

Kathryn Reye Eaton, 73

Kathryn Reye Eaton, 73, died on Friday April 26, 2019 at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell. Kathryn was born on Oct. 15, 1945 in Seattle.

Services are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Hallie J. Eayrs, 46

Hallie J. Eayrs, 46, of Missoula, and formerly of Kalispell, died Nov. 20, 2019, at her home due to complications from heart disease.

A private memorial is planned for spring 2020. Cremation is under the care of Cremation Burial Society of the Rockies.

Peter Jeffery Eby, 70

Peter Jeffery Eby, 70, died Monday, Sep. 16, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kenneth Eckert, 58

Kenneth Eckert, 58, formerly of Whitefish, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, in Phoenix due to cancer. He is survived by his

children, Kenneth Jr., Danyelle, Michael, Kylie and Kobe. Services will be held in Phoenix on Thursday, Nov. 14.

Jason Lynn Egle, 41

Jason Lynn Egle, 41, of Columbia Falls, died June 27, 2019, in Columbia Falls. Services have been

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

Paul Eanes



Paul Edward Eanes was born on 29 June 1937, and died at home on March 11, 2019.

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Paul was the eldest of four children born to Morton and Gertrude Eanes of Kenbridge, Virginia. His siblings include Bernice Peebles, Earl Eanes and Brenda Perkinson.

Paul met his wife Maria B. Eanes in 1961 while stationed in the Holy Loch, Dunoon, Scotland. They were married on 6 June 1964, and had two daughters, Alison M. Eanes Score and Alexandra M. Eanes. Grandchildren include Courtney Score, Morgan Score, and Cole Walker.

Paul was a member

Kathryn Eaton-McDowell, 73

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Kathryn Eaton-McDowell of Kalispell passed away of natural causes on April 26, 2019.

She was born in Seattle and raised in Bellevue, Washington. Kathryn's passion was being a flight attendant for Alaska Airlines, in which she served for 42 years. During that time she was the recipient of the company's highest award, "The Legends Award."

Kathryn and Charles "Charlie" met in Sun Valley in 1990 and spent all of their time in Bellevue. When they retired they decided to move back to Kalispell where her husband was from. Kathryn and



Charlie found a love that lasted 29 years. She will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her husband Charles McDowell of Kalispell. She is also survived by her brothers Doug and Craig Haws, her sister Margaret Burton and three nieces Camille Boushey, Loren Boushey and Genevieve Boushey. All are in Washington state.

A memorial is planned for a later date in Kirkland, Washington.

of the U.S. Navy for 22 years and started as a Kiddie Cruiser at 17 years old. He served as a deep sea diver on the Underwater Demolition Team, now known as the Navy SEALs. Paul earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University in 1978. He later worked for the USDA as a market news reporter. Paul and his family lived in Scotland, Seattle, New York and places in between. He was a fun loving adventurer who traveled with his family, enjoyed photography, hiking, hunting

and ballistics. If you ever asked Paul how he was doing, he would respond, "Fine as frog hair and twice as curly."

Paul was raised in the Baptist church and continued to practice his Christian faith throughout his life. He and Maria (Ray) were members of Faith Bible Church in Libby, Montana.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alison Eanes Score Foundation at Families in Partnership, Inc., P.O. Box 762, Libby, MT 59923. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Kermit Merle Edmonds, 81

Kermit Merle Edmonds of Missoula died Sept. 20, 2019, at the age of 81. He was a beloved father, brother, friend and teacher; and a noted historian, archaeologist and soldier. He died at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia



Falls. A memorial and celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 12 in Missoula at the University of Montana University Center Third Floor Conference Rooms, followed by a reception at 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree Inn, 100 Madison Street.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Western Montana or the Nature Conservancy. However, attendees to the memorial are invited to bring a flower to contribute to a collective arrangement. To leave condolences, please visit www.gardencityfh.com

Cherie (Conrad) Ellingson, 84

Cherie (Conrad) Ellingson embarked on her final adventure on March 6, 2019, to the greatest travel destination of all, Heaven.

Cherie was born on March 4, 1935, in Kalispell to parents Werner and Helen Conrad. Cherie was born into a pioneer family of loggers. She lived her early years in various logging camps west of Kalispell. Later, the family moved to Kalispell where she graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953.

Cherie attended Montana State University Northern in Havre and later received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Montana. During her time in Havre, she met and later married Edwin Ellingson. Ed and Cherie began their lives together in the small town of Big Sandy where they started their family and careers in education.

In the mid-1960s, Cherie and Ed, along with their sons, Scott and Clarke, made the move to McMinnville, Oregon. Cherie was a librarian and a fifth grade teacher at Newby Elementary School for many years. During this time, she also was an antique dealer and was part owner of an antique store in Lincoln City, Oregon. Before she retired from teaching, she started her next career as a travel agent. Her love of travel took her on adventures all around the globe. She thrived on exploring the world. The many memories and friends she made along the way were very much a part of her soul. For 40 years, Cherie and Ed lived in the Eola Hills, where



they grew cherries. They loved their neighbors, many of whom are still friends

today.

Cherie passed away surrounded by her loving family. She enjoyed visiting with the many friends who came to see her or called regularly, and maintained her independent spirit and sense of humor until the very end.

