

## Jane E. (Schiele) Gabanyicz, 79

Jane E. Gabanyicz passed in Jesus' arms on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, surrounded by family at her Kalispell home.

Born Feb. 2, 1940, to William and Florence (Lenora) Palmer, she resided in Polson while growing up.

In 1959 she married Ramon Schiele of Ronan. While living in Ronan, Ramona and Carlynn were born. In 1964 they moved to Eureka where Kevin and Beth were added to the family. They later divorced and Jane moved to the Flathead Valley. In 2001 she married Nick Gabanyicz of Columbia Falls.

Jane treasured her family and spent as much time as possible with them, camping, playing cards, canning and celebrating birthdays and holidays. She was always willing to help them out in any way she was able. She worked retail in Kalispell, retiring from JCPenney, and retired a second time at age 76, from the Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry where she volunteered for several years until they put her on the payroll.

Jane is survived by her husband, Nick; children, Ramona Schiele, Kevin (Taffy)

Schiele, Carlynn (Mike) Stahlberg, and Beth (Tom) Miller, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Mike (Samantha) Byers, Elissa (Kyle) Koehler, Matthew Stahlberg, Bryan (Heather Meyer) Stahlberg, Kevin Stahlberg, Danika (Jared Incononato) Schiele, Lacey Schiele, Joshua Miller and Kaylee Miller; great-grandchildren, Lillian and Ransom Byers, Reina and Kaedence Jane Koehler, Cole Incononato and Zoe Schiele. She is survived by her sisters, Ida Howell and Gladys (Bill) Harlan of Missoula, and brother, Sid (Nancy) Palmer of Sidney, Montana, and many cousins and extended family members.

Jane was preceded in death by her stillborn son and both parents. She leaves behind many beloved memories and loyal friends, Ardith, Gloria, Linda, Kathleen, Jan, and many others.

At her request, a memorial luncheon for family and close friends will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Faith Covenant Church, 611 Third Avenue East in Kalispell.

We love and miss you greatly!

She loved to cook and experiment with new food creations.

Anyone whose life she has touched understand her strength and compassion that she showed everyone and she will be sorely missed. The celebration of her life will be at noon Sunday, July 21, in the family home.

She loved traveling and exploring new places. Kori loved nature and enjoyed being in it whenever she could.

Her gardening was her passion, along with her shows of the supernatural. She lived for Halloween with her sugar skulls and Christmas. She enjoyed her theatrical shows, and her New Orleans Saints.

## Kori Gallagher, 42

Kori Gallagher was born in Havre in the month of July.



Kori had a wonderful life with her husband fishing and camping. She loved to

On Sunday, July 14, 2019, Kori Gallagher, loving wife and mother, passed away at the age of 42.

Kori is survived by her husband Jeremiah, her daughter Rebecca, grandmother Mary, mother Jean, father Jerry, sister Cyndy, brother James, her fur baby Odie and sever-

## Nikolaj 'Nik' Gabanyicz, 88

Nikolaj "Nik" Gabanyicz, 88, of Kalispell, died Sunday, June 23, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in

Kalispell.

Arrangements are being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## John H. 'Jack' Garlitz, 78

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John H. "Jack" Garlitz passed peacefully March 12, 2019, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Jack was born July 3, 1940 in Anaconda, the son of Alta Ruth Myers and Samuel Wells Garlitz. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Phyllis Garlitz, daughter MAJ Cindy J. Dean (USAR), currently residing in Washington, D.C., grandson, Alec W. Howell of Whitefish, son-in-law, Stuart Howell of Columbia Falls and his Aunt Vera Good, who just celebrated her 100th birthday. He was also blessed with niece Erika Kirst and family as well as nephew Dr. James Garlitz and family, along with numerous relatives.

Jack was preceded in death by his daughter, Candace M. Howell, grandson Devon Jon Howell and his brother James C. Garlitz.

Jack graduated from Whitefish High School with the Class of 1959, entering the US Army in November of 1959 and serving in Okinawa, where he made lifelong friends. He was honorably discharged the fall of 1962. He worked for C&H Sugar in San Francisco for a brief period after his military service, returning to Whitefish at his earliest opportunity.

His employment with the Great Northern Railway-Burlington Northern-Burlington Northern Sante Fe contributed to his life in many ways. Jack originally went to work as a "Gandy Dancer" laying down railroad track in 1954. Having discovered that he was only 14 at the time, he was sent home and invited to come back once he turned 16. He followed his family's tradition of grandfather, father and uncle who all worked for the railroad; retiring from BNSF the fall of 2002.



massive structural damage to tracks, bridges, tunnels and roads as the result of the Flood of '64. He experienced numerous train

derailments; the most serious in March of 1966 when two passenger trains collided killing both engineers and injuring several others. Jack was working the "Baggage Job" - he not only sorted the luggage of the train passengers he also handled sacks of U.S. mail. Normally his boxcar was located farther back from the engines. Due to weather and passenger train delays, the train, which was headed west, was made up differently, resulting in his baggage boxcar set directly behind the engines. He felt the "air dump," and he knew this meant disaster. He jumped into the sacks of mail and escaped serious injury. It was said that had his boxcar not been there to absorb some of the momentum, there would have been many more injuries.

His railroad job allowed his family to move to Spokane, Washington. Jack could work and attend Spokane Community College, finishing his BA in General Studies at Eastern Washington University. Soon after his graduation his daughter, Cindy, was born. Reaching a crossroad; whether to continue toward his four-year degree, which would mean quitting the railroad, or return to his beloved Whitefish. Daughter Candace was ready for first grade so it was decided to return home.

purchased acreage in Haskill Basin and built a log home that the family lived in for 47 years. He loved raising his daughters in such a beautiful spot complete with waterfall and a fish pond stocked with brook and rainbow trout.

Jack and Phyllis pursued their love of travel; enjoying most of the USA and Canada, from the San Juan Islands to El Paso, Texas; Alaska to Ft. Benning, Georgia, with a stop at the Grand Canyon. Daughter Cindy joined the U.S. Army in 2008. She was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. This presented opportunities to visit some of the east. Favorite international destinations included Mexico, Costa Rica and most recently South Africa.

Jack enjoyed a lifetime of fishing and hunting adventures. He and friends made many horse backpacking trips into Salmon Forks and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He introduced his daughters, their friends and other young family members to adventures in "the Bob." Jack and Phyllis made a 75 mile loop from Benchmark to Pretty Prairie and always felt it was one of the best trips they ever made. Hiking in Glacier Park with friends resulted in special memories. Jack also enjoyed canoeing with special friend Ron Millard. They canoed the Bowron River Circuit; the Missouri and Miras Rivers, and the Smith River was an annual trip for many years. His ultimate hunting highlight was his African safari in 2010.

of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and served on their "Committee" for over 10 years. He was a fundraiser extraordinaire. A lifelong member of the United Transportation Union, he was also active in the American Legion, Loyal Order of the Moose and recently a volunteer at the Whitefish Historical Society.

After his last hospitalization, he knew things were going to get more difficult. In talking with Phyllis, she asked him if it was scary to think about dying and without hesitation he said, "Oh no! I am excited to see what's on the other side!" Here's hoping he's riding his favorite spotted mule, along with his daughter Candace and grandson Devon and they are headed to the Chinese Wall. Jack always felt that God blessed him in life and that his good fortune would continue on to his next adventure.

Anyone wishing to donate in Jack's honor please consider the Montana Veterans Home or the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Cremation has taken place. Jack loved a great gathering. A celebration of Jack's Life will be held in June. Jack enjoyed telling stories, so if a little "embellishment" made them more entertaining, well all the better. It is hoped that Jack's friends share some of their best "Jack" stories at his gathering.

