

# MEMORIALS

## Rich Ibsen

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"A memorial service that was originally planned for Aug. 15 for Rich Ibsen, 77, who died Dec. 12, has been can-

celed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The family will lay his ashes at the Whitefish Cemetery prior to September."

## Marjorie (Riley) Isaacson

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"Feisty with a sense of humor, she flitted into heaven on angel wings."

Marge passed away on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at the age of 94 of natural causes at the BeeHive in Kalispell.

She was born in 1926 to John and Laura Riley in Henry, South Dakota. She grew on the family farm with nine siblings. After high school, she went to college and obtained a teaching certificate. Along with teaching, Marge worked as a waitress and taxi dispatcher.

In 1950, Marge met George Isaacson at a dance. They married in 1951 and together raised three children, John, Doug and Patti. George followed construction and over the years they lived in seven states and 14 towns before settling in



Eureka in 1968. She was very involved in the Catholic faith community. She pre-

pared alter linens, prepared food for potlucks, taught youth classes, and made and sold pies for the church booth at the county fair. She loved to tell jokes and travel, and especially enjoyed times in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband George, her son Doug, her parents and eight siblings.

She is survived by her brother Don, son John (Josie) Isaacson in Eagle River, Alaska, her daughter Patti (Jerry) Sorensen of Bigfork, five

grandchildren, Tadd, Heather, Alicia, Shane and Michelle; three step-grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A private family service was held on Friday, Nov. 20, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell with interment next to her husband and son at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Marge's family would like to thank Rosalie, Bev, Ronnie, Rose and Joe, and Donna for looking after Marge in Eureka. Also, we extend thanks to Michelle, VilJoya Independent Living, and BeeHive Homes in Kalispell for the care, support, and love they gave Marge.

Marge lived a full and fun life and will be missed by family and friends.

## Delbert Ivey, 84

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Delbert Ivey, of Bigfork, passed away Oct. 1, 2020, at the age of 84 due to complications of Crohn's disease.

The son of his beloved parents Charles and Cornelia, Ivey was born on Sept. 8, 1936, in Havre and was raised in Chinook.

He is survived by his brother Dave Ivey and his wife Betty Jo of Bigfork, and his sister Laurel Ivey Thompson of Somers. He is also survived by nephews Steve Ivey and his wife Carrie of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and Mike Thompson and his wife Amy of Parker, Colorado; and nieces Dara Vangeckleberg and her husband Jay of Bigfork, and Kristi Thompson of Somers, along with several grandnieces and -nephews.

Del was an Army veteran, a graduate of the University of Montana, a personal pilot, and a self-taught computer and electronic whiz. The self-proclaimed "Mayor of Bigfork" was a frequent patron of the Pockestone Cafe and Bigfork Athletic

Club where he discussed important world issues with many, whether they liked it or not, while treating himself to a soak and steam. He spent his remaining years hiking the many trails around Bigfork, watching the trains come and go at the Whitefish Depot, and living life on his terms with many friends and family. Del was grateful to the staff and residents at Rising Mountain Assisted Living.

Del's family will hold a memorial service to celebrate his life this coming summer. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

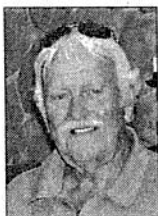
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Phillip R. Iversen, 96, passed away on April 15, 2020, at his home in Kalispell with his family by his side.

Phil was born on Feb. 23, 1924, in Eugene, Oregon, to Rev. Henry and Christine (Nielsen) Iversen. Phil's brother Raymond was 15 years old at the time and his sister Edith was 13 years old. When he was a small child he moved to McBride, Michigan, where he started elementary school. While still in first or second grade the family moved to Cushing, Wisconsin, where he spent most of his childhood and attended the first two years of high school in Saint Croix, Wisconsin. In about 1940, his dad was called to a church near Viborg, South Dakota, and he spent his junior and senior years of high school at Augustana Academy



in Canton, South Dakota. World War II broke out during his senior year of high school and after graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent most

of the next three years in the Pacific theater of the war visiting many of the South sea Islands, Ulithi, Formosa, Marshall Island, Saipan, Korea, China, Philippines, Japan and places in between.

In 1950, he married Patricia Anne Swain of McNabb, Illinois, and they were blessed with three wonderful children.

After the war, Phil attended Dana College

and Iowa State University, working for a degree in architectural engineering. During the summer months he worked as a seasonal park ranger at Zion National Park, Utah, and this experience changed his career plans. Phil was eventually successful in obtaining a permanent job with the National Park Service in Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico. Other job locations include: Grand Canyon National Park (twice), Phil was the first park ranger assigned to the newly established C&O Canal National Historic Park in Maryland, Petrified Forest National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, Arches, Canyonlands National Park and Natural Bridges National Monuments near Moab, Utah, Dinosaur

## Phillip R. Iversen, 96

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National Monument near Vernal, Utah, assistant regional director of the Midwest Region in Omaha, Nebraska, state director of the National Parks in the State of Utah and he finished his career as superintendent of Glacier National Park in Montana.

During retirement Phil served as chairman of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, two terms on the Columbia Falls School District 6 school board, president of the Kalispell Rotary Club, president of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, and he also volunteered for Flathead National Forest and Glacier National Park. Phil authored three books. First, was "Ripples On The Water," a history of the Iversen family including the genealogy. The second book was his reflection on the Christian religion

titled "An Elusive God." His third book was an effort to preserve a record of some interesting people he had met and some of the historic events he witnessed during his career in the National Park Service the title of this book is "The Centennial of a Great Idea." For more than 20 years we spent the winter months in Fountain Hill, Arizona.

In parting, Phil urges all of you to heed the words of an ancient prophet Mica, "And what does the Lord require of you, to do justice, to love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

Phil is survived by his wife Patricia; children Paul (wife Kathleen

Ann Yeager) Iversen of Whitefish, Patrick (wife Laurie Jean Robinson) Iversen, of Grand Junction, Colorado and Pamala (husband Gordon) Bates of Kalispell; grandchildren: Ami Maxine (husband Douglas) McDonald, Holly Ann Patricia (husband Robert) Klein, Abigail, and Phillip; great-grandchildren: Michael Cole, Kylie Tiel, Kaitlyn Reese, Cooper Reid, Carter Dexter and Grant Carson.

Services will be held at a later date.

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