

## Jerry Kasala, 90

and a B.A. in law.



Jerry was a man that wore many hats and began one of his first jobs as operating engineer at Minuteman Missile Silos near

Lewistown, Montana. He would go on to work every facet of flood insurance adjusting with multiple agencies; as a pilot catastrophe adjuster traveling the country with Claire by his side in their minivan, always eager for a new challenge. His final career change came when he started his own construction company. On the jobsite he was assisted by Bob Parker, a true friend who stood by Jerry through thick and thin, always willing to lend a helping hand long after the final job was done.

Jerry took hard work to another level, the job was finished when perfection had been achieved and it met the "Jerry Standard," though some concessions were made when the sun set. Jerry dressed like a drywaller; he wouldn't wear anything that wasn't ripped, full of holes, stained with paint, or caked with dry-wall mud. There was at least one occasion where lunch was paid for by a caring stranger, who thought that he and his grandson Brian were homeless judging by their attire. He had a closet full of nice clothes for special occasions, but sweatpants or hand cut jean shorts were far more practical in case some work might arise that needed to be done. Nothing was thrown out, everything had a purpose, and his

garage would have made a potentially hazardous challenge even for "American Pickers."

There was always more work to be done, but late in life Jerry took up golfing as a hobby he could enjoy with his grandsons and granddaughters. His eyes would light up and a rarely seen smile would magically appear on his almost youthful face whenever his granddaughters Gracie and Madison would visit, eager to drive him around in the golf cart. His swing wasn't pretty due to his damaged rotator cuffs from years of drywalling, but he had a wicked slice and a knack for losing count of his strokes which kept things light and everyone guessing.

Jerry had one final adventure left in him when he accepted the invitation to join one of the few remaining "Honor Flights" for World War II veterans. He was accompanied to Washington, D.C. by his grandson Brian and the duo viewed all of the memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifice of him and his fellow servicemen. The highlight of the trip was visiting the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and having his picture taken with his grandson capturing the multigenerational bond of two Marines.

Throughout 65 years of marriage Jerry never faltered in his love for Claire. However, he did have lifelong love affairs with Diet Pepsi, Dairy Queen XL, strawberry milkshakes, and banana splits. Jerry believed that his proudest accomplishments in life came in the form of putting all five of his children through college. He was a longtime member of Bethlehem

Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church at Creston in his later years.

He could be a tall, intimidating, stone-faced war hardened Marine to some. But "Big Jerr" or "Pardner" as he was affectionately known had a heart of gold, overflowing with compassion and generosity for anyone in need and those who knew him best. A man of few words, quick with his temper but even quicker with compassion. Jerry was genuine, honest, selfless, and a man who will greatly be missed by the countless lives he touched.

Jerry is survived by his sister Doris; wife Claire; daughters Linda (Fredenberg), Kim (DePinto), Sandy, Vicky, son Jerry Jr.; grandsons Brian and Kurt, and granddaughters Gracie and Madison.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2020.

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

Jerry Kasala, 90, passed away Nov. 21, 2019 surrounded by his family, in the very home he skillfully crafted with his own hands some 50 years prior.

He was born July 17, 1929 at the family homestead in Roy, Montana where he spent his formative years. Jerry attended Coal Hill School until fourth grade and then moved to a ranch in Moore, Montana. Hard work was instilled at an early age as the family livelihood was dependent on chickens, cattle and wheat.

Despite the hard times, Jerry found the time to cause some mischief, once slapping the hindquarter of his sister's horse, startling it and causing it to run out of the barn, knocking her off when her head hit the door jam.

Life on the farm wasn't for Jerry and he skipped his senior year of high school, opting to join the United States Marine Corps and obtained his GED while enlisted. Jerry enlisted with falsified documents at age 16 and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, which encompassed the end of World War II. He also served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1951. He took up boxing while in the Corps and claimed to have never lost a bout due to his hard head. Jerry lived life on his terms with stubborn conviction, but always upheld the three Corps values: honor, courage, commitment.

He met the love of his life at the University of Montana, Claire Kulawik, and was always quick to point out that she was the prettiest girl on campus. Jerry made use of G.I. Bill and earned a B.S. in business administration

## Dennis Kaminski, 58

Dennis Kaminski, 58, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## **Fern Kastella, 91**

Fern Kastella, 91, of Whitefish, died Dec. 9, 2019 at North Valley Hospital. She is survived by her sons Doug, Jeff and Joe Kastella. Fern will be buried in Conrad

Cemetery in Kalispell. No services are scheduled. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for her family.

## **Carol J. Katzmiller, 70**

Carol J. Katzmiller, 70, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, at her home in Bigfork.

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

## **Laverne Atchison Kavanagh, 80**

Laverne Atchison Kavanagh, 80, died Dec. 15, 2019, at her home in Whitefish after a battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, John, of Whitefish; sons, Randy Atchison of Canmore, Alberta, Rob Atchison of Calgary, Alberta, and Rick Atchison of Sylvan Lake, Alberta; stepson,

Brian Kavanagh, of Cut Bank; and stepdaughters, Barb Genger of Cut Bank, Darcy White of Shelby, and Tracy Swanson of Happy Valley, Oregon.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring, the date, time and place to be announced later.

## Ruth Unternahrer Kauffman, 89

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Ruth Unternahrer Kauffman, 89, died peacefully Friday, June 21, 2019, in the home of her eldest daughter in Lebanon, Oregon.

She was born on Oct. 24, 1929, in the family farmhouse just outside of Wayland, Iowa. She joined her sister Edna in the family that grew to include one more sister and five younger brothers.

She attended Wayland public schools through high school, then graduated from Hesston College located in Hesston, Kansas. While there, she met her husband, Joe Kauffman, who was also attending college. From there she went on to LaJunta, Colorado, to attend the Mennonite School of Nursing. Unfortunately while there, she contracted tuberculosis while caring for patients in the LaJunta hospital. After a year of recuperation in the sanitarium, she and Joe were married in Raton, New Mexico, on July 18, 1952. They remained in LaJunta until the fall of 1953 when they returned to Joe's home near Kalispell. Except for a brief two-year period spent in Homer, Alaska, and one year spent near Salem, Oregon, they resided in Kalispell until 2010. At that time they moved to Lebanon, Oregon, where they lived close to family members.

Ruth had a quiet, loving spirit that put people at ease in her presence. She cared deeply for all those around her. She typically chose to serve others quietly behind the

scenes in whatever way she was able. Over a 25-plus year period, Ruth and Joe welcomed and loved 60 foster children into their home. Some stayed many years, some a few days, weeks, or months. Often the love poured out on these hurting children was at great personal cost to Ruth. She was deeply committed to this mission and gladly did what she felt God had called her to do.

She served faithfully at Mountain View Mennonite Church where she and Joe were members. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and participated in the Women's Sewing Circle in various ways. While in Oregon they were a part of Lebanon Mennonite Church.

