

## Eve Kuualoha Kaaihue-Berardi, 58

Eve Kuualoha Kaaihue-Berardi, 58, passed away Aug. 15, 2018 in Kalispell. Eve was born on March 15, 1960 in Oahu, Hawaii to Warren and Helen (Obatay) Kaaihue.



Kalani Kaaihue, Chuck Kaaihue. Grandchildren, Owen King-Kaaihue,

Eve was a volunteer for various organization with the church, she loved to garden, Hula dancing, sewing and watching her grandkids.

Eve was preceded in death by her father, Warren Kaaihue; son, James Montgomery IV; and sister, Moana Kaaihue.

She is survived by her husband, Terrance Berardi of Kalispell; children, Chris Berardi, of Chicago, Jason Kaaihue of Columbia Falls, Hillery Berardi of Missoula, Charles Kassner of Kalispell, Michael Kassner of Kalispell, Michael Kassner of Kalispell, and Erika Kassner of Columbia Falls; mother, Helen (Lee) Wiggs of Hamilton; siblings, Ido Kaaihue of Waterloo, Iowa, Maiel Vitcovich of Maui, Hawaii, Vesta Kaaihue of Oahu, Hawaii, Maurice of Stayton, Oregon, Leiana Kaaihue, Haunani Kaaihue, Kaleo Kaaihue,

Norelle King-Kaaihue, Kawena Kassner, Meghan King-Kaaihue, Victoria Berardi, Lakai Kassner, Iakona Kassner, Kianni Dern, Khalers Dern.

A Rosary service will be held today Monday, Aug. 20, 2018 at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Parish, Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:10 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018 at St. Matthew's Catholic Parish.

A Celebration of Eve's Life will continue after The Mass at 2:30 p.m. at the family home.

The family suggest memorials be made to St. Matthew's Parish, EWTN, Food for the Poor. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Lori Lynn Kaml, 60

Lori Lynn Kaml passed away suddenly on Aug. 8, 2018.

She was born in Warren, Minnesota, to George Kaml and Dolores Ruth Knutson Kaml on Oct. 31, 1957.



pleasures — spending time with friends and family, and being an amazing

Lori is survived by her mother, Delores Kaml; daughter, Megan (Mike) Arseneau and their daughter, Chloe; son-in-law, Jared (Nicki) McGowen and their children, Haylee, Sarah, and Jack; sisters, Susy (Scott) Dowers, Debbie (Paul) Smith, Peggy Fuller, Becky (Dennis) Ptacek, Toni Burton, and Bonnie (Skip) Kaml; brothers, George Kaml and Lee (Crystal) Kaml; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Lori was preceded in death by daughter, Samantha McGowen; father, George Kaml; sisters Georgianna and Darlene Kaml; and brothers-in-law, Bill Fuller and Jobi Burton.

Lori brought joy, happiness and laughter into the lives of everyone she met. She is remembered for her infectious smile and generous heart. Lori truly lived life to the fullest through simple

mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the Canyon Community Church, 185 Coram School Lane, Coram. Following the service there will be a celebration of her life by friends and family at Packers Roost, 9649 U.S. 2, Coram.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Arseneau family or the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Department.

Donations may be made to the Arseneau Family (Michael, Megan, and Chloe), P.O. Box 190492; Hungry Horse, MT 59919; or Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Department.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Lyla Margaret Kammerdiener, 93

Lyla was born Feb. 8, 1925, and passed away May 21, 2018, at age 93.

Lyla was born in Tenino, Washington, to Stuart and Alice Windiate, the middle of eight girls. Her father was a cowboy and traveled a lot breaking horses and working ranches all over the Northwest. The family moved to Kalispell in 1935 and Lyla and her sisters attended Kalispell schools.

Lyla married Fritz Kammerdiener on her 16th birthday in 1941 and had two children, Bonnie and Fred Jr. They also fostered other children including Jimmy and Barry Youso, Flora Sorely and her brothers John and George DeVera. In 1942 when the war broke out, Lyla followed her husband to Vancouver, Washington, to work as a welder in the shipyards and then returned to Kalispell to raise their family.

Lyla worked many jobs in Kalispell, including county jail cook for five years and the family Spudnut Bakery on Main Street. When Fred Jr. went into the Navy he met Julian Almonte Jr. from the Philippines whom Fred and Lyla adopted. Julian went on to a distinguished Naval career.

Lyla was very active in her church and always very spiritual. She loved sewing, knitting and all arts and crafts. She made many things for her family and friends.

Lyla is survived by her



daughter  
Bonnie  
Ward and  
husband  
Steve;  
grandsons  
Arthur  
Tveit  
and wife

Carrie, John Tveit and wife Tamra, granddaughter Rene Roberts; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also a very large extended family.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Cornerstone Community Church, with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

## Ruth E. Kauffman, 97

Ruth E. Kauffman passed away quietly on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, at Invigorate Healthcare of Whitefish previously Whitefish Care & Rehab Center.

Ruth was born July 18, 1921, in Lititz, Pennsylvania, to Benjamin S. and Anna O. Eberly, the eighth of 10 children. She grew up in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, but finished high school at Eastern Mennonite High School in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Ruth continued her education at Eastern Mennonite College (now University) graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. While at college, Ruth met her husband David "Doc" Kauffman of Creston and they married in 1950. Ruth taught nursing at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia while her husband finished medical school. Ruth and Doc briefly resided in Spokane before moving to Whitefish in 1959.

Ruth's life was built around her family, faith and community and she worked tirelessly to support her family's endeavors throughout her life. While she would define herself as a "house mom" it was one of many roles she took on with enthusiasm.

She supported her children as an active PTA member, a Scout leader, president of the Band Boosters and helped with more than one last minute creative writing assignment.

Ruth was never far from nursing and supported the local medical community as a founding member of the Sunshine Ladies at North Valley Hospital and served two terms as president of the North Valley Hospital



Auxiliary. After her kids were grown, she returned to nursing, working with her husband in

his medical practice.

Ruth was not one to sit still. She was very active in her church, the community World Day of Prayer, the Women of the Moose, the Head Start Program and helped at the community food bank. She loved to garden, was a talented seamstress and an excellent shot who enjoyed hunting with her husband. In 2002, Ruth had the honor of serving as the First Lady of Whitefish.

Music was a constant and important part of Ruth's life. She played the violin in high school and piano throughout her life. She was an organizing member of the Treb-L-Aires, a dedicated supporter of community concerts, a member of the Flathead Community Choir well into her 80s, and an Alpine Ringer for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dr. David "Doc" V. Kauffman, her parents Benjamin and Anna Eberly, one brother and eight sisters, all from

Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her four children, David Kauffman (Anita), Whitefish, Stephen Kauffman of Yakima, Washington, Elizabeth Kauffman-Harmon (Stephen) of Wasilla, Alaska, and Rebecca Kauffman-Piotrowski (David) of Bend, Oregon; and six grandchildren, Britta Kauffman and Brice Kauffman of Seattle, and Justin Kauffman, Travis Kauffman, Darren Kauffman and Ashley Kauffman of Whitefish.

Ruth will be interred at the Whitefish Cemetery

and a celebration of life will be held in January 2019.

