

## Daniel Alan Naldrett, 68

Daniel Alan Naldrett died peacefully at his residence in Kalispell on Jan. 18, 2018, at the age of 68.

Dan was born on Dec. 14, 1949, in Whitefish to Carl and Edna Naldrett. He was raised in Browning where he attended Browning High School. Dan went on to attain his bachelor's degree in intercultural ministries from the New Tribes Mission Institute. In 1973, Dan married his wife, Ruth.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Naldrett Jr. and Edna Mae Naldrett; along with his two brothers, Virgil Naldrett and Sam Naldrett.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Ruth (Norman) Naldrett, of Kalispell; his son, Jason Naldrett, of Cochabamba, Bolivia; and his daughters, Gina Stockstill of Poplarville, Mississippi, and Shelly Naldrett of Kalispell.

A wake will take place from 2 to 10 p.m. on Jan. 26 at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell. The funeral service will be



then be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 27 at Easthaven Baptist Church. Burial will be held at

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to missions, both local and abroad, in keeping with Dan's passion to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

## Margaret 'Margie' Helen Neary, 81

Margaret "Margie" Helen Neary, 81, of Kalispell, "went home to be with the Lord" and family on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2018.

She was born to Joseph and Helen Neary Aug. 25, 1937 in Detroit.

Margie had a natural ability to comfort and humor others. She grew up in Michigan where she later met her husband Jim Herron and started their family, later moving to Kalispell. She loved her family, she loved to sing and had an amazing voice; she enjoyed music, playing Yahtzee, card games and reading.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Helen Neary, her brothers Eddy, Joe, Bill and Danny, and granddaughter Annalisa Marie Johnson.

She is survived by her daughters, Theresa (David) Brim, Cathy Herron, and Peggy (Denis) Johnson; her grandchildren, Christopher and Thomas



Brim, Shayla (Justin) Murray, Zachary Herron, Wesley, Katelyn (Austin) Daniel,

Sarah and Megan Johnson; and her great-grandchildren, Madison, Carlie, Piper, Robby and Charlotte.

"Well done, well done, my good and faithful one; welcome to the place where you belong. Well done, well done, my beloved child, you have run the race and now you're home. Welcome to the place where you belong, well done."

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Brendan House of Kalispell in her memory.

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

## Thomas Robert Needham, 85

Thomas Robert Needham passed quickly and unexpectedly on Nov. 12, 2018.

After 25 years living in his home in Somers, he was loving his new home at St. Joseph Assisted Living in Polson, just down the street from his fiancée Barbara Legoo. He was actively involved in the community, singing in a church choir, and busy with his photography and other projects close to his heart.

Tom was born Aug. 10, 1933, in Missoula to Thomas Alton Needham and Helen Clara (Haegg). The youngest of four children, he lived in Ronan until entering the University of Montana at Missoula where he served as class president, sang with the Jubileers, and graduated with a degree in journalism.

Tom and Arlene Ruth (Steele) were married in 1954. They met at the Christian Science church where Arlene was the Sunday School pianist and Tom was the church soloist. Together, they raised five daughters, Kimberlie, Jamie, Laurel, Linda, and their precious Kathy Jo (who passed at age 3). His work in promotions created opportunities for the family to live in Montana, New Mexico, Texas, Upstate New York, and Southern California.

In 1983, he married Clara Louise (Barnes) aboard the Reuben E. Lee Steamboat in San Diego. They eventually moved to Somers, happy and proud to be back in his home state. After Clara's death, he reconnected with his childhood sweetheart, Barbara Legoo. Together, they enjoyed a precious relationship through his



remaining years.

Tom started his career as a public information officer for the

Anaconda Company, followed by a 25-year career with Xerox Corporation in communications and in marketing and sales. His skill with people eventually landed him a position in corporate management. After retiring from Xerox and moving to Montana, he worked as marketing manager for Blake Office Supplies in Kalispell before officially retiring in 1994. He also worked for Buffalo Hill Mortuary in Kalispell.

Tom was the ultimate people person. He made friends easily, told many a story, and was always willing to help those in need. A big dreamer, he had a way of accomplishing whatever he put his mind to. Most recently, he was excited about new opportunities to get his beloved Ice Angel photo greeting cards into wider circulation.

