

## Louise (Wilke) Haynie, 90

Helen Louise (Wilke) Haynie, 90, died peacefully Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2018, at Bayview in Seattle.

Louise was born Feb. 6, 1927, in Kalispell to Carl and Irene Wilke. She was raised on the family farm originally homesteaded by her grandparents, and attended Flathead County High School. Louise graduated as a registered nurse from Wenatchee School of Nursing and Whitworth College in 1949.

In 1950 she married Stan Haynie, though they later divorced. Louise spent her professional life at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, rising to head nurse of neuro and vascular surgery.

In 2013 Louise reconnected with her high school beau, Jim Robischon, of Kalispell. Louise and Jim shared an ongoing long-distance friendship that was a delight to them both.

Louise was an artist with wonderful taste in

clothing and decor, and was even selected to model at Macy's in her senior years. She loved the ocean but always felt drawn back to her first home, Kalispell, and treasured all of her family connections.

Louise is survived by daughters, Rochelle Wyatt and Sheree Smith; grandchildren, Aaron Denke, Teija Bielas, Jenny Mills and Nik Smith; three great-granddaughters; sister, Carlene Brooner; cousins, Peggy Robertson and Nancy Hughes; her many nieces and nephews scattered across the Northwest; and James Robischon, whom she considered the love of her life.

She was preceded in death by a younger sister, Elaine McAllister.

A private memorial will be held in Seattle.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society: <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/WAS/Donate>.

## Patricia Ann (Reed) Hays, 84

Patricia Ann (Reed) Hays, 84, passed away March 28, 2018.

Pat grew up on a cattle ranch in Garfield County, Montana, and attended high school in Miles City.

She and Richard "Dick" Hays were married in 1952 in Miles City.

Dick was employed by the FAA in the air traffic division, which required them to live in several places in the Northwest, including five years in Alaska.

Pat worked as a photo colorist in Miles City for several years. The photos were of Western ranch scenes taken in the late 1800s and are displayed in several hotels around the Northwest. She also worked in the office at the Walla Walla, Washington, Elks Club



for 15 years.

She had several hobbies over the years, but her most

loved hobby was sewing. She made a lot of dress clothes for her and Dick, and especially dresses for little girls.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and daughter Kay.

Survivors include her husband Dick, son Curtis of Olympia, Washington, and grandson Randy, granddaughter Rachael, and great-grandson Odin, all of Walla Walla.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

## Charlotte T. Heath, 64

On Oct. 14, 2018, Charlotte T. Heath expired unexpectedly while she and sister Carol were in Arizona visiting their 92-year-old mother Laura.

Charlotte was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents, numerous aunts and uncles, and father A. Lee Heath of Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her mother Laura, brother Robert with wife Kay of Alaska, brother Charles "Chuck" with wife Dorothy of California, sisters Patricia and Marilyn of North Carolina, and sister Carol of Kalispell.

Also surviving are Charlotte's children, Jason with wife Bethany of Texas, Corey with wife Sarah of Kalispell, and Chardale of Kalispell. Six grandchildren included are Christian, Skylar, Colby, Monique, Emily and Susan. Many cousins, nieces and nephews too numerous to mention are scattered across the country.

Any who knew her, knew Charlotte lived life on her terms. She was loved by many and will be sorely missed.

There are no pending services planned at this time.

## Ira James 'Jake' Heckathorn, 95

Ira James "Jake" Heckathorn, 95, of Whitefish, grudgingly succumbed to chronic medical conditions on Dec. 5, 2018, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; he retired from the Army with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Jake (one of nine children) was born Sept. 4, 1923, in Wolf Creek, to Lee and Minnie Heckathorn who homesteaded in a sod house, with no electricity, no running water, no easy life. He remembered having to take a horse and wagon 5 miles to the river for water. He attended grade school in Wolfe Creek, and high school in Cascade.

The second season of Jake's life began in 1943 when he was sent to basic training; he had wanted to be a pilot in the Air Force, but instead became a surgical technician in the 105th Evacuation Hospital, then transferred to a stateside MASH unit. He then volunteered for the infantry, training in France where he made second lieutenant. Jake was scheduled to be sent to Japan in 1945; the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and by the time he got to the



Imperial Marines who had no idea the war was over, and were happy to surrender and go home.

The next season of Jake's life began in September 1946 when he headed for college at University of Montana on the GI Bill.

As luck would have it, he was seated next to Connie; after law school, though, they went their separate ways for a while and Jake worked as a state trial attorney for the Montana Veterans Administration in Helena. In 1950, he moved to Whitefish; because he had enlisted in the Reserves, he was called to Korea; after several delays, he went to Helena to reconnect with Connie. They married in 1951, and moved to Whitefish in 1954.

The next season in Jake's story was as an

Pacific, the armistice had been signed. He spent 11 months in the Philippines, and did engage the enemy, an isolated Japanese troop of

active and generous member of the Whitefish community. In 1960, Jake joined with the law firm of Murphy and Robinson (following a career in private practice) in Kalispell; they merged with the Crowley Law Firm, where Jake worked until he retired at 80 years of age.

Jake was involved in the Rotary Club, Masons, Lions Club, and was the Second Prime Minister of the Whitefish Carnival; he acted in administrative, support, and fundraising roles for the North Valley Hospital. After over 40 years of service, Jake was awarded the first "Spirit of Caring Award" by North Valley Hospital in 2003; he provided legal guidance, attended board of director meetings, and was a founding member of the North Valley Hospital Foundation. He served as co-chair of the 2001 Capital Campaign, and was honorary chairman for the new hospital campaign, and continued to provide his time and advice to North Valley Hospital for more than 50 years.

Jake was just recently honored by the North Valley Hospital with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was also instru-

mental in fundraising for the Whitefish Library, the Winter Carnival, and much of the community growth in Whitefish; he maintained business interests in the South Pacific (MT Pacific Corp.). He provided support to Big Mountain Winter Sports, and to his clients — continuing to work with and support indigent plaintiffs.

Jake was an outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting (he took his last deer just five years ago), and continued to enjoy fishing, hiking in Glacier Park, and many other outdoor activities as he could.

Jake is survived by his wife, Connie (Vera Jean) of Whitefish; a daughter, Marti Bezdicek, of Spokane; grandchildren, Annie (Joe) Magnan of Williston, North Dakota, and Jamie Bezdicek of Spokane; great-grandchildren, Addisyn, Emmit, Allayna and Eli of Spokane, and Ava, Gage and Ember of Williston.

Jake was preceded in death by his son, Jim.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North Valley Hospital or the Whitefish Community Library.

## Clarence Hedge, 82

Clarence Hedge, 82, died peacefully Aug. 20, 2018, at his home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1935, in Havre to Dewey and Lorraine Hedge. He had four sisters, Janice, Sadie, Sherry, Flora and Norma. He had three brothers, Marvin, Dennis and Duane. He moved to the Flathead Valley at a young age.

Clarence fought for our country in the Korean War. In 1965 he married Donna Joy. In 1968 they moved to Columbia Falls. Clarence worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for 30 years, retiring in 1998.



He enjoyed camping and fishing and, until 18 months ago, Clarence was active-

ly bowling in multiple leagues.

Clarence is survived by his wife Donna Hedge, daughter Joy Trottier, sister Flora Lind, grandchildren

Jake, Tanner, Annie and Brandon, and two great-grandchildren Blake and Maddox, all of Flathead Valley. Clarence's brother Dennis still lives with his wife Ruthie in

Troy. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Clarence was preceded in death by his daughter Linda and his son Bill.

On Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. at Glacier Lanes in Columbia Falls, there will be a memorial gathering where we throw one last ball for Clarence. All friends and family are welcome to come and share a memory or two of Clarence.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family, please visit Clarence's tribute page at [www.columbia-mortuary.com](http://www.columbia-mortuary.com)

## Conner Duane Heidegger, 22

Conner Duane Heidegger passed away on Dec. 30, 2017, due to a snowboarding accident.

Conner was born July 31, 1995, to Benjamin and Lori Heidegger in Kalispell. He worked in the construction trades. He loved spending time with friends and family, especially his nieces and nephews.

He also enjoyed all outdoor activities. He was a lifelong member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Conner is preceded in death by his grandparents Frank and Nancy Uskoski, and grandmother Dorothy Heidegger.

He is survived by his parents, Benjamin and Lori Heidegger of Dayton; three brothers, Mitchell and Stacy Heidegger of Kalispell, Cameron and Taylor Heidegger of Hancock, Michigan, Andrew Heidegger of



Dayton; four sisters, Kari and Cory Homola of Dayton, Leah and Sean O'Neil of Proctor,

Shawndi and Brett Oja of Hancock, Michigan, and Maria Heidegger of Kalispell; 12 nieces and 8 nephews; Grandparents Albert and Shelley Heidegger of Yaolt, Washington; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of Christian friends.

Funeral Services for Conner will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside at 1 p.m. There will be a viewing one hour prior to the funeral service.

Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens following the service. The family is being cared for by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Gene Charles Heinrichson, 67

Gene Charles Heinrichson, 67, died in Tukwila, Washington, on May 31, 2018, surrounded by friends and family.

Gene loved the Lord and he loved life. He loved his beautiful wife, Donna, his family, his friends, and his dog Squeak.

Gene was the son of Chuck and Vera Heinrichson of Kalispell. He attended Flathead High School, graduating in the Class of 1969. He worked as a concrete finisher for his uncle Leroy while he lived in Kalispell.

He was the life of the party and always willing to support anyone and everyone he met. As Gene was growing up, he surrounded himself with a group of friends that lived life to the fullest. You could always find Gene at every gathering. He made people laugh and was a master at storytelling. He loved riding his motorcycle, boating, cross country skiing, rafting, and hanging out with his friends.

In the 1980s, he moved to Seattle where he met



and married Donna. He worked as a truck driver with his close friend Mitch Wilkerson,

transporting off-shore containers. His joy later in life was riding his Gold Wing with Donna and his friends.

He loved Donna's family as his own. He is survived by his two stepdaughters, Alesha Shemwell and Audree Davidson; and four grandchildren, Alex and Genevieve Shemwell, and Amanda and Cole Davidson. He is also survived by two sisters, Renae Walker of Salmon, Idaho, and Debbie Bloomfield of Bigfork; and one brother, Gary "Heine" Heinrichson of Kalispell.

A gathering for Gene's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Aug. 4 at 984 Egan Road in Kalispell. Bring your stories and help us celebrate Gene's life.

## Cheryl Lee Henderson, 71

Cheryl Lee Henderson, 71, passed away the morning of June 7, 2018 in her home after a short illness, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born Jan. 25, 1947, in Chicago to Frank and Kay Laub. Her family moved to Missoula when she was 10 years old. She attended Catholic schools and graduated from Sacred Heart.

Cheryl married Ralph Henderson March 16, 1968. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1971 and she worked as a bookkeeper for various businesses of the Flathead Valley, in and around Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls.



Cheryl and Ralph recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary close to Flathead Lake where they had honeymooned over 50 years ago.

Cheryl loved her family and was happiest when her children and grandchildren were all gathered together. Her friends were of great comfort to her during her illness. She loved to play games with her family and bridge with her many friends.

Cheryl was preceded

in death by her grandparents, parents, and an infant grandson, Joshua Henderson.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph; her daughter, Jennifer, of Kalispell; her son, Scott, and his wife Brandie, of Kalispell; grandsons, Bodie and his wife Kelsey of Bozeman, and Easton of Kalispell; her sister, Kathy Disney, and husband Don, of Missoula, and their son Evan and his children.

A service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 22, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. There will be a luncheon to follow.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## William Ernest Henderson, 88 Mary Ann Henderson, 83

An eternal love story continues in heaven as William Ernest Henderson, who died peacefully at his home in Kalispell on July 27, 2018, joins his wife Mary Ann Henderson, who died on Sept. 18, 2016.

William was born May 28, 1930, the fifth child of six, to Ernest and Margaret Henderson. William grew up on the family homestead in Madoc, Montana, where he assisted his father in farming the land. He graduated from Scobey High School in 1949.

Mary Ann was born Jan. 3, 1933, the middle child of three, to Chris and Selma Veis. Mary Ann grew up in Scobey and attended Scobey High School. She was a member of the band and graduated in 1951.

William and Mary Ann met in Scobey as teenagers. In their courtship, Mary Ann worked at the movie theater where William liked to frequent. In 1952, William was drafted, joined the Marine Corps and left for his basic training. Mary Ann followed closely behind and joined William in Tennessee.

William and Mary Ann were married on Nov. 22, 1952, in Memphis, Tennessee. After finishing training, William was stationed in California where he helped educate pilots with flight simulators. In 1954, William received an honorable discharge from the Marines and they moved back to Scobey to take care of the farm. For a few years, William and Mary Ann worked tirelessly to provide for a growing family by working the farm, running a clothing store and driving a school bus. In 1967, William and Mary Ann purchased the



Vacationer Hotel in Kalispell. After running the hotel for four years, William trained to

be a financial planner with Waddell & Reed and, in 1971, they sold the hotel and moved into their final home. Mary Ann began working at Kalispell Junior High School as an office administrative assistant in 1977 and worked there for almost 20 years. William and Mary Ann officially retired in 1998 and they continued to live in their Kalispell home as well as their winter home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

William and Mary Ann were married for over 60 years with five children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They were very active members in the church and attended St. Matthew's Catholic Church for over 40 years.

William and Mary Ann will always be remembered for the eternal love and devotion they had for each other. In the last few years of Mary Ann's life, she had Alzheimer disease that required professional care. William would not leave her side as he went to visit her every day until she passed.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents Chris and Selma Veis, along with her brother Vern Veis.

Surviving is her brother Larry Veis who resides in Phillipsburg.

William was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Margaret Henderson, along with his sisters Eileen Naughton, Jean Parker, Patricia

Sanborn and Jackie Cavanagh. William was also preceded in death by Mary Ann and their son Dana Henderson.

He is survived by his brother Thomas Henderson who resides in Billings. Also surviving are Kenneth Henderson, wife Cindy and children Cassandra Lloyd and Angela Catanese; Donald Henderson; Linda DeVoe, husband Tony and daughter Melissa Phillips; Gary Henderson, wife Julie and children Lauren, Sarah and Andrew, Dana's wife Sheila and children Kaylee Henderson and Brooke Henderson.

A rosary service for William and Mary Ann will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11,

at St. Matthew's Catholic Church followed by a reception, with the burial service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery immediately after.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to send St. Matthew's Parish or Frontier Hospice.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Shirley Ann Hendrick, 80

Shirley Ann Hendrick, 80, passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, peacefully, in the home of her daughter, Karen Danberg of Kalispell, surrounded by family.

Shirley was born to Alvin Louis Osborne and Helen Marie Mainard, on Oct. 30, 1937, in McCone City, Montana. She grew up on the Hi-Line of Montana. It was there that she met the love of her life, James John Hendrick. James and Shirley were married Feb. 8, 1953, in Cut Bank.

