

## Jerry Lee Lachenmaier, 72

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Jerry Lee Lachenmaier, 72, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Dec. 7, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to COVID-19 complications.

Jerry was born on April 21, 1948, in Hardin, Montana, to Ervin and Lydia Lachenmaier. He was the second oldest of three. He attended Dawson County High School and Dawson Community College. He then went on to attend Montana State University. He was 37 credits short of receiving a double major in agricultural business and agricultural economics. He was in the National Guard for six years. Jerry married Peggy Miller on Nov. 15, 1969. From that union came seven children. Jerry worked numerous jobs from Gate City Dairy, T-Bone Feeder, Safeway, Archway Cookies and retired from Franz Bread in 2013 due to health reasons.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife to see family, his kids, grandkids, and very much enjoyed going to his grandkids sporting events. You could never get away



and poetry. You could find his work in birthday cards, anniversary cards, at funerals and weddings. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Ervin and Lydia Lachenmaier, sister Linda, infant daughter Tammy Lachenmaier, father-in-law Walter Miller, mother-in-law Betty Miller, sister-in-law Barb Miller, brothers in-law Alan James and Robert Miller, and nephew Justin Miller.

Jerry is survived by his wife Peggy Lachenmaier, his children and grandchildren Cynthia Lachenmaier of Spokane Valley, Washington, Tracey and Scott Reynolds — Makayla, Jared Reynolds (Taylar Putnam),

from his jokes, him singing songs and large words that only he could pronounce and say. His all-time favorite pastime was to sit and write poems

Madison of Columbia Falls, Christie and Chris Victor-Dominick, Peyton of Spokane Valley, Travis and Julie Lachenmaier — Tyler, Tony, Orion, Stella of Spokane Valley,

Misty and David Schleve - Baiylee, Isabella of Spokane Valley, Tessa and Brynn of Columbia Falls; his brother Allen (Carol) Lachenmaier of Terry, Montana, brother-in-law Edward (Betty Lou) Miller of Glendive, Randy (Jerilyn) Miller of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Jay Miller of

Glendive, sister-in-law Sandy James of Forsyth, Montana, Nancy Miller of Spokane, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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

Jerry Lachenmaier is loved and will be greatly missed by all! As a family, we would like to give a special thank you to all of the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical for everything that they did to help save our husband and father.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Peter Laffin, 75

Peter Laffin, 75, died on July 17, 2020, in Marion.

No services are

planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



*Jim Laidlaw  
Montana 73*

*Prof. Carmichael*

Dr. James T. Laidlaw III  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
1938-2020

The Laidlaw family with great sorrow says goodbye to a son, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

A man with high intelligence  
A man who loved science and medicine  
A man who favored nature and found solitude in its beauty  
A man who was faithful to his beliefs, loyal and determined  
A man's man, a Montana guy, and most of all that "Malboro Man"

To you, Jim...  
The time we shared will never be forgotten, your memory will be honored,  
and your dreams for us will be continued...

Your loving family,  
Lil, James, and Brooke

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# Thomas Frank Laird, 79

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Thomas Frank Laird, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, died unexpectedly at home of natural causes on Oct. 16, 2020.



to work in computer programming from his home office.

Tom was born July 16, 1941, in Butte to Thomas William Laird and Louise Boroni Laird.



Tom passionately pursued many interests, chief among them were

He attended grades one through eight at St. John's Catholic School and graduated from Butte High School in 1959. He played center for the Butte High Bulldogs football team and was inducted into the school's sports hall of fame for his role as manager of the state championship-winning basketball team.

skiing, flying and sailing. He was actively involved in the Flathead Valley Ski Foundation, the Flathead Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association, and the North Flathead Yacht Club.

Tom worked his way through college at the University of Montana in Missoula, serving as a houseboy in a sorority and as a journeyman carpenter, a skill he learned from his father.

In later years, fine woodworking became a primary interest for Tom. He taught himself the craft, and produced, among other things, beautiful carved rocking horses and cedar strip kayaks that will remain a legacy for generations. Tom poured his heart into everything he tried.

He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, where he forged many lifelong friendships. He met his future wife, Dorothy Pemberton, at a Sigma Chi-Kappa Alpha Theta exchange in the fall of their freshman year and they were together ever since.

According to his sons, Tom was an amazing father, grandfather and father-in-law. He taught his children and grandchildren many things, was a good source of advice and wisdom, and was always ready for an adventure or willing to lend a hand.

Within one week during March of 1964, Tom graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, and married Dorothy Pemberton.

He was an active volunteer for a number of years with the DREAM Adaptive Ski Program and was known for his patience and kindness toward his skiing buddies. He also did extensive volunteer work for the Flathead County Library System while Dorothy was the library director.

In the Air Force, Tom was assigned to work in electronic data processing and computer programming, which would later become his career in civilian life. He was on active duty for four years at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

In 1968, Tom and Dorothy moved to the Denver area. Tom continued his career in data processing with Petroleum Data Systems, eventually serving as president of the company. He formed his own company, Energy Automation, Inc. in the late 1970s.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, Tom is survived by his brother Jerry (Brenda); sisters, Jo Ann Tudor; aunt, Alice Given; and his sons, Thomas Scott (Beth) and their daughters Lindsay and Anna; and Kent (Tonya) and their sons Aidan, Thomas Cooper and Noah.

No services are scheduled at the present time.

Memorials are suggested to DREAM Adaptive Ski Program or the Flathead Valley Community College Foundation

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

During their time in Colorado, their sons were born, Thomas Scott in 1970 and Kent in 1973.

The family moved to Whitefish in 1984, and Tom and Dorothy have lived in the home they built on Lion Mountain ever since. Tom continued



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# MEMORIAL

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## Dale W. Lauman

A memorial service for Dale W. Lauman, 80, who died Dec. 4, 2019, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Lakeside Community Chapel in Lakeside. A

celebration of life will immediately following the service at the Vista Linda Restaurant in Somers. Food and beverages will be provided.

## Katherine Joy 'Katie' Nelson-Lalum, 44

Katie Nelson-Lalum, age 44, of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, passed away suddenly on Feb. 8, 2020 as a result of complications of Influenza A.



She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Nathan E. Lalum; her parents, Bob and Karen Nelson; her sister Jill (Jody) Heustess; nieces, Charley and Piper; and Nathan's family, Allen and Diane Lalum, William and Amy Greer-Lalum and grandparents, William and Mary Armstrong.