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

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John H. 'Jack' Garlitz, 78

He met his wife, Phyllis, at Gordy's Drive In and they married in February 1964. He worked their first summer and fall on work trains, as crews scrambled to repair the

Haskill Basin was a favorite place for him and his buddies to ride their bikes and fish in Haskill or Walker Creeks. Through divine intervention he and Phyllis

Jack loved his community; treasured growing up with friends and all the "adventures" they had. He, his brother Jim and lots of cousins also found a bit of mischief. Growing up in the 1950s and '60s allowed more wiggle room than they might find in today's world. He was a founding member of the Back Country Horseman, early member

Each of us has an Up North. It's a time and place far from the here and now. It's a map on the wall, a dream in the making, a tugging at one's soul.

For those who feel the tug, who make the dream happen, who put the map in the packsack and go, the world is never quite the same again.

We have been Up North. And part of us always will be.

Anonymous

## MEMORIALS

### John 'Jack' Garlitz

An open house celebration of life for John "Jack" Garlitz, 78, who died March 12, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the Whitefish Moose Lodge,

230 W. 10th St. Military honors will be held in the parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services is caring for the family.

## Barbara B. Gwin, 90

Barbara passed just shy of her 91st birthday on Jan. 11, 2019.

She moved to the Flathead in 1995 and found her "heart and spirit" home next to Glacier National Park.

Barbara was born March 8, 1928, and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. She left when she was 18 on a train headed west to San Francisco. The year was 1946. It was there she met Capt. Garland Gwin of the U.S. Army, a veteran of World War II. They were married at the Presidio Base Chapel in 1947 and after a year in Palo Alto, California, moved to Napa Valley where they resided for 45 years. There they raised their four daughters. Both Barbara and Garland worked for the state of California at Napa State Hospital. Besides that work, Barbara held a real estate license and was active in her daughters' school by being involved in the PTA, serving several years as the president. Barbara loved to travel. She and Garland would take the family on many trailer trips through the West and Southwest in their Airstream. She did her first trip to Europe in the '70s as a solo female traveler and that set the path for many more adventures.

After Garland died in 1993, she followed her youngest daughter Jeanne to Montana and there she fell in love with the grandeur of Glacier National Park. In 1995, she purchased land and had a house built to her needs and desire. These past 24 years were probably some of the happiest in her life. She continued to travel for many years for she loved to explore history and art. Among her destinations of Russia, Ukraine, Italy, all of Europe, Africa and Costa Rica, her favorite memories came from the city of Florence and of Africa, both of which she visited several times. Barbara also loved to visit her daughters in Northern California and each visit required time in San Francisco as well as the north Mendocino coast.

While living in the



Flathead, Barbara was an active member for many years of the Montana

Native Plant Society, Audubon and volunteered for Meals on Wheels as well as organizing many blood drives. Though she did not end up volunteering for the Owl Research Institute in Charlo, she was a devoted follower of their work and all things related to owls. Barbara loved everything that flowered, had wings, four legs and tennis. She was an avid gardener, making sure her home was in full bloom every spring and into the fall months. She was active and independent until a few weeks before she passed. Barbara lived her life the way she wanted to. We, as her family, are all better for that example.

Barbara is survived by her four daughters, Carol Barnes (Phil), Sue Gwin, Teri Gwin (Glenn Hummel) and Jeanne Pat Gwin (Mike Farley); her sister, Beverly Carter, of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Kirk Allen, Leslie Allen (James Hedges), and Ty Gwin-Robison (Ashley Clark); and great-grandchildren, Adeline Allen, Zhané Allen, Lillian Allen and Garland Gwin-Robison.

We would also like to acknowledge her close friend and neighbor Katherine Coombs for her devoted help during her last few weeks. Also huge thanks to the registered nurses, Rehab staff and doctors of Kalispell Regional Medical Center's Intensive Rehab Unit, as well as the excellent care of Home Options Hospice, registered nurse Jessica and certified nursing assistant Alicia, as well as the caregivers from Loyal Care.

A private ceremony will be held later this year.

In lieu of flowers or condolences, please send a donation to Owl Research Institute, P.O. Box 39, Charlo MT 59824.

## Paul Melvin Gerald Gardner, 86

Paul Melvin Gerald Gardner, 86, passed away on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at his home in Rexford.

Paul was born July 7, 1932, in Wolf Point to Jesse and Josephine (Linguist) Gardner.

He is survived by his wife, Mertie Ann (Dykstra); sons, Gerald (Wendy), David (Martha) and Neil (Tabatha); daughters, Arlene Welcher, Ruth (Darrel) Benjamin, ElaRae (Tony) Wilkes and Elsie Ann Gardner; brother, Dale (Mimi); and sister-in-law, Joan; 19

grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Eureka High School auditorium. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

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

## Barbara Jo Genrich, 87

Barbara Jo Genrich, 87, died Feb. 22, 2019 at her home in Kalispell. Services are current-

ly pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Kenneth V. Garfield, 74

Kenneth V. Garfield, 74, passed away on March 17, 2019, in Kalispell.

Kenneth was born on June 28, 1944, to Richard and Grace (Purvis) Garfield in Glendive.

Kenneth joined the Army where he earned his GED and was stationed in Fort Lewis before heading to Vietnam for a period of time.



He met and married Diane Kleman

and together had two sons, Lance and Shane Garfield.

He worked as a plumber / pipefitter in

Southwest Montana. He enjoyed skydiving and motorcycles and loved his 1980 Corvette.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his brothers, Pat Briggs and Duane Garfield.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Diane Garfield, sons Lance and Shane Garfield, sisters Leona Jobe, Dorothy Grooms, Sharon Briggs

and Linda England, and brother Mike Briggs.

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

## Richard 'Dick' Garvey, 77

Richard "Dick" Garvey, 77, of Whitefish, died April 6, 2019, at the Whitefish Manor.

He is survived by his children, Brendan Garvey

and Katrina Garvey.

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

## Hollis V. Gascoyne, 73

Hollis V. Gascoyne, 73, of Hamilton died March 9, 2019 in Kalispell.

No services are

being held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## James Garvey, 80

James Garvey, 80, died Nov. 27, 2019 at his home in Kalispell. Services are currently

pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Dennie L. Gasser, 72

*PAG 4 Sept 2019*  
Dennie L. Gasser died Aug. 30, 2019, of lung cancer.

Dennie was born July 19, 1947, in Polson to Wilda (McCracken) Gasser and Glen Gasser.

Dennie was the middle of 11 children. He had five brothers and five sisters. Dennie attended grade school in California, Libby and Pablo. He attended high school in Ronan.

Dennie got married when he was 17 and from that union had two children, one son and one daughter. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1965 where he went to work at Plum Creek Plywood. He worked there for over 37 years, mostly as graveyard supervisor. He retired in 2001.

Dennie was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and, most of all, golf. His many golf accomplishments include 15 holes-in one and 10 club championships at Village Greens. He especially loved playing or watching his daughter and

grandchildren in their sports. He also enjoyed traveling out of state to visit his son in St. Louis and later in San Diego.

Dennie married Karyl Hills Beck in 1995. They moved to Kalispell to Village Greens.

Dennie was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Karyl; one son, Shane Gasser, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and one daughter, Lena (Wes) Baertsch, of Ronan; three grandchildren, Kayla Couture of Missoula, Shayla (Mick) Cheff and Carston Baertsch of Ronan; one great-granddaughter Kadynce Couture, and one great-grandson Royce Couture of Missoula; and three brothers, including Glen and Bennie of Kalispell, and three sisters.

There will be a celebration of life at 2:30 p.m. on September 21 at the Village Greens Community Center after a golf tournament in his honor.

