

## Steve C. Jacobi, 61

Steve C. Jacobi, 61, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at home surrounded by loving family.

He was born April 29, 1957, in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Garth



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"Jake"  
Jacobi.

Steve is survived by his loving wife Roxy Jacobi, his mother Beverly

Jacobi, four siblings, Patti (Todd) Reed, Chris Jacobi, Greg (Sandy) Jacobi, and Karen Jacobi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Our

Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to Wings Cancer Support Group, St. Jude's or the Humane Society of Northwest Montana.

## Anne Arleen Jambor, 91

Anne Arleen Jambor, 91, of Kalispell died Friday Jan. 4, 2019. Annie passed away peacefully in Seattle at the home of her daughter Annette and son-in-law Josh Trethewey.

Anne Arleen was born March 30, 1927, and was the youngest child of Jess and Laurena Angstman, of Havre. As a young girl, Annie's family discovered that she had contracted tuberculosis of the bone, which required an extended hospital stay in Great Falls. Several surgeries were able to stop the spread of the TB, but left Annie with multiple physical challenges, which she faced with grace and humor. She spent a great deal of her childhood at the piano, teaching herself the waltzes that she loved hearing her mother play.



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Once back in school, she wrote a column for the school paper, called Annie Ambles; named for her ambling gate.

In June of 1949, Anne Arleen married Steve Jambor and later moved to Pasco, Washington, where their five children, Stephen, Philip, Douglas, Theresa and Annette were born. In 1969, the family moved to Kalispell where Anne worked various jobs in the Flathead Valley and eventually retired in 1992, after 15 years at the Medical Arts Laboratory in Kalispell. As a member of St. Matthew's Church she loved singing in the choir. She spent

her retirement years as a volunteer with R.S.V.P. in Kalispell, playing bridge and piano, singing along to her favorite Marty Robbins songs, reading books and watching her favorite movies "Dirty Dancing" and "Gladiator."

Left to honor and remember Mom and Grammie Annie are her children, Stephen (Nancy) Jambor of Port Townsend, Washington, Philip M. Jambor of Kalispell, Annette (Josh) Trethewey of Seattle, son-in-law Ken Williams of Whitefish; and her grandchildren, Christopher Jambor of Phoenix, Koben Williams (Katie Fletcher) of New York, Lenna Williams of Missoula, Brooke Jambor (Colin Northcraft) of Corvallis, Oregon, Doug (Ashley) Jambor of

Bellingham, Washington, Dillon Trethewey and Lucas Trethewey of Seattle; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Anne Arleen was preceded in death by her husband, Steve, son Douglas P. Jambor, and daughter Theresa Jambor Williams.

Above all else, Annie loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, other family members and friends. Her sense of humor and wonderful laugh will be missed by all that knew her.

A Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Patrick Church, 2702 Broadway E., Seattle WA 98102.

"It's good to touch the green, green grass of home."

## Hannah Janiak, 24

Hannah Janiak, 24, died July 24, 2019 in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill

Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Rita Mary Janisse, 99

Rita Mary Janisse, 99, of Bigfork died July 25, 2019 at her home in Bigfork.

Arrangements are

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

## Tyler Thomas James, 28

*PAC 7 June 2019*  
Tyler Thomas James, 28, passed away on June 3, 2019.

Tyler left us too soon, but our love for him will never die.

Tyler was born in Havre on Aug. 22, 1990. He was his mother's birthday gift, as they were born on the same day.

Tyler had a passion for boxing. He always trying to improve his style of boxing by watching some of the "greats" in the sport.

He will be remembered for his huge, beautiful smile and his humor. He



could make you laugh so hard.

Your "Ma," as you would call me, will always love you.

Tyler is survived by his mother, Sylvia James; uncle, Ronnie Moller; aunt, Cynthia Moller; aunt, April Lucas-Moller, and his precious cousin, Allison Moller.

A celebration of Tyler's life is pending. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Sarah James, 19

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Sarah left this world tragically on July 17, 2019, after enjoying an evening out with friends, near her Louisiana State University campus where she was a sophomore studying biological engineering.

Sarah was born in Red Deer, Alberta, on June 17, 2000, and lived there until she was 5 years old. Her family then relocated to Lake Jackson, Texas, where she lived until she was 11 at which time her family moved to the Destrehan, Louisiana, area (Montz, Louisiana). Sarah had recently completed her first year of the Biological and Agricultural Engineering (BAE) FastPath program (a selective program where she would earn her Bachelor of Science, medical degree and Ph.D. at LSU. She was honored to be named on the president's honor roll for achieving greater than a 4.0 in her engineering



studies to date. She was also a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, being a legacy from her grandmother Jenny Lou "Lu-Lu."

Although Sarah was great at setting and achieving goals, she artfully worked to achieve balance in her life. She based her 2018 salutation speech around the quote displayed on the wall in her family's kitchen: "Life is not a matter of milestones, but of moments." This served to remind her to take time to enjoy the path, and not just the destination. Thank you Sarah James for the million wonderful moments!

