

## Don Radabah 77

Don was born at a mid-wife's house in Kalispell to Frank and Ester.

Don went to be with his Lord on March 18, 2019, after being baptized November 2018.

Don served six months in the Army National Guard, with his best friend Terry Reed.

He worked 22 years at Anaconda Aluminum Company.

Don was preceded in death by parents Frank and Ester, a brother Martin, and sister Mary.

Don is survived by wife Sara (Robinson). They would have celebrated 55 years of marriage on April 11. He is



also survived by two sons, Robert (Tanya) and Lantz (Marilla), and daughter Karen (Chad Wyman); brothers Carl and Roy, and sisters Dorothy and Carol; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give special thanks to Roger Moak and James Kellogg.

No service is planned at this time.

Condolences can be sent to 1533 4th Ave. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## Rockanna Rand, 62

Rockanna Bell Sterner-Arneson-Rand, 62, of Columbia Falls, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 5, 2019, at The HealthCenter.

Rockanna was born April 8, 1957, in Kalispell to Naomi Jean Sterner and William Harland Holgerson. Rockanna joined three brothers, Clayton and Jerry Sterner and William Good. Rockanna attended grade school in Kalispell and junior high in Anaconda and Twin Bridges. Rockanna moved to Columbia Falls.

In Columbia Falls she met and married her first husband, Peter M. Arneson. In this union they had Peter M. Arneson II (Shari) of Kalispell, Danette D. Walker (Mike) of Miles City, and Daniel J. Arneson (Corrine) of Creswell, Oregon. They divorced in 1993.

Rockanna's greatest loves were her children, her love of God, crocheting, and helping with anyone or thing she could.

Rockanna found her



way back to the love of her life, Michael D. Rand. Though never legally married they considered themselves married Nov. 20, 1998.

Mike had two children she loved as her own. Angela Kearney Rand (Jason) of Kalispell, and Aron M. Rand of Columbia Falls.

Mike and Rockanna also claimed Jesse Housel of Kalispell as their own.

Rockanna is survived by five of her children, 20 grandchildren, 17-plus great-grandchildren, two brothers, and numerous other family.

Rockanna was preceded in death by both her biological and step-parents; the love of her life Mike Rand, her sons Donald and Aron, her brother Clayton, her granddaughter Cassandra, and numerous family and loved ones.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

## Kara Rakestraw, 45

Kara Rakestraw, 45, of Kalispell, died Dec. 13, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. A celebration of life

is being planned this summer. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for her family.

## Aron Rand, 37

Aron Rand, 37, died at his home in Columbia Falls on June 19, 2019. He is survived by his mother, Lori Rehmer.

No services are planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary is caring for Aron's family.

## Elizabeth Esther Ransier, 87

Elizabeth Esther Ransier, 87, passed away at her home in Rexford on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27, at the Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka, fol-

lowed by services at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) LCMS in Central Point, Oregon, at a later date.

## Glenda R. Rasmussen, 80

Glenda R. Rasmussen, 80, of Kalispell, died Dec. 27, 2019 at BeeHive Homes of Kalispell. Graveside services for Glenda are being held at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at C.E. Memorial

Cemetery. Glenda is survived by her children Steve and Marceen. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Glenda and her family.

## Ronald 'Ron' Rasmussen, 71

Ronald "Ron" Rasmussen, 71, of Kalispell, died Saturday, June 1, 2019, at Hidden Meadow Memory Care in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Cynthia; and

children, Peter, Meagan and Alyson.

Private family services will be held.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Services is caring for the family.

## Adelheid 'Heidi' Ratz, 85

*PAG 11 Dec 2019*  
Adelheid "Heidi" Ratz, 85, was delivered into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Dec. 7, 2019. She was surrounded by her family and friends, as she passed away from the results of a stroke.



cook. She loved hosting dinners for her family.

Heidi is survived by

her husband of 63 years, Henry; sons, Nathan (Lisa) Ratz and Peter (Teri) Ratz; and grandchildren, Hannah, Emily, Sarah, Nicholas and Elijah.

Heidi was born Oct. 9, 1934, in Rydzyno, Poland, to Eleonore and Adolf Zander. She was the youngest of six children. Her earliest memories were of growing up and surviving World War II. After the war she snuck into West Germany. She resided there until she immigrated to Whitefish in January of 1956.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings Alfred, Karola, Ursula, Gerhardt and Waldemar.

Heidi was a quiet, understated, determined woman of faith who positively impacted many lives.

She married Heinrich "Henry" Ratz on April 7, 1956. They resided for a short time in Poplar before returning to Whitefish, and she began working in the school lunch room. Heidi worked several years for Dr. Constenius, DDS and then took care of children out of her home. She was a longtime member of St. Peter Lutheran Church and was involved with many activities at the church, one of her favorite being a member of the LWML and working on the quilting projects for World Relief. She was an avid gardener (flowers and vegetables) and was an excellent

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the North Valley Food Bank.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish. A visitation will start at 10 a.m. After services a light lunch will be served at the church. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 1:30 p.m.

Austin Funeral and Cremation services in Whitefish is caring for Heidi's family.

Virginia "Jean" (Ellis) Reber passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019, in Kalispell. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend, and will be deeply missed.

She was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, on March 15, 1926, to John and Blanche Ellis, and was the fifth of eight children. After high school, Virginia attended Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls, where she graduated president of her class in 1947. She married Donald "Don" B. Thomas that year and they had two children, Marilee and Kevin Wynn. They lived in Butte for the first few years of their marriage but later moved to Missoula. On May 13, 1953, Don was killed in a fatal traffic accident in Kalispell. In 1954, Virginia met and married her husband of nearly 59 years, Duward "Dewey" A. Reber, and the following year Curtis Dean was born.

In the years that followed, Virginia and Dewey lived in southern Idaho for a short while but established their long-term home in Polson. Dewey retired from his work as a logging contractor, and Virginia launched a successful and inspirational career as a nurse in Lake County. Between



1976 and 1991, she established and developed a series of important public health and wellness services for Lake County residents. She served as the first public health nurse and director of the Lake County Public Health Department; was instrumental in setting up the first Home Health Agency for the elderly; and she reached out to schools, worked with tribal counterparts, and mentored new public health workers. She was a visionary who fought for growth and resources for the county's health department, leaving a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Since 2010, the Lake County Board of Health has designated an annual recipient of the Virginia Reber Public Health Award, which honors a county resident or entity that has furthered public health principles in Lake County or the Flathead Reservation.

Virginia was named the Montana "Woman of Achievement" by the state's Business and Professional Women membership, and was a member of the Montana Public Health Association, Teen Task Force, Order of the

## Virginia 'Jean' (Ellis) Reber, 92

Eastern Star, and several health-advisory boards.

Virginia and Dewey's home was a refuge and getaway for many. For 35 years, they lived on the west shore of Flathead Lake, where they hosted frequent gatherings. Laughter and good food fresh from the garden or Dewey's oven were always enjoyed. In 2013, Dewey passed away at the age of 89, and Virginia later moved to Kalispell.

Throughout her life, Virginia believed family and friends were most important. When her children were young, weekends were full of interesting and fun outings to "the woods," and the family spent many hours at their King's

Point cabin on Flathead Lake. She always made time for loved ones and those in need, taking a keen interest in others' lives and circumstances while being as supportive as possible. Often, they viewed her as their sanctuary, as she would listen to their problems without judgment and provide possible solutions. She said she tried to live her life with "tolerance."

The plaque on her wall defined it as "... the vision that enables one to see things from another's viewpoint. It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinion and own peculiarities." Her sound wisdom, advice and encouragement will be greatly missed.

She had a wonderful sense of humor, integrity, and enjoyed life.

Virginia also loved to read, tend to her plants and flowers, play bridge and other card games, and travel.

In June of 1999, her son Kevin passed away from complications of juvenile diabetes.