## Rebecca Gilham, 51

Rebecca Gilham, 51, died July 10, 2019 at her home in Martin City.

She is survived by her mother Lois Gilham, and children: Christopher Gilham, Andrew Burd, Brittney Sellars and Whisper Sellars.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 19 at Canyon Community Church.

Burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Rebecca's family.

## Philip B. Gillaspie, 71

Philip B. Gillaspie, 71, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

## Walter Lawrence Gilliam, 84

Walter Lawrence Gilliam, 84, of Bigfork, died Nov. 5, 2019, in Bigfork.

He is survived by his daughter Stacey Gilliam.

Private family services will be held in the spring. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Fay A. Gettig, 81

*PAG 17 Mar 2019*  
Fay A. Gettig went home to be with the Lord on March 14, 2019, peacefully, at Welcov Assisted Living.



She was born on Feb. 3, 1938, in Minot, South Dakota. She was preceded in death by Ted, her husband of 45 years. Fay graduated from Cheney High School in Washington in 1954.

She was a loving mother and grandmother who loved her family. She enjoyed flower gardening and canning. Going to Arizona and being a "snow bird" in the winter was a joy to her.

She is survived by

two brothers, Chris and Earl Aman of Spokane, Washington, children Ted Gettig (Linda), Sherry Wehrman (John), Mark Gettig and Tamara Gettig, and seven grandkids and 16 great grandkids, who were all a joy to her and she loved spending time with them.

A celebration of Fay's life will be 1 p.m., Monday, March 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Heart Association. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## William A. 'Bill' Glidden, 73

PAG 15 May 2019

William A. "Bill" Glidden passed away on Feb. 27, 2019, his wife at his side.

Bill was born on March 30, 1946, to Leon J. and Bettie C. Glidden in Seattle. Bill attended schools in Seattle until the family moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1962. Bill graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1964. He graduated from Chadron State University in Nebraska where he earned a degree in industrial arts.

Bill also proudly served our nation during his time in the National Guard. He was a duty, honor, and country man all the way.

Bill was married to his life partner, Shirley O'Neill, for 45 years. Bill had a long and successful career with the Boeing Company for 30 years where he spent time working and traveling internationally when not at the corporate headquarters in Seattle.

Bill loved life and was an avid sportsman. He was an excellent skier and loved golfing, hunting and fishing. Bill was an exceptional fisherman and would outmatch his friends for prize winning catches. He would stand by the icy river for hours when the whitefish were in. Bill was also an



exceptional woodcarver and handcrafted many award-winning Northwest Indian pieces.

Bill was a kind-hearted man who always

took care of his friends and neighbors. From helping a Cub Scout build a soap box derby car to helping a neighbor build a new porch deck, he was there if you needed him. Bill and Shirley moved to Kalispell in 2003 upon his retirement from the Boeing Company.

He was an active

member of St. Matthew's Parish and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, his sister Suzanne Sullivan (David) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, sister and brother-in-law John and Sharron Moran of Helena, his nephews Jerry Moran, Kevin Moran and Michael Burns, and niece Heather Anderson and their families. Bill's love for Shirley knew no bounds. His character and spirit will sorely be missed by everyone fortunate enough to have been his friend.

Funeral services for Bill will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on March 16, with rosary at 10 a.m.

The family requests in lieu of sending flowers, please consider a donation to the William Glidden Endowment for the preservation of the Jesus Statue on Big Mountain. The statue commemorates the 10th Mountain Division, which had fought in Italy in World War II. Bill was a very strong advocate in the defense of the statue. For a history please Google "bill glidden Jesus big mountain." Donations can be made to the Knights of Columbus Council 1328 - William Glidden Endowment, c/o St. Matthew's Parish, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Lloyd James Glieden, 82

PAG 19 May 2019

Born Sept. 18, 1936, in Perham, Minnesota, Lloyd James Glieden passed away at the age of 82 on May 7, 2019, on his ranch in Kalispell, surrounded by his family. He has gone up to heaven to be with his son Lance and grandson Griffin.

Lloyd leaves behind his beloved wife and sweetheart of 60 years, Beverley Kay Glieden; and four children and their spouses and eight grandchildren, Eric Glieden, wife Cyndy Glieden and children Justin and Ashley; Kristen Broughton, husband Michael Broughton, and children Gabriel and Alexandra; Heather Sloan, husband Ronald Sloan and children Isabella, Abigail and Luke; and Shannon Glieden and daughter Olivia Shelton.

Amazing husband, dad, and Poppo, our hearts are heavy and broken. We will see you in heaven.



Lloyd moved from Oakley, California, where he raised and raced hom-

ing pigeons for over 50 years, then in 2015 moved and retired in Kalispell where he loved to fish and explore, look at nature and tend to his herd of Texas Longhorn cattle.

He loved his wife, kids and grandkids with all his heart. Lloyd was loved and admired by many. Lloyd died a painful death from mesothelioma lung cancer. If you would like to donate to curemeso.org in lieu of flowers, please contact Kristen Broughton, 406-212-6237, kristen@locationsmontana.com with inquiries.

Private funeral services will be at 11 a.m. May 21 at Bigfork Community Cemetery, in Bigfork.

## Nicholas Charles 'Chuck' Ginnaty, 36

Nicholas Charles "Chuck" Ginnaty, 36, passed away on June 21, 2019, in Kalispell. Nick was born on May 24, 1983, in Kalispell.

Nick will always be held warmly in our hearts and memories as a talented chef, making everyone happy with his fabulous cuisine. Always willing to try new and best recipes, he kept all of his friends and family well fed with delightful treats from appetizers to desserts. Nick was able to fulfill his culinary passions in his work at a number of well-known



restaurants were even in the summer. Nick had a giant, loving heart, infectious smile and loved making us all laugh. He was a loving son, brother, nephew and friend and will be missed by all.

Nick is survived by his mother, Bernice "Bunnie" Ginnaty, Zachary "Zach" Ginnaty, and his niece Joli, his special love family, Tiff, Maci and Dean and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by Grandpa and Grandma Ginnaty, his uncles James Ginnaty and

that contributions be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) in honor of Nick. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

## Joey Gonzales, 34

Joey Gonzales, 34, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Thomas Harold Gorder, 68

Thomas Harold Gorder, 68, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Vera M. (Sullivan) Good, 100

Vera M. (Sullivan) Good passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, at Wel-Life Center in Kalispell.

Vera was born Dec. 12, 1918, on the home ranch in Deer Park (off of what is now Columbia Stage Road) to parents Michael "Henry" Sullivan and Mary C. (Nutter) Sullivan. They moved to the ranch near Deer Park School when Vera was 5 years old to be close to the school, where she was educated and then graduated from Flathead County High School with the Class of 1936.

On Oct. 1, 1941, Vera married Charles C. Myers in Whitefish; three children were born, Larry C. Myers, Michael I. Myers and Lee Myers.

Mr. Myers ranched, worked for Stolze Lumber, Eureka Mill and Flathead County Park and Recreation. Vera was a full-time mother and ranch wife on the property they bought adjoining Deer Park School. Charles C. Myers died Sept. 3, 1966. Vera went to work as a nurse aide at Flathead County Nursing Home in Kalispell in 1966 and worked there until January of 1970.



ing years. Vera touched many lives and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of

knowing her.

Vera was baptized and joined First Christian Church of Columbia Falls March 25, 1956. She served as the first elder, served as church secretary, active in Christian Women's Fellowship and many other church functions as well as being active in Church Women United. She also tied quilts at the Klothes Kloset. Vera transferred her membership to Central Christian Church in Kalispell August 2001. She has been a member of Lady of Moose in Anchorage since 1977. Important to her was her faith, family, friends and gardening. She had a beautiful iris garden, and raised many colors of African violets and vegetable gardens. She enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels, with her loyal companion Kipper at her side. She enjoyed traveling when possible to new places in Alaska, the Philippines and Mexico.