Katie was born in St.

Louis Park, Minnesota on April 19, 1975 to Robert and Karen (Hill) Nelson. She grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota, attended Highland Acres Elementary, Hughes Jr. High and graduated from Century High School. She went on to college and graduated from the University of Mary with a degree in music education.

She and Nathan Lalum were married May 23, 1998. They moved to Lamar, Colorado where she taught school. In June 1999, they moved to Columbia Falls, where she taught junior high music. She was an active member of Our Savior's Luther Church in Columbia Falls and director of the choir.

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She was a member of the Glacier Symphony playing percussion. She loved her music and played drums, marimba and steel drums. She later was activities director at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls and while working there she received her call to the ministry. In 2002, they moved to the Minneapolis where she returned to school at Luther Seminary and received her Master of Divinity degree with special emphasis in care and ministry to the aging. She was an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She served as chaplain at Lyngblomsten Care Center in St. Paul,

Minnesota until her health prevented her from continuing.

Later, she bravely fought the Elerlers-Danlos Syndrome autoimmune disease. She enjoyed costuming, going to conventions with husband, Nathan. They made costumes together and enjoyed role-playing games with their friends. Katie was an excellent cook and seamstress. She was a good wife to Nathan, good friend to many and loved her pets. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 14, 2020 at the Cremation Society of Minnesota 4343 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Brian Allen Larson, 51

Brian Allen Larson, 51, died Aug. 31, 2020, at his home in Lakeside. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Roger Larkins, 48

Roger Larkins, 48, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at The HeathCenter in Kalispell.

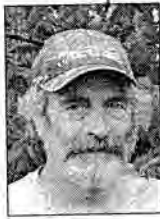
Arrangements are pending. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Michael Wayne Larson, 69

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Michael Wayne Larson, 69, passed away on July 6, 2020, following a hard fought battle with cancer.

Michael, known to most as Mike, was born to Leroy and Thelma Larson in Kalispell on June 12, 1951. After graduating from Flathead High School, he went on to serve his country in the United States Army. Following his service he worked at a mill in Kalispell, and then for Root Masonry before he acquired a position at Plum Creek, where he



worked for many years.

He enjoyed the outdoors in many aspects, including camping, fishing, hunting and collecting firewood.



passions he passed on to his daughters and his grandchildren. He had a passion for fast cars as

well as classic cars and he enjoyed telling stories of owning his own and cruising the town in his younger days.

Michael had a large family and many friends. Memories shared will live on through those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his daughters, Sheri and husband Jason Smith, and Dacia and husband John Wright; grandsons, Jayden Smith, Coby Smith, Spencer Smith

and Rylan Wright; sisters, Debbie and husband Greg Mellum, Charlotte and husband Jim Wendt, and Darlene Larson; nephews, Jeff, Brandon and Brock, and a niece Cami, as well as numerous other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Beverly, a brother Calvin, and a stepson Richard (Larson) Veidt.

A graveside service will be held Friday, July 17, at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 4 p.m. A celebration of life will follow.

## Mary Ruth Larson, 74

Mary Ruth Larson, 74, died on April 21, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## Susan LaRoque, 76

Susan LaRoque, 76, died April 2, 2020 in Kalispell. She is survived by her husband Fred.

Cremation has taken place and the urn will be placed at Conrad

Memorial Cemetery. No services are being held at this time.

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

## Kurt Wayne LaSalle, 52

*PAL 13 Sept 2020*

Kurt Wayne LaSalle was born Sept. 11, 1967, to Erling "Dick" and Carrie LaSalle. He joined two older brothers.

He died April 12, 2020, after a long illness.

Kurt attended Trinity Lutheran and Flathead High School, graduating in 1986.

He married Cindy Huntsman in 1988. His daughter, Arrika Jade, was born in 1989. They divorced.

His daughter Sharise Michel Marie was born in 1994.

Kurt worked for the Dealer 's Auto Auction in Spokane for many years, coming home every week-end to spend with his girls. They spent many weekends camping, hiking etc. He returned to Kalispell. He did finish work for Ron Terry for several years, even his own house.

In 2013 he went to work for The Lodge at



Whitefish Lake. He was maintenance manager of the condominiums at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his father, Erling "Dick" LaSalle.

Kurt is survived by his daughter Arrika of Bozeman, daughter Sharise (Kevin) Hendrichs of Layton, Utah, mother Carrie LaSalle of Kalispell, brothers Erling II (Margie) of Austin, Texas, and Eric of Kalispell, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service for Kurt will be at Trinity Lutheran Bible Camp, 450 Pierce Lane, Bigfork, on Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. A hike will follow on Crane Mountain to scatter his ashes.

## Kurt W. Lasalle, 52

Kurt W. Lasalle, 52, of Kalispell, died on April 12, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## James J. 'Pete' Laughlin, 88

James J. "Pete" Laughlin, 88, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at 1:30 p.m at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Shirley Ann Laughlin, 88

Shirley Ann Laughlin, 88, of Kalispell, died Dec. 9, 2020, in Polson.

She is survived by her son Noel. No services are being held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## David K. Lawrence

David K. Lawrence, 64, of Columbia Falls, died on Wednesday Sept. 2, 2020.

Memorial services are

being planned for later date.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Fredrick Leroy Leas JR, 51

*PAG 11 Mar 2020*  
On Nov. 5, 2019, at approximately 11:05 a.m., the world lost a very loving husband, father and grandfather. Fredrick Leroy Leas JR passed away at his home surrounded by his immediate family, after an 18-month battle with cancer.



big softy.  
JR is survived by his wife, Dawn, of 28 years, daughter Haley

Fred, known as JR to his loved ones, was born on Jan. 19, 1968, in Apple Valley, California. JR was the oldest of seven siblings, taking care of each and every one of them himself at some point in his life. JR spent most of his life with a career in the drywall business, eventually creating a great name for himself in the Flathead Valley with Leas Drywall and Custom Interior Finishes.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, rafting, and spending quality time with family and friends. He devoted much of his time to his 4-year old granddaughter Harper. For those who knew him, they will always remember his strength and wit, his jokes, and his generous, yet at times, ornery nature. He liked to act tough, but was really a

(Jacob) Gray, son Dylan, parents Theresa Leas and Fred Leas Sr., sisters Deanna, Audrey, Sonia and Heather, his brothers Scott and Shane, and his only granddaughter, 4-year-old Harper, who was a strong light in his life; as well as many friends who loved him dearly. The family wishes to thank the Home Options Hospice Care family for their role in bringing comfort to JR in his final days. As well as everyone's constant and continued prayers.

