

Florence A. Natelson, 101

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Florence A. Natelson of Kalispell passed away on Aug. 27, 2019, of natural causes. She was 101.

Long before moving to Kalispell with her husband Dr. Sydney Natelson, Florence became a prominent community leader.

She was born Florence Odessa Ackles on July 9, 1918, in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, to Gordon Everett Ackles and Jesse Hilda Taggart Ackles. She was an only child. Seeking economic opportunity, her family soon moved to Concord, Massachusetts. Florence was raised principally in Concord, where she absorbed that town's famous literary tradition. She compiled an excellent scholastic record, and was promoted two grades. She graduated from high school at age 15.

The family then moved to Waltham, Massachusetts, where Florence was working as a dental nurse when she met her future husband, then a medical student. They were married in 1943, the same year Florence became a U.S. citizen. The marriage was an exceedingly happy one, and lasted until Dr. Natelson's death in 2007.

After internships in New York City, Dr. Natelson established a medical practice in Yonkers, New York. Florence served as the office nurse and manager. She also gave birth to the couple's two children, Robert and Richard. However, Florence and her husband sought a more rural environment, and in 1954 moved their home and medical practice to the Hudson Valley community of Stony Point, New York, then a small agricultural town with a Revolutionary War heritage. They worked together as medical professionals until



retiring in 1987. It was a general, family-oriented practice that served mostly patients of modest means.

Florence became a local celebrity, partly for her glamour — she modeled for fashion shows to raise money for charitable causes — but also for leadership ability. She served as president of a medical auxiliary organization and president of the local Parent-Teachers Association. She assumed leadership positions in several other organizations as well, including the Boy Scouts. But she steadfastly declined offers to run for political office.

Despite her civic activity, she remained a very involved mother to her two boys.

After retirement, Florence and her husband lived initially in the hill country of rural New Jersey, but finally moved to Kalispell, where she enjoyed "grandmothering" and playing ferocious games of bridge. Surviving Florence are her two sons, Robert G. Natelson of Lakewood Colorado, formerly a

University of Montana law professor and prominent Montana political figure, and now a nationally-recognized constitutional scholar; and Dr. Richard M. Natelson, an obstetrician/gynecologist whose offices were formerly in the Flathead Valley but are now in Salmon, Idaho. Also surviving are five grandchil-

dren, Rebecca Natelson Chertudi and Deborah J. Natelson, both of Columbia Falls; Sarah J. Romano of Golden, Colorado; Colton S. Natelson of Denver; and Hannah G. Natelson of Salmon, Idaho. Florence left two great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Elise Chertudi, of Columbia Falls.

Charles Micheal 'Charlie' Nau, 65

Charles Micheal "Charlie" Nau, 65, of Missoula, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, April 20, 2019, at his residence.

Sunset Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory in Missoula is in care of arrangements.

Rena Ellen (Hissong) Naumann, 83

Rena Ellen Naumann passed away on November 18, 2019 after long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Rena was born in 1936. Her mother, Rena Hissong, raised her and her four younger brothers in Kalispell. In 1954 Rena married the love of her life, Ralph Naumann. Their daughter Laurie was born in 1957.

Rena was a bookkeeper for Time Insurance for over 40 years. She then worked at the Village Greens Pro Shop for several years before retiring. The arrival of her grandsons, Cody and Taylor

Swarthout, brought her much joy. The eight hour drive to see them was not an obstacle; she never missed a holiday, sporting event or a chance to babysit. Together with Ralph, she took the boys on many vacations and made many special memories for them. Rena's friends and family know how much she loved to host dinners and special events. Preparing a meal for those she loved and spending time with them was something she cherished. Skiing, camping, golfing and attending football games were just some of the activities she

enjoyed.

Rena was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for 65 years. She loved the Lord and her church family. She served on many church boards, taught Sunday school was a member of LWML. Many of Rena's lifelong friends were her sisters in Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She was a member for over 50 years and always enjoyed time together with them.

Rena is survived by her husband, Ralph Naumann; daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Rich Swarthout; grandsons, Cody and Taylor

Swarthout; brothers, Vern Hissong and Skip and Jody Hissong; sisters-in-law, Jean Fredenberg and Liz Pollinger; brothers-in-law, George and Eleanor Naumann, Carl and Ellen Naumann; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rena lived a good life with lots of love and laughter. She is now rejoicing in God's Kingdom!

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, with a lunch reception following.

Brandon Heath Nelson, 38

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On Monday Jan. 28, 2019, Brandon left us suddenly and all too soon after a vehicle accident in Bigfork. His beloved blue heeler/border collie mix Sheba and her young puppy Rojo followed him over the Rainbow Bridge.

Brandon was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on July 25, 1980, to Teresa Snyder Nelson and Ron Nelson. He was raised in the Dakotas, Alaska and Nebraska before finally settling in Kalispell where he attended Flathead High School, graduating in 1998. Right out of high school he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force to serve our country and was honorably discharged in 2002.

Brandon was involved in many community activities, especially those that benefited our veterans. He served as VFW past junior vice commander, was a Veterans Pantry volunteer, was involved in the VFW Sunday morning breakfast benefiting the Flathead Warriors Fund.