One of the most pivotal events in Tom's life was the loss of his older brother, Robert, over the English Channel in 1944, soon after D-Day. Tom was just 11 years old. Robert's disappearance was classified as MIA, and Tom recently devoted lots of time and energy to making sure his dear brother finally received full military honors on Memorial Day 2016.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert, sister Jewel, and daughter Kathy Jo.

He is survived by his fiancée, Barbara Legoo;

daughters, Kimberlie (Jim) Chenoweth of New Castle, Colorado, Jamie Needham of Nevada City, California, Linda (Kevin) Turner of Corona, California, and Laurel Hansen-Havlik and Bruce Johnson of Missoula; grandsons, Matthew, Robert, Jordan and TJ; and granddaughter, Kaycee. He is also survived by his sister, Rachel Nowlin, of Roland, Arkansas, and nieces, Marilyn and Patty, and his brother-in-law, George Stonehocker and nephews Terry, Cliff, Warren and Ted.

We, his daughters, could not be prouder of our dad. He is immensely loved.

Please join us for a celebration of Tom's life at 3:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 17, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers,

donations may be made in Tom's name to any Boys and Girls Club or veterans organization.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com).

## Laura Negin, 66

Laura Negin, 66, of Bigfork, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018.

She is survived by her nephews, Andrew, Alex and Sam; as well as her stepdaughter, Lillian.

Laura, originally from Connecticut, was drawn to Montana for its natural beauty. She spent most of her career in Montana as a social worker for Stillwater Therapeutic Services, and also did census work for the state of Montana.

Laura loved to travel, going to places like Germany, Iceland and Austria. She also made frequent trips to visit family in New York and friends in New Mexico.

Laura was an avid supporter of many of our local businesses. She enjoyed hiking, canoeing and caring for her cat, Minx. Laura also spent many hours with her beloved friends and



neighbors. We will remember her love of food, her infectious laugh, and her generous spirit.

She loved all and was loved by many.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date when family and friends can travel to attend.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like, you can make a contribution to the Bruno Groening Circle of Friends, a faith healing group that Laura invested herself in and which gave her support and comfort.

We are forever grateful for her love, and know that she is resting peacefully.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Doreen Kay Nerison, 68

Doreen Kay Nerison was brought into the world on May 18, 1950, the youngest child of Kenneth and Verona Borgen.

Born in Yakima, WA, her family moved to North Dakota when Doreen was young. She grew up in Watford City, on the prairie country of Western North Dakota, where her fondest memories are of riding the badlands bareback.

She moved to Jamestown, ND in the 1970s where she met the love of her life, Tom Nerison. Married in 1977, they moved to Kalispell in 1981 where their daughter Jenny was born.

Doreen enjoyed motherhood very much, and chose to stay at home until Jenny started school.

When Doreen returned to work, her main objective was to work with youth in need. Through positions at Kalispell Schools and Western Montana Public Health



she made many friendships in her community, and earned the love and respect of

everyone she met, young and old. Doreen's natural compassion and love for all people made her work with children deeply satisfying.

Doreen was exceptionally devoted to her family, they spent their free time hiking and skiing in the mountains. Doreen was very strong and completed many traverses and ascents in Glacier National Park. She could perfectly imitate the whistle of a marmot, and enjoyed calling to them while in the mountains. She was also an avid runner, and some of her closest friendships were with her running buddies.

Family outings to Fairmont Hot Springs BC, the Izaak Walton Inn, and the Bloomsday Race

became family traditions. She and Tom searched for fairy slipper orchids every spring on the Sperry Trail and on Lone Pine. She was almost certain to meet people she knew any time she hiked Lone Pine; it was a special place to her.

When Jenny went off to college, Doreen got a little dog — a very lucky dog, who was pampered and showered with love and treats. Dogs became one of the many focuses of her love.

In her later years, Doreen developed some health problems and had to retire earlier than she would have liked to. She remained positive and continued to be as active as her body would allow. Her good humor was a constant, and her presence was one of the highlights of any family get together.

