

Charles Cabaniss, 43

Charles Cabaniss, 43, died Nov. 13, 2020, at his home in Bigfork. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alan F. Cain, 80

Alan F. Cain, 80, of Bigfork, passed away at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, California, Jan. 23, 2020, after a very, very short battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Alan was born April 22, 1939, in Missoula, one of two children to Harold and Marguerite Cain. He graduated from Missoula County High in 1957, attended Oregon State University and then graduated from the University of Colorado on a NROTC scholarship. He served in the U.S. Navy, was designated a Naval aviator and flew the P2-V Neptune and P3-A Orion. He was a true patriot. He met Judith Reinemann at the University of Colorado and they were married in 1962 in the Corpus Christi Naval Chapel. After flight training, Alan was stationed at Barber's Point in Hawaii for three years.

After serving five years in the Navy, he returned to Montana and attended University of Montana law school. Alan and Judy then moved to Helena where he eventually became a partner at Hughes, Bennett & Cain law firm. Alan went on to work for Blue Shield Of Montana, became CEO and then was instrumental in the merging of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana in 1986. He served on many boards over his career, as well as the University of Colorado Foundation and several advisory boards at the University of Montana. He was a proud member of the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers. Together he and Judy raised their three chil-



dren, Kirsten, Whitney and Matthew, in Helena.

After his retirement from BCBS in 1999, Alan and Judy spent their time between

Bigfork and Palm Desert, California. He truly enjoyed the new friends, golfing, and especially his time as a volunteer as a docent at the Palm Springs Air Museum.

Alan was passionate about many things, uppermost of which was his family. He loved his Montana Griz, his Irish and Montana heritage, jokes, boating on his beloved Flathead Lake, and crab cakes.

He was so proud of and is survived by his children and grandchildren, Mike and Kirsten Smith, Aidan, Sophia, and Rory of Kalispell; Whitney and Eric Meredith of Helena, Madison Meredith Meis (David), Bailey Meredith Ehle (Brandon), and Emma; Matthew and Kelli Cain and the youngest of the seven grandchildren, Libby of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He is also survived by his sister, Carol Herron of Tucson, Arizona, and brother-in-law Edward Reinemann (Dianne) of Reedsville, Wisconsin, and several nieces and nephews.

A favorite charitable cause of Alan's was the Friends of the Bigfork Fire Department, P.O. Box 2333, Bigfork, MT 59911.

A celebration of Alan's life will be held at a later date in Montana.

Donald C. Cameron, 87

Donald C. Cameron, 87, of Kalispell, died Nov. 23, 2019, in Kalispell.

An urnside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at

Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Charles 'Chuck' Goodwin Carda, 81

Charles "Chuck" Goodwin Carda, 81 peacefully slipped away from this earthly world on March 20, 2020, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by family, due to complications from pneumonia.

Chuck was born on Aug. 21, 1938, in Sidney, Montana, to George and Fancheon (Goodwin) Carda. He lived on the family farm near Richey, Montana, until graduating from high school. Upon graduation in 1958, the family sold the farm in Richey and moved to the Flathead Valley, settling on a farm in the West Valley area. Chuck loved to dance and spent many good times on the dance floor. Soon after arriving in the valley, Chuck met the love of his life, Evelyn Marie Buck. They married on a cold January day in 1960. Kurt was born to this union later that same year with Kristi following four years later.

Chuck raised cattle and hay on the farm until the mid '70s when he transitioned to growing hay and small grains, packing miles of irrigation pipe to keep things growing. He also milked a small herd of Holstein cows for several years. Chuck worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in the late '60s and early '70s and Farmers Union (now CHS) in the '80s and '90s, retiring in 2003. While at CHS, he drove the big yellow terragator. This was quite a challenge as much of the operation was



computer driven and he wasn't from that era. He reluctantly stepped up to the challenge, although he could drive straighter than the GPS without any assistance. He said it was because the blonde and brunette were arguing. Chuck was a proud member of the West Valley Fire Department for over 20 years. He was also on the West Valley School board, serving as chairman for several years, and the Weed and Rodent Control board.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, George and Fancheon (Goodwin) Carda; wife, E. Marie (Buck) Carda; sister Agnes (Carda) Gonzales; brother-in-law Henry Gonzales of Anaconda; brother Albert Carda of Kalispell; brother-in-law Berl Buck of Columbia Falls; and an infant great-grandchild Briar Douglas Carda of Williston, North Dakota.

Chuck is survived by his son Kurt Carda and girlfriend Sherry Maloughney; daughter Kristi (Carda Townsend) Davis and son-in-law Gene; grandchildren Alana (Townsend) Aasheim (Cody) and Kinzey Davis; great-grandchildren Harper Aasheim and her soon to be born little brother Cason Aasheim; special friend Elaine Lessor, all of Kalispell, Shaughn (Shelby) Carda of Williston, North

Dakota; sister-in-law Phyllis (Anderson) Carda of Newberg, Oregon; brother-in-law Clinton Buck (Thora) of Sandpoint, Idaho; sister-in-law Nyla Buck Rubia of Polson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are only able to have a small funeral of family and close friends. A celebration of life will take place sometime in September. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests sending a donation to the West Valley Fire Department,

4180 Farm to Market, Kalispell, MT 59901. There will be a visitation held for Chuck Wednesday, March 25, 2020, from 5-7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home (with limited number of individuals in the funeral home at one time). There will be private family services held Thursday, March 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. If you would like information for the celebration of life at a later date please email the Carda family at chuck-cardafamily@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL

Chuck Carda

A celebration of life and open house for Chuck Carda, 81, who died March 20, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the West Valley Fire Hall, 2399 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell.

Geraldine (Jeri) Cardin, 79

Geraldine (Jeri) Cardin dedicated her life and her hands to making grandmothers and widows walk out of her beauty salon feeling pretty. Her days of standing behind a styling chair often lasted 14 hours or more. She once devoted an entire day to combing out a young girl's Afro which had become horribly matted after a prolonged illness. That girl walked into Jeri's shop terrified her head would have to be shaved. She walked out feeling pretty.

Jeri used those skilled hands to create many things. During her younger years, she loved nothing more than to be in the kitchen with her four older sisters, talking and bonding while they cooked the family dinners. As a young woman,

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she created a business where several other women made a living for decades to come. She started that business during an era when women owning businesses were an exception to the assumed rule.

A lover of books and all things political, she followed the inevitable path of becoming a writer herself. She wrote children's stories and numerous opinion pieces for the local newspaper. She never shied away from a public political argument. Any man who assumed she would demurely acquiesce had another thing coming.

After raising her two children, Jeri decided to pick up a sketching pencil, mustered her courage, and joined an art class. Portraits became

her expression of choice, including one hauntingly beautiful montage of her with her sisters.

Her later years were spent caring for her husband, Dennis Cardin, as he struggled with Alzheimer's. She cared for him at home long after prudence would dictate because as she saw it, he needed her, and that was all she needed to know. After he passed, she devoted her hands and her formal retirement to knitting a zoo of stuffed animals for children in need.

Late in the eve of Sept. 11, 2020, Jeri drew her last breath on her own terms. She drew in that breath on the sofa of the home her daughter, Nicole, and son (in-law), Jody, so lovingly made for her to enjoy her final

chapter. Surrounded by family, she left us to a world made better for the time she spent here. She finally joined her sisters in that other kitchen. That her heart stopped beating, or why it stopped beating feel like the least relevant details of what actually happened that September night. Jeri spent almost all of her 79 years in this world using her hands to give, to lift up others, to create beautiful and nurturing things, to touch with love and skill and to help those around her see themselves in beautiful ways. Because those hands never stopped giving her heart away, it feels far more accurate to report that on the eve of Sept. 11, Jeri Cardin outlived death.

Margaret Elizabeth Cargill, 89

PAG 5 July 2020
Margaret Elizabeth Cargill, 89, passed away at her home in Columbia Falls on June 27, 2020.



She was born in Argenta, Montana, in 1931. Margaret graduated from Butte High School. She married John "Lucky" Cargill in 1948.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lillie and George, three sisters, one brother, and her son Rusty.

She is survived by her daughters, Lillie May and Cathy Raff, and sister Betty Rickett, her six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be celebrated on Friday, July 10, at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kalispell. A reception will follow at Teakettle Vista 1 Community Room, 1220 12th Ave. West, Columbia Falls.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Margaret's family

Milton J. Carlson, 89

Milton J. Carlson took another step of his journey, dying of natural causes on June 1, 2020.

Milt was born in Denver, Colorado on July 18, 1930, to Milton and Augustine Carlson, the fifth of six children. He graduated from East Denver High School and attended the University of Colorado and Denver University. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he continued his work with American Crystal Sugar Company headquarters in Denver. Milt met Barbara J. Smith from Glencoe, Illinois, at Arapahoe Basin in Colorado. They were married on May 19, 1954, to ski through life together. Their union resulted in bringing forth four children and, subsequently, seven grandchildren and five great grandsons. Their Colorado life centered on family, work, serving in the Episcopal Church and community volunteering.

In 1974, the family moved to Oakland, California, when Milt accepted an executive position with Union Sugar Company of San Francisco, where he served until his early retirement in June, 1986. They continued their community and church involvement in the Bay Area where they enjoyed a wealth of friends and activities. His clown Bruch was birthed at what is now the Sophia Center in Oakland. His studies in Creation Spirituality at Holy Names College became the centerpiece of the rest of his life.

The Universe provided yet another surprise when, on a summer backpacking trek in 1988, Milt and B.J. spotted a home in Kalispell that beckoned them to the Flathead. They bought it two days later and settled into the community.

In the ensuing years,



Milt volunteered in various ways. They included the Kalispell City-

County Planning Board, EarthSong (a non-profit public benefit corporation), Sunrft Center for Sustainable Communities, Citizens for a Better Flathead, 17 years with the Flathead Land Trust in various capacities, engagement with Northridge Lutheran Church, and 23 years as a director of Tri-Valley Corporation of Bakersfield, California. His memberships also include the Hockaday Museum of Art, Central School Museum, Friends of the Wild Swan, Montana Wilderness Association, Glacier Symphony and Chorale, Glacier Institute, Flathead Lakers and other local groups.

Preceding him in leaving the world were his parents; his brothers Walter Carlson, John Carlson and Bob Carlson; and his sisters, Barbara Denniston and Marilyn Schwan. He is survived by B.J., his wife of 66 years, of Kalispell; daughters Amy Evans of Divide, Colorado and Sherry Grazda of Mancos, Colorado; sons Jeff Carlson (Cheri) of Whitefish and Ken Carlson (Peggy) of Littleton, Colorado; seven grandchildren: Rebecca Dunn, Benjamin Grazda, Marisa Robinson, Kristin Miller, Jeremy Carlson, Craig Carlson, Heather Carlson and five great-grandsons.

Memorials may be made to Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Cremation has taken place in Kalispell. Private family memorial services will be on Monday, June 8.

Hoagy C. Carmichael, 84

Hoagy C. Carmichael, 84, of Whitefish, passed away May 8, 2020, at Hidden Meadows.

God put a yodel in his heart.

Hoagy may have passed away quietly but he definitely did not live that way. He was a man who lived by his heart and both feet in. His stories were larger than life and every bit as out-



rageous. Those stories included his life as an avid hunter, motorcycle racer, master mechanic, ski instructor, hydroplane boat racer, local yodeler and his deep love for his family and church. Hoagy would give his shirt off his back for those in need. His heart truly was massive. He never met a stranger.

His stories, his heart and his yodel will be sorely missed by his loving wife, four children, five grandkids, extended family and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Charles of Borromeo after all COVID-19 related restrictions are lifted and friends and family can all get together, which possibly could be in the late fall.

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

In lieu of flowers please help out a friend, share a story or tinker on a car.

John Lewis Carpenter, 84

PAG 16 Aug 2020

One of Whitefish, Montana's most memorable citizens, John Carpenter, has passed away after a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was released from his broken body on Aug. 2, 2020.

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, there will be a memorial service in the summer of 2021 with announcements of the exact date to be posted in late spring of next year.

John was born on the kitchen table of a farmhouse on July 26, 1936, to Lewis and Hazel Carpenter in Rocksand Township, Michigan. He is survived by his four former tax deductions, Brian, DeeAnn, Bruce and Heather, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, siblings Dwight, Dale and Joyce, as well as two wives, Judith and Muriel.

John was fortunate enough to have two incredibly patient, understanding, committed, forgiving and Godly women in his life ... Admittedly, without whom his success in life would have been greatly diminished. His first wife Judith "Judy" of 50 years and mother of his four children passed in 2007 from cancer, and his second wife, Muriel, of 11 years passed in 2019 also from cancer.

