

## George Irving Faeth, 89

George Irving Faeth, 89, died Feb. 20, 2020 at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

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

## Shirley M. Farley, 81

Shirley M. Farley, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at Renaissance Senior Care in Kalispell. Services will be at 11

a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Alice Elaine Farnum, 91

Alice Elaine Farnum, 91, of Whitefish, died Feb. 8, 2020, in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Allen Farnum, Aaron Farnum, Kenneth Farnum, Jeffery

Farnum and Brian Farnum.

No services are being held at this time.

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

## Caryle W. Fauley, 94

Caryle W. Fauley, 94, died Feb. 3, 2020, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

## Betty Jean (Kahn) Farris, 84

Betty Jean (Kahn) Farris was born Sept. 30, 1935, in Kalispell to George Michael Kahn and Lillian Coretta Evenson.



Betty battled ovarian cancer for over eight years and you can be assured she won. Betty passed gently and gracefully away Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, in her own home and on her own terms with her family by her side.

Betty was number four of siblings Delores, George, Carol and Dorothy. Although she grew up during the Great Depression and World War II, she described her childhood as idyllic, growing up among cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents, and strawberries in the Bigfork area.

Graduating from Flathead County High School in 1953, Betty promptly left for California and to see the world. She crisscrossed the country working for the International Magazine Company where she met her future husband, Andrew "Red" Farris in Buffalo, New York. They married in Eugene, Oregon, and had their first child, Lynn, in Huntington, Indiana.

Returning to Montana, they added Patrick and Bettina to their family. A summer place at Bitterroot Lake made a great place to raise a family.

Betty's vocation and avocation was as a tax preparer. She operated H&R Block from 1987 to 2014. She loved her work and her customers.

Betty is survived by her children, Lynn (Mike Vollmer), Patrick, and Bettina (Gary) Smigaj; grandchildren, Colby

(Kate) Farris of South Carolina, Martin Vollmer, Kjelseeth Vollmer, Katelyn Smigaj, and Andrew Smigaj of Kalispell. She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy McMillan, of Tacoma, Washington, sister-in-law, Carla Kahn, of Kalispell; cousins, Dave, Nancy and Kenneth Evenson and Susan Hunter. Nieces and nephews include Kelly, Ronnie, Sandy, Mike, Mark, Bruce, Colin and Marty. They will all miss their Aunt Betty and special times at the lake.

A diagnoses of ovarian cancer absolutely did not define her or limit her activities or way of life. She continued to live and work on her own terms until she retired at 79. Betty was especially appreciative of her very personal and excellent care by Dr. Peter Wagner. She always left him feeling she was his favorite patient. Each spring he would give her a short lecture on kayak safety, reminding her to wear her life jacket, don't go out alone and remember the water was still very cold and "you can't swim as far as you used to."

The care provided by the staff of the Infusion Center was second to none. The atmosphere was bright, positive and cheerful and made many a long day of treatment go quickly. Thank you for that.

There will be a celebration of this good life led at a time to be announced in the summer at Bitterroot Lake.

Anyone wishing to honor her memory might consider a donation to the Huntington's Disease Foundation at <https://www.huntingtonsdiseasefoundation.org>.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell is caring for the family; <https://www.buffalohillfh.com>.



## Robert 'Fehl' Erick Fehlberg, 93

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Robert Erick Fehlberg, the cornerstone of our family, passed away at age 93 on Aug. 17, 2019, after living three years at Mocho Park Care Center in Livermore, California. He was actively drawing plans, sketching and writing historical notes about the family, still attending social events with family out and about. He was Lutheran in faith. The family gathered at the family home in Pleasanton, California, for a day of remembrance.

Robert was born in Kalispell April 28, 1926, to Mary Grace Fehlberg and Otto Albert Erick Fehlberg. He was reared in the family home in Coram, where the family business was a grocery store/gas station and tourist cabins built by Otto along the main road to Glacier National Park. When Robert was 10 years old, his sister Marilyn was born. Robert attended grade school in Coram and rode the school bus to attend high school in Columbia Falls. As a basketball player, he boarded at the school dorm during the week for basketball season. He worked summers in Glacier Park on trail crews and after high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he earned the rank of T.4 technical sergeant. After the war Robert was chosen to escort German prisoners held in the U.S. on a ship leaving California through the Panama Canal to England where they were returned to Germany. The return trip brought United States servicemen held as prisoners back to the United States. After his military discharge, Robert enrolled at the University of Montana in Missoula, majoring in forestry based on his earlier experiences in Glacier Park. He soon found his main interest was in architecture and transferred to Montana State College in



His educational projects include preschools, high school and college campuses with associated libraries, theaters and sports facilities. The plans for churches, commercial buildings, government facilities and custom homes were also created on his drawing board. He often incorporated site-specific artworks by Montana artists in the buildings he designed.

Their daughter Kolby was born in Kalispell. The family became complete with Kenje, Kurt and Klee born in Billings. Their lives centered around architecture and the arts. Kolby learned her architectural drafting skills from Fehl. They all learned to ski with Fehl's guidance and make ceramics on the family's potter's wheel. Kurt followed Fehl into architecture and remembers sitting on Fehl's lap as a child learning the basics of making clay pottery. Kenje's happy memories of skiing at Red Lodge Mountain with her dad are with her whenever and wherever she enjoys the skills she learned from him. Klee found the trips he took with the family in the United States whetted his appetite to travel in other countries. A sense of humor came naturally, playful mischief in a loving family. His grandchildren added another dimension of joy. They also had an appreciation of the talents people have to offer. This extended to volunteering in community.

the CTA Cessna for office projects, some recreation and family trips.

Fehl, a man of many skills and talents, designed a broad scope of buildings.

When Mayor Willard Fraser and Virginia Snook asked Fehl to evaluate the possibility of remodeling the vacant County Jail into an art center, he readily agreed and recognized all its possibilities. They asked James Haughey, as a lawyer and an artist to join them. With representatives from every cultural organization in the city, they approached the County Commissioners. With Fehl's plans considered the commissioners gave them the go-ahead. Volunteers from every walk of life in the county offered their skills and ambition to fulfill the renovation of the county jail to the Yellowstone Art Center, now known as the Yellowstone Art Museum. Fehl directed the project from the CTA office daytime, worked on site every evening and every weekend until the Art Center had its grand opening. He served terms on the Art Center board of directors and represented MAC on the County Commissioners board. He consulted on the surfacing art centers that followed, Carbon County Art Center in Miles City, Lewistown Art Center and several others.

One of his photographs was selected for the MIA Permanent Art Collection now housed at the University of Montana, Missoula.

Fehl retired from CTA in 1987 and he and LaDonna moved to Pleasanton, California, to be near family. He continued to be a liaison architect for CTA onsite designing the high school in Green River, Wyoming. He also had CTA projects in Sitka, AK, where he developed his own firm and continued his architectural practice for 15 years there and more in Pleasanton.

Architecture was his lifetime dedication. Robert's family was his treasure. The friendships he made along the way are indelible.