Doreen was always proud of her daughter Jenny, and was delighted when she married Robert Montague, and they gave

her two wonderful grandchildren. Luca (8) and Bergen (4) made the last years of her life some of the best.

You could see an angelic smile come over her when she hugged them, which was nearly all the time.

Doreen remained a vibrant and vital part of her family until the end of her life. She and Tom celebrated their 40th Anniversary last May. Doreen helped her daughter with the Thanksgiving meal just a week before she developed the pneumonia that took her life.

Kalispell Regional Hospital provided expert care for Doreen and compassionate support for her family, but it was her time. Doreen passed away Dec. 6, 2018.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, at Christ Episcopal Church.

Donations may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County.

## David Stanley Netherly, 89

David Stanley Netherly, 89, passed away Dec. 13, 2017, in Kalispell, due to melanoma.

Dave was born Aug. 6, 1928, in Dayton, Ohio. He grew up in Englewood, Ohio, and went through high school. He moved to Hollywood, California, with his father where he joined the Navy and served from 1946 to 1948. He worked as a water tender 3rd class on the USS Kaskaskia.

He then went back home to Ohio and met his beautiful wife, June Bockoven. They were married April 30, 1949, in Dayton. They had three sons, Tim, Bruce and Mike. They moved to California where they had four more children: Dona, Vickie, Barbara and James.

Dave worked for



The family enjoyed vacationing in Montana and ended up moving here in 1968. He went to work for Columbia Falls Aluminum Company until he retired in 1992.

Dave enjoyed bowling for the Eagles and was secretary of the men's league for many years. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing and working in his yard.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, June.

Dave is survived by his children, Tim (Deb), Bruce, Mike, Dona,

Hughes Air Craft as a machinist until he went into his own machine shop business. Vickie, Barbara, and James (Brenda). He has 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren that were a blessing.

A memorial service was held previously on Dec. 17.

"A family is a circle of love, not broken by the loss, but made stronger by memories. We love you, Dad."

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Janette A. Nicklaus, 80

Janette A. Nicklaus, 80, entered through the gates of heaven on Aug. 26, 2018, on the arm of her husband Ray.

Janette was born in North Dakota on Nov. 26, 1973.

Janette was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

She married Raymond Nicklaus on Aug. 24, 1954.

Together, they are survived by their six children, Donald (Catherine) Nicklaus, Joan (Robin) McElrath, Betty (Donny) Whilhelm, Cheryl (Carl) Nelson, Karen (Leonard) Wilkey,



and Randy Nicklaus. She also is survived by two brothers, four sisters, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers and one sister.

Janette and Ray resided in the Flathead Valley until 2003, when they moved across the mountains to Valier.

Janette is being cremated. A celebration of life for Janette and Ray will be at 2 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

Family and friends can also visit [buffalohill-fh.com](http://buffalohill-fh.com) to leave notes of condolence. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Reagan Nielsen, 8 months

On Oct. 4, 2018 our sweet baby Reagan lost her fight after 8 precious months of life.

Reagan was born to Daniel Nielsen and Raney Frick on Jan. 28, 2018. She was born with a rare syndrome that made every day we spent with her even more special. We knew from pregnancy that her time with us was going to be limited. Originally, the doctors said she may not make it full term, but she did. She proved she was a fighter from the get go because, after 17 days spent in the NICU with some of the most incredible staff we have ever met, she was strong enough to come home with us and finally meet her brother and sisters.

There were definitely more hurdles than expected when our sweet angel was brought home. We had to learn how to tube feed, we met nearly every pediatric specialist in the valley, and we got very comfortable using medical terms. But even considering all her setbacks, Reagan began to meet small milestones. Her doctors' visits, which were initially every day of the week, became further apart. We started to have only good news to share with the doctors and therapists. And then in May she had an illness that required a nearly week-long stay in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit-PICU.

