

Russell Salvatore Tagliareni, 48

Russell Salvatore Tagliareni, 48, of Belgrade, passed away after a short illness on Dec. 6, 2017, surrounded by his beloved family.

Russell was born in Kodiak, Alaska, on Nov. 26, 1969, to Susan Webster and Russell P. Tagliareni. He moved to the Flathead Valley at the age of 1. He spent much of his youth in Glacier Park and Star Meadows, where he mastered his lifelong passion of fishing. He was a 1988 graduate of Flathead High School.

Russell was a Renaissance man in the truest form. He was a quick study and had a work ethic far above the crowd. He loved the outdoors and spent his time fishing, rafting, camping and riding dirt bikes, snowmobiles, and anything else that would go fast. He was an adventure seeker and enjoyed skydiving, scuba diving and deep sea fishing. He was a loving father, son, brother and friend who will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William B. and Mary Margaret "Mae"



Webster, and Russell S. and Eva Tagliareni; aunt, Margaret "Peggy" Russo;

and mentor, H.O. "Mac" Maccain.

Russell is survived by his mother, Sue Webster; his father, R.M. Meek; his children, Nicholas and Hailey Tagliareni; his children's mother, Jill Tagliareni; his sisters, Kat (Aaron) Lennick, Laura (Ned) Owen, and Beth Tagliareni; his brothers, Mike and Paul Tagliareni; uncles, Thomas Webster, Bill Webster and John Meek; great-aunt, Isabelle Webster; friends he considered family, John M. Baxter, Kimberly Schuman Huhn, Kristin Schuman Burns, Tom Emery, and Lonnie and Carol Larson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"I hope you're fishing for the big one Sonny boy!"

A celebration of Russell's life will be held this summer, when the fish are biting.

Debbie Ann Taylor, 62

Born July 7, 1955, in Yankton, South Dakota, Debbie passed quietly away at her home in Conrad, Montana, on Jan. 7, 2018.

Debbie was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Gregory Taylor, on June 3, 2015, and younger sister, Nanci Taylor, on June 3, 2016. She is survived by her loving friend and companion of 16 years, Kent Kyle; her father, Richard L. Taylor and mother Angela L. Taylor, of Columbia Falls; and sisters, Jennie Taylor and Kim Wiatrak. She leaves behind her adult children, Beau Zygmund, Chance Zygmund, and Alexandra Zygmund, their spouses and beautiful grandchildren.

Debbie moved to the scenic Flathead Valley with her parents and brother when she was 8 years old. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School and Montana State University-Bozeman, obtaining a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Debbie lived and worked as a registered nurse in Hawaii, Texas and Montana, which is where her heart was always most happy and at home. She dearly loved her family, her dog Chester, a good witty joke and a bottomless glass of iced tea, which



she was never without.

Debbie is remembered for her compassion and charity with the veterans she cared for at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, and for her



warm generous smile. She made Christmas a special time for our home and for the many veterans she invited in over the years, whether to share the warmth of a family holiday meal or recall their individual stories and memories.

Gone from this earth and our lives much too soon. Rest in eternal peace, dear Debbie.

"May the Lord love you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face to you and grant you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

A Catholic Mass will be held at St. Richard's Catholic Church in the spring with a celebration of her life to follow. An announcement will be forthcoming.

Donald James Taylor, 67

Donald James Taylor, 67, passed away peacefully following a long-term battle with medical issues. He was a longtime resident of Kalispell.

He was a feisty individual with both a quick wit and sense of humor. He served in the U.S.

Navy during Vietnam, receiving an honorable discharge.

He was employed in the food industry for many years.

Don enjoyed his very big screen television over recent times. His love was his dachshund, Venus, who remains behind with a longtime friend of Don's.

In healthier times, Don enjoyed the outdoors. He loved to hunt and fish. And, talk about an avid fan — his collection of Green Bay Packers paraphernalia is extensive, and one had better not mess with the TV remote control on

GB Packers play days.

He is survived by three of his five siblings, Penny Leatzow of Kalispell, Wesley Taylor of Pahrump, Nevada, and George Taylor of West Chicago, Illinois; as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

His mother, Mildred DeJong, formerly of Kalispell, his father, John W. Taylor, formerly of Gillespie, Illinois, brother, Fred Muntwyler, formerly of Chicago, and brother, Michael Taylor, formerly of Wenatchee, Washington, all predeceased him by many years.

In memory of Don, contributions may be made to Rocky Mountain Heart & Lung, 350 Heritage Way, Suite 2100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Crematory is caring for the family.

Donald 'Don' R. Taylor, 94

Donald "Don" R. Taylor, 94, passed away on Monday, July 9, 2018, in Kalispell.

Don was born on Dec. 23, 1923, in Spokane to Ralph and Frances (Flack) Taylor. He attended local schools and Washington State (College) University in Pullman, Washington, was his college of preference.

World War II called him into the U.S. Navy in February 1943. He served three and a half years in the South Pacific aboard amphibious assault ships USS Calvert and later USS War Hawk. Upon receipt of his honorable discharge he returned to WSC to pursue a degree in animal husbandry and became a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

He and his bride of 71 years, Leoma, were married in Walla Walla, Washington, on June 22, 1947. Don managed several ranches in Idaho, Washington and Oregon before moving to the Flathead to manage Lazy N. Ranch, Inc. on the north shore of Flathead Lake. He was a member of several organizations and served as a 4-H leader with his children. The family have been active members of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork where Don served as council president for several terms.

Upon the death of Rich Neils, a fraternity brother and owner of the Lazy N. Ranch Inc., Don began a new career working for Cenex, (Formerly Equity Supply). After retirement he worked with the local Christmas tree growers. Since he lived near Eagle Bend Golf Course, he decided to try a new challenge and enjoy golf. He was proud of his success of two hole-in-one credits within the age range of his 70s and 80s. When Don was asked to make a large cross for



the men's retreat, he also made pocket crosses for the attendees — hence the hobby

was born, and he has since made thousands to give away — even to people in foreign countries. Don was among the first men to become active in Bigfork's "Dirt Bags" organization — a group of Christian men who gathered every Friday morning for Bible study. Don's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his delight.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; older sister, Dorothy Taylor Campbell, and husband Keith, formerly of Spokane; and nephew, Richard Campbell.

Don is survived by his wife Leoma, daughter Marsha (John) Voelker of Columbia Falls; their son Jason (Melissa) Voelker and children Kinsey and Keenan, son Ryan Voelker of Columbia Falls, daughter Merridy Taylor of Butte; son Kirt (Lynn) of Bigfork and their children; Luke (Caroline) of Fort Worth, Texas; Jenna Taylor of Bigfork, Jessie (Austin) Robbins and son Josiah of Kalispell; and Scott Taylor of Bigfork; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 13, at Bethany Lutheran Church.

The family requests memorial donations be made to Bethany Lutheran Memorial Fund, or the donor's choice.