Robert was predeceased by his parents Otto and Mary Grace Fehlberg, and his sister Marilyn Fleming.

Surviving Robert are his wife, LaDonna; children, Kolby Fehlberg-Burns (James); Kenje Fehlberg; Kurt Fehlberg (Lauri); Klee Fehlberg (Linda Tam); and grandchildren, Acacia Burns Camacho, Echelle Burns; Kelcey Dixon, Keanon Dixon; and Keil Tam Fehlberg. Also surviving Robert are his brother-in-law Robert Fleming, niece Heidi Coatsworth, nephews James Fleming and Michael Fleming.

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Robert "Fehl" E. Fehlberg (cont) age 93

Bozeman, now Montana State University. He became an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and made life-long friends who called him Fehl.

Upon graduating in architecture, Fehl was hired in the structural documents department of Hungry Horse Dam. A year later he joined the Gehres Weed Architects firm in Kalispell. He met LaDonna Rognlie through a mutual friend. During their engagement year, Fehl designed and built a house for them near Woodland Park in Kalispell, teaching LaDonna to cut and nail sheathing boards for the walls and the roofing. They were married in 1953. In 1956 Fehl opened his own office in Kalispell. In 1958, he was called by Cushing Terrell Associates, a Billings architectural firm, to join them as designer. He became a partner in the firm with his design career expanding throughout Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Alaska. Fehl earned his pilot license and flew

Fehl and LaDonna were active members of the Montana Institute of the Arts and the Flathead Camera Club in Kalispell. They moved to Billings and already knew many of the artists in the Billings Arts Association.

Fehl served as president of most of the organizations he enjoyed, including the Montana Chapter of AIA. He was elected to serve on the American Institute of Architects board of directors as Northwest regional director for a four-year term. His region included Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Washington, Guam, Wyoming and Montana. He visited the AIA chapters in these states each year and connected them to the National AIA board and the National board with them. The Montana State University Architectural Department responded and benefited from having his direct connection to the AIA National board. Fehl was named a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Fehl received the Fellow award in the Montana Institute of the Arts. He and LaDonna received the Montana Governor's Award for the Arts as a couple.

To pass on the legacy of Robert Fehlberg's life-long passion for architecture and the arts to the next generation, a scholarship fund has been established at Montana State University, College of Arts and Architecture. This scholarship will provide support to an architecture graduate student who will become the mentor of future generations of architects. Memorial gifts for Fehl's legacy may be made by contacting the "Robert and LaDonna Fehlberg Memorial Scholarship" MSU Director of Development Allison Ziegelman at [aziegelman@msuaf.org](mailto:aziegelman@msuaf.org) or 608-385-0696 or online at [https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1584/form.aspx?sid=1584&gid=1&pgid=452&ble\\_dit=1&dids=273](https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1584/form.aspx?sid=1584&gid=1&pgid=452&ble_dit=1&dids=273).

## Jane A. (Strook) Felker

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Jane A. (Strook) Felker, 89, of Whitefish, Montana passed away on Nov. 8, 2020 in Warsaw, Missouri, after a 1 1/2-year battle with cancer. She is survived by her four children, Elizabeth J. (Henry K.) Jones, Warsaw, Missouri, David L. (Edith H.) Felker, Escondido, California, Susan C. (William M.) Felker-Little, Eureka, Montana, and Paul E. Felker.



Mrs. Felker was preceded in death by her two sisters, Gwen (Earl) Terp and June (Earl) Terp. Jane was born in Oak Park, Illinois, daughter of Emmeline and Edwin Strook. She graduated in 1954 from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, married her college sweetheart, Paul J. Felker, and celebrated 49 years of marriage before he died suddenly on Dec. 29, 2003.

Jane lived in Marshfield, Wisconsin, for 25 years. She was devoted to raising her four children, but made time to advocate for youth competitive swimming programs, and she personally enjoyed golfing in the summer and skiing in the winter. She was a photography enthusiast with an artistic eye, photo-documenting her travels and adventures almost to the end of her life.

Jane also had an artistic passion for knitting. In 2019, Jane was honored for 50 years of volunteer service to PEO, a philanthropic organization for the betterment of women, serving most recently as the Whitefish, MT PEO Chapter historian in 2018 and 2019.

Other survivors include three grandchildren, Caryn C. Jones, Laura J. Jones-Martinez, and John W.

Jones, II; great grandchildren Benjamin N. Harrell, Liam K. Lander, Persephone J. Lander, Amelia J. Jones-Martinez, and Violet C. Jones-Martinez.

A celebration of life will be held with family in 2021. Memorial donations can be made to the Benton County Hospice, PO Box 935, Warsaw, MO 65355 or to the American Cancer Society.



## Margaret 'Dottie' Feist, 92

Margaret "Dottie" Feist, 92, passed away April 26, 2020, peacefully with her sons by her side.



She will be laid to rest next to her husband Irvin Feist, her parents James J. and Margaret M. Byrne, and sister Francis Poole at Fairview Cemetery in Creston.



Dottie came from humble but proud Irish roots and grew up with her sister and brother on the family farm in Montana's Flathead Valley. Aunts, uncles and a large group of tight-knit cousins gathered often at the farm for celebrations, fun and laughter. The farm and the cousins formed a wonderful family core that expanded over the years as spouses and children joined the mix.

Dottie enjoyed the outdoors and was a hard worker, preferring outdoor work over tradition-

al housework, though there was plenty of both on the farm. She milked cows and rode a horse with her brother to a one-room school for grades one through eight. Her autograph book is filled with friendly and amusing poems written by her school chums from those days. She loved animals, especially the whitetail deer that live to this day in "the woods" on the farm.

Dottie graduated in 1946 from Flathead County High School where she was a reporter and editor for the school newspaper. She completed training at Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1949 and became an instructor and administrator at the nursing school. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education from Gonzaga University in 1952 and her master's in education — counseling and guidance from Gonzaga in 1974, while working and raising her family. She capped off her working career as a nursing care consultant for the Washington State Department of Health and Human Services.

Dottie met her beloved husband Irvin while they were both at Gonzaga, and they were married at St. Aloysius Catholic Church shortly after graduation. They settled in Spokane and raised four children, threw wonderful bridge club parties and hosted huge holiday family gatherings. She organized countless family camping outings and was a dedicated daughter that made frequent trips "home" to help on the farm and later care for her parents. Dottie was ahead of her time in the 1960s and '70s, with advanced degrees and a challenging professional career.

After Irvin's passing in 1985, Dottie left Spokane to return to her roots in Montana. She built a home in the woods on the family property. She earned her Forest Stewardship Certification from Montana State University Extension and wisely managed her forest with selective lumber harvesting that has preserved the forest as a beautiful home for the deer she loved.

Dottie was a lifelong learner and traveler. Her

favorite overseas excursions were with her cousins to the homeland in Ireland. She also traveled solo in her truck and RV through the American West, often visiting her precious grandchildren and wintering in Arizona for many years.