Vera was also preceded in death by her parents, son Lee A. Myers in 1983, son Larry C. Myers in 2005, and nephew John "Jack" Garlitz in 2019.

Survivors include son Michael I. Myers of Sidney, 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, one special niece, four nephews, and several cousins and friends. They were all loved dearly by Vera.

Vera married William Good on Jan. 26, 1970, in the Columbia Falls Christian Church. She moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where Bill was employed with the Anchorage Police Department. Vera was employed with Anchorage School District as a school bus attendant from September 1974 to June 1980. Mr. Good died May 9, 1979. Vera sold the home in Anchorage and moved back to Columbia Falls where she had a home built. Many memories were made in Columbia Falls with lots of family gatherings and church gatherings. She stayed in her home until 2005 after her son Larry passed away, at which time she sold the home and moved back to the homestead by Deer Park School. She then moved to Wel-Life Assisted Living where she made many new friends, enjoyed daily activities, and lived out her remain-

A visitation for Vera will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29, at Columbia Mortuary. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 30, at Central Christian Church of Kalispell, 248 2nd Ave. East. Lunch will be served at the church following services, and burial will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Vera's family.

## Marjorie Caroline Gordon, 74

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Marjorie Caroline Gordon, 74, went home to be with the Lord and receive her reward on Saturday, May 4, 2019. She is dancing with Jesus now in the garden of heaven.



Marge was born on Dec. 18, 1944, to Vincent and Dorothy Hoerner. The oldest of eight children, she grew up in Columbia Falls, enjoying a childhood surrounded by her siblings and cousins. Marge's family is remarkably close and always out for an adventure. She recalled memories of fishing on the banks of the river with a stick pole, preferring her younger brother, Ray, to put the worms on the hooks and take the fish off due to her early love for animals. She enjoyed bike riding, roller skating, horseback riding and ice skating as well as spending time with her friends, Diane Stone and Sandy Cook, and cousins, Lucille and Shirley.

In 1962, Marge graduated from Columbia Falls High School and attended Kinman Business College in Spokane, Washington. She also joined the military and was stationed in Paris Island, South Carolina, before returning to her hometown. She fell in love and married Dave Gordon in June of 1969 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

They moved to Townsend, Montana, where their first son, Rich, was born. The family then moved to North Bend, Washington, where their family expanded with the addition of their second son, Ron. Life also brought the Gordons to Pago Pago, American Samoa, for 18 months, where plenty of new adventures awaited them. Marge told the story of going outside once to find her two white-haired boys sitting in the back of a truck surrounded by a group of exceptionally large Samoan men as they journeyed to the nearest bush store to get a treat.

After returning to the states, Marge continued home to the Flathead with her two boys. A natural caretaker, she worked at the Montana Veterans Home, tending to the care of others who had served our country. She made everyone who knew her feel like family. She was courageous and always ready to try

something new, from bungee-jumping with her son, Rich, to moving to Hawaii for a brief time. She had a gentle heart and was a nurturing mother. She was also selfless in her love. Her family was confident and comforted that she was in constant prayer for them. She was an amazing prayer warrior, always believing and hoping for the best.

Marge attended The River Church where she also poured out her love in service, ministering and praying for others. She was a lightning rod for the Glory of God. She attended mission trips to Thailand and Brazil, where she encountered many new friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. She had the honor to see God's hand move mightily both in the states and beyond. She witnessed God heal and set many free many people in the family of God. She was one who not only talked the talk, but walked the walk, yearning to see God glorified. Her one true love was Jesus Christ and now they will dance together forever. Marge has entered into eternity where she was greeted by her parents, Vincent and Dorothy Hoerner, her brothers, Ray and Ben Hoerner, and her sister-in-law, Wendy Hoerner.

Marge leaves behind a legacy of great faith with her sons, Rich and Ron Gordon, her daughter-in-law, Samantha Gordon, and with her grandchildren, Colby, Anika, Cody, Carter, and Conner Gordon. She is survived by her brother, Ed Hoerner, and his wife, Linda; her brother, Gary Hoerner; her sister, Mary Morstad, and her husband, Nick; her sister, Theresa Jackson; her sister, JoAnn Haverkorn, and her husband, Terry; and her sister-in-law, Carol Hoerner. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and countless brothers and sisters in Christ. We love you, Marge, and we will see you again.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life on Tuesday, May 14, at The River Church; 1275 U.S. Hwy 2 W., Kalispell. A viewing will be held at 10 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at The River Church, and a burial prayer at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Reception for family and friends following. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Billie Gossett, 93

Billie Gossett, 93, of Kalispell, died Dec. 10, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. Arrangements

are being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for her family.

## Joan P. Gotschalk, 89

Joan P. Gotschalk, 89, of Bigfork, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at Rising Mountains Assisted Living in Bigfork.

Arrangements are being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for her family.

## Julie Fredenberg Goulet, 56

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Julie passed away on Feb. 9, 2019, following an exhausting, hard struggle with lung cancer and brain cancer.



fed. She was famous for her 10-pound lasagna and Better than Sex cake.

She was born Feb. 26, 1962, in Billings. She came into the loving arms of Les and Jo Ann Fredenberg. Brothers Tom and Bill were thrilled with their new sister.

Julie grew up in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1980.

She loved horses and in high school had her own paint horse named Lacy.

After high school she moved to Kalispell and began working at Taco Johns.

She met Bryan Goulet and they married on March 26, 1983. They had three children, Tyler, Josh and Kayla.

Julie was a hardworking, dependable worker wherever she worked. She worked for many years for Taco Johns and at the old Walmart. Her latest job was at Teletec in Kalispell.

Whenever she had days off in the summer they would head out to go camping somewhere. She especially loved the backside of Thompson Lake and McGregor Lake. She would cook and pack supplies for days ahead to make sure everyone would be comfortable and well

Julie loved flowers and at her new home they moved to three years ago she designed and planted a beautiful rock garden and roses that just seemed to bloom all summer long.

She was preceded in death by her father Les Fredenberg, and brother Bill Fredenberg.

She is survived by her husband, Bryan Goulet; and children, Tyler Goulet of Missoula, Josh Goulet of Columbia Falls, and Kayla Goulet of Columbia Falls; and two grandsons, Caleb Neff and Keenan Dinelli of Columbia Falls who were very special to her. She is also survived by her mother Jo Ann Fredenberg of Columbia Falls, and her brother Tom of Newport, Washington.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

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

## Delmar B. Granmo, 85

Delmar B. Granmo, 85, passed away peacefully at his Whitefish home on Dec. 27, 2018.

Del was born on Feb. 21, 1933, in Missoula to Andrew and Lillie Granmo. The family moved to Kalispell where Del graduated from Flathead High School in 1951. After graduation, he joined the Navy and was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as a naval photographer. After the Navy, Del attended Montana State University and graduated with a degree in accounting. He later received his master's degree from the Thunderbird School of International Management.

In 1956, Del married Shirley Paola. Together they had three children, Cindy, Jerry and Bryon. The family lived in the Philippines for many years, where Del worked for Firestone International and later, Grolier Publishing. After returning to the Flathead in 1972, he and Shirley owned and managed Win-Na-Kee resort on Whitefish Lake. After selling the resort, Del worked as an accountant for several local businesses before



retiring in 1994.

