

Luther Gerhard Wachholz, 89

PK4 26 Mar 2019

Luther Gerhard Wachholz of Kalispell, son of Arthur R. Wachholz and Minnie Benson, was born on July 2, 1929, in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

He passed away at age 89 on March 21, 2019.

He grew up in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Kansas, graduating from Wilson High School in Wilson, Kansas, in 1947. He attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951. He then attended Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, which included an internship in Waterloo, Iowa. He completed his studies in 1955 graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

His ministry included serving churches in Ellis, Kansas, Enid, Oklahoma, Monticello, and Cedar Falls, Iowa. He concluded this ministry in 1975 at Blue Island, Illinois. In 1958 he married Geraldine Van Dyke in Omaha, Nebraska. This marriage was blessed with two children, Timothy and Barbara. Following the advice of several physicians, he changed direction in his life. In 1975 he and the family moved to Montana, residing in the Many Lakes area. He worked for 15 years at Pacific Telecom, which is now Century Tel. He retired in 1991. Then he and his wife jointly ran a maintenance business until 2001. In 2002 he moved to 120 Fairway Blvd. in Kalispell.

He served for many years as an officer of the Many Lakes Homeowners Association and served



two terms on the board of Immanuel Lutheran Home.

In June 2014 he and his wife

moved to the Prestige Assisted Living Center and then on March 7, 2017, they moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and one sister Ruth Sanderson.

He leaves to mourn his wife Geraldine, son Timothy Wachholz of Grand Canyon, Arizona, and daughter Barbara Nason living in Tucson, Arizona, three grandchildren Elle, Brett and Jordan Nason of New York, two brothers Paul Wachholz of Kalispell and John and wife Bette Sue Wachholz of Lawrence, Kansas, plus one sister Priscilla Roby of Omaha, Nebraska, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be sent to Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Place Dubuque, Iowa 52003, or the family's choice.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at Buffalo Hill Terrace Chapel, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Helen Marie Waggoner, 89

Helen Marie Waggoner, 89, passed on Feb. 6, 2019, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She had been looking forward to the day she could reunite with her husband, George, and the many dear friends and relatives that have been waiting patiently on the other side for her.

Helen Marie enjoyed the finer things in life ... straight drives down the fairway, beautiful flowers, shopping for new clothes, a good hand in cards, Moose's Pizza and her cocktails. She was known far and wide for her famous huckleberry cheesecake, perfect loaves of French bread, and a freezer full of homemade cookies and the cookbook she wrote.

Helen took great pleasure in hosting gatherings of friends and family. Her classy style and wonderful smile brought joy to the people around her. She was beautiful



inside and out.

Helen Marie Kraut was born on May 12, 1929, to Carl and Mildred Kraut in Havre. She attended Cut Bank High School. She married the love of her life, George Waggoner, in 1947. They lived in Cut Bank where they raised their four children. She loved being a housewife and both she and George were amazing role models of marriage and parenting. She was active in the Presbyterian Church and in the hospital auxiliary. Helen Marie loved doing floral design and enjoyed catering with Bonnie Sammons. She also managed the restaurant at the golf course with Pat Shields for a few years.

She and George moved to Whitefish in 1992 to be closer to many of their

grandchildren. They quickly found many new friends at the golf course and enjoyed their regular dinner club outings. After George passed in 2004, she continued an active social life playing cards and cooking for friends and family. She golfed until she was 85. At 89, people were still commenting on how beautiful she was.

Helen Marie was preceded in death by loving husband, George Waggoner, her sister, Betty Lou Simonson, and her grandson Gary Johansen.

Trying to keep up her legacy are her children, Linda Vidanage of Santa Cruz, California, Susan Beyer of Missoula, Sheri Glaspey and husband Gregg of Whitefish, and Fred Waggoner of Whitefish. Her grandchildren are Heidi O'Neill, Sean and Dustin Glaspey, Cory and Evan (Kalli) Waggoner, and Myles

(Shannon) and Sarah Beyer. Her great-grandchildren are Phoenix and Kodiak O'Neill and Birch Waggoner. Phyllis, Randy, Erin Sprunger and Stephanie Cook are beloved close family.

She had a truly blessed life filled with laughter and happiness. True to her form, her final words were, "I am so happy ... now, let's get this party started!"

The family would like to thank the compassionate staff from Hidden Meadow Country Living and North Valley Hospital for their wonderful care.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Whitefish Golf Course Tree Fund, a charity of your choice, or call an old friend and say hello.

As per her wishes, there will be no formal memorial service.

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

Phyllis Ardella Wagnild, 96

Phyllis Ardella Wagnild, 96, of Kalispell, left this life peacefully at Heritage Place Nursing Home on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

She was born with twin sister Ruth in East Stanwood, Washington, July 21, 1922, to Albert and Josephine (Hansen) Isachsen.

Phyllis was raised in Wolf Point, graduating from Wolf Point High School. She attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, earning a degree in secondary education.

She taught high school English in Rufus, Oregon, Kenmare, North Dakota, and Plentywood, Montana. She later taught special education as a substitute teacher in the Kalispell School District. She married Clifford Odland Wagnild Aug. 20, 1950, at First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. There they raised four children. The family moved to Kalispell in 1966.

Phyllis was known to have a beautiful soprano voice. She sang in the choir at Concordia College, as well as many church choirs. She often sang duets with sister Ruth for church functions. She was very active

in church, attending Bible studies, teaching Sunday school and Bible school, and serving with the women for funerals and weddings. She was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was a wonderful cook and homemaker. Her family especially remembers her delicious breads and rolls.

Survivors include three children, Judith Gorton of Kalispell, Ruth (John) Allen of Great Falls, and Mark Wagnild of Kalispell; grandchildren, Brian Gorton, Julie Ramirez, Cindy Semple and Jim Allen; seven great-grandchildren; and 17 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Kristi Wagnild; her parents; brothers Alvin, Harold and Cliff; and her twin sister, Ruth Simensen.

The family wishes to express deepest gratitude to the entire Heritage Place community for the tender loving care offered to Phyllis during her four-year stay.

Memorials may be given to Heritage Place, 171 Heritage Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home of Kalispell is in charge of arrangements.

Jim Walter, 87

FAL 15 Nov 2019
 Jim Walter passed away on Sept. 6 at home. He is survived by his wife Josephine (Bruyer) after 66 years of marriage; children Catherine (Larry Pearson), Barbara (Keith Schultz), James Jr., Chris (Jennifer) and Glenn (Jennifer); six grandchildren: Michael, Jeff, Tom, Susanna, Daniel and Eirwyn and three great-grandchildren.



over 40 years. He started at H. Earl Clack and then ran the Husky Bulk

Plant. Later he drove a tanker truck and had a school bus.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Sykes.