Dottie gave generously to many charities, and she was recently recognized by Gonzaga University for "50 years of giving." She was a Gonzaga Bulldogs basketball fan long before their Cinderella streak began 20 years ago. Her sons will sorely miss joining her to watch the games, but take comfort that she's reunited with Irvin and imagine them cheering for Gonzaga together in heaven.

Dottie is survived by her brother, William K. Byrne of Bozeman; sons, Kevin (Liz Kehr) Feist; Greg (Deb) Feist; Sam (Andrea) Feist; and daughter Christine Feist. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, two great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Gonzaga University.

## Kirk W. Felgenhauer, 53

Kirk W. Felgenhauer, 53, of California, formerly of Kalispell, died Aug. 12, 2020, in California.

No services are being

held at this time.

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

## Thomas F. Fennessy

Thomas F. Fennessy, DDS, 90, of Libby, died Jan. 1, 2020.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. A celebration of life is planned for later in the summer.



# Douglas Ross Ferree, 82

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Douglas Ross Ferree, 82, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, at Kalispell



tours in Vietnam and Japan, including Okinawa. The day Douglas retired as a captain in the Marine Corps was one of the proudest, yet

Regional Medical Center. His last few days were spent with his loved ones by his side, offering comfort and support.



Doug was born in San Diego on Sept. 24, 1937. The youngest of five growing up in a Naval officer's house, he knew from a very young age what kind of life the military could offer him. He saw all three of his brothers choose the military as their initial stepping stone into adulthood. So, despite a childhood colored by heart-wrenching events, Douglas, with his mother's help, managed to enlist in the Marine Corps at an early age. The fact that he could drive a tank before he could drive a car always drew a chuckle from him and a shocked gasp from any new acquaintance. It was clear from the moment he joined the Marines; he had found the discipline and dedication that would shape the rest of his life.

Only a few years later, Doug met the love of his life, Sylvia, after driving over 1,000 miles from San Diego to Denver non stop. It was a blind date his Marine Corps buddies had set up for him in order to convince Doug to drive them all that way. That first date changed Doug's world, for he was smitten; and the great love affair between Doug and Syl began. After that memorable first date, they only saw each other on two more occasions prior to their wedding in June of '57.

heavy-hearted days of his life. But never one to rest on his laurels, he immediately began his pursuit of a college degree, and even went so far as to become an enrolled agent.

After moving to Montana, Doug brought his tax expertise to a local firm, where he worked for many years. With all three daughters out of the house, he also found time to embrace his great love of music and theater. He became a strong patron of the arts and enthusiastically supported both local groups, such as the Glacier Symphony and Stillwater Christian School's music and theater programs, in addition to nationally recognized performers like the Metropolitan Opera. He and Sylvia were loyal congregants of Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church, as well as dedicated attendees to the many Marine Corps events in the Flathead Valley. Surrounded by his fellow Marines, Doug's hearty laugh and twinkling eyes warmed the hearts of his listeners as he recounted his lively tales of life in the Marine Corps.

And so began his adult life; Douglas was dedicated to the Marine Corps, to his country and to his wife, Sylvia, and their three daughters. He lived his life by the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis" meaning "always faithful." This characteristic was unwavering and anyone who tested it was sent away, usually with highly colorful language. He lived by the principles of honor, loyalty and integrity; these three traits guiding him through all the challenges Doug faced over his 24 years in service, with

Douglas is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia, of 63 years; their three daughters and their husbands, Jacquelyn and Russell Slinker, Jeannette and Bill Wolf, and Juliet and Ian Bishop; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; his last living sibling, Donald; and by many loving nieces and nephews.

In memory of him, get your brakes and tires checked ... which is just a taste of the practical advice he offered his family and friends.

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## Darla Ann Ferretti, 78

Darla Ann Ferretti, 78, died Aug. 7, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## Arlene Field, 87

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Arlene Field, 87, passed away Oct. 25, 2020, with her family by her side, in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 1, 1933, to Arne and Berthina Marie Dalen in Whitefish. Arlene graduated from Whitefish High School in 1951 and married Kenneth Field in 1952. She lived her entire life in the Flathead Valley, enjoying time spent with family on Whitefish Lake and at the family property at Good Creek.

She was known by all as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Arlene is survived by her husband of 68 years, Kenneth Field, in



Kalispell; her son, Mike Field, and his wife Lori, in Spokane; daughter, Kim Read, and her

husband Jim, in Fortine; grandson, Ryan Bell, in San Antonio, Texas; grandson, Cory Field, in Spokane; granddaughter, Jessica Henderson, in Columbia Falls; granddaughter, Carie Francisco, in Spokane; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will gather privately to celebrate her life; there will be no public service.

## Florine Joyce Ficken, 87

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Florine Joyce Ficken, 87, of Somers, passed away on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at her home in Somers surrounded by her loving family.

A celebration of Florine's life will be held on Friday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell.

Memorial contribu-

tions can be made in her honor to Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

Flower arrangements for her service can be sent to the church.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Florine and her family.



# Edwin Fields

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Edwin Fields, a long-time Whitefish resident with a strong will, strong opinions, huge heart, wide-ranging tastes, and a boundless affection for Montana and its wildest places, died on Feb. 10 at the home he built near Les Mason beach, surrounded by his beloved family.

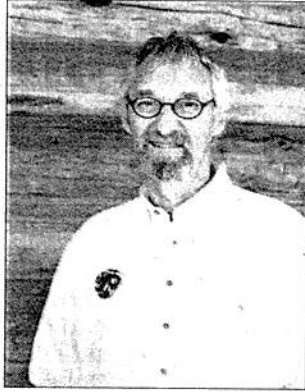
He was 68 years old.

As the owner of a well-known local construction company, Edwin oversaw more than 631 home-building, remodeling, and commercial projects in the Flathead Valley and beyond. As a founder of the local nonprofit Headwaters, he worked to protect the waters of the Flathead River, especially its north fork. As a board member for the Montana Wilderness Association, he worked to preserve areas that federal law says should remain "untrammelled by man," and as a member of the Whitefish Lakeshore Protection Committee he worked to preserve this city's lake as both a place for recreation and a secondary civic water supply. He also briefly served as an elected member of the Whitefish City Council in 1992.

Edwin believed that if you were lucky enough to live in Montana you should do something of service, and when he wasn't doing that himself he was writing his representatives in Helena to urge them to take action (or halt bad actions). His persistence and directness won him respect across party lines.

He was also a man of action at home, where one of his many oft-repeated phrases was, "If I'm not doing anything, I might as well be doing something."

A talented cook, Edwin liked to spend days each year making a big batch of his special gumbo, which he'd then serve at a party for dozens of friends. He loved planning backpacking and hunting trips, and as part of his work with



the Montana Wilderness Association he spent several years sponsoring an annual hike to Krinklehorn Peak that was open to all comers — so long as they came with a song they were prepared to sing on the trail. Edwin had a beautiful voice, and in addition to singing on the trail and around the house he recorded an album at a studio in the valley. On it, he covered some of his favorite songs, including The Grateful Dead's "Ripple," Bob Dylan's "Tangled Up in Blue," and Randy Newman's "Louisiana."