He also worked with the Flathead Bike Club, Project Homeless Connect and the annual "Bring Out Your Mom" bike ride on Mother's Day.

Brandon's mom often described him as a "burnt marshmallow," crusty on the outside and sweet and squishy on the inside. He was kind, helpful and considerate and always happy to help out friends and strangers.

He loved to be silly with kids, quoting Shel Silverstein, reeling off spoonerisms and great puns or play knock-knock jokes with his nieces all day long. He was a stickler for grammar, loved poetry, especially Edgar Allan Poe and often wrote his own poetry.

Brandon appreciated the rugged Montana outdoors introducing (dragging/encouraging) others to enjoy it as well. He was an excellent teacher for young and old alike.

In 2017, he was blessed



and loved her beyond words.

Brandon was preceded in death by his stepfather Ray Bilile.

In addition to his daughter, left to mourn him are his mother Tere Nelson of Bigfork, his father Ron Nelson of Minnesota, his brother and best friend Trevor Nelson, his stepbrother Corey Bilile, his nieces Lyric Nelson and Phoenix Nelson, and his "brothers (and sister) by other mothers" Bo Helm, Sean O'Neill, Skippy Yelinik, Matt Thomas and Heather Petzak.

A memorial will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 17, during the "3rd Sunday Morning Breakfast," a Brandon tradition to benefit the Flathead Warrior Project, at the Kalispell VFW. A celebration of life will follow at 1 p.m. The Kalispell VFW is located at 330 First Ave. W., in Kalispell.

Memorials in Brandon's honor may be made to the Veterans Pantry and the VFW. (Buying drinks at the bar doesn't count.) As Brandon would say "Be so it!"

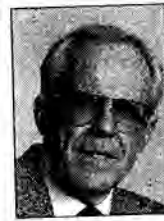
Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Fred Nelson, 91

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Fred Nelson, 91, a longtime music educator in western Montana, died Dec. 5, 2019, at Libby.

Born Nov. 28, 1928, in Kalispell to Ray Nelson and Martha O'Brien Nelson, he attended grade school in Kalispell and later attended school in Anaconda, graduating from Anaconda High School in 1947.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from University of Montana and, following his military service, was director of bands in Polson,



Libby and Sentinel High School in Missoula.

Surviving him are his sons, Niles Nelson and wife Bobbie of Libby, Dale Nelson of Polson, and Grant Nelson and wife Marybeth of El Cajon, California; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A visitation in Libby will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 11, at Schnackenberg Funeral Home. Funeral services in Missoula will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Garden City Funeral Home with a reception immediately following in the funeral home hospitality center. Committal will be at 2 p.m. at Missoula Cemetery.

Condolences and memories may be share online by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com or www.gardencityfh.com

L. Jane Nelson-Ott, 79

On Oct. 7, 2019, L. Jane Nelson-Ott, 79, crossed the Rainbow Bridge to collect her dogs that had passed and reunite them all in their forever home with her and other special friends and family.

Jane was born Jan. 29, 1940, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Clarence and Betty (Bursch) Nelson and reluctantly accepted by older sister, Kathryn.

Railroad jobs transferred the family to Fargo, N.D., then on to Whitefish where Jane graduated in 1957. After graduation, she made her way back to Minnesota where she went on to secretarial school at the University of Minnesota for two years. This led to office work with various employers including the Department of Defense-Navy; Norman Stewart (legal secretary); and Allen Arthur Company and Architecture Technology Corporation (ATC) as the office manager. In each of these positions, she always gave 110% into each one, loving the staff as well as the work.

In 1968, Gene and Jane Anderson welcomed their only child, Julie Lynne into the world. In the 1990s they parted ways and Jane reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Glenn Ott. They married on June 20, 1998, and were happily married for 21 years. They have wonderful memories of fishing trips and travels to various locations, including Alaska, Michigan, Paris, England, Ireland and Mexico.

After working for ATC for over 20 years, she retired only to jump right into volunteer work. She made quilts for Veterans at the VA home and the Flathead Quilters Guild Outreach Distribution Program and was part of the Women Who Wine Group. Her pride



and joy, though, was working as treasurer for the first dog park in

Kalispell, Paws To Play. As treasurer, she put forth substantial effort in Paws To Play becoming a 501c3 public charity.

She is survived by her loving husband, Glenn Ott, Kalispell; daughters, Julie Anderson, Fullerton, Calif., Tami Filipek (Mike) of Dayton and Bobbi Rounds (Jerry), Dayton; sister, Kathryn Nelson, of Federal Way, Wash.; grandchildren, Devon Mullenbach (Derrick Barnes), Hanna Schilling, Tyler Rounds, Kari Rounds, Brandon Ryerson (Jessie), Elizabeth DeMarais (Jade) and Molly Hartong (Dustin); great-grandchildren, Charly, Maya, Mykah, Coral, Aubree, Jade Jr. and Rook; nieces, Lynn Hudson and Kim Irwin; nephew David Hudson; and cousins Jerry Bernard, Judy Cedar and Sherri Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Betty Nelson, several beloved cousins and, of course, all of her dogs that she looks forward to joining in heaven.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, she prefers donations to Paws to Play Dog Park, P.O. Box 3571, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Final interment will be held at a later date at Greenwood Methodist Cemetery in Loretto, Minn.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lana Nelson, 78

Lana Nelson, 78, passed away on May 8, 2019, at Northwest Health Center in Kalispell.