Jim was born to Rosa and Glenn in Kalispell, where he spent his entire life. He worked in the gas business for

Kathleen Walters, 70

Kathleen Walters, 70, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019, at her home in Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Clarence "Pete" Ward, 70

Clarence "Pete" Ward, 70, of Kalispell, died on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Private services

are being planned. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Pete and his family.

Gordon Wayne Wardinsky, 92

FAS 25 Apr 2019
 Gordon Wayne Wardinsky, 92, passed away peacefully following Easter church service on April 21, 2019, at Wel-Life assisted living in Kalispell.

Gordon was born on June 17, 1926, in Great Falls, the youngest son of Harry and Pearl Wardinsky.



He grew up in the Lower Sun River area of Great Falls and attended Charles Russell Elementary School and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1944.

Following graduation he joined the United States Navy and served on an aircraft carrier, USS Gilbert Island, in the South Pacific arena. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to Great Falls. On June 4, 1950, he married Bernice Falardeau in Great Falls and they spent 50 wonderful years together until Bernice's passing in 2001.

Gordon began a career in the finance business at Western Credit Company in Great Falls. He worked there nearly 48 years until his retirement in 1993.

Gordon's greatest enjoyment in life was being in the great Montana outdoors. He loved fishing, hunting, camping and boating. He also loved dancing, having a good time and spending time with his children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Eagles, VFW and was a lifetime member of the Great Falls' Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, Frank and Stan, and grandchildren Autumn and Ross Bartholomew.

Survivors include sons Doug (Lee Ann) of Kalispell, Jack (Sarah) of Bozeman, and daughter Kim (Roger) Bartholomew of Kennewick, Washington. Grandchildren include Ryan (Jodi) Wardinsky of The Woodlands, Texas, Carissa (Chris) Haas of Bozeman, Kristin (Philip) Heron of Pinole, California, Dusty (Lacey) Wardinsky of Belgrade, Sunny Bartholomew of Snead's Ferry, North Carolina, Cynthia Bartholomew of Kennewick and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gordon's name to the Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation, 351 Evergreen Drive, Suite A, Bozeman, MT 59715; Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; or to a charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on May 4 at O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls.

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

Gilbert W. Washburn, 73

PAL
Gilbert Welles Washburn passed away at his residence in Columbia Falls on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, at 73 years of age.

Gil was born in Kalispell on March 4, 1946, to Bernice Barry (Downes) and John Washburn. He was raised in Apgar Village, spending a portion of his childhood working in his family's hotel business.

He served in the National Guard in 1964, and then enlisted in the United States Navy, serving for a total of eight years with two tours of duty in Vietnam where he received a Purple Heart.

Gil married Patricia (Fisher) Washburn in 1968. They raised a family and ran their business together until her passing in 2005.

Gil had a love of the outdoors, spending many years fishing, hunting and camping, however, his most cherished of years were the ones he spent with his family on Hungry Horse Reservoir making memories that will forever be held dear in our hearts.

Gil had an outstanding mind when it came to mathematics and numbers which led to the success of his furniture business. He started a lumber and second-hand store in 1979, eventually moving to two different locations and overcoming an electrical fire which consumed his entire business. He persevered and rebuilt Gil's Store, Inc. into the



Sept 2019
successful business it is today and was involved with its management until his final days.

Gil's passing was preceded by his wife, Patricia (Fisher) Washburn, his father John Washburn, mother Bernice (Downes) Barry, and brother Jack Washburn.

He is survived by his son Donel Washburn (Tashia) of Columbia Falls, daughter Kimberly White (Sean) of Helena, his grandchildren, Carson, Baylee, Eliot, Samantha, Kyle and Kinzie, a brother Mick Washburn (Marilynn) of Columbia Falls, sister Cheryl Kemppainen (Tom) of Columbia Falls, many extended family members, friends, and his loyal family at Gil's Furniture.

Gil will forever be known for his "one of a kind" sense of humor and his unique way of telling inappropriate jokes right up until the end. There will always and forever be only one Gil.

A celebration of life will be held at Gil's residence from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14. There will be an Honor Guard tribute at 2 p.m. Memorial donations can be made to Frontier Hospice at 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Diana Lee Watkins, 71

Diana Lee Watkins, 71, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, in Reno, Nevada.

She is survived by her children, Jayson Watkins, Gary Watkins, Jody Watkins, John

Watkins, Keith Watkins, Linda Wright and Kimberly Wood.

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

Bertha R. Watson, 84

PAL
Bertha R. Watson, 84 passed away Aug. 5, 2019 surrounded by family at the home of her daughter Barbara "Bobbie" Franson in Olney. Bertha was born Nov. 3, 1934 in Shelby.

Bertha was the oldest of eight children and was raised in the West Valley area. Bertha and Bob Watson raised their children at their home in Olney. They ran the Watson Logging & Saw Mill Co. for many years.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge for 50 years. She will be missed by everyone.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents Olaf and Julia Erickson; brothers, John and Leslie Erickson; sisters, Mae Christensen, Julia Weber, and Ellen Rickard; husbands, Ernest Christensen, Leo Stock, and Robert Watson.

She is survived by her children, Clifford



10 Aug 2019
Christensen (Pam) of Kalispell, Linda Watson (Gary) of Olney, Barbara (Neal)

Franson of Olney, Lloyd (Deanne) Stock of Spokane and Jeff Watson of Whitefish, three stepsons, Gary, Mike, and Kelly Watson and stepdaughter Kathy Rhodes. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services for Bertha will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Whitefish Community Center with burial at Whitefish Cemetery following with a luncheon.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services of Whitefish is caring for the family.

Ruby V. Watkins, 90

Ruby V. Watkins, 90, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, June 7, 2019, at

Timber Creek Village. Private services will be held.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Michael A. Wear, 71

Michael A. Wear, 71, died Sunday, July 28, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

Jack Lawrence Weaver, 68

Jack Lawrence Weaver, 68, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

James Richard Weaver, 87

James Richard Weaver, 87, formerly of Columbia Falls, died May 22, 2019.

He had been city attorney for Columbia

Falls for several years.

He is survived by his wife Jane, and sons Andy and Mitch.

Services were held May 25 in Helena.

Rita Aileen Webb, 85

Rita Aileen Webb, 85, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, March 7, 2019, at her home.

She is survived by her children, Vern Webb Jr., Barb Werner, Ernie Webb, Debbie Bingham, Mike Webb, Byron Webb and Becky Busick.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls.

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

Herbert Raymond Weed, 78

P 46 22 May 2019

Herbert Raymond Weed, 78, died at his home in Soldiers Meadow, Idaho, on May 16, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Herb was born Oct. 23, 1940, in Kalispell to Elmer and Lois (Butterfield) Weed. Herb graduated from Bigfork High School in 1958 and then moved to The Dalles, Oregon, where he met and married Trudy Buffington on Feb. 14, 1960. From this 49-year marriage came two children, Darla Rene Weed, born in Kalispell on Jan. 8, 1963, and Herbert Raymond Weed Jr., born Oct. 3, 1964, in The Dalles. Herb worked at Martin-Marietta Aluminum Plant in The Dalles until his retirement in 2002.

