

Harold J. Vachal, 94

Harold J. Vachal died In Kalispell Sept. 23, 2019, active and joking even in his last few days. The grandkids always said that Grandpa could fix anything. But he could no longer fix his tired body, so God gave him a brand new one.

Harold was born April 18, 1925, in Ross, North Dakota, and was raised on the farm in the Ross and Stanley area. He was known and loved for his happy nature and giving spirit. He was very patriotic, serving with Patton's Third Army, Corps of Engineers in World War II, and continued serving our country doing presentations about World War II in local schools for many years.

He married the love of his life, Eila Mae Jennings "Jinks," when he returned from the war.

He worked for Lee Craft Marine building



many years. He was a talented wood carver and craftsman.

Forever young, Harold broke hip and pelvic bones driving a fence post in August. His health began to decline at that point, but his spirit was never broken.

He was an integral member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church, heavily involved in building the church and crafting many chancel accessories.

Harold was always

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boats, and later, Monarch Lumber Co. He and his partner Don Fry bought Monarch out and formed The Cabinet Shop which they operated for
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doing for others. He donated over 25 gallons of blood in his lifetime. At 80 years old, he went with a volunteer team to repair homes after floods in South Dakota, outworking the younger guys. He provided countless rides to town for friends and neighbors. He helped anyone who needed help of any kind and never met a stranger.

Above all else, he loved his family and all kids, and we all felt that love. Making people smile was his goal.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, twin brother Howard, and step-brother Clarence Sleight.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Jinks, daughter Suzi Watteyne and Jack, son Dan Vachal and Jan, older sister Doris Seney, grandchildren Cody Jones and Renee, Danna Gonzales and Claudio, Amy Wambach

and Chad, and Joe E. Vachal and Christina, and nine great-grandchildren, Bryton and Kaden, Clara and Joel, Jasper and Jenavieve, Josiah and Anaiah and Brandi.

Burial with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A celebration of his beautiful life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, on their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Memorials are suggested to the Veterans Food Pantry, the West Shore Food Bank or Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

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

Henry Valentino, 82

Henry Valentino, 82, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, at his home in Whitefish with his family by his side.

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

Kimberly Vance, 55

Kimberly Vance, 55, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, at her home in Kalispell.

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

Connie Lizabeth Van Frachen, 53

Connie Lizabeth Van Frachen, 53, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at her home in Kalispell. A celebration of life

will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Verlaine Kay Van Atta, 73

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Verlaine Kay Van Atta, 73, of Billings, left us on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, from natural causes and surrounded by her loved ones. She entered the arms of her Lord Jesus and her precious mother Ella.

Verlaine was born on April 13, 1946, to Oren and Ella Barnhart in Kalispell. She grew up in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1964. After high school, she moved to Billings, where she completed a secretarial course and met her future husband. She then decided to set out for adventure, accepting a government position in Washington, D.C. Verlaine married Clinton Van Atta in 1967 in an Air Force base chapel in Maryland. After living in South Carolina for a time, they moved back to Montana with their two young sons.

After the birth of her daughter in 1979, Verlaine remained a stay-at-home mom in Billings and attended St. Bernard's Catholic Church for many years. She then entered a 17-year career with the Bureau of Land Management. Upon retirement, Verlaine dedicated all of her time to her husband and family. In 2012, Verlaine began her favorite job at SpringHill Suites, where she met many valued coworkers and patrons.

Verlaine was a tangi-



ble model of Christ for those closest to her. She desired no recognition for her ser-

vice to others. Her quiet strength was often mistaken as weakness. She had a wisdom in knowing what to fight for and was always steadfast during pressure. The harder the battle, the stronger she fought, especially for her dearest loved ones. Verlaine persevered and finished the race with honor.

"We love you grandma."

Verlaine was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton Van Atta; and parents Oren and Ella Barnhart.

She is survived by sons, Greg (Elly) and Jeff (Melinda); daughter, Jamie Van Atta; sisters, Gayle and Vicki (Roger); and her most cherished grandchildren, Kyle, Kimberli (Kyler), Kobi, Karli, Clinton and Halston.

Interment took place Oct. 21 at Mountview Cemetery in Billings.

Donations may be made in Verlaine's honor to RiverStone Health Hospice House.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and Patience." Colossians 3:12

Neil David Van Sickle, 104

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Neil David Van Sickle of Kalispell died of natural causes on Sept. 29, 2019.