Virginia is survived by her brother, Jake (Linda) Ellis, of Pocatello, Idaho; daughter, Marilee Wood, of Kalispell; son, Curtis (Barbara) Reber, of Proctor; grandchildren, Jeff (Rosa) Server of Columbia, Maryland, Sara (Joe) Friar of Kalispell, Kristina (Alejandro) Server of Washington, D.C., and Marisa Reber of Watford City, North

Dakota. She also had five great-grandchildren (one deceased), and an extended family of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family extends its special thanks to the staff of Home Options Hospice and Brendan House for their care and support in her last months.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, with a reception afterward.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable contribution may be made to a charity of your choice.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at [www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com).

## Marilyn Murphy Rebmann, 86

Marilyn Murphy Rebmann, 86, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at Hidden Meadows Memory Care in

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

## Laurence 'Larry' E. Redfield, 73

PAC 27 Mar 2019

Laurence "Larry" E. Redfield, 73, passed away on March 22, 2019, at Renaissance Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 8, 1945, in Lakeside, the youngest child of Art and Dorothy Redfield.

He was educated in the valley and graduated from Flathead High School in 1963. Larry graduated from Rocky Mountain College in Billings in 1967 with a degree in secondary education. That same year he married G. Lynn

Rodgers and together they taught in various schools throughout central and eastern Montana. They welcomed their son Stewart in 1971. Larry completed his Master of Education degree from Montana State University in 1972, returning to eastern Montana in school administration roles.

They moved back to the Flathead in 1977, where he switched to selling insurance, but invested a lot of time and energy in youth baseball

as coach in multiple levels and occasionally umpiring with a tight strike zone and booming voice.

Most will remember Larry as a caring and dedicated husband and father, supporting those he loved and always willing to invest his time.

His remains will be interred with his wife Lynn at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son Stewart, his grandson Macallister, brothers

Charles, Joe and Art, and sister Dorothy.

A celebration of Larry's life will occur this summer in Lakeside.

As a testament to his love of youth baseball, memorials in his name may be sent to Kalispell Laker Baseball, P.O. Box 8444, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

## Kathleen 'Kippy' Redman, 71

Kathleen "Kippy" Redman, 71, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at Hidden Meadows Care Center.

She is survived by her children, Sean Rumelhart, Shannon McKeon, Ryan Rumelhart and Erin

Rumelhart.

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

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

## Laurie P. Reedy, 70

PAC 10 Feb 2019

Laurie P. Reedy, 70, died Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Health Center Northwest.

Laurie was born October 8, 1948, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Charles and Patricia (Jahnke) Duple.

Laurie worked as a courier for Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories for 29 years and developed many friendships in the clinics and hospitals of the Flathead Valley. She enjoyed baking, canning and sewing but her greatest joy was sharing these handmade items with everyone. She will be especially remembered for her quilts, jams and jellies and the neck warmers made for oncology patients.

Laurie was preceded in death by her parents



and son Jody.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jim; chil-

dren, Trisha (Mark), Teri (Dan), Breanna, Rhonda. Brothers Richard (Sue), Ron (Linda), John (Sherry). Sisters; Eileen (Scott), Kelly Ann brother and sister-in laws; Lonnie, Ben, Shirley, Dave, Myrna and Joanne. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Charity of your choice. A private service will be held for her immediate family.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

## Kathleen Ann 'Kippy' Mansfield Redman, 71

Kathleen Ann "Kippy" Mansfield Redman, 71, passed away Feb. 2, 2019.

How do you tell the story of a woman greater than life? Here is our attempt to capture the essence of Kippy and put into words. This is our story of our mother, sister, Nana, friend and beautiful loving person.

Kippy was born on June 16, 1947, in Spokane. She was born into the loving Irish family of John and Mary Mansfield. The second child followed by five more siblings to make a total of seven. Kippy spent the majority of her formative years in Great Falls. After graduating from Central High School in Great Falls she attended Gonzaga University. During her time at Gonzaga she met Paul Rumelhart. They married and moved to the Seattle area. Kippy graduated from Seattle University with a degree in social work.

Kippy had four children, Sean Rumelhart, Shannon McKeon, Ryan Rumelhart and Erin Rumelhart. In 1978, she relocated to Libby. Libby provided many lifelong friendships for Kippy. In 1989 Kippy married Jim Redman. With this marriage Kippy gained two stepsons, Jimmy Redman and David Redman. Together Kippy and Jim shared 11 grandchildren, each of which held a special place in her heart.

Kippy loved with her entire being. She was vibrant and illuminated from deep within her soul. Her life was filled with people and relationships that she cherished and held dear. She had a smile that would light up any room and often was the first person to get out on the dance floor. Music was a big part of her life. When thinking of Kippy, Neil Young, Eric Clapton, Fleetwood Mac, Jerry Jeff Walker, Eva Cassidy, Bette Midler all provide the soundtrack to her life.

Kippy was a strong advocate for the vulnerable and less fortunate, dedicating her professional life to high risk teens and developmentally delayed adults.

Kippy's greatest joy was her family. She loved Jim, her children and her grandchildren with the entirety of her being. She lived through and shared many adventures with her children. Traveling to see each of them, whether it was in Europe, Alaska, Seattle, California, Indonesia or other parts of Montana. Kippy wrote the most beautiful heartfelt letters to everyone. She kept a journal throughout many years of her life. Her journals are now her children's most prized possessions.

Around 2009, Kippy's health began to slowly slip away. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease. She fought a long courageous battle, caring for all of us along her way. In the latter stages of her disease, she continued to gift her family with many important life lessons. She taught us:

The gift of time. Give your most precious asset to those you love



—your time. Give it wisely and give it graciously, as the return for giving

your time comes back to you in countless ways.

The value of being present in the moment. Live in the present, as it is the only part of time that we truly have. Do not let a moment pass without allowing yourself to soak it all in. Breathe it in, breathe it out. Travel and experience all moments this life has to offer. Life is a miraculous show if you allow yourself to see it.

Family is the one true love. Spend time with those you love. Call, write, and show up. Hold on to your family with both hands. Love without measure. Celebrate together and suffer together. This is where life is truly felt and spent in community with our loved ones. Together we can face all odds and together we can share all of life's marvelous blessings.

The importance of grace and patience. Allow for grace in all situations; it will remove all of the negative aspects of the unknown. Be patient and have faith that all things will be as they should be. Both courage and bravery come with grace and patience.

Listen to music and get up and dance. Howl at the moon and sing for the stars. Celebrate and allow your soul to dance with the sound of music. Music heals and dancing is a beautiful expression of your spirit. And never ever sit out the opportunity to dance to "Who Let the Dogs Out," "Wonderful Tonight," and "Unknown Legend."

She is survived by her children and grandchildren, Jimmy Redman (children Kayla Redman); Sean Rumelhart (wife Candi, children Lydia, Seamus and Hannah); Shannon Rumelhart (Ryan Brown); David Redman (Kristin Redman, children Denton Redman); Ryan Rumelhart (wife Amy Busch); and Erin Rumelhart (Jeremy Morigeau, children Bella Spencer, Kyra Spencer, Brody Kline, Evan Kline and Eva Kline); siblings Maureen (husband Bill); Pat (wife Mary); Shelia (husband Bill); Dan (wife Paula); Mike (wife Margo); Meg (husband Tim); and many nieces, nephews friends and family to numerous to count but not forgotten.

Kippy is reunited with her husband and favorite dance partner Jim. She was preceded in death by her loving parents John and Mary Mansfield and several dear friends.

The family requests in lieu of sending flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org) or simply give the gift of your time to your family and loved ones.

To leave condolences, please visit Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home web site at [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com).

## Richard 'Dick' John Reed, 87

Richard "Dick" John Reed, born Aug. 19, 1932, in Winona, Minn., to Harold "Tom" Reed and Margaret "Peggy" (Thorpe) Reed, passed away Oct. 7, 2019.

