

## Lindstrom Mason 'Lindy' Smith, 59

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On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, crazy-loud-wonderful Lindstrom Mason "Lindy" Smith went home quietly and peacefully to pester Jesus. We know the two of them were really looking forward to seeing each other face to face. While we're terribly sad that Lindy has gone from us, we're also very happy to know he is now living whole and free. It's especially nice to know he has been reunited with his dad, who was his earliest best friend.

Lindy was born in Helena on Nov. 15, 1959, to L. Earl and Martha Smith. He grew up there harassing his three better-looking older sisters and graduated from Capital High in 1977. He played baseball, football and basketball and was pretty darn good at them all.

In 1978 Lindy joined the Navy and served proudly for four years as a Seabee. He liked to remind Marine acquaintances that Seabee boots were actually the first on the ground, and without backup, too. Lindy learned the art of pouring concrete during his stint in the Navy, and after his contract was up, he worked with great skill in concrete for the next 20-plus years throughout Southern California and Montana. He could lay the straightest lines and finish the smoothest curbs you ever saw. He was truly an artist and perfectionist.

Lindy took a few left turns during his early years, but in 1999, after moving home to Montana, Jesus collared him and worked out a few of the kinks without changing the amazing man and personality we all knew and loved. Lindy became a pillar of strength as well as a brother, father, encourager and role model to many.



and honored others' loved ones by creating beautiful and lasting headstones.

Lindy was a fish-aholic and a huge fan of riding Harleys — in fact, he rebuilt and rode one shortly before his death. He loved his Chevy pickup, too. And Lindy could barbecue — oh man! Did we say he loved to fish? And steal them out from under your nose at the best fishing holes?

Lindy was a cherished member of Faith Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Jesus knew that Faith was the special church family that would truly appreciate this unique gift of a man, who would keep them on their toes while faithfully serving alongside them. He served for a season as a trustee and as head of the congregation.

Lindy blessed us with two amazing kids, Jarrod Smith of Helena, and Corri Michelle Smith of Missoula — both good looking and smart.

We will never forget Lindy, who, according to his own words, was "strong like bull, smart like tractor."

God bless you big time Lindy, and thanks for making our world a better place.

Lindy was preceded in home-going by his father, L. Earl Smith, his grandmas and grandpas, and his brother-in-law Larry.

He is survived by his wife, Annie; mother, Martha (New York); his better-looking sisters, Chris (Helena), Becky (Kalispell), and Lennie (El Paso, Texas); son Jarrod, daughter Corri, and "other daughter" Ellie, Ellie's husband Josh, and grandkids Bridger and Elise.

On Sept. 14, 2002, Lindy married fiery, red-headed Annie Craig, the only woman to ever out-fish him. In 2013 Lindy became the proud owner of Big Sky Monuments, where he blossomed in his gifts of precision and artistry

An unforgettable memorial befitting our unforgettable Lindy will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at Darlington Mortuary in Kalispell, followed by a luncheon at Faith Lutheran Church.

## Margaret A. Smith, 68

Margaret A. Smith, 68, of Kalispell, was born the seventh of eight children to Edward and Agnes Iona (Egan) Earley on May 27, 1951, in Binghamton, New York. She graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1969.

Margaret moved to Washington, D.C., and worked at the U.S. Department of Justice for eight years. There she met her future husband, Jonathan B. Smith. They married in Binghamton in 1979 and moved to Kalispell. There she worked in law offices and later on at St. Matthew's School for many years. Margaret also found joy in quilting and sewing and left behind many beautiful creations.

Margaret's fullness of joy came with her children Brittany Smith and Daniel Smith, as well as her grandchildren Isabelle and Kathryn.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents.



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She is survived by her husband Jonathan, her children Brittany and Daniel,

and her grandchildren Isabelle and Kathryn all of Kalispell; as well as her siblings, Mary McCarthy, Becky Earely, Theresa (Thomas) Tiffany and Judy Kelleher of Binghamton, and sister Sister Katherine Earley CSJ of Albany, New York, Edward (Karen) Earley of Pennsylvania, John (Sue) Earley of Sanford, North Carolina; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Margaret loved her family and those she dealt with. She visited New York to see family many times over the years. Her mother's birthday seldom passed without her there. She did all she could for others and was beloved by many.

We love you very

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much Margaret and you will be missed by us all. You were the best wife, mother and grandmother!

A rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 21, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There will be a memorial Mass held for Margaret 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with placement of Margaret's urn follow-

ing service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Following placement of urn, there will be a reception held at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, 525 S. Main Street, Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Edgar 'Ed' Snoeck, 77

Edgar "Ed" Snoeck, 77, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at First Baptist Church, 6232 U.S. 93 S., Whitefish.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Sean David Smith, 30

Sean David Smith, 30, died Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## Barbara Ellen Snyder, 76

Barbara Ellen Snyder, 76, died Thursday March 7, 2019 at Brendan House in Kalispell. Barbara was born on Sept. 19, 1942 in Streeter, Illinois.

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

## Walter Kenneth Smith, 66

Walter Kenneth Smith, 66, died on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell with his family at his side. Walter was born on Feb.

15, 1953 in Passaic, New Jersey.

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

## Roger 'Scott' Sorensen, 70

With indefatigable grace and courage, Roger "Scott" Sorensen died July 30, 2019, at his home in Whitefish.

Scott was born to Sally and Si Sorensen on March 13, 1940, in Havre, where he remembered a happy, adventuresome childhood. Scott excelled in sports and school and loved the people of Havre. He graduated from Northern Montana College and Montana State University. He taught high school in Havre for two years, and, after a master's program at the University of Montana, Scott was one of 10 people chosen for a National Journalism Fellowship in Washington, D.C. In 1968 he moved to Portland and became a news editor for the Associated Press and then began a career in marketing and management for regional shopping malls, including Lloyd Center and Washington Square in Portland and Southgate Mall in Missoula. Scott was on the board for the International Council of Shopping Centers for many years, teaching classes and consulting in marketing and management for shopping centers throughout the United States and internationally.

Scott met his future wife, Joanie Simons, in 1965 and they married the following year. They had two sons, Jon "Scott" and Bjorn Shawn. Scott was a devoted father, husband and grandfather and a hard worker who provided a good life and upbringing for his boys. Scott had wonderful, gentle Christianity, leading and sharing in Bible studies throughout most of his life. Scott believed in honesty, fairness and generosity and was loved by those who knew him. Tall in stature, his sons and friends remember him being the funniest person in any room, both in wit and physicality.

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A rosary vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at St. Richard Catholic Church, with interment to follow at St. Richard Parish Cemetery. A reception will follow at the church.

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## Ruth Marie Soderstrom, 82

*PA 11 July 2019*  
Ruth Marie Soderstrom passed away peacefully on June 23, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Ruth, also lovingly known as Ruthie, was born on Nov. 28, 1936, at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was the first child to Alice and Clarence "Cacky" Soderstrom, later joined by younger brother, Keith Soderstrom. The family remained in Kalispell, with Ruth being part of the Flathead High Braves flag spinning team as a young girl.

She met and married Jerry M. Syth and they went on to start a family of their own. They built a house on Willow Glen, not far from her own parents and started their family. Ruth was a homemaker, often hosting parties for her family and later taking her



grandkids overnight or weekends just for fun.

Ruth was preceded in death by

her parents, Clarence and Alice Soderstrom, and son John Syth.