Returning to Bigfork, they built a home in Ferndale on the Swan River, where Herb ran a snowmobile repair shop for five years until they moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where Trudy passed away Sept. 30, 2009, just four months short of their 50-year marriage.

On Sept. 15, 2013, Herb found love again and married Edna



Smith, who now survives him at their beloved mountain home in Soldiers

Meadow near Winchester, Idaho.

Other survivors include his daughter, Darla, of Bigfork; his son, Herbie Weed (Sandy), of The Dalles; his sister, Darlene Smith, (Doug), and nephew Jeff Eickert of Bigfork; three granddaughters, Lynsi, Carol and Jessica; one grandson, Beau; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Herb is also survived by stepchildren, Doug, Allen, Donald, David, Dennis, Duane, Darrell and Darla and families.

Herb was loved and respected by everyone he met during his many years of working, boat racing, car sports, snowmobiles and ATVs.

Per Herb's request there will be no services. There will be a family burial at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork at a later date.

Eugene J. Weiland, 70

Eugene J. Weiland, 70, of Kalispell, died Friday, March 8, 2019 at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Arrangements

are being planned at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Eugene and his family.

Charles Dean Weimer, 31

^{FAG}
Charles Weimer, born in Minneapolis on March 13, 1988, died on Aug. 4, 2019, in a plane crash in Alaska. The cause of the crash is under investigation; the plane is speculated to have been caught in a down draft and was not able to clear the mountains. The aircraft had two controls and the second pilot in command was the owner of the plane; the person at the controls will remain unknown.

As a 12-year-old boy, Charles would spend hours and hours researching civilian and military planes and helicopters, as well as, building small model planes. He would say, "I just want to get off the ground." He never stopped pursuing this passion and love for flying.

He joined the U.S Marines and was medically discharged after three years. He built his career with a degree in aviation from Central Oregon Community College and obtained his ratings from Leading Edge in Bend, Oregon. He held commercial ratings in both fixed-wing and helicopter. He was a certified flight instructor and held several other flight ratings. He worked as an instructor for Leading Edge as well as Red Eagle in Kalispell. He has spent the last six years in Alaska flying, doing utility work as well as several other job projects.

Charles's life on paper



was quite accomplished but it is his heart and character that will be remembered the

most. Charles's community has described him as, "a light in my life," sought after man, and was very respected.

A pilot dedicated a tattoo to Charles days after the incident. He impacted everyone he encountered, whether it was the cook, the mechanic, a fellow pilot, or the owner of the company he was employed by. He was also passionate about rock climbing, reading, river kayaking, rafting and cooking.

As Charles embarks on a brand new life, our hearts will always feel the void of his kindness, generosity, laugh and love of which we will always be grateful for, and now leave him in the peace that passes understanding.

Charles was the eldest of three siblings and is survived by his mother, DeNae Weimer, and brother and sister, Anthony and Jordanna.

There will be a celebration of life from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 1946 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell.

Gail Seelye-Weimar, 93

PA 1 Sept 2019

Gail Seelye-Weimar took God's hand to travel home Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019 surrounded by her family.

Gail was born to George and Hazel Miller on the snowy Sunday morning of Jan. 10, 1926. She grew up the youngest of four children and was raised on a Creston-area farm where she attended Montford School through the eighth grade, continuing her education at Flathead County High School where she graduated in 1944. Gail met the love of her life, Dale Seelye, later that year.

Gail and Dale were married on her 19th birthday, Jan. 10, 1945. The new couple took up residency on a small farm in the Montford area. Nov 30 of that year brought them their first child, a son named Terril George (Named after both his Grandpa Georges). They celebrated the Fourth of July, 1948 by welcoming their first daughter, Judith Ann, to their little family. The birth of their second daughter, Fay Marie, on Oct. 21, 1951, completed their family, or so they thought.

They moved the family "out west of town" near Marion in 1956, where all three of their children attended Ashley Creek School. Through the years Gail worked at JC Penney, where she



"retired" 3 times. She loved her flowers and always had a beautiful yard. She raised vegetables

when she could - in between the pinochle games, scrabble, yatzee and cribbage games with the neighbors and friends, grange hall dances with their children, and most importantly, church on Sunday.

The year of 1967 was a most eventful year. Not only did their oldest child get married, but they welcomed their fourth bundle of joy, Laura Lyn on Aug. 22. In 1971, they moved to the Batavia area where Laura attended grade school. While living there she was able to not only have her flower gardens, but also a large vegetable garden. Her specialties became her dill pickles, zucchini relish and several different kinds of jams and jellies. Her children and grandchildren always had to have her dill pickles! She was a wonderful cook and always had cookies or dessert on hand "just in case" someone might drop by to visit.

Gail and Dale became "townies" in 1986 when Dale's health began to fail. Through the years they joyfully welcomed eight grandchildren and

many step-grandchildren. Her life's true love passed in Aug., 1992.

Frank Weimar took her hand in marriage Sept. 3, 1994. They enjoyed "traveling the globe" together with a cruise through the Panama Canal and trips to Alaska, Canada, Hawaii and several "Mystery Trips" with their travel club, just to name a few. They lived in their "little green house kitty-corner from the Catholic Church". Gail enjoyed her flowers, birds and feeding Norman, the resident squirrel. Frank passed away in March 2006. Gail continued to enjoy her ever-growing family and friends in their "little green house."

Oct. 10, 2016, her beloved daughter Judy left this earth. From that day on, she slowly prepared herself to go home to God.

She lived at Buffalo Hill Terrace for 9 months while her "little green house" was being remodeled. She came home Nov. 1, 2018, where her daughter Laura and son-in-law Paul lived with her until her final breath was taken at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28. Her family was gathered around her to see her off on her final journey to receive her much-deserved angel wings.

Gail is survived by:

her children, Terry and Karen Seelye, Fay and Dan Skiles, and Laura and Paul Steele; her grandchildren: Joe (Jeff) Seelye, Susan (Jim) Mann, Kelly Motichka, Shannon (Matt) Jones, Kim (Mike) Carey, Kari (Josh) Baugh, Josh (Amy) Greene, Megan (Cameron) Johnson, Bridget (Aaron) Herceg, Bobbie (Jason) Briscoe, Nichelle (Kevin) Lyons, and Kathrin (Justin) Heim-Wilson; great-grandchildren: Adam and Andrea Seelye; Georgia Mann; Tehl, Zane and Austin King; Natalee and Josey Jones; Shaniya and Madison Carey; Aria and Evie Greene; Katie Johnson; Fiala and Hunter Herceg; Cassidee (Mike) Thompson, Kyle Hudson, Tori (Justin) Click, Emily Wilson and four great-great-grandchildren and extended family and friends.

