Alyce Lorraine Goodwin Eastman, 91

Alyce Lorraine Goodwin Eastman passed away Dec. 13 in Cheney, Washington.

Alyce was born Nov. 24, 1929 to Jesse and Sarah (Ferwerda) Goodwin. She was followed by brother Jay, sister Grace and brother Ward. The Goodwins resided in Lakeside. She met the love of her life while working at Norm's News in Kalispell. On March 27, 1947 she married Fred Eastman in Polson and, after two years living at Fort Peck they moved to Somers, their home for 70 years. She was a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church and served as leader of 4-H and Girl Scout organizations.

Mom was a homemaker, a simple title for an unbelievable career role and required skill set. She was a general contractor and talented handy person; a clothing designer and accomplished seamstress whose fashions included everything from doll clothes to wedding dresses; an intrepid recycler who had always saved just what was needed for a school project; a chauffeur, event planner, super cheerleader and master scheduler for five busy kids and countless neighborhood children; an astute financial manager who always seemed to find the resources to give opportunities to her children; a wonderful cook and baker; a teacher of all of life outside the classroom; a neighbor who spanned generations and tied our little community together; a mediator, negotiator, disciplinarian, counselor and confidant; a special caregiver to a number of



children and a grandmother who quietly built individual relationships with

each of her ten grandchildren, sharing her talents, inspiration, admiration and unconditional support with each. In her last years she earned the title "GG" to eight precious great-grandchildrenmost would say her favorite life role. Throughout her life she found peace and joy holding and rocking little ones.

Alyce was preceded in death by her parents; husband Fred; son Michael;and brother Jay.

She is survived by her sister, Grace Egan (Dave) Erickson; and brother Ward Goodwin; children, Nancy (Terry) Brosten, Rick (Mary) Eastman, Kathy (Mark) Hinrichs, Marci (Steve) Whitham and James (Nancy Jo) Eastman; grandchildren Jennifer (Todd) Johnson, James (Jamie) Eastman, Maggie Eastman, Fred (Megan) Eastman, Jo Alyce (Chris) Millican, Andrew Hinrichs, Matt (Zhou Yayun) Whitham, Megan Hinrichs, Dylan Hinrichs, Stephanie Whitham; and her great-grandchildren Marlee and Taytum Johnson, Malachai Eastman, Brodie and Kyler Millican, Mia Ponte, and Freddie and Brian Eastman.

Internment has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of life is planned for a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ormand Bruce Eastman, 94

Ormand Bruce Eastman, 94, of Polson, passed away Nov. 7, 2020. Ormand was born in Whittier, California, the first child of Barney and Katheryn (Doty) Eastman. He went through his school years in California. In 1944, when he turned 18, he enlisted in the Navy and spent the balance of World War II on a destroyer minesweeper, USS Fitch, in the South Pacific.

In 1949, he met Patsy Rettig, and the two were married in December. They had four children. They lived in Southern California until 1963, when they moved to Sunnyvale, California. In 1971, they moved to Montana and in May of the following year, purchased the Proctor Store in Proctor. The Eastmans enjoyed storekeeping until their retirement in 1993.

During their retirement years, they did some traveling in their motor home, working part-time in RV parks and campgrounds. In 2014, Ormand went to Washington, D.C., on the final Montana Honor Flight for World War II veterans. His son-in-law, Jeff Hunter,



him as an escort. Many photos were taken and brought home as a memento of the trip. Ormand

went with



Ormand is survived by his children,

Linda Williams, Kenneth Eastman and Susan Hunter; and grandchildren Raymond Williams, Amber Williams and Reka Hulford.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patsy, who died this past June; his younger brother, Raymond; his daughter, Julianna; and a grandson, Gene Hulford.

Cremation has taken place and a combined celebration of life service with his deceased wife, Patsy, will be held at a later date.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation. com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Kay Penny Eaves, 76
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On Wednesday Sept. 30, 2020, Kay Penny Eaves of Essex went into the arms of her Lord and Savior, at the age of 76.

She loved reading about her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, teaching, singing, writing, traveling, bird watching and spending time with family.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Kenneth and Josephine Moseley; and sisters, Sharon Hacht and Debra Cameron. She is survived by her son, Dinesh Alan Eaves (Tricia); sister, Bunny

Long (Tim); grandkids, Tara Eaves, Nick Brand, Jordan Gibson and Alex Gibson; nieces, Amanda Edwards, Kimberly Cairns (Matt), and Elsie Barber; nephew, Kenneth Rushing; five great-grandkids; best friend, Carol Fisher; and other dear family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held in July 2021.

In lieu of flowers, Penny requested donations be made to Hospice of Havasu, Bridges for Peace, or Orphans Lifeline of Kalispell in her honor.

Hellen Anderson Ebert, 99

Hellen Anderson Ebert, 99, of Somers, died July 28, 2020, in Somers.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Holmquist.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

William Lester Ebert, 78

William Lester Ebert, 78, died May 14, 2020 at Brendan House in Kalispell. He is survived by his wife June and son Lester. Services are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lucille Eckels, 91

Lucille Eckels, 91. died May 26, 2020.

She is survived by her children, Steve Eckels of Kalispell, Deanna Eckels of Bayfield, Wisconsin, and Jeff Eckels of Denton,

Texas.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, June 27, at 3 p.m. at Eckels Pottery, 85205 Highway 13, Bayfield.

