

## James Eugene Megahan, 71

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James Eugene Megahan, 71, passed away Jan. 10, 2019, after a long battle with cancer.

Jim was preceded in death by mothers Wilma Lancaster and Grace Megahan, father Jesse Megahan, brother Steven Megahan, sister Abigail Madsen, and brother-in-law Wayne Wangerin.

He is survived by his daughter Jayme and husband Nick Forner of Carmichael, California,



grand-daughters Caitlin Conklin, Rebekah and Meghan Megahan-Hite,

great granddaughters Mackenzie, Kyla, and Rebel Conklin, brother Jeffrey Megahan of Polson, sisters Jayne Wangerin of Bigfork, Jennifer Megahan and

wife Kate McClory of Ewa Beach, Oahu, Linda and husband Larry Padilla of Roseville, California, along with 12 nieces and 6 nephews.

Jim was born in Santa Monica in 1947.

He graduated from Grant Adult High School, enlisted in the Navy in 1965 and went on to study computer programming at MTI graduating in 1970. He worked for PG&E in Sacramento,

California, for 12 years prior to moving to Montana in 1990. After spending a short time in Hungry Horse he moved to Kalispell and worked for Evergreen Waste and disposal until he retired.

After retirement, Jim became a staunch supporter and volunteer of Northwest Montana Veteran's Food Pantry becoming one of the founding board members in 2002. Jim loved work-

ing with the veterans and helped with many Stand Downs in the region.

Jim was a stubborn man, as any of his ex-wives could tell you, but he had a big heart and was very generous when it came to helping others. He liked wood-working, making bird-houses and whirligigs.

We will be celebrating his life in the spring and will announce the date at a later time.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Jim's name to Northwest Montana Veteran's Food Pantry as they embark on their new endeavor of their veteran's camp in the Swan.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Jim and his family.

## Bobby Meister, 73

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Bobby Meister, known to friends as "Bob," passed away on Jan. 5, 2019, at the age of 73, following a short, unexpected battle with cancer.

Bob was born Sept. 13, 1945, to Art and Grace Meister in Winner, South Dakota. Bob graduated from Winner High School in 1963.

Following graduation, Bob was recruited to play basketball at Black Hills State College before joining the U.S. Army in 1965. Bob was a member of the 128th Assault Helicopter Company where he served two tours in Vietnam.

After his military service he attended Ball State University where he earned a civil engineering/construction management degree and worked for the state of South



Dakota Highway Department.

In 1971, Bob started his career with the Department of Transportation and married Nancy Wagner in the fall of

1972. In 1973, he moved to Elk Point, South Dakota, and took a position with the Union County Highway Department. He continued working in Elk Point until 1992 when he moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and became the Public Works director/engineer for the Minnehaha County Highway Department.

In September of 1993,

he married Mary Adkins. They complemented each other in a so many ways and together they were the perfect parents and grandparents.

They continued to live and work in Sioux Falls until the fall of 2011 when they retired and moved to Kalispell. In 2013, Bob was inducted into the South Dakota Transportation Department Hall of Honor for his numerous years of dedication to the state of South Dakota.

Bob served on the boards of numerous organizations, including serving as county road advisor for the Federal Highway Administration for 20 years.

He was also active in the VFW, American Legion, Elks, Sunrises Lions, as well as volun-

teering on the Kalispell PeeWee Baseball board. He spent many hours volunteering for Meals on Wheels, Lone Pine State Park, the Veterans Food Pantry, Conrad Mansion and numerous other organizations in the Sioux Falls and Kalispell communities.

Upon retirement, Bob and Mary followed their grandkids to games, races, tournaments, dance recitals, concerts and plays.

Grandpa Bob was always sure his grandkids were the smartest, fastest, most athletic, and most talented children participating.

Although he never bragged about his own accomplishments, he often bragged about his kids and grandkids. Bob and Mary loved to trav-

el. They would collect Christmas ornaments for their "travel tree." They had recently spent the cold Montana winter months in Arizona.

Bob was preceded by his wife Mary of Kalispell. He is also survived by his son Corey of Dallas, Greg (Lori) Adkins of Kalispell, Kurt (Katy) of Kalispell, Brad (Holly) Adkins of Portland, and his estranged son Collin. Grandpa Bob will be missed by his grandkids Brittany, Jayci, Preston, Brock, Mac, Zachary (Dusty) and his great-granddaughter Braylee. He is survived by brother Tim (Maris) of Oakland, Tennessee, sister Candy (Mick) of Wright, Wyoming, sister-in-law Karen Goligoski of Hamilton, Montana, and brothers-in-law

Jim (Cathy) Carlisle of Billings and Mick (Laura) Carlisle of Calgary, Alberta, in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Art and Grace Meister, and his younger brother Rick.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home & Crematory. A reception will be held at Village Greens Community Center following the graveside service.

Condolences in memory of Bob can be mailed to Mary Meister at P.O. Box 9311, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Kenneth Meldrum, 77

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In 1980 his friend Irwin Jenson helped and encouraged him and the family to

move to Anchorage. He found work at Builders Supply Millwork and retired from there in 2007.

Kennedy is survived by two sons, Sam and his wife Erin from Spokane, and Rian from the Bay Area in California.

one grandson, Clark, from Washington (son of Sam); and a sister, Marilyn Nelson, from Kalispell.

Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lloyd Meldrum; and a sister, Elaine Sloan.

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

"Kennedy" Meldrum passed away Nov. 29, 2019, in the Anchorage Alaska, hospital from pneumonia.

He was born on Dec. 8, 1941, to William and Hazel Meldrum in Havre, the youngest of four children. Kennedy grew up in Somers.

He attended school in Somers and graduated from Flathead County High School. He loved fishing from the dock of the old Somers Mill. In the 1960s, he had a black and white retractable Ford convertible that he was so proud of.

Kennedy worked at Bud's Texaco in Somers and also for Bell's Camper & Trailer Co. as a finish carpenter.

In 1968 Kennedy and Susan Fuller were married. They have two sons, Stacey "Sam" and Rian. They later divorced.

## Jackie Melvin, 90

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the Bach Festival in California and participated in the symphony for training

conductors with Dr. Lert at Asilomar in Carmel, California. For one season she played with the Milwaukee Symphony, and then another year she played with the Guadalajara, Mexico Symphony. In Guadalajara, she was staff soloist, and she taught violin to members of the symphony. In Las Vegas, she played with Wayne Newton's orchestra at the Aladdin Casino before returning to Spokane where she again played in the Spokane Symphony.

Jackie Melvin passed away Saturday, July 20, 2019. At her request, no services are planned.

Jackie was born on Nov. 24, 1928, in Judith Gap to Nelson and Josephine Maxwell. She attended schools in Butte, Whitefish, Havre and Great Falls, where she graduated from Great Falls High.

Jackie attended MacPhail Conservatory of Music in Minneapolis and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music performance.

She married George T. Melvin on Dec. 26, 1949, in Great Falls.

Jackie was an accomplished concert violinist and teacher. She began her career playing solo concerts for cities in Washington and Idaho.

She then joined the Spokane Symphony. Later she returned to Great Falls where she was concertmaster for the Great Falls Symphony.