One of Del's lifelong passions

was golf. He lived to play golf, and was an avid and dedicated golfer until a stroke left him unable to play. His other passion was his 39-year friendship with Bill W., and he dedicated most of his time and energy in helping others in the program.

Del was preceded in death by his two sons, Jerry and Bryon. He missed them every single day. He was also preceded by his parents, his brother Lauren, and his sister Dianne.

He is survived by his daughter, Cindy, and his granddaughter, Marit.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Veterans Food Pantry in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Roger Lionel Granet, 75

Roger Lionel Granet, 75, died Friday, June 21, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Service will be held in Auburn, Maine. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

nity for going above and beyond to support and help with Will's care at our time of need.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. Interment will take place at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.dalyleachchapel.com](http://www.dalyleachchapel.com)

## Wilfred 'Will' Gravelin, 61

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Kinsleigh Short (Josh Davee) of Montana; brothers, Ernie (Crissy) Gravelin of Columbia Falls, Justin Gravelin of Hungry Horse, and Matt (Shanda) Gravelin of Columbia Falls; mother and father-in-law, Karl and Connie Short; his many treasured nieces, nephews and friends; and four-legged "daughter," Gypsy.

Thank you to our family, friends and commu-

He enjoyed family barbecues, camping and fishing.

Will was preceded in death by his first wife, Dianna Marie Gravelin; mother, Thelma Lou Cobb; father, Earl W. Gravelin; and mother, Sandy Gravelin.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Shelby; daughter, Amanda Gravelin, of Arizona; son, Lynn Gravelin of North Dakota; and daughter,

Wilfred "Will" Gravelin, 61, of Shelby lost his courageous battle with cancer Friday, April 5, 2019, at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospice Center in Hamilton.

Will was born Aug. 23, 1957, in Connecticut, the eldest son of Earl and Thelma Lou Cobb Gravelin. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and enjoyed running the business with his brothers.

## Russell Gregory, 75

Russell Gregory, 75, of Kalispell, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019.

He is survived by his wife Laura, and his two daughters Paula and Shannon.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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

Marshall Wilderness. He was a long-time member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish and currently a member of Golden West Lutheran Church of Chouteau County.

He is preceded in death by his parents and survived by two sisters.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. at Golden West Lutheran Church, 23 miles east of Conrad.

worked as a mechanic and fuel delivery driver for his in-laws, George and Esther Stacey, at Stacey Oil Company in Whitefish. His smile greeted customers daily for over 40 years.

Don was an avid hunter and enjoyed elk hunting in the Middle Fork with his good friend, Terry Nelson. In his younger years, he loved taking his kids on horseback into the Bob

Abigail Gray both of Great Falls; three great grandchildren, Harper, Kendrick, and Madoc; and step great grandchildren, Noeabna, Mila, and Daclan.

Don was a 1965 graduate of Whitefish High School and enjoyed playing the trumpet in the high school band. He was inspired by the musical talents of his Uncle Willy and Aunt Dorothy Schwartz. Don

Stacey (Drew) Pike of Big Arm, Jim (Nicole) Gray of Columbia Falls, and Jerry (Jessica) Gray of Great Falls. He will be greatly missed by his eight grandchildren, Julia (Clayton) McDaniel, Joel (Avalon) Gray of Cut Bank, Kaylee (Makenzy) Gray of Polson, Meghan (Cory) Gray of Columbia Falls, Brandon Gray of Great Falls, Jacob (Haley) Gray of Kalispell, Kennedy Gray and

Donald E. Gray, 71, of Conrad/Brady area and formerly of Whitefish, passed away on Dec. 29, 2018 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Don was born on Feb. 8, 1947 in Whitefish. He was loved and will be greatly missed by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 52 years, Elaine Gray, currently of Conrad, and his four children, John (Jamie) Gray of Kalispell,

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## Marjorie Cecilia (Bakshas) Gravelle, 77

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Marjorie Cecilia (Bakshas) Gravelle, 77, passed away suddenly on Sept. 23, 2019.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Bill in 2007.

She was born on July 30, 1942, in Seattle. She graduated Columbia Falls High School in 1960 involving herself in music and the local community choir. She was married in 1962 and traveled the country supporting her husband, a member of the United States Air Force. Upon retirement they resettled back to Columbia Falls where they continued to be active in the local community and St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Love and generosity came naturally. She was an amazing woman who had a strong passion for her family and helping others. She was known for her willingness as a volunteer. Her most notable service was to the American Red Cross and Helping Hands. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed travel, American history, genealogy and a



variety of arts and crafts. She was empowered intellectually and fully engaged in life.

She is survived by her three children,



Gregory Scott and Shelton Ann Gravelle of Ada, Michigan; Anthony Wayne Gravelle of Springfield, South Dakota; and Tamara Renee and Shannon McMeans of Arlington, Texas; grandchildren, Josiah Scott, Samuel Patrick, Jonathan Yeats, Benjamin Williams, Nathaniel Robert, Peter Bakshas, Anna Cecilia-Marie Gravelle; and Meaghan Renee and Travis Wayne McMeans; and one surviving sister, Helen Jean Bakshas, of Pasco, Washington.

Services were held Sept. 30 at St. Richard Catholic Church of Columbia Falls.

She leaves us full of memories to last a lifetime.

## Robert B. Greene, 72

Robert B. Greene, 72, of Columbia Falls, died July 28, 2019 at home. Robert is survived by his wife Sheri Greene and his children; Malinda Greene,

Robert B. Green Jr., and Christopher B. Green. No services will be held. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Robert's family.

## Marie Greeson

A memorial service for Marie Greeson, 91, who died Nov. 9, 2018, will be held at 11

a.m. Saturday, June 8, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Benjamin F. Grimm, 90

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member of the early '90s. Ben's last 25 years were spent at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where everyone there became his family. He will be fondly remembered by his smile, his love of funny hats and costumes. Ben always talked about how he enjoyed going on the bus to different parades and events in town. He loved playing bingo and winning prizes.

He was preceded in death by a brother Herbert Grimm, his mother Lizzy, and father Albert Grimm.



Ben is survived by his

brother Robert Grimm and sister-in-law Betty Grimm of Cut Bank, five nieces, a nephew, and several cousins. The family of Ben Grim is forever grateful for the love and compassion shown to Ben for the last 25 years he lived at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Memorials are suggested to the Montana Veterans Home in memory of Ben. Urn burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Ben's family.

Benjamin F. Grimm, 90, passed away on Sept. 20, 2019, at the Montana Veterans Home.

Ben was born in Kila Dec. 19, 1928, to Albert and Lizzy Grimm. Ben was one of three boys. Ben grew up in West Glacier and attended school there through eighth grade.

Ben was drafted into the Army in 1951 and served until 1953 in Panama and Newfoundland. He served in the Army Reserves and joined the Montana National Guard, retiring as a staff sergeant at age 60. Ben was also a life

## Frederick William Herman Griep, 98

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Frederick William Herman Griep, 98, passed away on July 20, 2019, staying in his own home of 69 years and achieving his goal of not going to a nursing home. His death marks the end of an era as he was the longest-living person ever on both sides of his family.



a love for God and others, values of faithfulness, excellence, inclusion, and respect for nature, strong work ethics and an under-

standing of developmentally disabled children.

Born on June 26, 1921, he was the 13th child of the fourth generation of Americans that emigrated from Germany in 1871. He was born on a dairy farm outside of Shawano, Wisconsin. After high school, he served in the Army Occupational Forces. After serving his country and going back to the farm, he and his brother decided to head to Kalispell where he met his beautiful wife-to-be, Helen Viola Holmquist. They had eight children, including one set of twins. Their extended family includes 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Fred, or Fritz, as some called him, was an avid hunter, master fisherman, and super-gardener. His self-employed business, "Homes of Enchantment," described dozens of his custom-built homes in the Flathead Valley. He took early retirement to become his wife's caregiver for the next 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Helen Holmquist Griep; her eight siblings; his parents, Frank Sr. and Bertha (Jeudes) Griep; his 12 siblings; granddaughters, Laura Wheeler and Sarah Clinchers, as well as Josh Clinchers.

