was born Oct. 31, 1955, in Eureka to Gale and Lela Holder.

She passed away surrounded by family on Oct. 17, 2018, at her home in Fortine.

Gail graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1974. She went on to attend cosmetology school in Kalispell, completing her license in 1975. Even though she passed with flying colors she never trusted her skills on others. She prided herself on her long, beautiful hair and seldom was seen without it perfectly fixed. She briefly lived in Kalispell, Great Falls and Texas, but she felt home was where her heart was and that was in the beautiful Tobacco Valley close to her family and dear friends.

Gail met and married Dawain in 1984. Together they raised three children. Those three children were her absolute pride and joy. Wherever they were she wanted to be. Whether it was 4-H, school field trips, traveling to attend her son's sports activities or drag racing, she was there. She dedicated her life to them, making sure they were loved and cared for. She always put their needs before her own.

Gail was always a hard worker, working at Plum Creek, Fortine Mercantile and finally finding her place at Holder's Insurance. She was blessed to work alongside her best friend, her father, until his unexpected death in 1993. She and her brother Rock ran the business until 2006 when she purchased the business and worked until her death.



Layton in 2015. With the birth of each one her heart grew. From then on

her nights and weekends were filled with sleepovers with Paysen every chance she got. She didn't get much sleep but she never turned down the opportunity to have him with her. Layton became her assistant doctor over the last year. He was always checking on his grandma. Their favorite thing to do was lie in bed with heads together and visit. No matter how sick she was, how horrible she felt, she wanted her boys close. They were the reason she fought so hard. She had an amazing way of making everyone feel equally special and loved just the same. Gail loved people, always helping those in need whether it was at a benefit, someone who had lost a loved one, paying someone's insurance that had fallen on hard times. Her word meant something. If she said she would be there you could count on her to show up 10 minutes early with supplies. The only pain she ever caused was the day she left us.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings Michael J. Holder, Rock Holder and Lynn Ann Holder; father-in-law Keith Burgess, and granddaughters Pyper and Payslee Bernethy.

She is survived by her loving husband Dawain of 34 years, her children, Joe Burgess (Tami), Ashley Hahn (Alan), and Kellie Bernethy; grand-

To her it was a dream job. She was able to interact with the community, meet new friends, catch up with old ones and most importantly it gave her the freedom to become a full-time grandmother to her first grandson Kovi Joe. She loved having him by her side and just couldn't imagine him going anywhere else, just as she had done raising her children. Two more grandsons followed, Paysen in 2014 and

children, Tavien and Tayne Stoken, Kovi Joe Burgess, Logan Holder-Hahn, Layton Hahn, and Paysen Bernethy; special sons Levi Braach and Zack Bernethy and bonus daughter Anna Shay.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the First Baptist Church, with graveside services at Tobacco Valley Cemetery and followed by a reception at the church.

Colby Scott Burrows, 31



the Valley View Congregation in Kalispell. He enjoyed going in the minis-

try and talking to people about Jehovah and his son Jesus. He loved the promises of the paradise that God's kingdom will soon bring.

We are all looking forward to welcoming him back as it says in John 5:28 — "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." At Isaiah 25:8 it says "He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

"All of Colby's friends and family are awaiting that wonderful time when they will be reunited with him when he is resurrected right here on earth. What a wonderful day that will be. We can't wait to see him again, get one of his great hugs, and see his goofy smile."

Colby is survived by his parents; his brother Ryan and wife Brianna Burrows and their daughter Est'ee Rose in Prescott Valley, Arizona; his grandparents, Joan Burrows, Carl and Dianna Davis, all of Kalispell; and his great-grandmother, Janie "Booty" Davis of Calhoun, Kentucky; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends from all over the world.

A memorial was held on Dec. 18, attended by a great many family and friends. We just couldn't bear to write his obituary at that time.

Colby Scott Burrows died as the result of an automobile accident on Dec. 13, 2017 at the age of 31.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1986 in Whitefish, the son of Mike and Teri (Davis) Burrows, and their world was instantly brighter. He was a happy and smiley baby who never knew a stranger. He couldn't help but smile at everyone he met, something that continued until the end of his life. He was raised in Kalispell.

He wanted a baby brother and told people that his mom was expecting even though she wasn't. Finally when he was 5 years old he got his wish and fell in love at first sight with his baby brother Ryan. He was an awesome big brother to Ryan and very protective of him. Colby fell in love at first sight again when his niece Est'ee Rose was born in 2014. He loved that little girl with his whole heart and even shed tears when he held her for the first time.