Cherie is survived by her husband of almost 63 years, Ed; sons, Scott (Jan) and Clarke (Diane); grandchildren, Ashley (Preston), Emily (Brandon), Kayli and Mitchell; sister-in-law, Loretta Conrad, of Kalispell; and nephews, Todd of Kalispell, and Wade of Portland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Chuck; and nephew, Joel.

The people and places of her origin were indelible upon Cherie's soul. In memory of her, those of you whom wish to travel, take a trip and experience the world around you. If you don't travel, call an old friend and reconnect. Seek education and adventure at home or afar. Reach out to your loved ones. Practice kindness and forgiveness in your daily lives. In those things, Cherie's legacy will thrive.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at Peace Lutheran Church in West Salem, Oregon. Fellowship will follow the service. Peace Lutheran Church, 1525 Glen Creek Road, NW Salem, OR 97304.

Theodor Wilhelm Ehrenberg, 92

Theodor "Theo" Wilhelm Ehrenberg, 92, peacefully passed away on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, at Beehive Homes in Columbia Falls.

Theo was the fifth of 13 children, born on Feb. 2, 1926, to Franz and Anna Ehrenberg in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Theo said of his childhood he was always hungry; his mother could make soup out of anything, and someone was always crying.

After the war, he moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to start a new life with his wife, Gerda, and son Ted. He worked his way up to be a buyer at Gimbel's and they had a home in Penn Hills. He saved well and eventually bought a small piece of land on the Allegheny River, where he often took his son fishing.

Later, Theo and his wife moved to Green Valley, Arizona. He was an avid gardener, walked twice a day, and swam



laps three times a week. When his wife grew ill with Alzheimer's he cared for her as long as he could.

Theo was very devoted to his family and loved ones and will be sorely missed.

Theo is survived by his daughter-in-law Joan, his granddaughter Katelyn in Whitefish, and his two sisters Maria and Christa and many cousins, nieces and nephews in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

Theo was preceded in death by his wife Gerda, his son Ted, his parents Franz and Anna, his brothers, Frans, Alfons, Heinz, August, Hans and Siegfried, and his sisters Erni, Thresi, Else and Regina.

His memorial service is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Saints' Episcopal Church at 2048 Conn Road,

Roberta Joyce (Motichka) Elgin, 81

Roberta Joyce (Motichka) Elgin, 81, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ surrounded by her family on July 30, 2019, from natural causes related to dementia.

Roberta was born on Jan. 28, 1938, to Joseph Motichka and Mary (Feirstein) Motichka, the youngest of seven children. She was born near the family homestead that is located close to what is now Glacier Park International Airport. She was delivered at the country doctor's home nearby. As a child she was raised tending to the animals, gardening and working on the farm. This childhood gave her a strong work ethic, values and morals, and a love for animals and nature of all kinds.

Through eighth grade, she attended a small country school with her siblings. One of many fond memories Roberta had was traveling occasionally to and from school with her dad by horse. From there she attended Flathead County High School where she made many new friends, excelled in academics, loved home economics, and was a baton twirler on the drill team. While at Flathead, Roberta met and later married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Donald Elgin.

After graduation, Donald and Roberta were married on June 30, 1956, the beginning of a lifelong marriage and family. They had three boys: Dan, Dave and Donnie. Family activities included camping, fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles, getting wood, boating, playing sports, sledding, snowmobiling, ice skating, and enjoying the outdoors. "Mom was right along with us just as one of the boys." While raising the family, Roberta took on part-time work such as cutting tree boughs for wreath making, picking and selling huckleberries, and working at her uncle's meat processing plant. Later, she sold Avon before taking permanent work at Eddy's Bakery where she worked for 26 years.

Roberta's greatest pleasures were spending time traveling and camping with family and friends such as Jim and Loraine Peterson, Milt and Bernice Just and many others.

Upon retirement, a dream came true when



the two took a six-week adventure driving to Alaska where they spent time with Donnie's family. There, they enjoyed catching halibut and salmon, gold panning, and sight-seeing in Donnie's plane. They also traveled to Las Vegas for NASCAR and Jackpot, Nevada. Roberta showed much love to her family members by showering them with many gifts especially on birthdays and Christmas. She always had the perfect Christmas tree.

Many of her favorite things were teaching her pets new tricks such as training her cat to roll over for treats. She loved feeding animals and birds, growing flowers, taking walks with the grandchildren, and all things in nature.

After Don's passing, Roberta spent time with her friends, enjoyed luncheons and played cards. She also kept the property looking beautiful and enjoyed tending to the flower beds. Her home was the hub for family functions and dinners and she loved spending time with her family.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents' siblings, Andrew, Betty, Jim, Katy, Dick and Barb; her husband, Don; and many other family members.

She is survived by her three sons, Dan; Dave (Neila) and children Amanda, Betsy, Katherine, Russell and Jacquie; and Donnie (Lori) and children Caitlyn, Sarah and Lindsey; 15 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A funeral and graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, at Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell, under the direction of Pastor Craig Scavo and Pastor Justin Nelson (grandson); a luncheon will follow.

The family of Roberta thanks all those who helped with her care.