John taught middle school math science in Whitefish during the '60s '70s and '80s. His students and peers loved him and his unconventional approach to education. He had an after-school airplane club, was often the perpetrator of explo-

sions and crazy noises echoing through the halls, and was regularly seen on the front page of the local paper with a group of students doing grand, creative experiments ... John Carpenter made school fun and inspired hundreds of students to open their minds.

John (with the help of wife Judy) surpassed his lifelong goal of donating more than \$1,000,000 to churches and charities over a 50-year span. The remainder of his estate is in a perpetual trust with the Moody Bible Institute to assist young people with scholarships to attend college.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life as well as a radio control airplane fanatic. He was the best friend a guy could have and always ready help a neighbor

out. He was intelligent, creative, artistic, funny, and a little bit cocky at times. He had a Ph.D. and was proud of the nickname "Dr. Bullpucky." He was also very proud to call himself "chintzy and frugal" and bragged that he had never bought a steak at a restaurant in his lifetime. He wore \$12 rubber work boots eight months out of the year and \$10 tennis shoes the other four months ... and he would never be seen with a fishing pole in his hand without that old leather cowboy hat with the pheasant feathers on his head. The family would like to send out a very special thank you to John's good friend Keith B. for all you have done for Dad in his final years. John was a man to remember ... and if you ever met him ... you do.

Evelyn Marie (Sundt) Carr, 75

Evelyn Marie (Sundt) Carr, 75, died March 27, 2020, in Kalispell after a long battle with cancer and COPD.

She is survived by

her children Lori (Dave) Weisz, Doug (Margi) Carr and Darrin Carr.

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

Luis A. Caro, 83

Luis A. Caro, 83, died on July 28, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Vincent Andrew Carr, 25

PAG 22 Nov 2020

Vincent Andrew Carr, 25 passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020.

Born on Aug. 31, 1995, Vincent was a joy to all who came to know him. He loved music and was an up-and-coming comedian who performed at various venues in Kalispell. His brilliant light shined



everywhere he went.

Vincent is survived by his parents, Michelle Carr and Vincent

Sansone, his son, Adyn Vincent Carr, his sister Teri Cason, grandpar-

ents Vincent and Helen Sansone, Paul Carr, Chris and Jeff Magnuson, and Sherila Carter as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held on Monday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Leonardo 'Leo' Eduardo Carranza, 76

Leonardo "Leo" Eduardo Carranza was born to Santos C. Carranza and Mary L. Carranza on May 7, 1943.

Leo passed away on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2019, surrounded by family after a battle with the effects of a stroke.

Leo was born in Fairview, Montana, but spent most of his childhood and early adulthood in Sidney. He attended St. Philomena Catholic School and Sidney High School. In 1960, Leo married Jacqueline Johnson with whom he had three children, Rena, Deana, Yvette and Tom.

Most of his adulthood, he worked in construction building bridges, runways and homes in the Western U.S. Both before and after retiring, he also worked as an independent contractor. He enjoyed building and repairing and helped many in those endeavors. In the late 1980s he settled in Kalispell where he continued to work construction and made many lifelong friendships. Two of the most special were his longtime neighbor Helen Marshall and her daughter Marianne Lowitz; friendships he cherished greatly.



day was not complete until both the daily jumble and crossword were solved.

After Leo's stroke and stay at Inpatient rehab in Kalispell, he moved to Park Place in Great Falls to be nearer to family and to continue his fight to regain his independence. In true Leo fashion, he made friends with the staff and residents of his new abode in no time; no one was impervious to his charm. But God had other plans for Leo, and he spent his last days at Peace Hospice House in Great Falls.

Leo's family wants to extend tremendous gratitude to all the staff at Peace Hospice Care, especially Kathy and Kathleen who were there to guide us as he passed. We are also grateful to Chaplain Ray and Father Brennan for enveloping him in God's grace and providing last rites, as Leo wished, which were attended by his family.

Leo's family would like to thank the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their unwavering support and care that helped Leo to regain his speech, which

Playing, attending and watching sports was a passion of his, especially football at all levels. During football season, he could be found in the stands of the local high schools cheering for the teams. We all remember Leo as a very competitive sportsman.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting in the Montana outdoors. Given the chance, Leo would settle in for the night to watch a classic movie or listen to old rock or country music. He took pride in his culinary skills, especially baking and Mexican cuisine, often sharing his delicious baking skills with his friends and neighbors.

Faith was very important to Leo. Making sure to keep with his Catholic faith, he would attend Mass every Sunday at St. Matthew's parish.

Once he retired, he continued to help his many friends with their projects and needed repairs, but only after enjoying his daily 10 cent coffee at Sykes. His

our family is forever grateful for. We would also like to thank the lovely women at Park Place who made his last weeks comfortable and happy.

Leo is survived by his children, Deana, Yvette (Nathan) and Thomas James (T.J.); sister, Arlene and brothers John and Tom; grandchildren Brant, Rena, Jessica, Shandee and great-grandchildren, Hailey, Deegan, Alyssa, Dax and Lillian; former spouses, Jacqueline Schlenz and Liz Walsh.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, Santos and Mary, brother, Cedric (Jimmy) and infant daughter, Rena Marie.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages everyone to love those you love more than ever; be friendly to everyone and focus on your health. If you choose to donate in some way, please consider Kalispell Regional Health Center Inpatient Rehab, Kalispell, and Peace Hospice, Great Falls.

Gladys A. Carrasco, 97

Gladys A. Carrasco, 97, planned at this time.
died on March 5, 2020 at Buffalo Hill Funeral
Mountain View Manor in Home is caring for the
Eureka. family.
No services are

Sarah L. Carroll, 75

Sarah L. Carroll, 75, of Trout Creek, died on Oct.
22, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.
Services are pending.
Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David James Carson, 55

David James Carson, pending.
55, died on Saturday, Darlington Cremation
April 4, 2020, in Coram. and Burial Service is car-
Arrangements are ing for the family.

Sean Carter, 58

Sean Carter, 58, of being planned for a later
Kalispell, died Thursday, date.
July 16, 2020, at his Darlington Cremation
home in Kalispell. and Burial Service is
Family services are caring for the family.

John Mitchell "Crow" Carter, 84

John Mitchell "Crow" Carter, 84, of Bigfork, died
Dec. 20, 2020, in Kalispell.
He is survived by his wife Leta.
No services are being held at this time.
Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is
caring for the family.

Sean Carter

2020 Whitefish, MT
PB# 29 July
Sean Carter died at his home in Kalispell, Montana, July 16, 2020.

Sean was born in Aspen, Colorado, on Sept. 5, 1961, to Tom and Jean Carter. He grew up in Aspen but lived most of his adult life in the Flathead Valley of northwest Montana. He is survived by his wife Christina Schullien-Carter of Kalispell, his sister, Jill Carter-Jones, his brother, Michael Carter, and his canine companions, Addie and Rosie.

Sean spent his childhood years skiing, hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing in Aspen. Jeeping over steep mountain passes, skiing on glaciers in the summer, and motorcycling on the dirt roads were all a part of the fun. He spent many happy days adventuring with this best friend, Steve, and their close-knit group of friends. He learned to alpine ski when he was just 2 years old. As a youngster, he would fearlessly snowplow straight down Aspen Mountain to



keep up with his family. He was an accomplished alpine ski racer with the Aspen Ski Club in his teens. He also loved cross country skiing in his adult life.

Sean graduated from Red Lodge High School in 1979 and attended college at the University of Utah, Montana State University, and Flathead Valley Community College. Though he never took a degree, he loved learning, and was an avid reader his entire life.

Sean started his working life in the construction trade, and was a talented carpenter and mechanic, making

his living building and remodeling homes. He took great pride in his work and was a perfectionist. He was always willing to donate his time and expertise to help his friends and family with construction and mechanical jobs, whether big or small. Together with his brother and dad, he built his mother's home in Whitefish which was her pride and joy.

In 1991, Sean met his love and life partner, Chris. They were married in 1992 in Glacier Park. They spent many happy years in Whitefish and Kalispell, buying their dream home cabin in Kalispell by the river in 2003. Sean loved making improvements on their home, creating a beautiful garden, and raising chickens along with their menagerie of dogs. He enjoyed entertaining and cooking wonderful meals for his friends and family.

Sean was happiest when he could spend time in nature, camping and exchanging stories with

his family and friends around a campfire. He also enjoyed rock climbing and backpacking. Sean was intelligent, sensitive, and kind and would do anything for his family and many friends. He had a dry sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. He loved animals and was deeply devoted to the many dogs of his life.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Jean Carter, and his father, Tom Carter.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice, or to Flathead Spay and Neuter Clinic, at fsntf.org.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Sean and his family. Please feel free to send your stories and condolences via their website at www.darlingtonfunerals.com.

Thelma 'Tim' Carter, 96

PAG 25 Mar 2020

Tim passed away quietly and at peace on March 18, 2020.

She and her twin sister Alma were born Jan. 3, 1924, the seventh and eighth of 18 children born to Pearl and Bradford Leighty. They were born at home on Middle Road, Columbia Falls, where they had no electricity and they used an outdoor privy with catalogs and magazines for toilet paper. They raised their own food, including a garden and pigs, chickens, and cattle for milk and beef. They butchered beef and hogs and smoked hams, bacon and fish. They canned meat because there was no refrigeration. They ate more elk and deer than beef. Tim and her siblings ran a horse-powered cultivator and worked in the fields of the farm's cash crop, strawberries, which were transported by rail to eastern Montana and sold to local grocery stores. They washed clothes in a gas-powered washing machine. Her mother made soap from ashes in a large cauldron.

Tim went to grade school at Deer Park. There were two teachers. One for grades 1-4; another for grades 5-8. She played Tiny Tim in a Christmas play at school and the name stuck. Because there was no school bus, Tim worked for room and board in Kalispell, doing house-keeping and babysitting, in order to attend high school. She graduated in 1942, not long after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She and her twin sister, Alma, and younger sister, Esther, went to Seattle to work for Boeing, building B-17 and B-19 bombers. Tim was a real life "Rosie Riveter." (See Daily Inter Lake front page dated July 4, 2019.) Because Tim was very small, less than 5 feet, she worked inside the wings.



Kalispell, Washington, North Dakota, Whitefish, Oregon and then back to

Montana. In 1961 they bought the Leighty farm on Middle Road from Tim's mom, Pearl Leighty, who was then a widow. Tim and Todd stayed there for the remainder of their lives.

Tim continued in the family tradition of growing and preserving food for the family. They had a huge vegetable garden. They raised beef and milked cows. They had chicken and hogs. As busy as she was tending to her seven children, she was active in the community. She was a 4-H leader. She worked at the Flathead County Fair. She worked at the polls during elections. Her homemade bread earned many a blue ribbon at the Flathead County Fair. She loved to play pinochle and was a frequent player at the LaSalle Grange and then later at the Columbia Falls Senior Center.

United Kingdom, and Germany.

In her declining years she loved to watch John Wayne movies and "Gunsmoke." In her 90's, when her eyesight diminished so she could not read books, (she loved to read), she learned how to use a Kindle. With its backlighting and font control she was able to continue reading. After she broke her arm in 2019, she was no longer able to shuffle cards. So, at the age of 95, she learned how to use an iPad so she could continue to play solitaire.

Tim had a big personality packed in a little body. She was never afraid to speak her mind. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, most especially by her sparring partners. You know who you are.

Tim was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas "Todd" Carter; her parents, Pearl and Bradford Leighty; her siblings, Mary Ellen Ford, Ethel Vandervander, Sam Leighty, Nellie Mitsch, Bertha Peterson, Earl Leighty, Alma LaBar, Charles Leighty, Esther Ingram, Irene Broad, Ted Leighty, June Kinney and Laura Fuller and her granddaughter, Nicole Waller.

She is survived by her seven children, Georgia

(Bill) Haines, Steven (Teri) Carter, Mickale (Gene Kirschbaum) Carter, Randall (Bonnie) Carter, Leslie Traynor, Kelly (David) Armer, and Tracy (Rob) Witt and siblings Jim (Ann) Leighty, Violet Lundy, Ardith Wolfe, and Andy (Una) Leighty and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

The burial service will be at the Fairview Cemetery. A celebration of life will be announced later, after the coronavirus pandemic is over.

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

The Carter home always had visitors. Some stayed overnight, others just came for the meals. In the summer, the children frequently slept in the barn or in a canvas tent so that the adult visitors could use their beds. Tim was such a good cook that every Sunday there were dinner guests who came for the delicious fried chicken, homemade bread, cinnamon rolls, strawberry shortcake and German chocolate cake.