He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Dick married Marian Fruechte of Eitzen, Minn., on Sept. 3, 1955. He graduated from Winona College with a Bachelor of Science

degree.

Dick taught wood shop in Alden, Albert Lea and White Bear Lake, Minn. He also taught marine and small engine at Faribault Vocational School before



the Arctic Circle Lodge

retiring in 1989 and moving to Kila where he started a gun shop. They moved to Kalispell in 2017.

Dick loved to hunt, golf, fish, snowmobile and go garage saleing with his family and friends. He was very much a handy-man and loved working in his shop. He was able to share with his family a memorable summer at the Arctic Circle Lodge

stories and was known for his good-natured ribbing.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, two brothers, Raymond "Kip" and David, and Jocko Bear, his best and last dog.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, and their children, Michael of Kila, Cheryl and husband Logan Haney of Hungry Horse, and Daryl and Beth of Helena; eight

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Jean Kalmes of Rolling Stone, Minn.; brother Harold and wife Barb of Gooding, Idaho; and brother Phillip and his wife Nedra of Forks, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No service is planned. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dick and his family.

## Phyllis M. Reeves, 96

Phyllis M. Reeves, 96, died peacefully on March 2, 2019, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell where she had resided for the past nearly five years.

She was born in Kalispell on Aug. 27, 1922, to James and Florence Lawrence of Dayton, Montana.

She grew up on the west shore of Flathead Lake, the oldest of three children and graduated with the Polson High School Class of 1940.

She married Cleo Reeves on March 21, 1944, and they had been married for 53 years at the time of his passing.

They were the parents of two children, Barbara and Edward, and they lived nearly their entire lives in the Flathead Valley.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents,



husband Cleo, son Edward, and her grand-daughter Michelle Coppedge; sister

Barbara Bower, and brother James Lawrence.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara (Mike) Coppedge of Washougal, Washington, stepdaughter Shirley Smith of Kirkland, Washington, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time. Her urn will be placed in the family plot at a later date.

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

## Beverly Randall Reynolds, 85

Beverly Randall Reynolds, 85, of Kalispell, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, at The Retreat at Buffalo Hill in Kalispell.

Services are being planned for this coming summer.

Darlington Cremation and Burial is caring for the family.

## Lanis Leander Reynolds, 79

*PAG 30 Oct 2019*  
Lanis Leander Reynolds was born June 26, 1940.

Lanis died on July 31, 2019, after a short battle with brain cancer.

When his father, Carl Dewitt, retired the family moved back home to Kalispell where Lanis spent his teenage years selling Christmas trees in the winter and working in the cherry orchards in the summer. He was recognized as a top wrestler, taking first place in the State Championship for Flathead County High School.

After high school in 1958 Lanis enlisted in the Navy where he met and married Janet Adams. After his Navy days he was employed in the power industry. Lanis' Civil Service career was spent working in hydroelectric power, working in Page and Bullhead City, Arizona, Redding, California, and Montrose, Colorado.

After retirement in 1994 he returned to Arizona where he lived the remainder of his life.



Golf was Lanis' favorite pastime, carrying a 4 handicap and holding the office of president in the local Men's Golf Club.

Lanis leaves his wife Janet, son Kevin, daughters Dawn and Shelley Reed, and his grandchildren Luke Wright and Kayla and Faith Reynolds. Lanis is also survived by sisters Carleen Francis of Eagle, Idaho, and Bonnie Iverson (Terry) of Idaho Falls, Idaho and one brother Donald Reynolds (Deborah) of Rainier, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Marysnow Reynolds, and two brothers, Merle William and Patrick Michael Reynolds.

## Marilyn Moore Reynolds, 84

*PAG 27 Dec 2019*  
Marilyn Moore Reynolds died Dec. 12, 2019, at the Immanuel Lutheran Communities in Kalispell following a two-year illness with ALS.

She was born Sept. 14, 1935, in Kalispell to Dr. Thomas B. Moore and Miriam Moore and attended Flathead County High School where she was a member of National Honor Society. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Montana State Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Growing up, Marilyn enjoyed hiking in Glacier Park with the Girl Scouts and swimming in Flathead Lake during summers spent at her family's cabin and cherry orchard on the East Lake Shore. She and her sister Diane were a dancing duo and competed in the 1951 Horace Heidt Talent Show.

Marilyn married Leonard "Pete" Reynolds, a native of Missoula and a Naval Academy graduate, in 1958. As a test pilot for the U.S. Air Force, Pete was lost in a flight accident in 1964 at Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California. Marilyn then moved to Berkeley, California, with her two young children, Tom and Laura.

She joined Chevron Research in Richmond, California, as research chemist from 1965 to 1967 followed by work as computer programmer/analyst for companies including for John Blume & Associates in San Francisco and Lawrence Berkeley Lab. She then had a 25-year career as manager of technical services with



the Metropolitan Planning Commission, a transportation planning, financing

and coordinating agency for the San Francisco Bay Area. After retiring from MTC, Marilyn completed a UC Master Gardeners course in plant science and horticulture, and volunteered in Golden Gate Park and with the Exploratorium Science Museum in San Francisco.

Marilyn married Vince Bacon in 1984. After his death in 1998, she married Bruce Harris in 2001, spending winters in Berkeley and summers in Kalispell where she enjoyed hiking and hosting dinner parties. Marilyn and Bruce moved permanently to Kalispell in 2017. Marilyn put her horticultural expertise to good use volunteering both in Glacier Park working with native plants and in the gardens of the Conrad Mansion in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son Thomas Reynolds of Livermore, California, daughter Laura Reynolds of Kalispell, grandson Lucas Reynolds of Livermore, and sister Suzanne Moore Crocker of Palo Alto, California.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 10, 2020, in the auditorium at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell and on Feb. 1 at the First Unitarian Church, Berkeley, California.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell is helping with arrangements.

## Sandra Deann Rhodes, 79

PA 6 10 July 2019

Sandra Deann Rhodes, 79, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019, at her group home in Missoula.

She was born Nov. 6, 1939, in Kalispell, the daughter of Cecil and Bettie Rhodes who preceded her in death.

She is survived by sisters, Nancy Jellison of Kalispell and Hootie (Dan) Dodge of Dupuyer; and brother, Tweed Rhodes, of Kalispell.

A private family service will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial

Cemetery and a celebration of life will be held at MDSC Day Center in Missoula.

Sandra's quick wit and big smile will be missed by her family and friends and the staff at the Missoula facility.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MDSC at 1005 Marshall, Missoula, MT 59801.

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

## Edna M. Ridenour, 103

PA 6 14 June 2019

Edna M. Ridenour, 103, passed away June 10, 2019, in the company of her family. She began her 103 trips around the sun on May 5, 1916, in Pueblo, Colorado.

Edna lived with her parents Leonard and Laura Seville and nine siblings until she was 16. While attending high school in Columbia Falls, she met Rachel Ridenour. They became best friends and together decided Edna should come live with the Ridenour family at Lake Five. They graduated from high school together in 1934.

Edna married Harold Ridenour in 1937. Together for 59 years at Lake Five, they raised six children, strawberries, and kept a home and refuge for many friends and relatives.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband Harold, daughter Judy, her parents, and eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by one brother Fred Seville, children Bud Ridenour, Kay Ridenour, Donne Rae Thompson, Guy Ridenour and Robin Ridenour, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Always restless and full of energy, Edna was proud that she could



work harder and longer than anyone else. Her home and beach at Lake Five were

always available to anyone who asked.

Edna and Harold long held that the water on Lake Five should be enjoyed by all, leading to the eventual creation of Paul's Fishing access on Lake Five.

A visitation for Edna will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at Columbia Mortuary.

A funeral service for Edna will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, at Columbia Mortuary. Burial will follow services on Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

A gathering of friends and family will continue on Saturday, after services at 2:30 p.m. at her Lake Five beach and house.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations made be made to Coram West Glacier Volunteer fire department or the Flathead Valley Food Bank.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Edna's family.