She is survived by her children, Kim Buchholtz, Richard Syth, Sherry Lynn and Randy Dennison; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter. Ruth is also survived by many extended family members and dear friends.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on July 13 at the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage in Kalispell.

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## Kenneth Soward 103

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Kenneth Soward 103, passed away on May 20, 2019, in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 2, 1916, to Nellie (Thompson) and Arnold Soward on his grandfather's homestead farm southeast of Sinai, South Dakota. His father died when Kenneth was 11 months old and he moved with his mother to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he grew up.

He graduated from Mechanics Art High School in December 1933, and shortly afterwards joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1935 he moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the ICC and to attend George Washington University. He graduated in 1942 from the Institute of Technology, School of Mines, Geological Engineering at the University of Minnesota. He entered the Navy on July 1, 1942 and studied photo interpretation at Harvard and in New York.

While in New York he met Aida Laura DiFonzo at a USO dance. They were married on Dec. 7, 1942. Kenneth spent the war years mainly on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands and later at Pearl Harbor. Upon returning home, he and Aida moved to Hungry Horse in 1946 where he

of Reclamation in the early construction stages of Hungry Horse Dam.

Two daughters were born during those years, Katherine Gayvert and Patricia diStefano.

In 1952 the family moved to Great Falls where Kenneth worked for the Geological Survey, mapping of mineral deposits in Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas and Alaska. This entailed being out "in the field" many months of the year — which he thoroughly enjoyed. He developed a lifelong love of the outdoors and exploring the many wonders of the area. He collected rocks (His family moved those rocks many times!), never took the same road twice, often foregoing the most-traveled route for the bumpy backroads, stopped at every historic or informational sign on every road, marveled at the geology of every area he passed through — all the while professing his great luck in the life he had. He was an independent Norwegian through and through.

In 1970 Kenneth and Aida moved to Casper,

Wyoming. He retired in 1977, moved to Polson where he and Aida built their dream home overlooking Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains with the "best view in the world." He then began his "second act," planting and running his cherry orchard for over 25 years. He grew the sweetest biggest cherries around and his seven grandchildren spent many summers learning to drive a car "up Grandpa's road," drive tractors, prune trees, build bonfires, change irrigation pipe, help with harvesting and play in the orchard.

Kenneth and Aida enjoyed traveling in retirement. Kenneth had a lifelong love of the stock market, alternative medicine, the outdoors and, most of all, his family and the frequent family gatherings at his home.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Aida.

He is survived by his daughters, Katherine Gayvert, and Patricia and husband Frank John diStefano; his grandchildren, Jeremy, Charles, Tim, Annie, Daniel, Michael and Francesca; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Alex and Avery; and good friend Kerry Nagel.

Graveside funeral services for family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. on May 30 at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry in Kalispell would be appreciated.

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.

## Judy Soucie, 68

Judy Soucie, 68, of Bigfork, died in Bigfork Jan. 25, 2019.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Soucie. No services are being

held at this time.

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

## Esther May Spreacker, 71

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On Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, Esther May Spreacker, loving wife and mother of five children and two stepchildren, went to rest in the arms of Jesus at the age of 71.

She was born Esther May Miller on May 11 in the spring of 1947, in Whitefish on her grandparents' farm on Hwy. 40. She was a Mother's Day gift to Hazel Miller, later known as Anderson.

Esther's career included being a waitress, baker at a donut shop (which made her children very popular in their new neighborhood), cosmetology instructor, server at The Cable Bridge Casino (where she met her wonderful husband Mike), cosmetologist and owner of Esther's Special Effects, her salon in Pasco, Washington.

Esther definitely had a love for the outdoors. Camping, boating, swimming and fishing always topped her list of summer activities to enjoy with her husband and family. She especially got a kick out of catching the biggest fish, which she did quite often. Esther was thrilled by a good win!

Esther was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Anderson (aka Ness-Powell-Miller).

She is survived and cherished by her husband Michael Spreacker. Esther always cooked for



an army, because she practically gave birth to one, and you ate everything on your plate

before you left the table!

Good thing she was a good cook. She is survived by her five children who have mostly survived due to massive amounts of iodine and rubbing alcohol, because our parents were the doctor: Perry Scott, Shanie Valenzuela, Sharmon Cochrane, Jeremy Scott and Kim Moon; two stepchildren, Katie Smith and Zack Spreacker; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 U.S. Hwy. 93, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Flowers may be sent to Esther Spreacker c/o Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The family suggests memorial gifts be in the form of a donation to The Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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## Adolfine Spencer, 81

Adolfine Spencer, 81, died Dec. 28, 2019, at her home in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lola Endice Stagner, 85

Lola Endice Stagner, 85, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

## Marla Jane Stauffer, 66

Marla Jane Stauffer, 66, died June 30, 2019, at her home in Kalispell. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jack Ernest Staub, 70

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Jack Ernest Staub passed away unexpectedly at his home on July 8, 2019.

He was born to Jacob and Freida Staub in Denver on Sept. 15, 1948.

Jack married Frances Cook on Dec. 28, 1981. They moved to Wisconsin where they spent 27 years.

Jack was a professor and plant geneticist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture at University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2008 he took on a position with the USDA in Logan, Utah. He always used to say that the "Mountains were calling and he had to come running." Jack retired in 2017 and Frances and Jack moved to Kalispell to spend their retirement.

Jack leaves behind his wife Frances Staub, his daughter Kodie Staub, his sister Sonny Raasch, and many other family members who loved him deeply.



Jack will be forever remembered for his kindness, his hard work, his

devotion to his family and his deep love for others. He had a strong belief and devotion to God and dedicated his life to becoming as close to him as possible. He truly was an incredible example to his daughter, his friends and family.

A funeral will be held for Jack at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located in Bigfork. The address is 121 Crestview Drive, Bigfork MT 59911.

Another memorial service will be at a later date in Logan.

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

## Donna Steines, 82

Donna Steines, 82, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

## Jackie Larrick Stevens, 69

Jackie Larrick Stevens, 69, died Dec. 29, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Greg Stevens and step-daughter, Julie

Stevens. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan 11, 2020 at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell.

## Larry Tipton Stidmon, 79

Larry Tipton Stidmon passed away on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, in Kalispell.



Larry was born Oct. 5, 1940, in Kirksville, Missouri, to Claude and Hilda Faye Stidmon. He moved with the family to Kalispell at the age of 13, graduated from Flathead County High School and earned his journalism degree from the University of Montana.

Larry worked as an newspaper editor, advertising salesman, logger, and eventually retired as a custodian from Flathead

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Valley Community College. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gambling with his many friends around the valley. He was a loving man who most enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

Larry is survived by his aunt and uncle Curt and Harriet Snyder, brother Marvin Stidmon, brother and sister-in-law Rick and Linda Stidmon, son and daughter-in-law Cody and Andrea Stidmon, granddaughters Madeline and Annabelle Stidmon, and many cousins and friends.

Private family services are being held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Earl D. Stipe, 66

Earl D. Stipe, 66, died Saturday, April 6, 2019, at his home in Bigfork. He is survived by his sons, Clinton Stipe and

Allan Stipe. Private arrangements are by Darlington Cremation and Burial Service.

## Milena Stoddard, 84

Milena Stoddard, 84, of Kalispell, died July 22, 2019, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Sonya VonMoltke, Gregory VonMoltke, Robert Stoddard and Mark Stoddard.

There will be a

Trisagion Prayer said at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with services to follow at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at St. Herman Orthodox Christian Church, 544 5th Ave. West.