Donald Andrew Edsall, 69

Donald Andrew Edsall, 69, of Kalispell. passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

Don was born Sept. 20, 1950, in Marshalltown, Iowa, to Kenneth and Barbara Edsall and was the eldest of their five children. The family moved to Loveland, Colorado. when Don was 6 years old. From an early age, Don enjoyed fishing at Lake Loveland long before any homes existed there. He graduated from Loveland High School in 1968 and from Colorado State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science in Fishery Biology. Don was drafted in 1972 during the Vietnam War and served in the U.S. Army at Fort Huachuca. Arizona. Following two years of service he completed his Master of Science at Colorado State University.

After graduation, Don worked at the Colorado state fish hatchery near Drake and later at the Leadville National Fish Hatchery. While in Leadville, Don met his lifelong love. Paula Netherton. The two shared a passion for climbing, hiking, and skiing. They were married at the base of Mount Massive in 1981.

Don's career brought them to Bozeman where their children Amy and Andrew were born. The family later moved to Creston where Don worked at the Creston National Fish Hatchery.



He retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

in 2009 after 34 years of federal service.

Don was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed climbing and hiking in Glacier National Park. the Flathead Valley, and beyond. He loved running, skiing, and paddling in dragon boat races on Flathead Lake. Don was an enthusiastic Denver Broncos fan and enjoyed spending time watching the games with his family. In his retirement, Don volunteered at the Flathead Valley Food Bank in Kalispell for many years and worked part-time at the Montana State University Northwestern Agricultural Research Center at Creston.

Don will be remembered as a wonderful husband and devoted father.

Don was preceded in death by his father. Don is survived by his wife Paula; daughter Amy (Sky); son Andrew (Liz): mother Barbara; brother Steve; sister Karen (Rob); sister Nancy (Brent); brother Dave (Janine); and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to A Ray of Hope, based in Kalispell, Samaritan's Purse, or the Trees of Remembrance program sponsored by Glacier National Park Conservancy.

Thomas Walter Eddy, 83

Thomas Walter Eddy died peacefully at his home in Polson on Sept. 24, 2020, at the age of 83, from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). Thomas "Tom" was born on March 17, 1937 in Pasadena, California, to Allan and Gladys (Metcalf) Eddy.

He was raised in California. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1958 (Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree), New York University in 1960 (Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree) and 1969 (Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering degree).

It was at the
University of Idaho
where Tom met Bonnie
Lou Tower. Tom and
Bonnie were married
on Sept. 7, 1957, in San
Marino, California; they
were married for 63

vears.

Tom worked for ATT-Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey and Illinois from 1958 to 1990. During that time, he led a team of engineers in the design and installation of SOSUS, a top-secret classified Navy system for the detecting, identifying and tracking of Soviet Union ballistic missile submarines. He was awarded three patents for his contributions on SOSUS. After retiring from Bell Laboratories in 1990, he and a partner started Integrated Technical Solutions, a company that helped small to medium-sized businesses deal with rapidly changing computer technology.



friends to shoot a round of sporting clays. He also enjoyed weekly coffee at

the Big Arm School and Monday night poker with friends. The highlight of his summers was hosting family and friends at the Big Arm cabin. Outdoor activities filled the days and more than one tall tale was told around the campfire at night.

In addition to his wife Bonnie Eddy, Tom is survived by his children Scott (Michelle) Eddy of Oak Park, Illinois, Karen (Bradley) Shea of Melbourne, Florida, Steven (Theresa) Eddy of Lafayette, Indiana, and Krista (Joseph) Eddy of Aspen, Colorado; his brother, Donald (Delores) Eddy, of Woodland Hills, California; his grandchildren, Lindsay (Austin) Abelarde, Thomas Shea, Tylar (Joseph) Fuchs, Lora Shea, Ruth Eddy, Alexander (Jessica) Haizman, Elizabeth Eddy, Jacob Eddy, Courtney Eddy, Abraham Eddy, Noah Eddy, Elijah Eddy, Hannah Freeman and Eve Eddy; nieces, Linda Vermuelen, Lisa (Kenny) Pearl, Laura (Peter) Kuzda, and Holly (Canyon) Hansen; great-grandchildren, Zell, Mikala, Zoey, Xander and Oliver; and a large circle of extended family and friends. Tom grew especially close to his grandniece Chase Hansen, who knew him as Grandpa Tom.

Tom and Bonnie spent many summers in the Polson area; when it came time to retire in 2010, they decided to make Polson their home. Tom took an active role in the communities wherever he lived, even in retirement. Tom was an active member of the Polson Presbyterian Church. He served as the treasurer for the Big Arm Community Association for 10 years up until the time of his illness. He was very proud of the work the Association did to support the restoration of the Big Arm schoolhouse. Tom enjoyed the outdoors and all that Mission Valley has to offer: boating, fishing and hiking. He served as a range officer for the Polson shooting range and loved to meet

The family would like to thank Theresa "Tari" Eddy and Krista Eddy for their tender and loving care during Tom's last months, as well as the support of Holly, Canyon and Chase Hansen, with guidance from Partners in Home Care Hospice.

A memorial service to celebrate Tom's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Creutzfeltz-Jakob Disease Foundation (https://cjdfoundation.org/donate) would be greatly appreciated.

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

Annie Catherine Cote Edwards, 94

Her family is sad to announce the passing of Annie Catherine Cote Edwards on Dec. 8, 2020. Annie was 94 years old and she resided at the St. Joseph Assisted Living facility in Polson, with her loving husband.

She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Robert; her daughter, Ruth; her sons, Steven and Richard; granddaughters, Tiffany, Denisha and Chantel; grandsons, Jason, Joshua and Nathan; great-grandson, Andres; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Annie was born Nov. 21, 1926, to Joe and Mary Cote in St. Ignatius. She spent her childhood living on a farm and attending school on the Flathead Indian Reservation. Through her mother's lineage (Kiernan/Couture) Annie was a proud member of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSK).