That might seem to give a sense of his tastes but in truth they ran all over the map, from opera to cheeseburgers. His favorite movies included both Madonna's "Desperately Seeking Susan" and Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life." He was a lifelong fan of "The Pea Green Boat" (a kids' show on Montana Public Radio) and an equally huge fan of "Afro-Pop Worldwide" (an NPR offering). An all-time favorite laugh: listening to Groucho Marx's song, "Whatever It Is, I'm Against It."

Born in 1951 in Missouri, Edwin showed his extroverted side early. At 15, his family watched him dancing on a TV show called "The St. Louis Hop," a local version of "American Bandstand." At University City High School he was one of the more popular students and he went on to major

College, now called Webster University. Afterward, he traveled a unique path from St. Louis to the Flathead Valley.

He joined an intentional living community in Oregon. He staffed a call-in line known as "Acid Rescue," for people having bad LSD trips. In Boulder, Colorado, he continued honing his carpentry skills, which he'd begun learning in high school woodshop class. They merged with his artistic eye to create a lifelong vocation. In 1977, on a blind date, he met the woman who would become his wife of 40 years, Maura.

Looking for a rural place to live, feeling adventurous, and also a bit "young and dumb," as Maura put it, the two of them showed up in Libby in 1980 with \$400 to their name and the promise of a job for Maura at the local hospital. They moved to Whitefish in 1983.

Here they raised their daughter, Lynn-Wood, and son, Colin, as Maura worked in nursing administration and eventually as Chief Clinical Officer for North Valley Hospital. All the while, Edwin built up his construction business.

Through good and bad years in the building trade, Edwin ran his business with passion and integrity. He instilled those values in his children, along with the importance of finding the fun and humor amid life's absurdities, sorrows, and frustrations. He also made sure that he, his family, and his many companions in outdoor adventure experienced the breadth of Montana's natural beauty.

It took him four tries, but he made it to the summit of Vulture Peak in Glacier National Park with a group of friends in 2001, hiking off trail much of the way. At the top of the peak, a log book stashed in a rock cairn showed that the

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## Edwin Field (Cont)

it up there was two years previous. Along that journey, Edwin, then 50 years old, also got into a naked, middle-of-the-night shouting match with a grizzly that had wandered into camp, an event he wrote about in the 2009 book, "A View Inside Glacier National Park — 100 Years, 100 Stories."

He floated the Missouri River from McLellan Ferry to the Fred Robinson Bridge for his 60th birthday. He hiked through eight inches of snow in August at Hole in the Wall Falls during a trip from Kintla Lake to Bowman Lake in Glacier National Park. And he walked 70 miles through the Bob Marshall Wilderness to see the massive rock face known as the China Wall. On that trip, Edwin, who always had a lot of friends and acquaintances, walked into a forest service lookout and found that he knew the person living there. She made him and his hiking buddies scones and coffee.

Edwin was also an avid hunter, going out after grouse, elk, and deer that he'd butcher himself, sharing the meat with friends and giving the hides to a local leatherworker. On one trip, he mimicked the movement of antelope to help himself get close enough for a shot.

In 2015, shortly

after the United States Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage, Edwin officiated at his son Colin's wedding in Polebridge, Montana. Residents said it was the first gay marriage ever held there.

He was also a major supporter of the O'Shaughnessy Cultural Arts Center, a passionate teacher of Tai Chi, and, in the words of a dear friend who called to talk to him via speakerphone on his last night on earth, just an all around "major dude."

Edwin is survived

by his wife, Maura; his daughter Lynn-Wood, her husband Casey, and grandsons Bryton and Otis; his son Colin and his husband Eli; his sister, Michelle; his brother Bernard and his wife, Margaret; and a wide circle of nephews, nieces, and other family and friends. Edwin requested a big party be thrown in honor of his death, and one is currently being planned for the spring. In the meantime, his family asks that donations in his memory be made to the Montana Environmental Information Center.

## Mary Filiatreau

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Mary Filiatreau, 99, of Whitefish, passed away on Feb. 29, 2020 surrounded by love.

Mary was preceded by her beloved husband of 50 years Jerome and her daughter Judy. She is survived by her son Robert, four grandchildren: Diana, Trish, Tim, Robyn, eight great-grandchildren: Rachel, Alex, Nick, Marika, Ben,

Karstin, Austin and Saige, and one great-great granddaughter.

Mary had a very rich and fulfilling life: gardening, fishing, picking huckleberries, singing in church, and enjoying her grandkids. Her favorite hobby was crocheting. She made afghans for all of her grandkids and even some very lucky friends. She loved flowers, family,

friends and music. This lovely soul will be missed by many. Let us come together and celebrate the life of this amazing lady.

Services will be held Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church 301 Central Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Steven A. Filippone

*P.A. 3 19 Feb 2020 Whitefish Pilot.*  
Steven August Filippone, 66, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2020.

He is survived by his son Cole Filippone and his wife Amber; his significant other Rebecca Normile; his sister Susan Hirtzel and husband Lawrence; and brother Patrick Hooper.

Steve was born in San Antonio, Texas. He moved to Whitefish, Montana, in 1978.

Steve was a partner of Whitefish Builders, the second oldest building company in town.

He was a master at his craft, building extraordinary custom homes in the

Flathead Valley for over 25 years.

Steve was an avid skier, outdoor enthusiast with a love of travel.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

No services are planned at this time.

## Elenore L. Fischbach, 91

*P.A. 6 5 June 2020*  
Elenore Louise (Kassner) Fischbach passed away June 1, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Somers on May 3, 1929, to Adam and Bertha Kassner. She attended grade school in Somers, graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947, and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and RN from Montana State University in Bozeman in 1951.

Elenore married Robert J. Fischbach on July 5, 1952, in Kalispell. Robert retired in 1987 following a 35-year career with Texaco Refining, and they moved to Kalispell that same year.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, who died in Kalispell on Dec. 15, 1991, of advanced melanoma; their only child,

Sharon (Mrs. F. David Paris) who died in Deep River, Connecticut, on July 31, 1992, of acute myeloid leukemia; her father and mother; brother Ewald Kassner; sister-in-law Thelma Kassner; sister Irene; and brothers Paul and Gerhart.

Survivors include son-in-law F. David Paris of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; niece Linda Goldberg of Los Gatos, California; and nephew Jay Kassner of Anchorage, Alaska.

Elenore was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she was baptized, confirmed and married.

Per Elenore's request, there will be no service. Her ashes will be interred at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Memorials may be sent to the charity of donor's choice.

## Ellen Kay Fishel, 75

Ellen Kay Fishel, 75, of Columbia Falls, passed away April 16, 2020.

She was born in Kalispell in 1945 to Edward and Olive Kelley.

She was preceded in death by her husband,



*P.A. 6 16 Apr 2020*  
Myles Gale Fishel; brother Edward; and sister Laura Ann.