## John Roger Stoianoff, 75

Dr. John Roger Stoianoff, 75, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, at his home in Dayton. A celebration of life

will take place later in Portland.

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

## Kathleen 'Kay' Stieler, 94

Kathleen "Kay" Stieler, 94, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, in Olympia, Washington. Funeral services are

pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Roger Charles Sting, 71

Roger Charles Sting, 71, passed away on Sunday,



Nov. 3, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Roger was born on Dec. 9, 1947, in Pigeon, Michigan, to Gerhard and Delores (Gall) Sting. Roger graduated from Sebewaing High School in Sebewaing, Michigan, in 1966. On July 9, 1977, Roger married Lynda Merkle in Outpost Junction, California.

Roger entered the U.S. Air Force in 1967 serving in Florida, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Germany and California. He served our country for 20 years before retiring in 1987. After retiring from the military, Roger worked for the Sears Roebuck company in California, Walmart in Kalispell, and the Immanuel

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Lutheran Home for 15 years, retiring in January of 2011.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and sister Valerie (Sting) Andrews.

He is survived by his wife Lynda Sting.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Church at Creston-Lutheran, with a reception to follow. Interment will take place before the service with military honors.

In lieu of flowers memorials, are suggested to the Church at Creston-Lutheran or Lutheran Hour Ministries.

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## Michael Stoken, 65

Michael Stoken, 65, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019. You may not have known him but he made your life better.

He was born in Eureka in 1954. Despite his rough, stoic and stubborn ways, there is actual evidence that he was a loving, caring, generous person. That evidence is the deep sorrow and pain in our hearts that his family feels from his passing — a man of unshakable character, strength and courage. A passion



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for hard work and love of the woods led Mike and his twin brother Pat to start Stoken

Logging in 1978. Against all bets, they became one of the largest logging operations in Northwest Montana.

He leaves behind the love of his life, his wife Angela, and his four-legged sidekick, Toby; a son to Joe and Hazel, a brother to Eddie,

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Dorothy, Donna, Marlene and his identical brother, Pat; father to Destin, Shalon, Tia, Joelle, Brian, Nikki, Gabriela, Daniella and Antonio; a loving grandfather of 10; an uncle to many nieces and nephews, and a wonderful man who will be missed by all.

So now we say goodbye to our Rockstar. His tires were well worn and he was ready to meet his maker.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at Darlington Cremation and

Burial Service, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, 641 Conrad Drive, Kalispell. A reception will follow at Canvas Church at 3 p.m.



## Naomi Lois Streich, 88

Naomi Lois Streich passed away peacefully with grace and quiet strength, just as she lived each day, on May 25, 2019, in Kalispell.



She was born Dec. 22, 1930, the daughter of Chester and Della (Miller) Swenson. She was raised in Christine, North Dakota, and went on to attend Teacher's College in Moorhead, Minnesota. While she was working at the Hasty Tasty, she met John "Jack" George Pappas. They married in October of 1948 and had four children together, Mary (Michael) Diederich, Jeanne (Ronald) Peterson, John Pappas, and Steve (Jill) Streich. Jack died in September of 1969. While working at North Dakota State University, Naomi met Orrin Streich and they wed on May 12, 1972. They lived and grew potatoes in Oakes, North Dakota. In 1975, they moved to Kalispell to "retire" but started a successful seed potato business. Naomi worked as the bookkeeper until her son Steve, and wife Jill, took the reins when Orrin passed in 1993. She cherished the farm life and considered it a joy to bring lunch to the crew in the field. She still delivered lunch to Steve, and grandson Paul, the week before she passed.

Naomi was a long-time member of Northridge Lutheran Church and was active with Esther Circle. She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood for many years and volunteered at Kalispell Regional Hospital where she was a soothing strength for families awaiting news of their loved ones in surgery. Naomi loved to travel! She enjoyed local trips to Glacier Park

and Washington to enjoy the flowers with her friend, Lucy. She also had many adventures abroad, including Sweden, Austria, Oberammergau in Germany, Scandinavia, and many trips to Hawaii where she cherished the flowers. She loved moments of solitude and reading as much as she enjoyed being with friends and family. Another passion of Naomi's was baking. This was her secret way of luring family from a thousand miles away to visit for winter and summer vacations. Her famous peanut butter rolls and French bread decorated every holiday table. She hosted big meals around long tables full of laughter, but refused to ever take any praise for all of her hard work. She was quiet, yet strong, and always graceful.

Naomi was preceded in death by her parents Chester and Della Swenson, husband Jack Pappas, sister Leone Larson, brother Charles Miller, husband Orrin Streich, daughter Jeanne Peterson, and son John Pappas.

All those who continued to share her love and life were daughter Mary, son Steve, and sister Karen Larson (who passed away just three days after Naomi); grandchildren, Erica Peterson (Gabe) Borquez, Carrie Peterson, Kirsten Peterson (Chris) Olson, Ryan (Jess) Diederich, Lisa Diederich (Joel) Mattson, Paul (Samantha) Streich, Sydne and Greta Streich; and great-grandchildren, Josh, Caleb and Luke Borquez, Guy Pappas Pearce, Wesson and Jackson Streich.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 28, at the Buffalo Hill Terrace chapel. A reception will follow.

## Shelly Lane Sterner-Willard, 60

Mrs. Shelly Lane Sterner-Willard, 60, of Kernersville, North Carolina, passed away unexpectedly after a brave fight. She joined the Lord on Friday, March 22, 2019, at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina, surrounded by her family.

Shelly was born in Kalispell on Oct. 6, 1958, the oldest of four children. She spent her early years in Trego and Eureka where she was active in 4-H and her church youth group. During her adolescence she lived in Missoula and was involved in Campfire Girls and Girl Scouts. In high school she was a manager for the wrestling team and enjoyed the entrepreneurship of JA, Junior Achievement.

After her schooling, she began her career at Hennessy's as a fashion sales consultant. During this time, she met the love of other life, Scott



Willard, of Libby. They were married Sept. 6, 1980, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Scott's airline career brought them to Pueblo, Colorado, where their daughter, Andi, was born. They returned to Missoula and completed their family with the birth of their son, Stuart.

Their careers brought them to Kernersville in the fall of 1994 where they made their home. Shelly was a loving mother who was involved in her children's education and extra-curricular activities. She was our guide, our teacher, our everything. She never missed a game!

She loved making memories while traveling to places like Disney World, San Diego, and Hawaii with her family. Shelly especially enjoyed traveling with Scott to

Washington, D.C., and Tennessee where they watched their hometown University of Montana Grizzlies play in the NCAA football play-offs. Shelly was very proud of her Montana roots. She was an avid reader and a lifelong learner. She loved people and would always go out of her way to make anyone feel welcome. She enjoyed her job, and all her co-workers, at Piedmont International Airport. Shelly had an incredible sense of humor and always radiated joy and laughter as she lit up a room with her smile. Shelly was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend who was loved by all. She cherished her grandchildren and her role as "Mimi."

Shelly saw the beauty of this world, and her life made it a brighter place.

Shelly was preceded in death by her father, Jack Sterner; grandparents Bill and Vella Sterner, for-

merly of Kalispell; grandmother, Margaret Grove, formerly of Somers; and her sister, Tina Sterner-Smith.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Scott Willard; her children, Stuart Willard and Andi Lane (Jeremy) Price in Kernersville, her grandchildren, Jordan Lane Price and Bryant William Price all of Kernersville; her mother, Nyla Lane Sterner; her siblings, Shane (April) Sterner of Missoula, and Claudi Jo (Tim) Lund of Hamilton; her uncle, Morey Grove, of Kalispell, and many adored nieces and nephews.