Reagan's tired little body was apparent after her stay in the PICU, but she did not give up. She still smiled and laughed. She had a hard time gaining back her strength, but soon she began to thrive. She woke up one morning and it was as if she just "got it." She started nursing, she was able



to take a bottle, she even began to eat regular baby food ... all this stuff she wasn't able to do

before. And because of it, her little body started to gain some weight and some strength. And then on the 3rd, her little body just couldn't keep up anymore. Her fight that had started the day she was born had her worn out. Her little heart stopped and she stopped breathing. Our Creston Fire family and Evergreen Fire started the fight for her. They reassured us that they were going to do everything they could to save our baby girl. And they did.

Reagan's heart got a rhythm back in the Emergency Room and Respiratory was there to breathe for her. She wasn't ready to give up the fight. We were sent to the PICU and Reagan fought another 12 hours before her fight was over. She passed away in her daddy's arms with her mama holding tight to her. We have been so blessed to spend the last eight months with this incredible little being that has taught us so much in her short time. She touched the hearts of every person she met.

We can't say thank you enough to Dr. Kaneta, Dr. Veneman, and all the staff in the NICU; Dr. Martinez-Poyer; Dr. Schwaller; Dr. Falk and Rachel Desimone; Dr. Schow; Dr. Rice and Katherine Flass; both Dr. Vassilis Siomos and Dr. Austine Siomos; Dr. Wheeler; Dr. Schmidt and Maura Hamilton; Dr. Flass and Ashley Dunn; Dr. Keele;

Dr. Stein; Rhonda and Sam in Speech Therapy; Quincy and Tracy in Physical Therapy; Linda Fredenberg; members of the PICU; Emergency Room staff; all the staff at Shriner's Hospital in Spokane; and every other member that had a hand in Reagan's life (I know we forgot quite a few).

Reagan is survived by her parents, Dan and Raney; her siblings Livia, Brook, Anneliese, Jackson and Solveig; and her grandparents Ron and Pam Nielsen, Dave and Wendi Frick, and Pat Ambrose.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made out to Dr. Kristin Veneman for Tavia's Toybox, a program thru the NICU that donates new toys to the little fighters that graduate

from the NICU.

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 caring for the family.

## Rose Marie Nielsen, 93

Rose Marie (Clark) Nielsen, 93, passed on peacefully, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, in Kalispell.

Rose was born on Nov. 6, 1925, to Joseph and Rose (Marron) Clark in Kalispell. She was raised on the Clark homestead that was her grandparents' farm from 1891 in the West Valley area. She attended Sparks School, St. Matthew's Catholic School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943.

On Sept. 1, 1948, Rose married Grant Nielsen at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. They were married for 52 years, until Grant's passing in 2000. Together they raised seven children on the homestead.

Rose was a life-long member of St. Matthew's



Catholic Church. She enjoyed making pies and donated many pies for pie

Sundays at the church. Through the years, she was a 4-H leader, sang with the Sweet Adelines, worked for her brother in his plumbing business and baked bread and helped serve at the high school cafeteria.

Rose was a strong, smart and generous woman of many talents. She loved to sew and made many quilts for her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. She was an excellent artist and did some paintings in oils, acrylics and pencil sketches. Rose raised

many gardens and especially loved her flowers. Her greatest love was reading. We had a hard time keeping her supplied with books.

She is survived by her children, Marty (Roger) Brewer, Ron (Pam) Nielsen, Kathy Nielsen, Rosalie (Paul) Seaman, Gerry (Diana) Nielsen, and Dennis Nielsen; grandchildren, Valerie (Dan) Osmun, Kevin (Cate) Brewer, Melanie (Luke) Carr, Julie Nielsen, Daniel Nielsen, Shane (Teresa) Schuring, Kristin (Richard) Bridges and Stephen Nielsen; and 13 great-grandchildren; her brother Chuck (Meliss) Clark, and sister-in-law Della Nielsen, brother-in-law Norm Wendt; along with several nieces and nephews.

Rose was preceded

in death by both of her parents, husband Grant, daughter Michele Lynn Ostrom, great-granddaughter Reagan Everly Nielsen, brother Francis Clark, and sisters Catherine Clark and Patricia Wendt.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Please send donations to Flathead Industries, 66 4th Ave WN, Kalispell, MT 59901, or a charity of your choice.