She is survived by sons Destry and his wife Georgia of Springfield, Ohio; and Darrin and his wife Tanya of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by sisters Joanne, Pat and Jeanie; sisters-in-law Karen and Sandy; and many nieces and nephews. She was blessed

with five grandchildren: Aynsley and Zachary Fishel of Ohio and their spouses; Hunter; Shaylene; Coleton and spouse of Columbia Falls; and four great-grandchildren.

Ellen loved her dogs and children in that order, and was quite entertaining to all who knew her. Ellen lived her life by her own set of

rules and will be missed.

A private memorial will follow at a later date in the coming summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt A Pet Way Kalispell, Montana 59901.

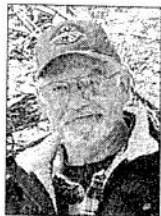
Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Ellen's family.



Robert Paul Fisher passed away on April 29, 2020, at his family home.

He spent his last hours in the midst of four generations of family. He was born Dec. 14, 1948, to Ray and Dorothy Fisher, joining his siblings Peggy, Marvin and Patsy at their home in Coram; Little Ray joined them three years later. Bobbie grew up exploring the woods, streams, meadows and mountains on his side of the Canyon. Siblings, cousins, neighbors, and strangers were his friend. He attended grade school in Coram and junior high and high school in Columbia Falls, graduating in 1968. His big personality and great smile earned him even more friends. Bob wrestled, played football and sang in the choir.

In 1969, Bob was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving with the First Air Cavalry-Infantry. Bob completed the standard Physical Combat



Proficiency Test Course with the score of 500, the highest in Company B, Third Battalion, Third Advanced Individual Training Brigade, on Oct. 30, 1969. He survived active duty for 13 months in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star. Bob did not share much about this time of his life; however, his family held him in very high regard for his service. We thanked God that he returned home to Coram.

In August 1975, Bob married Karen Yvonne Weaver. Their life together was greatly blessed with three sons, Matthew, Joseph and Christopher. Bob and Karen purchased Loyd and Ruth Sondreson's redwood A-frame located north of Polebridge. With sons in tow, their pickup and tools, they dismantled the A-frame board by board and hauled it to Coram, one load at a time. They reassembled the A-frame over a period of time to create a home worthy of their family and the kind of life they wanted to live... in the woods, space to roam and freedom to just be.

During Bob's lifetime, he worked seasonally

in Glacier Park, helped build the Trego Tunnel, worked graveyard shift as a laborer on Libby Dam, worked for Burlington Northern for a short time, a sawyer for Dick Bras, a sawyer for Canyon Logging, several years at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, and finally for the Candy Bar Ranch. In the midst of his laboring, many more friends were acquired. Bob was a good mechanic and heavy equipment operator. Vehicle maintenance was taught at an early age in Dad Ray's shop. After retiring, Bob became aware that God was leading him to build a business on the highway frontage of the property; specifically, a high ropes course. It was to be provision and inheritance for the family he loved so much.

Bob had an unusual binding tie to his sister, Patsy. In 1975, Patsy's kidneys started to fail. Bob tested perfect as a donor. In October 1975, Bob and Patsy went through grueling kidney transplant surgery. That transplant sustained Patsy for many years longer than expected. No surprise to them or their families; it was

## Robert Paul Fisher, 71

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all a part of the plan!

Bob loved a day on Hungry Horse reservoir, cruising at high speed in his Bluewater boat. With sunscreen, a cigar and a smile, Bob gave all the kids a ride-for-their-life when towing a tube or kneeboard. Many weekends were spent camping on the reservoir, fishing the river, filling huckleberry buckets and exploring islands and Sullivan Creek.

Hunting season after hunting season, as the years went by and the boys got older, hunting camp grew into a small town with a very large fire. Bob loved the time spent with his brothers, sons, grandsons, nephews, friends, and even great-nieces, in camp at the end of day, telling stories about previous hunts, reliving the day's successes (or not), making plans for tomorrow and keeping the fire burning.

Bob loved the rumble of a chainsaw. There wasn't a safe larch snag in the forest if it was visible from the road. The taller the better, that once mighty tree hit the ground with a thud. Everyone felt the thrill. With choker cables, wedg-

es, axes, mauls and his family to roll, lift and carry all that wood to be stacked in the pickup, life was good! At home, maybe light a burn pile and watch the glow... Bob was in his glory.

It was all to be surpassed only by his wife, sons and their families, and his home and land. Bob worked on his land and in his garage, worked the family business in whatever capacity was required, played with his grandchildren, visited his mother, called and texted his siblings and friends and talked with God. Up to his last day, he had a lot of discussions with God

Bob is preceded in death by his father Ray Fisher; his sister and brother-in-law Patsy and Gilbert Washburn; his brother-in-law Joe Kuzmic; and his grandson Paxton Fisher.

He is survived by his wife Karen; his mother Dorothy (now 98 years of age); son Matthew and his wife Kaylee (Williams); granddaughter Malaki, her son Joseph, his wife Nikki (Lippy); grandchildren Payton and Aletheia; and son Christopher; his wife

Keshia (Skinsdingsrude); grandchildren Noeley; Harper; Kingston; Deacon; and Clarke; siblings Peggy Kuzmic; Marvin; and Kathy Fisher; Ray and Connie Fisher; mother and father-in-law Glen and Yvonne Kartheiser; nephews and nieces Jody; Ranada; Brad; Kerensa; Doug; Justin; Donel; Kim; Carly; Lucas; Kelly; Kara; Mandy; Richard; Danielle; Jacob; Austin; Dalton; many sisters and brothers-in-laws; many cousins, and many, many friends.

After Bob's passing, his great-niece said, "Now Uncle Bob is playing soccer with Paxton in the Golden Arena."

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates," Psalm 129, 3-5.

We will be honoring Bob's life at 3 p.m. on June 28 at Glacier Highline, 10167 Highway 2 East, Coram, MT.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the Fisher family.



## Douglas M. Flanagin, 90

Douglas M. Flanagin, age 90, passed away June 11, 2020. Doug had spent the past several years of his life working with his son Neil at 93 Wood Products in Kalispell. He died peacefully at Neil's home with family by his side.

Doug, son of Charles Neil and Gertrude (Burnett) Flanagin, was born on March 6, 1930. He grew up on the family farm south of Stevensville where he formed a work ethic that lasted a lifetime. After graduating from Stevensville High School in 1948, he joined the Air Force, serving the next four years with assignments in the U.S. and Germany. He was



honorably discharged in June 1952.

Shortly after returning to Montana, he renewed a relationship with Marjorie Little, a high school

friend from Hamilton, and they were married in 1953. In their 20 years together, they were blessed with five children of whom he was most proud, Steve, Neil, Janet, Jill and Julienne. He was later married and divorced from Pamela

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Pierce.