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

OBITUARIES

Gregory Richard Taylor, 61 Debra Ann Taylor, 62

A memorial service will be held at 12:10 p.m. July 20 at St. Richard's Catholic Church celebrating the lives of beloved siblings Greg and Debbie Taylor. An inurnment will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Greg was born March 23, 1954, in San Diego and raised in Hungry Horse. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School and earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Montana State University in 1976. Attending the University of Washington, Greg obtained a master's degree in astronomy and a doctorate in geophysics.

He passed away June 3, 2015, at his home in Chico, California.

His intelligence, sense of humor, deep integrity, love of family and loyal friendship are deeply missed.

Debbie was born July 7, 1955, in Yankton, South Dakota, and also grew up near Hungry Horse Dam. She gradu-



ated from Columbia Falls High School and Montana State University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in nursing. She lived and worked as a registered nurse

in Hawaii, Texas and Montana, which is where her heart was always most happy.

Debbie quietly passed away at her home in Conrad, Montana, on Jan. 7, 2018.

Remembered for her compassion, witty humor, devotion to family and generous smile, Debbie is greatly missed.

"May the Lord love you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face to you and grant you peace." — Numbers 6:24-26

Kathleen 'Kathy' Sharrow Taylor, 71

Kathy Taylor passed away Nov. 9, 2018, after a valiant battle with lung cancer.

Born July 18, 1947, to Augustin and Rita Donovan Sharrow in Jamaica, Queens, New York, Kathy grew up in Valley Stream, New York. She attended an all-girl Catholic Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica, Queens, graduating in 1965.

In March 1970 she eloped and married John E. Taylor in Tucson, Arizona. After traveling the rodeo circuit with her husband, they returned to Kalispell in the early '70s. Kathy worked for Bell Manufacturing as comptroller and then the telephone company. She started on the switchboard and retired as manager of the Customer Service department at CenturyTel.

When Kathy and John retired, they became snowbirds between Kingman, Arizona, and Kalispell. They traveled between the two homes until October 2012 when John passed away. The following year, Kathy fulfilled her dream of living on a golf course by moving to Village Greens in Kalispell. Kathy was so impressed with the care John received at Kalispell Regional Medical Healthcare that she became a volunteer there as a greeter and helping at the information desk. She also served on the KRH volunteer board and executive board.

Kathy's battle with lung cancer started in April 2018. Kathy was staying with her niece, Carolyn, in Butte at the time of her death.

The family would like to thank Dr. Hunt and the Kalispell Cancer Center and

staff, Dr. Linam and the Northwest Montana Radiation and Oncology staff in Kalispell, and Drs. Massouh and Gallaher and the St. James Cancer Center staff in Butte.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Taylor (2012), her parents Augustin Sharrow (1988) and Rita Donovan Sharrow (2002), and her adopted son Patrick Kain (2008).

She is survived by her brother Roy (Mary) Sharrow of Mineola, New York; cousins, Patricia (Leonard) Urban of Huntington, New York, Susan (Joseph) Volpe of South Merrick, New York, Patricia (Yvonne) Reilly of Brooklyn, New York, and Lynn Reilly of New York; sister-in-law, Rosella (Lee) Isaacson, of Kalispell; nieces, Carolyn (Bob) Cornelius of Butte, Rhonda (John) Tuin of Carson City, Nevada, and Wendy Larson of Columbia Falls; nephews, Gary Taylor of Denver, Ed (Virginia) Proefrock of Hillsboro, Oregon, Dean (Sheila) Proefrock of College Place, Washington, Bob Derosia of Columbia Falls, Gregory Sharrow of Mineola, and Christopher (Nadia) Sharrow of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Risen Christ Catholic Parish in Evergreen, followed by a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery, and a noon luncheon at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice or an animal shelter.

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

Robert James 'Butch' Taylor, 55

Robert James "Butch" Taylor, 55, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Born to Robert and Sandra Taylor in Libby on Sept. 15, 1962, Butch attended school in Libby and Judith Gap, where he graduated high school in 1980.

He returned to Libby and married Coreena Orr in 1981. Butch and Coreena moved to Wasilla, Alaska, then to Yakima, Washington, where they had two daughters, Melissa and Melanie. They later



moved back to Libby and then settled in Kalispell.

Throughout his life, Butch enjoyed the

outdoors, hunting and fishing. He had a passion for mechanics, especially muscle cars. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in the early '90s and struggled with the disease for many years. Butch and Coreena were divorced and he later married Karla Taylor.

After his MS pro-

gressed, Butch lived for several years in a nursing home in Polson where he met Jeanette Davis, who became his close friend and advocate. Jeanette was a special person in Butch's life and was with him at the time of his passing.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Taylor and Sandra Peterson.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Coreena Muir, of Kalispell; daughters, Melissa Reynolds (Travis) and Melanie Taylor, both of Kalispell; stepmother, Linda

Taylor, of Libby; siblings, Shannon Drapeau (Cody) of Libby, Patty McLain of Libby, Joe Sheasby (Michelle) of Spokane, and Shelly Taylor-Fletcher (Jim) of Libby; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will be holding a private service.

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

Warren Kirkhart Taylor, 96

Warren Kirkhart Taylor, 96, Warren was born in Boyd, Montana, in 1922. Growing up he farmed and worked with teams of horses. He fought as a Marine in World War II between 1944 and 1946, fighting in famous battles at Ie Shime and Okinawa. He returned to Montana after the war and worked building grain elevators and cowboying.

He married Betty Weideman in 1949. In 1959, Warren took a job with Montana Fish and Game working at fish hatcheries throughout the state, managing at Arlee and Eureka. He planted fish in most of the streams and lakes in Montana. Warren and Betty had their daughter, Jody, in 1958, and son, Bret, in 1960.

After retiring from the Montana Fish and Game at age 64, Warren built a beautiful log home and he and Betty ran Trail's End Bed and Breakfast. Warren was very involved in the Eureka community, participating in the Kiwanis Club,



serving on the Interbel board, and attending a local church.

He was known for his friendly

ways.

Warren and Betty moved to Kalispell in 2001 where they enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing and spending time with their four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In August 2013, Warren and Betty moved into an assisted living facility, and a month later Betty passed away, at the age of 84. Warren remained in assisted living for two years and then came to live with Bret and Colleen where he resided for three years.

Warren passed away at the Bee Hive at the age of 96, on June 21, 2018. Throughout his life, he was known for his kindness and generosity, his storytelling and jokes, and his easygoing nature. Warren loved his family, was patient and

hard working, and made friends easily. He was genuine, had great integrity and served the Lord faithfully.

Warren will be deeply missed by those who knew him. We are so thankful to have had him in our lives and will always fondly remember him.

Randal 'Randy' Terry, 66

Randal "Randy" Terry, 66, formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, March 29, 2018, after a battle with cancer.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Terry, of Havre; children, Darcia Shepard of Havre, Justin Terry of Billings, and Colette, Nicole and Brandy Terry, all of Big Sandy; stepchildren, Travis Liddle, Justin Liddle, Mitzi Cecrle, and Mark Liddle, all

of Chinook; and his mother, Frieda Terry, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Community Bible Church in Fort Benton, with burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery. Benton Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

Gayle Renee Peaslee Tharpe, 75

Gayle Renee Peaslee Tharpe died on Friday, May 25, 2018, at her home in Kalispell, surrounded by family. She was born in Bonner, Montana, to Ed and Mabel Koford.