She was preceded in death by her oldest son Robert, who was a Vietnam veteran; her brothers, Joe, Roger and Jackie; her sisters, Josephine and Beulah; and her parents.

After she graduated from high school, Annie left home to live and work in Arlee, and later she moved to Kalispell, where she went to work in Sykes Grocery at the cheese counter. She used to tell us kids that each store employee was also assigned a section of

grocery shelves to stock in addition to their primary duties. There she met her

future husband Robert who also worked at Sykes lived, Annie and Robert as a butcher. (Annie's sister-in-law Ann Sykes [nee Edwards] owned Sykes Grocery for a short period after the death of her husband Cecil Sykes). Annie and Robert were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell on Sept. 25, 1946.

Annie and Robert lived the early years of their marriage in Kalispell where they attended the First Presbyterian Church. They moved to Wickenburg, Arizona, in the late 1950s in order to be in a warmer climate more conducive for their son Richard's asthma. Later they moved to Englewood, Colorado, so that Richard could be treated at National Jewish Hospital in Denver. To help support her family, Annie went to work at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood as a nurse aide. Annie was then selected to attend training for the position of ward clerk. She became one of first, if not the first, ward clerks at Swedish, and over several years she trained others for that position. She substantially wrote/compiled the job manual for that

11 Dec 2010 position at the hospital. She was a trailblazer in that endeavor. Finally, Annie was promoted to the position of nurse coordinator in the Head Nurse administrative office and worked in that job until her retirement.

Wherever the family were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church; in Kalispell, Wickenburg and Englewood. Over the years in different locations they served the church as choir members, deacons and group organizers/leaders. They gave generously to the church. They are deeply devoted to their Christian faith. When near death Annie expressed her joy to go see the Lord.

In the year 2000, Annie and Robert left Colorado and moved to their house located on Bitterroot Lake in Marion. The lake property was bequeathed to Robert by his half brother, Merritt W. Jackson. Annie and Robert spent 14 happy years at the lake and commuted to church in Kalispell. They performed volunteer work at the Flathead Food Bank. they helped organize a community Thanksgiving dinner at the Marion Firehouse, and they engaged in other community activities. They made many good friends at the lake and in Kalispell, and they cherished those friendships. Thank you all for being a part of her life!

When the severe nature of Annie's stroke became known, her devoted daughter Ruth and son Steven flew from the Denver area, along with granddaughters Chantel and Tiffany, to be with her at the end. Those loving family members sat vigil and prayed by her bedside to keep her company in her final hours. The family also took her husband Robert to visit Annie in her hospice room during one of her final lucid moments. A private prayer gathering was held with Robert by family members at the St. Joseph Assisted Living facility in Polson. A larger remembrance gathering may be scheduled later, probably at the family property on Bitterroot Lake in Montana, pandemic permitting. Annie's remains were taken to The Lake Funeral Home in Polson for cremation. A headstone will be placed in the Jocko Church Cemetery near where her parents, one sister, and a niece are interred. Please don't send flowers as there won't be a formal funeral or celebration of life at this time.

Donations in Annie's memory can be made to the Flathead Food Bank. Annie's family would like to express their appreciation to the CSK Tribes for the health, burial, allotment and other benefits provided to her over the vears.

Daniel Eigeman, 85

Daniel Eigeman,85, passed away on March 25, 2020.

Dad was born in 1934 to Frank and Ruth Eigeman in Great Falls. He was the eldest of two sons born to Frank and Ruth. Doug, his younger brother, was born seven vears later. Dad attended Great Falls High School where he competed in track and field. According to Dad, he was one of the fastest runners ever known to Great Falls and possibly even to the entire state of Montana. And there was an element of truth to that. Indeed, there was always an element of truth to the many stories he told. Though, sometimes the stories seemed a bit farfetched, leaving us to wonder where the truth ended and the entertainment began - you know, like those movies that start with the caption, "Based on a true story." That was one of the qualities of Dad that was so endearing - boy, he could tell a compelling story. Dad enthralled the rest of us every evening at dinner recounting his day in the office. Bear in mind that he was a CPA this was no task for an amateur.

After graduating from Great Falls High, Dan, like his father Frank, uncles Tom, Bob and John, brother Doug, daughter Tammy, son Tim, and son Jeff, attended the University of Montana in Missoula. He was an ROTC cadet and member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and proceeded to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1956. In the spring of 1957 he graduated from the Army's anti-aircraft artillery and guided missile school at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was trained in the oper-





PAS ation of Nike Aiax guided missiles. After serving in the Army as a lieutenant, he returned to Montana. By 1959, Dan was living in Butte where he

experienced the Hebgen Lake earthquake — from a distance. He was fond of telling the story of "being shaken from a sound sleep to see the lights swinging from the ceiling." (Sometimes the story started out with. "the shaking threw me out of bed and onto the floor ..." or "the building was swaying ...") However the story started, it was always a good one.

In 1963, Dad was introduced to Mom by the English family, who were longtime friends of the Eigemans and their next door neighbors when Dad was growing up in Great Falls. Dan and Marilyn dated for a year and were married in 1964 in Lewistown. At the time, Dad worked for Douglas Wilson and Company. In 1965, he earned his CPA certificate, the 422nd person to do so in the state of Montana. In 1971, the family moved to Kalispell when Austin Miller recruited Dad to be his partner in an accounting firm here. The firm grew to include a number of other partners including Gary Saurey and Gerald Hanson, who together with his wife Marion were friends of Dad's and Mom's in Lewistown. In 1994, the firm was acquired by JCCS where Dad continued practicing until his retirement in 1999.