## Curtis "Curt" Lester Rice, 77

Curtis "Curt" Lester Rice passed away Aug. 29, 2019. The official cause of death was O.D.T.A.A. (one damn thing after another) and lung cancer.

Curt was born in Lewistown on June 30, 1942 to Lester and Thelma Rice. He moved to Kalispell when he was about 5 years old and attended Elrod, Central Junior High School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1960.

Curt was a member and Commander of the Civil Air Patrol at FCHS and joined the Air Force in March of 1962 where he served his country for 5 years as a jet engine mechanic for the U-2 Reconnaissance plane. Curt was so proud to serve his county and let everyone know that he'd do it again without hesitation. His U-2 Wing was the first Air Force unit into Vietnam in 1964 and he received an Expeditionary Service medal for this.

He met the love of his life Nola Anderson early



Curt was finally given leave to marry Nola on Aug. 24, 1963 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. After his discharge from the Air Force, the family moved to Sumner, Wash., where he worked for a Boeing subcontractor building jet engines. The family moved to Missoula where he attended the University of Montana, graduating in 1972 with a degree in accounting. His first job was for a large lumber company in Plummer, Idaho. The next move was back to Kalispell in 1976 to work for Forest Products for many years. He then

on at Elrod and dated her in high school. The real romance began after she graduated. After a year-and-a-half delay for military commitments,

owned his own remanufacturing lumber company for 15 years, worked for a local machinery business for a few years and retired in June 2004.

Curt was always an outdoorsman and loved fishing, hunting and camping in the beautiful Flathead Valley. His many skills were learned while he was in Scouting (including how to hard boil an egg which he gladly passed on this feat to as many as possible). He became a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for his son and was so good at teaching the scouts the same ideals he had learned. He also helped coach Little League Minor and Major baseball for 5 years.

He was preceded in death by his father Lester Rice; mother, Thelma Close; stepfather, Cecil Close; infant son, Jeremy Rice; grandparents; mother- and father-in-laws; aunts and uncles.

Curt is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nola; daughter Kim Wold (Ron); son Mark Rice (Cali);

<sup>FAS</sup> grandsons Brady and Levi Parkin and Marcus and Jaryon Venturini; sisters Dee French and Nancy Parr (Dennis); sister-in-law Linda Duplessie; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends (especially Doug Taylor who has been his lifelong buddy). Curt was honest, kind, smart, hardworking, very giving and had a great sense of humor. He will be so missed by his family and friends. Curt

was very thankful for the wonderful care he was given at Brendan House by the staff and so many caring nurses, especially Curt and Craig.

Private burial services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens, followed by a lunch and Celebration of Life at noon at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. In lieu of flowers, please make

donations in his name to Boy Scouts of America, Montana Council - Northwest District, 1203 Hwy. 2 W., Suite 29, Kalispell, MT; Civil Air Patrol, P.O. Box 1982, Kalispell, MT 59903; or a charity of your choice. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family.

## Jack Melvin Rick, Jr., 67

Jack Melvin Rick, Jr., 67, died Dec. 17, 2019 in Kalispell. Jack is survived locally by his wife Nancy. Services are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Sharon Lee Talbot Richardson, 77

Our sweet Mom passed away on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019. She died as she lived, with strength, courage and dignity. We will miss her in so many ways.

Mom was born on Aug. 14, 1941, to Marie Elizabeth Larsen and Odis John "Joe" Talbot.

She lived on the family farm in Lewiston, Utah, until her marriage to Dennis H. Richardson on March 28, 1958. She and Dad lived many places over their lifetime. In all, she counted 25 moves, including Kalispell where Dad owned Great Northern Commodities and Mom attended and graduated from the University of Montana. She took it all in stride and always told us that it wasn't the house but the family that made a home and we could take that anywhere.

Mom was extremely creative. She had a naturally green thumb, she painted, she made beautiful frames, she built her cabin in the woods on Maitland Road. There was always a project to be done and she had the tools and the talent to do them.



Mom was preceded in death by her mom and dad and her brother Layle. Dad died on Dec. 27, 2010.

She is survived by two brothers, Meldon and Shanna Talbot of Longmont, Colorado, and Kelly and Sheryl Talbot of Pocatello, Idaho; and her sister, Terri and Steve Misener of Providence, Utah. She is also survived by her three children, Lori and David Bird of Draper, Utah, Brit and Debra Richardson of Castle Rock, Colorado, and Ty Richardson and Julie Cox of Minneapolis.

In recent years Mom found great joy and friendship at the Spearfish Senior Center where she joined the Senior Line Dancers. In her honor, a memorial has been set up to "Keep Them Moving!" at Spearfish Senior Center, 1306 North 10th Street, Spearfish, S.D. 57783, in memory of Sharon Richardson.

We will have a get together at Cheyenne Crossing in Lead, South Dakota, at 11 a.m. on March 28 in celebration of Mom's life. She has chosen to be cremated and have her ashes spread in the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Stanley, Idaho. We will gather together at Dagger Falls on Aug. 14 to celebrate Mom's 78th birthday and raise a glass as she meets up with her one true love.

## Myrtle Shenefelt Richmond, 93



Myrtle Shenefelt Richmond, 93, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, at WEL-Life Assisted Living in Kalispell where she had lived since February. She was the last of her generation.

She was born Sept. 14, 1926, on a farm near Fortine. Myrtle was the third child of Eva (Baillargon) and Francis Shenefelt, joining Harold and Esther. Two years later Helen joined the family. With her family, she lived all over Lincoln County at various small farms where Eva farmed while Francis worked as a gypo logger. The family also lived in logging camps where Eva cooked and Francis logged with his horses. Myrtle attended one-room schools and told stories of riding horseback (both she and Ester on one horse) to school. She graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1944, the first in her family to graduate.

The day after graduation, Myrtle took the train to Portland where she became a welder at the Portland Shipyards in Vanport, a town Kaiser Steel built for their workers. She helped build troop transports ships. When the war started slowing down, she moved to Seattle where she worked for the Port of Embarkation. She was there for V-J Day, which she said was a "wild day and night!"

After the war, Myrtle returned to Eureka and on Feb. 24, 1947, married Wayne Richmond. She had known Wayne as one of the Richmond boys who made more dishes for her to wash at camp. They had two children, Sharon and Terry, and were living in a logging camp when Wayne was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. While Wayne was gone, she purchased a house in Eureka with his GI loan. In 1960, a second son, Leon joined the family.

Myrtle and Wayne made their home in Eureka until 1979. Most of that time, she was

a "stay-at-home" mom, making a welcoming home for family and friends.

During that time, Myrtle joined the St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church; she became known as a good cook and decorated many wedding cakes. Later she started the Eureka Floral shop and taught ceramic classes. She was one of the first Weight Watcher leaders.

Wayne began working for the Burlington Northern railroad in Essex, coming home only on weekends. After a few years, Myrtle decided to join him there so she sold her shop. Myrtle got a job as cook at the Izaak Walton Inn. They later moved to Whitefish where she joined her sister Helen cooking at Meadow Lake golf course and other restaurants. She and her two sisters became known as the "Sisters Three."

After retirement, Myrtle and Wayne became "snow birds" for three years, enjoying the sunshine in Arizona. When granddaughter Lizzie arrived in 1987, they decided they wanted to stay closer to family and moved to Kalispell. They became active in the Libby Dam Good Sams and enjoyed traveling, including trips to Illinois the East coast,

and California to visit Leon's family. They also made many trips to Glasgow to watch grandchildren, Tom and Eva in their many sports and on stage. They were there to cheer when John's volleyball team became state champions.