"I want to apologize for the delay in getting JR's obituary submitted, as I know a lot of friends and family have been waiting for this to be listed. My life was turned upside down by his death and I am just now starting to feel like myself again. I want to thank all my friends and my family for helping me get through this." — Dawn M. Leas

## Robert Michael LeClerc, 52

Robert Michael LeClerc, 52, of Whitefish, died Jan. 30, 2020. Arrangements are

being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for his family.

## Margaret Pearl Lehman, 95

Margaret Pearl Lehman, 95, of Kalispell

died March 27, 2020.

## Loralyn R. Leiby, 72

Loralyn R. Leiby, 72, of Whitefish and Corvallis, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Healthcare in

Kalispell. Brothers Mortuary and Crematory in Hamilton is caring for the family.

## Dalton Marshall Leigh, 22

Dalton Marshall Leigh, 22, died on April 22, 2020. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Barney Leon Leigon, 98

Barney Leon Leigon, 98, died on July 23, 2020 at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. He is survived by his daughter Jo Ann Dugger

of Kalispell. Burial will take place in New Mexico. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Terence 'Terry' Lee Leishman, 71

Terence "Terry" Lee Leishman, 71, of Kalispell, died at his home on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020.

Private family inurnment with military honors will be held in Ronan.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Barbara Joyce Lengstorf, 81

*PAS 29 Mar 2020*  
Barbara Joyce Lengstorf, 81, passed away March 7, 2020. She felt so much love, was surrounded by her family and passed away peacefully at home in Ridgefield, Washington.

Barb was born Oct. 2, 1939, to Frank and Anne Wolfe in Anaconda. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1957. She married Walter Eugene Lengstorf and together they had five children, whom they raised in Whitefish.

Barbara was a member of St. Charles Borromeo, sang with the Calamity Janes, belonged to the Whitefish Women of The Moose and often cooked and donated meals and helped serve homeless families in the Flathead.

Barb's greatest joys were road trips, Sunday

drives, music, puzzling, family and friends. God was a very important part of her everyday life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Walt; son Brett; and grandson Josh; four sisters; three brothers and numerous other loved ones.

Barbara is survived by her sister Carolyn Kent of Oregon; her children Yvonne (Kendall) Slaybaugh, and Cecelia (Kim) Ohs; her daughter-in-law Melissa (Brett) Lengstorf; and sons Wally (Wendy) Lengstorf and Eric (Lisa) Lengstorf. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews that she loved and enjoyed immeasurably.

Services are planned for July 2020 in Whitefish.

## Ellen Lehman, 64

Ellen Lehman, 64, was unexpectedly called home to be with the Lord on Dec. 22, 2019.

Ellen Lehman was born June 13, 1955, in San Francisco. She was adopted by Ezra and Marjorie Birky of Kalispell. She was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. She was very involved in her church where she grew up with many close friends from Mountain View Mennonite Church in Creston.

After graduating from high school, Ellen became a service volunteer for Mennonite Central Community in Eureka, Illinois, where she met her husband, Del Lehman. They were married in 1975 and had three children. They returned to the Flathead to raise their children and they later divorced. Ellen loved to read, cook



and host parties. She was always on the go.

Ellen moved to Brookings, Oregon, to enjoy her retirement. She loved the ocean and the salty air.

She is survived by her brothers, Ian (Bev) Birky and Michael (Marie) Birky, sister Susan Birky, and her children Corbin (Lindsey) Lehman, Sarah (Jon) Parkman and Trisha (Eric) Harding, six beautiful grandchildren and many more friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ezra and Marjorie Birky, her brothers Philip and Vance Birky, and nephew Braydon Birky.

## Rod V. Lenz, 81

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Rod V. Lenz passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with his wife Sandie by his side.

Rod was born Jan. 12, 1939 in Spokane to Fred and Vivian Lenz. His early years were spent in Plains, Montana, Florida and California where he played football at Culver City High School.

Rod enlisted in the United States Navy in 1955, completing submarine qualification before volunteering for Basic Underwater Demolition School. Following training, he was assigned to Underwater Demolition Team FIVE and served in the Korean conflict. After leaving the Navy, he went to work for the Washington State Highway Patrol. He then followed in his father's footsteps, going to work for Northern Pacific Railroad, which became the Burlington Northern Railroad (BN).

Rod studied forestry at the University of Montana in Missoula and became a timber buyer; working throughout the Pacific Northwest inspecting railroad ties at the tie yard in Somers until its closure in 1986. The BN then moved him and his family to railroad tie plants in Columbus, Mississippi and Galesburg, Illinois, where he became the chief material and timber inspector. Retiring after 30 years with the Burlington Northern, Rod and Sandie returned to Lakeside to build their dream home and raise horses.

Throughout the years Rod was actively involved with Shriners International where he participated in parades and Shrine Circuses as



a clown; all helping to raise money for the hospitals and burn centers, but most important to him was bringing smiles to children's

faces. He also loved hunting and being in the woods of Montana.

Rod was preceded in death by his father Frederick Rourke Lenz, mother Vivian Hume, and brother William "Bill" Lenz.

He is survived by his wife, Sandie (Rufenach), of 37 years; daughter Kate and husband Dan Sharon, son Rick and wife Lorri Lenz, son Colby and wife Jessica Lenz, grandchildren Jenny Hawthorne, Zach and Jacob Sharon, Colton and Shawna Lenz, Trace, Bristol, and Chance Lenz and Madison Gilchrist; also great-grandchildren Parker and Bodie Hawthorne; brothers and their spouses Randy and Debbie Lenz, Jeff and Cindy Lenz, and his sisters and their spouses Vickie and Tom Bohannon, Peggy and Michael Clough, Melanie and Bob Smith, and many nieces and nephews.

If you would like to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children in memory of Rod, please go to <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/RodLenz>

Friends and family are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Donald E. Leuty, 68

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Donald E. Leuty, 68, of Kalispell passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Dec. 1, 2020, in Kalispell.

Don is survived by his wife Anne and his children, Stella Leuty and Jake Leuty. Don was blessed with two grandchildren, Hank Leuty and Macie Davidson. Don was involved with the Vintage



Defender Old Car Club for many years.