When she had only one child left at home, Tim decided to get a job outside the home. In 1976 she went to work as a nurse's aide at the Montana Veteran's Home. She had applied to work as a housekeeper. However, because of her known competence as a parent, she was hired as a nurse's aide. In 1986, she was Nurse's Aide of the Year. She was selected because of her friendliness to the veterans and her dedication.

After World War II ended, she returned to the Flathead Valley and met and fell in love with Douglas "Todd" Carter. Todd, from North Dakota, had come to the Flathead Valley to visit a North Dakota friend who was married to Tim's twin sister Alma. They married on Feb. 8, 1947. They had seven children, two boys and five girls. For the first 15 years of their marriage they moved frequently. They lived in

Tim enjoyed traveling and took advantage of the opportunity to visit her children who lived all over the world. She has visited her children in Alaska, Washington, D.C.,

(G. E.)

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Real-life 'Rosie'



THELMA CARTER outside her residence in Columbia Falls on Wednesday. (Casey Kreider/Daily Inter Lake)

C-Falls woman helped build WWII bombers

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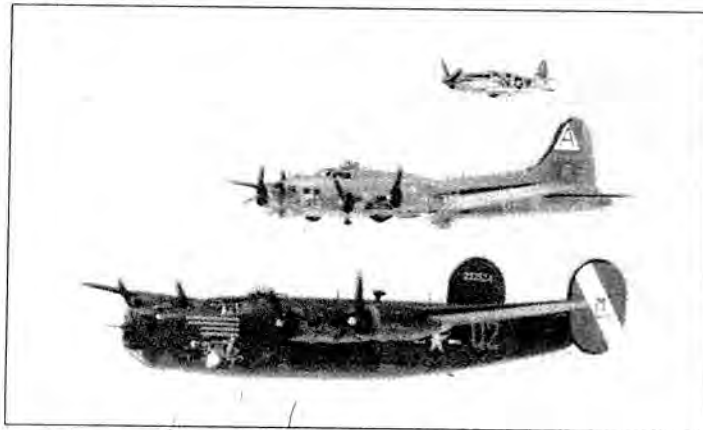
A historic formation of World War II aircraft is on track to touch down at Glacier Park International Airport today, and within the field of fighters and bombers is the iconic B-17.

Thelma Leighty Carter is no stranger to this quintessential WWII bomber.

As a rivet bucker during World War II, she got to know them from the inside out.

She helped bring these "Flying Fortresses" to life — a small cog in the American war machine.

Carter and members of the public will have the opportunity to tour aircraft, just like the ones Carter helped build, today and Friday as the Wings of Freedom Tour displays its fleet of vintage aircraft. The tour will visit more than 100



A B-24 LIBERATOR, B-17 Flying Fortress and P-51 Mustang fly in formation. (Photo courtesy of The Collings Foundation)

cities on a mission to educate and celebrate the WWII era of American history.

Carter actually lived it — she was a real-life "Rosie the Riveter," one of 5 million women who stepped up to fill jobs in factories and shipyards, allowing their male counterparts to fight

on the battlefield. These women built ships, tanks, planes and other materials and played an important role in the war effort.

"I felt important, the fact that we was out there helping the war effort, because I'm patriotic," Carter said.

She and her twin sister

got jobs at the Boeing factory near Seattle in 1942 after graduating high school. There, she helped build B-17s and B-29s until just before the war ended in 1945.

"[I] worked in shop 309 in the bomb bay section — that's where the bombs were," she said. "I worked on B-17s; I worked on the last one that went out, and I worked on the B-29; the first one that went out."

B-29s were heavy bombers, also called "Superfortress" aircraft that were first flown in 1942 and constructed at five plants across the United States, including Seattle where Carter was employed. Two modified B-29s, the Enola Gay and Bockscar, were used to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively. By the time production ceased

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a total of 3,970 had been built. Similar to the B-29, although smaller in size, the B-17 or "Flying Fortress" was also a heavy bomber-style aircraft. The B-17 was designed for high-altitude, strategic bombing in daytime hours and Boeing built more than 12,000 of them over the course of the war.

Carter, of Columbia Falls, is 95 now and her years at the Boeing factory seem a lifetime away. But she recalls snippets with clarity — bowling with her fellow riveters in off-hours, the sense of bewilderment she felt on Seattle's busy streets and the cramped sensation of working inside the airplane wings. At just 4 feet, 11 inches, Carter was smaller than the other workers and was often called to the uncomfortable duty of rivet bucking in the tiny wing cavity.

"I hated that wing. Can you imagine being inside of that thing? How much room do you think you had in there?" she said.

But Carter stayed on until the war was all but over.

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had taught her perseverance and also instilled in her a great sense of responsibility.

She was one of 18 kids raised on an 80-acre farm in Columbia Falls, where she still resides to this day. Back then, Carter recalled, things were much simpler.

"We took baths in front of the wood stove in the kitchen and we never dumped that water from one kid to another kid," she said.

She lived without luxuries such as electricity and indoor plumbing. She grew up in the garden, pulling carrots straight from the earth and eating raw spuds — she even credits the latter to her long life.

After she married and her children were grown, Carter spent 20 years in the medical field, working as a certified nursing assistant at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

"When I went up there to get a job, I thought I'd go in for housekeeping, but the nurse up there, she was born and raised right next door to me and I knew her. When she seen me, she asked me if I wanted to become a CNA," Carter said.

As a mother of seven she had a knack for taking care of folks and even earned the distinction of CNA of the year in 1986. But just because she excelled in her work didn't mean she didn't bend the rules from time to time. She'd wager on baseball games with her patients and sometimes, Carter liked to sneak a Dixie cup of ice cream to the ones with diabetes.

"I said you eat that right now and you throw that in the wastepaper basket when you're done," Carter said. "He wasn't supposed to have

it but I thought, my God, those guys are there for one purpose — to pass away. Having an ice cream maybe once a month or so, is that going to kill them off right?"

Looking back at her entire journey, from farm girl to WWII riveter and nurse, Carter is most proud of raising her family.

"Raising my family is my biggest accomplishment," she said, at her home on Monday afternoon. Across the table, her daughter Mickale Carter chimed in: "And none of us ended up in jail!"

The two of them dissolved into laughter.

The day wore on and Carter retired inside while Mickale headed out to the garden. Multiple plots are filled with a menagerie of flowers, peppered with eccentric decor like bowling balls and colorfully painted tires. Carter hasn't lost her wartime frugality; she's found a use for everything.

In the field beyond, rows of bushy leaves pop up from the ground.

There must be hundreds and they can only be one thing — spuds.

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Joseph R. 'Sonny' Cartwright, 81

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Joseph R. "Sonny" Cartwright, age 81, passed away on Oct. 15, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Joseph "Joe" was born on Feb. 10, 1939, in St. John, North Dakota, to Joseph and Mary (McMaster) Cartwright. He grew up with two brothers and two sisters.

Joe joined the Marines where he served our country proudly for six years.

Growing up, he was known as Sonny; when he got older he was known as Joe.

Joe married Laura Smith in 1965, out of that union they had four children, Jeannie, Mary Jo, Shari and Penny; and later Joe had a son Joey Cartwright.

Growing up, Joe loved the outdoors. He enjoyed camping, fishing and trapping. Being outside was Joe's natural calling. He was a practical jokester. Joe was always teasing someone. He always had a smile on his face and loved doing



these things for others. Joe was a true gentleman.

Joe is survived by his four children, numerous grandchildren, multiple great-grandchildren, as

well as his brother.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, a brother, and his parents.

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

Joe's memory will not be forgotten and he will be missed greatly.

The family would especially like to thank Meals on Wheels, and the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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.

Alvaretta Cerlan, 95

Alvaretta Cerlan, 95, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 16, 2020.

She will be buried in the Florida National Cemetery.

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

Alvaretta E. Cerlan, 95

Alvaretta E. Cerlan, 95, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 16, 2020, at her home.

She is survived by her children Rebecca Bahr, Michael Cerlan and Gayle Hunt.

No services are scheduled.

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

James Richard 'Dick' Chapman, 89

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James Richard "Dick" Chapman (dubbed "JR" by his children, to the dismay of his wife) passed away on Friday Aug. 14, 2020. He was 89, just two weeks shy of his 90th birthday.

His 90 years were full years. JR was born in rural Ohio, September 2, 1930, and spent his teenage years managing the family farm. His rural work ethic carried him far; common sense, physicality and can-do attitude led him to convince a job foreman to jump on a bulldozer that he'd never operated before and successfully demonstrate he was up for the task. He went on to successfully run his own construction company for decades.

In 1952, at age 21, he married Dolores, "Dolly", a young woman he met at work at the Caterpillar plant; she was 19. Their family was comprised of 5 children: Chris, Deb, Cheryl, Rick and Diane. Once JR realized how quickly his kids were growing up he bought a camper trailer, threw his 5 kids in the back of a pickup with a topper (not always fun with 5 siblings in close confinement) and headed out on explorations in the middle of his busiest work season. Their explorations led them to the Northwest where they fell in love with Montana. JR and Dolly moved to Montana in 1978 where 3 of their children had already relocated for college or work. JR & Dolly sold their Ohio farmhouse and 1886 historic barn and bought the quintessential log house with an equally impressive barn in Rollins, Montana, to rival the Ohio barn they left behind. That became



JR's "ranch" and his grounding as a Montanan. He loved his equipment,

his tractors, hunting, four-wheeling, horseback riding, and he was an impressive gardener.

He was a funny, intelligent man with a knack for mischief. As kids we were told to "go long" in the grocery aisles as he would lob paper towel rolls or similar items at us to retrieve, only to be scolded by his wife. He was a bit of a rule bender, playing badminton with 2 rackets instead of one, and launching numerous birdies all in flight at the same time. He was an amazing whistler, giving impromptu performances, whistling impressively to Dolly's classical music. He was known for his off-color jokes and toasts that he would dust off and bring out on each family holiday. Family gatherings were huge for him; he was always down for a party - and good food.

Our many thanks to Pleasant View Home which cared for JR in his last years, and courageously took him back after his hospitalizations when he needed extra care and love. Their welcoming of JR each time was especially appreciated in these precarious times.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Dolly, who he missed right up until the end.

JR dearly loved his wife, his extended family and his ranch. He will be similarly missed.

Donna Lee Chapmon, 86

The world has lost one of the kindest, most selfless humans most of us will ever have the honor of knowing.



Donna Lee Chapmon passed away on March 13, 2020.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Aleta Poncin; her beloved brothers, Richard Carey and Dave Poncin; and her sister, Elaine Poncin. Donna is survived by her daughter, Rebekah; son-in-law, Apollo; and granddaughter, Teah. She is also survived by her sister Joan Ortmann, nieces and nephews in Montana, Iowa, Texas, and Kansas — and many dear friends across the country.

Donna was diagnosed with brain cancer in early February, which she faced with the same strength and determination she demonstrated every day of her life. Sadly, it soon became apparent that her Lord was calling her home.

Donna was born July 14, 1933 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was the fourth of five children and the youngest sister. Donna earned her teaching degree at the University of Montana, and spent the 1960s, teaching on military bases throughout Europe, where weekend jaunts created a lifetime of memories and stories. Donna eventually settled in Polson where she taught all ages, including special education, but preferred kindergarten because the children were still in love with the adventure of school.

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Mrs. Chapmon, as she was known, retired from teaching in 1985 from Cherry Valley in Polson. There was a brief vacation before moving to Hughes Bay in Lakeside and taking in four foster children. Others would come as well, all in need of stability, love, and joy in their lives. Even in retirement, Donna couldn't help but take care of others. She worked at daycares, babysat, and nannied. Nearing her 70s, she realized children were too quick for her and began caring for older women. In her free time, she would sneak off to orphanages in Brazil and Russia for "vacations."

In 2007, Donna's granddaughter, Teah, was born. The love Donna had previously shown the world was fully focused on this child. Ever the teacher, there was a song, story, or craft for everything. Her greatest joy in recent years, and one of her final wishes, was to watch Teah play basketball.

In the final weeks of Donna's life, Rebekah took great solace in the number of people whose lives her mother had touched. It is a testament to her character that so many people, across generations, cared so deeply for her. She was as loyal and loving to her friends as she was to her family — the absence of her phone calls and conversations will be felt by them as much as anyone. The strength of her spirit will live on through all those who called her their friend.

Donna Chapmon

A memorial service for Donna Chapmon, 86, who died March 13, will be held at 2 p.m. July 14 at Bigfork Chapel.

A tree planting ceremony will be at 4 p.m. in Hughes Bay, Lakeside.

Call Rebekah at 406-270-5215 for directions.

A reception will follow at 5 p.m. at Vista Linda in Somers.

Friends and family may attend any part of services.