To celebrate Rose's life, a reception will be held across the street, at the First Presbyterian Church basement, following the service.

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

## Bob Niles, 77

Bob Niles, 77, passed away on Jan. 10, 2018, in Whitefish.

Born Robert Allen Niles on April 12, 1940, in Blackduck Minnesota, Bob was the youngest of three boys. Although the family moved away to Oregon sometime later, Bob spent most of his summers in Minnesota helping his Grandpa Schonebaum run a small resort with cabins and aluminum boat rentals on one the many lakes in the area. It was during this time that Bob learned to bass fish.

Bob graduated from Klamath Union High School, Klamath Falls Oregon, in 1958. During his senior year Bob was both class vice president and team captain of the basketball team. This famed basketball team won the State Championship against Grant High School in 1958. (In October of 2006, the team was inducted into the Klamath Union Hall of Fame.) Bob went on to play for Oregon State College in Corvallis, now Oregon State University, where at 6 feet 6 inches he was one of their shortest players. Bob's quickness and strong defensive play earned him a starting position and a letter his sophomore year. Unfortunately, his promising basketball career was cut short in a near fatal car crash on Nov. 6,



1960, that left him with multiple broken bones. Bob often referred to his having survived

that crash as being his second birthday.

After his recovery Bob returned to Klamath Falls and went into business with his brother Bruce working as private investigators and insurance adjusters throughout the states of Oregon and Northern California for 16 years. (Oh, the stories those two could tell!)

In 1977 Bob relocated his family to Whitefish after purchasing the View Mount Motel (now the Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge) from the DePratu family. After selling the motel in the mid '80s, Bob worked in real estate for Whitefish Land Office and Fonner Realty, until he eventually went into business for himself (Aspen Manufacturing, Inc.) working with nylon webbing, making dog collars and leashes in the beginning and most recently Jeep cargo nets. This new line of products are the creation of Bob and his wife Shirley's traveling the state, off-roading in their Jeep, and working out ways to hold down their luggage and keeping their dog in the vehicle. "Jeepin" as they called it became one

of his favorite things to do!

Bob was preceded in death by both of his parents, Edward and Helen Niles; both brothers, Dick and Bruce Niles; his stepson, Ron Raper; and some close friends.

Bob is survived by his wife, Shirley Niles; stepchildren, Jeff Raper and Kristin Voisin; grandchildren, Coreyanne (Russell) Dosert, David and Carly Raper, Kelsey Koch, Michael, Tucker, and Maggie Voisin; and one great-granddaughter, Everley Journey Beck; three nieces, Susan Niles Redwine, Barbara (Niles) Kramer and Nikki Niles; two nephews, Gregg Niles, Mark Niles; in addition to six grandnieces, two grandnephews, six great-grandnephews and three great-grandnieces; and, of course, many friends who are sad to see him go.

At Bob's request there will be no services!

The family asks that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Humane Society.

"If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life. For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one." — Kahlil Gibran

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for the family.

## Rosiland 'Rosi' Nolan, 82

Rosiland "Rosi" Nolan, 82, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, formerly of Kalispell, died peacefully at a local nursing home on Jan. 19, 2018. Born on Sept. 25, 1935, in Waterloo, Iowa, she is the daughter of Beryl and Lena (Land) Johnson.

Rosi proudly served in the United States Air Force for three years.

On Dec. 10, 1955, she married James Nolan, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1993.

Rosi worked as a certified nursing assistant at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for 29 years.

She was an avid crafter who enjoyed plastic



canvas, knitting, scrapbooking and crocheting. Rosi also enjoyed reading, spending time with family, studying God's word, and volunteering with the Awana Club.

Rosi is survived by five children, William (Vickie) Nolan of Houston, Alan (Colleen) Nolan of Hillsboro, Oregon, Charissa (Gary) Boerner of Dillon, Montana, Steven Nolan

(Jan) of Twain Harte, California, and David (Laura) Nolan of Green Bay; 10 grandchildren, Stacy, James, Andrea, Tim, Michael, Brandy, Craig, Michelle, Josh and Ryan; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dennis (Bonnie), Dick (Sherry), and Jim (Sharon) Johnson; one sister, Patricia Nieman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Donnie Johnson; one sister, Jane Johnson; and one brother-in-law, Bob Nieman.