A graveside service for Shelly will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula.

A memorial service for Shelly was held on March 27 at Hayworth-Miller Kernersville Chapel.

## Robin Street, 85

Robin Street passed away peacefully at home Feb. 14, 2019, after a 24-year battle with prostate cancer.

Robin was born Jan. 13, 1934 in his parent's farmhouse on Whitefish Stage in Kalispell. He attended Pine Grove School through eighth grade and graduated from Flathead County High School with the class of 1951. In 1955 he married Joyce Keierleber. They were married 63 years at the time of Robin's passing. Their three children, Steve, Debbie and Valerie, were born in 1957, 1958 and 1965, respectively.

Robin farmed from the time he was a kid to a couple of years before he died. During high school he worked at the Ford garage. In his early married life he worked fall and winters for the Bauer Brothers, Pete VanAken and Glen Brown, putting up potatoes, running a Christmas tree yard, and stacking ice in warehouses in Whitefish to be used for the old refrigerated rail cars.

Robin was a family man, a fisherman and a volunteer. Robin was very involved in the lives of Steve and wife Terri, Debbie, and his grandkids Jodi, Justin, Aaron, Ryan and Shelbi in Kalispell. He helped with so many of their projects and was always up for a fishing trip or other family event. Robin and Joyce would travel to Seattle to spend time with Valerie, her husband Brent and grandson Dylan. With Valerie, Brent and Dylan, Robin and Joyce traveled into Canada, Alaska and Hawaii, fishing and sight-seeing.

Robin was a 4-H leader for 10 years and a Pine Grove school board member for many years. He was a director for the Flathead Conservation District for over 20 years, and a director for the Agricultural Conservation & Stabilization Agency. Robin was one of the original members of the Flathead Basin Commission. He helped set up the Flathead Land



Trust. Robin received the Private Sector Initiative Commendation signed

by Ronald Reagan for work with the Vocational Agricultural Center. He helped get the Pine Grove area annexed into the West Valley Fire District and was a fireman for 20 years, including time as assistant chief and chief. In 2012 he was awarded the Kalispell Chamber Great Chief award.

Throughout his life Robin helped his neighbors when they were in a spot, and received their help when he was in one.

Robin decided to build a community fishing pond. In 2010 he sold gravel from the family homestead on Rose Crossing to Ames Construction for use on the first part of the U.S. 93 bypass. The land and proceeds from the gravel were combined with donations of materials and equipment by local businesses and thousands of community member volunteer hours. The Pine Grove Pond was donated to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks ready to fish. Opening day was April 30, 2011. At the pond, Robin was the guy on the four-wheeler visiting with the kids. The cancer that appeared to be about to take his life could not stop him from tearing down to the pond on his four-wheeler. However, one day a rut in the trail did stop him and threw him off the machine, breaking his collar bone. Shortly thereafter, his cancer inexplicably backed off, giving him several more years to enjoy visiting with the people fishing. The last couple years he had to park the four-wheeler and use his pickup.

Robin's body finally gave out, but his smile and love of family, friends and good conversation lasted to his final day. A special thank you from Robin's family to the people who visited Robin in his final weeks and to Jess and Doug who gave such loving care.

Robin is survived by his wife, Joyce Street; children, Steve (Terri) Street, Debbie Street and Valerie (Brent Baker) Street; grandchildren, Jodi (TJ) Lee, Justin Herbold, Aaron Street, Ryan Street, Shelbi Street and Dylan Baker; and great-grandchildren Kenadie Lee and Elijah Herbold.

Robin's memorial service will be March 2 at 10 a.m. at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. The funeral home may not hold everyone. There will plenty of room at the celebration of life reception at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road following the memorial service.

Anyone wishing to donate to a cause in his name should consider the Kalispell chapter of Walleyes Unlimited or Flathead Wildlife — both organizations that support the Pine Grove Pond and kids fishing. Donations to either organization may be mailed to Flathead Wildlife, P.O. Box 4, Kalispell, MT 59903.

## Joyce Street, 82

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As Joyce passed from her earthly world on Nov. 25, 2019, her children were present holding her hands and reading the 23rd Psalm.

Joyce was born in Great Falls on Sept. 23, 1937, to Irma and Walter Keierleber. She spent her early years on a wheat farm in Ledger, Montana. The farm had few modern conveniences and required hard work such as transporting water from a nearby river for household use. Between chores, Joyce and her older brother Gary had no problem entertaining themselves. They balanced on empty barrels, rode Topsy the gray horse, and swam in the reservoir. Joyce had pet bunnies and at one point 28 cats. They owned a German shepherd dog named Tarzan — a reliable outdoor companion who steered the kids away from the rattlesnakes.

Joyce started school a year early and was classmates with Gary from kindergarten through high school. Joyce picked up golf clubs at a young age when her father built a primitive three-hole golf course on the farm.

In 1947, Walt sold the farm and moved the family to Conrad where Joyce and Gary attended middle school. In 1951, Joyce and her family moved to Kalispell where she started her sophomore year with Gary at Flathead County High School.

High school suited Joyce. She was a very active "A" student. She served as Student Council



secretary, vice president of Square Dance Club, attended Girls' State, and wrote for the school paper. Her articles included a piece titled, "Enjoying Homework." Another letter pointed out that members of Future-Farmers of America should receive the same respect given to the football team. She also indicated that Flathead County High School needed higher teacher wages and taller boys. Joyce captured the state's women golf title in both 1953 and 1954. The dance ticket of this blond lass was always full.

During her junior year, Joyce met a handsome and bashful young man named Robin Street. The young couple was married on July 16, 1955. Together they raised three children, Steve, Debbie and Valerie, born in 1957, 1958 and 1965, respectively.

Joyce partnered with Robin to make life on their farm successful. Every year, Joyce and Robin raised a huge garden brimming with fresh vegetables and fruit. To prepare for winter, Joyce canned green beans, pickled cucumbers and froze corn. She utilized the homegrown produce and meat raised on the farm to prepare healthy meals and delicious treats. Robin had the best farm hands because Joyce fixed them a noon meal featuring items such as

homemade chicken pot pie and chocolate zucchini cake.

Joyce expressed love and nurtured a sense of community through cooking. Joyce would deliver homecooked meals to family and friends in times of need. Her cinnamon rolls were legendary. Each holiday season, she would bake dozens of cinnamon rolls, delivering the tasty treat to friends and family. She even shipped the cinnamon rolls to family members out of state. Each Christmas, the family would gather to bake and frost cookies in the shapes of bells, candy canes and reindeer.

On the farm, Joyce conducted the bookkeeping. She extended her organizational and accounting skills to a career in tax return preparation at H&R Block followed by opening her own business, Street Tax Service. Joyce spoiled her clients with exceptional service at a bargain price.

Despite her busy schedule, Joyce found time to volunteer. She was a member of the Epworth Methodist Church since 1955, serving roles as secretary of the board, Sunday school teacher, and Cherub Choir helper. Joyce and Robin worked together as 4-H leaders for eight years. She was a member of Soroptimist Club. Joyce had a big heart, visiting elderly people weekly in the nursing homes. One of her favorite volunteer roles was an 11-year commitment to the Diabetes Department at Kalispell Regional

Medical Center. In 2009, she was named Volunteer of the Year with hospital staff describing her as "our shining Angel" and commenting that "she should be Volunteer of the Century."