A funeral will be announced when the world is in a calmer place. Per Donna's wishes, she will be cremated and buried, under a crabapple tree so that everyone knows when it blossoms in the spring she is there, and she can feed the birds and deer throughout the year.

Donna had an unwavering love of people and a penchant to do unto others. In 1970, she sponsored Chai Srichai, from Thailand, to come live with her and finish his education. Eight years later, Donna's niece, Deb, gave her the gift she had always wanted — a child of her own. From the moment Donna adopted Rebekah, at 4 days old, both of their lives were transformed. Their bond was unbreakable. Despite being a single mother, there was never want.

Christopher "Chappy" Chapman

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Christopher "Chappy"
Chapman

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Chappy was born in Burlingame, California to MaryAnn and Jim Chapman. From the start he was an athletic, driven and adventurous child. As a young man he loved baseball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, water skiing, golf and road biking. Chappy loved time with family and friends, his circle never wavered. Chappy attended countless concerts and was drawn to live music. He also had a passion for photography, documenting his many travels and excursions.

By the time he was entering adulthood, Chappy was battling Hodgkins Lymphoma. He won. The battle sparked a lust for life unlike any other. Chappy's second chance was about to begin.

In 1983 Chappy moved to Whitefish and immediately fell in love. He started by working at Jimmy Lee's, then for almost four decades greeted patrons of Whitefish's favorite watering holes: The Palace, Truby's, The Great Northern Bar and Whitefish Lake Lodge. Chappy often said that he loved bartending because he was able to hang out with vacationers having fun and help make their visit memorable.



Being the "Ambassador and Tour Guide" of the Flathead Valley, if visitors to Whitefish were lucky enough to encounter Chappy, they would soon have the pleasure of learning the greatest places to go and the Flathead's best kept secrets. He was also known for his plethora of jokes, good and bad.

Chappy's professional life allowed him to play all day. Chappy declined the label "ski bum" and had been quoted proclaiming himself a "ski enthusiast." Chappy would proceed to ski almost every day of every ski season for the next 30 years. In 2003, Big Mountain began tracking vertical feet skied by pass holders. That season, Chappy recorded over 5 million vertical feet of skiing. It would be 10 seasons until anyone surpassed that. Chappy was an avid hiker, tackling multiple peaks in Glacier

National Park every summer. He also had a passion for rafting and mountain biking. Chappy floated amongst icebergs in Alaska, ran the lava falls in the Grand Canyon and floated a multitude of trips down the Salmon and Snake rivers. He truly enjoyed taking people from strangers to loved ones floating on any fork of the Flathead River.

On his bicycle, a sweaty Chappy found himself in Lynnett Gobel's neighborhood, stopping by often just to say "hi." A pretty Dutch girl had smitten Chappy. Their first date was a hike to the top of Scenic Point in Glacier National Park. Lynnett already had a man in her life, seven-year-old Skylar. Chappy's kindness, charm and beautiful, fun-loving character won Lynnett's heart. A family was formed. Chappy became an amazing husband and father. Because of Chappy's influence, Skylar grew to be an avid outdoorsman and photographer. Years into their relationship and with Chappy's support, Lynnett accomplished her nursing degree. This ultimately contributed to his comfort and care in the latter part of his life. Their great love lasted 23 years.

Chappy is survived by

Lynnett, Skylar and three beloved dogs Ginger, Pepper and Curry. Chappy is also survived by his granddaughter Sienna Koepke, his mother MaryAnn Chapman, his sister Cheryl (Darrell) Plusch, brother Jeff Chapman and his nephew Ryan Plusch. Chappy is preceded in death by father James Chapman, grandmother Billie Smith and nephew Christopher Plusch.

Chappy never met a stranger. People from far and wide gravitated to Chappy's joyful, grateful spirit. Chappy's favorite motto was: "You can sleep when you're dead." In his final days, Chappy stated to his wife, "I'm still having fun."

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Big Mountain Ski Club, P.O. Box 1614, Whitefish, MT 59937 or DREAM Adaptive at <https://www.dreamadaptive.org/donate/>

A celebration of Chappy's life will be held when everyone can get together. Please visit Chappy's online memorial tribute at www.austinhf.com to share condolences, stories and photos with the family. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Chappy's family.

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'Chappy' remembered as a friend for everybody

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By DANIEL MCKAY
Whitefish Pilot

In Chris "Chappy" Chapman, everyone in Whitefish had a friend.

The well-known bar manager at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake and avid skier died April 25 after nearly four decades of tending bar for locals and visitors alike.

Originally from Burlingame, California, Chapman moved to Whitefish in 1983 and immediately took to the town. He made a tour of the area's favorite bars, working at the Palace, Truby's, Great Northern Bar and Grill and eventually landing at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, according to an obituary in the Pilot.

While Chapman had his own close circle, friend Bill Milner said he had a way of making everyone feel like they were part of the group.

"I think the most important thing was you always felt like he was so glad to see you because you were so special, and I believe he made everybody feel that way. He was as excited to see me as I was for him. I think that was a big part of his character," Milner said. "I

think Chappy was kind of a legendary person that lived as a legend while he was alive. You came into The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, a great lodge with a great view of the lake, but he made you feel special."

Chapman married Lynnett Gobel and spent the last 23 years of his life with her and her son, Skyler.

In 2016 he was named Whitefish's Best Bartender in the Best of Whitefish contest. Chapman told the Pilot at the time that his life philosophy was to make his patron's day and enjoy life.

"Most people are here on vacation, they're here to have fun," he said. "It's food and beverage, not life and death. Life's short. You gotta have as much fun with it while you got it, whether you're young or old. That's something I've tried to be true to since I moved here."

When he wasn't behind the bar, Chapman was outside. Calling himself a "ski enthusiast" rather than a "ski bum," Chapman was often found on the slopes of Whitefish Mountain Resort.



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Chris "Chappy" Chapman was named the Best Bartender in the 2016 Best of Whitefish contest. (Pilot file photo)

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Russell Dean Chavez, 73

Russell Dean Chavez, of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, due to complications of cancer. He was 73 years old.

Russell was born Sept. 2, 1946, in Del Norte, Colorado, to Joseph Raymond and Rose Antencio Chavez. When he was just a toddler, the family moved to Wallace, Idaho, where he grew up with his siblings and graduated from Wallace High in 1964.

He proudly served his country in the Army from 1965 through 1971, earning several medals, including two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with V device. He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

On May 12, 1973, Russell married his soul mate, Debra McHugh, in California. They relocated to Montana in 1975 where they raised their family. They were married for 47 years.



time on the lake or river with his family and making memories, even when the fishing wasn't great. He enjoyed camping and the outdoors. Sports were a great passion of his as well, whether it was a golf match, a football game, or a UFC fight. He loved to support his grandchildren in their sports and endeavors, encouraging them from the bleachers with a high five and a hug after. Russell's greatest pride and joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather

Russell retired from the United States Post Office in 2004, after 29 years. In his retirement he was an avid fisherman, spending quality

and brother and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Preceding him in death were his parents Joseph and Rose, sister Rena and brother-in-law Steve, brother Ron and sister-in-law Joni, brother Bobby, lifelong friend Carmen Norris, a niece and a great-nephew.

Russell is survived by his wife, Debbie, of Kalispell; children, Daron and Julaine Chavez, Jason Chavez and Elizabeth, Joe and Breanna Chavez, Veronnica and Jim Perry, and Russell and Nicole Felix; grandchildren, Cassandra, Richard, Keyanna, Rhyann, Sabrina and Shane, Maddie, Kristin, Kaylin, Jakob, Grant, Makia and Mark, Abigail, Madison, Alivia, James, Karmen, Malachi, and Alexis; his brother, Roger Chavez; five great-grandchildren; lifelong friend Steve Norris; several nieces and nephews and their

extended family.

There will be a graveside service with military honors on Friday, June 12, at the Fairview Cemetery at 11 a.m. Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will follow.

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.

Grace L. Chema, 83

Grace L. Chema, 83, of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Trout Creek, died Feb. 16, 2020 in Kalispell. Crematory is caring for the family.

No services will be held at this time.

Stephen William Cheman Jr., 80

Stephen "Steve," "Dad," or "Uncle Butch" William Cheman Jr., 80, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at the family home after a battle with metastatic bladder cancer.

Dad was born on April 11, 1940, at Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Lackawanna, New York, a suburb of Buffalo, to Stephen Cheman Sr. and Catherine Pentek Cheman. He was the eldest of four siblings and was brought up in the traditions of his Croatian heritage. The family resided on a farm for a spell where Dad helped his grandfather, Grampie Pentek, deliver milk for Steel City Dairy in Lackawanna. Dad had many great stories and fond memories of the farm where he grew up, especially of family lamb roasts and Croatian music.

Dad graduated from Frontier High School in Hamburg, New York, in 1957. He was a proud member of the Marine Corps Reserves where he was ranked as lance corporal. He served from 1958 until 1966 when he was given an honorable discharge. Though Dad was never deployed to battle, he had a special love of the military and military history. From day one, Dad was a car guy and did a little drag racing while a teenager, which got him into trouble a time or two. He loved to tinker and repair his cars, especially his Chevy Bel Airs, one that he drove in his younger years and one that he purchased later in life. The Bel Air was near and dear to his heart as that was the car he owned when he met and married Mom.

Dad married Mary Joyce Walker on Dec. 1, 1962, in Eden, New York, a marriage that stayed



built a house for all of us in North Evans, New York. Dad worked at the Erie County Water Authority for many years, then left to pursue his own business of chimney sweeping. In 1978, Dad took the family on a trip to Montana, all the way to Glacier Park. Montana made such an impression on Dad and Mom, that the very next year, they sold the house and packed us all up to move to Kalispell for good.

Dad designed and built our house on Foothill Road and worked at various jobs until landing at Evergreen Water District. He later took a job with Montana Rural Water and loved traveling our great state to help small municipalities with their water systems.

Dad loved physical exercise, and did lots of hiking, biking and running. He participated in many local 5K runs and always did well for his age group. He stayed fit with his weight set right up until his cancer diagnosis. He was a talented musician, especially on the accordion which he would play at family gatherings. We kids loved his rendition of "Riders in the Sky" that he would sing on long car trips. Dad also loved firearms and reloading ammunition and was always eager to share his knowledge with everyone.

strong for 58 years. They started immediately making a family with six children: Bill, Peggy, Jill, Cheryl, Joyce and Chris, and

Dad, Jill and Cheryl shared an adventure when they hiked to Strawberry Lake, lost the trail, crossed the Swan Range and ended up at Lost Johnny Point on the Hungry Horse Reservoir. That was one of Dad's favorite and epic stories to recount.

Dad served as a volunteer firefighter for 12 years at the North Evans Volunteer Fire Department. He volunteered at Meals on Wheels and was a literacy volunteer for the jail system. He and Mom were faithful members of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell since 1979 and where Dad served as a Eucharistic minister for many years.

After Dad retired, he spent a lot of good times with his coffee friends at McDonald's. He loved taking care of his little furry friend, Tomoko, the toy poodle, who will dearly miss him.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by wife, Mary, at the family home in Kalispell; brothers, Richard (Jean) and Ken (Joanne) Cheman, and sister Pat Coates, all of New York; children, Bill

(Eileen) of Oak Harbor, Washington, Peggy (the late Johnnie Walker) of Kalispell, Jill of Kalispell, Cheryl (the late Greg Corr) of Hamilton, Joyce (Bob) Owen of Florence, and Chris of Kalispell; grandchildren, Will Cheman, Katie (Robert) Pride, Gregory (Oly) Petersen, Brittany (Dave) Lynch, Brooke Molek, Isabella (Miguel) Del Carpio Gasca, Mary Del Carpio, Dylan Cheman, Ivy Cheman, Quinn Cheman, Nicole Owen, Adam Seelye, Andrea Seelye, Makayla Cheman, Caleb Pickering, Atticus Cheman and Amelia Cheman; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as our longtime New York neighbors Lee and Marilyn Buchanan.

A viewing/rosary will be held Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Friday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church. The burial will take place Saturday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with a celebration of life at the VFW in Kalispell immediately following.

Kenneth John Chernikoff, 78

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 Kenneth John Chernikoff, 78, of Polson, passed quietly away in his home late on the night of Dec. 27, 2020, after spending a lovely day watching football with his wife and visiting with friends.



horses, and a little cockatiel) and their perfect way of life in their cabin in

the woods. He was an avid and daily swimmer at the pool, and a dedicated friend to so many people who eventually became family to him. With the deep affection of his family, he leaves a legacy of such strength and wisdom in his sobriety, living spiritual principles and creating lasting and wonderful memories for us all.