Their early years of marriage were spent farming James's family homestead in Sunburst, Montana. There, Shirley maintained, harvested and preserved a huge garden to sustain her family for the following year and helped with the harvesting of the farm crops and farm animals.

In 1965, they moved to the Flathead Valley



where Shirley worked at many restaurants, waitressing and cooking. She managed the Ski Bowl lunch counter in Whitefish for several years. An amazing cook, she was well known for her delicious cinnamon rolls, homemade pies and soups. Eventually James and Shirley ended up in Lakeside where they bought a home and a trailer court. They eventually built their dream home on Tacklin Creek in Lakeside.

Shirley loved her flowers, horses and mule trips with the Backcountry Horsemen, and playing old-time country and bluegrass on her bass, guitar with her husband James singing and playing guitar. They often

performed at various events and activities around the valley.

She was always active in her children's activities in 4-H, Scouts and school. Shirley participated and helped organize the early Lakeside/Somers Women's Club and Lakeside Chamber of Commerce. She loved to play pinochle with her friends and family and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren remember fondly the annual Christmas parties that she and James hosted.

Shirley was preceded in death by husband James J. Hendrick, mother Helen Hagen and stepdad Clarence Hagen, father Alvin Osborne and stepmother Vieanna Osborne, brother Lester Osborne, and grandson Christopher Gene McCready.

Shirley is survived

by her children, Debra (Gene) McCready, Daniel (Joyce Fletcher) Hendrick, Karen Danberg and Cynthia (William Dewey) Hendrick; her five grandchildren, Amanda (James) Stewart, Kelly (Gregory) Wilcox, Kari Hendrick, Lisa (Lucius Wheeler) Hendrick, and Tyler (Natasha) Hendrick; eight great-grandchildren, Annie Stewart, Hank Stewart, Jane Stewart, Josiah Stewart, Eli Wilcox, Lyndee Wilcox, Miles Wilcox and Alyssa Hendrick; two brothers, William Hagen and Henry Osborne; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; one great-aunt, Ethel Hagen; and one sister-in-law, Ella Hocheit.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Sunburst Cemetery, Sunburst, where she will be buried beside her husband, James. Lunch and fellowship will follow at

the Methodist Church in Sunburst. All are welcome to join the family.

A special thanks to hospice, her longtime doctors and caregivers, Tobey Schule at Sykes Pharmacy, and all of her many friends and family.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Shirley's family. Please go to <https://www.darlingtonfunerals.com> and sign Shirley's guest book and share memories of her.

## Thomas E. Hendrickson, 94

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Thomas E. Christiansen, who passed away on Nov. 5, 2018, at The HealthCenter.

Tom was born to Chris and Jennie (Hendricksen) Christiansen in Sidney on April 15, 1924. He was the youngest of six children and was raised on the family farm in the Brorson community.

In 1944, during World War II, Tom joined the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. He served in the Philippines and in Japan. He was most proud of earning the "Infantry Combat Badge" for 30 days in combat. Although Tom did not like to talk about his time in the war, he was profoundly impacted and honored by a trip to Washington, D.C., through the Honor Flight organization in 2008 to view the World War II Memorial.

When he returned to Montana in 1946, he worked for Holly Sugar in Sidney and soon after enrolled in Auto Mechanic school in Fargo, North Dakota. Always a charmer, he found a job cleaning a restaurant in the evenings, and in turn, they fed him three meals a day and the owners became his family away from home. After he completed school, he worked in Sidney for the Richland County Road Department, and then for Whitaker Motors in Sidney.



story and memory upon memory of family escapades and adventures.

All who knew Tom would

agree there was no one more honest, kind and giving. He was always willing to lend a hand or his ear in times of need. He handled life with grace, love and always a good joke or two ... or three.

Tom is survived by his wife of almost 68 years, Rosemary; his daughter Donna (Royal) Norris, and daughter Joyce (John) Morris; grandchildren, Zachary (Shanet) Norris, Stephanie (Mike) Catlett, and Christian Lomax. He also has one great-grandchild, Sophie Catlett.

If desired, donations may be made in Tom's memory to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 2770, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or Honor Flight, Inc., 175 South Tuttle Road, Springfield, OH 45505. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. A reception will follow.

We want to express our warmest gratitude to the nurses and caregivers at The HealthCenter, The Retreat at Buffalo Hill,

In 1948, at a country barn dance, a beautiful young lady, Rosemary Conroy, caught his eye. There began a 70-year romance.

They married Dec. 30, 1950. In 1955, they pulled their mobile home behind their pickup and headed west to Whitefish.

Tom had heard of the Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls, and thought he would seek employment there. He started at the plant and continued there until his retirement in 1986.

Tom and Rosemary had their first daughter, Donna, in 1961 and their second daughter, Joyce, in 1965. Life was full and busy. When not working, the family enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and travel.

We have story upon

and Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Their care, concern and dedication is top-notch. An additional thank you to Dr. Woodward and Dr. Lessmeier for guiding and leading us through Tom's illness.

We know he left a warm spot in your hearts through this journey, and you all have left one in ours. Thank you.

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the man who died. Rather, we should thank God that such a man lived." General George S. Patton.

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Glorious Gwenn Marie Hanzel Hensler's life journey sadly ended too soon on Feb. 26, 2018. Her journey began in Kalispell, Montana on Aug. 10, 1961, daughter of Delano and Betty Hanzel. She was soon joined by and protector of brothers Duane and Gregg. Not long later little sister and life-long best friend Beth (Pirrie) joined in her journey.

Gwenn went to grade school in Kalispell at Saint Matthew's and high school at Flathead, where she joined many organizations and activities. She was an honor student, a member of the Akekowan drill team, a varsity cheerleader and, in summer, a lifeguard. It was as a junior at Flathead High where she met Mike Hensler; this began their 40-year journey together.

Gwenn majored in secondary education and minored in French and was passionate about Renaissance art at Montana State University and graduated in 1983. This is also where she became a rabid Bobcat fan; GO CATS.

After graduating, Gwenn determined that education was not going to be her life's work, although she was a ceaseless teacher of life lessons. She did various other jobs but set her sights on becoming a professional insurance agent, which lasted for over 30 years.

On July 6, 1985 Gwenn and Mike married. They moved around Montana for a time until they settled in Libby. This is where they decided to set roots and built a house that became a home; she called it Gwenn's vacation home.

Gwenn's interests were many and eclectic. She was proud to be known as a firewalker. She loved hiking, especially in the Cabinet Mountains and Glacier Park, kayaking and fishing (even ice fishing). She loved all foods, especially those that were prepared by someone else,



red wines, root beer floats and making povetica with her mother. She was a gardener and

blueberry and huckleberry picker, although she shared much more than she ever kept for herself. Gwenn was also an insatiable reader and world traveler, taking any chance she could to explore new and exciting places.

Gwenn was an excellent birder and loved doing winter counts and the "big day" of counting in spring with Mike and father-in-law Robert Hensler. She especially loved kingfishers and was filled with emotion when she chanced to see an elegant trogon.

Truly, if the question was, "What would Gwenn do?" the answer was, "almost anything."

Though all that was mentioned before was important to Gwenn, she had four great passions: family, music, yoga and causes.