He is survived by his children, Mary Jo (Tony Wheeler); Joyce Tucker (Clint Weyrauch); Janice Griep; Ronald Griep; Ronda (Kevin Neitzling); Colleen (Alan Nolan); Theresa (Brad Empe); and Tammy Griep. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Mark and Camille, Shannon, Jeremy, David, Jonathan and Nicole, Katelyn, Kallai and Chris, Kaleb, Kadeesh and Robert, Adyn and Josh, Aubrey and Trent, Daniel and Kate, Andrea and James, Tim and Joel; great-grandchildren, Alex, Aiden; Lauren, Lindsay, Skyler; Noah, Wiley; Kenadee, Madison; Jaxon, Derrick; Schyler (Helena); Shae; Zachary, Eva, Anna; Annora, Emberlynn; great-great-grandchildren, Lilly, Everlee; Saelor, Fable, Brady.

He attended the Assemblies of God church, now called Canvas, for almost 65 years. He served on their board, was an usher and, for 30 years, was a Royal Ranger leader. He helped build the Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse and donated the most volunteer hours in construction of the Lighthouse Group Home. He was a lifetime member of Gideons International and Flathead Wildlife Inc. He was known for helping with church youth groups and big family parties. Fred was well-known for cooking and donating "pike-burgers" and homemade apple pies to Canvas' senior luncheons, Sykes Community Thanksgivings and Samaritan House.

Fred was always busy finding projects to do. The family worked as a team while huckleberry picking, bugling elk, camping, gardening and playing games. He instilled in his children

A memorial celebration officiated by the Rev. Bob Ross will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. Use the West Entrance; elevator on left, to the lower auditorium. A reception follows at 11:30 a.m. A 1:30 p.m. graveside service with military honors will be held at C.E. Conrad Cemetery, 641 Conrad Drive, Kalispell.

Memories may be posted on the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home website. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59903; Flathead Wildlife Inc., P.O. Box 4, Kalispell, MT 59903; or Canvas Church.

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## Vincent Louis 'Vince' Grillo, 83

Vincent Louis "Vince" Grillo, 83, of Bigfork, passed away in the comfort of his own home surrounded by his family on March 16, 2019.

Vince is survived by his wife, Virginia, of 61 years, daughters Pamela, Melanie and Tara, and son Vinny, brothers Joseph and Melchoir, five grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Vince was preceded in death by his grandson, Aaron.

Vince was a loving father, husband, grandfather, friend and mentor to many. Born in Brooklyn, New York, to his parents, Melchoir and Jennie, Vince was an active kid and a solid athlete growing up. Vince graduated from Brooklyn Poly Technical Institute with a civil engineering degree. Vince married the absolute love of his life, Virginia Truglio. Vince and Virginia were true soul mates, and had a love affair like no other. They enjoyed many things together in their early years, including dancing, socializing with friends and family and so many of Virginia's cousins, going on short trips and raising their four children.

After serving in the Army Corps of Engineers, Vince worked as an engineer on many large projects on the East Coast. With such a creative mind, Vince developed an amazing ability to conceptualize and manage the construction of office buildings, shopping centers, residential communities and homes and it seemed to come naturally to him. Vince worked very hard, pushed himself, valued work ethic and instilled those qualities in his children.

In 1970 Vince packed up his family and moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where he was recruited by the ski area to be their chief real estate consultant. Shortly after that, Vince started to work for himself creating and building out several real estate projects. The family thrived in Colorado where they all enjoyed skiing and recreating. On many occasions, Vince and Virginia would load up the family in their Jeep Wagoneer and drive up Buffalo Pass, Service Creek or to Steamboat Lake for a picnic or a day of fishing and swimming, listening to John Denver or Neil Diamond on the car stereo. Vince designed and had their family log home mini-farm built in Strawberry Park. The home was complete with a log barn, chickens, turkeys and rabbits that they raised as well as a couple of horses, a large vegetable garden and a 10-acre hay pasture. Life was good at what Vince and Virginia named the "Sweet Life Farm." At the peak of its summer glory,



eldest daughter Pam was married on the property to Jeff Robinson.

Vince's biggest goal

in his life was to provide for his family and send his kids to college. He succeeded in that goal and when the two youngest kids were still at university, Vince and Virginia moved to Connecticut so Vince could form a company with his two brothers and continue in their real estate endeavors. Brothers Joseph and Mel perfectly complemented Vince with their different skill sets and abilities.

The residence they purchased in Connecticut had been somewhat neglected, but Vince and Virginia brought that home back to its pristine beauty. The grounds were also transformed through their hard work and love for plants, trees and flowers. They aptly named this home, Belterra, meaning beautiful earth. Middle daughter Melanie was married to David Meeks in grand Italian wedding fashion on the property. After several years in Connecticut, Vince was now semi-retired, and with all kids now graduated from college, Vince and Virginia were looking for their next chapter and place to move that would provide most of the things they loved and enjoyed. After extensive research and visiting many different areas, they decided that Bigfork, Montana, would be their next home.

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Vince found a beautiful property on the Swan River where he designed and had their forever home built. "The River House" was their pride and joy and the passion they shared to improve the land was nothing short of incredible. Many summer days were spent there with the children, grandchildren and friends. There was always a feast with Virginia's finest food creations as well as Vince's homemade pizzas in the outdoor pizza oven or delicious barbecues. These gatherings were very common and often had 20 to 25 people in attendance. The grandkids would come to play, swim, fish, float the river, pick berries and do what kids do. These were the best memories that Vince would ever have. Vince was a family man at his core and his family was his life, his pride and his joy. Youngest daughter Tara was married to Steve Harbin at The River House.

Vince had many hobbies and most people who knew him could tell he was a perfectionist. Most everything that Vince did, he did with a laser focus and would learn everything he could about the subject matter. Vince

Grillo



## Vincent Louis "Vince" Grillo

liked to read and had an extensive library of books. He loved to garden and spend time growing flowers, vegetables, and fruit trees. With Virginia always by his side, every place they made a home was a virtual botanical garden. They took pride in growing many of the healthy foods that would wind up in the family dinners. Cooking is a central theme with Virginia, and Vince was pretty darn good around the kitchen as well.

Vince and Virginia spent many winters in the Florida Everglades where they had scores of friends they would reunite with every year. Since they owned a condo there, this was the only place they did not have extensive gardens and could spend their time fishing, recreating and socializing. Vince will be sadly missed by his close friends on Chokoloskee Island.

One of Vince's true passions was fly fishing. He traveled to many corners of the world catching and releasing fish for the love of the activity, beauty of the destination, and camaraderie. Vince tied his own flies and enjoyed every aspect of the sport. Meal planning was a huge part of the adventure, and all those that would be in attendance would likely get the gourmet menu emailed to them, along with a recommendation of flies to bring to match the hatch. He got his son Vinny hooked on fly fishing as a young boy and every spring and fall Vince and Virginia would visit Vinny, his wife Debbie and their daughter in Idaho. Vince would always make time to venture away to the Idaho rivers to go fishing where he relished his father-son

bonding time.