There will be a celebration of life

held for Don at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.



## Robbie W. Lewis, 87

*PAC 10 July 2020*  
 Robbie W. Lewis, of Kalispell, passed away on June 29, 2020, at the age of 87.

She was born in west Texas during the Depression years. She loved school and was known by her classmates to be an avid reader.

After graduating high school, Robbie worked as a telegraph operator for Western Union until she met and married Donald Lewis. The couple moved to Kalispell and made the Flathead Valley their home.

Robbie took an interest in the community and volunteered in many different efforts. During the 1970s and '80s, she volunteered at Elrod Elementary School, Head Start, and the Rape Crisis Line while also studying social work at Flathead Valley Community College and Montana State University. She opened her home and became a "second mom" to many young people in the community and also a foster parent for the Child and Family Services Department.

In 1985, she began a 15-year career at AAA Montana from which she retired in 2000. She then served as an educational assistant at Trinity Lutheran School and also worked as secretary

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 for the Kalispell Church of Christ until she was 85. Robbie was a strong Christian and devoted mother. Her greatest joy was being involved in church activities and seeing her children grow in their faith as adults. She was a proud grandma and continued to nurture her relationships with those people she had mentored as young people.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three siblings.

She is survived by her brother Roy Melburn Johnston and his wife Caruth; her children, Wayne Lewis and his wife Jan, Tony Lewis, and Donna O'Rear and her husband Lee; grandchildren, Chris Lewis and his wife Emily, Kira Huffard and her husband Steven, Tiffany Mitchell and her husband Joel, Reilly O'Rear and his wife Alicia, and Paige O'Rear; and five great-grandchildren.

Donations in memory of Robbie can be made to the Albuquerque Christian Children's Home, 5700 Winter Haven Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

Jane Iona Lewis died July 3, 2020, from a head injury she sustained in a biking accident.

Born 1957 to Clayton and Marilyn (Webb) Slipher in Frankfort, Indiana, Jane graduated from Western High School in Kokomo, Indiana, and Flathead Valley Community College. Always the adventurer, Jane was off to Montana on the back of a motorcycle and took up residence in the North Fork, building a home and living a life of outdoor adventures. Jane worked as a buyer at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. while making many friendships in the North Fork.

Surviving a severe head injury after a fall from a horse, Jane bravely fought and worked hard for several years to recover from the injury.



## Jane Iona Lewis

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 She became a certified personal trainer, certified advanced cycling instructor, substitute

teacher, highway construction flagger, and seasonal firefighter.

Jane's two sons were her main focus and the pride of her life's work until her death. She taught them the code of the cowboy — honesty, integrity and manners as well as independence and caring. Jane co-owned and worked hard with her family on the 52 Ranch in Dawson County, Montana. She would saddle up for round-ups and branding, trained the ranch dogs and cooked for crowds. She was an excellent horsewoman and loved her horse Bo,

riding together in the Great 1989 Centennial Cattle Drive and back country fishing and hunting trips with her family into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Glacier Park.

Jane loved to ski and taught her boys to ski. Each year she coordinated her Indiana families ski trip to Montana. She looked forward to that event all year.

Jane loved to laugh and was a champion at sarcasm as her many friends will testify to. She would bring homemade soup to someone that was ill, and shoveled a driveway for someone elderly. She volunteered at the Heart Locker, and Kalispell Regional Medical Center in her last years.

More than anything, Jane loved to ride her bike and made many long bike rides with friends over the years. Jane was a loving, loyal, fiercely independent, strong and determined woman with a courageous spirit that will be missed by many. "Saddle up, Shut up, and Hang on" are words she lived and died by.

She is survived by her two sons, Nicholas and Joseph Lewis, mother in Kokomo, two brothers and two sisters in Indiana, one brother in Colorado, her handsome horse Gunnar, and dog Ellie.

Preceding her in death were a father, stepfather and her sweet, loyal horse Bo.

A memorial service will be held for Jane July 17 at 1 p.m., at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell. Everyone is asked to please wear a mask as we gather.

## Donald Lindbom, 83



Our beloved husband, father and grand-father, Donald Lindbom, went to be with the Lord Aug. 4, 2020. He was 83 years old. He will be greatly missed.



Donald was born in Butte in 1936 and raised in Kalispell, where he graduated high school and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served four years as a medic.

He worked with his father at the Flathead mine driving heavy equipment and drove an 18-wheeler hauling ore to the smelter from Niarada, Montana, to Helena.

Donald married Janice Landa in 1968 and they

raised six children together. He worked for Montana State as a mechanic and retired in 2008.

He loved to sing and was a square dance caller for years. He also sang with the music team here in Newport, Washington, at the Southern Baptist Church. He enjoyed spending winters in Arizona, driving his Jeep over the trails in the desert. He loved to prospect for gold wherever he could.

Donald is now flying with the angels. He loved the song, "When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away."

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shirley.

Donald is survived by his wife, Janice and their five children; sister, Maryann Lindbom; and brother, Frank Lindbom.

inner-strength, and an unwavering love for God.

She has requested to be cremated, with no funeral or church service. Condolence cards are

welcome to be sent to her husband; Bill Lipe, 1107 Boat Club Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

## Laura Barrera-Lipe, 70

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the creatures that make it so. They sold their "private piece of heaven" in Eureka and moved to Bigfork to be closer to treatment.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bill Lipe, and incredible sister, Gail Hoefflin, out of Ohio. She leaves behind many memories of her acts of kindness, grace, thoughtfulness, unconditional love,

Laura Barrera-Lipe, age 70, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2020 after battling cancer for over a year, two aggressive leukemias.

She was born and moved to Southern California, where she met her wonderful husband of 23 years. They moved to Montana in 2004, loving the wilderness and all

## Von Lyman Lindsay, 58



Von Lyman Lindsay, 58, passed away unexpectedly on June 4, 2020.

He was born on Sept. 29, 1961, in Missoula to Walle and Mary Lou Lindsay. Growing up, the family moved several times around the United States before settling into the Flathead Valley, a place where Von was always proud to call home. Von graduated from Flathead High School in 1980.

After returning home from the University of Montana, Von joined his father back in Kalispell and created the marketing firm, Lindsay & Associates, which he suc-

cessfully owned and operated until his death.