Lana was born in Scobey, Montana, on June 18, 1940. She lived in Scobey for her first seven years before moving to Whitefish in 1948 with her parents Ruth and Wilfred Nelson, sister Yvonne and brother Don. The family purchased the Marshall Wells Hardware store in downtown Whitefish, and began what is now Nelson's ACE Hardware, a third-generation business. Lana attended grade school and high school in Whitefish and graduated in 1959. After high school she enrolled at the University of Montana and earned her degree in liberal arts. She then attended Kinman Business School in Spokane, Washington. Lana enjoyed a 35-year career as a medical transcriptionist at St. James Hospital in Butte, utilizing specialized equipment to compensate for her visual impairments. Her job provided meaningful contribution to her community and the opportunity to live independently. She retired in 2005. In 2015 she returned to the Flathead to be near her family and resided at the BeeHive Homes in Columbia Falls until her death.

Throughout her life, Lana was beset with many physical challenges. She was able to overcome those disabilities to live an independent and productive life. She was a hero to her family with her ability to maintain a brave and positive outlook while coping with numerous medical difficulties. Her life motto was "never give up" and she never did.

Lana valued the support and love of her large extended family and they in turn returned that

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love. She was active in the Montana Association for the Blind and developed a supportive group of dear friends with whom she shared many fun activities. She was also involved with St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butte where she sang in the choir and was involved in Bible study groups. After moving to Columbia Falls, she enjoyed attending services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and was touched by the kindness shown by their parishioners and Pastor Peter Erickson.

Lana's fondest memories were of times spent with friends and family at her family's home on Whitefish Lake. She loved camping trips to Bowman and Kintla Lakes with her large extended family. She enjoyed numerous trips and excursions with her sister Yvonne, who was her faithful and loving companion throughout her life. She especially enjoyed their visits to Hawaii and the beach time, luaus, and beautiful music.

Lana was preceded in death by her brother Don Nelson and parents Ruth and Wilfred Nelson. She is survived by her sister Yvonne Bradford of Missoula, brother Rick Nelson and wife Marilyn of Whitefish, nieces and nephews Eric and Connie Bradford, Lisa and Sean Bell, Chris and Christy Nelson, Jennifer and Alon Golan, Leif and Gloria Nelson, Jillian and Brett Nail, and Mariah and Brian Joos, as well as numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

Lana's family would like to thank the staff at North Valley Hospital and Kalispell Regional Hospital for their excellent care and kindness. We are fortunate to have such competent and caring medical professionals. We would also

like to thank the staff at the BeeHive Homes in Columbia Falls for their compassionate support and loving care. A family celebration of Lana's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Montana Association for the Blind at 34 North Last Chance Gulch, Helena MT 59601.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services is caring for the family.

Lucille E. Nelson, 92

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On Aug. 3, 2019, Lucille E. Nelson, 92, went home to be with the Lord and her many friends and descendants. Lucy was surrounded by her loving family as she passed.

Lucille Elizabeth Dunham was born on Oct. 14, 1926, in Oilmont. She was a striking girl with beautiful auburn hair. Lucy married Leonard Doran and worked with him for many years in Shelby in an accounting, insurance and real estate business. After a divorce she and her four children moved to Kalispell in 1963 where she owned and operated the Fernwell Apartments. She worked for accountant Austin Miller, was the office manager for Manions Auto, Pontiac and International Trucks and was a legal secretary for her son, Gary.

She met and married her beloved Jacob Nelson and enjoyed many years of golfing, dancing and traveling until his death in 2002. During her life she was a beautiful and wonderful mother and loving wife. She was known for her kindness, her sweet disposition and great sense of humor by all. Over the years she suffered the loss of many of her close friends.

Lucy was a great woman, a loving and kind soul and is sure to be welcomed in heaven by the Lord. Her life was a living example of Bible



verse, Ephesians 4:32 — "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Lucy

is survived by her brother Neil and wife Karen Dunham; and her children, Gary Doran, Paul Doran, Debra Mills and husband Tim Norton, and daughter-in-law Diane Doran; grandchildren, Tayvia Doran, Mark Doran, Garrick Doran, Teisha Hackett, Ryan Doran, Shanise Doran, Cory Mills, Kasey and John Vandekop, Andrew and Tiffany Norton, Cali Norton, Sina Mills, Stacey Linder, Evan Gardner and 10 great-grandkids.

Her brother Leonard Dunham, her son Rick Doran, and grandson Christopher all pre-deceased her.

We will greatly miss you, Mom and Grandma. We love you very much. Please join us celebrating her life at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 21, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell.

Timothy Kyle Nestegard, 51

Timothy Kyle Nestegard, 51, of Hungry Horse, died Sunday, April 28, 2019, at his home.


A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the

Hampton Inn Spring Creek Ballroom, 1140 U.S. 2 W., Kalispell, with a potluck following.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

The Families of
TIM NESTEGARD

would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended his memorial, provided food, and monetary contributions.