A celebration of her life will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28,

at Faith Chapel, 800 High Meadow Court, Green Bay.

Malcore (East) Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with

funeral arrangements, 920-432-5579.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Grancare for their excep-

tional care.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials can be made out to Awana International through Faith Chapel.

## Susan Derflinger Nolde, 74

Susan Derflinger Nolde, formerly of Bigfork, passed away on July 24, 2018, in Cumberland, Maine, at age 74.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Edward Nolde, of Cumberland; her daughter Lindley "Lil" Dupree

and her husband, formerly of Kalispell and now of Bristol, Virginia; a son, "TJ" Dupree, and his wife, also of Cumberland; a second daughter-in-law; grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother; and in-laws.

In Bigfork, Susan sup-

ported women's education through her participation in P.E.O. Susan also proudly supported political candidates and entities that promoted equality, tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion of all peoples, voting and women's rights, and protection of the environment.



## Robert C. Noonan, 79

Father Robert C. Noonan, 79, died at his residence at Hidden Treasure Assisted Living, near East Helena, on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018. Bob was born in Butte on Sept. 13, 1938, the son of Thomas Harold Noonan and Marie Carey Noonan. He attended Catholic schools in Butte and graduated from Carroll College. He then attended Mount St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Helena on May 30, 1964.

He served at St. Joseph Parish in Butte, St. Joseph Parish in Anaconda, and St. Anthony Parish in Missoula. In October of 1971, he was named the founding pastor of Pope John XXIII parish in Missoula. In July of 1977 he joined the Pastoral Team at the Cathedral of St. Helena and was named pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Helena, in July 1983.

While at Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Father Bob suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, slowing returning to health through the skills of medical professionals and the love and concern of family and parishioners. Bob's brother John, and sister-in-law Carol, became primary caregivers for him, taking him into their home in Great Falls and caring for him until he was able to return to his life as a priest. Beginning in July of 1989, he served St. Matthew's Parish in Kalispell. In July of 1996, he became pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Choteau and of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Fairfield with St. Matthias Mission in Augusta. He served St. Ann Parish in Bonner with Living Water Mission in Seeley Lake and Our Lady of the Swan Valley Mission in Condon from July of 2007 until he accepted senior status on July 1, 2009.



During his priestly career, he served as Judge and Defender of the Bond for the Tribunal, and as Judicial Vicar from 1981 through 1985. He was Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism from 1979 through 1989. He served at various times as dean and as a member of the Diocesan Foundation board.

Father Bob was passionate about life and people. He loved family, history, reading, and travel. He had a fun loving spirit and a contagious laugh that filled a room. He often joined family on ski trips, lake outings and holidays. He was warm and welcoming when discussing his faith, with compassion, support and always available for those in need. He will be missed dearly.

His parents Thomas and Marie, and his brother John preceded him in death.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Carol Noonan, four nieces, Elaine Kelly of Reno, Nevada, Marilyn Noonan of Kalispell, Kathleen Putnam of Seattle, and Jennifer McKibbin of Seattle; and a nephew, David Noonan, of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, at Immaculate Conception Church in Butte. A vigil service will be celebrated at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, at Immaculate Conception Church, with burial at the Priest Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial at St. Ann's Parish, 2100 Farragut, in Butte.

In lieu of flowers, the

family requests memorial contributions to the priest retirement fund: Clergy Senior Status and Security Trust, P.O. Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624.

Please visit [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Father Noonan.

## Kenneth Joseph Norick, 84

Kenneth Joseph Norick passed away in Kalispell on April 27, 2018.

He was born to Vincent and Mary Norick on Jan. 5, 1934, in Hardin, Montana. Kenneth was raised in Billings and graduated from Billings High School in 1952. He attended Montana State University and was a brother in Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. While attending college he met his wife, Maridona Norick, and they were married in 1955. Kenneth graduated in 1956 and began his career with Exxon Mobile. Their life adventure brought them to Houston where he retired as the Credit Bureau manager after 30 years of service.