It is a well-known fact that anyone

that knew Von loved him instantly. His big dimpled smile and kind eyes, always followed by a great big "Vonster" hug could make even the coldest of hearts melt from happiness.

Von was a lot of things: A lifelong comic book addict, a pirate 200 years too late (the Captain Morgan company is undoubtedly devastat-

ed by his loss), a proud Montanan, a devout animal lover and diehard Steelers fan, all to the soundtrack of Jimmy Buffett.

But above all he was a golden heart, bursting full of love for his family and his friends.

Though he only lived 58 calendar years, we've learned from Von that life simply can't be measured in years. It's measured in hearts you change, love you give and memories you make.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walle, his grandparents, and his adoring coworker of nearly 30 years, Carole

Cusick.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Lou; his siblings, Suzy (husband Keith), Wade and Brett; his nieces, Danyelle (husband Pierce), Meagan and Taylor, and nephew, Clay; his best friend of over 40 years, Neal Knutson (wife Robin); and the unbelievable amount of friends he made along the way.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers a donation in honor of Von can be made to Harlow Bean Animal Charity; [www.harlowbean.com](http://www.harlowbean.com)

## Pauline Linnell, 79

Pauline Linnell, 79, of Bigfork passed away on March 9, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.



In 1989, Ron and Pauline started Bigfork Protow. They, along with their dog Kibou, have helped many people. Bigfork Protow continues to help the community to this day.

Pauline was born on Feb. 15, 1941, in Hove, Sussex, England, to Frederick Wesley Lewis and Irene Lewis (Horner).

On May 25, 1949, the family left the Port of Southampton on the ship Aquitania sailing to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then boarded a train traveling all the way to their new home in Coutts, Alberta.

After graduating from Milk River High School, she met and married Ron Linnell of Sunburst, Montana. Ron and Pauline were married June 4, 1960. They lived in Sunburst until 1979, when they moved to Kalispell in 1979 and then Bigfork in 1984.

In the mid-1970s she started working as an EMT in Sunburst. Her passion was always to improve patient care. She went on to become an instructor for first-aid

and CPR, first responders, EMT, pediatric and geriatric emergency care. She was an EMT examiner and taught Basic Trauma Life Support.

Pauline was also involved in MEMSA Conferences and classes for the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation. She taught moulage classes as well as advanced ambulance driving classes.

Besides teaching throughout Montana, she also taught classes in Alaska, New Mexico, Nevada and Pennsylvania and more. Throughout the years, she also worked on Creston QRU and well as the Bigfork Ambulance.

She proudly became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America Oct. 10, 1995.

Pauline was preceded in death by her mother Irene, father Frederick, brother Frederick, and her son Russell Linnell.

Pauline is survived by her loving husband, Ron, of 59 years; son, Raymond (Lisa) Linnell; daughter, Renee (Ken) Foote; six grandchildren, Ryan, Erin, Jake, Beau, Brandon and Kendra; and four great-grandchildren, Brantley, Ellie, Leilah and Bayler.

Pauline was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

A celebration of life will be held later in the summer.

## Harold Gene Little, 89

Harold Gene Little, 89, passed away May 6, 2020.

Born in South Dakota in 1931, Harold's family moved to Missoula in the 1940s. He graduated from Missoula County High School, now Hellgate High School. After high school he started working as a mechanic. He attended Bear Safety School and opened his own alignment shop in Missoula. In the 1950s he was racing cars at the "Y" before moving to Kalispell in the 1960s. In Kalispell, Harold opened an alignment shop. He continued racing locally and in a Canadian traveling series through the 1980s. After retirement,



Harold moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, before returning to Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joyce; his four children, Vicki, Mark, Kay, and Curt; numerous grandchildren, including Heidi, Cory, Jackie, and Lacy; several great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Harold did not want a memorial service. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to any MS charity.

# Scott "Skittle" D. Little

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Scott was born Sept. 13, 1965 in Great Falls, Montana, and passed away peacefully with his family at his side. He threw his last cast of life on Jan. 24, 2020, age 54.

Scott grew up in Whitefish and graduated from high school in 1984; he also attended the University of Oregon and University of Montana. He loved skiing, golfing, floating the rivers, and fishing on his favorite blue trout stream. Scott's highlight was attending his annual camping trip.

He was a kind and gentle person, always sharing and giving to those in need. He spent his career in the construction, maintenance and irrigation of golf courses. He had the opportunity to assist in building many golf courses



es in Montana, Utah, and California; some of the which include Old Works in Anaconda, Double Arrow in Seely-Swan, Iron Horse, and Whitefish Lake South. He spent his last 15 years working in irrigation management at Iron Horse Golf Course.

Scott is survived by

his parents, Jack and Jacqy Little, sister Tracy (Bill) Henderson and nephew Tyler Holtet.

The family would like to give their utmost thanks to the physicians and staff at Kalispell Regional Hospital; Swedish Liver Transplant Center, Seattle; and Home Options Hospice, Kalispell.

A funeral service will be held on April 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Whitefish. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, 2 p.m., at the Palace Bar.

"Death leaves a heart-ache no one can heal,

Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

— From a headstone in Ireland.

## Joleen Joyce Lively

Joleen Joyce Lively passed away on April 19, 2020, at her home in Yuma, Arizona.

Joleen Joyce Johnson was born on April 22, 1942, to Francis Stuart Johnson and Lenora Winifred Negley in Hartford City, Indiana. She grew up in small farming communities in Indiana, Missouri and Iowa where as a young girl she drove a tractor and helped with the family dairy cows to help earn income for the family. She graduated high school in Stewartsville, Missouri.

In November 1982, Joleen married the love of her life, Jack Lively, and they built a tremendous life together. They were together for over 42 years and married for almost 38 years. Joleen was proud of all they accomplished. From owning the cabin in the woods, long haul truck driving, supporting Jack while he worked at Somont Oil, and working countless catering and food truck events and sales, they did it together and she was very proud of Jack and the life they built. Her passion included participating in and actively supporting Elks Club, Shriners, and submarine reunions.