A public viewing will be held from 6:30-7:00 p.m., followed by rosary at 7:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The burial will immediately follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A luncheon will immediately follow the burial service. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jeffrey L. Welle, 64

Jeffrey L. Welle, 64, died Nov. 8, 2019 as a result of a car accident. He is survived by his wife Kim Welle. A celebration of his life will be held in the spring

of 2020. Urn burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia falls is caring for the Welle family.

Floyd LaVern Welty, 88

PAU 30 June 2019

Floyd LaVern Welty, 88, passed gently into the arms of his loving Lord and Savior at 8:25 a.m. on June 24, 2019, at his Kalispell home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in 1931, in Fairview, Montana, to Lloyd and Pearl (Lewis) Welty. At the age of 2 the family moved to Kalispell. He was baptized into the Christian faith as a youth. He attended Elrod, Central and Flathead County High schools. After his military duty he attended a trade school.

Floyd met his high school sweetheart, Theresa Franz, while ice skating in Woodland Park. They were married in 1954 and were blessed with four beautiful children, Michael, Christine, Kevin and David.

Following high school Floyd worked as a carpenter and on the Hungry Horse Dam. He served in the Marines Corps in the Korean Theater of operation where he was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, The Korean Service Medal, the United



Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.



He worked for the United States Post Office as a window clerk and eventually worked his way up to the supervisor of Mail and Delivery, overseeing the mail carriers. While there he served as examiner-in-charge in Kalispell for the U.S. Civil Service Commission and also as a board member for the Seattle region. Several years after retiring from the post office he worked part-time driving school bus for 20-plus years driving the Foy's Lake loop. He enjoyed the interaction with the school kids, elementary age through high school. He also served for many years as a board member for the Flathead Credit Union.

In his earlier years

Floyd volunteered as a Cub Scouts leader, Webelows leader, and Peewee baseball coach. He was also present at his children's numerous school events, recitals and sporting events. Over many years he hunted and fished with his sons and skied with his daughter. All of his children inherited the love of the outdoors through ice skating, biking, hiking, camping, berry picking and picnicking with their parents. It was especially Floyd who instigated these events. Floyd loved to spend time with his family at the cabin he built on Echo Lake and tinkering on his endless projects. In recent years he enjoyed going on drives with family members. Floyd attended Trinity Lutheran Church and especially enjoyed the outdoor summer worship services at the camp on Flathead Lake.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, wife Theresa, brother Irvin Welty, and sister Irene McAllister.

He is survived by his sisters-in-law June Welty and Dorothy Lea; brother Lyle and wife Cynthia; sons, Michael and wife Mary, Kevin and David Welty; daughter, Christine and husband Walter Kroemer; grandchildren, Jonathan, Brian, Jeremy, Timothy, Magdalena, Mathew, Katrina and husband Paul, Charissa, Marieva, Trevor and wife Deltra; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell with services to follow at 2 p.m. A desert reception will follow services. Burial will take place at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork in care of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Thomas L. Wenke, 83

Thomas L. Wenke, 83, of Kalispell, died Sunday, June 16, 2019, at Bee Hive Homes in Kalispell.

Arrangements are being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Gloria America (Huff) Werntz

PA 4 21 Sept 2019
Gloria America (Huff) Werntz, our beautiful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and loving friend, is in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ after passing away Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019.



very heart of her family and will be missed by all until we meet our precious little

Gloria was overflowing with love, kindness and forgiveness. She was very humble, non-judgmental and always thought of other people first. Our hearts are saddened at our loss, but also filled with the joy of knowing she's in God's presence.

Gloria loved her two boys with all her heart. She also loved her grandchildren with that same love, always making special times and days to be together, making sure they had the things she never had; she held them all close to her heart.

Gloria always did the right thing. She was a loving wife. She was very smart, and it was hard to understand how she could make difficult life problems and projects so easy to understand.

She brought love and joy to us all. She was the

girl again.

She excelled in many skills and worked so very hard. She farmed with her family on their tobacco farm as a child, she was a beautician, had several other jobs and ran a successful business in Kalispell for many years, providing for her family while being frugal with herself and yet so very happy.

Gloria is survived by her two sons, John "Jack" Ruther of Hamilton and Richard Ruther (Jennifer) of Columbia Falls; her brother, Warren Huff of Middletown, Ohio; grandchildren, Krista Ruther, Lucas Ruther, Elisha Ruther, Danielle Chrismore and Ryan Ruther; great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and friends.

Family will gather for a private service today, Sept. 21.

Kerry Lynn West, 68

PA 5 Sept 2019
Kerry Lynn West passed away Aug. 22, 2019, in San Antonio, Texas, from complications with cancer.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1951 in Whitefish and was the fifth child of Beryl Krejci and Byron West.

Kerry graduated from Columbia Falls High School, then joined the



Navy for 14 years.

Kerry loved all genres of music, especially country and classic rock, as well as rap, which helped him

identify with the boys at the Wilderness Treatment Center where he worked much of his life helping young people change their lives for the better.

He was very involved in drug and alcohol recovery programs and dedicated much of this life to AA.

Kerry is survived by his wife Debbie West, his

three children, Daniel West, Liana West, and Katrina Libby, two brothers and two sisters, and eight grandchildren.

There will be an Honor Guard service and celebration of life potluck at 2 p.m. Sept. 15 at Marantette Park, 233 13th St. E, Columbia Falls.

Marcus Westwang, 70

Marcus Westwang, 70, passed away at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019.

Arrangements are being made.

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

Carolyn Rae Wheaton, 75

Carolyn Rae Wheaton, 75, passed away peacefully due to complications from Alzheimer's disease on Friday, March 22, 2019, at Rockwood Retirement Communities in Spokane surrounded by her children.

Carolyn was the daughter of Bernard Wheaton and Lucille Wheaton (nee Wicklund) and sister to Sharon Wheaton.

Carolyn is survived by her sister, her children Tina and Tim, her grandchildren Taija and Carter, her nieces Shelly, Dana, Nona and DeeAnn, and her grandnephews Camron and Dustin.

Carolyn often expressed her pride in her children who now both work in education,



Tim in Berkeley and Tina in Spokane.

In addition to being a caring and

thoughtful mother, she was greatly involved as a positive influence in the lives of her nieces and grandchildren. Since 2007, her incredibly adorable Shih Tzu-Maltese puppy, Lucy, was the love of her life and gave Carolyn and everyone around her much joy.