Dad was active in his

5 Apr 2010 local community throughout his life. He was also active in his profession outside of his practice. Dad first joined the Lions Club in Lewistown and continued that membership with the Kalispell Sunriser Lions Club from 1971 until just a few years ago. He was treasurer of the club for many years. Every year as a Lion, Dad helped prepare and distribute food baskets for families around town during the holidays. In the '70s and '80s, he recruited the rest of the family to help staff the organization's fireworks booth in preparation for Independence Day something we always looked forward to. In the '90s, 2000s, and 2010s, Dad could be found helping the club raise funds in the Lion's parking lot during the Northwest Montana Fair. He was an enthusiastic Little League and Babe Ruth baseball coach in the '70s and '80s. From a professional standpoint, Dad served as President of the Montana Society of CPAs in 1992 and 1993. In 1997, the organization awarded Dad the George D. Anderson Distinguished Service Award for demonstrating exceptional commitment to the profession, to the public, and to the community. Dad served on the board of directors for **CPA Mutual Insurance** from 1986 through 2004, and he served on the board of directors for Semitool from 1985 until the firm was acquired by Applied Materials in 2009.

Outside of these activities, Dad loved to participate in athletics. In his 30s, 40s and 50s, he often challenged us kids to a footrace to the boxes down the street to pick up the mail. For decades, he bowled in the Wednesday night men's league at Skyline

Bowl. He and other fellow bowling friends then followed their evening with racquetball matches at the Elk's Club where he was a longtime member. Around the age of 40, one of his young sons convinced him to take up golf despite his protests that he "was a lousy golfer." And, while that proved to be exceptionally accurate, it never prevented him from eagerly participating in the sport and greatly enjoying the companionship of his friends and family. His leisurely sporting achievements included: knocking his front tooth out with his own racquetball racket (something for which he laughingly endured a heavy dose of good-natured ribbing), a hole-in-one on the No. 8 green after teeing off his drive on No. 9 of the Cameron course at Buffalo Hill (more good-natured ribbing and many laughs), and finally a true hole-in-one while golfing in Arizona.

While Dad was a hard worker, great father, husband, friend, and contributor to his community and profession, above all we'll remember him for his fine, and sometimes goofy, sense of humor. Dad loved to laugh and, it's fair to say, he spent an outsized share of his 85 years doing just that.

Dan is survived by his wife Marilyn; daughter Tammy; sons Tim and Jeff; grandchildren Nicholas, Katy, Matthew, Jason, Sidney, and Emily; and great-grandchildren Liam, Remy, and Ellis.

We ask that memorials for Dad be made in memory of him to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana.

Daniel J. Eigeman, 85

Daniel J. Eigeman, 85, died Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. Arrangements are

pending.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Gerald N. Eischen, 80

Gerald N. Eischen, 80, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 17, 2020, at his home.

No formal services will be held, but his ashes will be buried at sea. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jonelle Elder, 86

Jonelle Elder, 86, died on Dec. 25, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Jean Eoff, 83

Jean Eoff, 83, died July 26, 2020, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joani Eisentraut, 69

Joan "Joani"
Eisentraut, 69, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 5, 2020, at the Beehive Home of Kalispell.

Joani was born in San Mateo, California, on Dec. 21, 1950, to Alton W. "Al" and Cecilia T. "Ceal" (Oswald) Jennings. She grew up in Mountain View, California, and Fresno, California.

Joani married Ike Eisentraut on April 4, 1983. They had two beautiful girls, Jessica and Cayce. After Ike's retirement, they moved from California to Columbia Falls and built their dream home on Wapiti Meadows. Joani always had perfectly manicured gardens around their home. She was incredibly creative and enjoyed making her own jewelry. In addition, she created a Foundation For the Arts in the memory of her eldest daughter, Jessica, through which she was able to support several young aspiring dancers to fulfill their dreams.

Joani practiced real estate and later joined the family business at Moonlighting Detective Agency. Always looking for a thrill, Joani spent her pastime hiking, kayaking and horseback riding. She never passed up the opportunity for



a daring adventure at Disney World or a soaring zip line ride. Joani

is survived by her daughter Cayce, stepdaughter Dawn (Mark) Puerling of Wisconsin, her sister Jane Jennings of California, niece Jasmine Jennings and family of California, and cousins Jay and Jane Jennings of California.

Joani was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Ceal Jennings, her husband Ike Eisentraut, and her daughter Jessica Ellery.

She was a member of Faith Covenant Church in Kalispell.

Visitation for Joani will be Friday, July 10, at 10 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory. Services will begin at 11 a.m., followed by committal service at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the Beehive Home of Kalispell, the Alzheimer's Association and the Cerebral Palsy Association. In consideration of current conditions, the family would request that masks please be worn.

Jamie Marie Enders, 57

Jamie Marie Enders, 57, passed away peacefully Sept. 28, 2020, at Kalispell

Regional Medical Center after a traumatic brain injury.

Jamie was born to Michael James and Rose Enders in Libby on Sept. 26, 1963. PA 4

She dedicated her life to her children, Kyle and Page, as well as Scotty's Bar and Casino for 25 years where she will be greatly missed. Her smile was infectious. She had a great sense of humor and an adventuresome spirit. Drawing, crafting and jewelry making were her passions. This was evident every holiday at Scotty's Bar where Jack

Skellington, The Grinch, Sugar Skulls, Turkeys and Santa brought smiles to the customers who adored her. Nothing was ever impossible and she could always make the simplest things beautiful.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Tim.