The most important role to Joyce was as a grandmother. She relished the opportunity to read books, watch Disney movies, play games and conduct arts and crafts projects with her grandchildren. When her grandson Justin was deployed in the Army, she mailed him care packages every other week. Joyce made it clear that her family was the richest blessing in life.

Joyce enjoyed trips in Montana and adventures in Washington, Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. As family and friends traveled far and abroad, they would return bearing an ornamental plate to add to her collection which she proudly displayed in her home.

Resilience was a trait demonstrated by Joyce. A surgical mishap left Joyce partially paralyzed on one side. She focused on adapting to her disability rather than assigning blame. A coworker noted her spirit, "She is a role model of how to live successfully with health challenges and exerts a positive influence on all who know her as a volunteer and friend."

Following the death of Robin, her husband of 63 years, Joyce relocated to The Terrace in February of 2019 where she appreciated the attentive staff. Complications related

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*Joyce Street  
(Cont.)*

to the surgical accident over 30 years prior, finally overwhelmed Joyce's body. She spent her final few days at The Retreat receiving remarkable care.

Joyce is survived by her three children, Steve Street (spouse Terri), Debbie Street, and Valerie Street (spouse Brent Baker); six grandchildren, Jodi Lee (spouse TJ), Justin Herbold, Aaron Street, Ryan Street, Shelbi Street and Dylan Baker; and three great grandchildren, Kenadie Lee, Elijah Herbold, and James Robin Lee.

The life of Joyce will

be celebrated in the spring of 2020.

Please consider the following two nonprofit organizations if you would like to make a gift in memory of Joyce.

- 1) ImagineIF Library Foundation, 44 2nd Ave. West, Kalispell, MT 59901. These gifts will be used to expand the children's book collection. Each book will be inscribed with the dedication, "In loving memory of Joyce Street".
- 2) Flathead Wildlife, P.O. Box 4, Kalispell, MT 59903. These gifts will support the Pine Grove Pond and youth fishing.

**Myrtle M. Strodbeck, 103**

*9-7-20 Oct 2020*  
in many community and church activities: Grey Ladies, 4-H leader, Cub Scout mother, St. Matthew's Alter Society and Catholic Women Foundation. Myrtle is survived by her three children, Dale (Rita) Roll of Yorba Linda, California, Arlen (Maryle) Roll, and Gloria McMichael of Kalispell.

Great Falls. Myrtle was married to Stilden Roll in 1934. He was a rural school teacher from southern Indiana. They lived in many eastern and western Montana communities: Minx, Echo Ridge, Lufboro, Twin Buttes, Lindsey, Homestead, Boulder and Round Butte. In 1949 they arrived in Kalispell where she had since resided. In 1968 she was married to Vern Strodbeck. Vern passed away in 1995. In addition to being a busy homemaker, Myrtle was engaged



Myrtle M. Strodbeck was born at the farmstead near Homestead near Hildale, Montana, on August 18, 1916; she moved to Kalispell, Montana, on Wednesday, October 19, at the age of 103. Myrtle was the daughter of Charles and Mary Bates. She attended the St. Joseph's Academy in

McMichael, preceded her in death. Myrtle was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church for 70 years. Private services for Myrtle will be held at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and she will then be laid to rest next to her husband Vern in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

She is also survived by six grandchildren, John Roll of Spokane, Linda Robb of Kalispell, Wayne Janice and Glenn McMichael of Kalispell, and Tanya Wiseman of Alta Loma, California; as well as numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren, Larry and Brian

## Joan Arlue Sievers Strong, 79

*PAC 12 OCT 2019*

Joan Arlue Sievers Strong was born on Oct. 13, 1939, in Kalispell to Henry Sievers and Bertha Baish Sievers, the latter formerly of Hinsdale, Illinois.

She passed away into the arms of the Lord on Oct. 8, 2019, dying of natural causes. As a young girl "Joanie," as she was called, was raised in the Seventh Day Adventist Church by her father. She knew from a very young age that she wanted a large family. When she was 7 years old she told her dad she wanted to be a nurse. She accomplished that goal by acquiring a Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate in the early 1970s and subsequently worked as a nurse for many years.

She was married four



times, first to Donald E. Parker, then to Harold Schiele, Leo Arbuckle and lastly to Herbert

Strong. She survived each of her four husbands.

Joanie loved her family, her grandchildren, dogs (especially dachshunds), and she loved to garden and always had an impressive array of roses and other flowers growing on her property. She was a wonderful mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. In 1983 she donated a kidney to her daughter Pamela Denise Parker. That kidney lasted Pam 16 years before failing in 1999. Pam then received a kidney from

her sister Sandra; that transplant lasting only five months and in April of 2000 Pamela preceded her mother in death.

Joanie is survived by son Robert Donald Parker of Kalispell, grandson Christopher Parker of Libby, and granddaughters Izzy, Tieghler and Cyliegh Parker all of Libby, and grandson Shane Parker of Libby; her son Michael Wayne Parker (Bu-Young Lee) of Edmond, Oklahoma, grandchildren Kyle Parker and Leah Parker, and great-grandchildren Tanner Parker and Talon Parker of Oklahoma City; son Daniel Ray Parker (Jeanne Drollinger Parker) of Kalispell, grandson Joshua Parker (Codi Roberts), their children Enchantress Roberts,

Tira and Damon Parker of Kalispell, granddaughter Lindsey Parker (David Boggs), their daughter Ayanna Parker of Kalispell, granddaughter Shannon McNamee (Peter McNamee), and their children Kean and India Swanson of Columbia Falls; daughter Sandra Schiele and grandchildren Emily and Bradley Burby of Washington state; son Justin Herbert Strong of Kalispell. Her daughter Pamela Denise Yuhasz, who preceded her in death, had one daughter Carrie Yuhasz Dunn, who also has one daughter, Aislin Dunn.

Joanie's body has been cremated, with the ashes to be strewn in a private family ceremony.

## Daniel J. Stromme, 59

*PAC 12 Sept 2019*

A familiar voice heard across Montana radio waves has finished his last broadcast; played his last tune and program; entertained with his last unique advertising clip; and displayed his last unique gift of artistic expression enjoyed by many sports enthusiasts.



Daniel Stromme, 59, passed away Sept. 16, 2019, in Missoula after being transferred from

Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born on Aug. 30, 1960, in Lake County and considered the Mission Valley his home.

Memorial services will be delayed until Oct. 25. The location is still being determined and will be announced. A private interment will take place at the Mountain View

Cemetery in Ronan.

Arrangements provided by Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home. For further information, visit [www.shridერთompson.com](http://www.shridერთompson.com).

## William C. 'Sonny' Stotler, 76

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William C. "Sonny" Stotler, 76, passed into the Lord's arms Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, after a two-year battle with brain cancer.

Sonny was born in Port Arthur, Texas, to Edith and Loyal C. Stotler in 1943. He grew up following in his father's footsteps in commercial construction, in the South Texas Rio Grande Valley. He graduated from Pharr, San Juan, Alamo High School and attended Southwest Texas University and the University of Texas, where he majored in architectural engineering. Upon his father's failing health, he returned to Pharr, Texas, to run the family's business, Stotler Construction.