Unfortunately, no one thought to keep track of the individual contributions, forgive us for not being able to Thank you individually. We do appreciate your love and support during this very painful time.

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Timothy Kyle Nestegard

July 20, 1967 ~ April 28, 2019 (age 51)



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Timothy Kyle Nestegard entered this world on July 20, 1967 in Kalispell, Montana. He left this world at his home in Hungry Horse, April 28, 2019. Tim spent his life here in the Flathead Valley. He kept his mom on her toes through a great many of those years – growing times for both of them.

His heart and compassion were as big as he was. He will be missed greatly by his family and many friends. The void he leaves in our lives will never be filled.

He was preceded in death by his father Gary Nestegard, nephew Tyler Nestegard, grandparents and two much loved uncles.

He is survived by his wife LaSeena; son Kyle and wife Mariah, son Chase, daughter Lexi, his parents Bob and Jewel Henneman, brother Chris Nestegard and wife Kim, step daughters Deborah and C.J., and his adored grandchildren "Little Timmy, Emry, Jade, Tony and Blake." They loved "Papa Tim". He is also survived by his two aunts Emma Hodges and Judy Timlick, his uncle Larry Nestegard and wife Maren, and "His boys Josh, Pat, Trevor and Nate" along with cousins and many friends.

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Tim loved talking to people and through his work at WalMart he met four men who brightened his days with their stories and wisdom, Al Baughman, Calvin Galloway, Jack Buck, and Jerry McNeely. Thank you guys!

Our Tim is gone, but his love lingers on.

A celebration of Tim's life will be held on Saturday May 4th, 2019 at 1 PM at the Hampton Inn Spring Creek Ballroom, 1140 Hwy 2 West in Kalispell, Montana with a potluck following.

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

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Timothy Kyle Nestegard, please visit our floral store. (</obituary/Timothy-Nestegard/sympathy>)

Bruce S. Netherly, 67

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Human Services degree. He worked for human resources and later became an independent contractor working with his brothers James and Mike. He met Janiece Hamilton in 1987 and became lifelong friends and partners.



Bruce was born in Dayton, Ohio, to June and Dave Netherly. He had six siblings, Tim, (Deb), Mike, Dona, Vickie, Barb and James, (Brenda).

Our courageous brother passed away from cancer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Dec. 8, 2019. He fought a brave fight.

Our family moved to Kalispell in 1968. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1970 and went to Flathead Valley Community College where he received an Associate of Arts of

Larson (the first little brother) in the Flathead Valley. The list goes on for his volunteerism from Church Camp counselor to the Wheelchair Basketball Committee and participant.

He loved Montana; the outdoors taught him independence and freedom from within. He found value in the little things in life, and didn't sweat the big things. He inspired us to think for ourselves and strive to do better for those around us. He loved music and enjoyed playing guitar

and singing with his brother Mike. He defied the odds and did things his own way. He was a peaceful rebel in many ways. He was truly a free spirit. All his family and friends will miss him.

There will be no funeral services at Bruce's request.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

Janette Terwey Neu, 83

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Janette Terwey Neu died peacefully surrounded by family in Bigfork on June 10, 2019, the 65th



anniversary of her wedding to Donald Neu.

Janette was born on Aug. 9, 1935, to John Terwey and Mary Mertes in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She lived on their family farm until age 16, when she moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where she graduated Cathedral High School in 1952.

Janette's passions were sharing adventures with Don, raising her family, and serving her church and community. She also

co-owned and operated LaSalle Nursery and was a receptionist for Wettach Chiropractic, both in Kalispell.

Janette was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald, her parents, and her 11 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children Gary Neu, Diane Brien, Barbara Dopp, Brad Neu, Bob Neu, Mary Neu, LeeAnn Neu, and Paula Witt, 16 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Janette was a devoted Catholic, whose faith has been passed along to the entire family.

A celebration of her life will be at 10 a.m. June 15 at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Vivian Newby, 73

Vivian Newby, 73, died Saturday June 1, 2019, at Brendan House is Kalispell, Services

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

Chris M. Newman, 59

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Christopher Martin Newman, a man of great spirit, energy and deep determination, passed away on Jan. 10, 2019, at the age of 59, at his home in the Spokane Valley, Washington.

Chris was born on Feb. 8, 1959, in Whitefish to Kent and Barbara Newman. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1977, and attended Montana State University. He also attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and served a full term in the Air National Guard.

On Jan. 10, 1981, he married Susan Rye in Kalispell and they moved to Spokane where he began his career in sales management. He welcomed his first child, Chelsea Newman, on April 18, 1988.



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Chris was a devoted family man and passionate worker with a drive to leave every environment better than he entered it. His spirit and creativity was apparent in every interaction, and his kindness was an impetus that knew no bounds. Chris was perpetually inquisitive, always inventing something new, and was

and his son, Scott Newman, on June 21, 1992. His family was the heartbeat of his life, second to his relationship with his savior, Jesus

the inventor of the original prototype for the Swiss Army "Swiss Card," plus a holder of multiple patents and inventions. His heart was fullest in the company of those he loved, and on the waters of Lake Pend Oreille with a fishing pole in hand, listening to The Eagles playing in the background. The depth of his love was felt by all who knew him, and his memory will echo into eternity where he lives with our Lord and Savior.