Joleen worked hard all her life and was a skilled manager, cook, bartender, florist, dump truck driver, painter and sales person. "Jack-of-all-trades, master of none," she would say. The truth is she was very skilled

and became an expert at everything she did. She made everything taste good, enjoyed catering events, and was always the first to help plan meals to bring people together and spend time with friends. She was an experienced bartender and worked and managed many bars in Iowa, Montana and California. Some of the notable locations were Casey's, Whitefish Golf Course in Whitefish, Snow Slip Inn in Essex, The Park Bar in East Glacier, Pete's Cocktails in National City, California, and the Elks Club in Shelby and Kalispell. She was an employee for Montana road construction and was proud that she was a card-carrying union member. She lived a nomadic life while working construction in Montana including Broadus, Miles City and Ashland and near the Yogo Sapphire Mines. She managed the Kevin Senior Citizens Center in Kevin, where she planned activities and prepared and served meals for the residents and shut ins. She was a skilled salesperson and was a top distributor of Princess House Crystal in Lubbock, Texas, and Hobbs, New Mexico. Jack and Joleen would snow bird south to Yuma. The Flathead Valley in Montana was a favorite location for her and where she called home.

Joleen loved to knit and work with her hands. She was extremely cre-

ative and could learn stitches and patterns with ease. Want to know how long and how many miles it takes to knit a king size bedspread with shams? She could tell you ... it was about six thousand miles. She enjoyed the long haul truck driving with Jack. The times they shared on the truck seeing the country together and later working regional routes in New Mexico and Texas were some of the best experiences of Joleen's life. She hand made dolls, slippers, cross stitch and canvas art ... all unique and specially crafted.

Joleen loved jewelry and collected jewelry her entire life. Wearing a ring on every finger and multiple diamond earrings, the bigger the better, was a trademark of hers. When she could not afford expensive jewelry, she made beaded jewelry and would at times trade her paycheck for gemstones and other jewelry. Always a collector, she loved Whitefish Winter Carnival pins, art, porcelain figurines and dolls, flowers and old coins. She loved being surrounded with beautiful things.

Joleen loved her pets and kept them close as constant companions. Jock, her beloved poodle, first captured her heart. She owned everything from llamas to cockatiels, and a miniature horse that she won and took home from the Northwest Montana County Fair.

But, it was her beloved dogs, Fancy, Princess and little Sassy that were always close to her and rarely left her side.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her!

Joleen is survived by her husband, Jack Lively, of Kalispell; her son Jeff (Jeanette) Jergens of Shelby; her daughter Dawn (Timothy) Schmidt of Layton, Utah; and granddaughters Kayla (Darren) Colwell of Riverdale, Utah, Kristin Schmidt of Salt Lake City, and her grandson Owen Schmidt of Layton; and granddaughters Shadee (Tyler) Kapus of Denver, and Clary Jergens of Great Falls; and many great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Deborah (Charles) Hoisington of Chariton, Iowa, and Kristine Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa; and two stepdaughters, Cindy Patterson of Port Orchard, Washington, and Kathleen Arrant of Charleston, South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her baby brother Charles "Chucky" Negley Johnson, her mother Lenora Winifred Negley Johnson, her father Francis Johnson, her sister Jeri Willhite, and her brother Martin "Butch" (Beverly) Johnson.

A celebration of life service is to be held at 2 p.m. on June 24 at the Kalispell Elks Lodge No. 725, 1820 Hwy. 93 S., Kalispell.

## Ronald Wilson Lockhart, 83

Ronald Wilson Lockhart, 83, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Aug. 15, 2020, from heart failure in his home in Murrieta, California.

He was born March 3, 1937, in Kalispell. He was the son of Herbert and Alcinda Lockhart.

His brothers Dean and Larry and sister Beverly preceded him in death.

He attended Demersville school and

Flathead <sup>PAG 1 Dec 2020</sup> County High School. During his high school years he was the football quarterback and was awarded "All State Quarterback First Team Honorable Mention 1954." His favorite sport was the javelin which he excelled at. He was also on the basketball team. He was in A Cappella



choir, student council, key club and, his favorite, the Bible Club. He was inducted into the Flathead Hall of Fame when he was awarded The Koford Honor Award for Outstanding Student in Character, Scholarship, Athletics & Inspiration 1954-1955. This was his most treasured award.

He continued to play football, basketball and throw the javelin at Whitworth College in

Spokane. He graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in business. He was drafted into the Army and served as a chaplain's assistant at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

He spent his career in the millwork industry in sales and retired in 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marietta; daughter, Rhonda (Alan); son, Randy (Tracy); and five grandchildren.

## Bob Lockman, 84

Bob Lockman, 84, of Columbia Falls, passed away Dec. 25, 2020. Bob was born April 15, 1936, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota, to Henry and Rose Lockman. He attended schools in Yankton and then the Beaver Creek rural school prior to attending high school in Crofton, Nebraska, and graduating in 1954.

After attending and playing football for Norfolk College in Nebraska, he married his first wife, Helen Ennis, prior to moving to San Diego and starting work with Rohr Aircraft in Chula Vista, California. To this union, four children were born (Scott, Mary, Patti and Don).



<sup>PAG 6 Jan 2021</sup>  
In 1960 Bob started a long career in the defense industry. He retired and moved to Montana in 1994. It was during and at his employment at Boeing that he met and subsequently married his current wife, Connie, in 1984 at Yosemite National Park in California.

Bob had always been active in coaching and managing youth baseball. For many years he found the time to recruit and also manage a semi-pro baseball team in Southern California at the same time as he was running his youth teams. Bob's involvement with base-

ball continued when he and Connie moved to the Flathead Valley in 1994. He joined the Glacier Twins American Legion program and served as board member and officer, coach and head of the task force in the rebuild of the covered grandstand at the Twins field at Memorial Park in Whitefish.

Survivors include Connie, his wife of 36 years; children, Scott (Traci) Lockman of Riverside, California, Mary (Jenny McIver) Lockman of Atlanta, Patti Watson of San Diego, Donald (Kelly) Lockman of Corona, California; stepsons, Dave (Letty) Hauck of Buena Park, California, and Greg Hauck of San Antonio,

Texas; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandson; siblings, Vern Lockman of Shelby, Nebraska, Ken (Deanne) Lockman of Crofton, and Dennis Lockman and Carol Lambert of Winnsboro, Texas.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Helen.

A Funeral Mass and celebration of life will be planned for summer 2021 near the rural Sacred Heart Beaver Creek Cemetery in Crofton, Nebraska, a short distance from where he grew up and helped his family farm the homestead during his youth.

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

## Victor Arthur Look, 67

*P 14 Sept 2020*  
Victor Arthur Look died on July 28, 2020, at his home in Bullhead City, Arizona.