Gwenn and Mike did not have children of their own so "Auntie" Gwenn poured her loving energy into her nine nieces and nephews (Stacia Lugo, Hunter Hensler, Lane Hanzel, Gavin Pirrie, Olivia Hanzel, Ellie Hanzel, Grace Pirrie, Hanna Hanzel and Ganten Pirrie), always inquiring about their pasts, presents and futures. Regular conversations with her parents and father-in-law were supremely important to her, and she made many pilgrimages to Kalispell to keep in touch with family there. Gwenn dearly loved the 50th birthday excursions she made with her sisters-in-law, the "Sistas," and looked forward to the potential of 60s get-togethers. Gwenn was a Dog Mom and loved Haans, Woody and Luigi with all her heart. Through her

life, Gwenn was a collector of lifelong friendships that inexorably became family members.

Gwenn grew up in a wonderfully musical family and music was central to her life. She was an excellent pianist, played in a bell choir and absolutely loved to play the Celtic harp made for her by her father. She so enjoyed bringing music to others; she played at the Libby senior center and other functions by herself and with friends and brought harp music to many young people. Gwenn dearly loved making music with her mother and sister. There was hardly a song that Gwenn didn't like, from Baroque to Celtic to Rock 'n' Roll, but Christmas music was played all the time at home. Gwenn said she loved to listen to Christmas songs 13 months of the year, and dancing, always dancing, anywhere, any time.

Gwenn found yoga soon after she moved to Libby. Being a yogini was integral to her life and she relied on it especially in times of difficulty or crisis. Many of her great friendships came through yoga. She loved to bring yoga to others and looked forward to any opportunity to practice. Gwenn made an "instant karma list," so positive and wonderful, and not surprisingly her first entry was "hear all sounds as beautiful music;" her final entry was "play morning music."

Gwenn felt deeply about helping to improve her community and the lives of her community neighbors. She was a driving force to bring Montana Public Radio to the Libby area. She helped at food pantries throughout her life and was a member of the Community Foundation. Gwenn cared about providing educational opportunities for young people in the community, especially young women, and helped to advance those

opportunities through her membership in the PEO Sisterhood.

As one of her last acts, Gwenn worked with Kim and Kevin Peck and Glacier Insurance to create a yearly college scholarship to benefit a Libby High School student. She developed it and named it INFINITY. It will now be known as the INFINITY Scholarship in Memory of Gwenn M. Hensler. The recipient will be chosen according to criteria Gwenn identified with great excitement and pride. Her family and friends will choose the recipient each year. Any donations in memory of Gwenn are welcome and can be dropped off at Glacier Insurance across from Rosauer's or sent to Glacier Insurance at P.O. Box 1510, Libby, MT 59923. Please make the check to INFINITY Scholarship.

Through all of her journeys, her triumphs, her tragedies, Gwenn remained unabashed and unafraid. She was a beautiful, beautiful woman and has transcended to a higher energy. Namaste, Gwenny.

Per Gwenn's request, there will be no formal services. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the Hensler family. Please visit [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to leave condolences for the family.



## Eugene Joseph Hermes, 100

Eugene Joseph Hermes was born near Haven, Kansas, on July 12, 1917, to John and Mary Hermes, the second of 11 children.

He died Jan. 21, 2018.

A devout Catholic, Eugene received his First Holy Communion in Garden City, Kansas, on Aug. 28, 1927, on the feast of St. Hermes.

On April 28, 1943, he married the love of his life, Nona Lois Becker, who preceded him in death in April 1993.

Together they raised their seven children who survive him, David, Catherine, Kenneth, Barbara, Mary, Steven and Timothy (John).

These seven children blessed Eugene and Nona's lives with 38



grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren

to date. Also surviving him are sister Lucilla Herman, and brother Norbert Hermes.

Eugene's life was his family. He worked hard farming and doing construction work. He was a very loving father and grandfather.

Many of his family were fortunate enough to share in his 100th birthday celebration in July 2017 in Kalispell.

He will be dearly missed.

## Eddie Hey, 70

Eddie Hey "met her Lord and Savior" on April 11, 2018.

This beautiful lady lived her life for Christ, her family, and her friends. She was a faithful follower of the Lord, wife to the love of her life, Ernie, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, leader, teacher, healer, fighter, prayer warrior, and Wonder Woman.

She was born on March 5, 1948, on a North Dakotan farm, with friendly cows and vicious roosters. The youngest of nine, she found more adventures and treasures than the grains of wheat waving in the prairie sun.

She met the love of her life, Ernie, in Missoula, and knew during their first dance that they would spend the rest of their lives together. They were not a couple, they were one. Unstoppable love brought three beautiful daughters into this world. Sarah, who married Joseph Gracey, and had Mae and Bridget; Rachel who married Jesse Flattum, and had Evelyn and Juniper; Rebecca who married Randall Schreiner and had Stella, James, Louis and Madeline. Mom spent every moment helping her family grow in God's love, and the grace of Jesus. She would say that every



breath was numbered, and should be considered a blessing. Never a waster of time, or a

mincer of words, every moment was lived to the fullest. Each step of her journey though life was overflowing with love, laughter, spice, sass, and strength. Gifted with a servant's heart, she applied her many talents to helping wherever she was needed at Hope Church.

She was a mighty prayer warrior, who regularly asked for angels to protect her family, and all of those she loved. Walking the Lord's path and sharing his Word were her top priorities.

Isaiah 57:1 says, "The righteous are called home early." While we are missing here on earth, all of heaven is rejoicing with her return.

A celebration will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, at Hope Church, with food and reception to follow.

If you wish, in lieu of flowers, please support "Hope is Here" at Evergreen Junior High School.

It was Eddie's wish that everyone wear bright colors.

## Lonnie LaMar Hill, 55

Lonnie LaMar Hill was born May 4, 1962, in Whitefish to Lavon and Marlene Hill, and passed away Feb. 13, 2018, in Evergreen.

Lonnie attended school in Columbia Falls. He married Tami Will and from this union they had two sons Damien and Dustin. They were later divorced and Lonnie did not remarry.

Lonnie worked various jobs, however, he was mostly recognized as "one of the best pavers in Montana."

Lonnie lived his life one day at a time as a father, grandfather,

brother and friend.

He is survived by his sons Damien, and Dustin (Karissa Phillips) Hill; his grandsons, Jayden and Jasper Hill; siblings, Deana (Terry) Green, Donna Blake, and Lavon (Lorna) Hill Jr.; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lavon and Marlene Hill Sr., and his sister Diana.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Diana Jean Hiltpold, 76

Diana Jean Hiltpold, of Dripping Springs, Texas, passed away in her home on Jan. 5, 2018, at the age of 76, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 23, 1941, in Conrad, Montana, the middle daughter of three children born to John and Tommye Eppe. She graduated from Conrad High School in 1959.

She married William F. Higgins and they had three children. They were divorced in 1975 while living in Whitefish. She later moved to Houston where she met and married Steve Hiltpold on Oct. 16, 1982.

She had a deep love for tennis and played weekly until she was no longer able. She enjoyed riding horses and always loved her cats. But the thing she loved the most,



besides her children, was her garden. She was a master gardener and

nurtured and loved all her plants. Her garden gave her a deep sense of peace and joy and she was nurtured by it until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Johnny.

She is survived by her husband Steve, her sister Connie, her three children, Jodi, Michele and Jeff, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her generous and compassionate heart, her fierce passion and her courage. She will be missed by all.

## Iris Ione Bundrock Hindman, 95

Our sweetest flower, Iris Ione Hindman, passed away May 17, 2018, in Kalispell of natural causes. She was 95 years of age.