In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to www.usagainstalzheimer.org or a donation of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dixie Lee Emerson, 81

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Dixie Lee Emerson, 81, passed away on Oct. 18, 2019, after complications following heart surgery.

She was born Aug. 25, 1938, in Kalispell to Chauncey (Chance) Beebe and his wife Beatrice. Dixie was a true Montana native. Her family's legacy was rooted in our own Glacier National Park, as her grandfather, Chance, was one of the first rangers in the park in 1917 to hold station in the North Fork, Two Medicine, St. Mary's and Many Glacier rangers stations with his wife Eva. Dixie was proud of her connection and would often share these early homesteading stories she heard growing up, many of which are published throughout the Glacier historical literature.

Dixie was raised in Columbia Falls with her five siblings: sisters Laura, Donna, Nancy and Eva, as well as her brother Don Beebe. She attended Columbia Falls High School and graduated in 1956. She remained close with many of her classmates throughout the



years, often attending lunches or meeting up for coffee.

In the year 1960 Dixie met

the one true love of her life, James "Jim" Emerson, and they soon married on Oct. 22 of that same year. They established their home on Conn Road in Columbia Falls, raising their three children Jodi, Chad and Eric. Most days went by with Jim working on a project in his shop, a handful of kids playing in the barn or within and around the tree farm, often building forts and lighting fireworks, all while Dixie oversaw it all with unending snacks and hugs for every kid that ran through her kitchen. For several years she balanced family life with a career while working at the Hungry Horse News. When her husband Jim was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Dixie remained close by his side as his primary care-

giver and best friend till his passing in the fall of 1998; she never remarried, nor ever took off her wedding set. She instead lived independently and traveled the world with her sisters.

She took on a part time job at South Side Antiques to pass the time and stay involved with people in her community. Dixie was a devoted grandmother to her five grandchildren, Amanda, Alyssa, Logan, Liv and Chance. She was constantly attending their many special events and activities or babysitting with a loving heart and watchful eye. She took special notice in their varied interests, always sitting and listening about their day or concerns. There was never any doubt she loved each of them fiercely. She was an extraordinary Gramma.

Dixie was preceded in death by her parents, Chauncey and Beatrice; her sisters, Nancy, Donna and Laura; her beloved Jim; and her youngest son, Eric.

She is survived by her son, Chad (Brandi), father of grandson Logan; daughter, Jodi (Reid), mother of granddaughters Amanda and Alyssa; daughter-in-law, Melissa, mother of granddaughter Liv and grandson Chance; her sister, Eva (Bob); and her brother, Don. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Dixie Emerson was a gift to all who knew her because of her insatiable sense of humor, appreciation of the simple things in life and the unwavering love for her family that spanned many generations.

There will be a visitation held for Dixie from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, with services to be held at 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 27, at Adventure Church 248 2nd Ave. West, Kalispell. Burial will follow services at St. Richard Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

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

Zachary Scott Emminger, 28

Zachary Scott Emminger, 28, of Kalispell, died in Missoula Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

Arrangements are

pending.

Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula handled cremation.

James Erickson, 64

James Erickson, 64, died July 23, 2019.

He is survived by his children Kiann Erickson, Jeremy Erickson, and Zera Bell.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for James' family.

Miriam Legg Emerson, 73

Miriam Legg Emerson passed away on Dec. 30, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Health Center.

Miriam was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on Oct. 23, 1945, to Selma Steele (Benoy) Legg and Owen Douglas Legg Sr., where her father was stationed at Boeing Field Air Force Base as an Army Air Corps photographer.

At the end of World War II the family moved to Lynchburg, Virginia, and then to the Greensboro, North Carolina, Overseas Replacement Depot (ORD), where the family lived until after the war. In 1949 Miriam's family moved to Sedgfield, North Carolina, where she and her older brother Doug and younger sister Nina grew up. Some of her favorite memories included spending long days riding bikes through the hills and woods around Sedgfield with



her sister and brother and going to youth group at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Always active and a lover of the outdoors, Miriam spent her youth lifeguarding, teaching swimming and playing basketball.

The family also spent many happy summers vacationing in Florida.

Miriam graduated from Grimsley High School in 1964 and continued on to college at the Ringling School of Art and Design in Orlando, Florida, where she began pursuing her lifelong love of art and graphic design.

In 1965 she married childhood friend from ORD, George Stephen Emerson, of Greensboro. They had one daughter. After their divorce Miriam became a self-

made woman, working hard to earn a living as a single mom in the 1970s.

She developed a busy, thriving career in advertising and marketing and worked for companies, such as Lockheed Martin in Atlanta and the North Carolina Credit Union League in managerial positions at a time when women were not often considered for management positions. She was highly valued for her organizational skills, productivity and artistic talents.

In 1999 her only daughter, Ashley, married Doug Mason and settled in Kalispell. One year later Miriam moved from Greensboro to Kalispell to start a new life in Montana. She fell in love with Kalispell — both the scenery and the people.

Before retirement she worked as a graphic artist for the Daily Inter Lake, Hungry Horse News and

American Printing. After retirement she became a passionate volunteer for the Conrad Mansion. The mansion is where she found her favorite friends and spend hundreds of hours designing their website, with best friend Mary Miers, maintaining the Conrad Mansion Facebook page, designing posters for the mansion's many events, planting flowers, and working alongside the mansion's maintenance guru, Tish Haas, to complete many important projects.