Victor was born Aug. 29, 1952, in Everett, Washington. His family moved to Mercer Island, Washington, in 1953. Victor attended the Mercer Island School District and was a graduate from Mercer Island High School.

He married Deborah LaVerne Dedman on Dec. 12, 1978.

He later moved to Southern California where he spent the most of his working life in the automobile industry.

He retired in Bullhead City in 2007.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Matthew Jay Look.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah LaVerne Look, of Bullhead City; his parents, Mary Jo and Bob Look, of Kalispell; sister, Kathy "Look" Catugal, of Wailuku, Hawaii; sister-in-law, Catherine Hakker, of California; sister, Debbie (Look) Mallams, and her husband Russell Mallams, of Whitefish; sister-in-law, Shelley Look, of Redmond, Washington; brother, Paul Look, of Bellevue, Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

Burial services will take place at a later date.

Condolences can be sent to: The Look Family, 20 Claremont Street, No. 3008, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Pamela James Longtin, 66

*P 14 25 Aug 2020*  
Pamela James Longtin passed away Aug. 22, 2020, due to kidney problems.



She was born Sept. 19, 1953, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Longtin; daughter, Tania, and husband Jamie Cordel, three

grandsons, Bailey, Dillon and Oliver; mother and father, Lemoyne "Bud" and Eunice James; mother-in-law, Carol Longtin; and sisters, Debbi Holton and husband Steve, and Rene Maloney and husband Kevin.

There will be a memorial service at Kila Country Church Sept. 26 at 2 p.m.; no food, just fellowship.

## Leonard Oris Long, 92

Leonard Oris Long, 92, died on May 7, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

No services are

planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Anatoliy Loktev, 74

Anatoliy Loktev, 74, died on July 9, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Svetlana and his children.

A private family ser-

vices and burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery.

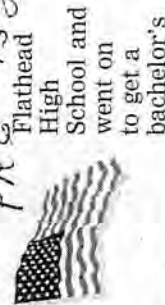
Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Randolph 'Randy' Lozeau, 72

*P 15 July 2020*  
Randolph 'Randy' Lozeau, 72, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Randy will be cremated and his ashes will be spread amongst his brothers' sisters' and parents' ashes on Lozeau Flats "The Ranch" on July 30 around noon, with military honors.

Randy was born April 18, 1948, in Missoula to Howard and Claudia "Dille" Lozeau. He graduated with honors from



Flathead High School and went on to get a bachelor's degree in math and a minor in English from Rocky Mountain College. Randy then went on to join the Navy and earn the honor of lieutenant and respect of his peers. After his honorable discharge he joined the United States Postal Service where he continued to serve with great

Valerie.

He is survived by his aunt, Ramona; nephews, Chad, Dale, Jason and Jeff; and a niece, Lori.

The family asked donations be sent in Randy's name to Rocky Mountain College.

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

Randy was a very humble person, yet very proud to serve this country, community and college. Randy liked trivia with his friends and family and comical emails.

He was very passionate about the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golf, plus he loved huckleberry picking.

He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Claudia, his brother Trevor, and sister

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## NancyAnn Luker, 98

NancyAnn Luker, 98, died Feb. 25, 2020, at Expression in Kalispell. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Arla "Bobby" Mae Luraas, 85

Arla "Bobby" Mae Luraas, 85, died March 28, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband Darrel, and

son Michael Plew Sr. of Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral

Home is caring for the family.



## Carolyn Luster , 82

Carolyn Luster, 82, died on October 2, 2020, at her home in Kalispell with her family by her side.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Raymond K. Luft, 76

*PAG 23 Feb 2020*

On Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, the world lost a beloved husband, devoted father, doting grandfather, playful great-grandpa, and die-hard Chevy fan. Raymond K. Luft passed away due to complications from pneumonia.

Ray was born to Anna (Damm) and William "Willie" Luft on Aug. 28, 1943, in Williston, North Dakota, and grew up on the family farm near Froid, Montana. Ray did well in school and was destined for college. After graduating high school, he attended Montana State University, and received his degree in accounting.

In 1965, after graduating college, he married his high school sweetheart, Yvonne Nelson, and went to work in the banking industry in Great Falls. In 1966, they welcomed their first child, Deborah, soon followed by his second child, Stephen, in 1967. After a few years in banking, Ray was promoted to head auditor for the bank company he was with, and he moved the family to the bank headquarters in Minneapolis. Rhonda, his third child, was born in 1969 while they lived in Minneapolis. But Ray



longed to return to his home in Montana and was able to convince the banking corporate

offices to let him move his auditing office to the bank back in Great Falls. In January 1972, Ray lost his wife and fourth child, John Carl, during childbirth. Ray then moved the family out to the Luft family farm while he continued to work in banking at the bank in Culbertson. However, Ray had a longing to live in the mountains since his parents took a trip out to Wyoming and Western Montana when he was a boy. In the spring of 1976, he moved his children to the Flathead Valley, satisfying his immense love for the mountains and Glacier National Park. While working winters at then Big Mountain Ski Resort, he met his future wife, Theresa Lowe, and they married on Aug. 15, 1981.

Ray had always been a great cook, and in June of 1983 he and Theresa bought Burgertown in Bigfork. They owned and operated Burgertown until March of 2000 when

they sold the business. At that point, Ray pursued another lifelong dream to work for the National Park Service in Glacier National Park. He did so for several years before semi-retiring, at which point he worked for Xanterra for a couple summers before fully retiring.

Ray was an avid gardener, loved camping and the outdoors, and was a jack-of-all-trades. He was often being called on by his children and grandchildren for his wisdom and advice.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne (Nelson); son, John Carl; father, William Luft; mother, Anna (Damm) Luft; father-in-law, Carl Nelson; mother-in-law, Margaret (Engler) Nelson; and father-in-law Dee Lowe.

Ray is survived by his wife, Theresa (Lowe) Luft; daughter, Deborah Luft; son-in-law, Don Orne; son, Dr. Stephen Luft; daughter-in-law, Jeni (Lundman) Luft; daughter, Rhonda (Luft) Fisher; son-in-law, Doug Fisher; granddaughter Autumn (Fisher) Nielsen and her husband Jeremy, great-granddaughter, Lucy Nielsen; and baby Nielsen

due this fall; grandson, Dalton Fisher; mother-in-law Loretta Lowe; and brother-in-law Doug Lowe and his family. Ray is also survived by his brothers, Clarence and his wife Barbara, Willard, Gordon and his wife Anne, and Rodney and his wife Alice; and numerous nieces and nephews. From the Nelson side, Ray is survived by his brother-in-law, Dennis Nelson and his wife, Gwen; and his sister-in-law, Kathleen (Nelson) Rainey, and her husband John, and additional nieces and nephews. Ray will be missed by all that knew him.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Ray and his family.