She soloed with symphonies throughout the Northwest, played in string quartets, and taught violin. For many summers, she attended

with Dr. Lert at Asilomar in Carmel, California. For one season she played with the Milwaukee Symphony, and then another year she played with the Guadalajara, Mexico Symphony. In Guadalajara, she was staff soloist, and she taught violin to members of the symphony. In Las Vegas, she played with Wayne Newton's orchestra at the Aladdin Casino before returning to Spokane where she again played in the Spokane Symphony.

In 1991 she and her husband moved to Kalispell where Jackie was the concertmaster of the Glacier Orchestra until her retirement. She continued to teach violin until she moved back to Great Falls in 2014.

Jackie is survived by her sister, Mary Jo Scott, of Havre; daughter, Julie (Jeff) Wolf, of Great Falls;

son, Bill (Allie) Melvin, of Kennewick, Washington; two grandsons; three great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter, as well as all of her violin students.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Humane Society of Cascade County or the Great Falls Rescue Mission. Condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.oconnorfuneralhome.com](http://www.oconnorfuneralhome.com).

## Lori Virginia Mendenhall, 56

Lori Virginia Mendenhall, 56, died Monday, May 20, 2019, at her home in Kalispell. No services are

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

## Sue Baker Merriman, 88

Sue Baker Merriman, 88, of Whitefish, died April 6, 2019, at North Valley Hospital. She is survived by her children, Christine

"Chris" Merriman and Ben Merriman. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

## Donald Wade Metteer, 88

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Donald Wade Metteer, 88, of Whitefish, passed away Nov. 5, 2019, at his residence.

Donald was born Jan. 15, 1931, in Fossil, Oregon, to Mable Temple and Gordon Metteer.

He worked as a heavy construction carpenter until his retirement.

His hobbies and interests included hunting and fishing.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife Velma Metteer.

He is survived by

his son Wade Metteer, daughter-in-law Sylvia Metteer, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

A memorial service to honor Donald's well-lived life will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 14 at Active Word Ministries in Columbia Falls, 85 Zoo Trail.

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

## Evelyn Louella (Burlingham) Meuli, 91

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Evelyn Louella (Burlingham) Meuli, wife of 48 years to Selmer Meuli, passed away peacefully Oct. 29, 2019, at the age of 91.

She is survived by her four children, Edwin Meuli of Kalispell, Gene Meuli of Wrangell, Alaska, Marvin Meuli of Kalispell, and Rachelle Hoisington Meuli of Usk, Washington; also three stepchildren, 15 grandkids, 27 great-grandkids,



and five great-great-grandkids.

She loved fishing, knitting and

crocheting.

She is now with the love of her life.

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

## Charlotte Mary Meyer, 68

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Charlotte Mary Meyer, 68, passed away Jan. 8, 2019, in Kalispell, Montana.

She was born Jan. 4, 1951 with her twin sister, Cheryl, to Harold and Molly Nicholson in Havre, Montana. In 1979 Charlotte moved to Spokane, Washington, where she married Frank Meyer. They had 2 boys and a girl. In 1983 the family relocated to Whitefish, Montana. In 2005, Frank and Charlotte moved to



Choteau, Montana.

While Charlotte lived in the Flathead Valley she had several career

paths, but her favorite was being a Certified Nursing Assistant. Charlotte's C.N.A. career continued in Teton County where she worked in the hospital.

Her hobbies included collecting antiques, gar-

dering from afar as her husband did the work, hunting and nature drives. Charlotte has 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter and 12 great grandchildren.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, 1 sister, her son, and 2 nieces.

Charlotte is survived by her husband, Frank, her daughter, Jodi, and son-in-law, Robert; her son, Joseph, her grandson, Michael, and his wife, Melissa, granddaugh-

ter, Kayla, and husband Josh; grandson, Byron, and his wife Cheyenne, and grandson, Stephen, and her 12 great grandchildren.

Services will follow at a later time. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family.

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

## William Jon Meyers, 75

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William Jon Meyers, 75, of Bigfork, died on Nov. 11, 2019, Veterans Day.

He was born Aug 23, 1944, in Honolulu to John and Grace (Ventura) Meyers. He was called Buster after Buster Brown, a popular comic strip about a cute but mischievous boy and his dog. The nickname stuck.

On June 14, 1953, the family moved from Hawaii to Buriien, Washington, where they remained. After high school he was drafted in 1965 to the Vietnam War. He served in the storied 1st Calvary (Airmobile) Division. In Vietnam the 1st Calvary suffered more casualties than any other Army division. Buster was awarded the Purple Heart after being severely injured. He was honorably discharged in 1967.

After the war Buster's aim was to explore the world and rediscover who he was. He worked in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, lived on Vashon Island, Washington, sailing his 32-foot catamaran, spent six months in Jamaica,



dug sapphires in Montana and traveled extensively through Europe; He moved back to Hawaii in 1979. One of his most memorable experiences was helping to rebuild Father Damian's Church at Kalaupapa in the historic Leper Settlements on the Island of Molokai.

In life, Buster was low key, wicked handsome and funny. He was a problem solver and could fix anything. He was kind, decent, willing to help wherever needed and loyal to his friends. Most notably, he was a devoted husband and father. He loved having a family and fully lived the life he wanted.

Nothing mattered more to Buster than meeting the true love of his life, his wife Patricia Rockhill, "Trish." They met in Hawaii in 1979 then mar-

ried in England in 1983. Moving back to Hawaii, their first child, Coral, was born. In 1984 they moved to Cleethorpes, England. There they owned and managed a hotel and had their second child, Jonathan. In 1987 Buster made the decision to move his family to Montana. They bought their home in Bigfork and later had their son David. Buster worked for Hill and Day Construction from 1991 to 2006. He helped Trish open Buzz and Bagels in her little red trailer 21 years ago. The community and his family became a perfect fit.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Anuhea.

He is survived by his wife, Trish; three children, Coral, Jonathan, (Catie) and David, a sister, Jean; and sister-in-law, Pearl.

A formal service is reserved for his immediate family. There will be celebration of life for all friends and family in the summer, to be announced.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Lodge, Memory Care Unit at Buffalo Hill and Home Options Hospice for their loving care. Instead of flowers, the Meyers ask that you cherish your family in Buster's example, make a contribution to Home Options Hospice in his name or to the charity of your choice.

Buster will be fiercely missed, as he was loved. He would ask that each of us place a hand in any stream or river we encounter. He'd want us to feel our everlasting connection, as he believed we're all rivers that flow to the sea.

## Debra 'Deb' Miller, 63

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Dr. Debra "Deb" Miller, 63, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 2, 2019, in Butte.

She was born Nov. 25, 1955.

Deb earned her Ph.D.

in sociology from Kent State University. She was an award-winning professor and department head of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

Deb's passions were

her family and reading. She was devoted to her only grandson, Ondrej (13).

She is survived by her daughter, Alyson Ball (Kevin) of Belgrade, and grandson, Ondrej Ball.

Memorials may be

made to the Center for Ehlers Danlos Syndrome Alliance, <https://www.cedsa.org/>.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.dahlcares.com](http://www.dahlcares.com).

## Harold Kenneth 'Dusty' Miller, 86

Harold Kenneth "Dusty" Miller passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at his home.