Chris is survived by his wife, Sue Newman; his children, Chelsea (Ty) Thomas and Scott Newman; his grandchildren, Braedy Newman and Aiden Newman; his siblings, Leslie (Bernie) Windauer and family, Roger (Peggy) Newman, Sharon (Tom) Bengtson

and family, and Carrie (Mark) Aageson and family; his sister and brother-in-law, Mike and Sheilah Vincent and family, and brother and sister-in-law, Milt and Nadine Rye and family; and his dear lifelong friend, Bryan McMillan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kent Irving Newman, his mother, Barbara (Walker) Newman, and his father and mother-in-law, Milt and Louise Rye.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, in Building 2, at Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, Idaho. Flowers are welcomed, as well as donations to Widows Might in Spokane, Washington at www.widowsmightspokane.com.

Roland Joseph Newton, 80

Roland Joseph Newton, 80, devoted husband, father, friend, community leader, banker, and Whitefish treasure, passed away at home in Whitefish on Nov. 5, 2019, with family at his side.

Roland was born on Sept. 28, 1939, in Mead, Colorado, into a remarkable and close-knit Catholic family. Roland was the first of three triplet brothers and the 15th of 20 children.

Roland married his high school sweetheart, Joan Becker, in 1962. He attended Colorado State University and the Colorado School of Banking. In 1970 Roland accepted a position at First National Bank in Whitefish and moved Jo and their four young children to Whitefish. Whitefish became home to the Newton family for the next 50 years. In 1978, at the age of 38, Roland became president of First National Bank. He later served as president of First Interstate Bank of Whitefish, retiring in 2004. Roland treasured his relationships with those whom he worked and served.

Roland immersed himself in the Whitefish community and gave generously of his time, ultimately receiving the "Great Whitefish Award" recognizing his lifetime contributions to the community. He took pleasure in serving on the Whitefish City Council, the Whitefish Parks board, the North Valley Hospital board, the Whitefish Lake Gold Course board, and the Whitefish Community Foundation board. He was a co-founder of the Gary Norby Golf Foundation and served



on the
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Committee.
Roland also
served as
president
of the
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High School Booster Club, several terms as president of the Whitefish Lake Golf Course board of directors and was a member of the Rotary, Jaycees, in the Winter Carnival Organizing Committee, the Stumptown Historical Society, and St. Charles parish. He helped found the Whitefish Little Dribblers grade school basketball program, providing over 22 years of leadership, fundraising, coaching, and refereeing. He took pride in being inducted into the Whitefish High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Roland loved all things Montana and all things Whitefish. He was a life-long Dodgers fan, rooted for the Denver Broncos, the Griz, the Cats, the Ducks, the Huskies and the Zags. Sports took center stage in the Newton family, and they criss-crossed the state as the kids participated in basketball, football, volleyball, track and golf. An athlete himself, Roland was a starter, along with three of his brothers, on a state championship basketball team and inductee in the Colorado High School Hall of Fame. He once shot 29 on nine holes at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course.

Roland is survived by his wife Jo, daughters Stacie (Joe) Strong, Chris Newton, Carrie (Jim) Archibald, and son Greg (Leslie) Newton. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren, Kiley (Ben), Seth, Keagan (Kristin), Jordan (Claire), Sydney, Megan and Charlie; great-grandchildren, Camille and Daniel; and numerous generations of nieces and nephews. Surviving siblings include sisters Helen Teter and Patricia French and brothers Richard, Ronald and Marc.

Roland was preceded in death by parents Laura Celia Dreier and James Elmer Newton, and brothers Orbin, Raymond, Jack, Thomas, Gerald, David and Forrest. He was also preceded in death by sisters Eunice Thornton, Roberta Curran, Rosemary Newton, Maureen Newton and Kathleen Hetterle.

In December 1999, Roland received a life-saving kidney transplant allowing him to share in the lives of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In honor of Roland, please consider registering as an organ donor.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Roland's name to the James Elmer and Laura Dreier Newton Scholarship Fund, The UNC Foundation, 1620 Reservoir Road, Greeley, CO 80631, or to the Whitefish Community Foundation.

Memorial services will take place at 11 a.m. on Nov. 12 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, with a celebration to follow at the Whitefish Lake Gold Club Restaurant from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish is caring for the Newton family.

Dennis Nielsen, 60

Dennis Brian Nielsen was born to Rose and Grant Nielsen in Kalispell on April 16, 1959, the sixth of seven children. He loved his parents above all else.

Dennis took off to heaven to see them again on Sept. 16, 2019, leaving us all better people by the example of his life.

Dennis was born with Down syndrome and was a kind and loving soul with a great sense of humor. He had a big smile and loved to laugh and joke around. Family was most important to him, but he also made friends everywhere he went. To walk with him anywhere in Kalispell was to hear a constant chorus of "Hi, Dennis!" People also recognized and greeted him at Logan Pass, in Seattle, and even in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dennis belonged to St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell where he had many friends and loved to sing the songs and receive Communion. He liked to sit on the end so he could greet the priest before Mass began.