Doug attended the University of Montana for one year, and then in 1955 started a sales career at H.O. Bell Ford in Missoula. After 10 years in the automobile business, he started a successful 20-year career in real estate sales, being instrumental in several significant building projects of that period. He later moved to Portland, Oregon, where he retired after 10 years of selling equipment for WSCO Petroleum in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Neil and Gertrude; his brother, Neil; and his sister, Betty J. "Jackie"

Lauderback.

He is survived by his five children, Steve (Yen) Flanagin, Sammamish, Washington; Neil (Brenda) Flanagin, Somers; Janet (Ric) Larsen, Lake Oswego, Oregon; Jill Flanagin (Wendy), Everett, Washington; and Julienne Flanagin, New York, New York; his grandsons, Erin and Michael Flanagin and Tyler and Connor Larsen; and his nephews and nieces, Michael and Susan Flanagin, Tom Lauderback, and Patty Lauderback Deleski.

Per Doug's wishes, no formal services are being held.

## JOHN A. FLEMING, 88

John A. Fleming, 88, died Aug. 29, 2020, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by his children, "Goose"

Fleming and Kim Fleming.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Robert Fleury, 70

Robert Fleury, 70, died on April 12, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his children Jared and

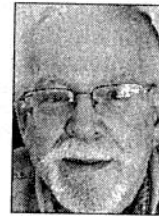
Nicholas Fleury.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## David G. Fogarty, 78

We are saddened to announce the passing of David G. Fogarty, age 78, of Kalispell on April 25, 2020, comfortably in his home.



David was born in Dexter, New York, to George and Rosemary Fogarty on Dec. 5, 1941. He served in the U.S. Army at a young age. He worked for Sears, Roebuck & Co. for a great number of years and then at Kalwall Corporation for several years before retiring. He spent numerous years living in Manchester and Deering, New Hampshire. He was an avid lover of the open wilderness, which led him to settle in Kalispell near Glacier National Park alongside his longtime partner Joyce

King. He was a dog lover and a true outdoorsman, who enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling, to name a few activities.

David Fogarty is survived by Joyce King, partner; his two sons, Brian Fogarty and his wife Carol Fogarty of Deering, New Hampshire; as well as Shawn Fogarty and his wife Christina Fogarty of Manchester, New Hampshire; his sister, Kay Alguire; his grandchildren, Alyssa Fogarty, Daniel Fogarty, Shannon Fogarty and Alex Fogarty; as well as Abigail Fogarty, his great-grandchild.

His family will be having a small private ceremony in the mountains of Kalispell.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.



## Alma Leona Foot, 99

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Alma Leona Foot, 99, died Nov. 1, 2020 at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Alma was born in Coleman, Alberta, on Aug. 27, 1921 to Hilaire Albert and Laura Sindon Albert. She was the youngest of four children, joining sisters Yvonne, Eva and Irene.

Alma attended St. Matthew's grade school and high school, graduating in 1939. She was a lifetime member of St. Matthew's parish. She sang in the choir for many years and was a member of Daughters of Isabella.

In 1944 Alma married Charles Foot and they had seven children, Cle, Carol, Larry, Marty, Dorothy, Ellen and Barbara.

Alma worked as a clerk at Woolworth's for 23 years, retiring in 1986. She was a charter mem-



and pinochle.

In 2013 Alma moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she made new friends and had a kind smile and a hug for everyone she encountered. Alma's children are thankful for the friendship and loving care provided by the staff.

Alma was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, daughter Carol, her parents and siblings,

and her husband's siblings, Mary, Alice, Frank and John and daughter-in-law Barb Foot.

She is survived by Cle Foot, Larry (Audrey) Foot, Marty (Vicki) Foot, Dorothy (Jim) Browder, Ellen (Mike) Dawson, and Barbara Foot and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Merritt. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Samaritan House in Kalispell. Services will be held next summer in Kalispell and Alma will be laid to rest between Charles and Carol at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Donald D. Foreman, 83

Donald D. Foreman, 83, of Fort Benton, died on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Donald the family.

## John William 'Doc' Forsberg, 90

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John William "Doc" Forsberg climbed the stairs and changed his address to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. He was 90 years old. He was a loving man of God, a true sports enthusiast, a music fanatic, a sourdough bread and pie baker, and an avid humorist.

John grew up in Kansas during the Depression in an active Christian family. He was a natural athlete — running track, playing golf, football, basketball and baseball. He graduated from college with a chemistry degree and a Navy ROTC commitment. He served as a lieutenant in



different aircraft carriers. During shore leave in Coronado, California, he met Jane, the love of his life, singing in the church choir. They were married and then moved to Kansas for John to attend Veterinary School. His veterinary practice of 24 years began in Idaho

the carrier division and was in Naval Intelligence during the Korean War as a cryptographer and a flag lieutenant to a 2-star admiral on three

and continued in Forsyth, Montana.

John and Jane lovingly raised four children. His large and small animal practice kept the whole family busy. As a retired veterinarian, John took a job with the federal government supervising meat inspectors for 20 years.

John was active in the Presbyterian Church, the national board of directors for the Presbyterian Lay Committee, Glacier Chorale, community library volunteers, and the Masonic Order and Shrine Clowns.

John had an amazing wit, sharing daily quips, jokes or stories. He always had two or three

up his sleeve in case you didn't like the first one he told.

John is survived by his wife of 66 years; three daughters, Lisa, Leslee and Allyson, a son, Jonathan; four grandchildren, and two and a half great-grandchildren.

Doc was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, fierce friend — he was a special man and our memories of him will live in our hearts forever.

John's memorial service and celebration of life is planned for Sunday, Nov. 15.

Please call 406-862-2802, the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish, for details.



## Violet L. Fortune, 86

*PAL 10 Jan 2024*  
Violet L. Fortune, 86, passed away in her Bigfork home surrounded by her loving family during the early morning hours of Dec. 6, 2020.

She was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1934, a daughter of Reynold and Dorothy Briggs.

In 1953 she got married and to this union five children were born. In 1966 they moved from Westminster, California, to Bigfork where she would remain for the rest of her life.

Over the years she worked as a lunch lady for the Bigfork School, and cooked at Gay 70's (Korner Kitchen), Bigfork Bowling Alley and Sykes in Kalispell. Always a people person, she would befriend many.

In the '70s, she married Bob Fortune who brought two daughters to the union. Together they square danced and bowled on many leagues in Bigfork. She loved spending days at Bigfork Ceramic Shop where she taught classes after school to local children.

Violet was a member of Bigfork Chapel and spent her last 20-plus years dedicated to serving Christ. She was a commit-



ted prayer warrior until the very end. Her love for all people was genuine. She

was always supportive and encouraging without being judgmental. She will be greatly missed, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope —Thess 4:13.

She is survived by her sister, Joyce Buskirk, of Barstow, California; in-laws, Gordon and Peggy Headlee, of Redlands, California; daughters, Teresa Suhr (Steve), Susan Parish, Sheryl Price, Debby Rickey, Bobbi Fortune and Rose White; son, Brian White; 21 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, nieces and nephews, and so very many friends.