Miriam's artistic talent is showcased especially in the mansion's beautiful Nativity scene, which she tore apart piece by piece, redesigned and repainted. It is truly a beautiful piece of art and a testament to her artistic talent and love for the mansion. She also wrote and illustrated the children's book "Conrad Cat" about the mansion's resident cat

Sweetie-Pie.

For years Miriam walked 3 miles a day around Kalispell's East Side — always ready with a smile, a story or to just chat. She knew every person and every dog and loved her neighborhood and her neighbors with a passion. She could also be found visiting with the employees at Super 1 Grocery Store, whom she considered like a second family.

Her favorite thing, though, was living next door to her daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters, where she spent many a happy hour helping with yard-work and construction projects, playing games, reading books, watching her granddaughters grow, pet-sitting, gardening and just being present and involved in their lives. Always happy when she was helping with something and making every-

one feel loved!

Miriam was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

She is survived by her older brother Owen Douglas Legg of Pinehurst, North Carolina, younger sister Nina Bennett of Greensboro, North Carolina, and daughter Ashley Emerson Mason, son-in-law Douglas Mason, granddaughters Annika and Brynn Mason, all of Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held in Kalispell in the spring.

Cards and condolences can be sent to the family at 501 Third Ave. E. in Kalispell, MT 59901.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Miriam can be made to the Conrad Mansion (330 Woodland Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901) for the upkeep of the Conrad Nativity scene and Gazebo.

Barbara Marie (Sanders) Engel, 72

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moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where she was raised and graduated from Scottsdale High School

in 1964. She was a "bright star" and followed her dreams.

In 1966 she moved to Los Angeles and worked for the Teamsters Union where she managed the Retirement Division for several years. Soon after, she relocated to Rosario Beach, Baja, Mexico, and built a beautiful home, and eventually moved again to Morro Bay, California. Barbara was very successful in real

estate and owned Gold Coast Realty for many years. She served on the Morro Bay City Council and also served as president of the California Central Coast Board of Realtors.

In 1999, she and her husband Steven planned, developed and began construction on a resort in Bigfork on Flathead Lake. They were extremely pleased and proud of their one-of-a-kind resort and named it Many Springs.

Barbara was the kindest and most charitable individual you could ever meet. She truly exemplified the spirit of the "Golden Rule."

She'll be missed and

remembered in our hearts forever.

There will be a celebration of life gathering for Barbara's friends and family held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Feb. 24, at The Inn at Morro Bay in Morro Bay, California.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Barbara's name at one of the following women's shelters: The Abbie Shelter at P.O. Box 1401, Kalispell, Montana, 59903-1401 (www.abbieshelter.org); or Stand Strong at P.O. Box 125, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 (www.standstrongnow.org).

Barbara Marie Engel passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in San Luis Obispo, California.

Her husband Steven Engel and three stepsons, their wives and four grandchildren survive her. She is also survived by her sister Nancy Oliver, and brother-in-law John Oliver, four nephews, many loving extended family members, and by her "special daughter" Heather Fisher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Ilah Reed, brother Bruce Reed, and husband Ben Sanders.

Barbara was born on Nov. 1, 1946, in Rockford, Illinois. Her family

Jon Paul Engle, 33

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few who refused to take the traditional route, yet still come out on top.

Whether it be life, love, or the general cause and effect of life's highs and lows, Jon could always be counted on to be a few steps ahead.

Although Jon's passing was all too sudden, he never forgot his friends or family, even through his darkest times. He wanted all who knew and loved him to know that he cared.

A memorial will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. All are welcome to come and share a story, and help us celebrate the life of one of the most genuine people that many of us have ever been lucky enough to know.

Jon Paul Engle, a son, brother and friend, passed away on Nov. 11, 2019.

He was born Aug. 8, 1986.

Ever the explorer, Jon continued to dive deep, both inwardly and out, questioning every purpose and attempting to find every answer for many of life's great mysteries.

If it is actually possible to be honest to a fault, that would describe Jon better than most (although he would never agree with it being considered a flaw). A gentle soul, those who were fortunate enough to have known him tended to be drawn to his infectious outlook on life and dive headfirst attitude.

Within the span of his all too short life, it would be safe to assume that he experienced more than most. At one point a wildly successful small business owner, Jon was one of the lucky

Bonney Enchoff, 75

Bonney Enchoff, 75, died Dec. 30, 2019, at Lake View Center in Bigfork. Services are

pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Arlen Luther Erickson, 62

Arlen Luther Erickson passed away peacefully due to colon cancer on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, with his wife and daughter by his side.

Arlen was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, on July 10, 1956, to Stanley and Sylvia Erickson. He was raised and attended high school in Kalspell.

Arlen joined the U.S. military in 1982, serving his country for four years. He also worked for Plum Creek Timber Co. in Kalspell for many years.