Dennis graduated from Flathead High School in 1978. He loved school and all his teachers and friends. Classmates would come up to him for the rest of his life to say hi and remind him that they graduated with him.

He worked for many years at Flathead Industries, especially enjoying his time at the Thrift Store. At lunchtime he was a rock star, laughing with his friends and teasing them constantly. Dennis was thrilled when Flathead Industries took him to Disneyland, where he met many old friends, from Mickey Mouse to Buzz Lightyear.

Dennis enjoyed music and movies, especially the Superheroes. He had a huge collection of LPs,



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cassette tapes, CDs, video tapes and DVDs and over 5,000 comic books. Dennis had a

great time playing board games with his family and especially liked it when he beat everybody at Aggravation. He also loved the family pets and never forgot his cat Jack that he had as a child.

Dennis was preceded in death by his beloved parents and younger sister Michele Ostrom.

He is survived by three sisters, Marty (Roger) Brewer, Kathy Nielsen and Rosalie (Paul) Seaman; and two brothers, Ron (Pam) Nielsen and Gerry (Diana) Nielsen. We will all miss him greatly. He is also survived by his aunt Della Nielsen and two uncles, Norm Wendt and Chuck (Meliss) Clark. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins will also remember him, as well as dozens of friends.

A Catholic memorial service for Dennis will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 27 at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. A reception

celebrating Dennis's life will follow at the First Presbyterian Church basement across the street.

Memorial donations for Dennis may be sent to Flathead Industries, 66

4th Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dirk Lee Niebaum, 57

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Dirk Lee Niebaum, 57, passed away on Friday April 19, 2019, at his home in Kalispell



after a courageous battle with cancer, with his loving family at his side.

Dirk was born on Aug. 6, 1961, in Turlock, California, to Frank and Maggi Brown.

Dirk was a beloved teacher at Hedges and Peterson Elementary and coached football, wrestling and track.

Dirk volunteered at the Lighthouse Christian

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Home and First Descents.

Dirk is survived by his loving wife, Lori, of Kalispell; daughters, Kelly Niebaum and Dayna Niebaum; and parents, Frank and Annette Niebaum, and Roger and Maggi Brown.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday April 22, at the Flathead County Fairgrounds in the Expo Building.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at caringbridge.org/visit/dirkniebaum to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Arthur Nielsen, 90

Time on Earth expired for James Arthur Nielsen, 90, Jan. 5, 2019, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Jim was born March 15, 1928, in Independence, Iowa, to Clarence and Emma (Klein) Nielsen. Jim spent his youth boating on the Wapsipinicon River with his brothers and later canoeing on the Mississippi and Boundary Waters in Minnesota. After finishing high school in Independence, he completed a Bachelor

In 1953 Jim married Patricia Thorpe in Denver. This marriage produced two children, Debora and Douglas, and ended in divorce in 1963.

After single parenting for five years Jim met Janet Hagerman on a chair lift at Snowmass. They were married a year later and had a daughter, Darci.

Jim then left the family business to operate a motel in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, for seven years and then moved to Bradenton,

Florida, to outfit and run a commercial fishing boat, longlining for swordfish and giant bluefin tuna.

Taking early retirement, Jim and Jan began sailing the West Coast of Florida, from Apalachicola to the Keys and Dry Tortugas. They also made a four-month cruise up the Intra-Coastal Waterway to the Chesapeake, visiting Washington, D.C., Annapolis and many other ports by boat.

Returning from a

camping trip to Alaska, Jim and Jan visited friends in Kalispell, discovered Flathead Lake and moved to Bigfork in 1993. In 2005 they moved to Kalispell to be closer to The Summit.

Jim is survived by his wife Janet, daughters Debora Nielsen of Gardnerville, Nevada, and Darci Nielsen of Kalispell, son Douglas of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, grandson Kyundai Nielsen of Carson City, Nevada, brother Wilbur of Independence, Iowa,

sister Patricia and husband Burnell Haven of Independence, one niece and seven nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Frank, and granddaughter Kumia.

No services are planned. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Charlotte (Flanigan) Nimitz, 82

Charlotte (Flanigan) Nimitz, 82, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 30,

2019, in Spokane. Burial will take place in Spokane.

Ashley Marie Nishiyama, 16

Ashley Marie Nishiyama began blessing us with her life beginning April 1, 2002.

Ashley blessed us for 16 years until Jan. 17, 2019. Born in Santa Clara, California, Ashley aspired to be an artist, and was a student in her junior year at Columbia Falls High School in Columbia Falls, Montana.

Ashley is survived by her father, Derrick Nishiyama of Glendora, California; mother, Liana West of Columbia Falls, Montana; two brothers, Rhyana Nishiyama and Joshua Nishiyama of Columbia Falls; and large extended family and friends.



Her celebration of life will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home at 2

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 1890 U.S. 93, Kalispell, Montana.

A repast will be at Calvary Chapel Church in Whitefish, 420 5th St., Whitefish, Montana. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Florence 'Flo' Adair Noble, 98

Florence "Flo" Adair Noble, 98, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, at Immanuel Retreat.