Remembrance donations in her name may be sent to: Angel Tree Christmas - Prison Fellowship <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>, Covenant House Teen shelters [covenanthouse.org](https://www.covenant-house.org) <https://www.covenant-house.org/> or Mennonite Central Committee <https://mcc.org>.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.



## Clara 'Lucille' Wendt Kaufman, 93

Clara "Lucille" Wendt Kaufman, 93, of Kalispell, surrounded by family, passed peacefully from her home on this earth, "into eternal life with her Savior, Jesus Christ," on Feb. 19, 2018.

Lucille was born May 21, 1924, in Kalispell, the first of three children born to Max and Clara Wendt.

She was well loved, and an adored help-mate to her beloved husband, Joe. She was a loving and talented mother.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother Grace (Flagg) Wendt, her half brother Alfred Max Wendt, her sister Helen Counsell, and her brother Claire "Buddy" Wendt.

Lucille is survived by her devoted husband of 74 years, Joseph Luke Kaufman, of Kalispell; her children, Ardath Moelling (Philip), Kenneth L. Kaufman (Barbara), Leola Fredericks (Jerry), Barbara Fenner (Gary), and Shirley Batz (Bob), all of Kalispell, Donna Grimes (Joe), of Seguin, Texas, and David L. Kaufman (Karri) Missoula; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the many wonderful caregivers, Home Health nurses and aides who cared for Lucille over the



years, as well as the ER staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the

hospice team who cared for her at the end. Special thanks to Linda Spangle for the dear friendship and tender care she gave to Mom. You have been a great blessing to us.

Viewing will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Extended family will meet for private burial at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and family are then invited to a celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Adventure Church, 348 2nd Avenue West, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society- <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>; or The Christian and Missionary Alliance' Great Commission Fund (please earmark for Israel). -<https://secure.cmalliance.org/give/>

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.

## Lula Frances 'Fran' Keibler, 84

On Oct. 14, 2018, at 84 years of age, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend Lula Frances "Fran" Keibler passed away in Boise, Idaho. Fran lived and breathed by the power of love and selflessness she gave to her family and friends. She always put others before herself, desiring nothing but love and happiness for those she knew.

Fran was born the youngest of three daughters to R.A. and Mamie Green in Olton, Texas, on July 19, 1934. She spent her childhood growing up in Olton and Dimmitt, Texas, with her close-knit family and life-long friends. Some of her fondest childhood memories were of family gatherings, singing, dancing, playing the piano with her sisters, and hanging out at the family-owned movie theater.

In 1951, Fran graduated from Olton High School and went on to earn her nursing degree from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in May of 1955.

During her last year of nursing school, on a blind date, Fran met the love of her life, Raymond C. Keibler. Three months later, they married on July 3, 1955, and enjoyed a life full of travel, adventure and raising four children. Due to Ray's military and Forest Service careers, they moved frequently, living in Europe and various states. They eventually settled in Columbia Falls, spending time at Spotted Bear Ranger Station and making many wonderful friends. These were the happiest 36 years of their lives. After the death of her husband in 2014, Fran moved to Boise where she again became active in church and touched many more lives.

Throughout the years,



Fran always found employment as a nurse. She was fortunate to have

worked as an registered nurse in a variety of healthcare settings including public health, hospital, clinic and school nursing. After 34 years of nursing, Fran retired from the Columbia Falls School District in 1993.

The Golden Years were spent traveling and making precious memories with family and friends. Fran's passions were her family, church and music. She was known for her kind, giving and compassionate heart, the best southern fried chicken in the state, and her beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed by all.

Fran is survived by her four children, Cindy (Joe) Gleesing, Bryan (Lianne) Keibler, Greg (Connie) Keibler and Kathy (Tom) Kilburg; eight grandchildren, Justin (Melissa) Gleesing, Aaron (Jessica) Gleesing, Amanda (Jacob) Lott, Cody Keibler, Brandon (Alyse) Keibler, Jared Keibler, Colton Keibler and Elizabeth Kilburg; four great-grandchildren, Maximus Gleesing, Swayze and Bowen Lott, and Rylan Keibler; one sister, Mary Chollis George; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; son, Carl; and sister, Dorothy Dodd.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls. A reception will immediately follow at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 401 7th St. W., Columbia Falls.

## Robert Allen Kelley, 81

Robert "Bob" Allen Kelley was "called to the triumphant trap shoot in the sky" on April 7, 2018 in Polson at the age of 81.

Bob was born on May 20, 1936 to Robert and Gladys Kelley in Kalispell. Bob attended grade school and other local schools before graduating from Polson High School in 1955. He then enlisted in the National Guard. Afterwards, Bob attended barber school in Phoenix, Arizona, earning his certification in July of 1956. Bob married his first wife, Jaris Lee Albert on Sept. 17, 1956, after the two met in high school. To this union, Bob and Jaris had eight children. Jaris passed away in 1999 and the two had been married for 43 years. Bob ran his own barbershop from 1957 until 1968, at which time he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis abruptly changed his career direction and he found his passion as a school bus driver for District 23 in Polson for more than 30 years.

Bob was a devoted



husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed many activities that included duck hunting, golf, serving as the lead singer at church, running the chains at football games, watching sporting events and meeting up with friends at the Lake City Bakery. Bob was an excellent marksman and won numerous events throughout his shooting career.

It was at church that Bob met his second wife,

Audine. Together they traveled to trap shoots and enjoying Sunday road trips. Bob knew every back road in northwest Montana. When springtime would finally roll around, he would always look forward to being the first in line at Richwine's Burgerville. He had a great sense of humor and always had a great story to tell.

Bob is preceded in death by his first wife, Jaris; his parents, Robert and Gladys Kelley; and a brother, Bill Kelley.

Survivors include his wife, Audine; his children, Brenda (Leon) McCarley, Kathryn Kelley, Diana (Jeff) Washburn, Robert (Laura) Kelley, Jonathan

(Tambrely) Kelley, Randy (Tammy) Kelley, Janie (Jay) Bick, and Leslie (Willy) Nelson; step-children, Sharolet (Rob) McDonald, Tim (Linda) Craft, and Deborah (Mike) Keely. Bob also leaves behind 27 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Bob's life will be celebrated on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at The Lake Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com). The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is assisting the Kelley family with arrangements.

## Dennis Harold Kelley, 73

Dennis Harold Kelley, 73, of Kalispell, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2018, in Kalispell.

Dennis was born in Baker, Montana, to Delos and Mary Kelley on Sept. 6, 1944. He attended school in Billings until graduating from high school, upon which he served in the Army.

He married Hedy in November 1988 in Kalispell.

He worked as a truck driver and then a dispatcher for most of his life.

Dennis was preceded in death by his wife Hedy Kelley; sisters, Helen Ondrosik, Kay Zeiler and Doris Peterson; parents, Mary and Delos Kelley; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.



Dennis is survived by his son, Robert (Josie) Kelley, of Las Vegas; son, David (Tami) Kelley, of Kalispell; and

daughter, Brandi (Jim) Holdcomb, of Kalispell; brother, Ronald (Norma) Kelley, of Vancouver, Washington; brother-in-law, Gordon Zeiler, of Billings; ex-wife, Cathy Malkuch, of Kalispell; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering is to be decided upon a later date.