Sarah is survived by her parents, Doug and Becky (Rhodes) James of Montz; brother, Clayton

James; grandparents, Mel and Pam James of Bigfork; John and Mary Rhodes of Bremen, Indiana; Chuck Siderius of Kalispell; aunt, Beth (Rhodes) Bogunia and cousin Bryant Bogunia of South Bend, Indiana; aunt and uncle, Kim (James) Zipp and Gene Zipp of Woods Bay; beloved pets, Emma (Emma Moo-Moo) and Amber (Amber-Bamber), two Labrador retriever-mix dogs.

Sarah was preceded in death by her grandmother, Jenny Lou "Lu-Lu" Siderius, formerly of Kalispell; and uncle, Clifford Melbourne James, III (Trey), formerly of Kalispell who are holding her tight until we see her again.

Relatives and friends of Sarah James are invited to attend a memorial visitation at St. Charles United Methodist Church, 1905 Ormond Blvd. Destrehan, LA 70047,

today, July 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at the church Thursday, July 25, at 11 a.m. with officiant Pastor Michelle Harris, and honorary pallbearers Clay James, brother; Bryan Bogunia, cousin; Ethan Headings, boyfriend; Noah Wilkins, friend; Matt Lewis, friend; and Nicholas Dufresne, friend.

H.C. Alexander Funeral Home in Norco, Louisiana, is in charge of arrangements. Please visit [www.hcalexander.com](http://www.hcalexander.com) to read more about Sarah's beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers the family has established a memorial fund, which you may donate by writing a check to Sarah James Memorial Scholarship Fund and send to Destrehan High School, 1 Wildcat Lane, Destrehan, LA 70047; or donating via [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

Vera Jarrett, 90, passed away on June 13, 2019.

Vera was born in Lewistown on Nov. 17, 1928 to Lee and Dot Smith. Her mother passed away when she was 3 years old. She spent the next few years being raised by her father Lee, with help from her aunts. In 1934 Lee remarried Della Smith giving Vera a steady home again and a loving mother.

Vera spent her childhood growing up on a dry farm 40 miles outside of Lewistown. She attended a small rural school until



junior high, at which point her and Della moved into Lewistown.

In 1947, Jack, a handsome young sailor from New York came to Lewistown. Vera initially played hard to get but was eventually won over with a jar of dill pickles at the county fair. Jack and Vera married on April 17, 1948 and soon gave birth to their daughter JudyDel in January 1949.

## Vera Jarrett, 90

The young family bounced from town to town across Montana as Jack pursued his lineman career. Vera was an amazing wife and mother. For those that knew her, she was always deep cleaning something. Many an apartment across their travels received a top to bottom cleanse. She was also a fabulous cook and baker with skills she acquired from her beloved aunt Sweetie.

In 1950 they moved to Columbia Falls to operate the taxicab service out of the police station with

her folks. The town was booming with the construction of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, Hungry Horse Dam.

Jack and Vera were inseparable throughout their 72 years of marriage, living a very active lifestyle. They loved to camp, fish and dance. She was always proud of their large garden and of all the canned foods she prepared from the fresh fruits and vegetables. They were both wanderers and loved to travel, covering all 50 states and rarely missing a rodeo

along the way.

Vera worked at several bakeries around Columbia Falls before settling at the Vet's Home, where she was loved by many of the vets.

Jack and Vera's marriage led to the birth of JudyDel, who is married to Jim Perry. At the time of her passing she had five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She always had a wonderful way of making each one feel as if they were the only one in the world that mattered.

Vera was an amazing

wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but they can rest assured that her and Jack are once again dancing together in Heaven.

A funeral service for Vera will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the Canvas Church in Columbia Falls, 738 3rd Ave West, at 2:30 p.m.

Burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Vera's family.

## Whit Richard Jarrett, 49

Whit Richard Jarrett, 49, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2019, at his home in Columbia Falls. Services

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

## Frank E. Jeniker, 95

Frank Eugene Jeniker left this world on Dec. 20, 2018, at the age of 95.

Frank was born on July 20, 1923, to Frank E. and Mary (Petric) Jeniker in the McQueen Addition to Butte. He was a great Slovenian and very proud of his cultural heritage.

Frank attended Franklin School in Butte and was the all-round city marble champion in 1936. He enjoyed acting as a young man and often performed in theatrical performances during events of the Slovenian National Benefit Society.

Frank had a great mind and was a gifted athlete and scholar. As a young man, he excelled in baseball as a pitcher for the American Legion, Montana School of Mine Orediggers, Butte City League and the Butte Copper League. In 1940, at 17, Frank was the youngest member on the McQueen's Butte City League baseball team. In 1945 with his pitching skills Frank helped McQueen win the Butte Copper League city championship. The 1945 McQueen team was inducted into the Butte Hall of Fame in 2013. Frank played for the McQueen Copper League team through 1950.

Frank served his country in the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in March 1945.

Frank's academic career placed him on the honor roll in grade school, Butte High School and throughout college at the School of Mines in Butte.

Frank graduated from the Montana School of



Mines in 1957, earning a degree in metallurgical and materials engineering. Frank went to work at the Anaconda Copper Mining

Company in Butte as a sampler. He eventually moved into Anaconda's Extractive Metallurgical Research Division in Anaconda where he met his wife Judy Hihnala.