In 1987, Arlen married Patricia Chambers and adopted her three children, Annie, Dawn and Sabriand. In 1988 the couple welcomed a son, Trevor, followed by a daughter, Sarina in 1991. They later divorced. In 2007, Arlen was introduced to Faye Freyholtz through a mutual acquaintance. Shortly thereafter, Arlen and Sarina moved in with Faye and her two sons, Kaleb and Christopher, in Hingham. The couple married on March 22, 2013, in a small, intimate ceremony at the Hingham Lutheran Church.

Arlen had a laid-back personality, a great sense of humor, and a strong love for his family. He enjoyed listening to country music, taking weekend road trips, fishing, spending time outdoors, and was a fan of the Minnesota



Vikings. He was a hard worker and provider, working at the Correctional

Center in Shelby, Big R (North 40) in Havre, and

eventually retiring from Golden Triangle Seeds in Rudyard due to his falling health.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Sylvia, and his sister Diane Zorb.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Erickson, of Hingham; children, Sabriand Fairweather of Kalspell, Dawn (Rich) Veltri of Idaho, Annie (Mike) Kirchner of Indiana, Trevor Erickson of Bigfork, Sarina (Reece) Sterner of Hingham, Kaleb (Charlye) Freyholtz of Havre, and Christopher Hammond of Havre; brother Ed (Connie) Erickson, and sisters Bonnie (Jim) Tobiason and Sharon Holcomb, all of Kalspell, 15 grandchildren, and numerous friends and family members who cherished him.

Cremation has taken place, and a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials in Arlen's name may be made to Peace Hospice in Great Falls or to the charity of one's choice.

Schwab Kurt Eppler, 85

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Proud Schwab Kurt Eppler was a kind and loving gentleman. He loved his Lakeside Montana home of the last 20 years.

He was born in Bissingen, Germany, and lived in Toronto and Pennsylvania before settling in Chicago and Lemont, Illinois.

He was the most elegant skier I have ever seen. Fun loving Kurt high-fived everyone at the top of Thunderhead at Blacktail Mountain for 17 years.

He was a master machinist at the Chicago Tribune for decades. When he became management, he fearlessly retained his union card during a 10-year strike.

He was there for everyone when needed with kindness and understanding. He fixed everyone's car, while teaching how to do it with quiet patience. He loved to ski, golf, hunt and farm. His orchard



is healthy and beautiful.

He was a loving husband to Geraldine Eppler for 48 years; unrelenting in pursuit of her happiness and serenity. He was a devoted father to Melinda and his late son Mitchell.

Preceded in death by his brother, Walter; son, Mitchell Skilondz; brother-in-law, Edmund Brezinski; sister-in-law, Teri Brezinski; and nephew, Jurgen Eppler (Traudl).

We are thankful to the staff at Prestige assisted living facility and the Health Center Hospice. Grateful for the friendship of DeLane Steiner, Chuck Pierce, Fran and Howard Ruby, Eleanor Allen, Art and Doris Hosterman, Patricia Mason and Michael Stone, Steve Spencer and everyone at Blacktail

Mountain.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Geraldine Eppler; grateful daughter, Melinda Skilondz; loving sister-in-law, Marion Eppler; niece, Lisa Glad, her husband Tom and son Matt; brother-in-law, Wayne Brezinski and Carol and their children and grandchildren.

All the Brezinski families, Skilondz families, his golf buddies, hunting buddies, Eduard and Tesey and their families in Canmore, Alberta, Gisela and Albert Meroth and their children and grandchildren and all of us who have been touched by the nobility and grace of this great man. He is intensely missed.

A memorial service will take place Wednesday, June 26 with visitation 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and graveside service at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Dean Allan Erickson, 85

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Dean Allan Erickson, 85, died in the Lord on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at Lakeview Care Home in Bigfork. Dean knew his Savior, the Lord Jesus and now wears the crown of life everlasting.

Dean was born on Oct. 29, 1934, to Stanley and Viola Nee Andrews Erickson, in Chicago. He was baptized into Christ on Feb. 10, 1935.

Dean married Jean Fritze on Aug. 27, 1952, a marriage that spanned 65 years. Dean and Jean had three sons, Mark, Kristian and Richard. Dean was a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, and worked as a graphic artist in Chicago.

Later he taught graphic arts at the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver.

Dean and Jean retired to Lakeside where he designed and built their home, and concentrated on fine art, producing many paintings with religious themes. Dean loved to build things, including additions to their home and sailing boats; and over many years built both wood and plastic model airplanes.

Dean is survived by his wife, Jean Nee Fritze Erickson; three sons, Mark Erickson, Kristian (Karen) Erickson and Richard Erickson; four grandchildren, Hannah (Justin) Hart, Miriam

(Jameson) Olsen, Katie Erickson and Michael (Stephanie) Erickson; four great-grandchildren, Kyrie, Vincent, Jason and Imogene; and by his brother Richard (Jane) Erickson.

Donations/memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church and

School in Kalispell.

The funeral for Dean will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

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

Evelyn E. Etter, 99

Evelyn E. Etter passed away December 18 at the age of 99.

She was born in Brownton, Minnesota to Edward and Mattie Bipes. She received her two-year teaching degree from St. Cloud State in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and commenced her teaching career at a one-room schoolhouse where she was not only responsible teaching grades one through six but also maintaining and cleaning the schoolroom and the outhouse, keeping the fire going and shoveling snow.