Neil was born to Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Van Sickle of Minot, North Dakota, on July 8, 1915. He was one of seven boys with one sister who all grew up in Minot. His was a life of 104 years of dedicated service to his country, his community, and his family. He graduated from West Point in 1938. At the time of his death he was the oldest living graduate of West Point. He married Marjorie Sims of The Dalles, Oregon, in December of 1938.

He began his military assignments with the 4th Cavalry (horse) at Fort Meade, South Dakota. In 1940 he attended the Air Corps Flying School, graduating as a pilot in 1941. During World War II he served as a squadron commander for North Atlantic antisubmarine patrol and later as squadron commander in Saipan for operations over Japan. After the war, his assignments included the American staff of the United Nations Military Staff Committee. He served as Chief of Operations of the Yukon Air Division, Alaskan Air Command, Chief of Aircraft Programming Division, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., Commander, 28th Bombardment Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, as Chief of Operations and later



Pacific Air Forces in Hawaii, and later Commander, Air Force Navigation Training, Mather Air Force Base, California. He served as Assistant Chief of Staff, Flying Training, Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, followed by being Commander Air Force Recruiting Service. He was promoted to Major General and his last assignment was as Air Force Deputy Inspector General, in Washington, D.C.

He retired from the Air Force in 1968 and moved to Rapid City, South Dakota. He and his family owned and operated a horse training and breeding ranch in the Black Hills. While there he served two terms as County Commissioner of Pennington County. When his wife Marjorie became ill in 1986 he moved to Portland so she could be closer to where their three daughters lived. Marjorie died there in 1987.

He later married a family friend, Faye Hughes Moreland of Forth Worth, Texas, and

Chief of Staff, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command, where he was promoted to Brigadier General. He then became Chief of Operations,

settled in Kalispell where his son Peter lived. Faye died in 2010. Neil was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish. As a Rotarian, he was president of the Kalispell Noon Club in 1998. He authored two books, "Modern Airmanship, 1957," which in eight editions became known as "The Airman's Bible," and "The Indian Way, Indians and the North America Fur Trade," published in 2012.

He was a strong supporter of Boys and Girls Clubs in several locations. He leaves daughter, Anne Van Sickle (Larry Ewing), of McMinnville, Oregon, daughter Kathleen Leatham (Ray Leatham), of Carlton, Oregon, son Peter (Patricia Van Sickle), of Poulsbo, Washington, and daughter Jane Van Sickle of Othello, Washington. He was preceded in death by brothers Paul, Bruce, Ross, Jerry, Harry and Earl, and sister Grace Treat.

He has nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

If you so choose, please make donations in memory of Neil D. Van Sickle to your local Boys and Girls Club.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 22 at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. There will be a luncheon at the church following the memorial service followed by graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Neil David Van Sickle, 104

Neil David Van Sickle, 104, of Kalispell, died Sept. 29, 2019, in Kalispell. He is survived by his children, Peter Van Sickle, Anne Van Sickle, Kathleen Leatham and Jane Van Sickle. Services are pending arrangements. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Rodney 'Rod' L. VanQuekelberg

On Dec. 14, 2019, Rod passed in to heaven surrounded by his loving family.

Rod was one of four children born to Charles and Marvel VanQuekelberg. He joined brother Laverne on June 29, 1947, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The family later welcomed a brother Terry, and a sister Betty. Rod graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1965. Rod was joined the Army in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam. He was proud to have served his country.

Rod moved back and forth between Minnesota and Montana and finally settled in the Flathead Valley in 1978. He worked for the BNSF railroad in track maintenance until his retirement.

Rod was known for his smart aleck comments, and enjoyed razzing his family and friends. He was religious about his lottery tickets, never missing a week (We bought them for you one last time, old man!). He also enjoyed hunting, especially with his grandson Noah.

Rod was the loving father to his children, Marcy and Jay; loving grandfather to Amanda, Allison, Jolene and Noah, and great-grandfather to Audree.

Rod was preceded in



death by his father Charles, and brother Terry.