Gayle loved playing the piano, accordion and organ at her home and at get-togethers with family and friends. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service and also owned downtown Koford Jewelry with her husband, Bil Peaslee, now deceased.

Left to honor Gayle and remember her love is her husband, Wendell Tharpe; daughter Maureen and her husband Philip Burden; grandchildren, Chelsea Ridenour, Tarah Roybal,



Mariah Burden, Graham Burden, Spencer Burden and Julia Burden; and

three great-grandchildren, Myah and Liam Ridenour, and Gabriel Loyda.

Gayle was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Buls and husband Bil Peaslee.

Gayle will be remembered as a bright, shining light to all of her friends and family.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. on June 12 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, in Kalispell.

Eva Agnes Tetrault, 95

Eva Agnes Tetrault, 95, passed away at the Heritage Place, Kalispell, on May 6, 2018, after a long illness.

Eva was born Feb. 17, 1923, in Kalispell, to Dolard A. Tetrault and Minnie Haberman Tetrault.

She attended school in Whitefish, and graduated from high school in 1941. She went on to graduate from the University of Montana in 1950 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. In 1958 she joined the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Rapid City, Iowa, and served there as Sister Mary Lois.

Eva returned to Kalispell in 1974 to care for her ailing mother and began teaching music at St. Matthew's Catholic School where she remained until her retirement.

She was an accomplished musician, teaching violin and viola to many students in the area. Her love for her students, music and her faith filled her life.

Eva was a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Parish, Kalispell.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. June 25 at St. Matthew's Parish, followed by Mass at noon on June 26.

She is survived by local cousin Frank Tetrault and several members of the Sundelius families.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Catholic School or a charity of choice.

Gary D. Thomas, 80

Gary D. Thomas, 80, passed away peacefully at his home at Camp Tuffit on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Gary was born in Kalispell on May 11, 1938. He was the first of three children born to Jerome and Ruth Thomas.

During his first years of life at Camp Tuffit, his father, Jerome, was drafted into the service. Ruth and Gary joined Jerome when Gary was very young, 3 or 4 years old. They spent time in Biloxi, Mississippi and Gary later attended grade school in San Francisco where his younger brother, Mark, was born. The family returned to Camp Tuffit and Gary attended Proctor School. When it was time for high school, Gary took the bus to Polson. He was active in track, and was also known as an excellent pole vaulter, which led the team to take state championship two years in a row in 1955 and 1956.

While in high school, he met his sweetheart, cheerleader Carol Pollmann. Gary told that they fell in love on the dance floor. They loved to dance! Gary graduated in 1956. They were married on Jan. 24, 1958. Gary and Carol lived in Polson, where Gary and Floyd Perkins owned and operated a furniture store until the late 1960s. Their three daughters, Jean, Tracy and Jennifer, were born in Polson while living there. In the spring of 1969, the family moved to Lake Mary Ronan to help run the family-owned camping



could relax and play golf. They always enjoyed the company of their many friends and cherished the good times they had playing cards, ice fishing, bowling, golfing and traveling. In his

later years, Gary was an accomplished woodworking artist who enjoyed making many special gifts to the delight of all family members. Gary's girls fondly remember their dad encouraging and helping them with many awesome creative projects while growing up. There was a time when Gary had four or five aquariums going at a time and raised angel fish, which was no easy task. Gary was an avid home moviemaker and could splice his own footage into unforgettable and priceless movies that will last a lifetime.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Carol, and his parents, Jerome and Ruth.

He is survived by his three daughters, Jean (Wayne) Haskins, Tracy Thomas and Jennifer Thomas; his grandchildren, Sydney, Jessica, Joel, Sam (Becca), Calliope and Achilles; great-grandchildren, Riley, Tristan, Shay, Emily, Hailey, Ivy,

with the location to be determined. Please call Camp Tuffit at 406-849-5220 for exact details.

The family suggests donations, if desired, be made to Friends of Lake Mary Ronan, P.O. Box 106, Dayton, MT 59914.

A very special thank you to Gary's caregivers who helped make the last years of his life comfortable and enabled him to be at home.

Gary was funny with a great sense of humor. We're going to miss you Gar Bear.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is

assisting the Thomas family with arrangements.

and fishing resort, Camp Tuffit, with his brother, Mark and his wife, Dianne. Gary spent the rest of his working life happily at Camp. In the fall seasons, the Thomas family ran a successful Christmas treeing business.

Gary and Carol were avid golfers. They loved playing in Polson and also loved to travel in the wintertime to warmer places where they

Rylee and Bailey; and great-great-granddaughter Elise. He is also survived by his brother Mark Thomas and wife Dianne, his sister Jeanne Maas and husband Lynne, and many loving nieces and nephews.

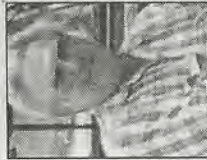
The service will take place at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 11, at the New Life Christian Center in Polson. A reception will follow at approximately 5 p.m.

Orville Ray 'OT' Thomas, 83

Orville Ray "OT" Thomas passed away Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Orville was born June 23, 1935, in Anthony, Kansas, to Dorothy

Bishop and Ralph Thomas. Orville married Jelene Roberts on July 2,



1955. Their son Gary was born in 1957 in Denver; son Alan in Placerville, California, Sept. 23, 1960; and daughter Kimberly July 21, 1967, in Placerville.

Orville was an avid fisherman and fly tyer, spending many days in his boat on the lakes and sloughs around Kalispell with many "fishing" friends.

When the Eugene mill burned in 1958, he and his partner, Cogswell Campbell, built the first mill here in Kalispell and many endeavors in Panama City, Panama. When their partnership dissolved and was sold to Plum Creek, he began his entrepreneurship of building mills around our country in Whitehall, New York, Bessemer, Michigan, and Manchester,

grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He never looked back at mistakes and always looked forward!

A memorial will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Ashley Lake Fire Hall, c/o Windauer, P.O. Box 219, Kila, MT 59920.

Clay Ora Thomason 91

Clay was born in Eugene, Oregon, to Chester Clay and Ethel Mae Thomason on Feb. 2, 1927. He joined a brother, Bill, and sister, Helen.

He lived life to the fullest and died, Sept. 3, 2018, as he lived his life, looking forward to his next adventures. His bucket list was never ending! Coming up next was his wish to combine wheat on the farm in North Dakota and visit the new locks of the Panama Canal in 2019. He graduated from Eugene High School where he was a high school basketball star. Clay loved his country and joined the Navy serving until the end of World War II. Upon discharge, he began his career of working in the plywood industry, which was in the beginning stages of development. He worked in many mills landing his dream job working for Campbell MacClean Plywood Company in Eugene.

He met the love of his life, Gail Marie Smith, in high school and they married May 9, 1947. Together they built a strong foundation for an amazing, loving partnership of 72 years. He always gave credit to her for holding down the fort at home so he could work. He knew she was supportive of all his endeavors and he was confident that she was capable of raising the children and managing the household.