She is survived by her children, Marian Noble, Gary Noble, Diane Piorek, Robin

Boserup and Peter Noble.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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

Franklin 'Frank' Wynne Noble, 64

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Frank Noble skied into the arms of Jesus and his children, Krystal and Franklin, on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019.

Frank was born in Houston to Franklin Wilson and Sue Ann Noble on May 2, 1955. The majority of his growing up years were spent in San Antonio, Texas. When Frank was in first grade, he put some crayons on the classroom heater. They melted and smelled up the room. When asked why he told his teacher, "I wanted to see what would happen." Frank was a very curious little guy and he never lost his desire for knowledge.

Frank's father, Wilson, first introduced him and his brothers, Pat and Joe, to the sport of hunting, fishing, and camping. This love continued and became an obsession throughout Frank's life.

Frank graduated in 1973 from MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas. He went to Texas A&M for two years and then transferred to Texas Tech because they had a better rodeo program. While in college, he rode bare-back horses and won the Southern District Bronco Riding Competition. He graduated with honors, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a minor in anthropology. He then went on to compete in PRCA rodeo in New Mexico and Colorado for the next two years.

Frank eventually went on to become a special agent for the U.S. Customs Service which later became Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with Homeland Security. He arrested many drug smugglers and other criminals during his career. He worked as a special agent, retiring after 25 years in 2012.



Montana and all the wonderful people. They had found their home!

Frank was always active and really embraced the Montana way of life. He loved hunting, hiking, fishing, boating, snow skiing and, most of all, his family and friends. Frank never met a stranger and would do anything he could to help others in need.

He had multiple friends through his law enforcement connections and his rodeo friends. He had a great love of World War II history and all things historical. He also had a great love for guns and the history of firearms. He was friends with many mountain men and black powder shooters. He had numerous gun show friends. He was a member of the Smith & Wesson Collectors Association, Rocky Mountain Weapon Collectors, Safari Club International, NRA, and the Boone & Crockett Club. He deeply loved his law enforcement, rodeo and gun families!

After Frank retired he became a ski instructor at Blacktail Mountain Ski Resort. He loved teaching people of all ages to downhill ski. On his days off he would ski at other ski resorts. One winter he skied at 15 different ski resorts. He deeply loved his Blacktail family!

Frank was extremely involved with the Masonic Lodge. He first joined the Masonic Lodge in Alpine, Texas. He also became a Shriner at El Maida Shrine in El Paso, Texas. He was a member of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge and was a Past Grand Master. He was then asked to join the Grand Lodge of Montana A.F. & A.M. He was honored to be able to help his fellow brethren at the state level. He was the district officer for the Glacier District. He started at the bottom of

the Grand Line and after nine years had moved up to hold the position of Junior Grand Warden. He only needed three more years and he would have been the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the State of Montana A.F. & A.M. He was so excited and honored. He deeply loved and respected all his Masonic Family brethren and their ladies!

Frank had a strong belief in his heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ. As his sister Julie said, "Frank's moral compass pointed True North." He always protected her and anyone else who was in need. Frank always strived to be an inspiration to others, and lead by example. He succeeded! Frank stated, "There are only three things that are important in life: your faith, your family, and your friends. Everything else is small stuff!" Frank counted his friends as family. Heaven gained an impressive, humble, honest and godly man. His absence will be missed by many. Frank, we love you and are looking forward to the day we are all reunited with you in heaven.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Mary Katherine Harvey Noble; His mother, Sue Anne Creekmore Noble; his mother-in-law, Lanora Alan McDonell Harvey; his siblings, Patrick Wilson Noble, Julie Anne Noble and Joseph Howard Noble (Amy Michele); his nieces, Kenda Wynnelle Taylor, Jenna Michele Noble, and Shannon Harvey; his nephews, Dylan Joseph Noble, David Howard Noble,

Quinlin Noble Taylor, Ryan Barrow, and David Charles Harvey; his paternal uncle, Steven Hall Noble; his maternal uncle, Wynne Louis "Buzzy" Creekmore; his maternal aunt, Diane Webster Creekmore; his maternal cousins, Cindy Creekmore Giesen and Sarah Creekmore Free; and numerous friends and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his precious children, Krystal Lashea Noble and Franklin Harvey Noble; his father, Franklin Wilson Noble; his father-in-law, David Allen Harvey; his brother-in-law, Allen Ray Harvey; his maternal cousin, Suzanne Howard Creekmore; his maternal grandparents, Wynne Louis Creekmore and Audrey Lucille Lipscomb Creekmore; his paternal grandparents, Franklin Hall Noble and Doris Wilson Noble, and his paternal aunt, Monica Susan Noble.

A viewing will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 E., Kalispell. Funeral services for Frank will be held at 4:40 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Interment will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Franklin W. Noble Benefit Account established at First Interstate Bank in Kalispell.