Violet was preceded in death by her eldest son Darrell White, grandson T.J. Soapes, and great-granddaughter Charlee Elizabeth Suhr Nichols.

There will be a celebration of her life this summer.

## Daniel W. Forwoodson, 40

Daniel W. Forwoodson, 40, died Jan. 23, 2020 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes. No

services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Earsel W. Forwoodson, 94

Earsel W. Forwoodson, 94, died of natural causes Nov. 4, 2020 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## Diana Foy, 79

Diana Foy, 79, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020.

She is survived by her sons, Aylen Ross and Mike Burroughs.

A private Service will

be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Mark Robert Fox, 57

Mark Robert Fox, 57, of Kalispell, died on Oct. 16, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Larry Joe Foster, 85

Larry Joe Foster, 85, of St Regis, died at BeeHive Homes of Kalispell on Friday Oct. 9, 2020.

Arrangements are being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## A. Richard 'Dick' Forsythe, 91

A. Richard "Dick" Forsythe, 91, of Lakeside, died March 5, 2020.

He is survived by his daughter Jill Weigand, and his son Rick Forsythe.

No services are being held at this time.

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



## Terrance 'Terry' Fox, 70

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Terry was released from his pain on Dec. 7, 2020 after a short and hard fought illness.

He was born in Linton, Indiana, on Aug 27th, 1950 and was raised in Vista, California, through his young teen years where he graduated from Vista High School in 1969. He was a three sport letterman in football, wrestling and swimming. Soon after graduation, and during the Vietnam War, Terry enlisted in the Marine Corps. In 1971 he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal.

Not long after release from the Marines he moved to Billings, riding a Yamaha 250 dirt bike all the way from California. He was determined, despite facing rain, sleet and snow (literally), to make it to Montana on that dirt bike. Terry bought his first motorcycle when he was 12 with his own hard earned money. He had a motorcycle in his life forever after.

After arriving in Billings he had a variety of jobs. There wasn't much he couldn't do or figure out how to do. In 1976 he met his future wife, a Billings girl named Karen Hannah, while both worked for the Billings Water Treatment Plant. From day one she was Hannah to him. They moved to the Flathead Valley where they married in 1978 and



he became stepdad to three daughters, Fawn, Tammy

and Kris. Terry was a career plumber and worked as a heavy equipment operator for the city of Columbia Falls for many years and retired from BNSF in 2013.

Terry loved the outdoors and enjoyed many outside activities. In addition to the aforementioned love for motorcycles, he loved camping, hiking and hunting. He was always up for a good bonfire with family and friends. He loved his family, especially his two precious granddaughters, Tayler Johnson and Reese Scott. In addition to his granddaughters, Terry is survived by his wife Karen Hannah, stepdaughters, Fawn Fox of Boston, Tammy Hauser and her husband Joe Hauser of Columbia Falls, and Kris Scott, also of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by his brother Ed Fox and his wife Robyn, Jim Fox and his wife Kathy and his sister, Suzanne, all of Kalispell. He's also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert T. Fox, and mother Alice (Patton) Fox.

Terry is now pain free and living (and riding his motorcycle) amidst the nature he so loved.

## Gary Franklin, 73

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25 Sept 2020

Gary Keith Franklin passed on to the Father and reunited with his wife early Monday morning Sept. 21, 2020. Gary has joined his wife Bess Laird Franklin, of 43 years, who passed Nov. 2, 2019.

Gary was born in Eureka on July 21, 1947, was raised in Fortine and, following high school, enlisted in the Navy.

Gary had a career with the Flathead County Sheriff's Office as a deputy, then undersheriff. He and Bess traveled in the Western

U.S. for a few years managing motels. They then moved to Laurel, Montana, and owned and operated Welcome Travelers Motel for 27 years until they retired.

Gary is survived by brothers Terry Franklin and John Franklin, and sister Karla Parmer, all of Kalispell, stepsons Dirk Potter of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Kent Potter (Stephanie) in Laurel.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Ekalaka at a future date.

## Sean P. Franklin, 57

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19 July 2020

Sean P. Franklin, 57, died July 11, 2020 at his residence in Kalispell.



He worked as a plumber in the state of California and later in Eureka and Kalispell.

He was born at Oxnard, California on Dec. 30, 1963 to Steve and Grace (Bunny) Franklin.

Sean enjoyed spending time with family, especially grandchildren, and was a fan of "anything baseball," both playing and watching.

Survivors include his

wife Sonya of Kalispell; daughter Christine Collins of Florida; son Matthew Franklin and daughter Autumn Benson (Derek), all of Kalispell; his mother Bunny Franklin of Eureka; sisters Shannon Franklin and Colleen Cody (Craig); and grandsons Riley and Parker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Steve Franklin.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25 at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Condolences and memories may be shared online by visiting [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Julius K. Friedman, 65

Julius K. Friedman, 65, of Libby, died March 16, 2020 at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. Private fam-

ily services are being planned. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Julius and his family.

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## Delores "Dee Dee" Faye Jensen-Franzen, 85

Delores "Dee Dee" Faye Jensen-Franzen passed peacefully and suddenly after spending time with her beautiful family and friends on Aug. 4, 2020, in Polson. Uniquely, Dee Dee passed on the same majestic homestead she was born and raised on for 85 glorious, wonderful years: just a short jaunt from her lake shore summer home where loved ones often visited.

Dee Dee graduated in 1953 from Polson Montana High School where she made lifelong friendships from that era. She then was compelled to relish in travel as she worked for the airlines, Pan America, Western and PSA, which in turn led to her love and



passion of travel throughout the world and the meeting of her pilot husband, Ed Franzen.

Meeting friends and sharing her joy and laughter with many along her journeys, she eventually settled in Southern California to raise her family. Everyone that met Dee Dee was blessed by her open arms and absolute warm ability to make you know how special you are.

Dee Dee was blessed to find a second round of love with Don Summers after her husband passed.

She is survived by her

twin sister, Doris Hanson, and her brother Wayne Jensen; her three children, Doug Franzen, Ronald Franzen and Kristina Franzen-Bushman; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Dee Dee joins her husband whom she married in November of 1958 to reunite the love, as well as many other family members including brothers, Walden, Harlan, Don and recently her sister Nordis.

Let us all remember and carry on her notorious saying, as she sits at her chapel on the lake, "God Love Ya."

A graveside memorial is to be held Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

## Kelly Anne Fredenberg, 61

Kelly Anne Fredenberg, age 61, passed away on April 21, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Kelly was born on Aug. 4, 1958, to Orin Fredenberg and Gayle Hunt in Kalispell. Kelly was raised in Lost Prairie and on the homestead on Trumble Creek.

Kelly worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in the housekeeping department. Kelly loved her horses, reading and her grandchildren. She also loved working at the hospital and helping people, and she loved being at home surrounded



Riedinger of Benton City, Washington; Shauna Mitton of Kalispell; Jerry Fredenberg of Gerring, Nebraska; Tammy Smith of Portland, Oregon; Jeff Fredenberg of Kalispell; Brandy Christianson of Petersburg, Alaska; and mom Sharon Wilson.