Ruth also participated in community events such as fundraisers for the local Volunteer Fire Department at Creston. She was known far and wide for her excellent baking skills. "Mysteriously" her fresh donations of homemade breads, cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, etc. never made it out to the sale table for general purchase. Community volunteers manning the baked goods booth kept a careful eye out for Ruth's arrival, purchasing her donations on the spot as treats for their own families. Many years were also spent donating to, cooking for, and serving hot meals to the homeless in Kalispell through the Feeding the Flathead organization.

Ruth had many well-

loved, dear friends in both the community and the church family.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Kauffman, her parents Jacob and Mayme (Leighty) Unternahrer, one brother Ralph Unternahrer, one sister Mildred (Unternahrer) Beckler, one daughter Kelli White, one son Charles Upham, and one grandson Jordan Carlson.

She is survived by one sister, Edna (Unternahrer) Beckler, of Kalispell; four brothers, Daniel (Annabelle) Unternahrer of Shipshewana, Indiana, Harold Unternahrer of Wayland, Iowa, John (Phianna) Unternahrer of Wayland, and Clarence (Linda) Unternahrer of Ainsworth, Iowa; four daughters, Kristina (Leonard) Krabill and Amy (Todd) Borntreger of Lebanon, Oregon, Tracy (Bruce) Drury of Libby, and Sandra Cannon of Buda, Texas; five sons, Brent (Debra) Kauffman of Lebanon, Oregon, Doug (Sherry Jolley) Kauffman, Scott (Patti) Carlson of Kalispell, Raymond

(Jasmine) Burland of Ronan, and David Kauffman of Deerlodge; 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and a multitude of nieces, nephews and extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell.

A memorial service will also be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 1 at New Hope Church, Lebanon, Oregon.

## William Albert Keane Jr., 64

William Albert Keane Jr., 64, died Nov. 6, 2019 at his home in Rexford. Services are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Sundie L. Kelleher, 49

Sundie L. Kelleher, 49, of Bigfork, died Nov. 11, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are being

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

## Arlene E. Keller, 86

Arlene E. Keller, 86, died Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## James Edward Keys, 86

James Edward Keys, 86, died Monday, April 22, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Private family services will take place at

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Margaret K. 'Marge' Keith, 85

*P.A. 16 Oct 2019*  
Marge Keith, 85, of Kalispell, passed away with family by her side on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



and wife Nita Kok; her three children, daughter Terry R. Keith and partner Zak Zak-

rzewski, grandchildren Christine and Mike Giardino; son Harry C. "Butch" Keith and wife Kimberly Bessen; grandchildren Teagan Keith, Trenna Zalesky and husband John Zalesky, Caitlin Keller and husband Les Keller; great-grandchild Emelyn Keller; grandchildren Daniel, Ty and Ava Bessen; son Robert J. Keith, grandchildren Nikki Felix and husband Chris Felix; great-grandchildren Gavin and Callee Meyer, Max and Meika Felix; grandchildren Staci Payson; great-grandchildren James and Makynzi Kelley; and countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, husband Mike Keith, three brothers John Kok, Albert Kok and Ray Kok, three sisters Genevieve Davidson, Dorothy Senner and Rita Hagan, and daughter-in-law Pam Keith.

Marge was passionate about spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed golfing, cross-country skiing, Glacier Park, and singing in choirs. Marge was best known for always having a smile and a hug for everyone. Volunteering was something Marge did with great love. She was instrumental in setting up the Crisis Center in Great Falls, and in Kalispell she helped set up the dementia unit at Bratsberg Memorial. Marge continued volunteering with Al Anon, her church, and many other things.

Services for Marge will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marge's honor to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

The Keith family is being cared for by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Marge is survived by her brother Robert Kok

## Frank Arthur Kellenbeck, 66

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Frank Arthur Kellenbeck, 66, passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 18, 1952, in Kalispell to Vern and Jean (Kelly) Kellenbeck.

Frank graduated high school in Orange, California. He retired from Plum Creek Timber in Columbia Falls after 40-plus years. He then worked several summers at the West Glacier Golf Course.

He married Jan Hamilton in California in 1973; they later divorced. From this union they had two daughters, Jolene and husband Rawls Howard and grandson Rawls IV of Tarboro, North Carolina; and Aimee and husband Jeffery Wallace and two granddaughters, Lauren and Audrey of Spokane.

On Aug. 9, 2003, Frank



married Melissa Kelsey at the family homestead, Kelly's Camp, Glacier National

Park. From this marriage, an extended family was added, John Paul and his wife, Amy Grosch, and granddaughter, Vivian, of Libby; and Hilary and husband, Robert Edgerton, and grandson, Wyatt, of Arvada, Colorado.

He looked forward to going to hunting camp in the fall with his best friend, Russell La Palm. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, golfing, fishing and attending football games at the University of Montana in Missoula.

In earlier years, he waterskied and enjoyed boating and teaching

his children how to ski on his beloved Lake McDonald at the Kelly Camp Homestead in Glacier National Park. He spent many summers hosting family and friends and visiting with longtime residents at the OO Cabin.

He was a volunteer fireman for Coram, West Glacier Fire Department, for over 30 years. He was instrumental in building the future new Coram, West Glacier Fire Hall in Coram. He also organized the annual Fireman's Ball fundraiser. He helped with the Lions Lake kids fishing derby in Hungry Horse and participated in the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up for several years.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Jean Kelly and Vern Kellenbeck.

He is survived by his loving wife,

Melissa; brother, Robert Kellenbeck and wife, Sara of Great Falls; sister, Ann Donnelly and husband, Greg, of Bigfork; and numerous cousins and nephews.

Memorials may be made in memory of Frank to the Coram, West Glacier Fire Department, P.O. Box 162, West Glacier, MT 59936.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. July 20 at the Kellenbeck residence.

I would like to extend a special thank you to KRMC Emergency and ICU staff for all their efforts and also the first responders.

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.

## Paul David Kellenberger, 67

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Paul David Kellenberger, 67, born March 1, 1952 passed away Monday afternoon, July 15, 2019 in Kalispell. Dave was preceded in death by his older brother James, his father Robert, his wife Rita (Hewitt) and mother Alma. He is survived by his brother John, sisters Joan and Karen, one

niece and two nephews. Dave knew a lot of people and those who called him Dave knew him as a friend. If there is one word that could describe Dave, that word would be "perseverance". His friends and family miss him. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Dave's Family.



## John Melroy Kestell, 81

*P.F.C. 26 May 2019*  
John Melroy Kestell, 81, passed away on May 7, 2019; peacefully in his sleep, at home, which was what he wanted.

John was born in Rhine Center, Wisconsin, to Helen and Melroy Kestell, the oldest child of 13 children, on May 21, 1937. Raised on a dairy farm and educated in a one-room schoolhouse, he was proud of his family and farm heritage.