Harold was born to Bernice and Evans Miller in Lakewood, New Jersey, on April 1, 1933. At the age of 5 he watched the Hindenburg fly over his childhood home. He received his education in Barnegat, New Jersey, and served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1955 as a radio operator. He married his high school sweetheart, Letitia



and then moved to Swan Lake in 1966. He was employed as a logger with Royal Logging. Then,

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Jamieson, in 1956 in Ship Bottom, New Jersey, and they had four children. He had his own appliance business for eight years

he was employed at the Swan River Correctional Center, first as a supervisor counselor and then as the security manager, retiring after 27 years.

Harold originally started the Swan Search and Rescue and was involved in raising and racing pigeons. He also greatly enjoyed woodworking, carving, hunting and gardening.

He is survived by his children Debbie Smith of Phoenix, Arizona, Eileen (Kevin) Drew of Fort

Wayne, Indiana, Kenneth (Cyndy) Miller, Belleville, Arkansas, Lois (Dale) Johnson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and special Daughter Donna Weeks, of Ferndale.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 50 years and one grandson.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations maybe given to Swan Chapel Children.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Swan Chapel, Swan Lake.

## Kathleen F. Miles, 58

Kathleen F. Miles, 58, of Whitefish, died Oct. 20, 2019, in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband Thomas Miles.

Private family services are being held.

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

## Douglas Miller, 72

Douglas Miller, 72, died Dec. 5, 2019 at the Montana Veterans Home. A private urn burial will take place at

the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Mary Etta Miller, 58

Mary Etta Miller, 58, of Libby, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, at Plano, Texas.

Services will be at 1

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in Libby at the building adjoining the Farm to Market Store, 5213 Farm to Market Road.

## Paula Kay Miller, 68

Paula Kay Miller, 68, of Columbia Falls, died on Friday, May 24 at her home in Columbia Falls.

A celebration of Paula's life will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 9 at the family home.

A potluck luncheon is being held at this time, please bring your favorite comfort food to share. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Paula and her family.

## Rebecka Jane Miller, 79

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Rebecka Jane Miller, 79, of Kalispell, died Dec. 3, 2019 in Kalispell. Jane passed three weeks shy of her 80th birthday.

Jane was born Dec. 22, 1939, in Lilbourn, Missouri, to Willard and Geneva Hamilton. On September 1, 1989, Jane married Jack Miller and they lived in Eureka, Montana, for 21 years where Jane worked for Interbel Telephone Company and First National Bank. Jane was a longtime member of the Nazarene Church in Kalispell and was an avid reader of Christian fiction books.

Jane is survived by her husband Jack Miller, her son Jim Coffey (Jenifer), as well as granddaughters Erica and Sara of Peoria, Illinois, two brothers Dallas and David Hamilton, as well as three sisters Glenda

Long, Sue Oswalt and Connie Atnip. Jane also leaves behind her beloved shih tzus Lil'Black, Chewy, Boo and Willy.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, and her adorable shih tzus Barney and Daisy.

Jane has requested cremation with no survivors to be held. Her chronic pain and medical problems have been replaced by a pain-free heaven.

Jane's family would like to thank all the nurses at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for all the love and care they shared with Jane and her family.

Her final resting place will be C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Robert "Bob" Miller

Robert "Bob" Miller died Oct. 15, 2019 at his home in Columbia Falls. He is survived by his children: Patti Miller, Carolyn 'Carrie' Raymo

and Thomas Miller. No services are planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Bob's family.

## Karen Amy Michels, 75

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Karen Amy Michels left this earth Jan. 31, 2019.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1943, in Libby to Robert and Amy Holiday. She joined her older brother Jerry at home. People in Libby always knew her as Sue.

She met the love of her life, Allen Michels, at a bar in Libby. They were married Dec. 4, 1964. Over the years they welcomed three boys to the family, Kelvin, Kraig and Kurt. Summers were filled with camping and fishing, falls were busy getting wood for the winter and hunting, and winters consisted of downhill and cross-country skiing. We were always active and most of our memories consisted of outdoor activities as a family.

Both Karen and Allen were active in Jeep racing in several states and Canada. They were founding members of the Big Sky four-wheelers Jeep Club in 1970 and they were active members, keeping the club going, for several decades. In 1997, Allen passed away from cancer. Karen was actively involved with the Boy Scout community. Her three sons began as Cub Scouts and she traveled beside each one through his journey to the rank of Eagle Scout. Her commitment to scouting was such that in 1987 she received the highest honor Boy Scouts awards to adult volunteers, the Silver Beaver. In the mid-1990s she served as district commissioner for the Northwest District, from April 1995 to February 2000 was an active parent with Troop 1933, and she assisted with the organization of Troop 1901 in March 2000 — serving as its Troop Committee



chairperson from its inception until March 2004.

Rarely did Karen miss an opportunity to share her time and talents with all the scouts. During Kurt's school years, she was a regular at summer camp with her motorhome and each morning found her following Kurt as he did his cross-country training.

From the year 1998, when Northwest Montana Running Camp was created, and every summer since, she would volunteer by helping in the kitchen with every meal prep and serving the runners. If anyone had any type of medical need, she took care of it — we called her our resident ER personnel, especially since she had her EMT training. She would always bring homemade treats into the kitchen and when she missed one year, the coaches all asked about her because they missed her and her treats! During and at the end of camp she would always save bags, ice cream buckets and take leftover things to the day-care where she worked.

Karen worked at Smith Memorial Day Care for 23 years before retiring in June 2013. She then subbed for the day care, as recently as this year's Christmas program. Karen started in 1990 working with the 2-year-olds and then in 1993 she started teaching the 5-year-olds. Karen put together an excellent preschool program that got the children ready emotionally, academically and socially for

kindergarten, which was recognized by all the local teachers. This program is still being utilized today at the day care. She loved the children and they loved her. We will miss her stories, crafts, songs, great sense of humor and words of wisdom.

Karen was a well-respected and a loved member of Flathead County Search and Rescue. Her tenure dates before women were accepted as responding SAR members at the "Flathead Lifesaving and Rescue Association, (which became Flathead County Search and Rescue in 1975). The Flathead Search and Rescue Auxiliary was founded on Nov. 13, 1972, and Karen was elected as its first president. After providing years of support to FCSAR, Karen officially became an agency member in 1991, and her contribution continued to increase with time. She became an emergency medical technician in 1995 and provided countless hours of medical response coverage at numerous events, including the Northwest Montana Fair, the Family Forestry Expo and the Herron Park Half Marathon, to name a few. Karen, along with her husband Allen, were named honorary members of FCSAR, the equivalent of lifetime membership, in 1997. Karen continued to serve as an active member of FCSAR up until her passing. In recent years, she served on the committee to interview agency applicants, and she was currently working on an agency project to recognize and celebrate the service of past members. She was a treasured agency mem-

ber, and her presence at meetings, training and events will be sorely missed.