Ken was born on Feb. 26, 1942, in Huntington Park, California, to parents Albert and Alice Chernikoff. He grew up there, revealing his innate and extraordinary athletic prowess in school, both as a football player and fabulously beautiful diver. Ken was also one of the last of the "long board surfers." In the 1960s, he surfed every beach up and down the Southern California coast and in Hawaii.

Ken traveled all over the world as a merchant seaman and then moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, where he skied for five years. Returning to Laguna Beach, California, in 1975, he found his soulmate, Katrina, and embarked on a 42-year love affair with her and a wonderful journey of sobriety that took them to Polson where they've lived ever since, raising two adoring and amazing children. He shared his love of skiing with both Michael and Amy, skiing on top of Big Mountain. Ken established and ran a courier service with his kids, supporting his loving wife, (with her adoration for dogs, cats,

Ken is survived by his wife beloved wife Katrina, precious daughter Amy, her children Trey and Harper, their father, Cody; Thomas and Laura; Ken and Katrina's newfound children. He leaves an adoring sister, Beverly Spring and daughter Susie, husband, Jason and son, Easton, and a host of relatives and friends too numerous to list.

His integrity, decency and strength will live in all our hearts forever. A celebration of Ken's life will follow this summer. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lake-funeralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

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MEMORIALS

Rodney Childers, 60

Rodney Childers, 60, died on April 13, 2020.

A celebration of Rod's life will take place at 2

p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Columbia Mortuary. Burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Rodney E. Childers, 60

PAH 19 Apr 2020
 Rodney E. Childers, 60, passed away on April 13, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Miles City to Ray and Rena Childers on July 18, 1959.

Rod graduated from Columbia Falls High School in the class of 1978. He attended Flathead Community College and worked at the Columbia Falls



Aluminum Plant for 25 years.

He enjoyed the outdoors: fishing, hunting and camping.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father Ray and Rena (Webster) Childers.

He is survived by his sister Renee Franks and

her husband Wes; brother Randy Childers and his wife Stacey; brother Robert Childers and his wife Barbara; his faithful dog Oscar; African grey parrot, Baby; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will take place in May with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia falls is caring for Rod's family.

Henry 'Hank' Francis Cichowski, 74

Henry "Hank" Francis Cichowski, 74, of Kila, has moved on to his new hunting and fishing spots on Jan. 20, 2020, after a year-long battle with lung cancer, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on Aug. 23, 1945, to Henry and Jennie Cichowski in New Britain, Connecticut, Hank grew up in Southington, Connecticut, and was an avid athlete all through high school, competing in track and cross country. After graduating from Southington High School, Hank enlist-



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ed in the United States Marine Corps in 1966. He served two tours in Vietnam and finished his career in San Jose, California,

on the I&I Staff as a staff sergeant.

After moving from Arizona to Montana in 1977, Hank's love of the outdoors grew in abun-

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dance. Hank was a great family man, forever taking care of his loved ones throughout every step in life. He shared his love and respect for the outdoors with his family. In the woods and at lakes with family is where he was happiest. His love of hunting and fishing is what made Montana home. A greater hero we will never know.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Tom.

Hank is survived by his wife Betty of 51 years, son Brandon, daughter

Tina, grandchildren Cory and Caitlyne, his brother Paul and sister Jean, sister-in-law Carolyn, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Per Hank's wishes there will be no services at this time. He will wait for his wife Betty to take him on his last trip into the woods.

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.

Irene C. Christenson, 95

Irene C. Christenson, 95, died May 18, 2020. She is survived by her children Merdith Foy, Janine Gardener, Gail Christenson and Kevin

Christenson. Services will be held later this year. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for her family.

Harold H. Clarke Jr.

P.A. 6, 29 Nov 2020
Harold H. Clarke Jr. passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family and loved ones on Nov. 18, 2020. Harold never met a stranger, he had a gift of connecting with and making each and every person feel special and appreciated. Harold served two years as an officer in the Army in Korea during the Vietnam War.

For the last 25 years Harold worked on the Blackfeet Reservation as a pharmacist and mentored many students. Harold had a loving demeanor toward everyone — always focusing on others success, and finding a path and a passion instilled by a will to learn and a good work ethic. You could often find Harold cross-country skiing in the dead of night in Glacier or near the divide in June.



Harold was survived by his wife, Pam; and stepchildren, Jessica, and Brad and his wife Destiny. He was the proud

grandfather of four grandchildren, Chance, Trinity, Zayden and Abbi. His brother Ernie, and sister Mary Ann also survive him. He also adored his numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his father Harold Henry, mother Hazel, brother Phil, and sister Susan.

There will be no service at this time. A memorial is to be held in the summer.

William L. 'Bill' Clark, 79

William L. "Bill" Clark, 79, of Kalispell died April 19, 2020.

He is survived by his children Jerry Clark, Diana Goyer, Raymond Clark, Kathy Jimenez, Lisa Weaver, Steven Peirce, Candy Fredrickson, Steve Clark,

Leila Clark, Leonard Clark, Dan Clark and Chela Pease.

No services are being held at this time.

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

Terry Jay Click, 57

Terry Jay Click, 57, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at his home.

He is survived by his wife Kim, and his children, Robert "Bobby" Click, Cassidy Lilienthal and Carson Abreu.

A memorial service will be held Sunday,

Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 100 Vista Drive in Bigfork.

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

Donald Lee Clark, 90

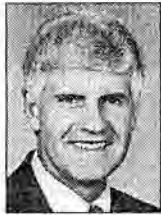
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Donald Lee Clark, adoring husband and devoted father of two sons, passed away on Dec. 5, 2020, one week shy of his 91st birthday at The Springs at Whitefish.

The soldier, husband, father, professor, author and mentor loved, lived and learned for all of his 90 years. He tested positive for COVID-19 on Nov. 28 and died seven days later. At a time when it is easy to be a cynic, Clark was unusually optimistic, surrounding himself with family and friends who admired and loved him.

Throughout his accomplished life in the Air Force, Clark never lost sight of making time to enjoy the world or people around him. He earned a third degree black belt in Judo from the Kodokan Judo College while stationed in Japan. He learned to scuba as an attache in the Soviet Union in hopes of diving in the world's deepest lake. He taught himself to ride a unicycle just for the fun of it and took up skiing in his 40s while living in New Hampshire as a research fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. And he skied the Alps while serving as an action officer assigned to the Joint Staff in the Office of International Negotiations.

In his 50s, he took up



the banjo. In his 60s he started writing fiction, and in his 70s, he learned to play golf.

He was born in Dallas, Texas, to Victor and Sheppard

Clark.

Don is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Conway Clark; their two sons Brian and his wife Marie of Kalispell; Darren and his wife Myrna of Rancho Santa Margarita, California; and three grandsons Kellin Clark and his wife Lauren Fox of Washington, D.C.; and Ryan Clark and Kevin Clark of California. He was preceded in death by his older sister, Delores.

Don and his sister were raised in Dallas by their single mother, Sheppard. He attended Southern Methodist University on theology and ROTC scholarships, and graduated with a degree in sociology. He later earned his Masters in political science from George Washington University while in the Air Force. He met and later married the love of his life, Patricia Conway, in 1955 at Perkins Chapel on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

After graduating from SMU, Clark began his military service career, which included assignments around the U.S. and the world. He and his family lived in California, Texas, Alabama, Virginia, D.C., New Hampshire, Turkey and the Soviet Union. During his military career, he served in the Strategic Air Command as a B29 navigator, Air Training Command, Security Service and Intelligence.

Most of his 23-year military career was focused on intelligence.

He was a Soviet specialist for numerous US delegations including the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, Law of the Seas and Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions.

He retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1974 and moved his family from D.C. to Bozeman to ski at Bridger Bowl and become the assistant to the President at Montana State University. Six years later, he transitioned to become the director of International Education where he also taught courses in political science. He later started MSU's International Education programs while teaching classes in international affairs. While at MSU, he wrote a weekly newspaper column for several Montana dailies, excerpts from which were sometimes

broadcast over Voice of America. His writings also appeared in Skiing magazine, the Air University Review, the Alternative and Defense Analysis.

After 20 years of teaching at MSU, Clark retired again and moved with Patricia to a condo on Flathead Lake in Bigfork. In his retirement, Clark started writing fiction and published several novels intertwining his passion for politics, world affairs and the human condition. In his 70s, Clark also volunteered his time to numerous community groups. Clark joined CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and became a key volunteer working with families and children in need. He served on the state advisory board for CASA and on the United Way and Red Cross Advisory boards in Montana.

Don was never a victim in life or in death, but his loss is his final teaching moment. Even as his mind was fading with Alzheimer's, he maintained his positive attitude. He never failed to tell his family how proud he was, how much he loved us and what a wonderful life he had lived.

We were blessed to have him in our lives.

Due to the pandemic there are no services planned at this time.

James Edward Clarke, 60

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James "Jimmy Dam Clarke from Eureka, Montana" Edward Clarke



joined his dad Richard "Dick" Clarke in heaven on May 20, 2020. He passed at home in Kalispell at the age of 60.

Jimmy was born in Libby on Aug. 8th, 1959. He is known for his great storytelling and writing, "genuine mountain man" abilities in hunting, fishing, diving, and love for rendezvous. Jimmy will remain in the memory of many, particularly in the way of his multi-talented art; poems, short stories, drawings, paintings,

buckskins, scrimshaw, his love and knowledge of rock and roll and much more. If ever you had the chance to sample his apple pie, oh my!

He is survived by his son Ricky Clarke; daughters Brooke and Alexandra Waples; mother Arlene Clarke; brothers Steve (Star-la) and Dwain (Ronda) Clarke; sisters Linda Clarke

Howell (William); Judith Clarke Schwan (Harlan) and a dear close friend; as well as aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Jimmy is loved very much and already missed!

There will be a celebration of like at 3 p.m. on June 6 at Pinkham School.

Richard 'Rick' Lyle Cockrell, 73

Richard "Rick" Lyle ^{23 Aug 2020} Townsend, ^{23 Aug 2020} Cockrell, age 73, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 at his home.

He is survived by his wife Molly, sister Janet Henry of Malta, and aunt Bonnie Berglund of

Plans are being made for a celebration of Rick's life for a later date.

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

Carol Jean Codrey, 63

Carol Jean Codrey, 63, of Kalispell, died Aug. 23, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 1

p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kari Lynn Cole, 80

Kari Lynn Cole passed away Nov. 4, 2020.

Kari was born Feb 21, 1940, to John and Catherine Finmland in Libby. Being very proud of her Norwegian heritage, Kari learned to ski at a very young age. Her husband of 61 years, Bob, proposed to her atop the old Libby ski hill. They were a husband and wife Ski Patrol team for many years. Kari and Bob were

married July 26, 1959, in ²⁴ Libby.

Kari was a librarian for many years, beginning with the Book Mobile and then as the children's librarian for Flathead County Library. Later she enjoyed working as the librarian at Elrod and Edgerton schools. She was also very active in Beta Sigma Phi for more than 55 years and always attended the annual

^{15 Nov 2020} Sweetheart Ball.

Kari and Bob could always be found on the ski hill, camping and hiking in the area. For more than 20 years, Kari, Marilyn Olson, Anna Miller and Carol Bodine hiked weekly throughout the area.

Kari is survived by her husband, Bob; a daughter, Kari Syrena (Russell) Plakke, of Lakewood, Colorado; grandchildren,

Dr. Melissa (Douglas) Plakke Hall, of Lawrence Kansas; SSgt. Kevin Plakke, U.S. Air Force; great-grandson, Korvid Hall; sisters-in-law, Betty (Gary) Burnett of Cochrane, Alberta, and Mary Lee (Bill) Cole of Spokane. Kari also has many cousins in Norway and many caring friends.

A memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

Roger Cole

Graveside rites for Roger Cole will be held at 1 p.m. on July 11, 2020, at Eureka Cemetery. A celebration will follow at 2 p.m. at



Northpoint Restaurant and Lounge. Come for refreshments and

share your stories. Cindy, Dean, Joan and the family look forward to seeing everyone there.

Elizabeth A. Coleman, 79

Elizabeth A. Coleman, 79, of Bigfork, died April 22, 2020.

She is survived by her daughter, Kelly.

No services are being

planned at this time.

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

Harold Clifford 'Cliff' Collins, 87

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Harold "Cliff" Collins went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday morning, May 9, 2020, following an eight-year battle with cancer.

Cliff was born to Harold and Helen Collins in Somers on Aug. 27, 1932. His early years were spent in the sawmill town of Somers, some 27 years after his grandfather first moved to the Flathead Valley. His family relocated to Kalispell so that he and his sister could attend Flathead County High School.