He is survived by mother, Marvel VanQuekelberg, of Grand Rapids, brother Laverne (Joanne) VanQuekelberg of Coville, Washington, sister Betty (John) Bartz of Pengilly, Minnesota, daughter Marcy Otten of Kalispell, son Jay (Dara) VanQuekelberg

of Bigfork, grandchildren Amanda Otten, Allison Otten, Jolene (Brent) Perry and Noah VanQuekelberg, and great-grandchild Audree Perry.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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Rodney L. VanQuekelberg

Services for Rodney L. VanQuekelberg, 72, who died Dec. 14, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Buffalo Hill

Funeral Home, with military honors by the U.S. Army National Guard and United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Timothy George Veigel, 58

Timothy George Veigel, 58, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services

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

John Ventresca, 69

John Ventresca, 69, of Fortine, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Family services will be held at a later date. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Cecilia Pearl 'Toody' (Brown) Vasil, 84

P.A.C. 9, June 2019
Cecilia Pearl "Toody" (Brown) Vasil passed away peacefully on May 26, 2019, in Whitefish, at the age of 84 from renal failure.

Cecilia was born on May 19, 1935 in Winnet, Montana, to Elmav and Chester Brown. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1955 and had later worked many long hard years as a bartender in Oklahoma before becoming a school bus driver and later working as a traffic enforcer and dispatch for the Whitefish Police Department.

Cecilia is survived by her two daughters, Teresa Dee Young of Whitefish and Jodie K. Bowers (Harry) of Columbia Falls; as well as her three grandchildren, Donna



Keeley Young of Whitefish, Harry Lee Bowers JR "H.L." of Columbia Falls and Jasmine

Rose Bowers of Kalispell. Cecilia is also survived by her brother, Jerry K. Brown (Bobi), of Great Falls.

Cecilia was preceded in death by her mother and father, Elmav Lenora Brown and Chester Abraham Brown, and her niece Tori Lee Brown.

At this time services are still being planned, and will be announced at a later date.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services are caring for the family.

Ramona Joyce Vincent, 87



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in Salem, Ore.

After retirement in 1993 she returned to Kalispell and cooked for the

Feeding the Flathead program, "the last Friday night of the month" for over 15 years.

In the late 80s, Mom ran a "little old ladies home," a care home known as "Jester House" in Salem, Ore. for three years. It was the hardest job she ever had but she loved it the most, until she became a little old lady herself.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent. Mom fashioned herself with a house full of children. Both of them were only children, so they looked forward to a house full of children. They had five children: Bill in 1949, Rich in 1950, Linda in 1953, Monie Rose in 1954 and MaryAnn in 1955, a family of seven in seven years. They got what they wanted.

Our father died July

19, 1984 of a massive heart attack at age 57. Mom started traveling to fill a lot of this void. That same year she started yearly treks to Pennsylvania to visit her daughter Mary and family. She met a lot of people there over the years and many became her family in Pennsylvania.

One summer she drove her three teenaged grandchildren and an eight-year-old to Washington, D.C. to see the White House and the Treasury. The trip started and ended in Salem, Ore. She thought every grandparent should take their grandchildren on a long trip.

Over the years she was able to go to Hawaii twelve times; Alaska three times and, of course, Pennsylvania 36 times. We can't forget Mom bought her car because she looked good in it while driving down Main St. in Kalispell—her reflection in the store windows. She used it making her record trips to Oregon in 10 hours.

Mom died on May 11, 2019 with family at her

side. She was looking forward to seeing the mansion that Jesus promised her and spending Mother's Day with her mother after a 65-year separation.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents and her much-loved husband, Bill, and her grandchild, Michael Andrew Miller. Survivors include her children: Bill (Marty), Rich (Carol), Linda Reposa (Wayne), Monie Rose Vincent and Mary Spory (John), as well as two former daughters-in-law, Marcey Seamon and Debra Leonard.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren: BJ Vincent, Andrew Vincent, Rich Vincent Jr., Stacey Vincent, Kelsie Root, Anna Vincent; Makala Miller, Malissa Miller; Rachel Leek, Nathan Spory and Jenna Sharp, as well as five great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson.

Mom, Gram and GG, we all miss you so—your sense of humor, your smile and you just being here. By God's Grace, we will all be together again.

On July 17, 2019, our mother was united with her husband William Vincent on what would have been their 71st wedding anniversary.

Ramona Joyce Waymire was born April 23, 1932 in Eureka to Lora Campbell Waymire and Cully Waymire.

She moved to Kalispell in grade school and to Somers in her teenage years.

She attended Flathead County High School until she met a young Navy veteran, William Vincent, returning home to finish his high school education.

Our parents were married in Somers on Seven Row at a small wedding in her parents' home.