He attended high school in Plymouth, Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. He finished his bachelor's and master's degrees after working for the newspapers in the Twin Cities and Las Vegas and becoming sober after many years of alcohol abuse. His education was something he always referred to as "the 20-year plan." As an addiction counselor he helped others working in Darlington, Wisconsin as the clinical director at Rimrock in Billings; and in private practice in Kalispell, busy in a career of over 30 years. He also fought to prevent the legalization of gambling in Montana.

John grew award-winning dahlias for over 50 years and loved his friends in the Montana Dahlia Society. He showed his dahlias annually at the Northwest Montana Fair and the Kalispell Mall show. His favorite place was his garden and spending time with his horses and pets. He was also a loyal Chicago Cubs fan who watched all the games on Major League Baseball and reveled in their winning of the World Series. John was a handsome, charismatic man who was fun to be around and had a great sense of humor. In the summer, he enjoyed tooling around in his classic 1950 Ford. Each fall and winter he routed for the Green Bay Packers.



come their additions. He made a difference!

John is survived by his very

special wife, Paula, and ex-wives, Sharon Lane and Georgina Boggs; four brothers, Richard (Bobbi) Kestell of New Holstein, Wisconsin, Tom (Gin) Kestell of Waldo, Wisconsin, Dave (Moni) Kestell of Plymouth, and Steve (Luanne) Kestell of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin; five sisters, Kathy (Ambrose) Schmitz of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, Karen (Ralph) Hausler of Plymouth, Eileen (Keith) Kiesow Hassinger of Billings, and Kiel, Wisconsin, Gini (Dick) Schmitz of La Porte, Indiana, and Donna (Mike) Zimmerman of Bradbury, California. Also surviving are a daughter, Amanda Johns, of Whitefish; and son, Patrick Kestell, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Georgia Johnson, Julianne and Pax Johns; and a stepdaughter, Bridget Roskam and stepson, Christopher Roskam.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by a sister Diane, and two brothers William and Donald "Mike," niece Nicole Kiesow, nephew Clay Kestell, niece, Charlotte Kestell, and a great-grandniece Abigail Hausler.

A memorial party for friends and family will be held at John and Paula's home in Creston from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. Call 406-471-2666 for directions.

A burial service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Cascade, Wisconsin at noon on Sunday, June 23. Following that, there will be a life celebration for John at the family farm in Waldo, Wisconsin. Call 920-528-7063 for directions.

## Ann R. Kienas, 50

Ann R. Kienas, 50, of Kalispell, died Aug. 26, 2019, in Kalispell.

Ann is survived by her husband J.D., as well as her children Cassie Bucher and Michael Graham. Ann is also

survived by her brother Jamie.

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

## Bob Kieser, 83

*P.F.C. 20 Sept 2019*  
Bob Kieser, 83, died Sept. 6, 2019, in his sleep.

He was born in Riverside, California, in 1936. He was proud to have been part of the 129 original students in the new University of California, Riverside campus, where his name is forever inscribed in cement.

Bob always dreamed of playing ball for the Dodgers, or of becoming a classical pianist. In real life, he procured a degree in political science and went to work as a social worker for the state of California. He loved talking baseball with younger son, Michael, and politics with older son, Scott. Locally, his true love was singing with the Glacier Chorale, with which he enjoyed membership for 22 years. He had been looking

forward to singing with them again this season.

Bob loved nature and

especially camping by a body of water. His lack of familiarity with tools was legendary; a hammer was swung like a baseball bat. He had a great sense of humor and was able to laugh at himself. In late afternoons Bob enjoyed his daily martini while listening to his vast collection of classical music.

He was a truly good man, wonderful husband to his surviving wife, Jackie, and attentive father to sons Scott of Seattle and Michael of San Antonio, Texas. He is truly missed.



## Robert Ray Kieser, 83

Robert Ray Kieser, 83, died Sept. 6, 2019 at his home in Kalispell. Services are currently

pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

John was extremely close to his family and enjoyed visiting them in Wisconsin but loved living in the Flathead Valley, which he said was "Wisconsin with mountains. John was a good man. His life was well spent and full, doing what he loved and helping many people to over-

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## James Anthony Kiley, 93

P.A.W. 30 Aug 2019

James "Jim" Kiley, 93, loving father, husband, friend and physician, died on Aug. 21, 2019, in Portland, Oregon, after a long illness. He was a family physician in Kalispell from 1972 until his retirement 15 years ago.

A private memorial ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a joyous "Celebration of Life" for all at Buffalo Hill Golf Course Clubhouse starting at 5 p.m. Jim's favorite beer (Dump Truck) will be available in abundance. In lieu of gifts, flowers or donations, please honor Jim with your presence and bring any stories or remembrances. He wanted a happy send-off with wonderful friends, a good laugh and a hearty toast.

Born in Buffalo, New York, Jim graduated from Canisius High School, and then enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. After serving through the end of the war, he attended William and Mary College in Virginia, graduating with a degree in business. He worked for a few years in Charlotte, North Carolina, then obtained a Master in Business Administration (MBA) degree at the University of North Carolina. During this time he met his future wife, Anne English, and they were married on Sept. 6, 1952. He then enrolled in and obtained his M.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1958. He and Anne, with their three children, moved to Grand Rapids,



and Church Advisory Committee and was instrumental in opening a new Catholic junior and senior high school in Manistee. In 1967, he and Anne, with their seven children, moved to Petoskey, Michigan, where, in addition to practicing full time, he coached the high school ski team and worked diligently on Proposition C, to allow state funding for parochial schools.

In 1972, after hearing about the wonders of Montana from an old rancher in Winter Park, Colorado, Jim and Anne, with their eight children, left Michigan, including his busy medical practice, and moved west to Kalispell. They moved into a wonderful home on Woodland Avenue, where they both lived happily thereafter for nearly half a century.

After retiring, Jim and Anne spent many winters in La Paz, Mexico. There they made many new friends, played tennis and watched closely for the "green flash" as the sun set on the Gulf of California. For the last 10 years, as age started to take its toll, they began wintering in the Sacramento, California,

area to be closer to their children. Jim remained active in tennis, and even took up pickleball. After his illnesses prevented him from playing, he'd often come out to watch friends and family play.

Jim, with Anne, were most proud of their children and extended family. They both loved hosting and entertaining the kids, their families and friends during the wonderful Montana summers and very much looked forward to and enjoyed their biennial family reunions. They lived near two of their children during the winters and visited the others often. After losing Anne, his wife of 65 years in April of 2018, and despite his failing health, he was able to spend the last few months of his life "home" in Kalispell.