The manager at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, where Karen volunteered, had this to say about her: "It is easy to give in to unnecessary hyperbole when speaking about someone who has passed ... but when I say that Karen Michels was the sweetest, kindest, most joyous, and one of the most beautiful women I have ever had the blessing of having in my life, I want you to know that I say it blinded by tears. Karen put all of her warmth and compassion into her volunteer work here with Habitat and made all of our lives brighter. With her laugh, her smile, and the gleam in her eyes, she made every day working with her a gift. We will always carry with us the unique and irreplaceable love she showed, and it will forever be a part of this organization."

During her time with Habitat she earned the Golden Hammer award for outstanding volunteer work. Karen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Her church activities included participating in a home Bible study group, the Colter Coffee early morning Bible study, A Matter of Balance, and Serious JuJu Skateboard ministry. The JuJu skateboarders affectionately called her the "devil'd egg lady" as she regularly made and delivered them for the skates and studies.

Being a community-minded person, Karen was involved in working the election polls for many years. Her work at the polls ended when she agreed to join the

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## Karen Cony Michaels

Absentee Ballot board. She spent hours working with team members packaging absentee ballots for mailing and at election time, processing the ballots for counting. An election will not be the same without her smiles and paper cuts.

At 72 years old Mom bought a Ranger and continued to play off-road until she passed away.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and daughter-in-law Dodi.

She is survived by her brother Jerry, sons Kelvin, Kraig and Kurt,

daughter-in-law Ashlee and five grandchildren Ellie, Adeline, Andrew, Eva and Annalise. She impacted a lot of lives in a positive way.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First Presbyterian Church's Serious JuJu Skateboard Ministry.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Wilfred (Bill) Stare Miller, 88

Wilfred (Bill) Miller, 88, of Green Valley, Arizona and formally of Whitefish, passed away on May 17, 2019. He was born in Decatur, Illinois to Dr. W.S. Miller and Cecil Miller. The family later moved to Assumption, Illinois.

He attended Kentucky Military Academy where he graduated as Valedictorian. He then attended Wesleyan Methodist College where he graduated with honors. He joined the U.S. Air Force and graduated in the top four from the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine. After marrying Patricia DeHart of Assumption, Illinois



Washington where he finished his internship and residency.

Bill and family moved to Whitefish in 1961. He worked as a physician for Dr. Kaufman and Dr. McIntyre until he started his own practice with Dr. Jerrold Johnson, which

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in 1953, he served at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He then transferred to Ft. Lewis Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington where he finished his internship and residency. He worked as a physician for Dr. Kaufman and Dr. McIntyre until he started his own practice with Dr. Jerrold Johnson, which lasted 30-plus years. He was an active member of the Whitefish community. He was a member of the Jaycees, the Rotary Club, and he was a past Prime Minister and King of the Whitefish Winter Carnival. For many years, he was the attending physician and a waterski participant in the Whitefish Regatta. Bill loved to participate in winter and water skiing, hiking and hunting.

He moved to Green Valley, Arizona in 2002, where he was an active member of the Desert Hills Lutheran Church, the Elks Lodge and in his community.

He is preceded in

death by his parents and his beloved daughter, Wendy Miller. He is survived by his four sons and spouses, Mark Miller (Betty) of Green Valley (formerly of Missoula), Steve Miller of Whitefish, Bruce Miller (Nikki) of Loveland, Colorado, and Jeff Miller (Candi) of Spokane, Washington; and his seven grandchildren, Kristina, Mikel, Matt, Jake, Zach, Kyle and Ashley. He is also survived by his love and best friend, Dorothy Murphy of Green Valley, Arizona.

Memorial service plans are pending.

## William 'Bill' Edward Miller, 75

William "Bill" Edward Miller, 75, died at his home on Ashley Lake with his wife Margaret, daughter Betty, sister-in-law Karen Holmquist, and friend Ron Schlegel by his side.

Bill and Margaret were married in 2001. They moved up to Ashley Lake in 2003. Bill loved living on the lake.

Bill was a logger by trade for most of his life. His last logging job was for Steve Cofer for 15 years. That ended in 2007. He then went to work for Badger Excavating driving

dump truck. That lasted 11 years. He loved working with his crew. They were like family.

In addition to his wife Margaret and daughter Betty, Bill is survived by his son Jason, and stepson Jerry Thompson and wife Misty.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Salvation Army Corps, 110 Bountiful Drive in Kalispell. A potluck will follow.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Royce Gillman Mikelson, 87

Royce Gillman Mikelson, 87, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 15, 2019, at Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell.

Royce was born on Dec. 9, 1931, in Richey, Montana, to Myrl and Luella (Unruh) Mikelson. The family eventually moved to Pablo where Royce attended and graduated from Polson High School. In 1952 Royce was "volunteered" into the United States Marine Corps and was a proud veteran who served as a radio operator in Korea. After returning from Korea in 1954, Royce maintained his connection in the Marine Corps Reserve, and worked heavy construction equipment on many of the highway and bridge projects around Montana.

In 1966 he married Carol Mehus in Missoula, and in 1970 their daughter Wendy was born, followed by their son Kevin in 1971. In 1973 Royce started his career with the U.S. Forest Service, and in 1975 the family moved to Kalispell where Royce worked for the Flathead National Forest and managed the Care and Maintenance facility in Hungry Horse for several years until his retirement in 1993. Royce married Joy Elgin in 1988 and, following his retirement from the U.S. Forest Service, they spent many years traveling around the country in their motor home.

Royce was particularly



proud of his effort in helping to establish Northridge Lutheran Church, where he was a past president of the congregation.

During his spare time, Royce enjoyed bowling league, volunteering with the Sunrider Lions and Elks organizations and the many hours spent on the golf course with his son and golfing buddies. During his last years he greatly enjoyed seeing his grandchildren and hearing about what they were up to.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents Myrl and Luella, his second wife Joy, and his brother Norman.

He is survived by his daughter Wendy Bishop, her husband Ed, and their children Jacob and Sophia of Hayden, Idaho; and by his son Kevin, his wife Diane, and their children Rachel and Megan of Kalispell.

A memorial ceremony for Royce will be planned sometime in the spring.

The family would like to thank Immanuel Skilled Care Center for their care of Royce during his residency there, as well as Frontier Hospice for their comfort and care during his final weeks.

## Ronald Millward, 48

Ronald Millward, 48, died Feb. 27, 2019.

He is survived by his children, Quinton Millward and Katrina Millward.

No services are planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Catherine K. Mikkola, 66

*82, 24 Nov 2017*  
Catherine K. Mikkola, 66, of Kalispell died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, at her home.

A viewing will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. 2 E. Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Gregory Michael Mitchell, 58

Gregory Michael Mitchell, 58, died Dec. 7, 2019 at his home in Lakeside. He is survived by his daughter

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

## Terrie A. Mitchell, 93

Terrie A. Mitchell, 93, of Kalispell, died April 1, 2019, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Dan Mitchell and Donna Doda, both of

Washington.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 29, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Shirley R. Mitchell, 90

*86, 27 July 2017*  
On July 21, 2019, our mom went to be with our heavenly Father and his Son. It was a peaceful passing of natural causes.

Survivors include daughters, Camille (Frank) Hurd, and Aloa Mitchell; son, Steven (Eleanor) Mitchell; five grandsons, five great-granddaughters,

two grandsons; and sister, Patricia Lundy.

There was no service of any kind but if you feel like you'd like to do something in her name, she would love it if you'd donated to your local food bank.