## Robert S. Keller, 90

The Honorable Robert Keller "Bob" was born Dec. 5, 1927, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, to Ellis and Marguerite Keller, and passed away peacefully on July 3, 2018, at the Libby Care Center in Libby. Bob grew up in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, and moved back to State College, Pennsylvania, his junior high school year, graduating in 1945. He attended Penn State University where he was active in campus politics and boxing, and earned a pre-law degree in 1950 with one military service interruption (Air Force at the end of World War II). Upon graduation, Bob was commissioned in the Army, serving two tours in Korea as a tank commander where he earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and was wounded in action, earning the Purple Heart and a medical retirement. In December 1952, Bob married his high school classmate, Susan Bissey, in Colorado while on leave from the Army.

Bob always said his four favorite passions in life were hunting, fishing, skiing and flying. After his military service he decided to move west to pursue those passions and attend law school at the University of Utah. Upon graduation Bob and Susan moved to Kalispell where Bob practiced law with the Murphy & Robinson firm before setting up his solo practice. He particularly loved trial practice, and was very comfortable in the courtroom where he later served as



a Montana District Court Judge in both in Flathead County (1968 - 1976) and in Lincoln County (1988 - 1995). In his retirement Bob

enjoyed acting as a visiting judge in Great Falls and Miles City, and teaching law students at the Trial Advocacy Program at the University of Montana School of Law.

Bob and Susan raised their family in the Flathead Valley where he enjoyed coaching and umpiring the boys' baseball teams, flying Cessna planes, participating in Evergreen Lions, playing bridge with friends and skiing at Big Mountain in Whitefish (where the family earned the first Kalispell Ski Club Family Race trophy). In 1988 Bob and Susan moved to Libby where he golfed daily, played duplicate bridge, and skied the slopes at Turner Mountain. Bob truly loved Montana — in the summer he enjoyed cocktails on the dock at Echo Lake while planning the annual family fly fishing and horse packing trip to the South Fork of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Bob's last 25-mile trail ride in was at age 74. But his favorite Montana activity was pheasant hunting with his beloved springer spaniels and his

dear friend and neighbor, Bill Crismore, by his side.

Bob is survived by his children, Geoff (Teri) in Billings, Jamie (Catriona) in Ohio, and Jill Mitchell (Kurt) in Minnesota; six grandchildren, Ian, Gillian, Fiona, Sophia, Olivia and Lara; and sisters, Tish (Ted) Bunnell, and Skeety (Maurey) Tosi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Susan (July 1, 2014); a special needs daughter, Johanna (2000); and his sister, Anne (Ted) Butler.

Donations may be

made to a charity of choice.

A memorial will be held by the family at a later date. A special thank you to the staff at the Libby Care Center, who gave "Judge" excellent care and a reason to share his big smile and sparkling blue eyes. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Edward John Kelly, 74

Edward John Kelly, 74, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, in Kalispell.

Edward was born on Nov. 19, 1943, in Dayton, Ohio, to John and Helen (Kessler) Kelly. Ed was raised and attended School in Springfield, Ohio, graduating from Catholic Central High School, he then went on to get his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

On September of 1965 he married Barbara (Laihr) Kelly.

Ed was a game warden for the State of Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks service where he retired as a captain. He loved being in the outdoors and sharing Montana wilderness with his family.

Ed was preceded in



death by his parents, and a brother Tim Kelly.

He is survived by his loving wife of

53 years, Barbara; sons, Thomas and (Kristen) Kelly of Pacifica, California, and Beau and (Anna - Mariah) Kelly of Fairbanks, Alaska; brother, Dennis Kelly, of Springfield, Ohio; and grandchildren, Faith, Amelia and Rosemarie Kelly.

Cremation has taken place and services are pending at this time.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Buck D. Kidder, 64

Buck D. Kidder, 64, of Troy, died Tuesday July 24, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

Buck was born Oct. 21, 1953, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Lloyd and Ella (Wigner) Kidder. At the age of 17 Buck enlisted in the United States Air Force, one month before he was drafted so that he could choose his branch of service. Shortly after his enlistment he earned his GED and was given an honorary diploma from Troy High School.

Buck served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as a 7 Level jet engine mechanic. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked for Chapel Cedar and trail maintenance for the U.S. Forest Service. Buck co-owned Kidding Auto and later would work for World Wide Machine Pipeline division, where he was trained as a padder operator.

Buck married Tamera on Oct. 8, 1999, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and they made their home in Troy. Buck was a member of the Troy Cruzers and the Troy VFW where he served as the commander of VFW Post No. 5514 for many years. He was always available to help



out others and will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Kidder, and his

sister, Donna Trainor.

Survivors include his wife, Tamera, of Troy; his children, Brandy Bunn, Becky Kidder-Giles, James Bekier, Bobbie Scott, Buck Alan Kidder, Paula Kidder and Cody DeWitt; grandchildren, Micheal Beck, Brandon Kidder, Kaytlynn Carr, Madison Bunn, Alex Giles, Annaka Kidder, Buck Kidder, Duane Scott, Kayliegh DeWitt and Daniel DeWitt; sister, Debbie Williams; and brother, Wade Kidder.

Graveside services and military honors for Buck will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at the Milnor Lake Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby.

Online memories and condolences may be shared by visiting [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Robert W. 'Bobby' Kienas, 59

Robert W. "Bobby" Kienas passed away Sept. 18, 2018, at his home with his loving wife, mother and children by his side after a long battle with COPD and cancer.

Bobby was born July 4, 1959, to Robert "Bob" and Joanne Kienas in Kalispell. He was raised with his brother and sister in Somers where he met his childhood sweetheart Wendy Hayek. Soon after graduation from Flathead High School, Bobby and Wendy were married on Oct. 3, 1977, and they had two boys Robert "RT" Kienas and Mitch Kienas. Bobby was an amazing electrician, but he was a jack-of-all-trades. He had a passion for woodworking and was very well known for some of his work.

Bobby never met a stranger. He was happy to help everyone he met. He treated you like an old friend, no matter how long he knew you. He would gladly give you the shirt off his back. Bobby was a very devoted fireman. In his 30s he was involved in a structure fire causing smoke inhalation in his lungs. That's when his fight began and he was put on oxygen. He then spent many years training new recruits for various fire departments. He never let oxygen slow him down. He was a fighter.

Bobby had such a love for woodworking and being outdoors with



his family. He looked forward to hunting camp with his boys every year

and loved being on his motorcycle. He was very involved with his family, attending games and activities and always had time for his friends.

Bobby is survived by his mom, Joanne Kienas; wife, Wendy Kienas; sons, Robert "RT" (Amber), and Mitch (Kathy); grandkids, Katelyn, Breanna, Chloe, Tanner, Trevor and Kooper; relative Shawna, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert "Bob" Kienas, father-in-law Tom Hayek, infant sister Brenda Kienas, brother Edward "Bud" Kienas, and sister Karla Fischer.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Stillwater Christian School gym, located at 255 FFA Drive, Kalispell, with burial at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery and reception to follow the burial at Somers Fire Hall in Somers.