Iris was born Feb. 20, 1923, on the family farm in Britton, South Dakota, to William John Bundrock and Sara Hall Bundrock. At the age of 12 she moved with her family to the Flathead Valley. Iris graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942, and on September 26 of the same year she married Worth Alexander Hindman of Hermiston, Oregon, in Lewiston, Idaho. Together they moved and raised four children in the Flathead Valley.

Iris served as deputy clerk and recorder of Flathead County for 28 years and was elected clerk and recorder for two terms before retiring from the county in 1985. She worked for several years as a Montana Realtor for Valley Realty Co.

Iris was an active member of Soroptimist, Women's Republican Party of Flathead County, and held the position of state officer of the Montana Association on County Clerk and Recorders. She served on several state committees and attended the Christian Center Church of Kalispell. Her interests were varied, and her hands were never idle.

Iris enjoyed many hobbies, including clogging, knitting, scrap-booking, painting and creating and selling paper tole and scratch art. She was



a member of the Montana Fiddlers and loved singing and playing music with

her own group "The Fiddling Friends." They entertained at numerous events throughout the years at the Conrad Mansion, nursing homes, Hope Ranch, Art in the Park, Friendship House, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and funerals. Iris was a talented musician with a passion for the mandolin and her family and friends.

In her later years, Iris wintered in Arizona as a "snowbird" where she was active in community projects and volunteer work. She enjoyed the warm weather and her "beloved sunshine" and would often say she had the "very best of both beautiful states."

Iris was preceded in death by her husband, Worth Hindman; her

parents, William and Sara Bundrock; her four brothers, Bobby Bundrock, William Bundrock, Arthur Bundrock and Donald Bundrock; and two sisters, Florence Bundrock Tisher and Naomi Bundrock Savage.

Iris is survived by four children, Patricia Hindman Scigliano and husband Hugh of Henderson, Nevada; Ilee Hindman Gustafson and husband Allen of Kalispell; Robert Hindman and wife Charmaine of Kalispell; and Tana Hindman Little and husband Bill Carr of Kalispell. She has five grandchildren, Sheila Zografos of Kalispell; Mia Cronk of Kalispell; Robert Scigliano and wife Kathryn of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Chase Little and wife Lauren of Billings; and Reese Hindman and wife Joannie of Kalispell; 12 great-grandchildren, Laken Anderson, Alley Zografos, Emme Zografos, Kyle Scigliano, Brandon

Scigliano, Tucker Cronk, Mabrey Little, Rowan Little, Marriah Hindman, Colin Hindman, Kaitlyn Hindman and Grace Hindman; three great-great-grandchildren, Mason Anderson, Olivia Anderson and Baylor Cronk; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for a beautiful, gracious lady has been an honor for Iris' family and friends.

"We will miss you our beloved Iris, but will let you go where you will bloom in the Lord's garden."

A private family burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of life will be held for Iris from 1 to 4 p.m. June 15 at the Eagles Club in Kalispell. All are invited.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. To leave condolences for the family, please visit [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com).

## Devin Anthony Jacob Hines, 27

Devin Anthony Jacob Hines lived on this earth from Oct. 5, 1990, to July 13, 2018.

Devin's spirit lives on in his family and friends. He wrote beautiful songs and played guitar with passion. Devin had many struggles in life, but he always loved and forgave.

Devin is survived by his mom Dusty Dziza, stepdad Gene Dziza, brother Dillan, sisters Natasha and Sienna, grandpa Mike, uncles Cliff and Brodie, aunt Nikki, niece Vivian, nephew Warren, cousins Shadow, Dawson, Alex, Hunter, and Charlene and many other loving family members and friends. We miss him so much.

Loving, compassionate, creative and adventurous with a very strong moral compass accurately describes Devin. He believed in a unified and conscious world where every thought and action affects the energy of all humanity. Devin had a heart for helping people and a beautiful vision of building communities that work together to support each other. His vision included cooperative farming, talent sharing, neighborhood support, and neuro-hacking, all in order to connect and heal people. He was a sensitive man with a grand vision for world change that begins inside each of us and our communities, Devin believed that



real healing begins with soul nutrition.

Our family learned so much about love

from him. He taught us to stop and talk to people in need, both homeless and hopeless. To look people in the eye, feel their heart, and spend time in conversation, all the while radiating love in hopes of promoting healing in moments of connection.

Devin's dream was also to create and produce a nutritional energy bar and use the profits to distribute those bars to homeless people. His website, Creative Soul Nutrition, is in its beginning stages. The purpose is to provide resources for anyone in need. Visit [www.creativesoulnutrition.com](http://www.creativesoulnutrition.com).

Devin loved Jesus. Most of his journals included notes to Jesus asking for healing, even calling him his first true love.

Here's a quote from one of Devin's songs: "Boys and girls, create something sweet, I love you more than anything."

In loving memory of Devin Anthony Jacob Hines, human. We love and miss you!

On July 13, 2019, a party will be held at Devin's family home in honor and celebration of his life. The theme of the party is love!

## Duane Edgar Holder Jr., 62

Duane Edgar Holder Jr. passed away at his home in Eureka on March 18, 2018.

Ed was born on March 25, 1955, in Whitefish to Duane and Ethel Holder. He grew up in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1973. He attended Northern Montana College in Havre. Growing up, Ed was surrounded by a large, loving, extended family.

Ed worked for Plum Creek Lumber as a saw filer. This was a trade he learned from his father Duane, who learned the trade from his father, Rufus Edgar.

Ed is survived by



Debbie, his wife of 27 years, their son Jeremy (Shanita) of Kalispell, daughter Abbie (Jayce)

Reynolds, and granddaughter Kiera Reynolds of Polson. He is also survived by his sisters, Donna of Eureka and Linda (David) of Big Sandy.

Memorial may be made to the family.

Graveside services at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with a lunch reception at the First Baptist Church of Eureka were held March 26.

## Joyce Ellen Hollopeter, 78

Joyce Ellen Hollopeter, 78, of Kalispell, peacefully passed away on May 2, 2018, surrounded by her family.

Joyce was born in Kalispell on Nov. 9, 1939, to Martin and Francis (Collins) Nichols. She graduated from Bigfork High School in 1957 and married Jim Hollopeter on Sept. 12, 1959. Joyce and her sister Elaine were born on the same day two years apart, "and went to be with the Lord within a week of each



other."

Mom was a social butterfly that loved to visit, cook, and most of all decorate

for Christmas. Although she will be missed, we all know we will see her again in heaven.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Irvan Kinyon, and sisters Janet Nichols and Elaine Hopkins.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Jim Hollopeter; her children, Milton (Jenny) Hollopeter, Shawn (Kari) Hollopeter, Leslie (Tom) Galassi, and Lisa (Ron) Klempel; brothers, Bob (Carla) Nichols, and Clare (Judy) Kinyon; sister, Linda (Steve) Thompson, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Pastor Ron Pierce and Pastor Ken Ainsworth and the first

floor of Kalispell Regional Healthcare and the respiratory therapy for all their loving care and all her friends that came to visit her.

A memorial service will be held later this summer.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Stella Rose Holyk, 101

Stella Rose Holyk, 101, passed May 22, 2018, in Hot Springs.

She was honored by Montana's lieutenant governor as a centenarian last fall in Kalispell.

She is survived by a brother, Leonard Doyle, of Whitefish; two sisters, Frances Byrnes of Creston, and Patsy Chamberlain (Jack) of Great Falls; two children, Joe Holyk (Marge) of Ohio, and Rose Stoffer (Bill) of Eureka; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-

grandson.