Kentucky. He was always aware that his success was dependent on those around him and honored both his employees and his family for their constant support.

He loved to travel and learned to fly his own plane in 1958. This began another chapter of adventure that continued with many trips to all seven continents of the world. He never passed up the chance to try something new, do something different and experience life to the fullest — always with Gail by his side.

He had an undying passion for his family and was so proud of each and every one of their accomplishments. His biggest disappointment in life was the unexpected, sudden death of his grandson, Jacob Clay Sutton, at the tender age of 16. It was something he often reflected on. This last year he sorely missed the love and friendship of his son-in-law, Al Wroblewski, who died Oct. 13, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Marie, and daughter, Connie, both of Kalispell; daughter, Cathy, of Portland; and sons, Richard of Ironwood, Michigan, and Tom Landwehr of Spokane. He has eight

George Sumner Thompson, 87

George Sumner Thompson was born in Hamilton on Feb. 27, 1931, to George and Rena Thompson.

He passed away on Sept. 6, 2018, in Kalispell.

He was raised on a farm near Hamilton and was active in 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Montana State College with a degree in agriculture education and was active in the Men's Co-op and Association of Independent Students. He also met his wife, Helen, at a square dance in Bozeman. They were married for 64 years.

George was a soil conservationist in Chinook, Culbertson, Carrington, Colstrip and Browning. He was active in the Lions Club and Boy Scouts.

George and Helen retired to Lakeside where he worked to the



Lakeside Water Department. He was active in NARFE (National Active and Retired

Federal Employees Association) and a member of the Lakeside coffee club, High Rollers.

He is survived by five children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and sister, Jean Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 29 at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

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

George William Thompson, 88

George William Thompson, 88, of Port Angeles, Washington, passed away March 21, 2018.

George was born to Harold and Nancy Thompson in 1929.

He married his soul mate Cleona. They had 58 wonderful years.

He proudly served in the Air Force, logged for over 30 years and worked at Costco until he passed.

George was an amazing man, husband, dad, brother, grandpa, great-grandpa and friend. He smiled all the time; he was very loving and full of life! Dad never met a stranger! He sure will be missed by all!

George was preceded in death by his wife Cleona, sons Dean, Donny and Ray J., and many siblings.

George is survived by his girlfriend, Donna Willenberg; daughters,



Nancy and Gus Mariner, Sue Thompson, and Rachel and Dale Dawley; brother, Hubert, and Nancy; and sisters,



Leanna and Ruth. He is loved and missed by many grandkids and great-grandkids; sister-in-law, Shirley; brothers-in-law, Ray, Jim and Jackie; and loved and missed by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life and potluck will be held in Montana at 2 p.m. July 28 at the Mary Jane Church residence at 785 Spotted Bear Road by Martin City. Please bring your favorite dish.

JAMES BENNETT THOMPSON, 78

April 22, 2018 at 5:00 am |



James Bennett Thompson passed away April 18, 2018, at home in Bigfork, with family by his side.

Jim was born June 26, 1939, in Big Sandy to Hallin E. Thompson and Emma Wavrick Thompson.

After the death of his father, Jim and Emma moved to the Swan River area where Jim spent the first three years of his schooling. His mother married Cecil Johnson in 1948 and Jim spent the rest of his life on the family farm in Bigfork. He finished school at Bigfork, graduating in 1958.

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Jim had a repair shop and was a school bus contractor/driver for Bigfork schools. He drove bus for 48 years before illness sidelined him.

Jim married Debbie Gilbert Nov. 30, 1974, in Bigfork. She survives him at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, Alan (Val) Thompson of Seattle, and TJ (Cindel Reynolds) Thompson of Bigfork; three daughters, Karen Thompson of Boise, Idaho, Tia (Chris) Yaryan of Castle Rock, Colorado, and Jaine Thompson of Santa Maria, California; and two grandchildren, Brayden and Peyton Yaryan of Castle Rock. He is also survived by his sister Linda (Bruce) DELong of Missoula and mother-in-law Rose Gilbert of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his brother Leonard Thompson, father Hallin Thompson, stepfather Cecil Johnson, mother Emma Johnson, and father-in-law Walter Gilbert.

Cremation has taken place and graveside services will be held later this summer.

Families and friends are encouraged visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave a note of condolence. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Amelia Mae Tilton, 90

Amelia Mae Tilton passed away peacefully at the age of 90 while in the company of family on Jan. 25, 2018, due to complications from congestive heart failure. Mae was the first of nine children born on Jan. 3, 1928 to Clarence and Mary (Bondurant) Gilbertson, of Kalispell. Mae graduated from Flathead High in 1946 and soon after married WWII veteran Lloyd G. Tilton.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Eugene, Oregon as Lloyd began his carpentry career, building postwar America and contributing to the baby boom with the birth of their son, Ray. The Oregonian penchant for working in unceasing rain and running for cover at the first sight of snow persuaded the young family to return to the familiarity of snow shovel wielding Kalispellians. Mae put her shorthand and accounting skills to work at the Harry Ish law office as Lloyd girded the pilings and concrete forms of the Hungry Horse dam. Sons Dennis and Vern were soon fol-



lowing Ray around West Kalispell. The family followed the construction trail to Missoula and Galen before moving to Helena in 1959. Mae's caregiving talents were needed in North Dakota as sister-in-law Dorothy (Lyle) and nephew Howard Tilton were stricken on the same day with polio. Mae and Lloyd cared for and soon adopted Lyle and Dot's baby son, Don. Their fifth son, Tim, came along some time later, in Generation X packaging.

Mae began her more formal career in Helena, working for the IRS until the office relocated to Ogden, Utah. She then worked as a claims adjudicator for the Veterans Administration, retiring in 1986. She continued her Disciples of Christ upbringing in Helena's First Christian Church, ensuring her children were trained in the Lord's

teachings as she served as teacher, Deaconess, Elder, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mae's family was the core of her strength and being. Her five boys were raised in the bond of closeness of her parents and of the families of her eight siblings. Eighty-plus-member family reunions have been her triannual delight.

Mae loved each of her daughters-in-law and delighted in watching and spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lloyd, sister Peggy Burgess, and brothers, Col. LeRoy Gilbertson and Harold Gilbertson, Ph.D. She is survived by Ray and Ginny of Chico, Calif, Dennis and Darlene of Livingston, Vern and Marla of Chubbuck, Idaho, Don and Tana of Billings, Tim and Ann of Helena, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Her surviving siblings and in-laws are Mary Lou (Jack) Basham, Jim (Loanna) Gilbertson,

Teddy (Donna) Gilbertson, Larry (Marie) Gilbertson and Janice (Larry) McMillan, Regina Gilbertson, and Virginia Gilbertson.

Her memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the First Christian Church, 311 Power Street, in Helena with a reception following. A graveside service and burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison.

The family is very appreciative of the professional care given at St. Peter's Hospital, the dedicated, attentive care offered by the staff at The Legacy, and the loving, tender care provided by St. Peter's Hospice nursing and assistance caregivers. The family requests donations in Mae's honor be made to the Hospice of St. Peter's Hospital, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601 or the First Christian Church, 311 Power St., Helena, MT 59601. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Mae.