Frank and Judy married in December of 1967. Shortly after they married, they moved to Tucson, Arizona, with the Anaconda Company and then to Walnut Creek, California, where the Anaconda Company had become partners in an alumina consortium. This project culminated in a huge alumina refinery in Jamaica. Frank and Judy lived and worked in Jamaica for five years, returning to the United States in 1973.

When they returned from Jamaica, Frank and Judy made their home in the Flathead Valley. They traveled extensively to Europe, making visits to Frank's family in Vienna, Slovenia, Venice, the Alps, Dubrovnik, the Dalmatian Coast and the Adriatic Sea.

Frank also had a passion for amateur radio and surveying.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife Judy, his parents Frank and Mary Jeniker Sumina, his brother Charles "Chas" Jeniker and nephew Bob Jeniker.

## Bruce Jensen, 85

Today we lost a great man, loving husband and a wonderful father. Bruce Jensen passed away peacefully March 24, 2019, in Helena.

Bruce Henry Jensen was a lifelong Montanan born in Choteau March 30, 1933, to Helen and Henry Jensen. Bruce was raised on a ranch and attended elementary school in the nearby town of Dupuyer. Bruce continued his education in Choteau where he went to high school while living with his grandmother.

Eager for adventure at 17, Bruce proudly served his country by joining the Navy in April 1950 as a Navy Seabee who was stationed in Iwakuni, Japan, as a construction electrician. Bruce would never casually say he spent time in the Navy; he was always very specific and would say that he served three years, nine months and 22 days in the Seabees as a construction electrician. In appreciation and respect, Bruce always flew the American flag at his home in honor of the country he loved.

In 1954, on June 13, Bruce married Nancy McClain in Conrad. Together the young couple fished and hunted elk and dug dinosaur bones on the Rocky Mountain Front.

Bruce's electrical work in the Navy provided the needed expertise to take a job with 3 Rivers Telephone in Fairfield. Bruce worked for seven years installing telephones and updating switchboards there. A short stint working for Bell Telephone in



Glasgow followed while waiting on an opportunity in the Flathead with Northwest Telephone. In 1961 Bruce and Nancy

settled in Kalispell when Bruce was hired by Northwest Telephone Company. With hard work, respect of his peers and the opportunity it provided, this position became a career. In 1990 Bruce retired with 25 years of service with Northwest Telephone.

Bruce and Nancy have been happily married for 64 years. In the years following Bruce's retirement Bruce and Nancy had many years to enjoy family and travel. Together they traveled to sunny Arizona in the winter and during the summer lived at the beautiful home they built together on the West Shore of Flathead Lake.

They have four children, Michael Jensen, Robin Bare, Jeff Jensen and Raiko Henderson, nine wonderful grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A service in remembrance of Bruce will take place March 30, (which would have been Bruce's 86th birthday) at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral home in Kalispell at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, also in Kalispell.

## LaDonna (Metcalf) Jimison, 72

LaDonna (Metcalf) Jimison, 72, of Glendive, passed with peace and grace after an eight-year battle with ovarian cancer on Jan. 7, 2019, in Menlo Park, California, with her husband and four children at her side.

A vigil service was held Jan. 20 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 21 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Private family Rite of Committal was in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive was entrusted with the arrangements.

LaDonna was born in Kalispell on Dec. 10, 1946, to Virgil Bernard and Dorothy (Zacharias) Metcalf. She was educated in Kalispell, graduating with Flathead High School class of 1965. While representing the Flathead High School Braves she excelled in orchestra as first chair cello in the All Northwest Orchestra in Portland, Oregon. She also won the title of Northwest Montana Junior Miss in 1964 with her talent, a ballet to the "Ritual Fire Dance." She was in National Honor Society and graduated in the top 10 of her class of 350 students. Continuing her education at Montana State University, she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and a member of the esteemed Air Force Honor Marching group called Angel Flight. During her senior year at MSU, she was elected commander of that group which went on to win the Commander's Trophy at the National Competition at Spokane Air Force base. She graduated with a B.A. degree in business education with a minor in physical education and married Jerry Jimison on the same weekend in June of 1969.



In the fall of 1978 she established LaDonna's School of Dance and spent the next 40 years as its owner, choreographer, artistic director and seamstress, adding classes as she went and establishing the Nutcracker performance as a Glendive holiday tradition. LaDonna's School of Dance competition dancers competed in California, Nevada, North Dakota, Texas, Wyoming and Montana, always bringing home many awards. All three of her daughters began helping as instructors and have continued helping with the day-to-day operations as LaDonna's battle with cancer slowed down her teaching activities. LaDonna was a member of the Montana Dance Arts Association during her career, and at the time of her passing, LaDonna was instructing third-generation dancers. She also enjoyed performing with the Badland's Cloggers, which were invited to numerous events throughout Montana and North Dakota, and also with the Fractured Follies.

rarely missed her children's or grandchildren's activities and sporting events, and enjoyed following all of them in their endeavors.