Jamie is survived by her siblings, Mary, Beth, Cheri and Theresa; two children of Kalispell, Kyle (Elissa) Koehler and their children Reina and Kaedence, and Page Schweigert.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Winchester Steak House (located adjacent to Scotty's Bar). There will be live music and food provided by Winchester. (Attendees are requested to abide by current health and safety guidelines.)

LaVerne V. Endresen, 97

LaVerne V. Endresen, 97, of Kalispell, died Sunday, June 28, 2020.

She is survived by her are under the care children, Judy Rediger, Janice Thurmond, Jeanie Alcorn and Jack Endresen.

A private service is to be held.

Arrangements of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

William James Engle, 98

William James Engle died Monday, Jan. 27. 2020, at The Springs in Whitefish at the age of

Bill was born Aug. 30, 1921, in Sioux City, Iowa. He attended Trinity High there, where he played football. He adored big band music and swing dancing, which he did well. He won a football scholarship to the University of Dayton attending for one year, then joined the Army/Air Force in the early days of World War II.

Bill was in the Army's first class to learn radar, and was a navigator during the war and flew 38 missions over Europe. Shot down and lost for 10 days, he did not talk much about the war. He returned to Sioux City afterward to marry Bette Jane Leget, and they moved to Michigan, where Bill worked as a metallurgical engineer in the auto industry, eventually running a small foundry for Motor Wheel Corporation. Bill and Bette had two daughters, Jerret and Christianne.

Bill and Bette purchased a log home in the Flathead Valley near Lake Blaine in 1986. He retired and spent his happiest years there. He



to have time and a place for horses again and he and Bette loved to travel. camp and square dance in the area.

was eager

The family estimates Bill drove the Going-tothe-Sun Road about 100 times. He loved sharing that trip.

Bill enjoyed good health into his 90s. Struggling with dementia in his final years, he had enormously kind support from many caregivers and friends in the Flathead, who helped him stay in the home he loved as long as possible, cared for him in his last days, and to whom he and his family are ever grateful.

The family will schedule a memorial Mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell in Bill's memory this spring.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, their husbands Cort Tramontin and David Banford, and by his brother, Paul Engle, of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

Seanna and Candace; his stepsons Jay and Rodger Gaskill; his wife Gail; his is beloved daughters brothers Matthew and He is survived by

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Southern California; and

sister Michelle (Larry)

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John is preceded in death by his father, John

He lived in Montana for was always in Montana.

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Maney Embry Jr. and his mother, Norma Kay Weaver.

his free time, John was an avid banjo picker,

Las Vegas and settled in Georgia, but his heart reader and wordsmith John was raised in booths. In

John was born June 9, Marine Corps base while his father was in Korea. In 1974, John graduated from Valley High School in Las Vegas and 1956 at Camp Pendleton went on to college in

John Maney Embry III, 63

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his family on March 26, 2020. John was a loving

husband, father, brother and grandfather. He will

be truly missed.

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Robert Alan Emigh, 72

Robert Alan Emigh. 72, of Lakeside, died April 22, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Patricia. Arrangements

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

John was a mason,

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Joyce Edena Hedman Emmert, 82

Joyce
Edena
Hedman
Emmert
was a
prayer warrior who
loved Jesus
Christ,



music, babies and holiday meals with family. She prayed daily (and often into the night) for her family, friends and even the people she met on the street. She never knew a stranger because she loved to talk with everyone and learn their stories.

She was born on June 27, 1937, to Edena (Cleave) and Verner Hedman in Whitefish.

She left this earth on Feb. 14, 2020, just in time to spend Valentine's Day with the first loves of her. life, Jesus and her husband of 63 years, Donald, who graduated to heaven in 2018. In her Bible, the family found a dime store Valentine she had written over 20 years ago that said, "Honey, I don't just love you on Valentine's Day. I love you every day, 365 days a year." Their marriage modeled that love through good times and hard times. They married while Don was on leave from the Korean War and they spent most of their first year of marriage apart. Joyce worked as a teletypist in San Francisco while she waited for Don to return. They raised their six children in Whitefish and Columbia Falls surrounded by loving Hedman and Emmert grandparents,

Joyce played piano and organ at nearly every church in the Flathead and in Hot Springs when they retired. She had a God-given ability to play a tune by ear. After hearing a song just once she would add her own improvisations to make it uniquely hers. She didn't just play with skill, she played with her heart and her soul. Over the years she taught hundreds of students to love piano and singing.

Don worked as a logger and a trucker while Joyce raised their children on a small ranch in Columbia Falls. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) when the children were young, but after years of limited mobility, Joyce was miraculously healed and rarely suffered

from symptoms again.

She worked at the
Cross Currents Christian
School in Whitefish, the
florist in Hot Springs, and
taught private music lessons. Everyone who knew
Joyce commented on her
sweet spirit and loving
ways. Her grandchildren
all talk about her legacy
of love and faith in Jesus
that they hope to pass
down to their children
and future generations.

Joyce is survived by her children, Rodney Emmert, Gary and Jane Emmert, Randy and Melody Emmert, Donita and Dave Toavs, Gordy and Susy Emmert, and Darlene and Scott Meehan along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Gene and Lenore Hedman, Carol Hedman Newbury, and Allan and Vernice Hedman; sister-in-law Shirley and Evan Speer and Marie Hedman.

most of their first year of marriage apart. Joyce worked as a teletypist in San Francisco while she waited for Don to return. They raised their six children in Whitefish and Columbia Falls surrounded by loving Hedman and Emmert grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edena and Vern Hedman; siblings, Wayne Hedman, Cleave Hedman and Barbara Koppy; daughter-in-law Laurie Emmert and grandsons Baby Randy Emmert, Erin Emmert, Wesley Emmert and Travis Vandersloot.