Colby spent many hours with his family and friends skiing, camping, rafting and mountain climbing. In September, he climbed Half Dome in Yosemite. He loved Kentucky basketball, Star Wars, gaming, reading, discussing current events and especially music. He was a very talented guitarist and was known to bring his guitar along to play when he would visit friends and family.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 2005.

When Colby was 18 years old he dedicated his life to Jehovah God and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. At one time he served as a ministerial servant and a regular pioneer in

Carl H. Burrows, 66

Carl H. Burrows, 66, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on May 19, 1952, in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Henry V. and Eleanor (Rimmo) Burrows.

He graduated from Tech School in New Jersey and founded Burrows and Son Heating and Cooling, LLC which he ran for



company.

He was married to Pam Deardorf on Sept. 10, 2011, in Troy.

Carl was very passionate about music and

many years until turning over the business to his son Nick who now is running the

loved singing.

He also loved to hunt and was an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan.

He is survived by his wife Pam, his son Nick Burrows and wife Kristan; his daughter Stephanie (Burrows) and husband Eddie Angus; his stepchildren, Tabitha Caro, Tricia Caro, Tory Ferraro and Robert Price; and numerous grandchildren.

A celebration of life service for Carl will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Foursquare Church, 40677 Partridge Trail, Polson. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

William Lloyd 'Bill' Burton, 66

William Lloyd "Bill" Burton, 66, of Kalispell, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born to Elmer and Rosa Lee Burton in Kalispell on Nov. 17, 1951. He attended Peterson Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1970.

After high school, he entered the Montana National Guard and served for six years.

He married his high school girlfriend, Linda Hill, on Aug. 14, 1971. The birth of Josh, Lisa and Katie were the highlights of those years. He worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for 15 years, when a work acci-



dent disabled him in his early 30s. After that he became Mr. Mom, and then an incredible grandpa. Bill had a lifetime passion for sports. He helped coach his children in many sports and shared his love of basketball, coaching Rotary and eighth grade for many years. He loved duck hunting, driving his '57 Chevy, fishing and visiting around Ashley Lake. He never missed an activity of his grandchildren's and spending

time with them became his main pastime.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Michael, and sister Betty, and his in-laws Harry and Edythe Hill.

He is survived by his wife Linda, children Josh, Lisa and Scott, and Katie and Steve; and his grandchildren, Dylan, Abby and Keeley Burton and Jacob, Eli and Mallory Maesner. He is also survived by his siblings, Nancy, Jim, Richard, Alan, Joanne and Darrell.

He is survived by his wife Linda, children Josh, Lisa and Scott, and Katie and Steve; and his grandchildren, Dylan, Abby and Keeley Burton and Jacob, Eli and Mallory Maesner.

He is also survived by his siblings, Nancy, Jim, Richard, Alan, Joanne and Darrell.

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

There will be an open house celebration of his life from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb 3, at 67 Redwing Court in Kalispell. Please come and share your memories. We would appreciate any donations be made to the veteran's pantry in Kalispell.

Harold C. Butcher, 93

Harold C. Butcher, 93, passed away very peacefully on June 15, 2018, in Kalispell, with his family by his side.

Harold was born in Independence, Missouri, on March 27, 1925, to Earl and Angela Butcher. He graduated from William Chrisman High School in Independence. After graduation, at 17 he joined the Navy. He served from 1943 to 1946. Harold was deployed with the initial invasion on Okinawa on Easter Sunday 1945. Then he was sent to Sakishima, Japan. Harold married his high school sweetheart Margaret on March 8, 1943. They had four children, Bonnie Sue, Harold Wayne, Diane Jean, and Claudia Kay. Bonnie died in a car accident and Harold and Margaret raised the girls, Lesia and Tresha.

Harold was involved in the VFW, the Moose and American Legion. He worked at the A&P in Independence until 1970. He then moved his family to El Monte, California, and worked at Safeway until he retired. In 2016 Harold moved to Montana to be with his daughter. He really enjoyed the VFW in Kalispell. They have wonderful people here. Harold got to ride in the Fourth of July Parade with fellow veterans. He was a very proud World War II veteran. Harold enjoyed his grandsons and family here in Kalispell. His great-grandchildren loved him so much, Travys, Gabriella, Treyson and Brody, and brought him so many smiles and happy times. Harold



attended Flathead Ecklesia Church; Pastor Larry Lautaret prayed with him and brought him to the Lord. He also bap-

tized him a year ago at church camp. Praise the Lord for now he is with God, and his wife and family.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife Margaret; they were married for 57 years; children Harold Wayne, who passed as an infant; Diane, Bonnie Sue, grandchildren Eric Jonathan and David Jonathan.