Years later, she received her BS in education from the University of Minnesota and taught special education reading in Richfield, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis.

On October 1, 1943 she married Wayne Etter, a bomber pilot during WWII and after the war, a commercial pilot for Northwest Airlines. They lived in the Minneapolis area until 1979, when they retired. They spent their winters in Rio Verde, a golfing community in Arizona, and their summers on the Swan



River near Bigfork, Montana. She loved to golf, play bridge, read and make baskets.

She made dozens of beautiful baskets that she sold, but mostly gave away to friends and family.

She learned carpentry from her father, a builder, and gave that "can do" attitude to her entire family, especially her daughter.

She moved from Arizona to Grass Valley in 2012 to be near her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne Palmer, her two grandchildren Evan Palmer and Alan Palmer, and her 4 great grandchildren. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and was fiercely devoted to her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Etter and her son Bruce D. Etter.

There will be a private family celebration of life this summer in Bigfork, Montana where she will be laid to rest.

Karl Everett Erickson, 78

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Karl Everett Erickson, 78, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a year and a half battle with MDS, a bone marrow cancer.

He was born May 6, 1941, in Douglas, Arizona. He married his high school sweetheart, Joyce, on Sept. 28, 1963, in Culver City, California. They had one daughter, Tracy, in July of 1973.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Joyce (Bumback) Erickson; his daughter Tracy (Erickson) Toavs, son-in-law Ed Toavs, and four grandchildren, Katie, Christine, David and Rebecca Toavs; a brother, Fred Erickson and sister-in-law Pam Erickson, niece Amy (Erickson) Kilionski, and a brother-in-law Richard Bumback, and nephew Bill Bumback.

Karl was a 27-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, and his dream was to retire to Montana with his wife. He saw this dream become a reality in July of 1995, where has resided in Kalispell until the day of his death.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, provider and protector. His greatest love was his family whom he served selflessly, always putting them first.

He was an active member of Canvas Church (Kalispell Christian Center) since 1996 where he made many dear friends.

He loved the outdoors, fishing, camping,



motorcycle riding, water skiing, and even just working in the yard.

He could

fix, build, repair, plan, trouble-shoot, etc., almost anything. He loved Montana and was rarely seen without his trademark cowboy hat. He was a great man of integrity and honor, who left a legacy of godliness, beauty, grit and an impacting far beyond family, to churches and a state. We genuinely grieve his absence, but find comfort in his faith in Jesus, and in the precious memories that remain. We celebrate his welcome into God's presence.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, at the Canvas Church.

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.

Madeline N. Evans, 90

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Madeline N. Evans, 90 years old, passed away at her home in Grafton New Hampshire, on Sept. 20, 2019.

Madeline was born in Enfield, New Hampshire, the daughter of Alvy and Lena (Bill) Wheeler. She grew up in the Enfield area and was married to Robert N. Clough on March 8, 1947, and they spent 40 years in the Enfield area together until his death, raising eight children.

During her years in Enfield, Madeline spent years working at the Baltic Mill, Split Ball Bearing and retired from the Hanover Terrace. Madeline was, during her years in Enfield, a member of the Montcalm Grange.

Madeline remarried on Sept. 22, 1990, to Fred Evans and they enjoyed nearly 29 happy years with one another until her death, living and traveling to many places around the country. Madeline and Fred spent years living in Montana, Arizona, Washington and Florida, and eventually chose to settle back down in Croyden and Grafton, New Hampshire, during their retired years.

Madeline loved sports and rarely missed a chance to watch the Red Sox or Patriots, often cheering the loudest. She loved reading and playing games, enjoyed crocheting and dearly loved animals. She was always the first person to greet you with a cheerful hello and



a smile when you walked in the door. Madeline was devoted to her family and will

be greatly missed by her family and those who knew her.

Madeline was a wonderful, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, and was predeceased by her first husband, Robert Clough.

Madeline is survived by her husband, Fred Evans; her daughters, Kathleen Perrin of Canaan, New Hampshire, Diane Hagar of Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Betty Waddell of Springfield New Hampshire; her sons, Robert Clough of The Villages, Florida, Wendall Clough of Grafton, Frank Clough of Grafton, Michael Clough of Claremont, New Hampshire, and William Clough of Tallahassee, Florida; as well as by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Madeline's favorite flowers were carnations. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Upper Valley Humane Society.

Per Madeline's wishes, a service will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 5, at the Enfield Methodist Church.

There will be a gathering announced later.

Darlene D. Ernst, 88

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Darlene Doris Steinke of Kalispell passed away on Feb. 28, 2019.

Darlene was born on Aug. 26, 1930, in Massillon, Iowa, to Edward and Frieda Burmeister Steinke. She attended school in Lost Nation, Iowa, and graduated in 1947.

Darlene was married to Gene White in Lost Nation on Feb. 11, 1950. They resided in Gene's hometown of Canistota, South Dakota. They had four daughters, Nyla and husband, Greg Russell, of Havre, Sierr Whitehead of Fairmont, Minnesota, Brenda and husband, Gary Cuthbertson, of Bigfork, and Kathryn and husband, Kevin Boekhoff, of Farmington, New Mexico.

Darlene later divorced and in 1978 married Dr. Burrell Ernst. They resided in Lennox, South Dakota, until an automobile accident took the life of Burrell in 1982.