In 1992 Frank married his loving wife, Mary Katherine Harvey, and adopted her daughter Krystal Lashea. They lived on the Texas/Mexico border in Presidio, Texas. In 1994 they had a son, Franklin Harvey Noble. Frank was a wonderfully loving and dedicated daddy and husband. The family later moved to Alpine and then Ballinger, Texas. In 2003 the Noble family moved to Kalispell. Frank fell in love with the beauty of

Marilyn Noble



Marilyn L. (Williams) Noble of Spirit Lake, Idaho passed into glory on Sunday, March 17, 2019, at the age of 81. She was born in Tacoma, Washington on June 13, 1937, to Luther A. and Roberta E. (Marler) Williams, the second of six children.

Marilyn grew up in the Puget Sound area and graduated Snohomish High School in 1955. She married her high school sweetheart Denzil Noble on Sept. 9, 1955. Over the next five years two sons were born and she worked while Denny pursued his degree at Seattle Pacific College. Upon his graduation they moved to Ephrata, Washington for seven years, where their daughter was born.

Beginning in 1967, the family lived in Monroe, Washington, where Marilyn worked in the banking industry. In 1974 they moved back to Ephrata until all the children graduated high school.

1983 brought a move to Montana, and over the next 17 years they lived several different times in Libby, Montana, Condon, Montana, Ephrata,

Washington, and Yakima, Washington. Marilyn continued in banking, Denny worked as a contractor, and they served together in various Christian ministries. Their final move in 2000 brought them back to Libby, where Denny passed away in 2015. Marilyn then moved to Spirit Lake, near daughter Carrie, until her passing.

Marilyn lived a full life, giving freely of herself and her resources, and was always willing to help others. She worked hard to help provide for her family and cared for her daughter for years

following a serious auto accident. She was a painter, musician and avid reader. She faithfully supported her husband in his ministry, and was a loving mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. She was more than ready to meet her Savior, and the family is very comforted in the knowledge that she lives on in His presence.

Marilyn is survived by sons Michael (Cindy) of Yakima, Washington and Lance of Cusick, Washington, daughter Caralee (William) Erickson of Spirit Lake, Idaho; six grandchildren and eight great-grand-

children; sisters Marion Erickson and Shirley (Ted) Wolf; and brothers Newell (Ellen) Williams and Russell (Diana) Williams. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Denzil and sister Phyllis Eder.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff of Aspen Springs Assisted Living and Auburn Crest Hospice.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Bell Tower Funeral Home, 3398 Jenalan Avenue, Post Falls, Idaho.

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Harold Dean Noel, 67

Harold Dean "Cowboy" Noel, 67, died Monday, March 4, 2019 at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

He is survived by his partner Rebecca James, and daughter Christine

Guiver.

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

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carrie May Nolan, 72

Carrie May Nolan, 72, died Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Helen B. Noll, 94

Helen B. Noll, 94, formerly of Kalispell, died March 9, 2019.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon

Corneliuson.

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

Theodore Noonan, 49

Theodore Noonan, 49, died Aug. 24, 2019, at his home in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

Robbin Melford Nordtome, 70

Robbin Melford Nordtome, 70, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Buffalo Hill

Funeral Home, with a potluck reception to follow at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Dorr 'Bigfoot' Nowlin, 66

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James Nowlin, 66, of Kalispell, was called home on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019.

James was born on Feb. 22, 1953, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Ruby and Guy Nowlin. He had six siblings, David Nowlin, Connie (Bud) Beebe, Jeff (Suzi) Nowlin, Roy (Judi) Nowlin, and Richard Hunt.

James married Brenda Belveal in 1975. They were a very blended family, with many adopted children, Dan-el (Michelle) Ponath, Russell (Lisa) Noss, James R. (Angie) Nowlin, Jenny (Chris) Sklany, Amy (Mack) Weelborg, and Kelly (Lisa) Nowlin, and Mary (Eric) Nowlin.

They also included Desiree DesJarlais as one of their own, as well as many more.

Their cup runneth over with 22 grandchildren and many great-



grand-children.

James served in the Army during Vietnam. He worked at the Daily Inter Lake as the dock manager for 16 years,



and made many friends in those years. "Bigfoot" was a large man with an even larger heart.

He is survived by his mother, his wife, and all his siblings, children, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Guy Nowlin and Bob Hunt.

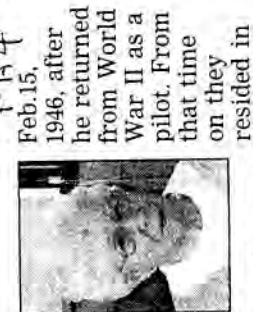
A celebration of life is being held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Smith Valley School Gym. Lunch will be provided.

Joseph Nullet, 81

Joseph Nullet, 81, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

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

Leona L. Nutter, 94



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Leona L. Nutter went to be with the Lord and Savior on March 25, 2019. Leona was born in Sultan, Washington, on April 2, 1924, to Henry and Anna Senner. She was the youngest of five siblings.

Leona had lived in Washington and Flathead Valley until she married her loving husband Carmen D. Nutter on

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grandsons Jim Wagner and David Wagner; three great-granddaughters, and multiple nieces and nephews.

She had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls for many years and attended until her health declined. She will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

A visitation will be

held 3 to 5 p.m., today, March 28, at Columbia Mortuary. Leona's funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 29, at Columbia Mortuary, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. West in Columbia Falls, is caring for Leona's family.