Carolyn and Sharon grew up in downtown Kalispell and worked at their parents' store, Wheaton's Cycle and Toy, helping at the sales counter before they were

tall enough to see over it. Carolyn graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell in 1962. After earning her degree from Eastern Washington University, Carolyn went on to a 35-year career in dental hygiene before retiring. For the last 30 years she lived in Spokane, where her daughter and grandchildren still live.

As an independent woman and single mother, her thrift, prudence, strong work ethic, and financial acumen allowed her to retire early. She was a "snow bird" for several years in retirement, spending winters in Peoria, Arizona, golfing, playing pickle ball, and enjoying her community there. Known for her

light-hearted nature and sense of style, she was beloved by all and spent her time giggling with friends and family and caring for those around her. She had a keen aesthetic sense, remodeling, designing, and decorating home interiors to great effect.

Carolyn grew up and spent much of her life around lakes and enjoyed water skiing and boating.

A small family ceremony will take place at Loon Lake later in the year.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Carolyn's name to Compassion & Choices (compassionandchoices.org) to improve end-of-life options and care for others.

Helen Louise Hunt White, 93

Helen Louise Hunt White, 93, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2019 in Helena. She is the daughter of Howard Jasper Hunt and Tuni Louise Mattson Hunt. She is survived by her sister, Marjorie Field of Longview, Washington; her daughters, Mary Burns, Maureen White, Colleen Drake, and Patty White, all of Helena; her sons-in-law, James Burns and Curt Drake of Helena; and her grandchildren, Patrick Burns of Missoula, Sarah Burns of Fallbrook, California, Michael Drake of Chicago, Illinois, and Jonathan Drake of Helena. She was preceded in death by her parents;



her son, James White; and her brothers, Matthew Hunt and David Hunt.

Helen was born in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. She is a graduate of the University of Montana where she became a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and then completed her internship in Medical Technology at Madison General Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Helen then moved to Tacoma, Washington to work at the Pierce

County Hospital laboratory as a Medical Technologist for one year. She returned to Montana, marrying Maury White in Billings. After raising her children, Helen continued her career as a Medical Technologist at St. Vincent Hospital where she worked for 20 years.

When Helen retired, she moved to Helena to be with her four daughters. She enjoyed her friends in the Helena community, traveling, dancing, and playing bridge. Helen loved her family dearly and enjoyed knowing what everyone was doing, including her nieces and nephews Tuni Stecker, Matt Westman, Tom Westman, Deirdre

Meyer, Jonathan Hunt, and each of their families.

Helen lived at Aspen Gardens/Beehive Homes assisted living for the past three years, surrounded by caring staff and dear fellow residents who became her friends.

A memorial service will take place 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2019 at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave. in Helena. A reception will follow the service in the social hall of the funeral home. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer the family a condolence or to share a memory of Helen.

James Russell White, 77

James Russell White, 77, died in Eureka on Dec. 24, 2019. He is survived by his wife Carla, daughter Kim Beard and son Zane Charles White.

Services will be held in the spring. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for his family.

John E. White, 68

John E. White, 68, formerly of Kalispell died in Federal Way, Washington on Jan. 30, 2019.

He is survived by his wife Barbara White of Milton, Washington and brother Gilbert White of

Kalispell.

An inurnment will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Geraldine M. Whitehead, 91

Geraldine M. Whitehead, 91, passed away on Feb. 21, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center.

Geraldine was born Nov. 17, 1927, to Alta and Zelmer Martin in Milltown, Arkansas. At the age of 6 she moved with her family to



1946. Geraldine married Dale Whitehead on Oct.

Lonepine, Montana. She received her education at Lonepine and graduated in

12, 1946. They moved to Kalispell in 1950 and lived in the Smith Valley area since 1952. Geraldine was a member of the Presbyterian Church, active in the Smith Valley Homemakers Club, and active in the Eagles Auxilliary.

Geraldine is survived

by her son Raymond Whitehead (Dixie), granddaughter Dana Smego, sister Jeannine Woods (Bob), and numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Penny Arlin Whitson, 53

Penny Arlin Whitson passed away Oct. 4, 2019, in Kalispell.

Deeply missed, forever loved.

Penny was born Sept. 1, 1966. At the age of 3, Penny was adopted from the Philippines by Arthur and Wilma Whitson who had three other older children; her brothers, Mark (Joelle) and Arthur Jr. (Anne), and sister, Piper (Norman).

She is survived by her four children, Shelby (Kenneth, Kenneth Jr. and Kya), Marisa (Steven), Kael, and Jaise.

She began her education in massage therapy



in Seattle and owned a successful massage therapy practice. During that time, she became a Reiki master and combined the two healing practices, which lead to her success in massage therapy.

Penny was a high-spirited member of the Bigfork community, and enjoyed being part of such a loving, caring and supportive group of families and friends. She touched countless lives in the community and her positive energy and caring nature will leave a memorable impact on those around her.

A celebration of life, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Atanaha Event Center in Bigfork.

Clayton Keith Wilcox, 75

Clayton Keith Wilcox, 75, of Olney, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, at his home surrounded by his family.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints chapel at 6330 U.S. 93, Whitefish. A viewing will begin at the church at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family

Jacqueline Merri Wildgen, 90

Jacqueline Merri Wildgen passed away on Good Friday April 19, 2019, in Kalispell. She was 90.

Jackie is survived by three sons, Mark, Jay and Kevin, daughter Stasia, six grandchildren Kelsey, Kevin, Ali, Mariah, Blake and Claire, one great-grandchild Paisley, and her brother Jerry Hanson.

Born in Appleton Village, Minnesota, Sept. 6, 1928, Jackie was the eldest of three children born to Dr. Vernon M. and Birtha "Birdie" Hanson. Jackie spent her childhood through high school years in Appleton until attending the University of Minnesota where she followed the footsteps of her father, a dentist, studying dental hygiene.

Jackie met her husband, John Jerome Wildgen, while working at Yellowstone Park's Old Faithful Inn. Both Jackie and Jerry had summer jobs there as they completed their schooling. While in Yellowstone, Jackie and Jerry became lifelong friends with the Goulds. This friendship resulted in George and Jerry starting a career-long family medicine practice in Kalispell in 1954.



PAS
Jackie raised her family primarily in the home known as 691 Grandview.

This property is now part of Flathead Valley Community College. Jackie loved the college and is very happy to know that the home where she lived much of her life is now a part of that institution.

Jackie's primary passion was the church and its community. She stayed involved in every aspect she could as a Eucharistic minister, a youth educator and, most of all, a devout parishioner.

Other passions of Jackie were an enthusiastic love for the outdoors, golf, skiing and hiking. Glacier Park, to her, is one of God's most wondrous creations. Jackie knew most everything there is to know about the park and served as a volunteer park ranger.