A memorial service in honor of Joyce will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m. at Canvas Church located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or bless a child with music lessons in honor of Joyce.

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

Rodney Lyle Emmert, 63

Rodney Lyle Emmert, 63, died on Oct. 8, 2020, at his home in Columbia Falls.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert Lincoln Emslie, 89

Robert Lincoln Emslie, age 89, passed away on May 16, 2020 at his home

in Bigfork.

Robert was born on Feb. 12, 1931 at the Emslie family farm in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Waukesha High School and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force National Guard which was activated. He served in the 126th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, U.S.A.F. during the Korean War. He returned to marry Shirley Ann McQueen, the love of his life. He attended Milwaukee School of Engineering. He worked in the heating and air conditioning field for 40 years. After retiring in 1990, they moved to Bigfork to be near their grandchildren. Robert enjoyed golfing, curling and woodworking. He was an avid reader, especially

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anything pertaining to the Civil War. Robert loved following sporting events involving his eight grandchildren. He loved God.

church,

family, friends and the Green Bay Packers - not necessarily in that order.

He is preceded in death by his father William Peter Emslie; his mother Harriet (Fischer); his brother William Emslie II; and his beloved grandson Matthew Scott Emslie. Robert is survived by his wife of 67 years, Shirley; his sister Harriet (Emslie) Dauffenbach;

20 May 2020 his sons Scott and Anna (Wysocki) Emslie, Todd and Shelley (Peterson) Emslie; daughters Lisa (Emslie) Wrbelis, Heather (Emslie) and Jim Ackerman; grandchildren Amanda (Emslie) and Lee Sells, Adam Emslie, Cole Wrbelis, Logan Wrbelis and fiancé Jessie Brown, Emily Lorbecki, Braden Lorbecki, Alexander Emslie and Hattie Emslie; and great-grandchildren Leif Sells and Elliot Sells. We will miss you, Grandpa.

> Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 22 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. The family suggests donations in lieu of flowers to a charity of choice. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.

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

Arley 'Jean' Rohrbach-England, 83

Arley "Jean"
Rohrbach-England, 83,
passed away on Sept. 23
2020, while under the
loving care of Echo View
Assisted Living.

Jean was born Aug.13, 1937, to William and Hildegard Dewalt in North Dakota. She was raised in Fargo where she met her husband Wilbur Rohrbach and they were married in 1952. In 1953, a daughter Carol, was born. The family then moved to Columbia Falls in 1954. Three more children were born, Judy in 1955, Randy in 1961, and Kelly in 1964.

Jean worked at several restaurants before buying Todd's in Columbia Falls in 1970. She later moved it back into a new building, which is now the Nite Owl. She also owned Glacier Inn Restaurant and the Paul Bunyan Bar. She sold everything in the mid '80s and retired, enjoying traveling and spending her time with family.

One of Jean's proudest moments was when former Chief Ray Barnhart made her an honorary member of the fire department because of all the coffee and sandwiches that she would bring to the firemen as they were fighting fires — free of charge.

Jean married Ray England and for a short while she lived in Las Vegas. She divorced Ray and moved back to the family home in Columbia Falls to be near her family. In 2019, health issues made it necessary for her to move into an assisted living home.

Jean's greatest joy was her children and grand-children. She was an excellent cook and loved to prepare meals for family and friends. She would invite 10 people and cook enough food for 20. No one ever left her table hungry and there were always leftovers. Jean



also had a love of music and played the piano and the accordion.

Jean was preceded

in death by her parents, husband Wilbur in 1974, daughters Judy in 2003, Carol in 2006, and her brother Keith in 2014.

She is survived by her sons, Randy Rohrbach at the family home, and Kelly Rohrbach and his wife Suzy of Kalispell; sister, Betty, and Harold Cook, of Yakima, Washington, brother, Terry Milton, and wife Debbie, of Kalispell. She leaves behind six grandchildren, Mysti, Carrie Ann, Christopher, Hillary, Klaus and Patrick; and two great-grandchildren, Devon and Victoria; also "those four brats" as she loving called them, Jacob and Daniel Hutchens, Morgan Smith, and Thomas Johnson. In the last couple of years she became close to Jessica Johnson, who acted as a caregiver for a while, but was more like a granddaughter, and Jean absolutely adored her baby, Elijah.

Jean's smile and heart will be missed by all, but the memories will be timeless. To know her was to love her. She is now whole and with her loved ones. The sky is a little bit brighter with her shining as a star. The family would like to thank the staff at Echo View Assisted Living for their loving care and Frontier Hospice for everything they did in Jean's final days to make her comfortable.

A celebration of Jean's life will be held next spring.

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

Geraldine T. Eppler, 87

Geraldine Theresa Brezinski Skilondz Eppler passed away July 27, 2020.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents Edmund Joseph Brezinski and Rose Brezinski; also her first husband of 22 years. Joseph Vincent Skilondz, and her second husband of 48 years, Kurt Traugott Eppler; her beloved son Mitchell Edmund Skilondz; and her precious older brother Edmund Robert Brezinski and sister-in law Teresa Mae Maziarka Brezinski. She is survived by her. daughter Melinda Rose Skilondz; brother Wayne Paul Brezinski and sister-in-law Carol Lou Bielinski Brezinski.