Her secret to a long life is "Just live every day and do the best you can," as she showed us first hand. She was everyone's "Gram" and will be loved and missed by many.

Vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, May 28, followed by funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Sacred Heart Church in Hot Springs. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Ray Samuel Hoon, 101

Ray Samuel Hoon passed away peacefully Friday, June 15, 2018, in Spokane, at the age of 101 years old, surrounded by his family.

Ray was born on Stateline, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1916.

He was preceded in death by his parents Sam and Bessie Hoon, as well as his brother Henry, sister Pat Mann (101 years young), sister Iris West, his identical twin Roy, and grandson Tim Shelley.

He left his wife Agnes, daughters Eleanor Ann Shelley of Kalispell, Nancy Williams, (husband Earl) of Yakima, Washington, sons Mick Hoon (wife Brenda) of Kalispell, Dan of LaJunta, Colorado, and Tom of Muleshoe, Texas; and grandchildren, Tammy Birk, Tara Jacobs (Aaron), Travis Williams (Heather), Dustin Hoon (Erin), Cody Hoon (Shelby), Clint Hoon, Jacob Hoon (Caitlin), Nathan Hoon (Elsa), and Megan Hoon; and great-grandchildren, Colton, Nicole, Illyhia, and Marshall Birk, Natalie and Paxton Jacobs, Gillian Hoon, Easton, Ely, Noah, and Samson Hoon.

He graduated from McLaughlin High School (Mac High) in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, in 1936, which he was always so proud of. He always sang his school fight song to the very last days of his life. In those early years they shared one car and one drivers license and always left it in the car! During his school years he was a boxer and held the Golden Gloves of



coached Little League. Always a Mariner fan, he would spend a week

each season going to Seattle to watch the Mariners games and the Tacoma Rainiers, even visiting with the players. He enjoyed going to Missoula for the Ospreys and Spokane for the Indians games.

He loved to rodeo and compete in bare-back riding. Ray and his wife spent quite a few years going to the National Finals Rodeo, in Oklahoma and Las Vegas. In later years he enjoyed Professional Bull Riders because he personally knew some of the cowboys. Ray went through Boy Scouts with his boys and was a regular assisting the Scout Master. He enjoyed bowling and was good at it!

Ray was an EMT, volunteer firefighter and ambulance driver.

After retiring in Dayton, Washington, in 1979, they moved to Columbia Falls and built a home. Ray went to work for Glacier National Park in maintenance until the age of 86. He loved both the job, his co-workers and his beloved park. Everyone knew Ray Hoon, even a bear that left a paw print on his jacket and chased him up on top of a picnic table!

Ray was a farmer and enjoyed his gardening, growing tomatoes and visiting all the local greenhouses.

Visitation will be

Oregon for two years in his weight division. Ray and his twin brother, Roy, held preliminary bouts before the famous boxers when they came through the area. In later years he was a boxing commissioner in Washington state. During the Depression, Ray and Roy did exhibition boxing matches against each other for money. In later years, he teamed up with Roy to create the Hoon's Aces basketball team.

Ray married Agnes Melsten in Spokane on Sept. 20, 1941. He was very much a baseball man, even naming his first son Mickey after Mickey Mantle. Ray got to take a trip with his son to the East Coast to see games and visited the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. He played baseball until he was 50, playing right field, and

held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 22. A private family viewing will follow from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral celebrating Ray's life will be held at 11 am. on Saturday, June 23, and a luncheon will follow at Darlington Cremation and Burial Services funeral home at 3408 U.S. Highway 2 East, Kalispell. Inurnment will be at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Baseball attire is encouraged for all events.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Glacier Conservancy, at <https://glacier.org/donate> or mail to Glacier National Park Conservancy, P.O. Box 2749, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

## Elaine Mae Hopkins, 76

Elaine Mae Hopkins (nee Nichols) died peacefully in her sleep on April 25, 2018, surrounded by family.

"While we know she is now with our Savior Jesus and we will meet again," our hearts will continue to mourn for her endearing presence. Elaine was born in Kalispell on Nov. 9, 1941, to Francis Kenyon and Martin Nichols, graduating from Bigfork High School in 1959.

She had many friends and work acquaintances and was very well known for her delicious pies. She cooked for many area restaurants and last worked for Bigfork IGA.

Elaine is survived by her brothers, Bob (Karla) Nichols, and Clare (Judy) Kenyon; sisters, Joyce (Jim) Hollopeter, and Linda (Steve) Thompson; and sister-in-law, Jacqueline Martin; also by sons, James, Lester, Howard and Bill. She has 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded



in death by her parents, husband Milton "Toad" Hopkins and son John

Hopkins.

The family wishes to thank all those who gave support, love and continued friendship throughout her life.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, April 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, at Crossroads Fellowship, with interment at Lonepine Cemetery. Family and friends are also invited to celebrate Elaine's life at Swan River Community Hall following ceremonies. Please bring any food items you would like to share for potluck.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family.

## Dorothy 'Dot' Jeanette Hoover, 86

Dorothy "Dot" Jeanette Hoover, 86, passed away on June 7, 2018, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Dot was born on June 12, 1931, in Bowbells, North Dakota, where she resided until she married Bob J. Hoover on Sept. 11, 1954, in Williston, North Dakota, where they made their home.

Dot was a loving homemaker who enjoyed camping trips, fishing, golfing, sewing, restoring antique furniture, do-it-yourself home projects, and hosting dinner parties for friends and family. She rejoined the workforce after raising two children as an administrative assistant at John Kinnard Stock Brokers.

Fifteen years later she and Bob retired and moved to Whitefish where they enjoyed golfing, and visits from friends and family. She also enjoyed searching for treasures in resale shops and crocheting gifts for family.

Dot was preceded in death by her son, Jon



Hoover and husband, Robert Hoover.

She is survived by her daughter,

Jane (Craig) Audet; daughter-in-law, Cindy Hoover; grandchildren, Essie (Clif) Lynner, Cole (Sarah) Hoover, Taylor (Patrick) Matecki, and Marrin (Jerel) Hafner; and great-grandchildren, Marlei, Jon; Anderson, Evie, Coral, Barrett and Bayle.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, at Riverview Cemetery in Williston, North Dakota, for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Meals on Wheels, Whitefish Senior Center, in Whitefish.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Ruth Evelyn Horn, 102

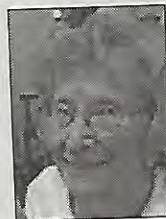
Ruth Evelyn Horn, 102, passed away in Kalispell on May 14, 2018.

Ruth was born Oct. 9, 1915, in Kalispell to Jesse and Amanda (Munter) Lee.

She married John Horn on June 28, 1941, in Kalispell and they were married 58 years.

Ruth was a wonderful wife and mother.

Ruth is survived by her sons, Mike Horn and Martin Leon Horn (Priscilla); and daughters, Karen Marie Berosik (Joe) and Christine Horn (Shahid Ahmed).



A private family burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery

in Kalispell, with funeral services at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Eric Kevin Hosek, 65



Wyoming, the Cascades, Baja, Alaska, and Africa for 14 years.

In 1979 he met his adventure partner and future wife, Dusty Grossman. Eric joined Dusty in Whitefish in 1981, and in 1985 they married. His next stop was the trip of a lifetime — covering four continents, 17 countries, and creating more stories than most make in their lives. Once they returned to Whitefish he put down deep roots and laid the groundwork for becoming a highly involved member of the community.