Burial has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens

## MEMORIAL

### Royce Gilman Mikelson

A celebration of life for Royce Gilman Mikelson, 87, who died Feb. 15, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Northridge Lutheran

Church in Kalispell, with military honors.

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

## Saia Misa, 66

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"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

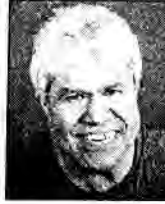
John Donne wrote this in 1624 — 395 years before Saia Misa Jr. was brought into this world. Yet, no words ring truer when applied to Saia. All of our lives are diminished by his passing — all except his, as he spent his life enriching ours.

Saia took his first breath in Vailoati, American Samoa, on Feb. 18, 1953. He was ninth out of 10 children born to Saia Misa Sr. and Maumea Leota-Seumalo-Misa. At the age of 4, Saia and his siblings left for Oahu, Hawaii. It was here, on the sunny beaches of Oahu, that Saia learned much from his parents — his father teaching him to fish from the surf, bring back the

catch and prepare it in the Samoan way; of being patient in the ways of life, listening to what people would say, then thinking before speaking. His mother taught him compassion, caring and, above all, respect for all he met — after all, you are only as good as how you treat another person. When Saia was 13, the Misa brood left Hawaii for Southern California, where he attended Phineas Banning High School, excelling in all manner of sports, but especially track and field. Tragedy struck in 1969 when his brother, Tulele, was lost in Vietnam. This deeply affected Saia throughout his life — in fact, he traded in his track cleats for a football helmet before he left Banning High School in honor of Tulele. In 1971 and '72, Saia attended LA Harbor College, getting ready for his debut at Boise State University, where he was named to the All-70's Boise State football team. He made a mark nationally, as well, becoming an All-American defensive player along with All-Big Sky DL in 1974. In 1976, Saia signed as a free agent with the Seattle Seahawks as a middle linebacker.

In 1977, a severe shoulder injury ended his promising career.

In 1982, Saia left the



mainland for his childhood home of Hawaii. This is where he began work in the hospitality business. He made many good friends while in Hawaii and if you ever had travel plans to the Island, Saia would be sure to set you up for at least a drink and chat with several of them.

In 1991, Saia was called to Montana as a member of a sparkling new enterprise, the Montana Grill restaurant/bar in Somers. He would continue in the restaurant business, working at nearly every establishment in the Bigfork area. In the mid-'90s, Saia helped open Hale's Lake House in the current Great Northern Restaurant location. It was the rockin' place in Bigfork for several years.

Soon, it became apparent to Saia that his wealth of knowledge in coaching and training were his true calling. In 1995, he started his coaching career as line coach at Bigfork High School. That year they went on to play Frenchtown in the Class A State Championship,

unfortunately, a loss. In 2010, working alongside coaches Todd Emslie, John Little, Ed Buttery, Jake Hill, Jim Epperly, Fred Sterhan and Ken Sharr, he made up for that by defeating Fairfield in an exciting, last-minute victory for the State B Football Championship. He coached football at BHS, on and off, for 23 years, concentrating on the linebacker group. Many a BHS athlete will recall Saia prowling the practice field while their parents recollect Saia's penchant for wearing shorts, on game day, in sub-zero weather. He worked with any student who wanted to improve their game or fitness, in any sport — and, if they were dedicated, he worked them hard. Saia kept his football contacts not only at Boise State, but several other universities. There were a number of Bigfork athletes that made football recruiting trips arranged by "Uncle Si."

During this time, Saia also worked at the Montana Athletic Club. His 26-year stretch as a personal trainer has been unmatched in the number of people/clients he helped. Some of those clients were with him for 20-plus years. Everybody, from grade school kids getting ready

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## Saia Misa

for high school football/basketball/track/tennis to recovering stroke victims, and knee/hip replacements worked with Saia. His methods were interesting, thorough and, well, Samoan. There was always a dose of "Your body is telling you to take it easy — so take it easy!" Then, after your next session with Saia, you were thinking that you should tell him your body needed rest quite a bit more often.

In 2013, Saia was the driving force in the creation of the Montana Athletic Club Dragon boat team, Fa'asaulala, which he named, saying the Samoan word (which no one could pronounce) meant "from the mountains to the sea." He taught us all how to paddle, in those first years, tutored us in chanting and how to drive that boat for a win.

Saia was a comfort to many, his easygoing, steadfast demeanor a rock for those who needed a rock to cling. He was always available to help, not only with lifting the heavy end of a couch but sage advice delivered over a cold beer. Saia's counsel came from his Samoan roots, his family's easygoing style — nothing ever really got him upset, which is a good thing, I think, for the person trying to upset him. Money and fame were not important, the people surrounding him were — those were the real currency of his life.

How could you ever forget that huge, brown visage, with the space between those pearly front teeth, lighting up like a Christmas tree when someone he knew/enjoyed/cared about appeared. It felt like what a brilliant day would be like on a warm, sandy Samoan beach, that megawatt grin washing over you, carrying away whatever inconsequential, niggling thought was wearing away at you. For that brief period, Saia was like a great movie — you forgot about all your problems.

Saia was a very private person, not in the way that was callous or miserly, but in that he did not want to burden you with his problems. He rarely asked for help, but if he did, it was because he needed help — to help someone else. While he never married or had children, both of

those were in great abundance, as far as he was concerned, by the people around him.

Saia left us Sunday, April 7, 2019, of a massive heart attack. The bad thing is that it was too quick; we had no time to prepare, to conceptualize a world without Saia. The good thing is it was quick, for nobody can envision Saia in a hospital bed — and woe to the orderly who tried to keep him there.

He is survived by his sisters, Annie Misa-Taesali, Mara Saia, Mary Misa-Casey and Christina Misa-Nonu, all residing in California.

His five brothers are deceased, as are his parents.

Saia has many, many nieces, nephews and relatives spanning the globe.

Saia's family will be having a semi-private service Friday, April 19, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a service to follow.

Saia's celebration of life will start at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, at the Montana Athletic Club. All are invited to share stories and reminisce about the Big Samoan.

In lieu of flowers, a Bigfork High School Student/Athlete Scholarship in the name of Saia Misa Jr. has been created. Please contact the Montana Athletic Club at 837-2582 for details.

"Goodbye, Saia. I'm gonna miss ya. You taught me a lot about people and myself. Thank you and I will never forget our times together — well, maybe a few I should forget, we'll see. Love ya, bruda.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Saia's family.

## Virginia Louise Mitchell, 74

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ents. and a brother, Melvin Stubbert. She is survived by her husband, Lonnie Mitchell, of Kalispell; and children, Travis and wife Karda Mitchell, and Troy Mitchell, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Briana Daniels, Kyleigh Mitchell, Hunter Mitchell and Caleb Mitchell; brothers, Carl Stubbert and Edwin Stubbert, and sister Lillian Ness; and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia Louise Mitchell, 74, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with her family by her side.

Virginia was born on Dec. 3, 1944, to Delbert and Mary (Fox) Stubbert in Kalispell. She was raised and attended School in Galata, Montana. After graduating from high school, she went on to get a bachelor's degree in teaching from Western Montana College in Dillon in 1965.