In 1993 he left Texas with thoughts to settle in Alaska, but when he arrived in Montana, he knew his journey was



over. With his extensive background in construction he served as a private contracting inspector for large state and federal governmental projects, which included the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Montana, and the planning, development and construction of the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs.

Upon moving to Kalispell in 2005, he married his childhood sweetheart, Yvonne Yaeger from Hebronville, Texas, and opened Excel Construction. He also began restoring a 1946 Hudson and then a 1954 Chevy truck for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Sonny was a member of the Glacier Street Rod

Association. He was the field manager for Rocky Mountain Builders of Whitefish, after which he retired from construction and began restoring classic cars, which had been a lifelong love and kept him busy until his last days.

Sonny lived a fast and wild youth until he accepted Christ and was baptized in 1989 and looked forward to whatever God had planned for him. He was looking forward to heaven, and was an optimistic person, always cheerful, generous and accepting of everyone. His happy smile will be missed.

He is survived by his wife and soulmate, Yvonne; sister, Judy Stotler, her children Claudia Harris, Phillip Layer and Alex Layer of Texas; half sister Ruthie Stotler; stepbrother Larry Stotler of Texas; stepchil-

dren, Ashley Willis, Sam Willis, Micah Shriner and Christopher Segelken; stepgrandchildren, Luke Bangeman, and Keegan Willis of Kalispell and Shannen Willis of Oregon; and many nieces and nephews.

A service of remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Easthaven Baptist Church, in Kalispell. Car guys attending services are encouraged to arrive in their hotrods in tribute to Sonny.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Sonny's name to Wings Regional Cancer Support, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohill-fh.com](http://www.buffalohill-fh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

# Lorraine Faye Stotts, 75

PAT 28 Nov 2019

Lorraine Faye Stotts, 75, passed away peacefully on Nov. 23, 2019, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center with her family by her side. Lorraine had a medical condition, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, which she courageously battled for several years.



traveling south to visit her son's family in Idaho and her siblings in California. Lorraine

always looked forward to her visits with family and friends.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Olive, in-laws Morgan and Allene, and her sister Beverly.

Lorraine was born in 1944 in Escanaba, Michigan, the second of five children born to Earl and Olive Crick. At the age of 12, the family moved to Kalispell where she graduated from Flathead County High School with the class of 1962. In the summer of 1968, she married Dick Stotts and they had two sons, Bob and Craig.

Lorraine is survived by her husband Dick of 51 years, her son Bob and wife Kristi of Kalispell, and her son Craig and wife Val of Twin Falls, Idaho. Also surviving are Tutu's Angels (grandchildren), Brandon, Zachary, Brinlee, Benjamin, and Shelby. She is survived by her brother Cliff and wife Vickie of Whitefish; her sisters, Carol Lou and husband Melvin (Gus) of Somers, Marlene and husband Tom of Kalispell and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Dick was a Kalispell Police officer and Lorraine worked at the Conrad Bank and then worked for Flathead County in the plat room. She then worked in graphics, which eventually led to becoming a partner in the Kalispell Weekly News. She retired and within a few years wanted to go back to work. Lorraine loved people and made many friends over the next 14 years working in the booth at the landfill greeting everyone that came through the scales.

Thank you to all of our friends and family who have helped us through this difficult time. Tutu can never be replaced and our hearts are heavy during our time of grief. We find great comfort knowing she is at peace in heaven and we will treasure all of our beautiful memories of her. Lorraine's kindness and love will forever be in our hearts and we will never forget the joy and comfort she provided to everyone, "We will miss you, Tutu."

Lorraine and Dick enjoyed many trips to Hawaii with friends and family over the years. Several trips were spent with close friends that lived on the island. We were all blessed to have such an amazing person in our lives. Her love, generosity, and compassion were felt by everyone. She loved her family and adored her five grandchildren; she was their "Tutu," which is Hawaiian for grandmother.

A celebration of life will be held in either the spring or summer of 2020 and will get the word out through various media formats. Lorraine didn't want her family and friends to travel during this time of year due to the unpredictable weather and roadways.

Lorraine made everyone around her feel good and she never complained about her health condition. She accepted it and was at peace due to her faith. She never let it get in the way of

View Elementary School in Ronan or the Humane Society. Condolences maybe left at [www.gardencityfh.com](http://www.gardencityfh.com)

## Daniel Stromme, 59

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in Missoula at Garden City Mortuary. A private interment will take place at a later date in Ronan at Mountain View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, suggested memorials are requested to Glacier

Daniel Stromme, 59, passed away Sept. 16, 2019, in Missoula after being transferred from Heritage Place in Kalispell.



## Lois Robbe Stroud, 91

PAH 2 Feb 2019

Lois Robbe Stroud of Columbia Falls, (formerly of Eureka) died peacefully on Jan. 22, 2019, at Beehive Assisted Living where she had resided since September 2010.

Lois was born May 26, 1927, in Waverly, Washington, to J. Fletcher and Alma Robbe. Her family moved to Eureka in 1939. They made their home on the Robbe Homestead just up the road from Lick Lake. Lois attended schools in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High.

Lois met Russell E. Stroud on a blind date and they were married for 63 years until Russ passed in 2008.

Mom's happiest years were when she and Dad purchased three lots on the northwest side of Glen Lake in 1959 for the whopping price of \$500 per lot!

They created, built and landscaped their home through the years. Mom loved watching the boats on the lake and the wildlife in the yard.

She also loved to get together during the 1960s and '70s on the weekends when everyone would be out at their cabins enjoying the lake. Neighbors would gather, taking turns hosting outdoor parties where there



would be music, dancing, cocktails and lots of fun!

Lois is survived by

daughters, Charyle (Bob) Boulton of Kalispell, and Rhonda Krieger of Whitefish; grandchildren, Kevin (Carole) Boulton, Kristie Holcomb and Loni (Bryan) Mrgich.; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Katelynn Holcomb, and Chase Krieger; along with nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Russell; half siblings, Irene Robbe Turner, Al Marion Robbe, Jean Robbe Miller, and brother Wayne Robbe; also son-in-law Ed Krieger.

Our family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Beehive who took excellent and loving care of our mother. And thank you to Home Options Hospice, for all they did.

No services, as requested. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home.

## Norma Jean Stubblefield, 85

PAH 10 MAR 2019

Norma Jean Stubblefield, 85 years of age, died on March 5, 2019, of natural causes.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1933, to Jeff and Flossie (Fulkerson) Lewis in the Western Kentucky town of Echols. She attended school in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, and Ahrens Trade School in Louisville, Kentucky.

She completed course work to become a certified dental assistant. She initially worked for dentists in Louisville and Los Angeles. In 1962, she was introduced to Eddie Kenneth Stubblefield,



who was an ordained minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

After a whirlwind courtship from May to December, they were married on Dec. 29, 1962, at the Broadway Church of the Nazarene in Louisville. They served as partners in ministry for 45 years.

In June 1968, a son, Kenneth Lewis was born, and in December of 1969 they adopted their

daughter, Melora Ann.

Norma worked as a dental assistant/office manager off and on for 25 years. She then worked as a childcare provider specializing in infants and toddlers, something that brought her much joy.

After retirement, Norma and Eddie moved to Kalispell and spent the next 20 years traveling the world.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, brother Willard, and sister Phyllis.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years; brother, Larry Lewis;

son, Kenneth (Christine Meier); daughter, Melora Williams (Jim); and grandchildren, Jake Williams, Mackenzie Williams, Hailey Stubblefield and Alaina Stubblefield.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. A celebration of life will be held in early summer.