LaDonna is survived by her loving husband, Jerry Jimison, children and grandchildren DeVonna (Darren) Snow - Craig, Alexis and Reece of Bismarck, North Dakota, Cole (Jenny) and Jasmine Jimison of Menlo Park, CA, Tiffany (Rhett) Coon - Taven and Ramey of Glendive, and Michaela (Wade) Murphy, - Karsen, Michael, Sari, Maysa, Maverick and Stori of Glendive. Seven cousins located in Spokane, Washington, Meridian, Idaho, and Longview, Washington. Extended family Linda (Randy) Baldwin, Karen (Wilbur) Wallace, Ralph (Micki) Jimison, Paula Gorder and Pam Jimison. LaDonna's goddaughters Leah Jacobsen and Amy Gorder, 12 nieces and nephews and 24 great nieces and nephews, step-mother-in-law, Olivia Jimison, and step-sister-in-law, Jerilyn (Randy) Miller.

LaDonna was preceded in death by her parents, her grandmother Zacharias, her grandmother Metcalf, parents-in-law Ethel and Ray Jimison, brothers-in-law Allen Jimison and Clyde Gorder, and niece Heather Marie Jimison.

In lieu of flowers, LaDonna has asked for donations to establish a scholarship fund for graduating seniors at her studio.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

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LaDonna went from being an only child to having 5 younger brothers and sisters in law. After their wedding, LaDonna joined Jerry in Billings, and started teaching classes at Billings West High School in the fall of 1969 where Jerry was already a teacher and football coach at Billings Senior High School. After the birth of their first child, DeVonna, LaDonna became a very busy mother, coach's wife and business partner. LaDonna and Jerry purchased and managed the Beartooth Bar in Red Lodge, Montana. After the birth of Cole, Tiffany and Michaela, LaDonna and Jerry relocated their family to Glendive in 1977. Initially they were both involved in subdividing and developing Windham Hills subdivision. Shortly thereafter, Jerry started a career at BNSF rail-

LaDonna never sat with idle hands. Whether it was riding in a vehicle to an event, or visiting with family and friends, her hands were busy doing needle work. Her weekly baking of delicious breads for her children and grandchildren, hosting gourmet dinners for family and friends, and making homemade gifts of sweet cinnamon rolls shaped into Christmas wreaths are fondly remembered. She ensured each of her children and grandchildren had one of her handmade Christmas stockings hung in her home during the Christmas season. Her sewing accomplishments include her daughters' wedding dresses, and teaching her daughters and granddaughters how to sew for their 4-H projects. She taught her grandchildren the importance of learning vegetable and flower gardening, piano lessons and passed on her love of music to all. LaDonna

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## Nancy Lucille Jensen, 82



Nancy Lucille Jensen, 82, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

She was born Oct. 6, 1936, in Conrad to William and Esther McClain. Nancy was the beloved wife and best friend of her one and only love of 65 years, the late Bruce Henry Jensen, of Kalispell.

In 1961 the young couple moved to Kalispell. Bruce and Nancy lived many happy years in the

Flathead Valley and she especially enjoyed their home on Flathead Lake.

Nancy treasured the outdoors and loved gardening. With a cocker spaniel along her side she grew the most beautiful flowers shrubs and trees. Their home and gardens were always kept in perfect condition.

Nancy was a foster

parent and an adoptive mother who has devoted her life to helping others.

In June of 1978, Nancy earned an Associate of Arts degree from Flathead Valley Community College. Nancy was very proud to serve as Montana's Northwest regional director for the Head Start program.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce.

She is survived by four children, Mike Jensen, Robin Jensen Bare, Jeff Jensen and Raiko

Jensen Henderson, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A wonderful mother, Nance was truly an incredible person that will be greatly missed. Heaven gained a very special angel on May 7, 2019.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on 525 S. Main Street. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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## Elsie 'Louise' Jimmerson, 89

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Elsie "Louise" Jimmerson, 89, loving wife, mother and grandmother, died peacefully on Dec. 8, 2019, with her family by her side.



her husband of 69 years, Roy Jimmerson; their five children, Dan

Louise was the youngest of seven, born on Jan. 6, 1930, in Manvel, North Dakota, to Herbert and Elsie Louisa Lund. Her family then moved to central Montana, and she was adopted at age 6 by Clista and John Parker of Great Falls, following the death of her parents. She graduated from Great Falls High School in 1948 and attended Park College in Parkville, Missouri, where she studied youth ministry. In 1950, Louise married Roy Jimmerson and together they farmed in central Montana before settling down in Columbia Falls in 1957.

Louise was an expert gardener who loved to fish and spend time outdoors. She was service-minded and compassionate, working as a hospice volunteer for 11 years. Affectionately called "Grandma Lou" by her 10 grandchildren, she always made holidays and family gatherings special events full of jokes, food, games and laughter.

Louise is survived by

Jimmerson and his wife Connie; Rebecca Bodmer and her husband Larry; Allen Jimmerson and his wife Colleen; Mark Jimmerson and his wife Jean; Janet Konecky and her husband Curtis; and their 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, Mindy and Toby Banks, Nat and April Bodmer (Maya, Rachel, Micah, Claire); Jessica and Kyle Formhals (Kaitlyn); SaeRom and Mark Chakoian; Carrie Albrite and Cameron Bradley (Nora); Seth and Jennifer Konecky (Colton, Kayden); Jared and Madison Niermeyer-Jimmerson; Jael Konecky; Patrick Jimmerson; Lera Jimmerson.