Virginia married Lonnie Mitchell in 1967 and they celebrated 52 wonderful and adventurous years together. After graduating from college, she went on to teach at Hodges Elementary School and Batavia School in Kalispell. She then went on to cook at the Lutheran Home in Kalispell. In 1989 they moved to Wrangell, Alaska, where she retired from teaching. Throughout her life, she loved reading, canning and spending time with family.

Virginia was preceded in death by her par-

ents. and a brother, Melvin Stubbert. She is survived by her husband, Lonnie Mitchell, of Kalispell; and children, Travis and wife Karda Mitchell, and Troy Mitchell, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Briana Daniels, Kyleigh Mitchell, Hunter Mitchell and Caleb Mitchell; brothers, Carl Stubbert and Edwin Stubbert, and sister Lillian Ness; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Point Pleasant Campgrounds in the Swan. After the ceremony a reception will be held at 2687 Lower Valley Road in Kalispell.

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

## R. Dick Mitsch, 77

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with his heavy equipment and mechanical expertise to anyone who needed it.

nephews. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will begin at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Fairview

Cemetery and lunch at the Nite Owl/Back Room at about noon.

Tributes to Dick may be made to the Spokane Shrine Hospital for Children.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

R. Dick Mitsch was born on Dec. 6, 1941, to Nellie and Adolph Mitsch. He entered into heaven on Jan. 29, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Health Center.

Dick spent most of his adult life in Columbia Falls where he owned and operated several businesses, including the Texaco service station, Muffler Alley, Quick Lube, mini storage, Lazy Day Trailer Court and the RV park. He was well-known and respected by the community. Dick was a Past Master of the Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge No. 89 AF and AM and a Shriner. Dick was also well-known for his community service with his snowplow during the winter months. He was a top-notch auto mechanic and enjoyed working on vehicles even in his retirement.

He especially liked going to Arizona in the winter and kept an old Jeep in the garage there to work on. Dick successfully restored an old John Deere tractor, which was his pride and joy that he shared with friends and family. He was an avid reader and his favorite winter time reading spot was in his shop next to a wood-burning stove. Dick was quick to respond

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sheila, and other close relatives. Surviving Dick at the family home is his wife Marla of 24 years, and his buddy the Bichon, Cody. Dick is also survived by his brother Fred (Francis) of Pisgah, Iowa, and by his children, son Chuck (Kim), daughter Cory Admyer and three grandchildren Marty, Steven and Angel; ex son-in-law Martin Armstrong, brothers-in-law Gary (Patty) and Mike, and sisters-in-law Penny and Carol; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, nieces and

## Arne Moen, 89

Arne Moen, 89, died May 8, 2019 at the Bee Hive Assisted Living Center in Columbia Falls.

Urn burial will take place at a later date. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Lavora Tommy Mae Moffett, 81

*P. 26 19 Apr 2019*  
Lavora Tommy Mae Moffett, 81, passed away Jan. 19, 2019, due to age-related causes at her home in Sequim, Washington.

Tommy was born in Steuben, Wisconsin, at home to Robert and Laura Curtis, on Nov. 29, 1937.

Tommy arrived in Sequim in the mid-'60s, relocated to Kalispell for 30 years, and spent her remaining years retired back in Sequim.

She loved playing piano, gardening and making caramels, and was heavily involved in her church and women's group. She wrote Christian praise music and also led a weekly ministry at a Kalispell nursing home.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



and sister Laverta.

Tommy is survived by her husband, Don Moffett; her

siblings, Rita (Roger), Russ, Linda (Chuck), and Larry (Pam); her children, Sherry, Scott (Debbie), Sheila (Neil), Rob (Chome), April (Dan), Claire, Laurie (Randy) and Abigail (Troy); 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Tommy was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Her celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on July 6 at Sequim Community Church.

Donations can be made to Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County.

## Rachel R. Monogue, 97

Rachel R. Monogue, 97, died Sept. 25, 2019, at Whitefish Care and Rehab.

She is survived by her son James Monogue. A private family

burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Thomas Jesse Mohundro, 71

Thomas Jesse Mohundro, 71, of Kalispell, died Saturday, May 11, 2019, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Jolene; and his children, Tommy, Emily, Jennifer, Shelly

and Mark.

No services are being planned at this time.

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

## Patsy Moller, 72

Patsy Moller, 72, of Columbia Falls, died March 5, 2019, at a local hospital.

She is survived by

her daughter, Shelly Anderson.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Dan Moore, 71

PAT 31 Aug 2019

Dan Moore was born in Los Angeles on March 13, 1948. In 1960 his family moved to the Olancha/Lone Pine area and Dan started what became his lifetime passion — archery/bowhunting. The next years were school, then summers working the Cottonwood Pack Station, in the High Sierras.



he'd been thinking about for two years. Melanie and Dan married seven months

later in February 1980. Later that year he became a father; a son he named Cody. His family was complete when April was born in 1982.

But Dan was hunting every archery season. The bulls got bigger, the freezer more full.

He enjoying bowhunting in California. But another dream called him. In 1972 Dan moved to Montana, settling in Butte. Dan took up mining. Off hours found him fishing, stalking deer and trying a new challenge — elk.

By 1977, he decided to start an Archery Pro Shop in Kalispell. Big Sky Archery was born. In 1979, Dan asked out a girl

In the late '80s, Dan bought property on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska. For the next 20 years, Dan was there every May, hunting bear and halibut fishing.

PSE sponsored Dan's bowhunting. He won

Bowhunter of the Year several times and was the 1990 PSE catalog cover, packing elk horns from his 1989 hunt. Dan's hunting became magazine/newspaper articles and book chapters.

2003 brought the best change. Grandchildren Brooklyn, Maddox and Payton were his continual delight. He rarely missed a game and made coming home from school an adventure.

In 2008, he sold his Alaska cabin and built a home in Landusky, Montana, with his brother Ron. Dan then spent every summer and fall there, bowhunting deer, antelope and, of course, elk.

Dan bellowed in anger, teased children continually, left piles of stuff

everywhere, helped new bowhunters and had a million stories to tell. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren without end. Dan's dreams took him across the USA, Alaska, Canada, even South Africa. He couldn't wait to hunt antelope in Nevada. He was doing what he loved when he left us Aug. 14, 2019.

Dan Moore's service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell, with a reception following. If you wish to join us in a toast to Dan, please stop by Fatt Boys Bar & Grille, 1307 Hwy. 2 W., Kalispell, from 6 p.m. on.

## Terry L. Moore, 72

Terry L. Moore, 72, of Whitefish, died Jan. 27, 2019, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Adele, and children Stacy, Tim and Kelly.

No services are being held at this time.

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

## Donna E. Morden, 84

Donna E. Morden, 84, of Columbia Falls, died September 11, 2019 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Arrangements

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

## William 'Bill' Moreno, 92

William "Bill" Moreno, M.D., 92, of Kalispell, died Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Prestige Memory Care in Kalispell.

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

## Joanne Eva Mordja, 64

Joanne Mordja (nee Lapoint) born Oct. 12, 1954, in Racine Wisconsin, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2019, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, due to kidney transplant complications.