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.

## Clifford John Swallow, 80

PAL 17 Feb 2019

On Feb. 8, 2019, Clifford John Swallow, 80, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness in his home surrounded by loving family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Lois Swallow, their two daughters Leslie Twiest, husband Brian Twiest, and Laurel Yarde, husband Scott Yarde; their five grandchildren, Amanda Caldbeck, husband Cobey Caldbeck, Lacie Hardy, Mathew Yarde and Briena Inman, Taylor Twiest, and Asia Jackson, husband Jeremy Jackson; great-grandchildren, Coyie and Clay Caldbeck, Chandler and Beckett Hardy, Jayden, Logan and Easton Yarde, Layne, Eastyn and Finley Inman, Teagan and Tripp Sweet, Carter Twiest, and one more great-grand, a little girl, on the way; his brother Wesley Swallow, his sister Lois Coverdell, husband Harlan Coverdell, and brother Myron Swallow, wife Terri Swallow and many, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Clifford was born in Gridley, California, on Aug. 26, 1938, to John and Opal Swallow. His family moved to Kalispell when



he was 3 years old. Both he and Lois attended Helena Flats School where their

children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren all attend. He spent the early years of his young manhood working for Jim Edmiston on his ranch. He met his high school sweetheart, Lois Carter, at Flathead County High School and they were married on July 13, 1958. They spent the early years of their marriage working on Schrock's ranch in Pleasant Valley. Later Clifford worked for the U.S. Forest Service at Spotted Bear and in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Clifford loved his time at Spotted Bear. He would often talk of his time stringing phone lines and breaking trails. He knew the name of every creek on both sides of the reservoir and had traversed every mountain many times over. He would return every summer for camping trips, introducing his entire family to the trails and falls that he loved. His love of Spotted

Bear has been passed on to his family who will return to this special place to fulfill his final wish.

Clifford worked at Kalispell Feed and Grain and eventually established his own business, Swallow's Grain Service. He was well known and respected by the farm and ranch community and later expanded his business to include Swallow's Irrigation Service. It was during this time that he found his true love in raising cattle. Calving season was such a special time for him; he could tell you two years later which calf went with which cow. He bought a ranch on Helena Flats and Reserve, eventually establishing Pine Loop Estates and Broken Wheel Estates. He gifted parcels of land to his children and grandchildren to keep them close; they were beneficiaries of his hard work and he was fortunate enough to see the joy that it brought them all while he was still alive.

In his retirement Clifford and Lois started a tradition of weekly lunches with the entire family; they met almost every Tuesday for many years. They also

enjoyed caring for their great-grandchildren. Clifford would often hold as many as three at a time on his lap while they napped. He was one of the biggest supporters at all of their activities. Clifford discovered a green thumb and fed the entire family fresh produce throughout the summer. He also found a love for baking and often sent a tray of cinnamon rolls, a loaf of fresh baked bread, or a plate of almond roca and peanut brittle home with family after they visited. Clifford and Lois never tired of drives to "their special spot" on Lake MacDonald in Glacier Park. Lois would say that she fell in love with him many times over the course of their marriage. She enjoyed his wit and sense of humor, which remained intact to his last day.

A memorial service and reception celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at Darlington's Funeral Home at 3408 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell.

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

## Gregory O. Sweetser, 70

PAL 7 Apr 2019

Gregory O. Sweetser, 69, passed away April 4, 2019, in Greybull, Wyoming, at home following a three-year battle with colon cancer, with his family and loving wife Rory at his side.

Gregory was born May 22, 1949, in Missoula to Jay W. and Rose (Val) Sweetser. He graduated from Helena High School, and worked at Howard's Pizza during high school.



Every job he had after that he worked his way up in the company.

Gregory was employed for 36 years with Wyo-Ben, a bentonite company serving Montana and Wyoming. He was a mining superintendent, and in 2010

Wyo-Ben received the BLM Hardrock Mineral Environmental Award.

He was a hardworking, loyal and generous man.

Gregory is preceded in death by his father, Jay W. Sweetser.

He is survived by his wife Rory, and was a loving father to Rory's children; his mother, Rose (Val) Sweetser; sisters Linda (Bob) Heffernan, Valerie Diane Sweetser,

and brother Charles E. Sweetser, all of Kalispell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are pending in Wyoming.

To our loving son and brother: "The years have gone by with a wonderful thing of having your love every day of each year. You will always be remembered and missed forever."

## Casey L. Swanson, 55

Casey L. Swanson, 55, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 at his home in Columbia Falls.

No services will be

held. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Casey and his family.

## Evelyn Fehr Swift, 91

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Funeral arrangements are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Evelyn Susanna Fehr Swift, 91

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Evelyn Susanna Fehr Swift age 91, passed away on Feb. 18, 2019, at Hidden Meadow Memory Care in Columbia Falls.

Evelyn was born in Bloomer, Wisconsin, on June 27, 1927, to William and Louise Fehr. She was raised on the family dairy farm, an environment that helped foster a lifelong love of kittens and cats. Evelyn had two older brothers, Adalbert Fehr and Arnold Bauer.

Evelyn graduated from Chetek High School in 1945 and then attended nursing school at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and was very proud to graduate as a Registered Nurse in September 1948. She saved the family from many doctor appointments with her medical knowledge, supplemented with home remedies from the farm.

Evelyn was set up on a date with Dennis Swift by friends, and it was love from the beginning. They were married on Oct. 14, 1956, in Bloomer, Wisconsin. Dad was a lover of dogs, which Mom would reluctantly feed and pet.

Evelyn went from a small-town farm girl to a student nurse who loved her time in the Big City of Chicago, but gave up her career to follow the love of her life out West. She initially lived on the Inchelium Indian reser-

vation as Denny built his career in forestry. They adopted three children and Evelyn became a devoted homemaker and a wonderful mother. She took the best of everything from her greatest generation and post depression upbringing. She was an excellent cook, exquisite seamstress, prolific gardener, and dedicated church woman.

Denny went to our Heavenly Father on April 14, 2003, and Evelyn missed him greatly until joining him and her beloved Jesus on Feb. 18, 2019, at the age of 91.

Evelyn is survived by the children she and Denny adopted, David (Peggy), Sarah Lefebvre (Sean Martines), and Cameron (Kim), and grandchildren Brandon

Lefebvre, Jenifer (Shawn) Earl, Niko Swift, Shanelle (Scott) Palmer, Alexa Shortell, Riley Swift, Ryan Murphy, Kailey Carlton, Jarrett (Tiasha) and Cody Tucker, Lindsay, Marti and Joaquin Martines, and seven great-grandchildren.

The family would like to say a special thank you to those who helped Mom in the last few years as she suffered from dementia — Hidden Meadows Memory Care facility and staff, Judy Windauer, Marcela DeMeritt, Pam Burns, and Keyvin and Rosanna Fagerland.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. A reception and burial will follow.

Memorial donations

can be made to Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, MT, the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, or the Alzheimer's Association. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Kenneth Marvin Swisher Jr., 71

Kenneth Marvin Swisher Jr., 71, passed away surrounded

by his family in the early morning hours of April 5, 2019.

He was born April 11, 1947, in San Diego.

His first wife was Jill Paupst. He later married Louise Lane.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and



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his first wife.

Kenneth is survived by his children, Misty (Kenny) Bradshaw, Darryl (Chelsea) Swisher, and Phil Stevens; siblings, Louis (Carol), and Marilyn; and grandchildren, Chelsey, Cody, Casey, Avaiya, Ariyah and Kayden.