Darlene later moved to Kalispell. Her faith and belief of Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior was her focus in life. She was a charter member of the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, where she faith-



fully attended, until her health no longer allowed. Darlene found joy in doing for others. She

provided in-home care for the elderly, and participated in weekly services at Friendship House for over 20 years.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Frieda Steinke, and brother Raymond Steinke.

She is survived by one brother, Harley, and wife Sharon Steinke, of Tipton Iowa; her daughters, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church at 1 p.m. on March 7. Interment and a family service will take place at a later date in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home will be caring for the family.

At the request of the family, memorial donations may be made to Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, 2387 Hwy. 35, Kalispell, MT.

Catherine Mae Evans, 73

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Catherine Mae Evans, formerly of Kalispell, 73, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 1, 2019, due to natural causes.

Catherine was born on April 5, 1945, in Glendale, California to Andrew and Cecilia (Buell) Anderson. She was raised in Sunburst and attended North Toole County High School, graduating in 1963. On July 14, 1963, Catherine Mae Anderson married Stanley Evans in Shelby. The couple had three children, Andrew "Drew," Stanley "Duane," and Benjamin "James."

Through Stanley's work the couple traveled, most notably to Angola and Egypt. Catherine enjoyed playing bingo and on the computer. She crocheted and sewed afghans and dresses for the grandchildren, and also sewed potato bags. Catherine loved spending time with family and her Pomeranians; time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren



was the most coveted.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley;

son, Andrew; grandson, Gary Weller; parents, Andrew and Cecilia; and sister, Barbara Kimmet.

Catherine is survived by her sons, Stanley Duane Evans of Great Falls and Benjamin James (Kay) Evans of Havre; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and brothers, Thomas and Daniel Anderson of Columbia Falls and Andrew Anderson of Williston, North Dakota.

Cremation has taken place and services are pending.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Please visit Catherine's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for her family at www.hollandbonine.com.

Eva J. Evans 80

Eva J. Evans, 80, of Kalispell, died Jan. 16, 2019, in Kalispell.

No services are being

held at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat

Funeral Home is caring

for the family.

Herman B. Evans, 95

Only a few weeks after being featured in the November issue of the U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve Association, (FRA) magazine, Chief Petty Officer Herman B. Evans, surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully at a local hospital in Oxnard, California, on Dec. 11, 2018, at the milestone age of 95.

Chief Evans, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, was born on Oct. 15, 1923, in Big Sandy, Tennessee. He grew up on a simple farm with his parents Henry "Gord" and Jewell Evans and older brother and best friend, Henry, with whom he was very close to throughout Henry's life.

Chief Evans actually had two families. The first being his late wife of 60 years who was from Bigfork, his son Joe and daughters, Sandi Thomason and Jan Evans, and his second family, the U.S. Navy, which he served 30 years, becoming the Navy's youngest chief petty officer at the young age of 19, in what has been hailed as the country's "Greatest Generation."

As the FRA reported in their November 2018 edition, Chief Evans, hearing the call of duty, left high school early and enlisted in the regular Navy on Dec. 18, 1940, at the very young age of 17.

Chief Evans loved recounting stories of his days in the Navy and the journeys and adventures afforded to him with his 20 years of active duty and 10 additional years in the Navy Reserve, totaling 30 years of dedicated service to this country. Chief Evans enjoyed a very illustrious career in the Navy. One of his proudest moments, in life, was on Feb. 1, 1943, when at the young age of 19, he was promoted to chief petty officer, the Navy's youngest chief petty officer still to date. In 1956, at the age of 33, Chief Evans also had the honor



of escorting Doris Day to a War Bonds Gala. The opportunity to escort a gorgeous Hollywood actress was a major thrill of a lifetime for a young boy coming from a small farm in Tennessee.

During his 20 years active duty career, he

traveled the world with missions to Argentina, Newfoundland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iceland, England, Bermuda and the Netherlands. In typical military fashion, Chief Evans moved his family around the country to Maine, New York, Virginia, Maryland, California and Hawaii.

During his Navy days, Chief Evans picked up the nickname, "Skinner," always one to get the job done and entertain those around him throughout the process with a good story or yarn.

Skinner loved working with the Navy's aircraft. During this time, as a Naval aviation machinist's mate CPO, he realized that crews were spending an immense amount of time when they were trying to make repairs and could not reach inaccessible parts. An entrepreneur in his own fashion and always trying to find a better way, in 1953, while at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Maryland, Skinner invented and patented an aircraft tool to solve this problem. Since Skinner was in the service when he patented this invaluable tool, he never received any royalties for his invention.