A reception was held at Buffalo Hill Terrace on Dec. 14 following a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery.

A special thank you to Home Options Hospice and the amazing staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace Lutheran Communities.

## Aarron Howard Jones, 87

Aarron Howard Jones, 87, of Marion, died on May 29, 2019. Aarron was born April 5, 1932 in Central Point, Oregon.

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

## James Ward Johnson

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James Ward Johnson passed in peace on Monday, April 22, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1941 to Harry and Margaret Johnson, and was the oldest of four children. In 1944, the family moved and established roots in Great Falls. Jim graduated from Great Falls High School in 1959. He attended Stanford University, graduating in 1963, and obtained his law degree from the University of Montana School of Law in 1966.

While home on summer break from college, Jim met the love of his life, Myrna Mae Kemp. The two married in 1963, the beginning of a happy 54-year marriage. Jim and Myrna settled in Great Falls, he a lawyer and she a nurse. They had three children, Michael, Erika and TJ, whom they raised with great love and guidance. In 1979, the Johnsons moved to Kalispell, which remained their home for the rest of their lives.

Jim spent the bulk of his legal career as a partner in the Kalispell law firm now bearing his name, Johnson, Berg, and Saxby. He focused his practice in the areas of business, property and estate planning and displayed the highest level of professionalism. He served as president of the Montana Bar Association, and member of its Commission on Character & Fitness. Jim took great pleasure in solving complex legal problems and helping his clients through their life stages, many of whom became lifelong friends. He was the type of lawyer who would make house calls to his elder clients in need and offer to bring them groceries.



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and attending all of his children's and grandchildren's activities. He enjoyed hiking in Glacier National Park, driving and restoring fast cars, attending Griz football games, and hosting family and friends at Lake Five. Above all else, Jim will be remembered for being an active and loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. He nurtured these relationships and always placed the needs and accomplishments of his loved ones above his own.

Jim's principled approach to life served him well through both successes and struggles and provided a great example for others to emulate. Although principled and humble, he also displayed a great sense of humor and sarcasm. He remained silly and lighthearted until the end sharing belly-laughs with grandkids and friends. Jim was the rock of our family, with his few jagged edges worn smooth by life and experience, yet still strong enough to lean on in times of weakness. While gone from this world, we'll continue to lean on him when required and are confident he'll be there for us when needed.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Myrna.

He is survived by Michael and Tami Johnson and their children Connor, Kaelen, and Cameron, all of Kalispell; Erika Johnson and David Sandler and their children Kjell and Kenna, all of Kalispell; and TJ and Emily Johnson and their children Paisley and Keller, all of Missoula. He is further survived by siblings, Robert Johnson of Maryland, Dennis Johnson of Oregon, and Signe Johnson of Oregon, and their respective spouses and children.

## Muriel Joan Johnson, 76

Muriel Joan Johnson, 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, at her home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are

being made.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## James Gifford Johnson, 90

James Gifford Johnson, 90, died on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at his home in Condon. James was born on Sept. 1, 1928 in Los Angeles.

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

Jim's core values were service and contribution to his family and community. He filled positions of service and leadership to numerous governmental and volunteer organizations including trustee of the Great Falls School board, member of the Optimists Club, member and president of Rotary Club, and member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church, to name a few.

Jim most enjoyed spending time with his family, including traveling to Germany and Patagonia with Myrna

Services for Jim will be held at 3 p.m. on June 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made in Jim's name to First Presbyterian Church, Immanuel Lutheran Foundation, and Home Options Hospice, all of Kalispell. The family extends deep appreciation and gratitude to these organizations for their attentiveness and loving care of Jim.

## Terry Rae Johnson, 64

Terry Rae Johnson, 64, of Bigfork, was born on Nov. 17, 1954, at St. James Hospital in Butte to Ray and Carol Johnson. In 1965 Terry moved to Bozeman with her family. She lived in Bozeman until she graduated from Bozeman High School in 1973. After high school Terry moved back to Butte where she worked miscellaneous jobs until she married Jim Johnson on Sept. 6, 1975.

Terry lived in Butte with her husband Jim Johnson for a few years before moving to the family ranch in Divide. There, she helped work the family ranch while raising their three kids. In 1999 Jim and Terry divorced. Terry and the kids moved to her parents' cherry orchard in the Flathead Valley. During this time, she got a job at Frontier Log Furniture where she met her significant other, Mike Burge. She worked at Frontier for 18 years until she became ill with cancer. While fighting that battle, Terry Johnson passed away Nov. 8, 2019, at 3 a.m. at Kalispell Regional Medical Center



surrounded by her kids and loved ones. Terry is survived by her mother, Carol Johnson;

her significant other Mike Burge; her children, Eric Johnson, Keith and Jasmine Johnson, Leslie Johnson and Stephen Penrod; her brothers and sisters, Bob Johnson, Bill and Amy Johnson, Roy and Linda Johnson, Shana and Danny Lee, and Gary Johnson; her grandchildren, Teddy Johnson, Brooke Johnson and Sophia Johnson; and many other family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, and will be at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Terry will be laid to rest at Bigfork Community Cemetery following the chapel service; following the cemetery service there will be a potluck gathering at the family orchard, 23126 Yellow Bay Lane in Bigfork.