Harold is survived by Claudia and Pete Ampudia; grandchildren, Lesia Gage, Tresha Marshall, Claudia Jo Brown, Christa Allen, Jerry Sidener, Peter C. Ampudia, Ryan Ampudia; sisters, Margie Carlock and Shirley Marsh; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial may be made to the Ampudia family to help cover the cost of the services. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday July 7, at the VFW in Kalispell. Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Bonnie Lou Butler, 75

Bonnie Lou Butler, 75, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018, at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell.

Bonnie was born on March 2, 1943, in Lodi, California, to Herbert and Florence (White) Bates. Bonnie was raised in Walnut Grove, California.

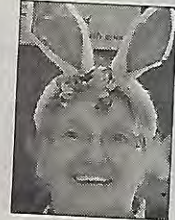
She loved her dogs and doing needle point.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband Gary Butler, parents Herbert and Florence, and a brother Donnie Bates.

She is survived by her children, Glenn Allen and (Wendy) Fraser of Missoula, Russell Scott (Kathy) Fraser of Kalispell, and Stephen Bradley Fraser; three stepchildren, 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers Frankie Bates and Gary Bates.

The family suggest memorials be made to Edgewood Vista for the great care given to Bonnie and her family.

Services will be



announced at a later date.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit

www.bhfuneralhome.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Peggy M. Crail Byrne, 94

Peggy M. Crail Byrne, 94, passed away on Jan. 3, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center in Kalispell where she has resided and received loving care for more than four years.



and played dominoes almost every week.

Peggy was preceded in death by

her mother and father, her husband Bob, her sister Ruth Broeder, her brothers Timothy and Ted Crail, her two sons-in-law Clifford O. Wilkins and Robert A. Rehus, and granddaughter Renee Garrett Rogers.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Donn and Helen Crail in California; her children, daughter Jerry Davisson of Kalispell, daughter Carol Wilkins of Coram, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Cheryl Garrett of Helena, daughter and son-in-law Noreen and Michael Fraleigh of Columbia Falls, and Colleen Fisher of Kalispell; 14 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private family graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at Fairview Cemetery.

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

She was born in Great Falls on March 15, 1923, to Lloyd T. and Bertha M. Murray Crail. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1930, where she went to school in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Peggy then met and married Loyal E. Brooks on May 29, 1940. They were later divorced. In coming years she worked for Kalispell Floral, Kalispell Gardens and Flowers by Hanson. She loved working with flowers. Later she worked at Sykes grocery store and the Kalispell Hotel. She then went to work for Gene's Drive Inn where she met and later married Robert J. "Bob" Byrne on Aug. 21, 1948, in Kalispell. During their marriage they raised chickens and sold eggs, and raised Shetland ponies. In November 1968 they moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where they owned and operated the Capri Motel for 18 years until they sold it and retired. Bob passed away on Aug. 21, 1997, their 49th wedding anniversary. In the spring of 1998 Peggy returned to Kalispell to be closer to family.

She spent much of her time quilting, which she loved to do, and she made many beautiful quilts. She liked to do jigsaw puzzles and word puzzles. She spent lots of time with her children and grandchildren. Peggy and her sister and two brothers got together

John W. Byers, 68

Born Nov. 9, 1949, in Havre John "was accepted to the highway in the sky" on May 3, 2018.

John lived a life that most people could only dream of. He possessed an uncanny ability to master anything he put his mind too, but his true passion was operating heavy equipment.

John's devoted wife Mona, and three sons Johnny, Michael and Dillon, were the pride of his life. Not a day went by when one of them wasn't his favorite topic of conversation.

If it was fast or loud, it was for John. "He is running on a bottomless fuel tank now, and will be waiting patiently for the rest of us."

John was preceded in the death by his father John E. Byers, and moth-



er Shirley J. Parent.

He is survived by his spouse, Mona L. Byers

(Shanahan); his children, John L. Byers, Michael (Lisa) Byers, Dillon Byers, and Nicole (Tal) Conner; granddaughter, Peighton L. Byers; siblings, Mike S. Byers, Terri (Howard) Garlinger, Gary (Karen) Byers, Tim (Teri) Byers, Debbie Furman, and Jeff Byers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, May 12, at Dugan Dolan, 1805 Meadowlark Butte, MT 59701. A celebration of life will follow.