A celebration of Kelly's life will be held at a later date. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Kelly is survived by her daughter Leah Fredenberg of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jordyn, Cayden, Kiera and Lily Ann Fredenberg, all of Kalispell; siblings Ardith

was preceded in death by her parents Orin Fredenberg and Gayle Gilbert, and by Butch Gilbert and numerous aunts and uncles from around the Flathead Valley.

by her family.

## Jean Ellen Hillstead French, 91

Jean Ellen Hillstead French, 91, of Lindon, Utah, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.

She was born March 18, 1929, in Lovell, Wyoming, to William Henry and Marion Croft Hillstead.

She lived in Columbus, Montana, until the third grade, then moved to Dillon and later Kalispell where they lived for 67 years.

Jean met Luther French in grade school. They started dating while attending Beaverhead County High School and were married Nov. 23, 1946.

She enjoyed crocheting, lace work and doing family genealogy. She was a friend to everyone, but



especially loved spending time with her family.

Jean is survived by her husband,

Luther; her children, Joyce Allred, Lee Anne (Peter) Soane, and James (Cynthia) French; brothers, Bill Hillstead and Joel (Rosemary) Hillstead; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Robert, and her daughter Marion French.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.olpinmortuary.com](http://www.olpinmortuary.com).

## Lana French, 85

Lana French, 85, died on Oct. 1, 2020, at The HealthCenter.

No services are planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Roger D. French, 80

PAS 3 Nov 2020

Roger D. French, 80, died on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at Libby Care Center.

He was born on March 29, 1940, at Kalispell to Merle and Beth (Ricker) French, the youngest of four boys. His youngest brother Gary couldn't say Roger so he gave him the nickname "Pudgie," which stuck with him through high school. He attended Flathead schools and graduated from Flathead High School in 1958.

Roger enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served four years, stationed for most of that time in Reykjavik, Iceland. He was honorably discharged in 1962.

He worked for Boeing in Seattle for one year before he returned to Montana to work at the mill in Libby.

Roger married Sandi Hayes on June 8, 1963. They had three children, Kayley, Cindy and Kevin. They later divorced. Roger worked at St. Regis Lumber Company until 1993, except for a year stint as "The Culligan Man" in Kalispell. He managed the Park Apartments until he retired in 2005.

He loved to sing kara-



oke, visit antique stores, model trains, and he tinkered around making things like walking sticks.

Roger was preceded in death by both parents and beloved stepfather Roy Edwards, and his brothers Ellis, Marlin and Gary.

Survivors include his children, Kayley Robertson (Jeff) of Libby, Cindy Parsons (Brad) of Gillette, Wyoming, and Kevin French (Sharla), of Rock Springs, Wyoming; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and special friend Donna Wright.

Services will be held in the spring of 2021.

Memorials may be made to Libby VFW or Libby American Legion. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memorials may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Lori Emily Frescas, 47

PAB 15 Oct 2020

Lori Emily Frescas, 47, passed away peacefully in her sleep due to natural causes on Oct. 10, 2020, at her home in Kalispell.

Lori was born on April 22, 1973, in Butler, Pennsylvania, to Alice Fend and Ramon Cameron.

Lori loved working with children as a classroom aide/paraprofessional at various schools in the area, Creston School, West Valley Elementary School and Cayuse Prairie Elementary School. She loved it so much that it encouraged her to work towards a Master of Arts in Educational Studies, Elementary Education degree at Western Governors University. Previously, Lori graduated with honors from the California State University of Bakersfield with a Bachelor of Arts in English degree. Lori was always excited when she was able to help the students at their stud-



ies. She enjoyed her time working with the teachers around her as well as

the students. She was a very creative soul. She could take the simplest project and turn it into a work of art. All the time outside of work and school was spent with her family, whom she loved with all her heart. She will be sorely missed.

Lori is survived by her husband of 22 years, Gregory, and her children, son, Hunter, and daughter, Ivy. She also leaves behind siblings, Denise, Ruth, Debbie and Mary.

Lori was a wonderful wife, amazing mother, loving daughter, caring sister, and a thoughtful friend.

Lori, you will be loved and missed always.

## Jerry Funk, 56

Jerry Funk, 56, died at his home in Columbia Falls on Dec. 26, 2020.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Barbara J. Furnia, 86

*PAG 1 Mar 2020*

Barbara J. Furnia, 86, passed away peacefully at home in the presence of her husband



Clarence in Martin City on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020.

She was born in Sacramento, California, the youngest of eight children, to Albert and Sarah Sullivan, and was the last surviving member of her family. She graduated from Grant Union High School and attended American River Junior College. Barbara was married at St. Francis Catholic Church in Sacramento, California, in 1952.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, retired Air Force SMS Clarence J. Furnia of Martin City, daughter Lisa Bruso of Martin City, sons Joseph Furnia of Granby, Massachusetts, Mark Furnia of Winter Park, Florida, and Michael Furnia of Palm Harbor, Florida, son-in-law Benjamin Bruso, and daughters-in-law Denise McKeehan, Gloria Furnia, Donna Furnia and Kim Furnia. Barbara is survived by eight grandchildren, Stephen McLaughlin, Marisa Pronovost, Eric McLaughlin, Mary Jean Furnia, Christina Flores, Matthew Furnia, Michael J. Furnia, and Heather Furnia; and 11 great-grandchildren, Michael, Garrett, Violet, Jack, Adaline, Alice, Ryan, Zoie, Austyn, Grace and Liam.

Barbara was a strong, independent woman and world traveler. In 1955, with Clarence now stationed in Japan, she boarded a Navy troop transport for Yokohama, Japan, with two children and the family dog in

tow. Her three youngest children were all "Made in Japan."

Barbara was an avid tennis player in her youth, as were her older sisters, and learned to play golf from her older brother, Buddy Sullivan, a former PGA tour pro. She began sailing in her early 50s, and once sailed with her husband from Florida to Rhode Island.

Barbara loved to sing and dance. Living in Germany, she joined the Ramstein Square Dancing Club. She enjoyed playing pinochle with friends and was an avid reader of mysteries.

She went back to work while living at Clark Field in the Philippines in the late 1960s, and earned recognition from the Air Force for her superior work performance. Returning to the states, she continued to work in the private sector until she retired. Barbara spent the last 20 years of her life living in Martin City, and continued to travel throughout the U.S. until the last year of her life.

Vigil service and viewing will be held at St. Richard Catholic Church, located at 1210 9th Street West in Columbia Falls on Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m. On Monday, March 2, a funeral Mass will be held at St. Richard Catholic Church at 11 a.m., followed by a reception and lunch in the parish hall. Barbara will be buried in Granby, Massachusetts, next to her youngest son, Matthew, in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Barbara Furnia to St. Richard Parish, P.O. Box 207, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912; or Friends of Hospice/ Frontier Hospice, 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.