Jim loved Montana! He was active in the Flathead Valley Medical Society and built a thriving practice in the Medical Arts Building next to Kalispell Regional Hospital. He served as a director on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana governing board for many years and remained involved in hospital politics until shortly before his death. He was active in his church, St. Matthew's, and read the gospel at services regularly. He was an avid tennis player and enthusiast, loved skiing and golf and, of course, rarely missed his daily beer. He had a wonderful group of friends and colleagues, and was comforted by their frequent visits during the last months of his life. He and Anne also held a special place

in their heart for their friends, Dana "Sodie" and Keith Soderstrom, who were like "family," and played a major part of their lives from almost the first day of Jim and Anne's arrival in the Flathead.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Jim was preceded in death by Anne, his wife of 65 years, sister Margaret (88), and many good friends; and is survived by his eight children, Jim (Shari), Mike, Kathy Bobadilla, Dan, Mary Ann Moe (Steve), Tom (Lisa), Tim (Susan) and Kate Monahan; his 14 grandchildren, Brian (Christie), Kevin, Bradley, Shannon, Enrique Bobadilla, Nick Bobadilla, Monica Bobadilla, Zach, Josh, Nicole, Austin Moe, Jessica Galbraith, Jake Monahan and Kiley Monahan; and two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Joey.

# Jack King remembered for commitment to community banking

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By **DUNCAN ADAMS**  
Daily Inter Lake

Kalispell native Albert John "Jack" King championed community banking during his long life and was a co-founder of both Valley Bank of Kalispell and what is now Three Rivers Bank of Montana.

King, who died Wednesday at the age of 90, was remembered by friends and family on Friday as a strong-willed man of integrity who believed in independent, community banking and its potential to improve the lives



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of customers. "He liked treating people fairly and was a man of his word," said John King, chairman and chief executive officer of Three Rivers Bank of Montana, and one of three children born to Jack and Almeda King.

"He really valued the betterment of all," John King said.

Almeda King died in 2015 on Christmas Day. The cou-

ple's children, who survive, are Karen Rosenberg, John King and A. J. King.

Mike Burr works now in Columbia Falls as a vice president for Whitefish Credit Union. But his banking career started in 1979 at First Security Bank of Kalispell. He said King was then chairman of the board. Burr stayed with the bank until 1997.

"Jack was just really passionate about his community and passionate about community banking," Burr said. "He was a very good man, a very fair-minded man who cared a lot about Kalispell. Jack was

instrumental in community banking in Montana."

In 1962, Jack King and Jack Hensley became co-owners of the charter of the State Bank of Somers, which they ultimately moved to Kalispell. It became Valley Bank of Kalispell.

In 1974, Jack King and investors founded the First Security Bank of Kalispell, which changed its name in 1999 to Three Rivers Bank of Montana.

Hensley died in 2011.

King was a former president of the Montana

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Independent Bankers Association and former chairman of a national group known as the Independent Bankers Association of America.

"He did not like interstate banking," said A. J. King, president of Three Rivers Bank of Montana.

He said his father believed big interstate

banks take their profits out of the communities in which they locate branches.

"He was staunchly independent," A. J. King said.

As a teenager, Jack King worked regionally during World War II as a fire lookout for the U.S. Forest Service, because men who might have otherwise staffed the towers were serving in the Armed Forces, said A. J. King.

Later, King worked as a laborer during construction of the Hungry Horse Dam. And he worked as a smoke-jumper during the summers of his college years.

He attended the University of Montana, where he played football, and graduated in 1950 with a degree in business.

Jack King and Ivan O'Neil of Kalispell were friends even before grade school. They graduated in 1946 from Flathead

County High School and graduated together from the University of Montana.

O'Neil, 90, also served during high school as a regional fire tower lookout for the Forest Service. He was a member of the original board of directors for First Security Bank.

"Jack was a friend of everybody," O'Neil said. "He had a lot of acquaintances."

O'Neil agreed with

John King's observation about Jack King being strong-willed.

"If he wanted something, he went after it and got it," he said.

One of the many things Jack King got started, in 1975, was the Highlander Track Club, which later became Highlander Track & Cross Country Club. Three Rivers Bank still sponsors the clubs and there is no charge to participate.

A. J. King said he's

heard from many parents who have expressed gratitude for the club because the parents could not afford to pay for their children to participate in other sports.

A funeral service for Jack King will be held Feb. 21 at noon at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

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## A.J. 'Jack' King, 90

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Jack quietly passed away at home on Feb. 13, 2019.

He was born into a family of three teenagers to Judge Dean King and Metta Steere King. His parents were members of the first Flathead County High School graduating class in 1905.

He graduated from Flathead County High

School and from the University of Montana with a degree in business administration. To earn money for school, he worked summers for the Forest Service. When he learned the smoke-jumpers paid more, he signed up. He played as a safety and back-up quarterback for the U of M Grizzly football team, one of his most precious memories.

Jack and Almeda Longpre, his high school sweetheart, married Aug. 20, 1950 in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell. He began his amazing 60 plus years journey of banking beginning with Commercial Credit Corp. in Missoula, Metals Bank and Trust Co. in Butte and Conrad National Bank in Kalispell. He went on to be executive vice president of the Bank of Columbia Falls.



Consumer Advisory Council. Jack also testified on community banking before Ralph Nadar's Blue Ribbon Commission and the U.S. Senate Banking Committee in Washington.

Governor Tom Judge appointed him to the first Montana State Banking Board. He served a second term under Governor Ted Schwindon.

In 1991 he was awarded the University of Montana business school alumni award.

Jack leaves behind a legacy of bankers. His sons, A.J. and John, his grandchildren, Joel and Ashley, and his son-in-law, Ron.

Jack had a zest for life that overflowed onto his love for his community. Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce president and great chief, board member of the Montana Historical Society and Central School Museum, foundation chairman of the board of the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, director for the Montana Logging Association and much more.

Jack was the founder of the Highlander Track Club. For 44 years the track program has provided an opportunity for over 14,000 grade-school kids.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Almeda; his brother, Robert D. King; his sisters, Susie Clarke and Betty King. He is survived by his three children, Karen Jo Rosenberg (Ron) Whitefish, John (Cheryl) King, A.J. (Gina) King). Grandchildren, Kirsten (Derek) Pevey, Joel Rosenberg (Shannon Rosenberg), Ashley (Bobby) King-Jones, Shila Schreiner (Cody), Patrick King and Annie Jo King.

Great-grandchildren, Rylan Jack and Jaidyn Noel Pevey, Oliver, Reese, and Hadlee Rosenberg, Annalynn and Decland Schreiner; his neice, Dr. Jennifer Clarke of Unity, Maine and nephew, Dean King of California.

made sure it was magical for everyone.

If you wish to make a donation in memory of Jack: Highlander track program c/o Three Rivers Bank, 233 East Idaho Street, First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main St., Kalispell, Glacier Presbyterian Church Camp, 17482 Oneil Dr., Lakeside, MT 59922, or whatever is close to your heart.

His celebration of life will be Thursday, Feb. 21, noon at First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main St., with the reverend Glenn Burfield officiating. Church reception and grave side service at Conrad Memorial Cemetery to follow.