In 1986 an unfortunate ski injury on Big Mountain changed how Jackie would enjoy those passions. Jackie persevered, learning a new golf swing and doing all she could to remain mobile.

28 APR 2019
Time changed her abilities, but not her drive. On her 90th birthday Jackie ventured into Glacier Park with her four children to once again share her appreciation for this beautiful place. Glacier Park is the place where peace and serenity abounds.

Because of her love for the park, we will always have this magnificent landmark to remind us of Jackie's beauty, love and grace.

A rosary for Jackie will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m., both at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests

memorial donations be made to either St. Matthew's Catholic Church or St. Matthew's School.

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

Selma Wiedmeier, 88

P 46
Selma Wiedmeier, 88 years old, passed on March 11, 2019, at her home in Ava, Missouri, with her loving family by her side.

Selma was born March 11, 1931, in Tremonton, Utah, to Erick August and Marie (Sedell) Stenquist.

On August 25, 1958, Selma and Elmer Andrew Wiedmeier were united in marriage in Pocatello, Idaho. They were later sealed in the Cardston, Alberta, Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Selma truly believed in serving others, her family and friends. That was her joy in life. Always thinking of her family, she would send birthday and anniversary cards every month to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also known for her many talents, one of which was creating crocheted blankets for newborn babies.

Selma was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She and Elmer faithfully visited members of her church, providing a social and spiritual connection to those



she visited. She had many callings within the church often serving the children

and youth. During her life, Selma lived in many states but always felt that Montana was her home.

Selma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Elmer, two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her children, Randy and Linda Wiedmeier, Susan Wiedmeier and Cheryl McGovern, Val and JoLinda Wiedmeier, and Lezlie and Troy Atwood, 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and her twin sister, Thelma Miller.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2019, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell, MT 59901. Her final resting place will be at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tracie Jill Wilhelm, 55

Tracie Jill Wilhelm passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019, due to complications after surgery.

Tracie was born Dec. 19, 1963 in Billings to William "Bud" and Marilyn Wilhelm. She was the third daughter.

After the fourth daughter was born the family moved to the Flathead Valley.

Tracie graduated from Whitefish High School in the Class of 1982.

After several years of living and working in different areas, she returned to Whitefish to make her

home and be near her family.

She is survived by her parents, sisters Vicki (Nelson), Kelley (Joe) and Kimberly (Travis); also her nieces and nephews, Bethany (Travis), Zach (Samantha), Sarah, Nathaniel, Jessica, Griffin Amanda and Eli, and long time companion, Bruce Shields.

We love you Tracie, sir with the angels.

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

Roger Carl Wiese, 74

Roger Carl Wiese, 74, died Wednesday April 10, 2019, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

David William Wilkening, 61

David William Wilkening, born the 14th of January 1958, passed away at home in Ronan on the 23rd of December 2019, at the age of 61.

David was the second of five children, and the first son, born to Ruth Linder Wilkening and Walter Deseniss Wilkening. He grew up in Libertyville, Illinois, and completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at Montana State University in 1984 where he fell in love with Big Sky Country.

David was a perpetual outdoors enthusiast and energetic man — fishing, hiking, camping, hunting and building in every place he lived. He and his wife, Angela, raised their family in Columbia Falls, then bought their country retreat in Ronan where David lived the rest of his earthly days. He was a man of honor, helping anyone he saw in need, making numerous friends, earning a solid reputation, and teaching integrity and compassion to his family and all who were blessed to interact with him.

His career included



R&D in bio-technology at a Seattle startup working in anti-body based cancer diagnostics and therapeutics, project leader at Dow Chemical developing advanced lubricants for the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, process and environmental engineering at Columbia Falls Aluminum where he developed and managed a multimillion dollar retrofit to improve smelter efficiency, director of Quality and Product Development at a Utah salt producer, and then product manager for corrosion inhibitors at a university derived biotechnology start-up. In 2012 he founded Wilkening & Associates to serve the needs of the winter road maintenance industry where he consulted nationally with Departments of Transportation and their suppliers, helping them improve winter maintenance chemicals and practices. Over the years,

PAG 29 June 2020
David developed and patented multiple products, learned how to build and fix most things, from cars to homes to children's hearts, and even quietly saved a few lives.

He taught by example, living the values he was raised with and doing what was right. Above all, David valued his family and friends. He was a truly adored husband, brother, father and grandfather who tried and succeeded in providing for all his family's needs and more while never asking for anything in return except backrubs and homemade food. David's friends also knew he was the man to call whether help of any kind or a fishing partner was needed.

David is survived by his much loved wife of 40 years, Angela Wilkening; his sisters, Sondra Wilkening and Diana Nikolai; his brother, Rich Wilkening; as well as his sons, Sam Wilkening and Jacob Wilkening, daughter, Jessica Singer, favorite son-in-law, Sam Singer and three grandchildren, Wrigley, Molly and Griffin David Singer.

A celebration of his life will be held this summer, June 26, near Ronan.

Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at jsesinger@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a cause dear to David's heart, the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, or your own local no-kill animal shelter.

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

Michael 'MG' Wilkomirski, 53

PAG 49 June 2019
Michael "MG" Wilkomirski passed away on May 8, 2019, at Washington University Medical Center in Seattle after a short, catastrophic illness.

MG was born on July 31, 1965, in Houston.

MG is survived by his wife, Shannon, cherished stepdaughter, Baylee Washburn, mother, Nelda, sister and brother-in-law, Andrea and Eric van Hoven, their three children, Lyla, Cole and Devin, and nephew Johnathan Wilkomirski, and his brother Quentin Edmiston.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Wilkomirski, and his beloved brother,



Winston. MG, Shannon and Baylee made their home in Kalispell where MG was the

president and owner of X-Caliber, a gun barrel manufacturing company he started.

For those desiring, MG's wishes would be for donations in his name to be given to www.mibagents.org, an organization looking for a cure for osteosarcoma, a rare pediatric cancer affecting his family.

At a later date, private services will take place in Kalispell and Houston.

Ruth Hattie (Probert) Willett, 84

84
Ruth Hattie (Probert) Willett passed away peacefully in Kalispell on Nov. 10, 2019, at the age of 84.

Ruth was born on Jan. 30, 1935, in Kalispell to Raymond and Lillian Probert. She graduated high school in Columbia Falls in 1952, and married Jerry Willett in 1953. Over the next few years, the couple welcomed six children into their home. After moving to various places in Northwest Montana, they put roots down in Kalispell. In 1975, Jerry and Ruth got the bug to go north to Alaska. They packed up the kids that were left at home and moved to Fairbanks. Jerry began hauling product to the slope and Ruth worked part time in North Pole.