Kenneth was a loving husband and father of his two children. Ken and Maridona returned to Kalispell after their retirement where they lived a lively and happy life for 25 years. They enjoyed traveling worldwide and visited all 50



states. Kenneth attended Risen Christ Catholic Parish and served as a lector.

He was loved by many of its members and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughter Kathy of Texas, and grandchildren Karyn and Nicholas.

His wife Maridona and his son, Jeff, formerly of Portland, preceded his death.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Friends are invited to attend a reception at the church after the service.

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.

## Maridona Fisher Norick, 82

Maridona Fisher Norick passed away in Kalispell on March 17, 2018.

She was born to Harry and Gladys Fisher on June 19, 1935, in Kalispell. She was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. Maridona attended Montana State University where she met her husband, Kenneth Norick, and they were married in 1955. Their life adventure brought them to Houston where she graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

Maridona was a loving wife and mother of her two children. She was a passionate and dedicated teacher for 22 years. Ken and Maridona returned to Kalispell after their retirement where they lived a lively and happy life for 25 years. They



enjoyed traveling worldwide and visited all 50 states. She also enjoyed arts and crafts and was passionate about toll painting.

She was an active member of the Professional Employer Organization (PEO) and the Kalispell Historical Society where she worked to preserve Central School as the museum it is today. Maridona attended Risen Christ Catholic Parish and served as a lector. She was loved by many of its members and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughter, Kathy, of Texas; and grandchildren, Karyn and Nicholas.

Her son, Jeff, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Friends are invited to attend a light lunch at the church after the service.

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

## Wayne Everett Norris, 65

Wayne Everett Norris, 65, passed away on Nov. 11, 2018 (Veterans Day), after fighting multiple myeloma for the last two years with courage and dignity.

Wayne was born on Oct. 20, 1953, in Tacoma, Washington. He was the third of seven children. As a child they lived in many different places and he had many great adventures with his brothers and sisters. The family settled in Kalispell in 1963, where he attended school in Evergreen and Flathead High School and later took some college courses. Wayne then joined the Army and was sent to Heidelberg, Germany, for the next four years with his family. After returning, he transferred to the Army National Guard and moved to Helena where he continued his military career, eventually becoming a recruiter. Wayne made lifelong friends and enjoyed working with young men and women on their next path in life. Wayne retired from the National Guard in 1995 with the rank of sergeant first class. He had a total of 26 years of service. He then went to work for Plum Creek for the next 10 years, and then finally retired for good.

Wayne had three daughters, Carissa, Alisha and Kylee, who in turn gave him five granddaughters and two grandsons, who carry on his name. He was all about his girls and grandbabies. Wayne loved golfing with friends and family; one great memory was making a hole-in-one at Buffalo Hill Cameron 9. He was on many bowling leagues and made sure his kids knew the correct way to bowl. He loved to gamble and play the lottery and was lucky at it most of the time. He also enjoyed reading, sci-fi movies, and "Seinfeld."

He was preceded in death by his parents,



Dorothy and Dick Baker, and his little brother David Norris.

He is survived by his daughters, Carissa (Tim) Spurzem, Alisha

(Jeff) Tamblyn and Kylee Norris; his grandchildren, Morgan, Audree, Clara, Everett, Luciana, Priscilla and Leonidas; his brothers, Alfred (Sun Mi) Norris, Royal (Donna) Norris, and Terry (Nancy) Norris; his sisters, Wanda (Don) Milan and Robin (Frank) Sorbin; aunt and uncle, Ruth and Buck Chapman; cousins, Sid and Brenda Chapman; and good friend Bob Cornel; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jose Ness and all the staff at Northwest Montana Radiation and Oncology, the staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Brendan House and Home Care Options and Hospice for their support of Wayne and his family during the last two years.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, with a recep-

tion following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations, in his name, can be sent to Montana Special Olympics or the Veterans Food Pantry in Kalispell, or to the donor's choice.

"Dad, sometimes we wish for you to come back, but we don't want you to suffer again. We know you are with us

and we will always love and miss you with all our hearts. Until we meet again."

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.