Johnson Golschat Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In 1962, Jack and the late Jack Hensley bought the State Bank of Somers and moved the bank charter to Kalispell. It was renamed the Valley Bank of Kalispell. He chartered a second bank, the First Security Bank of Kalispell, later renamed Three Rivers Bank of Montana. Jack founded and became president of the Montana Independent Bankers. The highlight of his career was in 1984 when he became chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America. During his term, he was invited to the White House to meet with President Ronald Reagan to discuss the agriculture crisis. In 1998, U.S. Federal Reserve Chairmen, Paul Volker, and later Alan Greenspan, appointed him to the Systems

Jack loved Ashley Lake, the Griz, local history, dogs, hunting, fishing, running a chain saw, skiing and enjoying a warm fire with Almeda. Christmas was his favorite holiday and he

# Shirley Lorraine (Johnson) Kindem

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Born November 17, 1929, in Morris, Minnesota, to Stanley "Tiny" and Ethel Johnson, Shirley was the valedictorian of Morris High's class of 1947. She enrolled at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she completing a double major in Art and Music and sang with the St. Olaf Choir. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she graduated magna cum laude in 1951.

After a two-year stint teaching in Hardin, Montana, she married Roald A. Kindem, a Luther Seminarian, on June 8, 1953, and they moved to Kalispell for Roald's internship year. The following May, they welcomed the



first of eight children: Randi, Peter, Erik, Kari, Kristofer, Mark, Mikal, and Joel.

Following Roald's seminary graduation in 1955, they served pastorates at American (later Christ) in Whitefish; First in Havre, Montana; Grace

in Albert Lea, Minnesota; and California Lutheran University, before making Apple Valley their home from 1978-2019.

At age 50, Shirley enrolled at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, fulfilling a desire for advanced theological education and the opportunity to serve the church in a new capacity. Graduating in 1983, she served as an Associate in Ministry at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota, and St. John Lutheran Church in Rosemount, Minnesota, and was a volunteer chaplain at Fairview Ridges Hospital, Burnsville, Minnesota.

Alongside her volun-

teer and professional work Shirley expressed her creativity in other outlets, including community theatre and various choral ensembles. After retiring from professional church work she found a new passion: writing detailed family histories as well as a three-volume memoir, *Growing Up Shirley*.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 65 years Roald, her children and their families: Randi (Albert) Siu, of Carlisle, Massachusetts; Peter (Gabrielle) Dion-Kindem, of Agoura Hills, California; Erik (Christine) Kindem, of Seattle, Washington; Kari (Thomas), of San Jose, California; Kristofer Kindem, of Eagan, Minnesota; Mark (Miriam) Kindem, of Bemidji, Minnesota;

Mikal (Diane, deceased) Kindem, of Blaine, Minnesota; and Joel (Susan) Kindem, of San Diego, California. Their 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild include: Maren, Jacob (Maryel), Lars (Stephanie), Anneliese, Soren, Nathan (Deyhdra), Megan (Tyler), Kai, Naomi, Lukas, Kirsten, Jonathan, Stephen, Daniel, Sarah (James) with Micah, Cole (Kelly), Matthew (fiancé Ariel), Noah and Harleigh. She is also survived by her sister Carol DeCastro (Fred) and their four children, numerous nieces and nephews; and by brothers and sisters in Christ, colleagues, cherished friends and neighbors who have shared this "one wild and precious life" with her. Shirley's spirit lives on in all of our hearts as a

life-long example of deep Christian faith, generosity, kindness, perseverance, patience and devoted service to others.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, Minnesota, on April 12, 2019. Visitation at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m., following by a luncheon hosted by the congregation. Interment of Shirley's ashes will take place at Oakwood Cemetery, Northfield, Minnesota, on April 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. Family only.

In lieu of flowers, we invite gifts to the Shirley L. Kindem Choir Endowment Fund at Grace Lutheran Church, Apple Valley.

## Juanita F. (Patton) Kinniburgh, 80

On March 12, 2019, beloved mom and grandmother Juanita F. (Patton) Kinniburgh went to heaven to be with her Heavenly Father. Juanita Kinniburgh was born in Kansas and, at an early age, moved to Norwalk, California. While living in California, she met a Montanan, Dale Kinniburgh, who was serving in the Marines. Shortly after marrying, Dale and Juanita moved to the Flathead Valley where they raised their family.

Juanita Kinniburgh actively participated in church and lovingly served others. She enjoyed many outdoor activities such as huckleberry picking and camping. Early in their marriage, Juanita would often care for her children while camping at Dale's logging worksites. In later years, Juanita worked as



Juanita was preceded in death by her parents Frank Patton and Mary Anderson, her brother Wayne Patton, husband Dale Kinniburgh Sr., son and daughter-in-law Dale and Kathy Kinniburgh Jr., and son and daughter-in-law Dennis and Theresa (Barron) Kinniburgh.

Juanita is survived by daughter and son-in-law Juanetta and Matthew Schrepfer, son and daughter-in-law David and Muffy Kinniburgh, and son Danny Kinniburgh; also grandchildren, Aron, Jason and Levi Schrepfer; Patrick, Paul and Pete Kinniburgh; Kyle,

a teacher's assistant, pursued a bachelor's degree, and served as a certified nurses assistant. Melody and Amanda (Bullock) Kinniburgh, Andrew, Noah and Nate Kinniburgh; and many great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 13 at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 Fourth Ave. West in Kalispell, with lunch to follow.

## James Wilfred Kimmery, 81

James Wilfred Kimmery, 81, passed away Sept. 24, 2019, in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 28, 1937, to Wilfred and Alma Mae Kimmery of Flint, Michigan. Jim grew up and went to school in Flint and Fenton, Michigan, and went on to graduate from Michigan State University. Jim also served in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, from 1961 to 1963.

Jim married Donna Nichols in 1956 and had three children, Theresa (Wilford) Romero of Coos Bay, Oregon, Veronica Fletcher of Billings, and Melanie Kimmery of Wasilla, Alaska. They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In 1981 Jim married Loyann Kolste and gained two children, Tamalee (Gene) Robinson of Bigfork, and Tim (Lorraine) Kolste of Fairfield, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Jim and Loyann have been active members of the United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

Preceding him in death are a half sister Joyce, half brother Roy, his sister Sally Jo, and an infant son Walter.

Jim was a very successful businessman, initially selling horticulture supplies around the Northwest from 1964 to 1973. After falling in love with Montana he moved to Billings in 1974. Jim founded Continental



Horticulture Supply Co. and Village Gardens in Billings, spending the next 37 years building these companies with his

wife and business partner Loyann. Jim also served as sales manager for McCalif Growers Supply in California from 1990 to 1995. He was instrumental in developing the horticulture programs for both the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch in Billings and the Special K Ranch in Columbus. He was a longtime member of the Montana Florist Association and the Montana Nursery Association. Jim and Loyann sold Continental Horticulture Supply Co. and Village Gardens in 2007 and had been enjoying retirement, volunteering and traveling since. In 2017 they moved to Bigfork.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Special K Ranch or United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Jim's family.