Within the year and half after Wayne's death in 2006, Myrtle lost her three best friends: her sisters Helen and Esther and sister-in-law, Ruth Burcham. This forced Mom to enter a new phase of life in which she had to be brave and step out on her own. She joined the Kalispell Senior Citizens where she played cards three times a week; she started water aerobics at The Summit; she became a ferocious reader, reporting the number read in her annual Christmas letter; she took trips to Glasgow and the Oregon Coast and enjoyed time at North Fork cabin. When Sharon and John moved to Eureka, Myrtle joined the Happy Hookers Prayer Shawl Ministry and crocheted 55 prayer shawls until her hands said enough. At 91, she started attending a writing class, which resulted in a little book of family stories.

Myrtle led quite an amazing life. Her family will always be thankful for the many lessons taught and much love she gave them. Her children, grandchildren and great-granddaughters have had quite a role

model.

Myrtle was preceded in death by Wayne, her husband of 59 years; her parents Eva and Francis Shenefelt; sisters, Esther Paul and Helen DeLong; and brother Harold Shenefelt.

She is survived by daughter Sharon and husband John LaBonty of Eureka; and two sons, Terry and wife Jane of Kalispell, and Leon of Helena. Myrtle leaves five grandchildren, Tom LaBonty of Portland, Eva LaBonty and husband Greg Clensy of Glenbrook, Nev., Amber and husband Chris Mospan of Helena, Justin Richmond of Helena, and Liz and husband Tyler English of Kalispell; and four great-granddaughters, Anastasia Richmond, Ruby LaBonty, Molly Clensy and Riley English.

Memorial services will be held for Myrtle Richmond at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Eureka, with interment at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. A potluck lunch follows at the Eureka Senior Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church or the Kalispell Senior Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

## Allen William Riebe, 88

Allen William Riebe, 88, passed away on June 13, 2019, at the Montana Veterans Home.

Allen was born June 24, 1931, in Kalispell to Leonard and Lida Riebe. Allen attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1949. Allen met the love of his life, Virginia Bertrand, and they married on May 23, 1952, while he was on leave from the Army stationed in Okinawa.

Virginia and Allen were charter members of both the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club and West Valley Fire Department for 20 years, and the Eagles where they both thoroughly enjoyed dancing and socializing with their many friends, and Northridge Lutheran Church. Allen first worked on the Hungry Horse Dam while in high school, then the Daily Inter Lake. He worked at Rollies Machine Shop before starting his own shop in 1968, Riebe's Machine Works, which he operated until his retirement in 1996.

Allen's passions and talents were restoring antique cars for himself and others. Through his lifetime he restored over 48 vehicles and his favorites were the Diamond T Trucks. When Allen wasn't in his shop creating something, he and Virginia would travel in their camper to antique car and Diamond T Truck shows all over the



country, usually towing their own meticulously restored vehicle.

They also loved spending time at their cabin on

McGregor Lake, hosting annual camp-outs for friends and family and making the best homemade ice cream around.

Allen was preceded in death by his wife Virginia and eldest son David.

Allen is survived by his children, Pauline, Bill and wife Cindy, and Mike Riebe; his grandchildren, Jennifer Stebbins, Jonathan and wife Martha Stebbins, Samantha Malia and husband Casey, Savanna Riebe, Lindsay Palmer and husband Gerald, and Travis Riebe; and his great-grandchildren, Ella, JonTae, and Keenan Stebbins-Han, and Adeline Malia.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. July 2 at Northridge Lutheran Church with a reception to follow. A private burial was held on June 18 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to Montana Veterans Home or Northridge Lutheran Church are appreciated.

## Martin Christian 'Chris' Riebe II, 42

Martin Christian "Chris" Riebe II was born Sept. 23, 1976, in Whitefish, and went home to Jesus on April 4, 2019, in Seattle, following injuries suffered in a mill accident on March 21.

Chris was a graduate of Kila Elementary and Flathead High, spending his senior year as a foreign exchange student in Ecuador. Following graduation in 1995, he served six years in the Marines.

Chris and his future wife, Shannon Thorwart, met as teenagers at Bible camp. They married in Tacoma, Washington, in 1998. They were blessed with seven children, Madison, Skylar, Cloei, Jessilyn, Bowen, Hannah and Tanner.



In addition to his wife and children at the family home in

Bonnors Ferry, Idaho, Chris is survived by his parents, Arnie and Shirley Riebe, of Kila; numerous siblings and in-laws, including Erik Riebe, Anastasiya Riebe, Erin and David Arndt, and Josh and Shelby Cox; his wife's parents; and a multitude of nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, and dear friends.

A memorial service in Kalispell will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 4 at Bible Presbyterian Church, at Fifth Avenue West and Fourth Street.

## Dennis W. Riehl, 72

Dennis W. Riehl, 72, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

## Grace 'Anni' Rieker, 78

Grace "Anni" Rieker, 78, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019.

She is survived by her children, Jeannie Wilson, Alan Rieker and Elaine Sears.

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

## Ryan R. Rinebold, 31

Ryan R. Rinebold, 31, of Whitefish, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, in Whitefish.

Services are being

planned. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

# Jim Risher

pg 23, Jan 2019 Whitefish Point

Jim Risher is taking a few laps in heaven today, pacing himself, but enjoying the thrill of running again after a long and hard-fought battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He is surrounded by friends and family who gathered to greet him. Though he will be missed terribly by his loved ones, he is buoyed by his eternal optimism and faith in the blessings that await him.

Jim was the son of Inez and Jim Risher, formerly of Canton, Ohio and Arlington, Texas. He spent his formative years as a strong student and talented high school athlete, participating in multiple sports at Arlington High School including basketball, baseball, boxing and football, the latter



of which would earn him recognition and scouting by over 200 major colleges. He ultimately chose to play football on scholarship at Tulane, which was at the time a powerhouse in the SEC. He would recall the day fondly that he sacked a young quarterback out of Alabama named Joe

Namath. Also incredibly bright, Jim went on to graduate from the University of Texas with a Master's in Economics and Statistics. He married his first wife and friend, JoAnn Cansler of Arlington while still in college and they had two wonderful children, Becky and Clay Risher.

Jim went on to have an illustrious career at IBM, steadily advancing to leadership positions in sales and marketing. From IBM, he was recruited by Wang Labs where he worked as the SVP of US Sales and Marketing until 1985. Next, he took on another executive role at Motorola in Cupertino, California before moving back to the East Coast in 1988 to become President

and CEO of Exide Electronics in Raleigh, North Carolina. At Exide, Jim was instrumental in leading the company to unprecedented growth, job creation and ultimately an IPO in 1998. He would also serve as the CEO of Del Medical in Chicago and later hold several Board advisory positions for Steel Partners and others. Until his death, he was the acting Chairman of the Raleigh nonprofit Better Homes.

In California, Jim met and married his one great love, Susan Risher, also becoming a co-parent to Sue's young daughter Melissa. Jim and Sue were married for 30 years until his death and they enjoyed many adventures together, from skiing in

Aspen to partying with Liz Taylor in Morocco. As they often said, there was no bucket list remaining. They lived their bucket list together.

He leaves behind his beloved children, grandchildren (Ilse and Even Franklin, and Will Morton), daughter- and sons-in-law (Rebecca Thorpe, Kostia Franklin and Rod Morton) and a slew of wonderful friends and members of his Tribe.

Those who knew him will miss his love of life, music and healthy debate. We wish so much that he could be here to share one last song or story with us, and that his Dallas Cowboys had tried a little harder to make it to the Super Bowl. Jim and family would like to

thank his "neighborhood" of friends, caregivers, hospice and clergy who helped him maintain his dignity and sense of humor at the end of his life.

Visitation was at Andrews Mortuary Market Chapel in downtown Wilmington from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17. Services were held at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18. Memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1406 Physician's Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Condolences may be left at [www.andrewsmortuary.com](http://www.andrewsmortuary.com).

## Patricia 'Patty' Roat, 57

Patricia "Patty" Roat, 57, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## David Snyder Robins, 79

Scholar.  
Soldier.  
Diplomat.

David Snyder Robins of Bigfork died of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning on April 23, 2019.