In 1943, Skinner met his future wife of 60

^{July 2019} years, a Hollywood love story, that is only found in the movies. While dispatched to San Diego to get some aircraft parts repaired, "Skinner" was out on the beach one day and met two young women named Frances and her younger sister Lucille. Both sisters had moved to San Diego from Montana to join the war effort by working at a factory turning out World War II aircraft. Skinner asked for Lucille's contact information, but she would not give it to him. Seeing that Skinner was really taken with her younger sister, Frances intervened, and secretly gave Skinner Lucille's phone number. After one date, Skinner was deployed back to England on another tour of duty. Over several months overseas, Skinner and Lucille corresponded until Skinner returned and they finally had their second date. Needless to say, Skinner was smitten by this young woman from Bigfork and wanted to marry her, but having discovered the big city of San Diego, Lucille was not as eager to get hitched! Upon returning to San Diego and after a few more dates, they did marry on June 17, 1944, in Bigfork at the "Little Brown Church," that is still standing to this day. Not many years later, Skinner's brother Henry, who was also now in the Navy, met Lucille's sister, Frances, and they soon also married. A double love story — brothers marrying sisters. Each of them stayed married for the rest of their lives, with Skinner and Lucille being married for 60 years and Henry and Frances being married for 47 years.

After serving several tours of duty together as a family, Skinner and Lucille, with their three children, Joe, Sandi and Jan, were transferred to Point Mugu, California, in 1959. In less than a year, they

were all shipped off to Oahu, Hawaii, for a short time before returning to Oxnard, where Skinner and his family settled down in 1960. After 20 years of active duty, Skinner retired from the regular Navy on July 12, 1960. He then signed up for 10 years in the Navy Reserve, totaling 30 years of service. During his 30 years of service, Chief Evans was awarded the World War II Victory, Asiatic Pacific Area and American Theatre medals.

After leaving active duty, Skinner worked with Abex Aero Space Engineering for several years until he formed his own company in 1972. He later joined MVS in 1997, run by business entrepreneur and millionaire Martin "Bud" Smith. Skinner loved his many years working as Bud's right-hand man, erecting building after building in California, including "The Tower" in Oxnard and helping to found Oxnard College. As Skinner would say, they had many good times together, especially spending countless weekends on Bud's boat, the "Dry Martini."

Needless to say, in military and civilian life, Skinner lived life to the fullest, never taking a moment for granted. His philosophy on life, was that everything was and should be "Ship-Shape!" This was a credo to which he lived to his last day.

Skinner leaves behind three adult children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

On Saturday, July 6, Chief Petty Officer Herman B. Evans will be honored with full military honors in Bigfork where his married life began with his loving wife Lucille. The tribute will take place at the VFW Hall, beginning at 2 p.m., with the Honor Guard ceremony commencing at 3 p.m.

Trudy Carol King Evenson, 70

Trudy Carol King Evenson passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1949, to Bud and Sis (Lucille) King. Trudy grew up and was educated in Missoula. Her mother owned the Whistle Stop Drive In, a drive-through restaurant on Highway 93, where Trudy frequently helped. Sis then purchased the In-Between Bar. Both Sis and Trudy were fantastic to struggling college students whom Sis frequently employed. These college students became Trudy's lifelong "big" brothers. They rented from Sis and became Trudy's extended family.

After graduation from Helligate High School in 1966, Trudy obtained her registered nursing degree and worked for O and O Associates, Missoula Ophthalmologists, for many years. She married John Farthing and together they had two beautiful children, Tonja King and Todd King.

In the early '90s Trudy moved to Frenchtown to run the King Ranch Golf Course, a property her father Bud and son Todd developed. She met Dale Evenson and they were married in 1997. In the early 2000s Dale and Trudy purchased a home on Flathead Lake and turned it into a bed and breakfast called Wildhorse Hideaway north of Elmo. Dale and Trudy loved their guests, enjoyed boating, taking numerous drives in the side by side and spending time in Hawaii.



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pastels, pencils, chalk and watercolors. Her art work can be found in private collections around the globe.

Trudy was a selfless person and known as a loving, caring woman who was inclusive and genuinely loved all. A loving, devoted mother and wife, she was seldom seen without a smile on her face.

Her survivors include her husband Dale of the family home; her daughter Tonja (Al) and son Todd (Angela), daughter-in-law Lalena and Jeff Moore, Lynn (Jim) Rosenberg, Ty (Linda) Evenson, Renee' Harper, Todd Green and Dennis and Phyllis Washington; her grandchildren, Jasmine South, Daulton King, Tony Salguero King, Amanda Deegan, Casey Rosenberg, Kayla Mullens, Kyle Rosenberg, Cathy McElderry, Tim Evenson, Jessica

Evenson and numerous great-grandchildren and cousins. She is also survived by her chosen "big brothers," Jerry Murphy, Jim Costello, Jimmy Dean, Robbie Wilson, Mike Hogan, Ellis Tofte, Bruce Showen, Larry Petty and Bob Huntsberger and many cherished friends whose lives she touched. Steve Scoffene, Trudy's cousin, remembered her growing up: "Trudy could do anything. She was unstoppable in anything she tried to achieve - She was like a true 'princess warrior.'" And her cousin Dennis Washington said, "She was very near and dear to my heart." They remained close their entire lives. Trudy will be forever loved, missed, and cherished.

A celebration of her life is scheduled for early summer when the cherry blossoms bloom.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements are under The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Trudy was a woman of many talents. She enjoyed music, teaching and playing the piano, and ballet when younger. She was the state Women's Archery Champion in 1994. She was a fantastic chef, tweaking recipes and inventing delicious breakfasts for guests. Her artistic talent is widely known as she became an accomplished artist, creating art works using various media, including oils, acrylics,