Ruth was accomplished at growing a garden and loved sharing her products. Her greatest love was being around family and friends, making sure they were well fed. After the passing of their son Wade, in 1984, the lure of Homer and charter fishing became overwhelming. They purchased a boat, named it "The Ivory Queen," and began charter fishing, moving to Homer in 1990. Jerry was known as "Captain Midnite" with his first mate "Damn it Ruth."

87 Nov 2019
After the passing of Jerry, Ruth packed up and moved back to Kalispell.

Ruth is survived by her children, Geraldine (Dave) Moore of Spokane, Arlene (Cary) Weyrauch of Kalispell, Mary (Matt) Mattingly of Fairbanks, Alaska, Rodney (Shauna) Willett of Alaska, and Robin (John) Weymiller of Panama; daughter-in-law, Robyn Willett; brothers, Junior, Ed, Don and Kenny, and sister Charlotte; 17 grandkids and 22 great-grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry; parents, Raymond and Lillian Probert; brothers, Victor, Jim, and Dwayne; sister, Dee; son, Wade; and a grandson, Joey.

A memorial is planned in Kalispell next summer.

The family would like to thank the staff at Edgewood Vista for their loving care of Ruth the last five years. And Frontier Hospice for their care and support during her final days.

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

Henry Willis, 77

Henry Willis, 77, died Whitefish Care and Rehab Center on Oct. 2, 2019. He is survived by his sons Mike Pfister and Sean Willis. A cele-

bration of his life will be held next year. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for his family.

Mildred M. Williams, 98

Mildred M. Williams, 98, died Monday, March 18, 2019, at Polson Health & Rehab.

Memorial services are

pending.

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

Gary E. Wining, 76

Gary E. Wining, 76, of Arlee, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, March 16, in Missoula.

Services will be held at 11 am. Saturday, March 23, at the Jocko Valley Baptist Church on Coldwater Lane in Arlee. Viewing will precede

the service. A reception at church will follow the service, followed by burial at the Ronan Cemetery.

Services are under the care of Cremation Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula.

Darcy Winston, 54

Darcy Winston, 54, of Plains, died June 17, 2019, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Charis Rae Winston Biklian, Caleb James Winston and Mara Hope Winston Lee.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. July 13 at Church On The Move in Plains.

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

Curtis Scott Winters, 53

Curtis Scott Winters, 53, of Hungry Horse, died on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements

are being planned. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Curtis and his family.

Shawn Lee Winters, 48

Shawn Lee Winters, 48, died on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at his home in Kila. Shawn was born on March 27, 1971 in St. Helens, Oregon.

A celebration of

Shawn's life will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the family home in Kila. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Bruce Michael Witt, 71

Bruce Michael Witt, 71, died Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

John Allen Wilson, 66

John Allen Wilson, 66, of Kalispell died May 28, 2019, in Kalispell.



John is survived by his wife Yvonne Wilson, and his chil-

dren Ryan Wilson and Aalissa Wilson.

There will be an urnside service at 11 a.m. Friday, July 12, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

PA6 11 June 2019

Rebekah Witter, 31

Rebekah Witter, 31, died April 4, 2019, in Polson.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1987, in Cantonment, Florida.

Rebekah was married to Pastor Samuel Witter and served alongside her husband at the Calvary Baptist Church in Polson.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel Witter, their four children, her parents, David and Judy

Cagle, her sister Sarah Cagle, and her brother Adam Cagle.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Bible Baptist Church, 64 Dove Lane in Kalispell.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jyana Rinae Wolfe, 39

Jyana Rinae Wolfe, 39, of Kalispell, died Jan. 26, 2019, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband Shane Wolfe, and her children Aspen Rogers, Austin Young, Jade Wolfe and Kaine

Wolfe.

There are no services being held at this time.

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

Mark F. Wolfe, 61

Mark F. Wolfe, 61, of Missoula, died Dec. 20, 2019 at St. Patrick Hospital. Cremation has

taken place. Garden City Funeral Home is assisting with these arrangements.

Wilmajeane Catherine 'Cat' Wold, 74

Wilmajeane Catherine "Cat" Wold, 74, died Sunday, July 7, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

Patricia Ann Larson Witzel, 84

Patricia Ann Larson Witzel, 84, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and a dear friend to many, passed away on Jan. 6, 2019, in Kalispell after a brief illness.

Patricia was born Dec. 12, 1934, in Lewistown to Henry G. and Pearl (Duncan) Larson — the first of seven children. She grew up in the Pleasant Valley community near Windham, Montana, where her family farmed. Patricia attended Windham Public School, graduated Stanford High School and attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings where she worked as a bookkeeper for GMC Agencies before and during college.

Patricia met her future husband, Theodore "Ted" Witzel, while in college and they were married in Billings on Aug. 28, 1954. They had two daughters, Debra Ann, born in Bozeman, and Sally Jo, born in Ronan.

Patricia "Pat" or "Trish" and her family lived in Bozeman, Ronan, Whitefish, Somers and briefly in Seattle before spending 31 years traveling with her husband between their Montana home and their Lake Havasu, Arizona, home where they wintered.

Pat enjoyed cooking, entertaining, golfing and boating. Pat belonged to the Moose Lodge in Kalispell and was a Lioness and member of Lion's Club International in Kalispell. Pat loved to travel and visited many countries including Canada, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, Costa Rica, Mexico, Norway and cruised the Panama Canal!

Pat loved her family and its history and she spent many hours researching both the Scottish and Norwegian sides of the family tree, as well as attending several family reunions held for the Larson/Paulgaard



family in both Canada and Norway. Left to mourn her loss are her hus-

band, Theodore "Ted," of Kalispell; daughters, Debra Ann D'Arcy of Casper, Wyoming, and Sally Jo Witzel of Kelowna, British Columbia; Pat's siblings, Margaret (Jack) Roan of Billings, Carmen (Allen) Mers of Florida, Lars Larson of Nevada, and Jimmy (Karen) Larson of Hysham; sister-in-law, Violet (Clarence) Krum, of Billings; brothers-in-law, Dan (Phyllis) Witzel of Billings, Jack Witzel of Ballantine, and Lloyd (Mary) Witzel of Washington; three grandchildren, Tiege (Becky) Gates of Nevada, Christopher D'Arcy of Wyoming, and Kelsey (Mary Ellen) D'Arcy of Billings; six great-grandchildren and many loving nieces, nephews and good friends.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, sister Joan Steiger, and brother Ted Larson.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Avenue, Billings, MT 59102. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with refreshments immediately following the service.

Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ballantine.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Pat's honor or a charity of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary are caring for the family. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com and www.michelottisawyers.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

Ronald Burton Wood, 77

Ronald Burton Wood, 77, died unexpectedly at his home in Columbia Falls on Feb. 28, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Wood.

No services are planned at this time.

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

James F. Wood, 89

F A 4

21 Nov 2019

James F. Wood, 89, passed away at his home in Bigfork on Friday, Nov. 15, 2019, surrounded by his family.