He was born in Saint Anthony, Idaho, March 11, 1940, the second son of Stanford Wright Robins and Harriette Snyder Robins. In 1948, the family moved to Havre where his parents owned and operated the Grand Hotel and several related businesses.

Growing up in Havre, he particularly loved outdoor sports, hiking, fishing, hunting and camping in the Bear Paw mountains and also visiting Bigfork frequently with friends to fish Swan River and Swan Lake.

Always a good student, David attended



Havre Public Schools and graduated from Havre High School in 1958. He won a scholarship to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, and graduated with a degree in economics in 1962.

In 1963, he entered the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer and served his initial assignments at Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1964, he was detailed to the U.S. Army Security Agency (ASA) and assigned to an ASA overseas field station near Ankara, Turkey. His duties included extensive travel in Turkey as well as to Iran, Pakistan and India. In 1965, he returned to the United States assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he commanded a company attached to the 2nd Infantry Division.

In 1966, he and his unit deployed to the Republic of Vietnam where he won numerous decorations including the Bronze Star medal.

Following his military service, David did graduate work in political science and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Washington in Seattle. In 1972, he joined the Foreign Service of the Department of State. Following training in Washington, D.C., he performed economic and political diplomatic duties in U.S. embassies in Kuwait, Lebanon, Tunisia, Iraq, Jordan, Yugoslavia and Morocco. He also served in the Office of Egyptian Affairs in the State Department in Washington.

In 1991, David was appointed State Department political advisor to then-Lt. Gen. John Shalikashvili, who commanded Operation Provide Comfort, a multinational military and humanitarian relief operation engaged in rescuing tens of thousands of Kurdish refugees who had been chased into the harsh mountainous regions

of northern Iraq by Saddam Hussein's forces following Operation Desert Storm, which liberated Kuwait from Iraqi occupation. Following this second stint in Iraq, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Manama, Bahrain, during which time he served as Acting Chief of Mission for 17 months, and helped negotiate land basing rights in Bahrain for the headquarters of the U.S. Fifth Fleet in the Persian Gulf. In his final State Department assignment, he was the senior intelligence officer responsible for Iraq. He earned numerous awards and decorations throughout his Foreign Service career, including the State Department's Superior Honor Award for his work in Bahrain.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

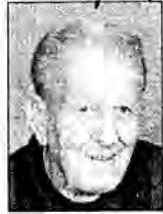
## Keith 'Robbie' Robinson, 83

*PAK 24 July 2019*

Keith "Robbie" Robinson, 83, died peacefully in his Kalispell home on July 19, 2019, and the first thing he probably said on the other side was "Clear on the right ... pressure's up!"

Keith was born in Billings on May 2, 1936, to Henry and Doris Robinson (both now deceased). After earning his bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Montana in 1958, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country for 22 years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He specialized in air-traffic control, air operations, maintenance and civil engineering. He navigated KC-135 refueling tankers for SAC during the Vietnam War and other tours of duty. He and his family were stationed in many unique Air Force bases, including a five-year tour in Germany.

After his retirement



from the military, Keith returned to his hometown he loved to call "Shangri-La." He was proud of Kalispell and wanted to preserve its histo-

ry while embracing the continued growth and progress in the Flathead Valley. He acted on that passion and served over 16 years on the Airport Advisory board, was on the original Boards of the Central School Museum and Rails-to-Trails, served on the Flathead Youth Home board, as well as was active in his Sigma Nu fraternity. He fought hard to preserve the City Airport and once quipped when a funding petition went to the voters, "People get old, but dreams never die."

Keith's work ethic was

heavily influenced by his father and this past May he was once again proud to present, alongside his son, Kevin, the H.E. Robinson Memorial award to another deserving student who earned the recognition of the faculty for growth in the FFA program. In 2017 he was himself presented with an Honorary Chapter FFA degree.

Keith loved hanging around the racetrack with his many friends as well as at the Kalispell Regional Hospital cafeteria, a second family to him as well. He was also an avid photographer. He was known for his quick wit, infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his partner Annie Robinson (Stafford).

He is survived by his children who he affec-

tionately liked to call "by the numbers: #1 Kevin (Laura) Robinson; daughters #2 Wendy Challberg and #3 Kelly Jo (Brian) Wallace. He was "Grumpa Keith" to Shelby Challberg, Kayla Robinson, Katie Rivera, Tanner Wallace and Blake Wallace and always made sure to include his signature "duck confetti" in his cards.

Thank you to all his friends, neighbors and colleagues whose friendship made Keith's life forever enriched. A special thank you to his caregivers, especially Laura Robinson for her selfless, tender care of Keith the past few months.

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

In lieu of flowers, please consider a tribute donation to the Kalispell Senior Center or charity of your choice.

## Marianne Wilson Robinson

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Marianne Wilson Robinson lived a life full of God's grace and charity. She passed peacefully at home in Kalispell in the early morning on Oct. 1, 2019, at the age of "101.8438." "Nana" was constantly surrounded by family and friends and will be missed deeply. We ask that you pray for the repose of her soul.

Marianne was born to Amon and Nellie Lamb in Mancos, Colorado, on Nov. 27, 1917. She had two older brothers and two younger sisters. Smart as a whip, she graduated valedictorian of her high school class at age 15, jumped on a train and went directly to college in Colorado Springs. After graduating with a business degree at age 19 she met and courted Herbert Wilson. After pitching woo and showing Grand Junction, Colorado, a good time Herbert and Marianne married in the Catholic Church. While in Grand Junction they birthed three children, Joey, Bill and Katie. When Herbert fell ill, they moved to Tucson, Arizona, "for the better air" and gave birth to two more children, Canice and Herbie Jr. Marianne definitely lived her share of suffering and tragedy. She lost two of her children, Joey and Herbie Jr., very early in their life and then lost her husband Herb while still raising three young children. Always living life with grit and a positive outlook, Marianne went right to work selling insurance for Mutual of Omaha while taking care of her three kids and making Jesus number one in her life. The spunk she developed at this time is how Nana will always

be remembered.

Soon after her children had been raised, Marianne became

a grandmother. Grandchildren were everything to Nana and she lived her life not only for their well-being but for their salvation in heaven. When her first set of grandchildren moved to Montana she followed. Packing everything she had in a U-Haul, dealing with breakdowns and pulling a mechanic out of church to get her on the road again, she finally pulled into Kalispell in 1973, a road weary and proud grandmother. She hit the ground running, selling insurance and immediately becoming a strong parishioner at Saint

Matthew's. She eventually became the housekeeper and cook at the rectory. But God had other plans.

Marianne met a man named Clarence Robinson; they fell in love, married and Nana became "Annie" to a brand new extended family. They loved her and she returned their love. Nana took up selling Worldbook, gardening, canning and raised her cooking to a whole new level. Grandkids grew and Nana became a great-grandmother. Great-grandkids were completely spoiled with blessings, prayers, kisses and Christmas cookies. There are a ton of people that have been touched by Marianne in their lives. She truly lived her life for others and looked forward to finding ways to make life better for this entire community.

She is survived by

her three children and their spouses, Bill Wilson (Linda), Katie Smith (Burly) and Canice Daffern; many grandchildren, spouses, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A Rosary will be prayed at Saint Matthew's school gym at 7 p.m. today, Oct. 3. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Matthew's school gym at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to the reconstruction of Saint Matthew's Church in Marianne's name.

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



# Mary Ann Rodman

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Mary Ann Rodman, a long time Whitefish resident, passed away at St. Pat's in Missoula on Jan. 21, 2019. Mary Ann was born to Al and Lorraine Hoffman in Whitefish on January 14, 1949. She was preceded in death by both parents and her brother Greg Hoffman. She is survived by her husband Gary Rodman, son Jesse Rodman and daughter in law Lori Bemis.