Barbara June Toft, 89

Barbara June Toft, 89, from Liberty Lake, Washington, passed away March 18, 2018, at the Guardian Angel senior residence.

She was born in Sidney, Montana, on June 7, 1928, to Adolph and Kari Strand.

After graduation from Richland County High School, she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

After three years of college, she returned to Sidney and taught school. It was then that she reconnected with her favorite high school sweetheart, Richard Toft. After a short courtship, they were married in Sidney on April 6, 1951.

Within a few years, Richard was transferred to the Kalispell area. They settled on a small farm in Evergreen. The farm served as a wonderful homemaker's dream property. Nestled in the valley below the majestic Rocky Mountains, Barbara raised all four of her children among flourishing gardens, apple trees, green pastures and wheat fields. She often said, "It was



the most beautiful place on earth."

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband,

Richard Toft; her son, Russell; her parents Adolph and Kari Strand; and four siblings, Archie Strand, Grethe Murphy, Audrey Ruffato and Leonard Strand. She is survived by her children, Kenneth Toft (Patty) of Spokane, Judith Mackin (Pat) of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Beverly Toft of Missoula; her sister, Merle Burgess, of Portland; seven grandchildren, David Toft (Sarah) of Spokane, Matthew Mackin of Missoula, Erin Mackin of Los Angeles, Cory Mackin of Missoula, Emilee McDowell (Robert) of Spokane, and Joe Toft of Spokane; and five great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Samuel J. Tomas Jr., 75

Samuel J. Tomas Jr. "left us to be with our Lord" on June 1, 2018. Sam was born on Nov. 18, 1942, to Samuel J. and Cecelia Tomas, Sr. in Seattle, the second of four children.

Sam enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18. Sam proudly served his county (as a military police officer) and he sincerely thanked every serviceman for their service. After the Army, Sam continued his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department. Sam was nominated for commendations several times in his career. Sam worked in every division of the LAPD and made many lifelong friends.

He retired after working as an undercover narcotics detective for the last eight years of his career. Sam had many stories and adventures to share.

After retirement from LAPD, Sam worked for the U.S. Marshals Service, security for the Belle Air Hotel and private security for President Ronald Reagan's daughter's wedding where Sam met President Reagan for the second time. The first meeting occurred when Sam was a soldier traveling back to base when (then Actors Guild president) Ronald Reagan swung Sam's duffle bag onto his shoulder and



asked "Can I help you soldier?"

Sam's retirement brought him to Kalispell where he enjoyed the great outdoors and made many new friends.

Sam eventually landed in Thompson Falls and became the sheriff of Sanders County.

After being sheriff, Sam once again found himself retired but not without work. Sam was a member of the Thompson Falls Ambulance service, the Sanders County Foster Care Review board, board member of Northwest Montana Human Services, Knights of Columbus, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he taught Hunter's Education, to name a few.

Sam was a devout Catholic and his love for our Lord guided him throughout his life. Sam's greatest joys in his life were our Lord, his wife, daughter, son-in-law and three grandsons. Oh, how Sam loved his grandsons. They were his pride and joy. Sam was a generous, kind, caring and loving man. He believed his life's work was to service

and support his family, friends, neighbors, community and anyone in need. Sam had a passion for cooking, singing, woodworking, gardening and his Kubota tractor. Sam loved to travel and spent many vacations on the Oregon coast or San Juan Islands.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, Chris Wollaston.

Sam is survived by his wife, Marcie; his daughter, Julie; his son-in-law, John Sonderegger; his grandchildren, Bryce (Becca)Tomas, Jakob and Tristan Sonderegger; his sisters, Cecelia Cunningham and Kathy (Tom) Lucas; his brother, Jody Tomas; his brother-in-law, Mark Wollaston; his mother-in-law, Tillie Wollaston; his

aunt, Betty Gilbert; and many nieces, nephews, Godchildren and cousins.

A funeral Mass will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 17, at St. Williams Catholic Church in Thompson Falls, with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Thompson Falls Ambulance service.

Jonathan Scott Torgerson, 62

Jonathan Scott Torgerson was born in Madagascar on Feb. 2, 1956, to the Rev. Sheldon and Margery Torgerson.

He passed away on Big Mountain in an avalanche on Feb. 17, 2018.

He is survived by both parents, his sisters Shelby and Heidi, and his brother Bob, and his wife Sara Krebsbach Torgerson and their children Xander, Lizzy, Emily and Aaron.

The Torgerson siblings built tight bonds as each other's primary playmates in Madagascar. Their adventuring together continued when the family completed their missionary work in 1965 and settled in Minneapolis. They enjoyed summers at Cross Lake — water skiing, fishing with bamboo poles, and playing catch, and many winter days playing pingpong in the basement on the table that Opa (Rev. Sheldon) built.

Jon made lifelong friends at every stage of school; at Cooper Elementary, Sanford Junior High and South High in Minneapolis. He loved to compete — wrestling, playing hockey and downhill skiing — and to enjoy learning, adventures, good company and stimulating conversation.

He attended Carleton College ('78) where his work hard, play hard lifestyle began to take clear shape. He plowed through a demanding pre-med curriculum and made many friends with his adventurous nature and fun-loving spirit. It was during these years that Jon hitched a freight train ride that landed him in Whitefish where he first fell in love with the town and its nearby mountains.

After graduation, Jon



worked construction for a year, saved money, and then went to England

with a friend where they bought a 26-foot sailboat. They spent the next year sailing to Greece, with Jon pausing in the stormy winter months to work at a ski resort in Germany. In addition to the expected fun and exploration, the year included surviving (mostly in port) the deadliest storm to hit English waters in decades, harrowing solo sails, and being blown off course into an Albanian mine field.

Returning stateside, Jon was determined to live out the values his parents had instilled in him by using his gifts to serve the community through medicine. He became an EMT while studying and applying to medical schools and then graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1987. He did his family medicine residency in Spokane — getting him closer to those grand mountains. Along the way, he spent his spare time getting a pilot's license and scuba diving certification. Finally, he landed his dream job practicing family medicine in Whitefish.

Jon's happiest moments, however, came as a result of meeting a beautiful, caring and radiant nurse, falling in love, and marrying Sara Krebsbach in 1993. He found enormous pleasure in helping raise Sara's wonderful and similarly adventurous children, Xander, Lizzy and Emily. The icing on the cake

came with the birth of their son Aaron in 1996.

In the following 27 years the family enjoyed hundreds of hiking, skiing, rafting adventures, and camping and kayaking on the Lochsa River. Pioneering what would much later become a standard option in minivans, Jon rigged up a portable TV and VCR to keep the kids entertained on their countless road trips to see family in Minnesota, explore parks in Canada, and play on the Oregon coast ... always driving through the night to enjoy the quiet and avoid motel costs.

Jon believed in people's ability — often before they did — and had an intuitive sense when he needed to teach or support and when to nudge them off on their own. His confidence in them gave dozens of family and friends the courage to learn how to ski, bike and kayak. He played mini-camp director for visiting friends and family caught up in his contagious passion for the wonderful outdoor adventures of the area.