## Ruth G. Kintzler, 80

Ruth G. Kintzler, 80, died Dec. 15, 2019 at Wel Life in Kalispell. Services are currently

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

## Jeffery Thomas Kisiah, 61

Jeffery Thomas Kisiah, 61, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died May 3, 2019, in Kalispell. He is survived by his wife Candie Kisiah, and his children.

There will be no services held locally. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Tammy D. Kirkland, 50

Tammy D. Kirkland, 50, of Columbia Falls, died July 19, 2019. Services are pending.

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

## Virgil John Kirkland, 85

PAC 26 Sept 2019

Virgil John Kirkland went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, at age 85.

Virgil was born Jan. 28, 1934, in Kalispell to Clarence and Dorothy (Verley) Kirkland and lived all his life here. He married Sandra Roark on May 8, 1967. He worked at Plum Creek, Petrolane Gas and retired from Montana Power. He was an active member of Bible Baptist Church for many years. Virgil



enjoyed his family and hunting, camping and especially fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Dorothy Kirkland; sons Darrell, Tim Kirkland and Russell Eastman; and two brothers Merle Kirkland and Clyde Kirkland, both formerly of Kalispell.

Virgil is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sandra; and children, Keevin (Judy Lyon) Kirkland of Belgrade, Debra (Gary) Helzer of Kalispell, Layne (Helen) Kirkland of Kalispell, Dan (Kim) Eastman of Polson, and Glenda Eastman of Kalispell; one sister, Virginia Roberts, of Kalispell; one brother, Fred (Connie) Kirkland, of Bozeman; 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Bible Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bible Baptist Church in honor of Virgil.

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.

## Richard Lee 'Rick' Klein, 80

PAC 15 Aug 2019

Rick passed away July 24, 2019, at the Whitefish Care Center.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Columbia Falls Canvas Church, 738 Third Ave. West, Columbia Falls.

Rick was born March 4, 1939, at Gilmore City, Iowa, to Chester and Roberta Klein. After graduation from Fort Dodge, Iowa High School, he served in the Navy as a machinist



mate aboard the USS Kearsarge.

A few years later he found his way to Montana, the place he loved and lived the rest of his life.

He was a jack-of-all-trades. He tried on many hats and the hat that fit the best was working with horses.

He was a charter member of Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead.

For many years Rick was a volunteer with North Valley Search and Rescue, Bad Rock Fire Department and the Veterans Food Pantry.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings.

Rick is survived by sisters, Grace Becke, Beverly Kunik (Ronald), and Sandra Eddy (Tom); brother, Chet Klein; and many nieces and nephews.

## Leila J. Klindt, 76

Leila J. Klindt, 76, died at her home in Kalispell on May 2, 2019. She is survived by her son, Scott Kilndt.

A graveside urn service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn

Cemetery. A potluck celebration will be held at the Columbia Bar at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

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

## Christa Kloetzke, 84

PAC 11 Aug 2019

Christa Kloetzke, 84, passed away on July 4, 2019, at her home in Columbia Falls. Christa Gunther

married Bob Kloetzke of Columbia Falls. They moved to the valley and met and married in 1959. That marriage ended in 1970s. When Dr. Bennett

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### Jeanette Klein, 77

Jeanette Klein, 77, went home to her Lord and Savior on Dec. 31, 2018.

Jeanette L. (Jones) Klein was born May 5, 1941, to Richard and Ruth Jones of Kalispell. Jeanette was raised in the Foy's Lake area of Kalispell, the oldest daughter and one of five children. Jeanette was a 1959 graduate of Flathead County High School, and was active in 4-H growing up. Her grandfather, Rue



Carr, was an early founder of 4-H in the Flathead Valley. She met her husband of 57 years, John Klein, on a blind date set up by her cousin. Jeanette and John were married in October 1961 and have resided on the family homestead north of Columbia Falls their entire married lives.

Jeanette loved to garden, and her family was happy recipients of all her home canned goods and wonderful home cooking growing up. She loved to be outside, working in the soil, or going for long walks with her husband John. Being able to walk and be out in God's creation was the best medicine for her; she and John continued their daily walks right up to the last month or so of her life. She worked

alongside her husband on the family farm for many years, and was also employed outside the home at various places, most recently she was a "lunch lady" at Columbia Falls Elementary, where she loved feeding the children and getting to know them.

Jeanette is survived by her husband, John Klein; daughter Lorie (Roger) Steerman, sons Kevin (Pam) Klein, and Keith (Myllinda) Klein; and

grandchildren, Natasha Klein, Thomas (Emily) Klein and boys, Whitney Klein, Marina Steerman, Garrett Steerman, and Anne, Nyla Jane, and Mason Klein; and sisters, Marjorie Bland and Sharrie Gamere.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Ruth Jones, brothers Richard and Larry Jones, and parents-in-law, Norbert and Jean Klein.

Services will be held

at 11 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Canyon Community Church in Coram.

Memorials may be made to Home Options Health Care, 275 Corporate Drive, Ste. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Canyon Community Church, P.O. Box 130044, Coram, MT 59913; or the charity of your choice.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Albert Henry 'Big Al' Koenig, 78



as well as time spent in Fort Ord, California, where he achieved the rank of captain. In 1968 Al was honorably discharged and moved his family

to Helena.

Al had several types of jobs through the years beginning at First National Bank in Helena fresh out of college and the service. He then began a new venture in over-the-road trucking with his own company, A and C Trucking. Al would run up to three trucks at A and C leased to both Dick Irvine and later M.S. Molitor Trucking. In later years Al would drive truck for and with many friends including Skinner Ent., Mike

Wetherall, JS Transport, K&D Trucking, Big Sky Trucking and, most recently, the family business in Belgrade, Scenic City Trucking.

Al met Renee Cartwright in 1994 and they were married June 12, 1999. They enjoyed hobbies such as attending auctions and buying, selling, and collecting antiques, serving on the Gallatin Valley Historic Preservation board, taking the Model T to parades, going to car shows and steam-powered farm equipment shows, watching rodeos, camping, and traveling South in the winter. Al was also a member of the Owner Operators and Independent Driver Association (OOIDA).

Al loved spending time with family and friends and going to family reunions and school reunions and visiting with his old classmates.

Al especially loved going to his grandkids' events.

Al was preceded in death by both of his parents, and uncle and aunt, Ben and Leticia Johnson; brothers-in-law, Jesse Eayrs and Dale Fuller; and several cousins.

Al is survived by his wife, Renee; and his children, Shawn (Shelly), Michelle Calvo (Bill), Corey (Michele), and Kim Cross (Bill). Al is also survived by several grandchildren, Angie Manteufel (Paul), Ashley, Albert Koenig; Maddie, Paige, Raegan Calvo, Logan (Ellie), Lane, Lindsay Koenig, Cody (Shanna), Kaden, and Cooper Cross. Mike and Colleen Cartwright and their kids, Shawn and Jacob; and two great-grandchildren, Gabriel

and Makena Manteufel. Al is survived by both his sisters, Louise Eayrs and Dorothy Fuller.