Mary Ann was a Whitefish High graduate and was a life guard at City Beach during her high school and college years. She received a journalism degree from the University of Washington in 1971. Mary Ann worked for the FCC

in Washington DC until 1973. She returned home and married in 1974 when she started a family. Mary Ann worked for Whitefish High School as a tutor teacher until 1988. She remained a homemaker and had the tough job of being a railroad wife.

Mary Ann played a huge role in Jr. Golf for Montana where she received three Hall of Fame honors. The Hall of Fame honors were from Whitefish Lake, Ladies MSGA and she was the first women to be inducted to the men's MSGA. She was team captain for Montana at the Jr. Americas Cup for many years. She also served on

Jr. Americas Cup Board.

Mary Ann was an avid sports fan. She followed the Whitefish Bulldogs for as long as she was able. Also, she followed the Zags and her Huskies.

Mary Ann was a private, caring, intelligent liberal who will be missed by family and friends. A celebration of Mary Ann's life will be held in early golf season in Whitefish. Dates will be posted later. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Whitefish Food Bank.

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

# Donna Rollins, 91

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Donna Fae Mefford Rollins was born Feb. 1, 1928, in Missoula, the daughter of Ted and Alberta Colvin Mefford. Her family lived in Ronan and Anaconda before moving to Flathead Lake in the late 1930s.

In 1942, they went to Hot Springs and Donna attended high school there.

In 1946 she married James Kirkpatrick Mason. Their daughter, Diane Louise, was born in Kansas City. After several years in Missoula, they moved to Hot Springs where Donna worked for the United States Postal Service.

Donna was divorced

from Mason. She and Diane continued to live in Hot Springs. She married Theodore

Rollins in March of 1964. They lived in Troy. Tragically, Donna's daughter Diane died in 1984. When Ted and Donna decided to retire completely, Rollins on Flathead Lake became their home. While they lived in Rollins, they attended the Dayton Presbyterian Church in Dayton. Eventually, both Donna and Ted needed

more care and moved to Kalispell, where Ted passed away.

Donna had lived in Polson in recent years. She died early in the morning of June 11, 2019.

She is survived by a grandson, Kent Paro of Florida, his wife Christy, and their daughters, Payton and Kiley. Donna's sister, Roberta Harding, of Albany, Oregon, also survives her. Her brother, Douglas Mefford, of Lonepine, is also still living.

Her younger sister, Delores Didier, preceded her in death.

Donna is lovingly remembered by cousins, nieces and nephews, their

families, many other relatives, and a host of friends and former neighbors.

The family wishes to thank Janice Donovan and Helen Jeakins who have been close friends of Donna during her later years. Their unflagging support provided quality to her life. Thanks are also extended to the staff of The Pines in Polson, where Donna lived during the last years of her life.

Any memorials can be sent to Dayton Presbyterian Church at Box 188, Dayton, MT 59914.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. July 20 at the Dayton Church.

# Rai Royal Rolston, 80

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Rai Royal Rolston, 80, passed away on Nov. 10, 2019, at his home in Bigfork.

Rai was born on Feb. 16, 1939, in Kalispell to Bill and Ruella (Bishop) Rolston.

Rai enjoyed fishing, hunting trapping, cutting wood, smoking fish and canning; he especially enjoyed his Friday morn-

ing Bible Study "dirtbaggers" and all his friends there.

Rai is survived by his wife Henrietta, sons Tony (Cheryl) and Kevin Sears, sister Marion, grandson Chris (Erin), great-granddaughter, Apolonia, nieces Shannon and her son Ben, and Tracie (Tom), cousin Christie Park,

and many more relatives.

Special thanks to Maureen, hospice nurse, Penny "his pal," and volunteer Doug who spent so much time with Rai and made his days joyful. Also a special thanks to Christie for all of your kindness and Tracie for all your visits and support and love.

Thanks to all of our friends and neighbors that checked in on Rai we will never forget.

Rai wishes were that no services be held.

To send a note of condolence to the family, visit [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## April Ann Roose, 55

April Ann Roose passed away on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, in Kalispell.

April was born March 29, 1964, to Kurt and Dolores Roose, in Whitefish. She grew up in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1982.

April married Kelly Greene in 1989. They resided in Eureka for several years, then later divorced. April moved to Kalispell, where she practiced cosmetology and also worked as a barista. April was able to experience her dream of living in the warm sun when she moved to Phoenix with her partner Pete Baldwin. After a few years, she moved back to Kalispell. April later made her home in Bigfork. She and her partner, Mark Whitney, welcomed their son, Evan, into this world on June 30, 2005.

April was a terrific cook and was able to use this passion at a place very special to her, St. Matthew's Catholic School in Kalispell. She worked there several years. April also worked as a home health care aid for many elderly clients. These clients were the recipients of her warm and caring nature, and often, her cooking. April also was a caretaker of a friend's two precious canines.

She was a devoted and loving mother to her



son. April loved to plant flowers, to decorate her home for every single holiday, to create and cook new recipes, to take long walks, bike rides, and watch movies. She was devout in her Catholic faith and was greatly comforted by it. Her funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, at St. John Paul II Catholic church in Bigfork. A violinist accompanied the Mass and played her favorite song, "Ave Maria." A reception followed, provided by her church family.

April is survived by her son, Evan Whitney; her mother, Dolores (Jim) Reynolds; her brother, Mark (Tana) Johnston; her sisters, Melissa (Eric) Knutson and Tara (Jeff) Collins; her nephews and nieces, Beau Johnston, Cody (Chris) Bishop, Cale Knutson, Hannah Knutson and Isaac Collins; and great-niece and -nephew, Bailey Bishop and Mason Bishop.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kurt Roose (1986).

April, we send you love and very much look forward to being reunited with you.

On the morning of July 20, 2019, Robin B. Rose passed away in his home in Helena after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

He was 61.

He was born December 4, 1957, to Ruth and Jerry Rose in Kalispell where he joined his four older sisters. Later the family grew by another brother and sister. During his youth he attended Kalispell schools and his summers were spent at Schafer Meadows, where his dad was a park ranger. It was here that his



## Robin B. Rose, 61

love of nature was fostered, as well as his adventurous spirit.

He was a certified iron worker, project manager and a master builder. He was employed by Halliburton, when he was diagnosed with cancer.

In July of 1979 he married Shirley Ackley, and together they had two daughters, Holli and Joslyn.

He was preceded

in death by his sister Sue Gideons and father Gerald.

He is survived by his mother Ruth, sisters Sherry, Jo, Gerri and Carla, brother Pat, daughters Holli (Holger) Meyer, Joslyn (Mike) Rose and grandkids Ezra, Haela, Autumn, Drake, Enrya, Lukas and Isaac.

He spent the last of his days doing what he loved the most — time with friends, family and especially his beloved grandkids.

Traveling, kayaking, fishing and anything

outdoors, playing cards and enjoying homecooked meals, while occasionally cracking an inappropriate joke — lots of great memories were made in those last two years.

He will be greatly missed. Robin's earthly remains have been cremated and his family will spread his ashes in his favorite places all over the globe.

There will be a celebration of Robin's life from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

## Judy Roose, 54

Judy Roose, 54, of Kalispell, died Jan. 2, 2019, in Kalispell.

Judy is survived by her husband Chuck, and her sons Marcus, Jared and Jeremy, as well as her daughter Kerah.

There will be a graveside service held for Judy at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held for

Judy that afternoon at 1 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a memorial fund to assist the Roose family through Cornerstone Community Church in Kalispell.

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

## Christine 'Crissie' Rose Rosenow, 49

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Christine "Crissie"  
Rose Rosenow, 49,  
of Kalispell, died on  
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019,  
at Kalispell Regional  
Medical Center.

Private interment will  
be held on Monday,  
Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. at  
Fairview Cemetery. A  
celebration of life will

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follow at 11 a.m. at  
The Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints, 1380 Whitefish  
Stage Road in Kalispell.  
Bishop David Wigginton  
will preside.

Darlington Cremation  
and Burial Service is  
caring for the family.