As much as Vince loved to cast a fly, his truer art and love was to teach his skills. He mentored friends, acquaintances, his wife, daughters and grandchildren. He referred to his grandsons as his protégé. His love of the sport and legacy has been passed down and around so others can continue creating forever memories. In his own words, "There are few endeavors in life that create pleasure for one's entire existence, cradle to grave. And there are far fewer which can be performed in the most beautiful and serene places on earth. Fly fishing has been my passion for as long as I can remember. It all started with a green, steel, hexagonal, telescopic fly rod, which my dad bought for me on my 10th birthday. I was hooked."

With a real knack for storytelling, Vince started to write short stories, often about fishing trips or excursions he went on with Virginia. Vince had so many friends that he kept in touch with, that

every few weeks he would email a story with a different title. The subject line would read "Vince's Wanderings," and all the recipients would wait for the story and cherish the short tale, often with a moral or lesson. These stories would take you away from your day to day and have you drift to foreign places and into the mind of each character in the story. There were so many great stories that after a while, Vince got them published into book form. He did not do this for fame or fortune, but to share his adventures and love of life with his friends and loved ones so everyone could re-live the memories.

Vince helped many people throughout his life. He was like a teacher who loved his students to grasp the subject and solve the problem. Vince was a problem solver in every sense of the act. Through his organization, his methodical understanding and deep knowledge of many subjects, he was eager and happy to help people or family members through a tough time or situation. He would get involved in any project you asked him for help with. His patience, willingness and ability to drop everything to find a solution or get one back on track was commendable. Although not true foster parents, Vince and Virginia fostered several kids, took them into their home and treated them like a part of the family. Most all these kids were having family problems or from broken homes. Providing for these individuals, teaching them life lessons and trying to turn their life around was a duty that Vince and Virginia felt they would provide simply because they were able and fortunate.

Vince was truly a legend in his children's eyes and well as Virginia's. They all looked up to him as if he was super human and could make anything possible. No words will express how much he will be missed. He was a great man who touched and inspired so many lives.

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

## Helen Estelle (Benton) Grob, 94

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Helen Estelle (Benton) Grob passed peacefully on March 28, 2019, surrounded in her last days by her loving family.

She was born the third child of William Orlando Benton and Minnie Hazel (Durst) Benton in Independence, Oregon, on June 17, 1924. Shortly thereafter her birth, the family returned to the Flathead Valley where she spent the remainder of her life.

Helen was preceded in death by her father and mother, two brothers, Clifford Benton, Frederick Benton, and one sister, Phyllis Harding; husband Chris E. Grob and three children, Richard Grob, Evelyn Grob, and Christine Grob, and great grandson, Jace Woldstad.

After being schooled in the Flathead, she married Chris E. Grob. They moved to Creston where they raised the family of nine children on their farm. Before electricity, hand carrying water, she was raising five small children and a niece. Against such adversity, she still made certain her children had social, educational, and religious experiences. These included attending school, church functions, multiple family picnics, 4H, and weekly roller-skating trips. It was important for Helen to provide enriching experiences for her children.

In her spare time, she was very creative. She was passionate about drawing, painting, doll making, cake decorating, sewing clothing for her children and costume making. She enjoyed



fishing with her sister Hazel and friend Mary Heino. She often was found

huckleberry picking, cross-country skiing, and gardening. Surrounding herself with her many grandchildren brought her the greatest joy.

Helen found her strength and solace in her relationship with God, which graced her with the ability to accomplish so much in such challenging circumstances. In her elder years when getting out was difficult, she found comfort in the words of Dr. Harold E. Salem and studied her Bible faithfully.

Her commitment to God and dedication to her family is the legacy she left behind. She leaves this legacy to her children Sherry Grob of Bishop, California, Sheila Grob, Lewis Grob, Douglas Grob, Patricia Galloway, all of Kalispell, Michelle Daniels of Missoula, niece Phyllis Leonard and nephew David Grob. Dear to her heart were her 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and many great great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Hazel Harness.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell. A viewing will be held Monday, April 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.

## James Groom, 60

James Groom, 60, died Thursday, Jan. 24, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Kingsley Cassidy James Groom

Kingsley Cassidy James Groom was born and died on Oct. 24, 2019 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Services

are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Patricia M. Groom, 83

Patricia M. Groom, 83, died Dec. 24, 2019, at Wel Life in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Vernon E. Grove, 81

*PAC 19 APR 2019*  
Vernon E. Grove, 81, of Topsham, Maine, passed away on April 5, 2019.

He was born in Austin, Texas, Oct. 18, 1937, the son of Vernon Eugene Grove and Joyce Lona Whelchel. He was educated in Austin schools and graduated from Austin High School. He attended the University of Texas Austin and graduated with a degree in pharmacy and then continued on to earn his medical degree from Galveston Medical School. He served in the Air Force Reserves from 1966 to 1973. Gene practiced neuropsychiatry until he retired in 2000.

In 1979, he married Barbara P. Grove in Austin. They spent many years on the family ranch at Lake Travis before moving to Whitefish. He was an avid nature photographer and loved exploring our nation's parks.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; step-



children, Michael W. Marrs (Anne) of Whitefish, Kelly P. Sullivan (Sean) of Austin, and Kimberly S. Rose (Joseph)

of Baltimore, Maryland; grandchildren, David Simon, Matthew Simon, Hayley Rose, Stephanie Doherty, Joseph David Rose, Jonathan Rose and James Rose. He also had five great-grandchildren.

According to his wishes, no services will be held.

Gene requested that expressions of sympathy be made to your local Audubon Society.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.funeralalternatives.net](http://www.funeralalternatives.net). Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives, Brunswick, Maine.

## Robert David 'Bob' Gryl

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Robert David "Bob" Gryl passed away Nov. 14, 2019, after a valiant struggle



with cancer. He was born in New York City June 28, 1964, the beloved son and third child of John Donald Gryl and Betty Jane Olinger Gryl. Bob grew up in Old Bridge, New Jersey, and attended Cedar Ridge High School. He also attended classes at Middlesex County Community College. He was an almost life-long resident of New Jersey, with only brief chapters spent away in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Montana.

Bobby was a skilled craftsman and came from a long line of craftsmen. He was a proud member of the Tile Layers Union, Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local No. 52 out of New York. (BAC Local 7.) His beautiful, meticulous, tile, terrazzo and marble work adorns bathrooms, kitchens and shopping malls all over New Jersey and New York, including the shops in Rockefeller Center. His neighbors would all agree that his exquisite white marble bathroom was the most beautiful one in Madison Park. Bobby had a very strong work ethic and he was proud of his work, reflecting a long held, important family value.

Bob enjoyed other people, loved to party and have a good time, and was much loved by his many friends in New Jersey, Tennessee and, most recently, Montana. Bob had a big presence and was a great networker. A nurse at Sloan Kettering said "Everyone here knows Bobby Gryl," such was his personality

and impact on others. This also included local law enforcement, with whom he would sometimes banter. His favorite holiday was the Fourth of July and he will long be remembered by his neighbors for his enthusiasm for having a big block party with lots of fireworks.

Bob comes from a long line of strong men and women and he demonstrated this trait well. Many of his doctors, care providers and friends were amazed at his ability to get back on his feet after 45 radiation treatments, chemotherapy, multiple rounds of pneumonia, numerous falls, and 26 strokes. He was strong, resilient, determined and brave as he faced his health challenges. There were many who showed up for Bob during the last year and a half of his life. His family wishes to thank all of them, whether they offered a ride to the doctor, a couch to sleep on, a place to stay, a meal, a hospital visit or simply a text with a kind word. They all made a difference at a time when it was much needed.