## Betty Lou Norris

Betty Lou Norris, mother, grandmother and friend, "took her Savior's hand" and passed away peacefully on Jan. 9, 2018, in Portland. Her beautiful spirit is no longer bound in a tired and broken body. Her smile, love and laughter will forever be missed and now memories in our hearts.

She was blessed by her children Linda Corrigan, William "Bill" and Sandy Norris, Janice and Dan Vachal, and Jeri and David Truckner; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter Danna Effie Norris, her parents William "Bill" Bosley and Elizabeth Stephenson; and her siblings, Dean Corbett, Arlene Lapp, Robert "Bob" Bosley, Jerry Bosley and Carol Eidy.

She was born in Flathead County and spent most of her life in the Kalispell and Evergreen area, until she moved to Portland in the 1990s.

She was a member of the Evergreen Alliance Church for many years, and then when she moved became a member of the Columbia View Wesleyan Church of Portland. She loved God with all her heart and it showed in her services within both churches.

Betty worked at Eastside Supperette, JCPenney (Main Street Kalispell), and Evergreen and Russell schools. She was a self-taught seam-

stress and sewed lots of outfits for "her kids," wedding dresses for her daughters, nieces and numerous other clients; many formals for her granddaughters; gifts of stuffed dolls and animals, and many an alteration. She never turned down a seam to mend, a tuck or two here and there, or a hem. She usually had several projects going at the same time, which as she said many times, "They keep my hands busy."

Betty's presence will be missed. In every sunrise and sunset we will know that she is there keeping watch over us and looking down on us with the love that she shared with us.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on July 10 (her birthday), at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A gathering will follow at her daughter's home in Somers.

## John North, 70

Montana lost John North on March 1, 2018. The state is poorer with his passing; every wilderness area in the state a little emptier; humor and optimism a bit more scarce; Lady Griz basketball one fan short; state lands supported with one less voice.

A member of the Shodair/Florence Crittenton Class of 1948, John grew up in Bigfork with Florence and Fred North. He loved them, loved the Flathead Valley, and came to love the beauty that defined Montana. He worked his way through the University of Montana as a custodian at Bigfork's high school and came away with a bachelor's degree in history/political science, a law degree, and lifelong friends from the Wesley Foundation Covenant Group.

His career as a lawyer began with the Flathead County attorney's office, moved to Helena where he worked first for the



attorney general. He served as chief legal counsel for Gov. Ted Schwinden, the Department of State Lands, and the Department of Environmental Quality. John took great pride in well-written and thoroughly researched environmental laws and rules.

In 1974, John married Dawn Whitaker, also of Bigfork, a partnership that lasted 43 years. They championed the Prickly Pear Land Trust, the Nature Conservancy, public radio, and dry humor. They belonged to Covenant United Methodist Church, and welcomed visitors from around the world to their home. Twenty-eight summers they made eight-day backpack trips into Montana wilderness areas. They also hiked Yellowstone Park regularly, lost track of trails they

explored in the region, happily rode trains back and forth across the country, skied into back-country cabins, attended Lady Griz basketball games, gardened (John specialized in weeding), traveled the globe, enthusiastically watched baseball, and championed environmental consciousness with their Prius, solar panels, recycling and lifestyle. Friends and those who encountered him in life as well as the courtroom, remember John's honesty, quick dry wit, meticulous attention to detail, and kind heart.

John is survived by Dawn; his son, Arif Nairam; and a granddaughter, Aaliyah Nairam. He also leaves behind border collie, Alder; and cat, Pintler. Also surviving are Dawn's parents, Richard and Nancy Whitaker; her sisters and their families, Sherrie and Tim Calaway, and Lori and Rod Walton; his mother's sister, Marna Hartman, and all

the wonderful Ohio family.

A celebration of John's life will be held from noon until the cows come home, on Saturday, June 23, at the family's home.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Prickly Pear Land Trust, P.O. Box 892, Helena, MT 59624; or to the Nature Conservancy of Montana, 32 S. Ewing St. Suite 215, Helena, MT 59601; or Last Chance Public Radio, P.O. Box 1072, Helena, MT 59624; or any other public radio station of one's choosing.

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