"Geri had a fun-loving sense of humor and a huge open heart for everyone. She and Kurt lived their dream retirement in Lakeside for 25 lovely, happy years. She took care of others her whole life. She grew up on the south side of Chicago during the Great Depression. After my father returned from Ardennes in Patton's rifle brigade she married him on her 18th birthday. Nani had to sign the paperwork! She nursed both of her husbands through cancer to their transition. She fell in March of this year and I am so grateful to have been able to bring her home to Lakeside. In these precious four months she taught me loving survival skills by being easy-going and compassionate. She worked hard her whole life, and not only gave me birth but a kind of rebirth, guiding me out of my depression over losing Mitch and Kurt. She taught us to love art and music and family. She loved unconditionally and being with her incomparable vitality was like taking a vitamin for happiness! She gave us courage and resilience, I am so honored to be able to express this. She revived my capacity to love and he close to come



she was graceful and sweet to her last breath. We thank all the health care and hospice

workers who helped us on this tender journey."

She is also survived by her godchildren Stan J. "Buddy" Skilondz; Edmund Al Brezinski and Amy Brezinski. All our love to her many nieces and nephews, Jennifer, Ray, Mike, Phil, (Thaddeus "Skip" Skilondz), (Bob "Sonny" Uhach), Rosemarie Ludwig, Gertrude "Trudy" Kaufmann, Ted Dominick, Janet Uhach Kemp, Marilyn Maizan; loving children and spouses, dear cousin Sylvia Nolan and Ed Nolan.

I pray I can honor her precious life and memory with even half of her courage, common sense, and capacity to love. Sending love to DeLane, Chuck, Art and Dory, Eleanor and Anne, Patricia, Fran and Howard Ruby. everyone at Blacktail, Michael, Tom and Mary Fitzsimon, (Ben and Virginia), Jim, Jessie etc., etc. if I forgot anyone, have mercy, please. She lived a full and happy life. She was one in a million, an irreplaceable precious treasure. May God be with us all. I am so grateful to have basked in her bright light. There's another meteor this month in the Montana sky!"

Services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m., beginning at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S Main St, Kalispell, MT. and continuing at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, 641 Conrad Dr, Kalispell, MT 59901. Sandwiches will be served afterward at the Lakeside home, 7563 U.S. 93 South. Everyone welcome. For questions, call Melinda at 818-524-0555.

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Eilleen R. Erie, 85

Eilleen R. Erie, age 85, passed away on May 20, 2020, at Kalispell Regional

Kalispell
Regional
Medical Center due to a stroke.

Eilleen was born on March 15, 1935, in Townsend, Montana, to Frank and Catherine (Meyers) Weiferich. She was raised and attended school in Townsend.

She married John Clouse on June 25, 1955. John passed away in 1983. They were married for 28 years before his passing. Eilleen later married Gene Erie on July 30, 1988, and they celebrated 31 years together.

Eilleen worked for many years as a professional teller in the banking industry.

Eilleen's community activities included her work for the food bank. She was an avid gardener and love to sew, but her favorite thing to do

was just spend time with family.

Eilleen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John J. Clouse and son James J. Clouse

She is survived by her husband Gene Erie; children Cindy and husband Mark Passmore; Susan and husband Steve Peters; Lisa and Husband Jeff Kruckenberg; Tony and wife Toni Clouse; daughter-in-law Marti Jo Clouse; eleven grand-children and eighteen great-grandchildren.

There will be a Rosary at 7 p.m. on June 4, at Risen Christ Catholic Parish with a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. on June 5, at Risen Christ Catholic Parish. The family suggest memorials to Wings in Jim Clouse's name

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Cyril J. 'Ernie' Ernest, 90

Cyril J. "Ernie" Ernest, 90, died on Nov. 9, 2020.

He was born in Ashland, Wisconsin, to Joseph and Mary Ernest.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a cryptographer. When the Korean War began, he was sent to Japan where he worked at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters across from the Imperial Palace grounds. As the war intensified, he was dispatched to Korea, and when China entered the war he was evacuated back to Tokyo.

While in Japan, he met and married Towako Machida. They had one child, Theresa A. Ernest.

During his 40 years in Japan, he established a number of punched card communication facilities, which became the standard for other military services.

He was preceded in



death by his wife Towako, and daughter Theresa.

He is

survived

by his

nieces.



Susan
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and Julie
Butchko;
nephews,
Greg and
Michael
Semanko;
and
cousin,
Thomas
Ernest;
and sev-



eral grandnieces and -nephews and cousins throughout the U.S.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell on Dec. 1.

Graveside committal will be in Lexington, Kentucky, at a later date.

Donald Arthur Erickson, 90

Donald Arthur Erickson, 90, died Nov. 20, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Eric Evans, 48

Eric Evans, 48, died Jan. 31, 2020 at The HealthCenter. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Christopher David Evans

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Evans was born on Aug. 20, 1976 in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, and passed away on Feb. 22, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah: children Redel and Baylee; parents, Mike and JoAnne; and siblings, Patrick and Leslie. He was well known Evans Memorial Fund as a father and a dedicated professional in Law Enforcement in Montana.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at Faith Chapel on Shiloh Rd. Donations can be made to the Chris at: https://gofundme. com/f/chris-evans-probation-amp-parole-memroial. For a full obituary and to share memories and condolences please visit www. dahlfuneralchapel.com.

Jay T. Evans, 65

15, 2020, in New Orleans, where he lived for 45

Born in Missoula. April 21, 1955, he grew up and attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1973. Subsequently he attended Kicking Horse Job Corps, developing skills that he valued all his life. Later he earned a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Louisiana in Lafavette.