After he graduated from high school, he enrolled at Seattle Pacific University, where he used his musical gifts of playing trumpet and singing for the glory of God. He studied at the University of Montana for one year, where his fondest memory was of performing with the Jubileers vocal ensemble. He returned to Seattle Pacific for his final year of college and graduated in 1954 with a degree in business and economics.

Following his college graduation, Cliff enlisted in the United States Army, where he served for two years in Germany, and was also a section leader of the company drum and bugle corps.

Following Cliff's time overseas, he began working in Seattle. It was



there that he met Lynda Walls. They married on Aug. 6, 1966. After working for Shell Oil and in recruiting and fundraising for SPU, Cliff used his varied background to inform his next calling as a public school teacher.

He was a music and middle school teacher in Seattle before returning home to the Flathead Valley to work as a fifth-grade teacher at Peterson School in Kalispell, until his retirement in 1994.

A recipient of the "My Favorite Teacher Award" for the state of Montana, Cliff had a passion for teaching. He made every student feel important and knew how to make learning fun. Former students often recalled the accomplishment of learning to say all 50 states and capitals in one minute or less. He always welcomed each child at the door every morning with a handshake. Then he would do the same as each child left for the

day. He also taught U.S. presidential succession by having every student serve as U.S. president (and the classroom) for the day.

Not only did he teach civic engagement, he modeled it by serving for two terms on the Kalispell City Council. In addition, he was instrumental in helping the Historical Society secure the old Central School Museum. As president of the Historical Society, he and Lynda volunteered their energies into raising funds, organizing exhibits, planning activities, and even facility maintenance. In recognition of his extensive service, the Northwest Montana History Museum named him a lifelong senior advisory director. A lifelong musician, he sang in church choirs, played trumpet in the Flathead County Community Band, and served on the board of the Glacier Symphony. Cliff and Lynda enjoyed working together on political campaigns, and Cliff served several terms on the state executive board for the Republican Party.

He loved his grandson, Eddie Mitchell, 9, and his great-niece, Emma Anderson, 12. A devout Christian, he was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Sunday fellowship and Tuesday Bible studies were the high-

lights of each week.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Lynda, of Kalispell; daughter, Shelley Collins, son-in-law, Don Allan "Chip" Mitchell, and his grandson, Edward David Collins Mitchell, of Cleveland, Mississippi; his sister, Clara Ellen Anderson; nieces Jeri Anderson and Sue Ellyn Anderson, and great-niece Emma Luise Anderson, all of Kalispell; nephew, Kurt Walls, of Ravensdale, Washington; sister-in-law, Lorraine Schukar, of Des Moines, Washington; and numerous cousins and friends.

Cliff's family wishes to thank friends and family who have sent cards, email, flowers, and other gifts; the healthcare professionals who cared for him; the staff at the Lutheran Communities; hospice; all those who have been an encouragement in so many ways during the last eight years; and Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Due to present health restrictions, a celebration of Cliff's life will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, the Northwest Montana History Museum, or the Glacier Symphony & Chorale.

Gary Allen Compasso, 80

Gary Allen Compasso, 80, died May 18, 2020 in Yuma, Arizona. Services are currently pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Paul Willard Conrad, 87

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Paul Willard Conrad passed away on July 20, 2020, in Orem, Utah. He was born Dec. 10, 1932, the second son of Charles Elwood Conrad and Alice Margaret Peterson. He married Inez "Maxine" Muhlestien in 1952 in the Salt Lake Temple.

He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Brigham Young University in 1962 with a master's degree in range management. His career was with the U.S. Forest Service.

After Maxine's passing, he married Pat Williams Smith in 1991 in the Jordan River Temple. He was an active member and served many roles in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; sister, Mary "Lois" Nelson; children, Pauline Low, Michelle Conrad, Mark Conrad, Melanie Marrott and Shawn Conrad; step-children, Allen Smith, Gary Smith and Melissa Smith; 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchild-



dren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maxine; brother, Don Elwood Conrad, and stepson, Scott Smith.

With respect to the COVID-19 restrictions, a viewing and funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25, at Berg Mortuary in Provo, Utah, by invitation. Interment will be in the Provo City Cemetery.

For a video recording of the services and to express condolences, please visit the Berg Mortuary website, www.bergmortuary.com. A live stream can be accessed on the Facebook, PWC Family group page. All who visit Facebook are encouraged to post pictures, memories and comments.

Julia Mae Cookson, 95

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Julia Mae Cookson was born in Rosankey, Texas, May 16, 1925. At 19 years of age she was married to Harry R. Hastings. Their first child, Judy, was born in Lockart, Texas.

After Harry's discharge from the Army, they moved to Manette, Washington, near Bremerton.

Subsequently, they moved across the bay to Port Orchard, Washington, where their son, Thomas R. Hastings, and youngest twin sisters, Arlene and Darlene, were born. Darlene passed away at 3 months of age.

Julia lived in Port Orchard 46 years before moving to Billings to live with her eldest daughter, Judy Coen, and her husband, Larry Coen.

In 2014, they moved to Kalispell. In 2016, Julia became a resident of Brendan House Nursing Home in Kalispell, where she resided until her passing Nov. 7, 2020, of natural causes.

Julia was known for her outgoing personality. She was a good cook and baker. She made tons of



cookies for church gatherings and other special events.

Her German chocolate

cake was the favorite of many friends and relatives.

She also served as a greeter in Churches of the Nazarene in Port Orchard, Billings and Kalispell.

Julia was preceded in death by husbands, Harry R. Hastings and Thomas Cookson. She was also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Darlene, one sister and four brothers.

She is survived by daughter, Judy M. Coen, of Kalispell; son, Thomas R. Hastings, of Maple Valley, Washington; and daughter, Arlene D. Carpenter, of Frisco, Texas. She is also survived by five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six nieces.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. at Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road.

John Daniel Cooper

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John Daniel Cooper passed away February 4, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona.

He was born April 18, 1988 in Bozeman and attended school at Helena Flats in Kalispell, Chief Joseph Middle School in Bozeman, and Flathead High School in Kalispell. He spent his life in Kalispell, Billings, and Phoenix, Arizona, battling

addiction and mental health issues.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, John A. Campbell and Clovis Cooper, and step-grandfathers, Glen Clark and Herman Vander Vos.

John is survived by his parents, Howard (Rocky) Cooper and Jackie Campbell; his sister, Abra (Shane) Kair;

nephew, Ryder Kair; niece, Radley Kair; grandmothers, Barbara Clark and Patricia Campbell Vander Vos; aunts and uncles, Joyce (Howard) Vander Vos, Kathy Cooper, Dora (John) Felicioni, Guy (Loretta) Cooper, and Arby (Tracy) LeMance.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman followed by an open house for friends and family to share memories at the home of Howard and Joyce Vander Vos, 7070 Nash Road, Bozeman, MT.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com.

Marshall Keene Corbett, 89

Marshall Keene Corbett died of natural causes Jan. 4, 2020, in Kalispell, three days shy of his 90th birthday. He was a vigorous man for most of his life, with an irrepressible sense of humor and a penchant for storytelling.

Marshall was born Jan. 7, 1930, in Colebrook, New Hampshire, to Gerald Albert and Doris (Keene) Corbett. His New England heritage, which traced back to the mid-1600s, was evident throughout his life in every word he spoke.

Marshall grew up in Colebrook on the family farm about 10 miles south of the Canadian border. Country life in the far north was tough: he had to walk uphill both ways to school every day, pulling himself along by the foliage along the icy road — or so he often liked to say.

He and his two brothers, Albert and Roy, took advantage of the freedom that farm life afforded and found creative ways to make mischief, like using cookie sheets to sled off the high barn roof. A sister, Gerri, came along when he was in his teens.

Marshall graduated from Colebrook Academy and attended the University of New Hampshire in Durham, earning a bachelor's degree in forestry. While there, he met Jean Anne Parmenter at a fraternity party. They married in 1950 but divorced 50 years later, after raising two daughters, Gayle and Lauren.

Marshall served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He left service as a first lieutenant specializing in aerial-photography interpretation. Then he continued his education at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, earning a master's degree in geology.



was taking graduate students on field trips to the Jackson Hole area. He always made a point of proving that he could beat his students to the top of any hill.

When he tired of watching his students get jobs after graduation that paid much better than his, he left teaching and returned to the oil industry. When he was laid off in his 50s during an oil bust, he retrained as a hydrogeologist and took a job with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in Helena, where daughter Gayle and her family lived.

Although Marshall's career was spent in the pursuit of science, he had a creative side. He designed and at least partially built three family homes: in Pocatello, Idaho, Kalispell, and above the Missouri River between Helena and Great Falls. He often enhanced birthday and other holiday cards with playful poems he wrote for the occasion.

Soon, the family moved to Melbourne, Australia, for a year-long opportunity to work in the oil industry. They returned to the U.S. to live in Denver. This marked the beginning of Marshall's transformation into a die-hard Westerner (and

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Marshall was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Margie, of Kalispell; daughter, Gayle Shirley and her husband Steve, of Helena; daughter, Lauren (now Corbett Sionainn) and wife Arlene Wheeler, of Jeffersonville, Vermont; grandsons, Colin and Jesse Shirley and Jesse's wife Emily, of Helena; and sister Gerri Kruger and her husband Dave, of Sun City Center, Florida.

Other survivors include stepchildren, Michael Puckett (Tina) of Sandpoint, Idaho; Brenda Herbst of Kalispell; Karee Sweedman (Frank) of Libby; Becky Cassel (Keith) of Kalispell; and 15 step-grandchildren. Finally, he is survived by his cat, Saco, last in a long line of beloved felines.

Marshall chose to be cremated and have half his remains buried in Montana and half in Colebrook. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell is in charge of arrangements. The family will hold private services.

In 2002, Marshall married Margie Puckett. They lived briefly in Libby, before building a home together on 10 acres in Kalispell. Marshall was never more content than when sitting on a John Deere tractor, mowing hay or plowing snow. He also was an avid, lifelong hunter, with mounts of deer, elk, pronghorns and a black bear hanging in his home to prove it.

The family would like to thank staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their compassionate care and the West Valley Volunteer Fire Department in Kalispell for their frequent, kind and respectful emergency responses. The family suggests memorials to West Valley Fire Department, P.O. Box 5037, Kalispell MT 59903.

Dennis Howard Corcoran, 64

Dennis Howard Corcoran, 64, of Anaconda, died on Sept. 10, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kenneth I. Connell, 68

Kenneth I. Connell, 68, of Swan Lake died Dec. 25, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, June.

No services are being held at this time.

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

Jo Ann Cornell, 91

Jo Ann Cornell, 91, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, at her home.

She is survived by her children, Douglas Cornell, Gregory Cornell

and Janet Cornell.

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

Patricia De Costa, 68

Patricia De Costa, 68, of Kalispell, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, in Kalispell.

Arrangements are

being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Gerald Costanzo, 85

Gerald Costanzo, 85, of Lakeside, passed away in his home on March 12, 2020.

Gerald was born in Chicago on June 22, 1934. He was married to Mary Costanzo for 61 years.

retired and moved to Montana in 1997.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; his daughters Marie Costanzo and Linda Glenn; and son-in-law Mike Glenn.

Patricia 'Pat' Counsell, 65

Patricia "Pat" Counsell, 65, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, June 8, 2020.

She is survived by her husband Merlyn, and her children Derick and Mitchell.

No services are being planned at this time.

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

Pamela Joy Corpron, 60

Our dear Pam passed away too soon on March 14, 2020 at the young age of 60.



Pam was born in Kalispell to Luverne and Lois Corpron. She was raised and spent her entire life in the Flathead Valley. Pam worked for K-Mart for many years. She also worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the Spinnaker Casino, Bar and Grill in Lakeside, where she met many lifelong friends.

Pam spent a lot of her time helping and standing up for the less fortunate in need. She saw the beauty in people and things that we take for granted. Pam had a love for nature and all animals, especially her cat Mirror, whom she recently "adopted" from next door. Although she never had any children of her own, any child that came

within arm's reach of her was hugged and loved as if they were her own. She never missed a chance to tell them, "Auntie Pam loves you." That will forever echo in our hearts.

Pam is survived by her mother, Lois, at the family home; her sister, Vicky Young; brothers, Steve, Bruce (Tana), Jay (Roni); great-nephew Soren Bean, whom she loved with her whole heart; her very special friend, Stephen Lasslett, who stood by her through thick and thin; and many nieces, nephews and cousins whom she loved so dearly.

Rest in peace, dear Pam, and may you be surrounded by your loving family and friends in heaven.

A celebration of life for Pam will be held at a later date due to the recommendation that gatherings be reduced in our current environment. Condolences may be sent to Lois at the family home.

Kenneth N. Cox, 68

Kenneth N. Cox, age 68, of Miles City, MT passed away on July 14, 2020 at his home in Miles City.