## Rebecca Ann Johnson, 63

Rebecca Ann Johnson, also known as Becky, passed away in her home in Kalispell on June 6, 2019, at the age of 63.

She was born on Aug. 28, 1955, in Wolf Point to Harry and Diane Shennum. Several years later, her mother divorced and met a man named Burton Rice and remarried. She grew fond of Burt and came to love him as her own father and was later adopted by Burt.

In 1972, Becky graduated from high school in Westby. After graduating, she worked for a fire crew where she witnessed Evel Knievel's attempt to soar across Hells Canyon. Later she moved to Dallas where she worked for Braniff Airlines until they later declared bankruptcy. In 1974, Becky



had her first child, Christopher and four years later had her second child, Dawn.

In the 1980s Becky relocated to Kalispell. She married Michael Johnson, had her youngest child, Kayla, in 1989 and divorced several years later. In 1997 her son Christopher bought Murphy's Carpet Cleaning where she began answering the phones and eventually became his full-time secretary. After hearing of her death, customers were saddened by the news and said they'd always loved her happy voice, infectious laugh and overall amazing personality.

If there was one thing in life that Becky treasured most, it was her family. She was always so proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She would attend most of the school plays, lunch brunches and talent shows. Her grandchildren were what she enjoyed most in life and she would always say they were her reason to smile.

Becky was preceded in death by her mother Diane, brother Leland, grandchild and great-nephew.

She is survived by her father Burt Rice, her children Christopher, Dawn and Kayla, sisters Cindy Juntunen and Kathy Declimente', 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends are encour-

aged 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.



## Thelma May Tutvedt Johnson, 92

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On Norwegian Independence Day, May 17, 1927, Thelma May was born to Norwegian Immigrants Hans and Andora Tutvedt in Kalispell. She was a little early and was baptized right at the hospital not sure if she was going to survive. She did and welcomed three siblings after herself. Harold in 1929, Paul in 1931, and Doris in 1936. They grew up on a farm in the Stillwater community. Their life was that of a Norman Rockwell Painting — hard work, grow your own delicious food, church at Stillwater Lutheran on Sundays and lots of love.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1945 and went to work at the County Extension Office. While at a community dance in high school, a handsome young man named Vernon came and asked her to dance. They were married a year later.

They farmed their place on Stillwater Road for the next 55 years. They had three children, Debbie, Brent and Brenda. Mom was Dad's anchor and they worked as a team. Mom did the food, books, house and



a 4-H leader, usually for the cooking class. She was an active member of the Stillwater Grange. Their biggest fundraiser each year was the Stillwater Grange Harvest Dinner. Flathead County residents came from far and wide to enjoy that community event featuring Norwegian meatballs, lefse and homemade pies.

Mom and Dad were active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Through Bethlehem, Mom met with a group of women for Circle. They met once a month beginning in the '60s and the group continues today. Imagine the history, service, commitment and love those women poured into our entire community.

Mom also made some beautiful friendships through bridge. Mom and her friends wore out quite a few decks of cards as they all played through their many stages of life.

garden. Dad did the farming and ranching. When her children were 4-H age, Mom was a 4-H leader, usually for the cooking class. She was an active member of the Stillwater Grange. Their biggest fundraiser each year was the Stillwater Grange Harvest Dinner. Flathead County residents came from far and wide to enjoy that community event featuring Norwegian meatballs, lefse and homemade pies.

In the 1980s Dad and Mom became snowbirds and spent winters in Mesa, Arizona. Mom enjoyed the pool with her water exercise class, hiking, bridge and another group of wonderful friends. They were members of Victory Lutheran Church when they were in Arizona.

In 2001 Mom and Dad sold part of the farm and built a house at Village Greens. They made some more new friends, kept the old, enjoyed each other, played some bridge, enjoyed their children, their grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren. Dad died in 2015 and Mom bravely marched on. Debbie called it "kept the beaters going" as Mom made cookies and muffins for friends and family, plus the crew at Flowers by Hansen and Smith Valley School. With help from friends and family, Mom stayed there until she fell in September, 2017. Since that time she has been lovingly cared for by the staff at The Retreat and Buffalo Hills Terrace and her caregivers from Frontier Hospice.

Mom lived a beautiful life in service to God, her

family and her community. She was a rule follower, a Bible verse memorizer, a great cook, a generous donor and a loving soul who didn't speak a bad word about anyone. We learned from Mom until her last breath and will continue to do so.

Mom is survived by daughter Debbie Snyder, son Brent (Janice) Johnson, daughter Brenda (Kelly) Bernard; grandchildren, Jason (Nicole) Johnson (plus 3), Joshua Johnson (plus 5), Brock (Jenny) Johnson (plus 1), Cassandra Bernard (plus 2) and Brandon Bernard; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She cherished those people and they cherished her.

Mom passed away peacefully July 11, 2019.

A celebration of Mom's life will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Following the service coffee, cookies and ice cream will be served.