Jay's life was unconventional and vibrant. He relished life in the midst of the history, architecture, music and people of his chosen home. He was a skilled craftsman and contributed to the restoration of many historic French Quarter homes. He was witty and sweet. People liked to talk to him. He was committed to progressive values, but never judgmental of others. Deeply responsive to the significance of artistic endeavor, Jay enjoyed the friendship and regard of a broad spectrum of creative people. His character was marked by enormous generosity, willingly sharing his skills,

Jay T. Evans died June resources, or his last dollar, with no thought of return. On many occasions he traveled to assist with his numerous family member's renovation projects, contributing his talent and unique perspectives unstintingly.

Jay is survived and mourned by his brothers and sisters, Lexie Evans in Missoula, Troy Evans and Heather McLarty in Los Angeles, Cly F. Evans and Charlotte Streit in Echo Lake, Montana, Jill Evans and John Owen in Whitefish, Todd Evans and Kanako Matsumoto in Renton, Washington, Katryn Perry and David Perry in Whitefish, Leo Bruce Evans in Missoula, and nine nephews and nieces.

A celebration of his life and spirit will be shared by family members when it is safer to travel and gather.

Kent R. Ewing, 72

Kent R. Ewing, 72, of Marion, died March 9, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, and children Aaron Ewing, Monica Jensen, Troy Ewing, Denise Pinnegar and Christy VanSlayke.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday,

March 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, with services at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Burial will follow services.

Robert William Ewert, 93

Robert William Ewert, 93, of Kalispell, died Monday Oct. 19, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

A private family celebration of life is being held. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Jeffrey Clyde 'Jeff' Evans, 65

Jeffrey Clyde "Jeff" Evans, 65, passed away suddenly of natural causes on March 3, 2020. at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jeff was born on Oct. 15, 1954, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to Clyde and Viola (Pitsch) Evans.

Jeff was raised and graduated high school in Waukesha and then went on to attend college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and later transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

After college Jeff lived in Costa Rica working for the Peace Corps. Returning to the United States he became the horticulturist on the grounds of an Italianate estate in Berkeley, California.

Jeff gave up this unique position in California and moved to Iowa to help his family care for his ill brother. During this time he used his talents as the city forester in Des Moines, Iowa. After the passing of his brother Scotty, he could have pursued jobs



anywhere but chose to move to Kalispell where his sister lived.

In Kalispell Jeff gained

employment at the Glacier National Park Native Plant Nursery where he cultivated dozens of alpine species. Following this, he moved to Northern Colorado where he worked at a native plant restoration nursery. Jeff returned to Montana where he became the head gardener at Kalispell's Conrad Mansion.

Jeff was an extremely gifted botanist and a great contributor to his field. Off the job, Jeff enjoyed working on his home nursery, playing his many guitars and attending concerts with his sister and friends. He also loved nothing more than the solitude of camping and fishing in the nearby streams and rivers.

11 Mer 2020 ere True to himself and able to make a living while following his passion. Jeff was a sensitive, intelligent and loving man that shared interesting life experiences through his long, late night telephone conversations. Jeff could make the deadpan serious laugh.

Jeff lives on in the trees and plants that he cultivated. Hundreds of Jeff's plants grow at Glacier National Park's Logan Pass and Oberlin Bend.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father Clyde Evans, brother Scott Evans, uncle Tom Evans, aunt Betty Staub, uncle Norbert Pitsch, aunt Joanne and cousin Terry Wilcox.

He is survived by his mother Viola (Frank) Stout of Johnston, Iowa, sister Jill (Gary) Wilson of Kalispell, niece Lily Wilson of Helena, uncle Roger Evans, aunt Sue Evans and uncle Buck Staub, all of Wisconsin, aunt Violet of California. numerous loving cousins and countless friends.

No funeral services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Flathead County Animal Shelter at 1035 1st Avenue West. Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Bunyea Evenson, 93

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Dolly was born May 4, 1927, in Kalispell to

April 29, 2020, just short of her 93rd birthday, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Nancy Fryer of Oregon Charles Eugene "Gene" Francis "Bud" Bunyea Lorraine Bunyea, and Bigfork; Dave (Cathy She is survived by Dorothy McMillan of Tacoma, Washington nieces and nephews Barbara) Bunyea of Evenson of Bigfork;

Kenneth (Rosemary) Evenson and Nancy Dolly spent her whole ust a girl, but when he Charles S. Bunyea and Theresa Furcht Bunyea. On May 16, 1946, she married Russell, one of fight in WWII, she was the Evenson boys from next door. She gradu-ated from high school Road, within sight of When Russell left to her childhood home. that same evening. life on Swan River

also be missed by a myr and thanks to Dave and nephews, as well as her Texas; and Carla Kahn Susan (Paul) Hunter of of Swan Lake. She will iad of great-nieces and Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Special recognition childhood best friend Cathy Evenson, with whom Dolly resided Jeanette Belmore of to a lovely young woman who captured his heart. While Dolly and

Susan Smith of Arizona

Evenson of Kalispell

returned, she had grown

She will be remembered produced and her enjoy for her famous popcorn cakes, the potent home-Russell had no children, they enjoyed their large extended families. They to those who knew her numor and you always ness that endeared her spent many hours fishing and enjoying each other's company. Dolly knew where she stood She had a quiet inner brew they sometimes strength and a frankment of rum-soaked had a wry sense of

during her last year, and

Bunyea for their special

to Gene and Barbara

The family is being

attention to her.

Dolly was preceded night fried chicken at the Schlegels. n death

Cemetery

on May 7. Graveside ser

vices will take place at

Gloschat Funeral Home.

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Viewing will take place

from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

watermelon and Friday