Joanne and her family accepted the risks involved in this life-changing surgery in hopes it would give her a new lease on life. The Mordja and Lapoint families extend their deepest gratitude to the donor's family and the hospital staff at the Mayo Clinic.

Joanne loved reading, gardening, spending time with family and friends and riding motorcycles. She was an incredibly loving mother and friend. She lived her life to the fullest and gave selflessly to all those around her.

Joanne is survived by her sons, Vince and



Justin (Janice), half daughter Justina, sisters Barbara (Frank), Kathy

(Jim), Bettie (Stacy), Teena, and Lucy (Greg), and brother Henry; grandchildren, Rylin, Gracie, Vanessa, Joselyn, Eva and Anya; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Lucille, sister Lillie, brother Al, and beloved husband Vince.

A celebration of Joanne's life will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at the Creston Grange Hall in Creston.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mayo Clinic Transplant Research Center.

## Sheila (Ellman) Morin, 63

Sheila (Ellman) Morin, 63, of Kalispell, died Monday Jan. 21, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband Doug, and her children, Beau Morin and Erin Braaten.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Grace Church in Kalispell.

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

## Reg Morris, 75

Reg Morris went home to be with the Lord Sept. 13, 2019.

Reg was born on Sept. 20, 1943, in Yakima, Washington, to Jim and Dorothy Morris. He grew up on a fruit ranch in Selah, Washington, and later made a living breaking horses in the Yakima area. He and his family eventually moved to Lynnwood and then onto



*P.A. 25 Sept 2019*  
Snohomish, Washington, where he became a commercial construction superintendent and was involved in numerous high rise buildings in the Seattle and Bellevue skyline and across the U.S. He eventu-

ally made his final home for the last 20 years in Kalispell.

Reg enjoyed hunting, fishing, his family and his church family.

Reg is survived by his wife, Judy; children, David (Brenda), Debbi, Jim, Danielle (Brad), and John (Kelsey); grandchildren, Nathan, Ashley, Jacqui, Jessa, Alex and Jenna; and great-grand-

children, Alijah, Hailey and Olivia.

A celebration of life service will be held for Reg at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Family Life Christian Church with a potluck following.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to contribute to Hope Pregnancy Ministries.

## David Morrison, 81

David Morrison, 81, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 at his home in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are

being made.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Laura M. Morse, 83

Laura M. Morse, 83, died Thursday March 7, 2019 at Prestige Expressions in Kalispell. Laura was born on Dec. 23, 1935 in Baker.

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

## Janice Mosquera, 76

Janice Mosquera, 76, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, at Health Center Northwest. Services are

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

## Clarence Moses, 77

Clarence Moses, 77, of Wapato, Washington, died Thursday, May 30, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center ICU in Kalispell.

Services are being planned for Cardston, Alberta. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Lawrence A. Motari, 61

Lawrence A. Motari, 61, died Monday, June 10, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Services are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Linn L. Mitchell Morse passed away Nov. 6, 2019, in Palm Springs, California.

She was born Sept. 26, 1957, in St. Petersburg, Florida, to James and Caroline Mitchell. At an early age her family moved to Kalispell.

She attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1975. After



attending Montana State and University of Montana where she moved to Seattle where she pursued a career in finance. She had a lease brokerage business for several years. She married her husband Jonathon Morse in 2008.

They celebrated 11 happy years together living in Sandpoint, Idaho, and Bend, Oregon. They spent their winters in Tucson, Arizona, where they were presently living.

At the age of 4 she began her lifelong love of horses. In 1973 she won open jumping first places at the Kalispell Junior Show, Glacier International Horse Show,

## Linn L. Mitchell Morse, 62

and the Helena Open Jumping Show. She was recently competing in Canada and California.

Winters were spent skiing with her family on Big Mountain. She was an expert slalom and downhill racer, winning the Hellgate Cup in Missoula and attending three Junior Nationals with the Big Mountain ski team.

Linn enjoyed many hikes in Glacier Park and taking long horseback rides with her family. Her talents were many, with art, music, and her great love and care for animals to name a few.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jonathon, and his children and extended family. She is also survived by her mother, Caroline,

sister Kimberly, brother Charlie and his wife Cathy in Kalispell, their sons James and Charles, her aunt and namesake and several cousins.

She will be dearly missed. Services are pending.



## Caroline Virginia Felton Morton, 90

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Caroline Virginia Felton Morton passed away at home on Jan. 29, 2019.

She was born Nov. 8, 1928, in Havre to William Prudenand Sally Borchardt Felton. She was their ninth child. She was raised in the Bears Paw Mountains and Chinook.

After high school she traveled to Great Falls to work, then on to Minneapolis and San Francisco. She returned to her parents' home in Woods Bay on Flathead Lake and met her future husband Don Morton. They married Oct. 31, 1953, raising three children. While residing in the Bear Dance area she worked hard with Don to plant a cherry orchard in Woods Bay. In the early 1980s they moved to a new home at the orchard. They moved to Polson in 2003.

Caroline loved to fish and camp when younger. She loved her family and grandchildren. She loved her flowers, music, painting and swimming. The last few years she loved going to the pool with her friends, the Aqua Chicks.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, sister and six brothers.



She is survived by her husband, Don; her brother, Edward, of Boise, Idaho; her daughter, Jona Morton of Denver, and granddaughter Jascha; her son David and

wife Jane Morton of Polson, and grandchildren Alex and Mattie; and her daughter Rachel and husband Stacy Violet of Polson, and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Lucy and Max. She is also survived by her first cousin Nettie Welborn of Dillon and many nieces and nephews.

Caroline wished for any memorials to be sent to St. Jude hospital for children.

A remembrance will be held in Dillon in June at the annual Felton Family reunion.

She is missed and loved.

Memorial services for Caroline are pending.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com). Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Barbara A. Mouritsen, 58

Barbara A. Mouritsen, 58, died Oct. 26, 2019 at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. Services are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Diane Ardean Moore Moussiaux, 80

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Diane Moore Moussiaux, 80, died May 26, 2019, at her home at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.



She was born June 4, 1939, in Kalispell to Dr. Thomas B. Moore and Miriam Moore and attended Flathead County High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Spanish Club and played saxophone in the band. She graduated from the University of Montana in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Growing up, Diane enjoyed hiking in Glacier Park with her Girl Scout troop and swimming in

Flathead Lake during summers spent at her family's cabin and cherry orchard on the East Lake Shore. She was a dancer and competed in the 1951 Horace Heidt Talent Show with her sister Marilyn.

Diane's first job after college was in Stockton, California, where she taught high school Spanish for several years. After moving to Southern California, she taught in high schools in Tustin and Downey.

She married Joseph Moussiaux, a high school counselor and coach, in 1976. They resided in Anaheim, California, until 1984 when they both retired. They moved to Las Vegas where they enjoyed following sports betting and horse racing.

Diane was active in her homeowners group in Las Vegas where, as social director, she hosted

many parties and events.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1994.

Diane and Joe spent every summer at her Flathead Lake property, and Diane continued to make her summer sojourn to Montana until 2016. She moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in January 2019.

Diane will be remembered as a fiercely independent person. She had strongly held, not always popular, opinions that she was never averse to sharing. But she could couple that trait with a wicked sense of humor and a willingness to enjoy a good practical joke. In spite of years living in California and Nevada, Diane loved Montana and felt a particular affinity for the Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park and was always happy to return "home."