A memorial service will be held at noon on May 11 at Bozeman United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow at Scenic City Trucking's shop at 2239 Amsterdam Road, Belgrade.

In lieu of flowers, Al's family suggests donations to the Heart of the Valley animal shelter or the American Cancer Society, or Bozeman Deaconess Foundation.

Special thanks to the night shift (Larena) at Hospice of the Valley, Glendale, Arizona.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service; [www.dokkennelson.com](http://www.dokkennelson.com)

Early the morning of April 15, 2019, Al passed away at Hospice of the Valley, Thunderbird facility near Phoenix, after suffering a severe stroke on April 8, 2019. Al was 78.

Al was born Feb. 14, 1941, in Kalispell to Louis and Jeannette (Kleinhans) Koenig. He was the youngest of three children. Al attended grade K-5 at Kalispell public school, at which time he transferred to Ronan public school where he attended until graduation from Ronan High School, Class of 1959. He then moved to Bozeman and attended Montana State College graduating with a business degree in 1964. During his time at MSC he married Carolyn Klimas from Big Sandy and together they had four children. The couple eventually divorced.

Al served in the Army during ROTC in Bozeman

### Barbara Knutson, 78

Barbara Knutson, 78, of Kalispell died April 22, 2019. Barbara was born Feb. 28, 1941. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday May 2, 2019 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Patti Sue (Crow) Koski 61

P.A.C. 17 Mar 2019

Patti Sue Koski passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at Heritage Place in Kalispell due to kidney failure.

Patti was born Aug. 15, 1957, in McCall, Idaho, to Gertrude (GR) and Alvin Crow. Her family moved to Montana when she was very young and she spent her childhood in the Flathead. Patti moved to Alaska, where she spent 15 years enjoying life and family. Prior to returning to Montana in the mid-1980s Patti had been married and divorced twice. When she moved back to the Flathead she married her high school sweetheart Don Koski. She became a stepmother to Tony and Amanda Koski. In 1990 Patti gave birth to her only daughter, Matti Linn. Patti and Don later divorced in the late 1990s.

Patti enjoyed her time working at Sawbucks for many years. She also enjoyed working at the Legacy Cafe and VFW briefly. She loved collecting dream-catchers and going camping with her family. Patti also adored her grandchildren and loved spending any time with them as she could.



Patti courageously fought a battle with diabetes since the early '90s and for the last 8 years was on dialysis. We would like to thank Heritage Place and Hospice for their great care of Patti.

She is preceded in death by her father Alvin Crow and her brother Bobby Mattingly.

She is survived by her mother Gertrude (GR) Mattingly of Kalispell, her brother Matt Mattingly of Fairbanks, Alaska, her daughter Matti Koski and her son Eli Brickles of Kalispell, Tony and Keaton Koski and grandchildren Kelly and Donovan and Victoria Koski of Kalispell, Amanda Koski and grandchildren Hailey and Jazzy Brager of Billings and many, many cousins.

Services will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral home on Monday March 18, at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck celebration of life reception at the VFW in Kalispell.

## Jeff Krautbauer, 57

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On Dec. 10, 2019, Jeff passed into heaven surrounded by his loving family.

Jeff was born in Waconia, Minnesota, on Jan. 22, 1962. He graduated from Waconia High School in 1980. As a young man, Jeff had a passion for hunting with his father, family and friends and enjoyed many hunting trips with them in Minnesota.

Jeff met his future wife Elizabeth "Liz" Segner and they married Feb. 15, 1985. Later that year they started their first adventure and moved to Aspen, Colorado, to enjoy the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Jeff and Liz loved the outdoors, camping, hiking, hunting and skiing. After two years in Colorado they moved back to Minnesota where Jeff attended Dunwoody College of Technology and earned his Master of Electrical degree. During this time Jeff worked as an electrician and later owned his own business.

Their daughter Ally joined their family on May 30, 1990. After missing the mountains, they decided to move their family to Kalispell in 1995. Shortly after this move Jeff started an electrical business in the Flathead where he has met many wonderful people.

Jeff lived for hunting season with a countdown to opening day every year. He enjoyed all areas of hunting, big game and bird. He was able to pull a moose tag this year, which was one of Jeff's life's dreams and was able to fill it too! He also loved riding his horse in the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his close buddies. Jeff and his family also enjoyed snowmobiling, skiing, rafting and

spending time with his family and friends.

Jeff's most treasured moments were walking his daughter down the aisle in marriage and gaining a wonderful son-in-law, Kramer Wilson; also being able to meet all three of his grandchildren, Ryan, Cooper and Olivia.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father- and mother in-law Myron "Bud" and Patricia Segner; and brothers-in-law, Gerald and Dennis Segner, Tom Dittrich and Scott Zebell.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife, Liz; daughter, Ally Wilson (Kramer); grandchildren, Ryan Elizabeth, Cooper James, and Olivia Louise Wilson; parents Ray and Shirley Krautbauer; brother, Larry (Dena) Krautbauer; sister, Vickie Zebell; sisters-in-law, Diane (Glen) Pauls and Deb (Mark) Fields; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at Risen Christ Catholic Parish in Kalispell, with a gathering of family and friends at 10 a.m. Celebrant of the Mass is Father Stanislaw Rog. A special thank you to our wonderful doctors and medical staff at Kalispell Regional Hospital, Palliative Care and Hospice Care for all the help with Jeff's journey with uveal melanoma.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia "The Fund for Vision" Uveal Melanoma research. Visit their website at [www.willseye.org](http://www.willseye.org) and go to Giving. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.



## Dr. Dolores 'Dee' Krieger, 97

Dr. Dolores "Dee" Krieger, PhD, Professor Emerita, New York University Division of Nursing, 97, crossed over at 12:50 p.m. Sunday, June 16, 2019, at her home outside of Columbia Falls.

She was born to Maurice and Mary Krieger at Paterson, New Jersey, on Aug. 1, 1921. Dee earned her Nursing Diploma at Westchester School of Nursing, Grasslands Hospital, Westchester, New York, in 1955 and continued her education at New York University (B.A., 1960; M.A., 1962; Ph.D., 1967). As a Professor of Nursing, Krieger developed innovative curricula. Her graduate course, *Frontiers in Nursing*, became a model for many other groundbreaking classes in the field of healing.

While in her late 20s, a "chance" discovery of books tucked into an obscure nook led Dee to Theosophy, and this guided her to Dora Van Gelder Kunz, a medical



clairvoyant. In 1972, with Dora, she co-founded Therapeutic Touch (TT); the

first healing method taught within a fully accredited university. Her work as a pioneer and innovative thinker in post-modern professional nursing focused on a holistic perspective, giving health professionals a broader view of the potential for human wellness. In 2010, Dr. Krieger extended the concept of Therapeutic Touch to include the idea of Therapeutic Touch Dialogues, which explores in depth the future consciousness of the TT process, research and theory.