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.



## Joseph Gaylord Kikendall Sr., 91

Joseph Gaylord Kikendall Sr. passed away at Montana Veterans Home of Columbia Falls on Oct. 29, 2018.

Joe was born on April 17, 1927, in Lansing, Michigan, to parents Gladys and Gaylord Kikendall.

His parents separated, and Joe came to Montana with his mom and two sisters when he was just 4.

Life was not easy in his youth. Joe did a lot of hunting and fishing to help put food on the table. Joe attended school through eighth grade, but left academics behind to become a local truck driver, delivering freight to local stores.

When old enough, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was sent to Germany for the last few months of World War II. Because he knew a lot about driving trucks and big machinery, he was made a sergeant in short order, overseeing the big machines used for reconstruction work.

Shortly after his return stateside, he married Gladys Irene Wise. Together they had four



children. Gladys watched over the kids and kept the house neat and tidy, while Joe continued to drive a local delivery truck. He

drove local delivery for 50 years, and received a commendation for driving over 2 million miles without an accident.

Joe loved all things "truck," and started collecting miniature trucks (Some people would refer to them as toys, but Joe called them mementos). Joe also enjoyed camping (in his later years he would come up to Joe Jr.'s camping site at 6 a.m. ready for bacon, eggs and coffee), boating in Bigfork bay and Thompson Lakes, water skiing (taking off from shore on a solo ski), hunting and fishing.

He made the most effective fishing lures for the waters of the Flathead Valley. He loved being on time for events, which

created a desire to make clocks.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys; father, Gaylord; two sisters, Maxine and Margarite; his wife of 62 years, Gladys Irene "Sis."

Joe is survived by his son, Joe (Diana); daughter, Rachel; daughter, Pam (Wes) Holmquist; all of Kalispell; and daughter, Jackie (Mike) Hunter of Medford, Oregon; grandson Brian (Connie) Kikendall and great-grandsons, Colby and Skylar; grandson Jeff Kikendall (Chelsea) and great-granddaughter Abby; granddaughter Joylene Olson (Kirk) and great-grandson Josh, and great-granddaughter, Shayla (Zach); grandson Marty (Ginger) Olson, great-grandson Ryan, and great-granddaughter Sydney; granddaughter Teri (Duane) Dierenfield, great-grandson Adam (Celeste); great-granddaughter Jessica (Zach)

Levitt; great-granddaughters Jelisa and Madeleine; granddaughter Lynda (Ty) Fried; great-grandsons Brady and Evan; grandson Travis (Debbie) Holmquist; great-grandchildren Izzy, Katy, Austin, Katelyn, Cody and Justin; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to send our sincere thanks to all those that worked with Dad at the Vet's Home. Knowing Dad was watched over with love and compassion means more than you'll ever know.

In lieu of flowers, we family ask that you make donations to Montana Veterans Home, Memorial Board Foundation, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at Bible Baptist Church, 64 Dove Lane (off Hwy. 2 E., behind Evergreen Pharmacy/Compounding), Kalispell.

## Anne Kiley, 88

Anne Kiley, the loving mother of eight children, passed away after a nine-month battle with cancer on April 24, 2018, at the age of 88.

Anne was born in Pulaski, Virginia, the oldest of four children, attended Salem Academy High School and graduated from the College of William and Mary.

She married her husband, Jim, in 1952 and moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. After her husband finished medical school and internship, they moved to Michigan, with a family of three children, in 1960. By the time they moved to Kalispell in 1972, the family had grown to 10, including eight children.

She loved Montana, especially Flathead Lake. She was active in her Church, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, and the Daughters of Isabella. She was an outstanding athlete, and while she ran a marathon, walked, swam and played tennis, golf was her true passion. She was a longstanding member of the Buffalo Hill Golf Course ladies group, had a hole-in-one in her 80s and played in the Buffalo Hill Labor Day tournament with her daughters and sister at age 80. She and her mother introduced the family



to golf, and it remains a family passion to this day. In the middle of chemotherapy, she continued to play and enjoy the game.

In addition to golf, her other passion was bridge. For many years she was a member of the Flathead Valley Duplicate Bridge Club, where she worked to accumulate master's points. She was disappointed she had to be hospitalized the day of her death because she was going to miss bridge the next day.

For many years, she and Jim spent winters in La Paz, Mexico, then as age started to take its toll, they began wintering in the Sacramento, California, area. There she remained active with daily walks and workouts, and made many friends playing golf and bridge. She will be deeply missed by those in her "part-time" home as well as in Kalispell.

A kind and gentle soul, Anne was the joyful mother of eight children, and the matriarch of 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was most proud of her family, and never missed

sending a birthday or anniversary card, called frequently and visited often. She and Jim loved hosting and entertaining the kids and their families and friends during the wonderful Montana summers, and they lived near several family members in the Sacramento area in the winters. They had frequent visits from all of the children and very much looked forward to family bi-yearly reunions.

She was diagnosed with cancer in the summer of 2017 and remained under treatment until she passed. Despite difficult treatments and innumerable side effects, she maintained her poise, determination and dignity. She was more interested in how others were doing rather than in detailing her ailments.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years,

Jim; eight children, Jim, Mike, Kathy, Dan, Mary Ann, Tom, Tim and Kate; sister, Sara Jane; grandchildren, Brian, Kevin, Bradley, Shannon, Enrique, Monica, Nick, Zack, Josh, Nicole, Austin, Jessica, Jake and Kiley; and great-grandchildren, Matthew and Joey. She had a special relationship with Shari, Lisa, Steve, Susan and Christie, her children's and grandchildren's spouses.

A vigil rosary for Anne will be said at 7 p.m. on May 3 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. A funeral Mass will be held at 4 p.m. May 4 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with a joyous "celebration of life" to follow at Buffalo Hill Golf Course.

The family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Mark S. King, 69

Mark S. King, 69, passed away at his home in Whitefish on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

He was born in 1949 to Helen and Jack King in Pontiac, Michigan. Mark spent the early years of his life as an active boy building famous go-carts and playing in the lakes around his house. He had many a story about boats and selling frog legs. Mark went to Pontiac Central High School and enlisted in the Army before he finished. He served 1966 to 1969, the last year plus being in Vietnam.

Mark eventually picked up and moved west when he got back from Vietnam. He lived in Vail, Colorado, before moving to Whitefish in 1988. He opened Mark King and Friends, a quality woodworking shop that he operated on Baker Avenue across from the old police station. In 1999 he moved the shop to Hodgson Road where it



will continue.

In 1999 Mark married Sue Ann Grogan and, together with son Zak, they made a home together at the new wood shop

and the bachelor apartment and small house that Mark designed. Their home is a beautiful example of the craftsmen style woodworking at which Mark excelled. It was his dream to build his own space and so he did it.

Mark loved golf. He was an incredible skier and he was an avid bicyclist. In 1997 he returned to Vietnam and rode his bike from the south to north through the entire country to the Chinese border. Those of us who know Mark know he did the very best at each

thing he did. He played on the local pool league for decades and enjoyed whitewater rafting. Mark loved music and often invited bands to play around town and in the wood shop.