She is survived by her sisters Marilyn Moore Reynolds Harris of Kalispell and Suzanne Moore Crocker of Palo Alto, California; two nephews, Tom Reynolds of Livermore, California, and Patrick Crocker of Hillsborough, California; and two nieces, Laura Reynolds of Kalispell, and Kathleen Crocker Storey of Burlingame, California.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Chapel at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

Memorials may be sent to the Glacier Park Conservancy, P.O. Box 2749, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

## MEMORIAL

### Kimball J. Mower

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A memorial service for Kimball J. Mower, 88, who died Dec. 20, 2018, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Birch Grove Community

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Center, 594 Birch Grove Road in Kalispell. A luncheon/open house will follow from noon to 2 p.m.

### Kimball J. Mower, 88

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Kimball J. Mower, 88, born Oct. 3, 1930, in Moreland, Idaho, the fourth of seven children to Ralph and Lucille Mower, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, at home surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife Lois of 58 years, sons Kim, Harold and Stuart, and daughters Deana and Jennie; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter Delilah.

Kim was a longtime member of the IBEW. He was a journeyman electrician working on projects all over the

Northwest. As a young man he liked to hunt and fish but, first and foremost, he was a horseman. He was hands-on in all aspects of having race horses for all his adult life.

There will be a small service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Birch Grove Community Hall, located at 549 Birch Grove Road, Kalispell, followed by a luncheon/open house from noon to 2 p.m. We invite family, friends and others whose lives Kim touched to come help reminisce and celebrate a life well-lived.

## Marie Ann Foglio Muggerud, 72

*PAL 3 mar 2019*  
Marie Ann Foglio Muggerud, 72, of Billings, formerly of Bigfork, and Bell Gardens, California, died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 16, 2019, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, with her son by her side.

Marie was born to Francis and Dominick Foglio on Aug. 13, 1946, in Naples, Italy. She immigrated to the United States when she was 5 years old and grew up in Flushing, Queens, New York.

She was predeceased by her parents, and her late husband, Dallas Muggerud, whom she loved and missed until the day she died. She and Dallas owned and operated the Saddle Tramp Saloon in Bell Gardens, which they sold when their son built their dream home in Bigfork. She made many close friends in Bigfork, with whom she remained in constant contact.

Marie's pride and joy were her son, Lawrence "DJ Muggs" Muggerud and her granddaughter, Francisca "Frankie" Muggerud. She helped raise Frankie when she was a little girl and was very proud of their successful lives. Marie was an amazing cook and showed her love by cooking traditional Italian meals for her family and friends. She was also



an avid sports fan who loved her NBA basketball. She attended many Lakers

games at the Staples Center and recorded all the NBA games when they were televised.

Survivors include her son, Larry; granddaughter, Frankie; her beloved siblings, Tina, Carlo, Johnny (Phyllis), Teresa (Cisco), Lisa; her aunt, Anna and uncle, Carmine; and her sisters-in-law, Paulette, Micki, Pam and Marla; many nieces and nephews; her close friends Debbie, Toni and Jean; and her little dogs, Belle and Little Pup. Marie's families on both sides are extremely large. She loved all of us — there are simply too many of us to name.

Memorial services celebrating her life will be held this summer (or spring) in Billings, Bigfork and New York. Marie's ashes will be scattered according to her wishes in Bigfork and New York. We will publish the date, time and location on Marie's Facebook page and do our best to let all who wish to attend know the details.

Condolences may be made at [www.michelottisawyers.com](http://www.michelottisawyers.com).

## Marsha Murray-Lusby

*PAL 30 June 2019*  
Marsha Murray-Lusby, wife of Russell Lusby and mother of Drew and Rachel Lusby, died June 24, 2019, in Beaverton, Oregon.

Marsha is the daughter of Joan Murray of Portland and Marshall Murray of Hillsboro, Oregon. In addition she leaves a sister, Kathy Ficken, husband Mark and children Elizabeth, Emelia and Karl of Beaverton; and a brother, Scott, of Incline Village, Nevada.

She is also survived by aunts Connie (Ed) Lord, Phyllis Lewis and Avice (Ivan) Hoff, all of Montana, three nephews, three nieces, and two great-nephews and one great-niece.

Marsha was a member for 35 years of the law firm DunnCarney, Portland and served on



the management board and led the Trust and Estates Department.

She was an honor graduate of Flathead High School and an American Field Service student in Turkey; also an honor graduate of the University of Montana. She was president of the UM chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity and served a year as a field consultant. She graduated cum laude from Willamette Law School, where she served on the Law Review.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. July 9 at Sunset Presbyterian Church, Beaverton.

## Irene J. Muir, 101

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7 Feb 2019

Irene J. Muir passed away peacefully on the eve of her 102nd birthday, Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.

She was born and raised in Great Falls where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Jack Muir, in December 1940. They were transferred in their second year of marriage to Chuquicamata, Chile, where they lived for five years and had their first child, Linda. Irene always looked back on this experience as the adventure of a lifetime. Upon their return to Great Falls, Irene followed her passion for music and art, volunteering for the Community Concert program, playing the piano, and pursuing her love of watercolor painting.

After moving to Butte in 1969 she opened and operated the Summer Gallery for several years. She displayed her artwork at numerous local shows, taught watercolor classes and remained an active member of the Montana Institute of the Arts. She also loved golf and travel and was a member of the Butte Country Club.

In later years, as her vision declined, Irene returned to her musical roots. An accomplished piano player, she entertained her friends and



neighbors at Big Sky Senior Living playing their favorite melodies from her memory of an accumulated 100 years of music.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, John and Angeline Janetski; her brother, John Janetski; and her beloved husband of 70 years, Jack Muir.

She is survived by her sons, Jack Muir Jr. and his wife Sydney of Lakeside, and Daniel Muir and his wife Coreena of Kalispell; daughters Linda Coolidge and her husband Del of Whitefish, and Maryanne Muir of Florida; grandchildren Brian Oelberg, Laura Wilson and husband Haywood, Jennifer Muir Braunstein, Jeremy Muir, Jason Muir, and Justin Muir and wife Ninfa; and seven great grandchildren.

The family would like to express our thanks for the years of loving assistance and care provided by Big Sky Senior Living and Compassus Hospice of Butte.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Great Falls where Irene and Jack were longtime members, and interment of ashes will take place in Great Falls.

## Barbara Myhre, 81

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7 Feb 2019

Barbara Myhre, 81, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Feb. 4, 2019, at Meadowlark Hills Stolzer House.

She was born Jan. 23, 1938, in Swinton, Manchester, England.

Barbara was married to Robert O. Myhre, on Nov. 23, 1957, in Swinton, Manchester, England. Mr. Myhre preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2010.

Survivors include her two daughters, Debra Myhre-Miller of Southern California and Arlene Myhre-Kubista and her husband Frank of Manhattan, Kansas; and two granddaughters; Montana and Olivia Kubista.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Meadowlark Hills

Community Room, in Manhattan, with Father Don Zimmerman officiating. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan.

Online condolences

may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowlark Hills Foundation for Stolzer House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.