A memorial service will be held on Monday

July 27, 2020 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the family's home in Miles City, MT at 7808 Valley Dr. E. A memorial service in Kalispell will be announced at a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to visit stevensonandsons.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

Kenneth Nelson Cox, 68

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Kenny passed away after his battle with pancreatic cancer July 14, 2020, at his home in Miles City.

He was born Sept. 1, 1951, in Middletown, Ohio, to Samuel Wilburn Cox and Arletta Jean Cox. In 1966 they packed up their family and moved to Columbia Falls.

After high school he joined the National Guard where he served eight years. By 1978 Kenny met and married Debbie Swartzenberger and they had two girls. He worked at the aluminum plant for a number of years while starting their own business, K & D Welding.



Eventually work had become more prosperous and grew into Cox's Aluminum Welding.

From 1990 to 2003 Kenny proudly joined the Evergreen

Fire Department as a volunteer and firefighter and chief. One day he embarked on a new adventure taking him to Colstrip where he worked in the coal mines as an equipment operator.

There he met Debbie Reedy. Together they relocated to Miles City where they enjoyed their small farm of cattle and two dogs, Boe and Spud. Kenny loved the outdoors. If the weather was nice, he was guaranteed to close up his business and head out camping, fishing, or hunting with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his father Samuel Cox, and brother/best friend Michael Cox.

He is survived by his mother, Arletta Jean Cox; wife, Debbie Cox; daughter, Jessica Treweek and husband Scott Treweek and their three chil-

dren, Charlee, Cash and Sydney; daughter, Teicha Cox Howell and her husband Slade Howell with their two children Sonja Jade and Saylor Darby; stepsons, John and Grant Erickson; sisters, Alice Meyer and Debbie Beck; and brothers, Samuel Cox Jr. and Walter Cox.

Kenny will always be remembered for his sense of humor, memorable laugh, and outrageous expressions. We will love you always, until we meet again.

Please join us for a barbecue at the Foy's Lake Schoolhouse (across from Herron Park) on Friday, July 24, at 6 p.m.

Barbara Joan Taylor Cragg, 87

Barbara Joan Taylor Cragg died peacefully of natural causes in Missoula on Sept. 10, 2020. She was 87 years old.

Barbara was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1933, the daughter of Carol Taylor and Melvin Bluhm. She was adopted by her loving maternal grandparents, Harvey and Ethel Taylor, whom she considered "salt of the earth" people, and grew up on the family farm near Massie, Ontario. As the youngest child she was both doted on and allowed a great deal of freedom. She spent her days helping on the farm, swimming, playing hockey, reading voraciously, and playing piano (when she wasn't nursing a broken arm). She attended the one room school in Massie and later boarded in Owen Sound, Ontario, for her high school years. She loved writing, despaired of French, and was mediocre in math subjects. Her career dream was to become an international correspondent for a newspaper.

A blind date introduced Barbara to a promising young man and her life took a different direction. She married at age 19 and soon had her first child. She completed a one-year teaching certification and, for a few years, taught music to help support her husband, Clinton Cragg, while he attained a medical degree in Montreal. The family expanded with another daughter, just before Barbara and family emigrated to the United States. Settling in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, she shifted her focus to being a homemaker, emulating the 1950s ideal of women: neighborhood coffee klatches, Tupperware



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parties, three home cooked meals a day, a spotless household, and another baby. What

she really wanted was to go to University.

In the mid-1960s, having the option to live almost anywhere, the family chose Missoula, which Barbara said was the best decision they ever made. Barbara loved Missoula and the Rocky Mountain West. Always busy with children and homemaking, she tried out several more avenues for personal satisfaction. She kept a huge vegetable garden, went fly fishing, decorated the first house they ever owned, and sang with the Symphony Chorale. She gave the "doctor's wife" social role a twirl and quickly decided it was not a good fit for her. She attended theater and music events, joining the standing ovations for every performer who made the effort to get to Missoula. She fostered friendships with a few dear friends and maintained connections to her family in Ontario. Weekly trips to the library fed her need for adventure and escape. Another baby joined the family.

After a decade of upward mobility and emerging financial security, a tragic turn changed Barbara's life. Her husband died young and she was left with all the responsibilities of home and family. Both cultural and personal changes catapulted her into unfamiliar territory and she took on the challenges with determination. She became a nontraditional

student at the University of Montana and discovered a passion for geography, travel and teaching that became the hallmark of the rest of her life. While being a full-time student and single parent, she maintained the family home and found time to travel to Mexico, the Southwest, California, Oregon, Canada, and all through Montana, exploring and learning the geography of places new or familiar. She enthusiastically continued her education to earn a Ph.D. in geography at the University of Oregon.

At an age when many women are in the prime of their profession, Barbara entered the workforce as a professor of geography and environmental studies at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This began a 15-year career that she recalled as the best years of her life. She taught a wide variety of classes, published academic papers, organized fantastic field trips, and took sabbatical time to study in Australia (she climbed Ayers Rock!), New Zealand, Java, the Canadian Maritime Provinces, and the Pacific Northwest. She created lasting relationships with students, colleagues and mentors. She also became a dedicated Detroit Red Wings Fan. With her hard earned income, she generously supported education and travel opportunities for her children and grandchildren, promoting two of her most valued life goals.

Barbara retired to Missoula in 2000, to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She became an active member of the Unitarian Fellowship where she

played piano for many years and enjoyed the lively community. She volunteered at the Missoula Food Bank, the Natural History Museum, and Careforce in the Dominican Republic. She drove the AlCan highway one summer, and continued to make road trips to Michigan and Ontario in her little red RAV4 to visit family and friends, until the mental decline of Alzheimer's disease ended her traveling days.

She loved her family and a few close friends, and she considered each day spent on this lovely earth as a gift. She lived a full and generous life.

Barbara is survived by her daughters: Debra Taylor-Cragg, Colette Magers (Dan), Crystal Nelson (Scott) and Bonnie Taylor (Sergio Castro); her grandchildren, Abigail Carey (Brian), Malcolm Stevens, Daniel Stevens, Karli Mason (Hamilton), Kyle Haltunen, and Charles Castro; and great-grandchild, Sebastian Carey.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clinton Cragg, grandson Brendan, her parents, and several siblings.

Cremation has taken place and no public memorial is planned. Should you like to celebrate Barbara's life and how it touched yours, find a moment to listen to Beethoven, read a poem, walk in nature and feel your feet solid on the ground, enjoy a toasted tomato sandwich, or snuggle with your pet. Consider a donation in her memory to the University of Montana Excellence Fund/ Geography Dept., Five Valleys Land Trust, or the Humane Society.

John Thomas Craig, 65

PAS 11 Oct 2020
John Thomas Craig, 65, passed away of cardiac arrest on Aug. 3, 2020, in Lacey, Washington.

He was born May 7, 1955, in Germany, and adopted by Elton and Alice Craig.

He resided in Yelm, Washington, the past 10 years, in Kalispell for 10 years, and St. Petersburg, Florida, for 35 years.

John married DuAnn Hayes on May 7, 2001, in Kalispell, and served in the U.S. Army.

Professionally, he worked in building maintenance, for the state of Washington for five years and for the Kalispell Majestic Valley Arena for seven years.



John loved anything to do with the beach, the Cleveland Browns, canoeing, and taking his best friend, Sassy, for a walk.

He is survived by his wife, DuAnn Craig, of Yelm; and sister, Leslie Smith, of Ohio.

His parents predeceased him.

There will be a graveside service on Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. at Craig Cemetery in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Arrangements are through Funeral Alternatives of Washington, 360-753-1065.

Jerry Crawford 71

Jerry Crawford 71, of Kalispell, died Oct. 13, 2020, in Kalispell.

Private family services are being held at a later date.

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

Gwendalyn Fay 'Gwen' Crisler, 77

Gwendalyn Fay "Gwen" Crisler, 77, of Kalispell, died at her home on Monday Oct. 12, 2020.

Private family services are being planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Robert 'Bob' Crismore

PAG 15 Mar 2020
Robert "Bob" Crismore has taken his final road trip, this time on heaven's highway.



Jensen and Tara (Blake) Tucker. Bob was a salesman all his working life. He "retired" in 1999 to Plains and he and Jeanne began traveling the U.S.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Gene Shields. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on March 21 at the Church of God in Paradise, Montana. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Hospice of Plains, P.O. Box 768, Plains, MT 59859.

"Safe journey, dear heart."

He passed away on March 10, 2020. He was born on February 18, 1935, to Herman and Sarah Crismore.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Jeanne Marsh, in 1955. They welcomed four daughters: Debbie (Lou Maly) Froese, Shirley (Brian) Hamond, Connie (Mitch)

Violet V. Cranmer, 88

PAG 6 Dec 2020
Beloved mother, grandmother, and friend Violet V. Cranmer, 88, passed away due to COVID-19 at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020.



er ones, but also helped her father in the fields and on the farm. Her formal education

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home. A celebration of her life and burial of ashes will take place in the Flathead Valley, alongside her beloved husband, at a later date when it's safe to do so. Service details will follow at that time.

A longtime resident of the Kalispell area, Violet moved to Great Falls with her husband Jim in 2013 to be closer to family. She was a resident of Park Place in Great Falls for the past six years. Everyone who knew her loved her, and she will be so sadly missed. She was a hugger, and loved being around other people. She enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles with her daughter Dora, bingo, crafts, and other activities at the nursing home, and was an accomplished crocheter for many years, making handmade gifts for family and friends.

Violet was born along with twin sister Viola, on Aug. 20, 1932, to Julious O. and Elsie B. Wilson near Leroy, Montana. She was the fifth of 10 children in her very large family, so she not only helped with the young-

ended after eighth grade as she was needed at home.

She met the love of her life, James Cranmer, in Whitefish and married him May 18, 1950. They raised three daughters, and were together for nearly 67 years before he passed away in 2017.

Violet is survived by daughters, Dora (Steve) White of Great Falls, Grace (Charles) Crowder of LaGrange, Georgia, and Ruth Baker of Lincoln, Montana; sisters, Gloria Carter of Lakeside and Mary Potter of Glasgow; brother, Ivan (Elsie) Wilson, of Great Falls; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; sisters, Margaret Gorman, Katy Logan and Viola Wilson; brothers, Allen R. Wilson, Lowell Davis and Adam "Al" Christie; and granddaughter, Amanda Baker.

Condolences for the family may be shared online at www.SchniderFuneralHome.com.

Laura Ann Ballenger Crone, 81

PAG 21 May 2020
Laura Ann Ballenger Crone, beloved sister, mother, grandmother and aunt, went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 16, 2019, at Kootenai Medical Hospital in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



the piano, sew, read books, eat chocolate and spend time with her family.

Laura was born May 21, 1938, in Kalispell and was the second oldest of seven children to Henry E. and Eva Nowman Ballenger. She attended grade school at Rousselle School in the Lower Valley and graduated from Flathead High School in 1956, then attended Northwest University in Seattle.

While Laura was away at college, a handsome young man began attending the AG church youth group in Kalispell. When Laura returned home for her spring break, the young man took one look at her and began pursuing. She finally said "yes" and was joined in marriage to Lloyd Crone, Jr., on Aug. 29, 1958.

After her father's untimely stroke in September 1959, Laura and Lloyd spent the fall on the Ballenger family farm, helping her mother and Laura's oldest sibling, David, harvest the fall crop and plant the winter wheat. Laura drove the grain truck during that time while pregnant with son Mike.

With two sisters on the mission field, Laura and Lloyd went on multiple short-term mission trips to minister in Spain (the Canary Islands), Mexico and West Africa (Senegal and Togo).

In 2015, Laura went to Lome, Togo, West Africa, to be of help to her sister, Dr. Mary Ballenger, who was the President of the West African Advanced School of Theology. Laura stayed in Togo for the next four years, working as an assistant to Mary, not returning home for good until the end of 2018. It was hard for Laura to leave her African family, but she was very happy to be home with her family and catch up with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd E. Crone, Jr.; her parents, Henry E. and Eva Nowman Ballenger; and two siblings, David S. Ballenger and Helen E. Ballenger Benes.

In 1972, the family moved to Oldtown, Idaho, where Laura was a homemaker and worked as a part-time bookkeeper for Pulford's Floral, until her youngest child, Gwendy, was nearly through school. She then worked full-time for a bank in Priest River and later worked for State Farm, retiring in 2004. After retirement, she started her own small business, Cottage Aprons Plus, making her own beautiful aprons, tablecloths, table runners, potholders, scarves, dish towels and many other craft items and participating in craft shows in the states of Idaho, Montana and Washington.