Early in her marriage she started making salads for the local delis to sell to their customers. She loved cooking and making her own recipes. Mom worked in the food restaurant business for over 45 years. Starting at the White Star Café in the late 50s, the B&B Restaurant for almost 1 year and Fred Meyers' Eve's Buffet restaurants

Theresa Evelyn Vincent, 62

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Theresa Evelyn Vincent, 62, of Kalispell, after fighting a long battle with cancer, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.

Theresa was born on July 17, 1957, in Maine and is survived by her husband, Rich Vincent Jr., daughter Jayme Schreiner, son Jared Broman, stepson Kyle Bagley, brother John Hedden, sister Dixie Soules, mother-in-law Marcey Seymour, father-in-law Richard Vincent Sr., sisters-in-law Stacey Vincent and Kelsie Root, Grandpa Jake, grandchildren Maddy Smith, Shelby Blankenship, Cassidy Fuller, Kaylee Fuller and Brody Broman, and many extended family and friends.

Theresa was preceded in death by her mother, Norma Bowen.

Theresa graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a bachelor's in art history in 1999, where she spent a decade only taking one or two classes per semester, working



more than a full-time job, raising her children, and completing each course

with hard work and dedication. She knew at this pace it would take many years of sacrifice to achieve her dream of graduating with a college education ... and she did it!

In 2001, Theresa moved from Texas to Montana where her entire intent in life was to set goals, achieve them, and share her inspiration of doing so with those around her with love and positive energy.

After moving to Kalispell, Theresa met Rich Vincent Jr. who was instantly smitten by her kind spirit and beauty. They soon realized they were true soulmates. Marrying three years later, Theresa and Rich moved to Augusta, Montana, where they built their very first home together — their first dream and adven-

ture! After six years in Augusta, Rich and Theresa made their way back west of the Rockies to be closer to family. It is here in Kalispell where Theresa rediscovered her love for art and dove head first into a new venture. Theresa became a local artisan for Montana Marie. Her decorations, knitting and art can be found in households all over the valley and beyond.

Through their journey together, Theresa and Rich were hard working and dedicated to building a wonderful life full of love, laughter, family, and pushing each other to continue achieving their goals and reach their dreams. From fishing, camping, local artistry and sharing the beauty of Montana with all of their children, grandchildren, family and friends, there was never a dull moment.

In sickness and in health, 'til death did they part. They never once let each other down. Theresa's inspiration of truly living a life of positive energy and love

has, and will always, be felt by so many lives she has touched. There is no other soul on this earth quite like hers. She will forever be in our hearts, minds, souls, and in the butterflies that fly around us for eternity. May God bless her soul, family, and friends forever more.

Remember always to dream big, love those around you, and live every day like it is your last because someone is counting on you to do so.

Fly, butterfly, fly ...

The family would like to thank Dr. Jose Ness and staff, as well as Frontier Home Health and Hospice.

For those who are able, please donate to Melanoma Research and Alliance on behalf of Theresa Vincent: <https://curemelanoma.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/donate>

Arlene Kelly Vinje, 83

Arlene Kelly Vinje, 83, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 at Health Center Northwest.

Arlene was born on April 7, 1935 in

Kalispell.

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

Pauline Voorhees, 88

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Pauline is survived by her sons Dirk (Lissa), Steve and Henry (Briony); her daughter Susan; her grandchildren Jack (Lindsey), Bill (Megan), Kathleen, Marie and Genevieve; and her great grandchildren Henry and Milo. She is preceded in death by Hank, her husband of 66 years, and her grandson, Nick.

The family would like to thank our dear friend Michele Boyce for her help, love and support. We also send a big SHOUT out to Pauline's caregiver, McKay Cameron. McKay, YOU

ARE A ROCK STAR!!!
A celebration of Pauline's life will be held at a future date at The Church at Creston in Kalispell with a reception to follow at the church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Pauline's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

Her favorite song was "Amazing Grace," and the following stanza sums up her beliefs: " 'Twas grace hath brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home." Condolences: RFHR.com

Pauline Voorhees, age 88, died on August 8, 2019, in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Pauline was born on September 23, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, to parents Henry and Helen Van Duine. She attended Hope College, married Hank Voorhees and lived in Michigan, Illinois, California, Montana and North Carolina.

Her family and friends will always remember her as loving and kind. She would make friends wherever she went. Pauline was always in a matching outfit, wearing color-co-



ordinated accessories with her nails, make-up and hair done. Pauline was very proud of her family. She recounted how the happiest times in her life were when the schools were closed due to snow, so her children would be home with her and she could bake chocolate chip cookies with them. She loved reading her Bible, her daily devotionals and praying.

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