He had a similar gift for teaching professionally, serving for decades as medical director for area ambulance services and teaching doctors and nurses in a wide range of continuing emergency medicine education. He was known as a relentless learner, always striving to improve health outcomes for area residents. Medicine was his ministry and he freely offered his time and talents, including volunteering at the Shepherd's Hand Clinic and serving on the board of North Valley Hospital. Most importantly, he combined a love of medicine

with a deep and genuine compassion for his patients, making him a much loved and respected physician.

Words cannot express how deeply grateful the Torgerson family and friends are to the greater Whitefish community for their support following Jon's disappearance. The Sheriff's Department, Search and Rescue, a dozen local businesses and hundreds of volunteers and friends went over the top in providing hundreds of meals, thousands of hours and heartfelt care for the family through the search and recovery. Blessings and unending thanks to all of you.

A "Celebration of the Canyon Spirit Animal" will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, at Bonsai Brewing Project in Whitefish. It is an opportunity to celebrate Dr. Torgerson's life, and share stories about what made Jon so important in our own lives.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 18, at St. Richard's Church in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Jon Torgerson Memorial Fund at American Bank. Funds will be used to improve technology, training and coordination in search, rescue and recovery efforts. Donations can be made in person or mailed to the American Bank in Whitefish or via PayPal to the email address torgersonmemorial@gmail.com.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.columbiamortuary.com Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Jon's family.

Luke Justin Trefney

Luke Justin Trefney was only 4 days old when he passed away on Sunday, Sept. 31, 2018. Luke spent his final moments in the loving arms of his father and mother Tyler and Anelisa (Novak) Trefney at the Community Medical Center in Missoula.

This precious little boy was a miracle from the second he was born. Luke was born premature, at 26 weeks, and weighed about 10 ounces! Although he



was young, he was full of personality and a strong zest for life. Luke fought hard for his life every day and never ceased to amaze his family and his nurses! Little Luke never spoke a word, but his strength told us all that we should never stop fighting, no matter how difficult our life gets.

During his brief time with us, Luke touched the hearts of, and inspired the lives of many.

Luke is survived in life by his parents Tyler and Anelisa Trefney, and his grandparents Thomas and Susie Trefney, Chuck and Kim Mitsch, and Dale and Angela Novak, all of Kalispell; and lots of loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, at

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell to commemorate the miraculous life of Luke Justin Trefney.

A special thanks to all of the doctors and nurses at the Community Medical Center in Missoula for never giving up on little Luke and caring for him and his parents from before his birth to after his death.

OBITUARIES *Aug 24*

Everett Lars Tronstad, 7

Everett Lars Tronstad, 7, beloved son of Bryan and Lusha (Alzner) Tronstad, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyoming.

Everett was born Oct. 15, 2010. He was a vivacious boy who couldn't wait to grow up and be able to do all the things he wanted to do. He loved to fish, life on the ranch, camp, and play with his big sister, Tresize, who was his best friend. He would often skip lunch at school so he could meet her on the playground. He loved to collect bugs with his mother and horseback ride with his father.

Everett is loved by his family deeply and will be missed tremendously.

Everett is survived by his maternal grandparents, Don and Lusha Alzner, of Kalispell; his uncle, David Alzner, of Tucson, Arizona; and his aunt Suzanne Tutvedt (Brian) and cousins Megan, Garrett, Nate and Boe Tutvedt, all of



Kalispell. Also surviving Everett is his paternal grandfather, Mike Tronstad,

of Kalispell; his aunt, Michelle Hodge (Dan), and cousins Spencer and Riley, of Kalispell; and his great-grandmother, Florence Sutherland, of Kalispell.

Everett was preceded in death by his grandmother Vicky Tronstad.

A memorial service was, Aug. 21 at the Tronstad Ranch, 41 S. Tronstad Ranch Road, Laramie, WY 82070, with Pastor Sally Palmer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Everett Tronstad Memorial Fund, c/o First Interstate Bank. The money will be used for Tresize's college education.

Hug your kids every day and never take them for granted.

Anna Marie Troupe, 80

On September 13, 2018, Anne, 80, passed away while surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Boston, Mass., on Dec. 7, 1937, Anne became the second child of Anna and William H. Kane. Anne's family moved to San Diego in 1952 where she enrolled herself into Our Lady Of Peace Academy. She built many friendships during school and was always hamming it up in any school production and singing in Glee club. Anne was an excellent student and a friend to everybody she met.

In 1957, Anne studied nursing with the Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Hospital. She loved nursing and had a passion for assisting in the operating room and "catching babies" in the delivery room.

In 1962, Anne met and fell in love with Claude (Ray) Troupe. They were married on June 20, 1964. In 1971, Anne and Ray moved to Kalispell where they raised their family.

Anne loved her nursing job at Glacier Ear Nose and Throat and at the Surgical Center. She would always sing to her patients! Anne was an avid sports fan. She spent hours watching her children and grandchildren participate in sports. She loved geography, history, coin collecting, singing, and was the reigning Scrabble champion. Anne loved to cook and was known as an incredible chef and hostess. She was particularly proud of her Irish heritage and brought a smile to everybody she met with her hilarious jokes and witty humor.

Anne was preceded



in death by her parents, Anna and William Kane and her daughter Debra

Hawks. She is survived by her adoring husband, Ray, and children Terri (Bob) Temple, Denise Frankino, Chris (Jennifer) Troupe, Suzanne Troupe and Daniel Troupe, Grandchildren: Anna Richards, Jenna Frankino, Katie Merit, Laura Weber, James Temple, Tucker and Saeyde Troupe, Joey and Jami Jantski, Ridge, Cade and Sawyer Troupe, Peyton Richards and Sara Nelson as well as her brother, William H. Kane of San Diego, Calif.

Viewing will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St. in Kalispell. The Rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. at the funeral home following the viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 602 S. Main St. in Kalispell. Rite of Christian Burial will immediately follow mass at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with a reception to follow at a location that will be announced.

Anne's arrangements are being held through Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home of Helena, Montana. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Anne.

Larry Vernon Trusty, 70

It is with great sadness, our family announces the peaceful passing of Larry Vernon Trusty on Aug. 2, 2018, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He lost his battle with cancer.

Larry was born in Whitefish on Sept. 22, 1947, to Vincil Trusty and Geraldine (Bailey) Trusty.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Kenny and Vincent Trusty.

Larry is survived by his wife of 51 years Cindy (Kvigne) Trusty, his daughter Kelley Shay Kennedy (Kevin), his son Kevin, his brother Joe (Judy), his sister-in-law Marilyn and his grandchildren Mikenzie Trusty, Hallie Kennedy



and Braden Kennedy. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and

grandfather. Larry had a great sense of humor and was the life of the party.

At his request, a private graveside service was held Sunday, August 5, at Greenwood Memorial Park, Renton, Washington.

In memory of Larry, contributions can be made payable at www.EvergreenHealth.com or by mailing a check to EvergreenHealth Foundation, 12040 NE 128th St. MS No. 5. Kirkland, WA 98034-3098.