He is survived by his wife Sue Ann, son Zak of Las Vegas, sister Judy of Oklahoma, brother Jan and sister-in-law Jen of Australia, and many nieces and nephews and extended family.

Mark believed in being a good friend and he created a family of friends — Never met a man with so many brothers and sisters.

A memorial is planned from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at Mark and Sue Ann's home.

Online condolences for the family may be submitted on Mark's webpage at [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com). Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

## Eldon Kinniburgh, 79

George Eldon died on March 29, 2018 in Kalispell.

He was born August 4, 1938 in Park Grove, Montana to George and Geneva (Eastman) Kinniburgh. He attended schools in Marion and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High in 1956.

Nearing the completion of Fort Peck Dam, his family moved to Marion, where his brother Bill joined the family and he lived his remaining years in the Flathead Valley. Upon graduating from high school, Eldon enlisted in the Navy as a Machinist Mate and served a tour of duty aboard the USS George Clymer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and his wife Pauline.

Eldon met and married Pauline Pedersen (Hovey) and her three children in December 1959, and they had two additional children. They were married for 57 years before Pauline's



(purchased Skyline). He was a familiar figure in the grocery stores and restaurants around the valley and embodied the phrase "whistle while you work" as he could always be heard whistling - "The Whistling Milkman." He retired in 2003.

He was an active and devoted member of Bethel Baptist Church after his Lord got ahold of his life in 1967 and he served in various roles through the years until recently, when we believe he heard the words "Well done, good and faithful one."

Eldon had four primary loves in his life. He

passing in February 2017.

Eldon spent a career as a milkman working for Gregg's Dairy, Skyline Dairy and Meadow Gold Dairy

loved Jesus, he loved his wife and family, he loved ball sports and he loved the Flathead Braves. He said his greatest times were spent with family or friends playing card games, board games, softball, basketball, horse-shoes, golf, bowling or watching the Braves.

He is survived by his children, Karen Pedersen of Columbia Falls; Leslie Allison and her partner Dale Anderson of Creston, WA; Jeffrey Pedersen of Ninilchik, Alaska; Gary Kinniburgh and his wife Carolyn of Enumclaw, Washington; and Jodi Hollenbeck of Spokane. Also, the grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he loved and cherished: Sara and her husband Lee Morgan and their children, Hayden

and Lacey; Erica and her children, Sitera and Tiana; Ross; Kelly and her husband Jon Dobson; Reese and his wife Meira and their children Reagan, Paige and Lucas; Hannah, Courtney and Alex.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be given to Lake Blaine Bible Camp c/o Bethel Baptist Church, 936 4th Ave W in Kalispell, 59901.

Cremation and burial have been taken care of by Darlington Funeral Home and Crematory. Please visit their website to sign the guest book. <http://www.darlingtonfunerals.com/notices/GEldon-Kinniburgh>



## Carol Varty Klain, 80

Carol Lily Varty Klain was born Dec. 14, 1937, to Forrest and Florence, the fifth of their 10 children at the family home north of Douglas, North Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Douglas. An early athletic highlight was being the fifth grade arm wrestling champion, later excelling in cheerleading, volleyball and half-court basketball as a graduate of Douglas High School.

Carol received her teacher's degree from Minot State Teachers College then taught school in Coleharbor, North Dakota. There she met a handsome sailor recently honorably discharged. They were smitten from the start. Eddie and Carol were married in Douglas soon thereafter, celebrating their 61st anniversary this past June. They farmed a couple of years in Turtle Lake, North Dakota, and spent several years in Havre where their adventures included owning a bar. Next, they were off to the mountains they called home in Kalispell. Carol



worked for the school system where she always loved working with children, learning sign language, teaching Sunday school and later becoming the Sunday school superintendent. This was in keeping with her first priority, dedication to her children Gina, Rhonda and Kevin. Working when they were in school kept her free to be a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout cookie maker, and either chauffer or attendee to their many events. Always first with an encouraging word or a plate of her famous chocolate chip cookies, her abiding devotion was endless.

Prior to Eddie and Carol retiring, they both were awarded the esteemed honor of Montana Moose of the Year, celebrating their years of volunteering. They spent their winters in Yuma, Arizona, closer to their children, appreciating good weather and

activities galore. Carol enjoyed morning coffee with her girlfriends, afternoons filled with games, good friends, and pink happy hour wine. Summers were spent in Kalispell fishing, gardening, canning, camping and laughing with dear friends.

Carol left this world on June 28, 2018, into the arms of her beloved Savior in Fullerton, California, surrounded by her daughters and grand-dog Smitty. She was loved by all for her warmth, kindness, respectful way she treated others and was a wonderful friend to many.

She is survived by her dearest Eddie, daughters Gina (Morse) Olsen of Poway, California, Rhonda (Kent and Smitty) Harper of Fullerton, favorite son Kevin of Huntington Beach, California; grandsons, John (Heather) Olsen of Lemon Grove, California, and Brian (Logan) Olsen of Dallas; and spunky great-granddaughters, Chloe and Payton; sisters, Ruth (Arne) Tollefson, Bonnie (Fred) Martin,

and Betty (Richard) Schlicting; and brother, Art.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Jeffrey John; sisters, Lois Schlicting and Dorothy Keller; and brothers, Alfred "Bud," David and Bobby.

Join us celebrating a life full of purpose, laughter, love and a splash of pink, at 11 a.m. Sept. 1 at Calvary Lutheran Church, with a reception following at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Calvary Lutheran Church Community Bank or your local Knitted Knockers Chapter.

## Annie Evelyn Almond Klempel, 93

"Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." — C.T. Studd

Annie Evelyn Almond Klempel, 93, was born out in the hills off of Route No. 114 on the Johnson place, which is 12 miles north of Savage, Montana, on June 4, 1924, to John and Carrie (Leivestad) Almond. Annie was the third child of eight children. Annie had two brothers and five sisters. When Annie was 5 years old her family moved down into the Yellowstone Valley. They lived on a farm near Annie's maternal grandparents and five uncles. Annie received her education at the Midway and Savage schools.

They were a family that loved to sing. Even when they were thinning sugar beets or shelling peas they were singing. They had an Almond trio. Annie's brother, John, sang tenor, her sister, Mary, sang soprano and Annie sang alto. Annie was a contralto singer. They sang at different churches, school functions, funerals and weddings.

Annie was saved on Jan. 25, 1939. The preacher, Blythe McLean, was preaching that night on Acts 26:28 — "Almost thou persuaded me to become a Christian; almost but lost!" Annie did not want to be lost so that night she gave her heart and life to Jesus Christ.

In the winter of 1942, Annie attended the



Lutheran Bible Institute in Sandpoint, Idaho, for 10 weeks with her uncle, George

Leivestad. At the school they had a mixed quartet; Pastor Haakonson sang tenor, Ruby Fladstol sang soprano, Annie sang alto and George sang base. They sang at different churches and youth conferences in the Sandpoint and Spokane area on the weekends and after school. That was the happiest time of Annie's life — learning about the Bible and getting to know her Saviour.