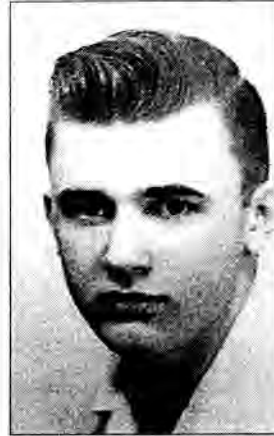
Memorial contributions can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901, or charity of your choice.

# William Jay (Jess) Johnson

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William Jay (Jess) Johnson of Whitefish passed away at the age of 92 on Oct. 5, 2019 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Jess was born in Wolf Point on May 5, 1927 to Will and Emma Johnson. He graduated from Wolf Point High School where he played football, basketball and participated in choir. After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet during WWII and served on an LCI amphibious assault ship in the Philippines, as a seaman 1st class. After being honorably discharged Jess returned to Montana to attend Carroll College. After two years he transferred to the University of Montana where he graduated with a degree in Biological Science. He then attended the Pharmacy School at the University of Arizona. While there, he reunited with Levy Wilson whom he had met while at Carroll College. Levy was working at St. Mary's Hospital as a surgical nurse. The romance blossomed and they were married June 6, 1953.



at Holy Name Catholic Church in Sheridan, Wyoming. Jess and Levy returned to University of Montana in Missoula where he finished Pharmacy School which was a six-year program at that time. Levy worked at St. Pat's Hospital while Jess was finishing school.

They then moved to Lewistown where Jess was the manager of Wicks Drug. By this time the family had grown to include three children; Scott, Kim, and Kristi.

From Lewistown the

family moved to Hardin in 1960, where they purchased Barker Drug which became Johnson Drug. A fourth child, Tempe, was born in 1965. They owned and operated the pharmacy for 31 years. They were members of St. Joseph Catholic Church and very active in school and community activities. Jess was an avid golfer, devout Catholic, and staunch Democrat. During that time, he also served on the Montana State Board of Pharmacy as both a

member and as President from 1969 to 1975. In 1983 he was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia which recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership and encourage pharmacists to take active roles in their communities.

After spending many years vacationing at Whitefish, Jess and Levy purchased property on the lake in the early 70s and built a home in 1986. After selling Johnson Drug in 1992 they moved to their dream home on the lake permanently in 1995. Family was very important to them and many fun times were spent with children, grandchildren, and friends on the lake waterskiing, golfing at Whitefish Golf Club, and snowskiing on Big Mountain.

Jess is preceded in death by his wife Levy, sisters Marion Moses and Kay Parlett, and grandson Darin Johnson. He is survived by his son Scott and wife Vicki of Billings, daughter Kristi Wagner of Billings, daughter Tempe Lalonde of

Issaquah Washington, and daughter Kim Johnson of Whitefish. He is also survived by grandchildren Ali (Ryan) Lewandowski, Abbey Johnson, Tyler (Ben) LaCroix, Drew Wagner, Jack Lalonde, Presley Lalonde and five great-grandchildren.

To my children, "I loved you" and to my friends, "I'll see you on the tee box in heaven ... I'll have my green cup."

A private family service is planned for the summer. Memorials may be given, if desired, to the Big Horn County Historical Society in Hardin, the Whitefish Community Library, or the organization of your choice.

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

## Clyde William Jones, 78

*PAL 24 May 2019*  
Papa went to meet the Lord on May 21, 2019. He was 78.

He was born in Yakima, Washington, Aug. 3, 1940, to Charlotte and Fred Jones. The oldest of five siblings, he grew up in Kila. He met his babe, Gladys Hess, at Flathead County High School in 1957. She was a sweet 14 year old and he was a rowdy high school hunk. They were married in 1961 and were blessed with three daughters.

His passions included game and bird hunting with friends, his sons-in-law Verlan and David, and grandson Hunter. He loved fishing, especially small lakes with his grandchildren and deep seas with his wife. He also loved dancing with his Babe, playing cards, camping and boating, taking pride in teaching Verlan how to waterski. He looked forward to the holidays in both Kalispell when his kids were little and Drummond when his grandkids were. He took every opportunity to teach his daughters Carnita, Rosina and DawnDee how to be independent, strong and thoughtful woman. He had pride in watching his grandkids in sports playing basketball, wrestling and softball and them growing into respectful, hardworking, kind-hearted people.

His four grandchildren Justin (and wife Amber), Hunter and his first set of twin girls Aspen and



Jaden (his "squirrels") followed by his second set of twin girls,

great-granddaughters Keely and Jubilee, were his true joy. Truly a proud and grateful Papa.

He worked in many trades throughout his life involving this land that he cherished — logging, millwright supervisor, miner and electrician, and he was the go-to man for many, with questions about mechanics, hunting, fishing, building and just life in general. He loved the Lord, his family, friends and this land ... To his three girls and his Babe, he was a strong, kind-hearted, compassionate leader. To his grandchildren he was someone to admire and learn from and to his friends and crews, he was somebody to respect.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and sister. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, his three daughters, his sons-in-law, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held in Drummond, Montana, the end of June. Please contact the family for information.