## MEMORIAL

### Eldora Marie (Kinyon) Rosling

A memorial will be  
held for Eldora Marie  
(Kinyon) Rosling at  
11 a.m. on May 25 at  
Eidsvold Lutheran  
Church in Somers, fol-

lowed by a luncheon at  
Vista Linda Restaurant  
in Somers.

Rosling, 72, died in St.  
Anthony, Minnesota, on  
Dec. 28, 2018.

### Bryan 'Cubby' Ross, 52

Gone but never forgot-  
ten.

Bryan passed away  
unexpectedly, at the age  
of 52, on Monday, Oct. 7,  
2019, due to heart compli-  
cations.

Cubby grew up in  
Circle but lived most of  
his adult life in Miles  
City, where he made



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many  
lifelong  
friends.

Bryan  
loved  
everything  
mechanical,  
fishing,  
travel,

current affairs, sarcasm,  
a fine scotch and "Family

Guy.

Bryan is survived by  
his loving wife Laurie,  
sons, Tyler (Cassidy) and  
Jacob, grandchildren,  
Blake, Jameson and  
Alexa, mother, JoAnne,  
brother, Brent (Patricia),  
sister Beth (Dennis), and  
many nieces and neph-  
ews.

A service will be held  
at 11 a.m. on Wednesday,  
Oct. 16, at Johnson-  
Gloschat Funeral Home,  
525 Main St. Kalispell.

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

### Audrey N. Ainley-Roubos, 86

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On Nov. 18, 2018, Audrey N.  
Ainley-Roubos, formerly of Kalispell,  
loving wife and mother, passed away  
at age 86 in West Jordan, Utah.

She was born in Chester,  
Montana.

Audrey lived life to the fullest.



### Steven Craig Rough, 68

Steven Craig Rough,  
68, died on Wednesday  
May 15, 2019 at Kalispell  
Regional Medical Center.  
Steven was born on  
Jan. 15, 1951 in Augusta,

Georgia.

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

## Donna Marie Lovich Rowold



Donna Marie Lovich Rowold passed, as she said, "from the arms of a loving family to the arms of a loving Savior" on Dec. 5, 2019, in Polson.

Born in Lorain, Ohio, on Oct. 4, 1952, she attended Concordia Junior College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Education degree. Having met Paul Rowold in Ann Arbor, they married in 1975.

Donna taught grade school in St. Louis while Paul attended Christ Seminary-Seminex. They moved to serve Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois, following seminary graduation in 1978, and then to Englewood, Colorado, in 1986, where they served at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. During these years Donna gave birth to three daughters, Faith Allen (husband Shawn) now in New York City, Katherine Rowold (husband Elias) in Polson, and Stephanie Haines (husband Cory) in Missoula.

During their 20 years at Good Shepherd

Lutheran in Polson (1996- 2017) Donna served as Minister of Music, organist and choir director. She made many contributions to Polson civic life, including directing the Mass choirs of Palm Sunday Choral Festivals and co-founding the Flathead Flute Choir. Donna and Paul's commitment to the Christian community in Palestine saw them lead numerous groups to the Holy Land.

Donna is survived by husband Paul, three daughters, two grandchildren, mother Betty Lovich, and brother David Lovich (wife Dainty) of Atlanta, Georgia, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 14 at Faith Lutheran Church in Ronan.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Bright Stars of Bethlehem, Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, or Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Eunice Jeanne Roy, 78

Eunice Jeanne Roy, 78, died Oct. 24, 2019 at Brendan House in Kalispell. No services

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

## Roberta Jean Rozell, 81

Roberta Jean Rozell, 81, of Whitefish, died March 22, 2019, at her home.

She is survived by her son, Michael Rozell.

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

## Ronald Larry Rowsey, 67



Ronald Larry Rowsey, 67, resident of Fernwood, Idaho, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 6, 2019.

He was born Jan. 3, 1952, to Charles and June (Heuscher) Rowsey in Kalispell. Ron grew up in Swan Lake, attending grade school there and high school in Bigfork where he played football.

He married Bonnie Martin in 1970 and their son Shannon was born the following year. They made their home in Kalispell where Ron worked for Bell Camper Manufacturing.

In 1975, Ron moved his family to Alaska and worked on the Alaskan pipeline as an ice road trucker driving fuel trucks. He later went to work for AAA Moving and Storage in Anchorage. Following his divorce, Ron moved to the Seattle area. He worked for Graebel Moving and Storage.

Ron married Monica Sorenson in the mid 1980s and continued to live in the Seattle area. Ron and Monica moved to Fernwood in 2001, and went to work for Potlatch Corporation as a dryer tender. He was divorced in the late 1980s.

Ron married Anna Hatten on April 10, 2010, in Fernwood. They continued to live in Fernwood. Ron retired from Potlatch in 2017. He enjoyed four-wheeling and spending time with

his family. Ron was a member and deacon at the Upriver Bible Church. He had

served as vice president of the Fernwood Senior Center. Ron was always available to anyone who needed his help.

Ron is survived by his wife Anna at the family home in Fernwood; son and daughter-in-law Shannon and Nancy Rowsey of Glendive; brother Curtis and Denise Rowsey of Newport, Washington; and sister Pamela and Jason Barrett of Laurel, Montana. Also surviving are four grandchildren, one great-grandson; two nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Barry Rowsey, and sister Penny Jo Rowsey.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Upriver Bible Church with Pastor Brian Primer officiating. A gathering of family and friends will follow at the Fernwood Senior Center. A memorial service for Ron will also be held next summer at his hometown Swan Lake at a date and time to be announced in 2020.

Visit his memorial and sign his guest book at [www.hodgefuneralhome.com](http://www.hodgefuneralhome.com).

## Robert J. Rudolph Sr., 75

Robert J. Rudolph Sr., 75, of Kalispell, died Thursday Dec. 5, 2019, at Heritage Place.

He is survived by his wife, Shari; and children, Warren Rudolph, Robert Rudolph Jr. and

Dominic Sassani.

No services are being planned.

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

## Walter Herbert Rufenach, 89

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Walter Herbert Rufenach, 89, passed away at his home in Columbia Falls on Feb. 5, 2019.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1929, to Amelia and Waldemar Rufenach in Kalispell.

Walter started his work at Stoltze Lumber when he was 16 years old. He interrupted his work career for a two-year stint in the Army. He served as a tank instructor in Germany. Upon his return he again worked at Stoltze. After there he began working at Plum Creek Lumber, where he retired after 27 years.

He was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls for over 50 years. He faithfully maintained the church grounds and enjoyed doing anything to enhance the church property.

Dad loved going to auctions, always attending all that he could. He was an avid recycler (dumpster diver), finding broken equipment, fixing it and reselling it.

His yard and garage were his pride and joy, and he spent many hours working in both, always making yearly improvements. In the winter he loved plowing.

He loved tools and the happiest we ever saw him was when a Harbor Freight was opened in Kalispell. We laughingly say he was



their first customer.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents Amelia and Waldemar, brothers Richard and



Alfred, and sisters Lydia Bartz and Elise Bruyer.

He is survived by his children, Kenneth (Francis) Rufenach, Kristal Rufenach, and Kathy Bianchi; grandchildren, Ken, Christopher (Krista), Cassidy (Dan), Chauncey, and Randi (Jason); step-grandchildren, Moriah, Miranda and Nathaniel; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Lillian Case; sister-in-law, Alice Rufenach; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Walter will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Lunch will be served at the church following services. Urn burial will take place later this spring with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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

## Harvey A. Rugsegger, 84

The Rev. Harvey A. Rugsegger, 84, formerly of Kalispell, died Oct. 24, 2019, of a heart attack in Loveland, Colo.

He had been the pastor of Loveland Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; and three children, Deborah, Daniel and David.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 1 at Loveland Christian Church.

## Sheila R. Ryder, 66

Sheila R. Ryder, 66, of Kalispell, died Friday, May 10, 2019, at HealthCenter Northwest.

No services are being planned.

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