Eric continued his passion for travel, working at Travel Data Companies, AIS and Orbit, for sev-

eral years before finding his final career with the D.A. Davidson family as a senior financial advisor. During this time, sons Ian and Tanner came into his life, gifts he treasured, taught, played with, and loved. Family escapades included “forced marches,” whitewater canoeing, and desert trips where there never was a shortage of boiled water.

After being elected twice to the Whitefish School board, Eric served on the Whitefish School District Education Foundation and continued to be an active member even after he stepped down. Beyond education Eric was a member of the Flathead Nordic Ski Patrol, served on the Whitefish Rink advisory board, and was involved with numerous other volunteer activities. He was

always willing to lend a hand, offer sound practical advice, or just listen to you without expectations or seeking acknowledgement.

The outdoors was where he was most at home. Fly fishing, bird hunting with close friends and dogs, motorcycling, playing hockey, trap shooting, camping, hiking, canoeing and skiing were the places he spent his free energy. Ones who knew Eric, knew him for his integrity, hard work ethic, willingness to help, quirky sense of humor, encouraging spirit, patience and tolerance. He was someone you could count on when times were tough or easy and honest as the day is long. Eric’s storytelling was masterful and could hook your attention with just a single word, often having the

entire room in tears of joy and laughter. He could be serious, intellectual, witty and funny all within a single sentence. Never short on camp games and entertainment, you were lucky to have his company around a campfire. Eric navigated life and the outdoors with love.

Eric is survived by Dusty, his wife; sons, Ian (Stacy) and Tanner; brothers, Mike (Mary Lou), and Bryan; sister, Janie; and numerous close cousins, nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

Eric always said “the sun will come up in the

morning,” — may it be shining somewhere on him too.

Eric’s celebration of life will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20, at 4500 Farm to Market Road, Whitefish.

In Eric’s honor consider donating to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), Whitefish Community Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services is caring for Eric’s family.



## Poul Houlberg, 89

Poul Houlberg was born Sept. 29, 1929, in Chicago and passed away Oct. 16, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Poul was the youngest of five children born to Jens Peter and Avolda Houlberg. His two sisters, Elly and Elissa, and two brothers, Stanley and Jens Peter Jr. completed their family.

His early childhood through his middle teenage years were spent in Chicago. In 1945 his family moved to California where he continued his high school education until his junior year. Rather than finish his education at that time he enlisted in the Regular Army at the age of 17.

His first assignment was with the second squadron of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division as a rifleman in the occupation of Japan. Later, he was transferred to the Military Police Platoon at First Cavalry Headquarters where he completed his enlistment before being sent back to the states for discharge.

After a few years of enrollment in the Sawyer's School of Business and Santa Monica City College he re-enlisted in the Air Force and was sent to March Air Force Base, California, where he met his future wife, SSgt. Mary Mallory. Subsequent tours of duty were Guam, Mariana Islands for two years, Castle AFB, California for four years and Glasgow AFB, Montana, for two years.



successful apple orchard. He is still remembered for his wonderful variety of

delicious tasting apples. It was often said upon taking the first bite that the flavor just burst in your mouth.

In addition to those accomplishments he enthusiastically pursued two hobbies — making wine and cooking. While making up to 170 gallons of wine a year he also made time to expand his cooking talents by taking two courses of Sicilian Peasant Style Cooking from Sam Porrovecchio through the Flathead Valley Community College.

Mary's health began gradually deteriorating, and after a couple of years as her caregiver, he arranged for her to be admitted to the Montana Veterans Home where she spent her final years under expert personalized care.

As Poul said, "A few years after Mary's passing, I was blessed to meet and marry another wonderful lady. I am survived by my wife, Artelia Ann Houlberg, a daughter, Rhonda Kalvig, nephews Stanley, Chris, Eric, Michael, Peter and Keith, and nieces Elissa, Jody, Mary Ann, and Norma; also, my sister-in-law, Linda Watts and my adopted niece Susan Evans.

I particularly liked and appreciated the personnel at Smith's

He applied for recruiting duty and was assigned to the 3506th Recruiting Group at Alameda, California, for four years. His final assignment was at Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam, in 1968-69 for 13 months where he was in charge of the 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing's training program. During this tour he was required to make a number of inspection trips to Vung Tau and Phu Cat Air Bases where other units of the wing were stationed.

After retirement he and Mary settled down in Creston. He worked at the State run liquor store in Kalispell; then the Columbia Falls Post Office. He eventually went into business for himself painting real estate signs, operating a part-time insurance agency and planting and tending a phenomenally

Kalispell grocery."

There will not be a funeral service. However, a memorial service will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Flathead Valley

Community College, 777 Grandview Drive, Arts & Technology Bldg., Rm. 139, Kalispell.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1087, will officiate at the service.

Poul said, "Please, no flowers, but if you wish to send a monetary gift in remembrance, it should be forwarded to the "Mary Grace Houlberg Certainty Foundation" in care of Susan Evans, FVCC, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1087, P.O. Box 207, Somers, MT 59932.

"So long, friends. It's been a blast!"

## Mary Hoversland, 100

On July 7, 1918, four months before the end of World War I, a baby girl was born to Anton and Bessie Gamma on a ranch west of Kalispell at Ashley Lake. They named her Mary. Mary Bessie Gamma was raised on that ranch along with her older brother, Joe, and younger brothers, Frank and Henry. Mary, along with her brothers and the Ben Brist kids from the neighboring ranch, walked more than 2 miles to a one room school in all weather conditions to receive a formal education through the eighth grade. Sometimes tin the winter they would get a ride with the sled and team if the snow was too deep.

In 1934, at the age of 16 when two ministers came to that area with the gospel message, she made her choice to serve God. That was choice was the framework for her life for the next 84 years. In her 100 years she saw many changes in life, but the one thing that was unchanging and an anchor to her soul was her faith in God. Mary and her husband, Reuben, cherished the Sunday morning worship meeting in their home and the yearly church convention at their property.



from Parkinson's disease.

Mary married Reuben Hoversland on June 16, 1943, and together

they raised five children, Joan (Norman) Storment of Cheney, Washington, Leroy (Lindy) Hoversland of Ronan, Rita (Dan) Corcoran of Ronan, Nita (Henry) Brist of Ellensburg, Washington, and Bruce (Bonnie) Hoversland of Edgewood, Washington.

Cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren are DeAnn (Dino; Charlie) Karageorges, Lisa (Tyler, Taryn) Clerf, Kim (Charlie; Anton, Lulu, Ronan) Smith, Jennifer (Brad; Xavier, Espn, Arianna, Sophia) Fisher, Suzanne (Brad; Brianna, and Brooklyn) Bone, Cherlyn (Adrian; Brian Krislyn) Doble, Mike (Lori; Kira, Joey) Brist, Bruce (Katrina; Payton, Tori) Henkel, Bentley Brist, Kameron (Shanna; Reuben) Brist, Kennon Brist, Tiana (Jaeger) Libra, Katrina (Nathan; Estelle) Lawrence and Westin Hoversland.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her delight. She was never too busy to have a

Mom was a beautiful woman who was equally at home playing the piano, driving a team, shooting a rabbit for dinner, or a deer or bear in the fall for the same purpose, or cooking a gourmet meal with very little while extending hospitality to everyone. If you saw the Northern Lights at two in the morning, she would want a call so she could get up and see them also. She always stayed up to see the New Year in. She enjoyed visiting, her garden, getting a good deal, vinegar, and watching the price of bananas.