Laurie Turgeon, 56

Laurie Turgeon, 56, passed away Nov. 22, 2018.

Laurie was born May 9, 1962, in Charles City, Iowa, the daughter of Betty and Al Schmitt. She graduated from Charles City High School in 1980. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering at Iowa State University and received her master's degree from Purdue University. Laurie had a 25-year career as an industrial engineer, systems engineer and software developer for AT&T\ Bell Labs in Denver.

It was while working at AT&T that she met her future husband, Darren Turgeon. Laurie and Darren were married April 3, 1993, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Leadville, Colorado. Family was always the most important thing in Laurie's life and her greatest joy was raising her two sons Trevor and Cole. One week every summer was always spent in Minnesota with Laurie's siblings and their families boating, skiing and fishing. One of the favorite family activities was golf, but Laurie also enjoyed snowboarding, hiking, biking, fly fishing, scuba diving and recently the family took a surfing vacation.



took amazing pictures of her family, vacations, nature and special occa-

sions, including taking the wedding pictures for her niece Jennifer's wedding. She traveled back to Colorado a couple times a year for scrapbooking weekends with her girlfriends and she created many incredible photo albums that will provide memories forever.

Laurie is survived by her husband Darren Turgeon and two sons, Trevor Turgeon and Cole Turgeon. She is also survived by her mother Betty Schmitt and siblings; Connie Schaaf (Dean) of West Branch, Michigan, Mike Schmitt (Linda) of Broomfield, Colorado, Tom Schmitt (Tracy) of Rose City, Michigan, Peggy Schmitt of Minneapolis, John Schmitt (Rachelle) of Farmington, Minnesota, and brother-in-law Jim Hart of Farmington, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Hart of Farmington, and her father Al Schmitt of Charles City, Iowa.

Memorials in Laurie's memory can

The family moved from Colorado to Whitefish in 2008. The hardest thing about moving from Colorado for Laurie was leaving her many wonderful friends. As a volunteer for the Whitefish PTA and youth religious education she made many new great friends in Montana. In addition to golf and Bunco these new friends added bowling and knitting to her many past times.

Laurie loved photography, a hobby she started in high school, as a photographer for the school paper. She

be made to Wings or Northwest Montana (www.wingsnwmontana.org) or Flathead Cancer Aid Services (www.flatheadcanceraid.org).

A memorial Mass to celebrate Laurie's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

A luncheon will follow services. Private urn burial will take place at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Laurie's family.

James Matthew Turner, 58

James Matthew Turner was born July 31, 1959, in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He died April 4, 2018, in Kalispell of natural causes.

Jim graduated from Fergus High School, Lewistown in 1977 and went on to earn a degree in broadcasting from MSU Bozeman in 1981. After college, he served in the U.S. Air Force.

Jim's talents in photography and drawing earned him ribbons at the county fair each year. His flair for drama won him roles in community theater productions. Singing in the Valley Voices and Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choirs in Kalispell brought him much joy. Jim found his home and heart in Kalispell and his family admires his grace. His family is also grateful for his many friends through-



out his life journey.

Jim faithfully read

daily devotions, journaled his reflections, and also wrote and self-published two memoirs of his early life. He also loved and collected movies and music.

Jim is survived by his siblings Kay Turner, Jan Turner Hazard, John Turner, and his beloved friends, Dave and Beth Brown.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. on April 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran. Instead of flowers, memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran, 603 S Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Valley Voices, c/o Allyson Kuechmann, 231 Capistrano NE, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Amanda Adele Tustin, 89

Amanda Adele Tustin, 89, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

She was born Aug. 10, 1929 in San Jose, California to Stillman and Lorraine Pfeffer. Adele was one of five children, with sisters Verda, Lillian, Louise, and brother Albert. She graduated from San Jose State College with a teaching degree and married Charles Tustin in 1953 and taught in San Jose. Adele resided with her husband there and then later in Lake Tahoe, California. She was busy with five young boys; the



youngest was born just after the oldest son turned 5.

In 1966, they moved to Coram

and Adele resumed teaching in the canyon. She taught for a total of 27 years, and many children passed through her classrooms.

Adele had a heart for kids and taught them not only at home and school, but also at the First Baptist churches in Columbia Falls and Whitefish.

Adele is survived by one sister, Louise; and her sons, Wayne, Warren (and his wife Carol), Wyatt (and his wife Shannan), Willi (and his wife Jeannie) and Whitney (and his wife Colleen); as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gardening was always her passion and in her later years she loved knitting for others — blankets for children and potholders that she gave to those who took care of her during her 19-year bout with cancer.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

1, at Hungry Horse Chapel with Pastor Brent Schmidt officiating. Interment services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials in Adele's memory can be made to Village Missions, care of Canyon Community Church or the charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family on Adele's webpage at www.columbi-amortuary.com

Harold Tutvedt, 89

Harold Tutvedt went to Heaven to be with the love of his life on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018.

Harold was born in a leased farm house with no power or running water just off Clark Drive in West Valley. He was the second child of Norwegian immigrants, Hans and Andora Tutvedt.

During his lifetime he would go from farming with horses to driving the big green auto steer combines that he loved so much.

Harold attended Flathead County High School, and at the urging of his FFA instructor, Henry Robinson, decided to attend Montana State College in Bozeman, MT. Each year, he completed his finals a few weeks early to make it back to the farm in time for planting. He went on to graduate in 1951, and returned to the farm full time.

Harold met the Love of his life, Shirley Phillips, in his living room; she was a friend of his little sister who had come out to visit for the afternoon. They married in 1954 and moved back into the farm house on Clark Drive that Harold had been born in - on the condition that he added indoor plumbing before she moved in.

Family came first for Harold. The more family the better - he deeply loved each of his five children and delighted in his six grandchildren as well as his many nieces and nephews. Over the years, he counted many



Family was his first love, and agriculture was his second. Year after year, he focused on

building and expanding the farming and ranching operations, and garnered great joy from mentoring young ranch hands. He crisscrossed the state with his lifelong friend, Doug Wise, always on the hunt for more cattle, regularly in increments as small as one. At its peak, the ranch included 1,300 mother cows and many more lightweight feeder cattle. The amount of work involved in securing pasture was staggering, and Harold was never afraid of hard work or the long hours that came with the work he loved.

Harold's business intelligence and sense for numbers made his ambitions possible.

His eyes were always on expansion, and he was never afraid to borrow money to expand the farm onto more land, or find more reliable ways to harvest.

Serving family and community was a principle that was firmly instilled in Harold and his siblings. He served on the West Valley School Board for 15 years and oversaw the transition from five one-room school houses to a combined School District One. He was a committed member of the Rotary Club of Kalispell and

believed he needed to work harder to earn his spot.

While his accomplishments are many, Harold will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit, his commitment to always maintaining a positive attitude, his love of the people around him, and his incredible work ethic.

Harold's spirit lives on when we all show undeserved kindness, in the community service of his children and grandchildren, and in the love of tractors of his towheaded great grandsons.