Through the years Laura was a spiritual mentor to many people. She loved the Lord and people could see and feel the joy of the Lord even from just one visit. She taught Sunday school and played the piano for the Newport Assembly of God Church for many years. Laura also co-taught marriage ministry classes with her late husband, Lloyd. She touched many lives and lived by example.

Laura loved to play

Laura is survived by two sons, Michael B. Crone (Rosalind) of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Daniel D. Crone (Karen) of Corvallis, Oregon; one daughter, Gwendolyn C. Marshall (Marquis) of Oldtown, Idaho; a foster daughter, Tina Sweeney of Newport, Washington; five grandchildren, Zebulun Barry (Lindsey) of Sparta, Tennessee; Jaisha Burk (Dave) of Spokane; Jessica Moore of Post Falls, Idaho; Zoe Crone of San Jose, California; and Elena Crone of Corvallis, Oregon; and three great-grandsons, Benjamin and Matthew Barry, and Caid Moore.

Laura is also survived by four sisters, Dr. Mary L. Ballenger, Betty B. Volin (Dr. Ray), Birdie C. Faris (Terry), all of Kalispell; and Bonita S. Thomas (Bruce) of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews who loved their Aunt Laura dearly.

Services were held Aug. 24, 2019, at the Pine Ridge Community Church in Newport, Washington. A graveside service and meal followed. Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home of Newport, Washington cared for the family.

Michael Cronquist, 72

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, Michael Cronquist passed away surrounded by family, at the age of 72, due to complications from pneumonia.

Mike was born on March 6, 1947, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to parents Malcolm and Earlene Cronquist. He attended Montana State University where he played football and was part of the Big Sky Conference's 1969 All-Conference Team. After receiving his degree in civil engineering, Mike traveled the world for the majority of his career, primarily working for Fluor Constructors in oil refineries. Upon returning home to the Flathead Valley, he participated in numerous local projects, including the O'Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish Library, Iron Horse development, and the Whitefish City Hall.

To those unfamiliar with Mike, he may have appeared to be an "ornery old cuss," never separated from his trusty cowboy hat and boots, but those he let in will remem-



ber his kindness, honesty, stubbornness, and his dry, mischievous sense of humor.

A loyal ally of the underdog, Mike would never hesitate to intervene in an unfair situation.

His lifelong love of sports led him to volunteer as an assistant coach for numerous seasons of All-Stars Softball, where he served as a tough but supportive mentor. Mike was an avid outdoorsman, spending his spare time maintaining his ranch, horseback riding, hunting, and taking long drives up the South Fork.

Through it all, Chris LeDoux's classic country song, "Ten Seconds in the Saddle," speaks not only to Mike's younger bull-riding rodeo years, but also to how he chose to live his life. Mike lived the lyrics, in particular, "It's better to ride even if you get thrown than to wind up just wishing you

had." That was Mike — a man who would rather take 10 seconds in the saddle than merely watch from the stands.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm and Earlene, his brother-in-law, Greg Kristof, his best friend, Bob Hilt, and his eldest son, Mark, with whom he is now riding tall in the saddle, atop their favorite horses.

He is survived by his wife, Patti; his children, Matt, Michelle (Chris), and Michonne (Bill); his grandchildren, Harper and Colt; his sisters, Kathee, Terry, Laurie and Patty Kay (Lee); several nephews, a niece, and their children (all of whom he would likely tell to "quit blubbering" over his passing).

Byron Reese Crow, 52

Byron Reese Crow, 52, passed away on Oct. 6, 2020.

Byron Reese Crow was born June 23, 1968, to Ken and Sandra Lee Crow in Stayton, Oregon. He attended six different schools and graduated from high school in Port Orchard, Washington. Byron was a gifted cyclist in high school and loved riding his prized Eddy Merckx orange bicycle.

Byron joined the U.S.



Marine Corps and graduated from Parris

Island, South Carolina, October 1987, 50 years to the month as his grandfather, Joseph Lee.

After his service, he moved to Montana and

married a West Glacier girl. They spent many years together exploring the outdoors and raising several pups — Dawson, Griz, Orvis, Ollie and Artemis.

Byron learned as much as he could about the Mission Mountains and the species of raptors that inhabit this area. He was a quick learner and had an amazing memory for details. He enjoyed talking to others about

birds and worked to protect their habitat.

He touched many lives and we will miss this ParrotHead.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, his father Ken Crow, mother and stepfather, Sandra and Al Aschenbrenner, sister Lynn Swan, and friends.

May you be at peace, my friend.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Donna Crowder, 87

Donna Crowder, 87, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 22, 2020, at her home.

She is survived by her daughter Leslie Armstrong.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Judith F. Crowell, 79

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On Nov. 23, 2020, Judith "Judy" Crowell went to be with her Lord and Savior, as well as her husband Bruce, whom she missed dearly.

She passed away peacefully in her home in Kalispell, and her laugh and love will be missed by many.

Judy touched many people during her life, none more than her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and siblings. Her walk with Christ and her family, which always knew they were loved, were her greatest passions in life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bruce, son Randy, son Rick, granddaughter Samantha, sister Janet, father Ernie, and mother Lila.

Judy is survived by her sons, Rob and wife Julie, Rodney, Roger and wife Tami; grandchildren, Jamie, Megan, Joshua,



Erica, Stephanie, Brianna, Jesse, Madison, Naomi and Hannah; and

great-grandchildren, Aryanna, Rowin, Jason, Cohen, Claire and Hendrix; brother Jim, sister Jeannie, and many nieces and nephews.

A private service for family and close friends will be held on Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, followed by a public graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 12:30 p.m.

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.

Rodger A. Crowell, 70

PA 7 29 July 2020
Rodger A. Crowell, 70, of Hungry Horse passed away into eternal rest on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

He was born in Hibbing, Minnesota, the third child of Denver and Marion Crowell, on June 12, 1950. The family moved to Montana in 1956, eventually settling in the Kalispell area. He left high school in October of 1968 to join the U.S. Army. Upon discharge in 1974 he returned to Kalispell where he began working in the logging industry. Most of his working years were spent as a heavy equipment operator and long distance trucker. He was a loyal member of the VFW and Eagles organizations. He enjoyed collecting antique muscle cars and was an avid reader.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, a son Sean, and several aunts and uncles.



He is survived by his wife, Brenda, of 24

years; brother, Bud (Linda), of Minneapolis; sister, Loma Young (Ron), of Joliet; sister, Patty Crowell (Leo Bael), of Las Vegas; aunts, Ellie Lerol and Kaye Winans of Minnesota; uncle, Leo Ardahl, of North Dakota; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He will be missed by sisters- and brothers-in-law Peggy and Todd Rosenbaum; Karen Jay (Larry Berggren); and longtime friends Cliff Nelson Jr. of Hungry Horse and LeRoy Brush of Kalispell. Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held on Oct. 9 at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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

Douglas Arthur Crumb, 69

Douglas Arthur Crumb was born on Oct. 9, 1950, in St. Joseph Michigan to Jack and Marion Crumb. When Doug was 9, he and his family moved to Chico, California. In 1980, he moved to and resided in Montana until moving back to Chico in 2018 to be closer to family. Doug loved Montana and always felt it was his true home. In June 2020, Doug moved to Port Hadlock Washington to spend his final days with his daughter Amy and son-in-law Benny. Doug passed away on Sept. 1, 2020, after a long and courageous battle with kidney failure and severe vascular disease.

Doug joined the Navy and served in Vietnam. He served onboard the USS Providence in the Dental and Medical Corps. He had many travels while in the Navy going to Japan and other Pacific islands. He had fond memories of sailing into the harbor and attending the Rose parade where the sailors were showered with meals and drinks. When deployed to Vietnam he was in



Doug attended the University of California, Chico where he majored in environmental studies with his focus to become a game warden. Later, he became a dentist and received his Ph.D. from Mills Grae University. Doug and 32 others worked hard to have dentistry recognized as its own profession and became the first denturists allowed to practice independently without the supervision of a dentist. He was proud and compassionate about his work as a denturist and spent many days on the road going to meetings and attending Montana Legislature hearings to help further advance dentistry.

Doug had a huge heart

Hyfong Harbor and saw some of the worst depths of the war and did not share much of those memories and preferred to remember only the good times.

and helped so many people along the way. He was kind and giving to anyone that needed a hand up and found joy in helping others. He always saw the good in others and was a good friend to so many. He always knew just the right things to say and had a way of making you feel good about yourself.

When not working, Doug loved to be outdoors and always found a way to pursue his passion for fishing and fly-fishing and tied his own flies! He also loved camping, white water rafting, backpacking, hiking, hunting, and golfing with his friends. Doug had an exceptionally large group of friends and was renowned for his Thanksgiving feasts. Doug had a wonderful sense of humor and was often the "life of the party." He always had a smile and greeted others with love, hugs, and genuine care for others.

Doug was loved deeply by others and will be deeply missed! The loss of Doug has left a void in many of our hearts. He will be forever missed and will always be remembered by his

jovial mood, kindness, his love for others, his kind words, and all the hugs and love that he had for so many!

Doug is survived by his children, Tyler Crumb and Amy Crumb, his father Jack Crumb, brother Dennis Crumb and sister Shelia Crumb. He has a large extended family in Michigan. Doug was preceded in death by his mother Marion and his brother Lance.

He is now at peace and is no longer in pain. He gets to be reunited with the loved ones that preceded him as well as all of the beloved furry friends that are waiting for him at the rainbow bridge. Doug would want his family and friends not to be sad with his passing but to love one another and hold each tight, share the good and funny stories, and the good times!

Rose Marie Elizabeth Culotta, 83

Rose Marie Elizabeth Culotta, 83, of Kalispell, died at Bee Hive Assisted Living in Kalispell Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020.

Private family services are being planned at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Arthur Welcome Cunningham, 72

Arthur Welcome Cunningham, 72, of Kalispell, passed away at home on Aug. 8, 2020, surrounded by family after a four-year battle with cancer.

Art was born to parents Ella and Charles Cunningham Sr., on Dec. 9, 1947, in Great Falls. Art moved to Kalispell in 1960, where he graduated from Flathead County High School. After graduating he began working for Woolworths until the early '70s, Wards and mobile home sales until early '80s and then



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became a self-employed contractor for the remainder of his career.

Art is survived by his loving partner, Nancy Waldenberg, of Kalispell; daughter, Christy Gracia and husband Mark, grandchildren Tasha, Jessica and Brianna, great-grandchildren Ayden, Lexi and Mason; brother, Ron Cunningham and wife Sue; sister, Beverly Cuvillier and

husband Gerald; cousin, Dan Robinson and wife Holly; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Art was predeceased by parents Ella and Charles Cunningham Sr., brother Charles Cunningham, Jr., and eight sisters.

Art was a provider — a caretaker. He was known for his endless stories, sense of humor and hard work. He will also be remembered as an avid lifetime sports fan, quoting stats every opportunity he had and even set some school records of

his own in swimming and pole vaulting. Most of all, though, everyone knows him as an honest man — a simple man — and he will live on in our hearts until we meet again.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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.

James Owen Cunningham, 65

James Owen Cunningham, 65, died Feb. 9, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

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

Gertrude Elizabeth Curtis, 98

Gertrude Elizabeth Curtis, 98, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020.

She is survived by her five children.

A memorial service

will be held in Naperville, Illinois, at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Matthew A. Curtis II, 62

Matthew A. Curtis II, 62, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Sue Ann Curtiss, 73

Sue Ann Curtiss, 73, died Feb. 11, 2020 at North Valley Hospital. She is survived by her son Patrick. No services

are planned at this time. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Ted Czochanski, 76

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Ted Czochanski, 76, of Kalispell, loved Jesus.

After battling a long fight with several health issues, he went to be with his Lord on Monday, March 23, 2020, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



Ted was born on May 19, 1943 and raised in New Jersey. A veteran, he served his country in the Navy. He married and lived in New Jersey with his wife and two daughters for 20 years. He worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. He became a believer and he and his wife became very involved with their church. At age 40, the Lord changes the course of his life and led them to Montana. He studied through Moody Bible Institute and completed

his requirements for Scofield Bible Doctrine. He served as a small groups and discipleship pastor at Christian Center for 15 years. His life consisted of his family, friends and helping other people find their way in life. He was a leader in his home, church and community. A quirky sense of humor helped him take life less seriously.

He is survived by his wife, Christa, of 52 years; daughter, Deborah and husband Clint and two grandsons, Austin and Garrett; daughter, Jill and husband Ron Catlett and two granddaughters, Sarah and Kaitlyn; brother, Charles Czochanski; and family in New Jersey.

He has led a blessed life letting Jesus lead the way. He has enjoyed the blessings of family and friends and now gets to hang out with his Lord.

Arrangements are to be made at a future date to celebrate Ted's life.