Dr. Krieger garnered many awards and honors in her life. Among those are NYU's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1982 and the Alice and Elmer Green Award for Excellence

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from the International Society for the Study of Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine in 1997. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the honor society of nursing. In 1979, she established Nurse Healers Professional Associates (NHPA) which eventually became known as Therapeutic Touch International Association. And in 1981, she received the Renaissance Nurse Award from NHPA for her courage, compassion and vision.

She traveled internationally as a teacher and speaker and her many books have been translated into at least nine languages. Thousands of people spread around the world have learned to practice and teach Therapeutic Touch in order to bring this compassionate work to those in need. Her work is carried on by a cadre of professionals who will extend Therapeutic Touch into the future both theoretically and in everyday

healing interactions. She will be missed by healers all over the world. Her legacy is a living one.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents, Maurice and Mary, and her siblings Grace K. Brings, Dorothy Balk and Charles Z. Krieger. She is survived by three nieces; Hope R. Rosenberg of Miami, Florida, Ellen Krieger Ratner of McLean, Virginia, and Tammy L. Klein of Coral Gables, Florida, and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Memorial plans are pending. In lieu of flowers, mourners may contribute to TT Dialogues at P.O. Box 393, Whitefish, MT 59937, or to their favorite charity. Friends are encouraged to visit the website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Larry Krummel, 77

Larry Krummel, 77, died Tuesday June 18, 2019, at his home in Bigfork.

Funeral services are

pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## James Robert Kruse, 83

James Robert Kruse, 83, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Bruce Roy Kude, 75

Bruce Roy Kude, 75, died Sunday, April 14, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

No services will be

held at this time.

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



## Richard A. Kuhl, 81

Richard A. Kuhl died on March 17, 2019, in Kalispell after several months battling amyloidosis.

Richard was born April 10, 1938, in Three Bridges, New Jersey, the son of Margaret Wieland and William V. F. Kuhl.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marylane Pannell, daughter Kendra Pannell Kuhl (Luke Oltrogge), grandchildren Clara and Connelly Pannell Oltrogge, and siblings Bev Hobday (Owen Hooley) of Stockton, New Jersey, and John Kuhl of Pittstown, New Jersey.

Richard was preceded in death by his son Walker Pannell Kuhl, and brother Frank Kuhl.

He grew up in Three Bridges where he had a happy and carefree childhood. He played baseball at Flemington High School and then went on to attend Penn State. After earning a history degree, Richard served in the U.S. Army for two years before he headed West. He worked for the Forest Service building trail and fighting wildland fires among other duties. In particular he spent a significant amount of time in the Kootenai and Selway-Bitterroot National



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Forests and developed an enduring love and commitment to wilderness and open spaces.

During the off season he'd take what money he earned,

buy a bus pass, and ramble around the country seeking out wild places.

Some of his favorite places his travels took him were Grand Canyon and Big Bend National Parks — both particularly beautiful in springtime. In the summer of 1966, he backpacked the entire Appalachian Trail (2,200 miles from Georgia to Maine). Richard enjoyed time alone contemplating life; some may have called him a loner.

In the late '70s he decided to go back to school in Missoula where he met Marylane. They got to know each other through racquetball, softball, bike touring, hiking and backpacking. They moved to Kalispell in 1979 where Marylane took a job as librarian at Linderman School and were married a year later. Richard continued

to work as a wilderness ranger at the Moose Creek Ranger Station in the Selway-Bitterroot from late spring into the fall.

Kendra and Walker were born in 1981 and 1983. They spent their first summers in the wilderness at Moose Creek and Fish Lake Ranger Stations, where Richard was working, over 20 miles from the nearest road. He stayed home during the winter months and took care of them until they started school. Richard continued his love of exploration and the outdoors with his family. Each summer they would embark on epic road trips across the country. Richard had three rules: no more than 200 miles per day, no traveling on the Interstate, and a budget of \$80 per day.

Richard retired from the Forest Service and worked construction, tree thinning, and other odd jobs before becoming a math tutor at Flathead High School. There he shared his love of math with students to help them get through a difficult subject. He would often bring problems home to do with Kendra and Walker in the evening and they quickly

learned not to ask him for help with their homework because he would spend longer explaining the ins and outs of the subject than it would take them to figure out the answers themselves. In his later years he would spend time doing math problems, watching lectures, and reading books on theoretical physics.

Richard contributed his time to a number of local organizations, including the Montana Wilderness Association, Flathead Democratic Party, Friends of Lawrence Park, Flathead Audubon, Friends of the Library and Flathead Land Trust. In the last few years, he doubled the size of his garden and spent more and more time in an unending war with knapweed at Lone Pine State Park. He was the first (and only) recipient of the Golden Glove Award for his efforts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Flathead Land Trust or uprooting a knapweed next time you see it.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at 11 a.m. on April 6 at the Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

## Mary Jane Kurth, 84

On Friday March 8, 2019, Mary Jane Kurth, loving and devoted mother of five children and nine grandchildren, passed away peacefully in her home overlooking the Bigfork Bay and Swan Mountain Range.

Mary Jane was born Nov. 21, 1934, in Helena to Lloyd and Gaynelle Kurth.

She was raised in Geraldine and Fort Benton, Montana, until 1947 when her parents purchased a cherry orchard on the east shore of Flathead Lake and they relocated to Bigfork.

Mary Jane attended Bigfork schools and was crowned the first cherry blossom queen in 1953. She graduated from



Bigfork High School that same year, then left for Northern Montana College in

the fall to attend nursing school. She completed her RNBSN degree at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls and began her career there after graduation.

Mary Jane met and married Jon Jensen in Great Falls and together they raised five children; Brent, Therese, Lori, Beth and Mary.

The family relocated to Whitefish for three years and finally settled in Missoula, where Mary

<sup>FA-5</sup> Jane worked as an RN at Missoula Community Hospital and the Missoula County Health Department.

<sup>17 Mar 2017</sup> In 1989 Mary Jane relocated to Denton, Texas, where she was heavily involved in the Texas Federation Women's Club. She was president from 2000-2002 and made several great friends. She loved golfing and swimming with her many friends at the Robson Ranch Retirement community, however, she always considered Montana her home and returned to Bigfork in 2017.

Mary Jane loved her Friday lunches and gambling at the VFW with her high school friends.

She is survived by her five children and nine grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her brother Lloyd Samuel Kurth and her brother George Casey Olinger.

She was a patient, devoted and loving mother. She will forever be missed and loved by those who knew her.

A celebration of Mary Jane's life will be held over the 4th of July weekend in Fort Benton.

## MEMORIAL

### Heloshi Kusumoto

A memorial service for Heloshi Kusumoto, 89, who died Nov. 22, 2018, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11,

at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish. A luncheon will immediately follow at the church.