On April 25, 1943, Annie married Joseph Klempel Jr. in Sidney, Montana. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1947 and had lived on the farm in Bigfork for over 50 years. They had six daughters, Pat Burnham, Doris Rost, Edith Benson, Naomi Oldfield, Cathy Benson and Delia May "DeeDee" Klempel; three sons, Joseph III, Ronald, and Richard; 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

Annie was preceded in death by her husband, Joie; her daughter, DeeDee; parents, John and Carrie Almond; brothers, John and Roy; and sisters, Mary Pust, Edith Damm, Harriet Damm and Ida Larson. Annie is survived by her children

and their families; her sister, Florence Dvorak; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday March 23, at the Little Brown Church with burial to follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

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.

## Ella Mae Knebel, 96

Ella Mae Knebel passed away on April 8, 2018. She was in the loving arms of her family at Immanuel Skilled Care Center.

Ella Mae was born in Havre on May 15, 1921.

She was a beloved daughter, wife, mother, aunt and friend.

She was a member of the First



Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir for many, many years and served as an Elder. She was also active in Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and Home Demonstration Club. She enjoyed volunteering at the surgical desk at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Harvey Leroy, in June 2010 and son, Joseph Leroy, in September 2016. Also, by her parents, Joseph Alexander and Jenny Hewitson, brother Joe, and sisters Dorothy Furlong and Marian Bucholz.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Diane Knebel (John Pedone) and Janet Louise Kosior (John); her two grandsons, Jeremy Desmond (Charlotte Anne) and Jayme Cameron (Natalia A. Liapounova); three great-granddaughters, Lana Elizabeth, Margo Ella Mae and Valeriya Ava, and several nieces and nephews.

She will be remembered for her kindness and love of family and friends. Ella Mae was very creative and thoroughly enjoyed her arts and crafts projects. She led a full and rich life that she loved, right until the end.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ella Mae's name can be made to the First Presbyterian Church or to a charity of your choosing.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main St., Kalispell, on Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m.

Interment will follow at Conrad Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## EllenMae Nutting Knopfle, 83

EllenMae passed away quietly of natural causes at her home in Kalispell on June 11, 2018.

She was born in Reed Point, Montana, to Arthur and Ellen Nutting on March 30, 1935. As a child she attended Ashley Lake and Batavia schools.

EllenMae is survived by her three children, Raymond Richards of Deer Park, Washington, Russell Richards of Helena, and Ronnda Wartnow of Whitefish. She raised two step-children, Dan Knopfle of Mol, Belgium, and Vernelle Knopfle of Kalispell. She was very fortunate to have had numerous adopted children at heart, as well as her uncle, Bob Cartwright, of Kalispell, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

EllenMae was preceded in death by her father Arthur Nutting, mother Ellen Nutting, younger brother Jackie Nutting and her grandson Travis Wartnow.

Grandma "K" as everyone called EllenMae, was known to be quite the prankster. Her victims endured her classic pranks such as the ketchup and mustard bottles filled with the appropriate colored string, the dinner rolls baked with a "cotton ball surprise" in the middle and the fake butter squares to top off their pancakes. By profession she would have been labeled as a "Social Ambassador." She worked in many kitchens and cafes as a waitress and cook all around the Flathead Valley and Eureka areas. EllenMae also tended bar in many places such as Stillwater Bar in Olney, Mountain View Tavern on Highway 35 and the Palace Bar in Whitefish, to name a few. After her career as a bartender she and her husband Vern Knopfle leased and operated Casey's Café in Whitefish. She loved to



cook for large gatherings, oftentimes prepping and slaving for days only to sit back

and reap the rewards of watching everyone enjoy her spoils.

EllenMae loved to camp, fish, hunt, dance, play cards, organize mock weddings and crochet. She was no stranger to farming and hard work and would crack the whip whenever something needed to be done. She would also tell you, with a sly smile on her face, that she doesn't have a stubborn bone in her body!

After her retirement, EllenMae spent many hours volunteering. She and her husband Pat Knutson helped with the Smoky Bear Project as well as restoring old cemeteries' grave markers to make them visible once again. Her patriotism and love for her country led her to volunteer at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where she and Pat would call bingo, play Santa and the Easter Bunny as well as hand out birthday gifts. They would even go as far as to bus the residents to their home and feed them a barbecue luncheon. EllenMae was extremely proud to learn that all of her hard work had been recognized when she was voted Senior Citizen of the Year. EllenMae, (Grandma "K") will be missed dearly by all who knew her. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on June 25 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell where pallbearers Bob Wartnow, Levi Richards, Bobby Cartwright, Melvin Carr, Roger Jones and Jeff Hughes will lay her to rest.

## Mary Lynn Knudsen, 70

It is with great sadness that the family of Mary Lynn Knudsen announces her passing. She was found early morning in her bed where she died of natural causes, on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the age of 70 years.

Mary Lynn will be lovingly remembered by her children, Darrin Lyle Knudsen, Kerry Lynn Walter and David Leonard Knudsen; daughters-in-law Tiffany Knudsen and Crystal Knudsen; and son-in-law, Trevor Walter. She will be fondly remembered by her eight grandchildren, Joseph Knudsen, Garrett Walter, Robert Walter, Sammual Walter, Melody Knudsen, Matthew Knudsen, Travis Heitmann and Sareece Heitman-Alderman; also by her siblings, Judy Bartelt, Tom Hankins, Richard "Buzz" Hankins,

Harley Hankins, Leroy Hankins, Lois Bibb and Loreann Dahmen; and by many, many more, close friends and family.

Mary Lynn was predeceased by her parents, Claude Hankins and Violet Taylor; as well as her ex-husband, Leonard Lyle Knudsen; and brother, Michael McNeely.

A celebration of life for Mary Lynn Knudsen will be held at noon on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 122 Lodge Ave., Coram, hosted by her children Darrin, Kerry and David. Come join us as we say good by with music, barbecue and lots of memories to share and make.

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.



## Lilburn Wesley 'Libby' Knutson, 84

Lilburn Wesley "Libby" Knutson, 84, of Polson, died Nov. 4, 2018, at Polson Health and Rehab.

He was born Dec. 3, 1933, in Polson, the third of six children of Henry Alfred and Mary Ida (Brown) Knutson. He attended school in Polson and enlisted Jan. 4, 1951, in the U.S. Army. He served proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze service star for his service. He was honorably discharged as a corporal on Dec. 1, 1953.

He married Patricia Ann Menzie on June 4, 1954 in Polson. They had three children, Karen, Wes and Wayne.

Libby worked several jobs in the Polson area, including, but not limited to, saw filer at Dupuis Lumber, laborer at the local tire shop, custodian at Cherry Valley School, school bus driver and night watchman.

In his spare time, he was a volunteer firefighter. He was very proud of his 23 years of service to the Polson Fire Department. He loved

to hunt, fish, camp, and enjoyed being on a pit crew at stock car races. He loved to pit for his son, Wayne, during his racing years, and also took great joy in recent years watching his youngest granddaughter while she raced. He loved to while away the hours in his shop, joking and teasing with the large circle of friends who would drop in to visit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Pat, and his brother, Ronald.