Mom was always a caregiver and was interested in everyone's journey. She ran the farm at Ronan when dad was working construction, cared for her ailing mother, then her father-in-law, and later her husband, Reuben, who suffered

tea party or to listen to a recap of a game (although she knew little about the sport) or sharing and experience.

Through the loving care of family, she was able to finish her days at home.

She passed away Aug. 9, 2018. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Ronan Community Center with a potluck lunch following burial at the Ronan Cemetery.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.shridertompson.com](http://www.shridertompson.com). Shridertompson Funeral Home, Ronan, is assisting the Hoversland family with arrangements.

## Lorne Howe, 61

"Just passing through."

Our beloved, beautiful husband, daddy, brother, best friend, and papa, Lorne Howe, passed through on April 5, 2018 surrounded by his loved ones.



importance of hard work, taking life easy and sellin' front lawn lemonade

Lorne met his soul-mate and forever sweetheart, Terry Voetberg, in the early August summer of 1975. Three days later, knowing a good thing when he saw one and never the man to miss an opportunity, he proposed. Three weeks later, Lorne and Terry Howe began their marriage of 42 years. Together, they welcomed four beautiful daughters and 10 grandchildren into this world and cherished every abundant moment with them. He never sacrificed a moment to love family, tell a good joke and share lessons with his daughters and grandkids.

He enjoyed old cars, car show parades, garage-front conversation, man caves, practical jokes, cooking, collecting antiques, using his hands to craft personalized mementos for friends and family, ol' time rock and roll, Johnny Cash and, of course, tall tales. Though he enjoyed all of those, he cherished and loved family most. He loved shooting the breeze with his son-in-laws. He loved chatting on the phone with brothers and sisters. He loved holding his daughters' hands and boasting of their accomplishments, big and small. He loved teaching his grandchildren some of life's most important lessons: spotting a good deal, recognizing a cheat,

on a hot, July afternoon. And most of all, he adored his beloved soul-mate, Terry — gardening beside her, holding her nightly, whispering sweet nothings and reminding her of the prize she was by flirting with her relentlessly.

Lorne touched more lives than the average man. People from all around flooded to his side in his moments of need. He laughed with ease. He cared unconditionally. He provided faithfully. He welcomed openly. He prized quality time. Most of all, he loved with an open heart, and he loved hard, damn hard.

Hunny, Daddy, Papa, Pops, we will miss you until we meet again in Heaven. The sun shines a little less with your absence. We wish you were still "just passing through," but we thank God knowing it's not goodbye; it's, "See you soon." Thank you for teaching us kindness. Thank you for teaching us family. Thank you for teaching us love.

Services for Lorne will be held on Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Falls Mortuary. Attire will be Authentic Lorne, red flannels and jeans. Following services, the reception will begin at 2 p.m. at the upstairs of Brannigan's in downtown Kalispell. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## David Howell, 61

David Howell died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Henderson, Nevada, due to heart failure.

Dave was born in Whitefish to Art and Rosann Howell on July 18, 1957. With a sharp, inquisitive mind he found his way into many fields of work and even more people's hearts. The connecting thread throughout his life was the joy he took in finding treasures big and small — unearthed opals in the desert, timid high school students, or talented people who had been tripped up by drugs and alcohol.

Excelling as a speech and debate coach and teacher, Dave profoundly impacted hundreds of young people as he both taught the skills and instilled the confidence his students needed to succeed. He was equally proud of the students and teams he coached to



the team.

Dave retired in 1994 for professional and personal reasons. Professionally, he focused on several businesses that he owned and from which he developed many dear friendships. Personally, he battled substance abuse. These battles would lead him to mentor hundreds of individuals who struggled with similar issues and for whom he always had an easy laugh, a cup of coffee, and an open ear.

Through three marriages, kids, successes, failures, good health, and illness, Dave was both a diehard optimist and an ardent pessimist. Sunnily

championships and those that began his classes too shy to give a speech but ended up joining

stubborn, he didn't mind hard work. Sometimes his struggles got the better of him. But when he was at his best, he was magnificent.

Dave is survived by his parents; wife, Shirley; brothers, Matt and Bill; sisters, Mary and Janet; children, Richard, Katie, Camille and Daniel; grandchildren, Noelle and Josiah; and many extended friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Walter.

A memorial service for Dave will be held in at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 29 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

If you were one of the many people that David taught, coached, or mentored, please consider donating time or money to your local schools or the humane society.

## Gale L "Topper" Howell, 79

Gale left this world to be with the Lord on Sept. 10, 2018, after a short battle with stage 4 cancer.

### Gale L "Topper"

Howell was born to Floyd and Carrel Viola Howell Jan. 31, 1939, at Keokuk Area Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa. Topper attended school at Star School and Kahoka High School where he graduated in 1956. He worked for a year at Reed Van Black after which he joined the U.S. Army in 1957 and was discharged honorably in 1963 after serving a four-year active duty time and a two-year inactive.

Topper moved to Montana in 1962 where he got a job working on a ranch. He was joined shortly after by Bonnie Jean Bruner, and they married in April 1963. They had a daughter, Robin Dawn. The couple then moved to the Flathead Valley in western Montana, where they had three boys, Anthony "Tony" Howell of



Columbia Falls, Robert "Robb" Howell of Medford, Oregon, and Carl Howell of Kalispell. The couple divorced in 1983.

Gale then married Janice Plummer of Whitefish in July 1984 where they lived until her death in 2009. Topper then married his current wife, Mary Jo Dean of Kahoka, Missouri, in 2010 and lived in Whitefish until his death in 2018.

Topper was preceded in death by his parents, Carrel and Floyd, a daughter Robin, nephew Ethan Duckworth, and brother-in-law R.C. "Sonny" Duckworth.

He is survived by his current wife, Mary Jo Howell, of Whitefish; his three sons and stepsons,

Stan, Steve and Darrel; and special stepson Corey; ex-wife; sister, Glee "Sug" Snead, of Kahoka; niece, Bethany Duckworth, of Macon, Missouri; 13 grandchildren in various states; and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Gale will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home in Kalispell, followed by a luncheon reception at the Back Room in Columbia Falls, at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Whole Living Learning Center. Buffalo

Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family.

## Margaret Hurd, 81

Margaret Jeanne Swanson was born Sept. 3, 1937, to Donald and Thelma Swanson in Fairmont, Minnesota. She then grew up in Iowa where her family moved when she was quite young.

During high school, Margaret met the love of her life, Edward Hurd. They married and went on to have one daughter, Jeanine. Margaret worked in different secretarial positions during this time while also taking care of her family.

They moved to Minnesota in 1967 and bought a resort in Spicer where they spent the next 10 years. After becoming empty nesters, they began traveling south to Florida and Arizona during the winters. Margaret and her husband finally settled in Arizona where they managed a senior citizen RV park in Yuma for several years. Without fail, they spent their summers in Montana with their daughter and her family.

After Ed died in 1998, Margaret worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block for quite a few years, but later became the manager for the RV



park again, all the while still spending her summers in Montana. She continued

working until 2013 when she retired after having a stroke. She made her final move to Montana where she lived with her daughter and son-in-law. While she did not enjoy the Montana winters, she enjoyed every moment she got to spend with her grandkids and family, especially during visits to Arizona.

Margaret passed away Sept. 27, 2018, surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her daughter Jeanne and husband Jerry Sandven of Columbia Falls, her granddaughter Jess and husband Seth Sorensen of Kalispell, her grandson Josh and wife April Sandven of Gilbert, Arizona, and her five great-grandkids, Blakely, Asher, Smith, Riley and Tade.

We will be celebrating Margaret's life at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.