Bob will be missed greatly by his family. He is survived by his brother, John Freedom, of Santa Rosa, California; and sister, Franny Gryl, of Eureka, Montana. He loved his three kids and grandkids, being very proud of them and considering himself lucky to have them. They are Robert Gryl Jr. (Serenna Cole) of Livingston, Tennessee, John C. Gryl of Ocala, Florida, and Rayanne Gryl of Old Bridge; His two grandchildren are Robert Gryl III and Aurora Gryl of Livingston, Tennessee. He is also survived by his Aunt Dawn, of the Olinger farm in Tazewell,

Virginia, with whom he had a special relationship and who, together with his Uncle David, left him with many fond childhood memories; and his cousins, Amy Olinger, Polly Billips, Melody Heath, Jill Olinger and Zach Olinger. He will also be missed by cousins Jeannie Maldonado and Tom Maldonado. Bob left behind two special critters, a cat named Compo and a Chihuahua named Ese, both who adopted him and gave him company and support during his final months.

Bob was a biker at heart and loved to ride his motorcycle through the Black Hills of South Dakota, often traveling with friends to Sturgis in the summer or to Daytona Beach for Spring Break. He preferred to ride without a helmet and the sense of freedom it

gave. Bob used to say that he "only had one appointment that he needed to keep" and that was with his Maker. Everything else was negotiable.

"Bob, we love you and miss you. We know that you are free now, and that you had to keep that final appointment. You will be forever in our hearts."

A celebration of life will be held Dec. 7 at Bellos in Parlin, New Jersey. A service in Montana will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center at <https://giving.mskcc.org/donate> now or to Wings Regional Cancer Support in Kalispell, at [www.wings-nwmontana.org/donate](http://www.wings-nwmontana.org/donate).

Arrangements are through Johnson-Gloschat in Kalispell.

## Domingo Vizcarra Guerrero, 75

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On Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, Domingo Vizcarra Guerrero, also known as Mingo, loving husband and father of three children, passed away peacefully at his home in Bigfork, at the age of 75.

Mingo was born on Oct. 18, 1943, in Salinas, California, to George Silva Guerrero and Petra Vizcarra.

In 1961, Mingo graduated from high school in Salinas. His family relocated to Napa, California. After graduating he went to the Napa Jr. College where he met his wife, Cheryl Elaine Dolezal. After they married, they moved to San Luis Obispo, California, and Mingo attended Cal Poly to earn his Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in industrial technology while working as a correctional officer at the State Prison, California Men's Colony.

In 1966 Mingo and his wife had their first child, Deren Lee, and two years later had their sec-



ond child, Audrey Maria. After earning his degree, the family returned to Napa

and Mingo worked as a correctional officer at the Vacaville, California, State Prison. Shortly after, he was promoted to sergeant, being the youngest sergeant the Vacaville prison had promoted at that time. In 1972, Troy Dino, his third child was born. That same year he started his insurance agency, which became a successful business in Hayward, California. He relocated his business to his hometown of Napa where he was residing. He continued to run his agency, totaling 45 years as a Farmers Insurance agent. In 2003, Mingo and his wife moved to Bigfork, semi retiring, and he continued to work remotely as a business consultant for his family

business until his passing.

Mingo had a passion for ministry, starting a church, Spirit of Truth, in Pablo. He became an ordained minister April 21, 2017. He had a love and burden for the Native American people. In 2007, He earned his Master of Ministry in Biblical Counseling Services, later receiving his Ph.D. degree in Biblical studies in Biblical counseling in 2012. He used his talents and education for his ministry, touching countless lives. He loved racquetball and taught classes at the local gym in Bigfork. He was an entrepreneur, always thinking of new business ideas and investments.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Silva Guerrero, and mother, Petra Vizcarra Perez.

Mingo is survived by his wife, Cheryl Elaine Guerrero; son, Deren Lee Guerrero, daughter-in-law, Sandy Guerrero,

grandson, Deren Jr. and wife, Rachel and great-granddaughter, Aliyah, grandson, Daniel and granddaughter, Christine Guerrero, daughter, Audrey Marie Bruno, son-in law Tony Bruno and grandson, Tyler Bruno, son, Troy Dino Guerrero, daughter-in-law, Karina Guerrero, granddaughter, Sophia and grandson, Dominic Guerrero; siblings, George Guerrero, Benjy Guerrero, Eugene Guerrero and Vernon Jr. Perez, and many nieces and nephews.

The family will be having a private celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Spirit of Truth Church, mailed to 33862 Westview Dr., Bigfork, MT, 59911.

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

## Patrick Brian Gulick, 73

Patrick Brian Gulick, 73, passed away June 30, 2019, in Blachly, Oregon.

Patrick was born May 24, 1946, in Columbia Falls, the son of Ruby (Stevens) and George Gulick. He attended Columbia Falls High School.

Patrick joined the National Guard and then enlisted in the Navy in 1964. He moved to California in 1975. In 2009, after 34 years working as a heavy equipment operator/truck driver, he retired and moved to Blachly.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Patrick is survived by his two sons, Christopher



Gulick of Columbia Falls, and Patrick Gulick of Kalispell;

his sister, Sue Galvan, and her husband Frank, of Rancho Cucamonga, California; two granddaughters and three grandsons.

Services for Patrick will be at noon Saturday, Aug. 31, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A celebration of Patrick's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Coop, also in Columbia Falls. Please join us as we remember Patrick with stories, photos, laughter and love.

## Joseph Eugene Gulledge, 44

Joseph Eugene Gulledge, 44, passed away peacefully on Aug. 31, 2019, in Kalispell, after a long battle with cancer.

Joe was born to Jerry Gulledge and Brenda (Sooter) Turnbull on July 13, 1975, in McCall, Idaho. When Joe was 2, the family moved to Lakeside where Joe spent most of his youth. He often said he had the best childhood in Lakeside, playing with friends, fishing, riding bikes, sledding and jumping into Flathead Lake in April. As a boy, Joe was sweet and kind, always thinking of others. He maintained that quality throughout his life. Even though he was often the biggest kid among his classmates, he was always gentle and good to the core. Joe lived life to its fullest during many of his adult years. He spent time following The



Grateful Dead, Phish, and other musicians. He hitchhiked all over the country at a young age. He spent time in Northern California picking mushrooms. He was known to hang out with the Rainbow Family and was always a peaceful person at heart. When he finally landed back in Montana for good, he never lost that sense of positivity, peace, and the unique gift of paying something forward. He was creative and athletic, shy and quiet at times, and had a quick wit, a smile and laugh that was full of light. He loved skateboarding, fishing, gold panning, walking his dog, and Monty Python movies. Anyone who

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knew him knew his love of wacky T-shirts.

He worked as a millwright, a mason, and a butcher through his life, until the cancer made it so he could no longer work. Positive until the very end, he wanted absolutely no negative vibes in the universe regarding his prognosis. He fought a long and tough battle and never complained, always saying, "I'm just grateful to be here."

Joe is survived by his father, Jerry Gulledge; his mother, Brenda Turnbull; his sister, Traci Street; brother-in-law, Jon Street; nephews, Seth, Roby and Colson; sister, Janice Fielden and niece Lena, his sisters Amy Lettebrown, Nichole Lee and his children Jesper and Tahya. He was loved by his numerous aunts and cousins; aunts Janet Althaus and Judy

Fleischman, cousins Rich, Rob, Ryan and Randy Althaus, cousins Sonia and Sam Fleischman, cousins Dawn Woerz and David Lee, aunt, Becky Gulledge, and cousins Jeremy and Jesse Gulledge.

He was preceded in death by his grandma Maxine Ritter, Aunt Diane Lee, grandfather Charles Sooter, grandmother Kat Gulledge, grandfather Jack Gulledge and uncle Jimmy Gulledge.

A celebration of life will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Riverstone Family Lodge in Eureka.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joe's name to Wings Regional Cancer Support, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.