Harold is survived by his children, Bruce Tutvedt (Sandy), and Sarah McClure (Daniel); daughter-in-law Linda Tutvedt, son-in-law, Gary Needleman (Lauren); grandchildren, Valerie Gravage (Dugan), Emily Grossman (Seth), Nathan McClure (Elizabeth), Colin McClure, Andora

Tutvedt, Joel McClure; great grandchildren, Toston Gravage and Fairfax Gravage; dear friend, Tamara Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Andora Tutvedt; his wife, Shirley Tutvedt, sister, Doris Knox, brother Paul Tutvedt; and children, Bradford Allen, Eric John and Andora Jan.

Harold's family would like to send a special thanks to staff and caregivers at Buffalo Hills Terrace and Frontier Hospice for all of their loving support.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the: Harold Tutvedt Scholarship Fund, c/o Flathead Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1422, Kalispell, MT 59903.

of the farm hands living on the ranch and community members as family. Each of those people will remember the depths of his kindness and generosity. He loved family gatherings and did everything he could to bring everyone together each year, encouraging the family to grow and expand at every turn. After losing two of his own children in their infancy, he was committed to celebrating every child. He loved watching his family grow and seeing his kids and grandkids have children of their own. Much to his disappointment, none of his family members chose to adopt children from China.

Stillwater Grange. He also spent time serving on the Kalispell Chamber Board, West Valley Fire Department Board, and the State Advisory Committee to the Montana Experiment Station.

In 1984, Harold was given the chance to serve on the first Glacier Bank Board of Directors, helping the bank go public and become what it is today. Being a part of GBCI was one of the great honors of Harold's life and in his 16 years on the board, he never attended a meeting without reading every word of the prep materials. He never forgot that he was the son of immigrants and always

Paul Raymond Tutvedt, 86

Paul Raymond Tutvedt went to join the love of his life in heaven on Aug. 16, 2018.

He was born in a farmhouse on Sept. 8, 1931, to Hans and Andora Tutvedt in Kalispell. He was raised on the family farm in the West Valley area. He graduated from Flathead County High School and earned his agriculture education degree at Montana State University-Bozeman.

After marrying Sharon Lee (Boe) on Nov. 7, 1959, they lived on the farm in the West Valley area, which is now managed and owned by the three sons. Paul and Sharon were members of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church. Paul would rarely miss a Sunday, as church was very important to him. Paul and Sharon became snowbirds in the fall of 1994 and became very active in the Sunbird Community Church in Chandler, Arizona. Speaking came easily to him and he had a way with words; so, over the years, he enjoyed filling in for the pastor at church.

His gift of speaking/listening gave him many opportunities to serve on numerous boards and committees. He was chairman of the County Extension Advisory Committee and FFA board, chairman of the Stillwater Lutheran Church Council for many years, chairman of the Equity Scholarship Committee, served on the Flathead County Planning board, served on the High School and College Realignment Committee, served on the Flathead Youth Foundation, was on the Vo-Ag Education committee, chairman of the Western Montana Stockman, served 12 years on the District 5 School board (chairman for six of those years), 10 years on the Kalispell



Regional Hospital board (five years as chairman and six months as acting CEO). He was a speaker for the Montana State Bankers.

Paul was also a sales representative for Harvestore in Montana. He was a lifetime member of the Stillwater Grange and spent 12 years in the National Guard. Ag was his passion, whether raising crops or growing cattle. Harvest was his favorite time of year; bringing in the crops and rounding up the cattle from summer pastures.

Survivors are his three sons, Craig and Kim Tutvedt, and his children, Breann, Taylor and Will, and their mother, Michelle; David Tutvedt; and Brian and Suzanne Tutvedt, and their children, Megan, Garrett, Nate and Boe; and Thelma, sister, and Harold, brother, all of Kalispell; along with three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Andora Tutvedt; a sister, Doris Knox; and his wife, Sharon Tutvedt.

A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Ten Commandments Fund (a benevolent fund that Paul started many years ago that is used in the community for those in times of need) at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, 1401 Church Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Ronni Maria Tvedten, 72

Ronni Maria Tvedten, 72, passed away peacefully at home with her family at her side on Feb. 23, 2018.

Ronni was born on July 29, 1945, in Bellingham, Washington. She devoted her life caring for her family and friends and volunteering.

Ronni is survived by her husband of 50 years, Cliff; daughters, Wend Fry, Julie VanDevender and Cari Williams; eight grandchildren and five



great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday,

March 3, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Spokane.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Lutheran Social Services, Mid City Concerns, or Hospice of Spokane.

Carol Anne Tye, 69

Carol Anne Tye, 69, passed away Aug. 28 in Kalispell. Carol was born on July 9, 1949 in Needham, Massachusetts, to John Walter Berry and Isabela Curran.

Carol was raised in Whittier, California, where she attended high school. She mostly worked in hospitality jobs, but would do anything to support her family where ever she worked she won awards.

She would often make donations to animal shel-



ters, and if there was someone in need she was always there to help.

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Carol is preceded in death by her parents and husband Theodore Helland.

She is survived by son Patrick (Kelli) Tye of San Diego, Calif., sister Janet Berry, grandchildren Bridget Alexis (Matthew) George, Shamus Tye, and two great grandchildren, Otto And Charlie George.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

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

Peter Dickson Tyler, 80

Peter Dickson Tyler, 80, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Oct. 23, 2018.

Born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Peter attended Northfield Mount Hermon preparatory school and Cornell University. At Cornell, he played lacrosse, was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and drove an ambulance at night to support his own education. He earned his medical degree from Cornell University College of Medicine in New York City in 1964. Peter completed a residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Florida and a fellowship in Oswestry, Wales, England. He went on to found the Center for Bone and Joint Disease in New Port Richey, Florida, where he practiced orthopedic surgery for 19 years. He also served as chief of staff at Community Hospital, New Port Richey. Peter was drawn to the open skies of the West and he chose to retire with his family at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, in 1989. Three years later, they settled in the Flathead Valley.

Peter was a captain in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne Division, and served as battalion surgeon and paratrooper during the U.S. occupation of the Dominican Republic in 1965.

He was a man of high intellect and talent, and he created a life for himself and his family that outsized his humble beginnings. Peter was an accomplished private pilot — earning multi-engine and seaplane ratings, a scuba diver, a marathon runner, a world traveler, a historian, and a voracious reader. As a volunteer



for Meals on Wheels for many years, he enjoyed giving back to the senior community.

Peter was a lover of nature and animals, and of the many dogs in his

life; his late Jack Russell terrier, Henry, will be his loyal companion for eternity.

Peter was preceded in death by father George Tyler, mother Dorothy Smith Tyler, and beloved sister Georgina Tyler Gonzalez. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Doreen "Dee," sons Michael and Andrew, and daughter Ashlee.

A celebration of Peter's life will be held at the family's home on Sunday, Nov. 11, where we invite you to enjoy an Irish whiskey of your choice in his honor. Additionally, a brief military ceremony and interment of ashes will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Home Options Hospice cannot be thanked enough for their compassion and comfort. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with arrangements.