A celebration of life will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

## Shirley Sweeney, 80

Shirley Sweeney, 80, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

## Suzanne Hazel Hoskins Sullivan, 82

Suzanne Hazel Hoskins Sullivan, 82, departed this life on March 21, 2019, in Kalispell.

She lived an amazingly accomplished life, being one of the first women to graduate from Northwestern University School of Business and among the first to be approved as an Episcopal priest. For her Master of Divinity degree, she attended the Church

Divinity Schools of the Pacific in Berkeley, California.

As she and her family moved about the country, she founded social outreach ministries from San Francisco to Annapolis, Maryland. In 1985 she was recognized by President Ronald Reagan as one of 10 Volunteers of the Year and received a citation of commendation from the Mann

County, California, Board of Supervisors. In 2009, she co-founded the North Fork Worship, a non-denominational Christian church which continues during the summer. Author and teacher in inner-city schools, her life was one of service to others.

She and her husband have owned a homestead in the North Fork for 38 years and have resided in

Kalispell since 2014.

Suzanne is survived by her husband Donald Sullivan, daughters Heather Sullivan and Deborah Faw, and son Patrick Sullivan.

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## Linforth Murray Sultzter, 86

Linforth Murray Sultzter, 86, passed away peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center Sunday morning, Aug. 25, 2019.

She was born Nov. 9, 1932, in Butte to Thomas Jefferson Murray and Claire Linforth Murray. Lin was proud of her Butte history and heritage, with Butte roots and grit. Lin traveled the world with her husband Harry Dukehart Sultzter Jr. Lt. Col. Ret. (USAF) and four children. Always an explorer and voracious learner and teacher, Lin lived and learned and played in: Arizona, Butte,



Japan, Virginia, D.C., Kansas, Germany, Russia, Turkey, Greece, Italy,

Spain, Egypt, Cygnet Lake, Butte and California, returning to her Montana roots for good in 1989.

Lin landed in Bigfork with Harry where she enjoyed a wealth of friends and players through golf, swimming, bridge, P.E.O. symphony, theater, cultural arts, book clubs and spent

many years as Senior Warden of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Linforth is survived by her three children, Harry Dukehart Sultzter III of Helena, Gretchen Sultzter (Neil Beddow) of Bozeman, and Karl Linforth Sultzter (Cindy) of Spokane; grandchildren; Dylan Cade Beddow (Lacy) of North Dakota, Keeva Claire Beddow of Bozeman, Thadeus Linforth Sultzter and Sarah Lee Caudell of Spokane; and great-grandchildren; Lily Ione Beddow and Westley Cooper Beddow of Lincoln, North Dakota.

Linforth was predeceased by her husband, Harry Dukehart Sultzter Jr. Ret. Lt. Col., in 2009; and her son, Thomas Murray Sultzter in 2012. May she rest in peace with them all. Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Ferndale. Service will be conducted by the Rev. Louise Baker.

Donations can be made to St. Patrick and the QRU.

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

## Sandra 'Sandy' Anne (Hewitt) Sutherland, 75

Sandra "Sandy"

Anne (Hewitt) Sutherland, of Columbia Falls, died unexpectedly May 23, 2019, in her home.



She is survived by Thom (Serena) Sutherland of Kirkland, Washington; and Dean Sutherland, of Rocky Boy, Montana, and her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Sutherland, who passed in 1984.

Sandy was born in 1943 in Brighton, Massachusetts, and graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, in 1961. She attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965. After college, Sandy moved to Rocky

Boy where she taught third grade. She soon relocated to Columbia Falls and taught fourth grade at Talbott School from 1968 to 1970. In 1975 Sandy joined Smith's (formerly B&B) and brought the company of friends.

joy to the check stands for nearly 40 years. Most recently, Sandy worked for Loyal Care and sold tickets at Wildcats events.

Sandy was one of a kind. Known for her kindness and loving care for others, her family and her community, you would often find her cheering on her Columbia Falls Wildcats, University of Montana Grizzlies and Notre Dame Fighting Irish. When not at a sporting event, she could be found spending time with friends, finding a good deal, taking an epic nap or getting lost in a book. Sandy lived for her regular trips to Laughlin, Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, with friends, as well as her road trips to Kirkland to see her son and grandchildren.

Sandy was a devout Christian, who loved the Lord and her church communities at Journey Church and St. Richard's Catholic Church.

A celebration of life service and potluck reception will be held on her birthday, June 28, at 3 p.m. at Journey Church. No flowers are necessary. Please come to simply share and enjoy Sandy's memory in the company of friends.

## Alvin Raymond Sylling, 84

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Alvin Raymond Sylling, beloved father and grandfather, departed on his next adventure to reunite with his Lord and his beloved Suzanne on Oct. 2, 2019, from WEL-Life Assisted Living in Kalispell. Born June, 1935, as the youngest of Alvin O. and Nettie Larson Sylling's four children, Alvin possessed a lively sense of humor, an entrepreneurial spirit and an enduring love for his family and the people of his hometown, Big Timber. A curious child with many friends, Alvin regularly slipped away from his mother to visit every business and cafe in town. His love for adventure grew to include hikes into the mountains, a stowaway trip to Minnesota and a miraculous escape from a collision with a train. Big Timber also shaped his remarkable work ethic. After he paid off his first bank loan for a bicycle with money from his newspaper route, Alvin developed a zeal for hard work and entrepreneurship. From major construction jobs to building affordable housing, ranch work, a cowboy boot store, National Video stores, wholesaling Christmas trees and a car rental business, Alvin enjoyed exploring new horizons in business.

Alvin met the love of his life, Suzanne, in the first chapel service of his sophomore year at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington. They were married on April 5, 1957, in the same chapel, and their devotion to each other continued for 57 years through all the ups and downs life had to offer. Providing for Suzanne and his family became the most important goal in Al's life. Together they raised two daughters, Kerianne and Krista, while moving throughout the Intermountain West.



Suzanne and Al shared a love for animals and enjoyed exploring the West

together on weekend trips. Their household also included an adored menagerie of horses, dogs, cats, geese and a pet pig. With his zeal for competition, Al was a passionate supporter of his daughters at horse shows and in all their other endeavors.

Alvin also channeled his boundless energy into the church, in addition to his family and business ventures. Devoted followers of Christ, Al and Suzanne taught Sunday school and served with the youth ministry and weekly Meal Ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell. During his time at WEL-Life, he became instrumental in continuing the Thursday Bible Studies for the residents, putting his business acumen to use preparing lessons and arranging for guest speak-

ers and musicians.

Alvin was preceded in death by his mother Nettie Sylling, father Alvin O. Sylling, siblings Hans and Neil Sylling and Dolores Starkweather, and his beloved wife Suzanne.

He is survived by his daughters, Kerianne (Tom) Robertson and Krista (Dave) Thomas of Montana; grandchildren, Ariana Hayes (Robert) of Pennsylvania, Claire Robertson-Preis (Jess) of Oregon, Brock Martens of Australia and Sunny Martens of Montana; his near daughter, Nancy Miller; his cousin, Katie Schmidt of Minnesota; his nieces, Carol Ondov, Debbie Helland, Gail McGlothlin and Linda Wham; and nephews, Mark and Jon Starkweather.

Al's public memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 at Calvary Lutheran Church; 2200 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to Calvary's Weekly Meal Ministry.