Jim was born in Conrad on Feb. 15, 1930, to Robert and Fern Wood. He was the youngest of four boys. Eight days later while still in the nursery, he first met his future wife Joanne Foltz. They graduated together from Conrad High School.

Jim and Joanne married Oct. 18, 1948, and lived throughout Northwest Montana, including Conrad, Whitefish, Eureka, Polson, Lonesome and Bigfork. Jim worked in a sawmill, for the railroad, building Libby Dam, farming and ranching and retired from the Forest Service in law enforcement.

He is survived by his wife Joanne of 71 years, 10 children: Connie (Jim), Kirby, Cherie (Joe) Tull, Mike (Eve) Wood, Pam (Dave) Bermel, Bob Wood, Tim



Wood, Colleen Hall of Bigfork, Dick (Tammy) Wood of Sheridan, Pat (Lori)

Wood of Kalispell, Tony (Jennifer) Wood of Bigfork, 38 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Funeral Mass will be held at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23. Burial of ashes will immediately follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. A luncheon will follow burial, at Saint John Paul Church in Brady Hall.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to hospice staff for providing exceptional and compassionate care—especially Maureen and Rene.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell. Memorial donations in Rodger's name may be made to Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901. Condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.jgfuneral-home.com

Rodger A. Worth, 63

F A 6

11 Dec 2019

soul who enjoyed his life whether it was fishing, hunting, or simply driving the backroads. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, particularly his one-liners, and the love he had for his family and friends who will miss him dearly. He was fondly nicknamed Gruncle for great-uncle by his great-nieces and -nephews, and called Papa by his grandchildren.

York Beach, Maine (formerly of Wilmington; cherished grandfather of four grandchildren, uncle of three, and great-uncle of 11; and loving partner of Dani Carlson of Kalispell (formerly Swan Lake). Rodger was a kind



Rodger A. Worth, 63, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully early Sunday morning, Dec. 8, 2019.

He was the beloved son of the late Roger Worth and Marjorie (Worth) Coryell of Wilmington, Massachusetts; devoted father of Makenna Just, Katelyn Worth, and Cameron Worth, all of Kalispell; loving brother of Catherine Palmer of

Yvonne 'Vernon' Wood, 83

Yvonne "Vernon" Wood, 83, died on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at his home in Kalispell. Vernon was born on July 28, 1935.

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

Jacqueline Woten, 83

Jacqueline Woten, 83, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald, and daughter, Jeanne

Ramsay.

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

Roberta 'Bobbi' Wright, 78

Roberta "Bobbi" 78, passed away Sept. 9, 2019, unexpectedly, secondary to complications arising from a medical procedure.

Bobbi was born in Killdeer, North Dakota, in 1941 to Delmer and Harriet Weydahl, and later adopted by her step-father, Orland Slama, after the death of her father. Bobbi was a graduate of Flathead County High School (1959) and attended the University of Montana.

Bobbi was an extraordinary classical pianist from a very early age. Later in life she became a prolific



PA 5 18 Sept 2019
activist and staunch supporter of animal rights. She headed up the Arizona chapter of PETA, founded the first animal rights group in Arizona (SPEAK) in the 1980s, and lectured at the University of Arizona Veterinary Science Department as part of a course on human and animal interrelationships for seven years, all while organizing countless vigils and protests against ani-

mal exploitation and other abuses. A vegan for 45 years, she walked the talk and made it her life's mission to minimize animal suffering.

Bobbi is survived by her brother, Allan Weydahl; daughters, Dee Kidd and Sabra Wright; son-in-law, Keith Kidd; seven grandchildren, one step-grandchild and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Spay and Neuter Solutions online or mail to P.O. Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

Karen Wrzesien, 69

Karen Wrzesien, 69, loving friend and mother, died peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born to Leslie and Eleanor Myers on Sept. 15, 1950, in Cut Bank. She lived in numerous towns across Montana and Alaska before meeting the love of her life, Ed Wrzesien, while working in Great Falls in 1970. They mar-



PA 6 22 Sept 2019
ried on May 15, 1971, then moved to Buffalo, New York, soon after. In 1980, they returned to Montana where their son Edward David was born.

Karen worked at several restaurants and hotels in Whitefish before starting her own business

in 2000. Known for her generous and compassionate spirit, Karen enjoyed hosting parties, going to concerts, fishing and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by her son Edward, siblings John, Sheila, Roberta and Deborah, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, countless relatives and friends, and her extended family in Laughlin,

Nevada.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A celebration of Karen's life will take place at 1 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish.

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

Edith Lillian Atkinson Wylie, 107, gracefully passed away on Oct. 1, 2019, leaving her family and beloved friends with extraordinary memories and stories to cherish. A witty and gracious role model, Edith's kindness and eagerness to embrace all who crossed her path will forever be the hallmark of goodwill. Edith's 107 years of life evolved as the world progressed: from riding in a horse and buggy to riding in a self-driving Tesla automobile, from reading a newspaper to starting a Facebook page at age 93 and getting her news online; Edith embraced change as an opportunity to learn anew.

Edith cherished her friends young and old. Upon telling her doctor

that she was losing all her contemporaries, her doctor suggested that she get younger ones — which she did — and they remained close to her even as she neared death. Edith had a special fondness for children, dogs and hummingbirds; those creatures that reached out to her with abandon were undoubtedly met with enthusiasm and warmth in return.

Born in Havre on July 28, 1912, Edith graduated from the University of Montana in 1934 and obtained her first teaching job in a one-room schoolhouse in the town where she was born. Edith taught in the Havre school district for over 20 years and as a testament to the impres-

Edith Lillian Atkinson Wylie, 107

sion she made on others' lives, three students from her fourth-grade class attended her 107th birthday party.

Edith Atkinson married Robert "Gus" Wylie on 1936 and they spent the next 51 years together working in national parks and public school settings before retiring to Bigfork and spending their summers on Flathead Lake.

Edith was an active member of PEO, the Methodist Church (Bigfork) and was previously a member of the Lake County Lions Club and a volunteer at the Bigfork Cultural Center.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Gus" Wylie, her daughter Virginia "Ginny" Wylie and

her son-in-law Larry Krummel.

Edith is survived by her son Mac Wylie (Mitzie) and her daughter Marian Krummel, as well as her grandchildren Libby Timmons (Scott), Carrie Schuler (Paul), Sarah Krummel and Suzie Migneault (Jeff). She is also survived by her nephew Harry Hyatt and grand-nephew Chris Hyatt (Jennifer). She cherished her great-grandchildren, great-grandnephews and niece and is survived by them and her many friends who touched her heart.

It was a blessing to all that knew her to be in her presence.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 at the Methodist Church,

Bigfork, with a reception following at Rising Mountains Assisted Living.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website

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