Survivors are his siblings, Ida Combs of Mesquite, Nevada, Albert (Norma) of Pablo, Wilburn "Clayton" (Marian) of Missoula, and Ella Heinz of Mesquite; and his sister-in-law, Barb, of Graham, Washington; his children, Karen (Bill) Ludwick, Wes (Dixie), and Wayne (Jeannie), all of Polson; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren (with No. 20 on the way) and one great-great grandchild.

Services will be 1 p.m. Friday at the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory followed by burial with military honors at Lake View Cemetery. Viewing will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a charity of the donor's choice.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.





## Donald 'Don' Wayne Koski, 61

Donald "Don" Wayne Koski, 61, left to go meet his heavenly Father and Jesus on Oct. 3, 2018, after a very courageous battle against cancer.

He was an employee of Coeur Mining in Juneau, Alaska. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved being in the woods with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Koski.

He is survived by his wife Robin Koski, his mother Patricia Koski, biological father Orlee Erickson, his son Anthony Koski, daughters Amanda Koski and Matti Koski, stepchildren Mark Thompson, Nicole VanDort, and Crystal Wagoner, brothers Glenn Koski Jr., Ronald Koski and his wife Michelle Koski, Ron Koski, Jeff



Koski and his wife Tammy Baker Koski, and Clay Koski. Grandchildren are

Hailey and Jazz Brager, Donovan, Kelly and Victoria Koski, Eli Brickles and Levi VanDort.

The family would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to Home Options Hospice for the wonderful care they gave to my husband.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A private family viewing was held Oct. 6.

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.

## Jonathan Adolf Krause, 73

Jonathan Adolf Krause, 73, passed peacefully of natural causes at his BeeHive home.

Jon was born to Harry and Dorothy Krause on Jan. 9, 1945. He "went to be with the Lord" on July 1, 2018.

Jon grew up in the Mountain Brook community east of Kalispell, graduated from Flathead High School in 1963, and then attended college at University of Idaho for several years. Jon served his country in the Army National Guard.

Jon always liked the outdoors. He loved his red Corvette, 360 Husky race bike, racing stock cars, driving a skidder or D8 Caterpillar.

Jon taught at the Mountain Brook School, was involved in building construction and contracting, yew bark harvesting, sawmill owner operator and wholesale lumber sales. He had a great love for trees and worked at logging, tree farming and wood crafting.



Jon is survived by two brothers, David Krause of Dallesport, Washington, and Harry (Hal) Krause of Kalispell; three nephews Ryan Krause,

Warren Krause and Brandon Krause, and a niece Stacia Krause Stojanoff. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Judy Krause.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell. A luncheon will follow at the church.

His ashes will be placed alongside of his mother, father, grandmother, grandfather and sister at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jerome 'Jerry' Krier Sr., 75

On Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, heaven gained an angel.

Jerry was born on Jan. 19, 1943, in Lewistown to Jim and Agnes (Rule) Krier.

Jerry and his family moved to Great Falls where he attended grade school and where he acquired his passion for basketball.

As a young child Jerry spent hours each day in the gym shooting hoops. In high school, he became one of Great Falls Central's stand out point guards and was honored as Most Valuable Player. After he graduated high school in 1961, he went on to attend St. John's University in Minnesota and Carroll College in Helena, where he continued to play basketball while in college.

In the early '60s, Jerry was married in Great Falls and from this union had three children, Jerry Jr., Jeff and Janelle.

Jerry moved to Kalispell in 1975. Becoming an active member in the community, he joined Buffalo Hill Golf Course, a bowling and a city basketball league, making lifelong friends along the way.

His work ethic and charismatic personality lead him into a career in sales. Over the years, Jerry became, "Kalispell's go-to appliance guy" known by everyone.

Forty years ago, Jerry married Debbie Winkley Krier. They spent these years enjoying each other and making priceless memories with family and friends.

Jerry's greatest smiles came from being with his grandchildren, family dinners, game night and watching Gonzaga basketball. Jerry made the most of every moment, no mat-



ter what he was doing. He loved life and valued every second of every day.

Jerry's loved ones each gave a one-word description for the man they loved so much. These include: gentleman, competitive, determined, caring, amazing, admirable, strong and tenacious. His greatest attributes included his fortitude, strength and faith.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; daughter, Heidi, and husband Curt Anderson; granddaughter, Brooke, and husband Dan Weaver; grandson, Kyle Sampson; his twin brother, the Rev. Father Jack Krier; sister, Teri Prince; brothers-in-law and spouses, nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

He will be missed by all of us, because we are all selfish and didn't want him to go but it relieves us to know where he is and whom he is with. No more sorry, no more pain. The trials are over and Jerry won!

A memorial Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A celebration of life will follow at Buffalo Hill Golf Course at 4 p.m.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Condolences can also be sent to the family at P.O. Box 2878, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Bradley Scott Kruckenberg, 65

Bradley Scott Kruckenberg, of Kalispell, passed away April 30, 2018, surrounded by family.

He was born to Rubert and Lila Kruckenberg on March 27, in Great Falls. His father was serving in the Army in Korea and he met his son who was 5 months old when he came home. Brad grew up on a farm in Chester until he was 11 years old and moved with his family in 1964 and graduated from Flathead High School in 1972.

He went into long haul trucking with his father and did that for many years. His journey took him to every state in the union including Alaska, and also to Hawaii to get warm a few times. He worked for two years on the haul road to the pipeline in Alaska.

He is survived by his mother, Lila Kruckenberg; his chil-



dren, Bryant Kruckenberg and his wife Kelli and children Lauren and Justin

McDowell, Shawn Kruckenberg, Allison Petersen, Brandon Kruckenberg and his wife Erica and children Raiden and Daniel, Justin and wife Katie; a sister, Rhonda, husband John and children Mike Gibbs and wife Spring and children Kay and Justine, Megan and husband Ryan Petersen and children Mason, Garret and Caleb; brother Jeff and wife Lisa and children Jerrod and Tanner; and many friends and relatives.

There will be a memorial at noon on Saturday, May 5, at Village Greens Community Center at 195 at West Nicklaus Drive.

## Norman Adam Reinhold Kruckenberg, 87

Norm Kruckenberg, 87, passed away June 12, 2018, peacefully at home.

He was born Aug. 8, 1930, to Amalia (Weigum) and Herbert Kruckenberg in Zap, North Dakota. He grew up and worked on his family's farm in North Dakota. In 1946 his family moved to Kalispell to work in the logging industry. Norm and his brother, Butch, bought an Army surplus 6x6 to haul ties from the Great Northern Mill in Somers to the Whitefish railhead and elsewhere in the state. At 15 and 16 years old, they were the youngest entrepreneurs in the field of work with heavy equipment. In the early 1960s he developed and patented an accounting system called Western Business and Tax that and continued in the trucking industry.

Norm began NK Trucking and led convoys of trucks for the Alaska Pipeline in Prudhoe Bay. He truly enjoyed Alaska and began OK Lumber Co. Ace Hardware in Fairbanks. He and his family were very involved in many community proj-



Hardware and the lumber business, Norm and his wife Angie purchased a motor home in 1995. They finally took a vacation travelling and exploring the United States. They moved back to Kalispell and built a new home below Lone Pine State Park where he lived until his death. In his younger years Norm and Angie enjoyed boating and water skiing, fishing and dancing. In his later years, he enjoyed Western movies on TV.