## *PAL 14 Feb 2019* David William Jones, 70

David William Jones, 70, passed away on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, at his home in Bigfork. He was born May 5,

1948. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Gordon Parley Jones, 83

Gordon Parley Jones, 83, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, at Whitefish Care and Rehab.

No services are

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

## Gregory William Jones, 56

Gregory William Jones, 56, of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 26, 2019, in Columbia Falls. Services are pending.

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

## MEMORIALS

### Gregory 'Greg' W. Jones

A celebration of life for Gregory "Greg" W. Jones, 56, of Columbia Falls, who died Sept. 26, 2019, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Cedar Creek Lodge in Columbia Falls.

Greg is survived by children, Austin Jones and Crystal Jones-Dushey.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

### Judith Jones, 73

Judith Jones, 73, died Dec. 21, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by

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

### Rodney Allen Jones, 78

*PAL 11 May 2019*  
Rodney Allen Jones, 78, passed away May 2, 2019, peacefully at the veterans home in Spokane, Washington.

He was born in Kalispell in 1942. He graduated from Flathead High School and went on to serve in Vietnam. Rodney had a passion for traveling and spent many years in the South Pacific.

He had a love for music and enjoyed playing his guitar.

Rodney was always known to live life as a



free spirit. He also resided in Montana and California for some time.

Rodney is survived by a brother and sister, two children

and six grandchildren.

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

## Amy G. Johnson, 97

Amy G. Johnson, 97, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, July 28, 2019, at Hidden Meadow Care Center in Columbia Falls.

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

## Barbara Kay Jones, 80

Barbara Kay Jones, 80, died Dec. 29, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at noon

Wednesday, Jan. 8., at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## David Allen Johnson, 56

David Allen Johnson, 56, of Kalispell, died Nov. 3, 2019, in Kalispell. Services will be held in Parshall, North Dakota.

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

## Davin William Jones, 70

Davin William Jones, 70, died on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 at his home in Bigfork.

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

## Frank Eugene Johnson, 77

Frank Eugene Johnson, 77, of Kila, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, at his home in Kila. Arrangements are

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

## Irene E. Johnson, 83

Irene E. Johnson, 83, of Bigfork, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019 at her home. A private service will be held at a later date.

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

## Larry D. Johnson, 79

Larry D. Johnson, 79, of Kalispell died Oct. 7, 2019. No services are planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lois Ann (Thacker) Johnson, 89

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Ott loved to travel and drove through all 48 contiguous states and throughout Canada.



On Aug. 25, 2019, Lois Ann (Thacker) Johnson passed away peacefully at home with her daughter by her side.

Lois was born in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on April 1, 1930, and was raised in Cory, Pennsylvania, and Columbia Falls. She lived a good life to include being married to her high school sweetheart "Ott" for 72 years. She and

and Jael Johnson; and five great-grandchildren, Marley, Josh, Hannah, Alec and Kyle.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to International Essential Tremor Foundation, P.O. Box 14005, Lenexa, KS 66285-4005; essential www.tremor.org/ways-to-give

career as a motel manager in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Alton "Ott" Johnson; her children, Dennis Johnson, Randy Johnson and Deb Johnson; a sister, Marsha Wilkerson; and brothers, Troy Thacker and Glenn Thacker. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Tyler Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Christine Timmerman

They especially loved to travel to locations where their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren lived. Lois was most notably known for her

## Robert 'Bob' Duane Joy, 84

Robert "Bob" Duane Joy, 84, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; and children, Rhonda (Joy) Lichti, Sherene Joy, Dean Beck, Teresa Beck,

Dwane Beck and Donna Beck.

An open house potluck will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Gary Ronald Jystad, 85

Rollins resident, Gary Ronald Jystad, M.D., passed away on Tuesday morning from natural causes. He was 85 years old.

Gary was well-known in the Flathead Valley. He was born in Kalispell. His father, Edward, served as county treasurer. Gary was a star athlete at Flathead County High School, where he captained teams to consecutive Montana state championships in both football and basketball. He attended the University of Montana where he was student body president and where he met his college sweetheart and wife, Mary Ellen, who served



Gary attended medical school at the prestigious University of Washington, St. Louis and earned his doctorate of medicine where he was awarded the Balfour Award for academics. He interned at the University of

with him as his vice president and was well-known in Flathead on her own merits. Gary lost Mary Ellen after a long fight with breast cancer in 2013.

Minnesota General Hospital and moved back to Great Falls to serve as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, 854th Medical Corps (Strategic Air Command) from 1961 to 1964. He started his private practice in Great Falls as a family physician and surgeon and enjoyed a long and fruitful medical practice over 50 years, owned several clinics in both Montana and California. He was recognized by the Montana State Legislature in 2010 as the oldest active medical doctor in the state.

Gary and Mary Ellen moved back to the Flathead area in 1991 and lived in Rollins on

Flathead Lake until a tragic fire took their home in 2016.

Gary is survived by his three children, Robert Jystad of Fontana, California, Sharon Diekman of Danville, California, and Glenn Jystad of St. Helens, Oregon. Gary is also survived by seven remarkable grandchildren who in their many ways are carrying on his incredible legacy.

Graveside services for Gary will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Gary and his family.