He is survived by his wife, Angie; five children, son Ray (Mona) Kruckenberg of Kalispell, Rosanne Kruckenberg of Carson City, Nevada, Richard (Sandy) Kruckenberg of Fairbanks, Alaska, Regina (Bill) Kegley of Edmonds, Washington, and Ron (Katya) Kruckenberg of Anchorage, Alaska; grand-

ects during the 28 years he lived in Alaska.

When he retired from the trucking, Ace

children, Jenny Wolfe, Tatum, Shelby and Shena, Janet Lyford-Wainscott, Norman (Lon) Lyford, Dean, Kerry and Kyle Kruckenberg, Autumn (John) Luckhaupt, Amber (Frank) Borg, RJ, Wrangell and Zenya Kruckenberg; 20 great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Lila Kruckenberg.

Norm was preceded in death by one daughter, Rita Kruckenberg; his brother, Rupert H. "Butch" Kruckenberg; and his parents.

A rosary was said June 15 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 18, at St. Matthew's Church, with a memorial service/burial later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Matthew's School or your favorite charity.

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



## Jean Cockrell Krueger, 89

Jean Cockrell Krueger, born June 12, 1929, entered into rest Aug. 18, 2018.

Born to Frank P. and Grace T. Cockrell in Madison, Wisconsin, Jean was the youngest of six. Jean had many happy memories of her younger years in Madison and watching the antics of her five siblings. In 1945, Frank, Grace and Jean headed west to Spokane, where Frank was the director of the YMCA. Jean attended Lewis and Clark High School, graduating in 1947. She was an accom-

plished pianist and accompanied the school choirs. She attended Washington State

College, where she met her husband, DeWayne "Red" Krueger. They graduated in 1952 and were married in October of that year. Soon after, she and Red headed out to fulfill his Army ROTC commitment. They were stationed on several bases in the south and had many fond memories

of those years.

Once Red's Army commitment was complete they moved to Pasco, Washington. They also lived in Eureka, Montana, and McMinnville, Oregon, before purchasing Piper Drug and setting in Columbia Falls in 1961. Jean served as the bookkeeper at Krueger Drug throughout the time they owned it.

Jean was member of St. Matthew's and All Saints Episcopal Churches. She played the organ at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for

many years. She was a 50-plus year member of the P.E.O. sisterhood; she was a charter member of Chapter BI. She felt blessed to have made many wonderful friends through these associations, as well as, all of the people they knew through the drugstore.

Jean is survived by her two daughters, Jennifer of Columbia Falls, and Paige Walker of Fraser, Colorado, along with Paige's family, husband Scott and sons Graydon and Logan. She is also survived by brothers, Robert and

Richard Cockrell; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband DeWayne, brother Loren, and sisters Grace Lathay and Ruth Fossum.

Jean will be remembered for her musical talent and kindness. Her sweet disposition endeared her to many. The family would like to thank the many wonderful caregivers she had over the past few years.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sept. 22 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 2048

Conn Road, Columbia Falls. A reception at the church will follow.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the P.E.O. Sisterhood or All Saints' Episcopal Church. For P.E.O., please make checks payable to Chapter BI, P.E.O. and mail to Jennifer Krueger, P.O. Box 624, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Checks to All Saints' may be sent to P.O. Box 1923, Whitefish, MT 59937. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.



## Ronald Jay Kuehne, 58

Ronald Jay Kuehne, 58, "passed on to his Lord and Savior" on July 5, 2018, at his home in Kalispell, of pancreatic cancer.



Raquel Kuehne, Allen Kuehne, Mike Kuehne, Ben Kuehne, Jessie

Ron was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Ron was born in Midland, Michigan, Nov. 16, 1958, to Willard and Nellie Kuehne. He was followed two years later by his brother Kevin Kuehne. Ron married Bonnie Kuehne, his very cherished wife of 39 years.

Ron — only wanting two children — gave in to Bonnie and ended up with 14 children and 18 grandchildren, with one on the way.

Ron was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Loretta Kuehne, and Theodore and Hazel Rathman.

He is survived by his parents Willard and Nellie Kuehne, brother Kevin Kuehne, his children Chris Kuehne, Rick Kuehne, Michelle Kuehne, Bob Kuehne, Darla Kuehne, Fawn Kuehne, Holly Hensley,

Garza, Emma Kuehne and Rebecca Tomas; also including several daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, with his 19th grandchild on the way.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, at the Flathead Ekklesia Church, Hampton Inn. There will be an open viewing from 2 to 3 p.m. There will be a private family burial on Monday, July 9.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) by searching Ronald Kuehne.

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.

## Heloshi Kusumoto, 89

Heloshi Kusumoto passed away on Nov. 22, 2018. Losh was a kind, generous, and loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was born on Oct. 19, 1929 ... the start of the Great Depression ... at the Triple Divide railroad siding on the Blackfoot Reservation near Durham, Montana.

The son of Joe, a hard-drinking railroad foreman, and Hama, a hardworking picture bride from Japan, he grew up with five siblings in a tiny two-bedroom house adjacent to the Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish.

Losh was the starting guard for the Whitefish Bulldogs, graduating in 1947. The gruesome war against Japan during high school led to his father being fired; the family cinched their belts and carried on.

His brother returned from Italy with a Silver Star; his brothers joined the Navy. Losh met Margaret Spink in high school, and they married in 1950 ... a marriage that lasted until Peggy died 67 years later.

They married in Spokane because interracial marriage was illegal in Montana. Losh joined the Marine Corps during



Administration, rising to become the Pacific Region Administrator overseeing Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Marianas; his masterpiece was designing and building the breathtaking H-3 highway in Hawaii.

Peg and Losh lived in West Sacramento, California, for eight years, and then in Lanikai for 30. They had one son, Neal, who became a Navy captain. After retirement they spent summers in Kalispell and winters in Hawaii until finally returning to their Montana roots fulltime. Losh was a devoted fisherman, evolving from a boy who caught whitefish for the dinner table to an elite fly fisherman. The flies he tied were the equal of any, and his knowledge and skill always resulted in fish landed. He and Peg loved

the Korean War, then used the GI Bill to get a degree at Montana State in 1957. He was a career civil engineer for the Federal Highway

golf, and he scored a hole-in-one; their golf group was named the KGB (Kusumoto Golf Bunch). Losh always sought to do for others, expecting nothing in return. He toiled in the community garden to supply the Kalispell Senior Center with fresh vegetables every year.

Losh and Peg overcame abject poverty and overt racism to succeed in every aspect of life, and are now reunited forevermore. They never spoke of hardship or discrimination, never complained or looked back, never allowed circumstances to bound

them. Losh lived based on his belief that principles trumped power, that friends were more important than money, that talk was cheap and hard work was the root of success. He remained positive, strong and faithful to the end.

Losh is now stalking trout in the ethereal North Fork, dappled waters gurgling over mossy rocks, long back-cast framed against the divine, blue sky and snow-capped mountains.

A memorial is planned for May 11 at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish this spring.