No services will be held at Ray's request.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, we suggest the Glacier National Park Conservancy, in particular, to preserve and research Glacier National Park.

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.

## Kathleen (Kay) Kraber Lund, 89

*PAP 22 May 2020*  
Kay left this earth peacefully on May 13, 2020.

She began her journey on Oct. 10, 1930.

Born to Dorothy and Earl Kraber in Great Falls, her destiny was the piano. At 6 years old, she started piano lessons with Helen Dickson in Great Falls until she packed her steamer trunk and took the Great Northern Railway to New York to study at The Juilliard School, where she earned a degree in piano performance.

Kay married Richard (Dick) Lund in 1953. Shortly thereafter they moved to Denver. Kay spent years teaching privately and on staff at Colorado Women's College, University of Colorado and Rocky Ridge Music Center. She was actively involved with the Denver Symphony.

In the 1960's Kay was a member of The Denver Trio. She played with Robert Rosenthal, violin, and Mykolas Saulius, cello.

In 1978, Kay, Dick and their two children, Jennifer and Peter, moved to Whitefish.

They bought the Whitefish Floral and Greenhouses. Kay was fond of flowers, but her true love was the piano and teaching. She was a founding member of the Whitefish Chamber Players and active in



The Flathead Festival. In 2013, she received The Music Teachers

National Association Foundation Fellow Award for her contribution to excellence in music education. Many of the state's piano music teachers benefited greatly from Kay's guidance as a master teacher.

Kay and her dear friend and colleague, Robert Hager of Columbia Falls, were great performing musicians. Their two piano performances were known throughout the state of Montana.

Her son Peter said, "Everything Mom could do with the piano was not only beautiful, but it was the magic of her fingers on ebony and ivory keys. It was a perfect union that became one soul. How blessed we are to have had her music!"

Kay is survived by her two children, Jennifer Higby of Columbia Falls and Peter Lund of Whitefish; cousins Ed Gage of Salem, Oregon; Fritz Kraber of Austin, Texas; Kenria Scheopp of Columbia, Montana; and many dear friends.

No services are planned at this time.

## Kenneth 'Kenny' Clyde Luntsford, 82

*PAP Oct 15, 2020*  
Kenneth "Kenny" Clyde Luntsford, 82, passed away in his home from heart failure on Oct. 10, 2020.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1938, in Spokane to Charles and Lois Luntsford.

He began his passion for law enforcement the age of 17 while serving his country in the U.S. Army. He continued to expand on his career until retiring from the Montana Highway Patrol 38 years later. One of his proudest moments was devising the MHP shoulder patch, which to this date has little revisions. He and his wife expanded on his passion by starting a local security business. He later began his loss prevention career at Fred Meyer and then Smith's where he retired after 35 years of service. One thing is certain, Ken never stopped working.

Ken was extremely competitive with his passions, ranging from huckleberry picking, darts, board games and photography; especially with his wife. He had a strong love for the outdoors and spent much of



his time camping, fishing, hunting and frequented lookouts and cabins. He

would share the memorable moments with his wife of 47 years, his children and grandchildren.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lois; and brother, Robert.

Ken is survived by his wife Mary'l, daughters Kimberly and Krystal, son Darrick and adopted daughter Mary Jo, grandchildren Samantha, Jaydon, Mackenzie, Tanner, Tyler, adopted grandson Matthew, and great-grandson Nova.

Family is being cared for by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home; cremation has taken place. Services will be held at the family's property at the corner of Smith Lake Road and Haywire Gulch; there will be signs. The memorial will begin on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. Services will include military honors.

## Vicki Lee Lyons, 73

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Vicki Lee Lyons, 73, entered the loving arms of our heavenly father on Feb. 18, 2020, surrounded by her loving husband and five daughters praying and holding her as she passed away peacefully.

She was born Dec. 12, 1946, in Kalispell. Vicki was the third child to James Hill and Geneva Vestre. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1965.

Aug. 20, 1965, she married the love of her life, high school sweetheart, and soulmate David Lyons. They welcomed five beautiful daughters to their family. In 1976 they moved to Eureka and opened Western Building Center. Vicki did the books for Western Building Center in Eureka until her and David both retired in 2008.

Vicki guided us



through life with love, compassion and generosity. She was the perfect wife and

mother. She had a heart of gold with so much love to give. She taught us all so much from loving your spouse of 54 years to cooking the perfect meals. Her family was the center of her life, and loved preparing meals and bringing her family together.

Anyone that knew her would say her personality and smile was contagious. Her home was always open and she would make sure you knew it. She loved taking drives, going to the family cabin, going on picnics, working in her flower beds, knitting and crocheting. Anything that involved her husband, children, grandchild-

dren, and great grandchildren was where you would find her. She also enjoyed spending time visiting and playing cards with friends and family.

Vicki is survived by her husband, David L. Lyons; her five daughters, twins Lisa Peterson (Ricky), Laura Burk (Stan), Wendy Williams (Greg), Kim Allen (Gregg), and Sara Lyons (Seth); her 12 grandchildren, Tanner (Mandi), Dillon (Brianna), Jordan, Tyler (Katelyn), Gina, Jarrett, Kayla (CJ), Tiffany (Brent), Carli (Grady), Read, Braiden and Trista; her 12 great-grandchildren, Carter, Blayne, Gavin, Wyatt, Adam, Jesse, Kylee, Corbyn, Kasen, Kimber, Ryder and Rayce; her siblings, Tim Hill (Debby), Joy Fraleigh, Wally Hill and Mary Hill; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, as well as her Aunt

Mabel Caldwell and Uncle Vern Hill (Phyllis).

She was preceded in death by her mother Geneva Bowman Vestre, her father James W. Hill, in-laws Bill and Irene Lyons, brother James Hill, grandmothers Gertie Lang and Mary Etta Hill, granddaughter Tia Marie, and great-granddaughter Saydee Lee.

Services will be held at Eureka Church of God, behind the First Interstate Bank on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. with graveside services immediately after. Please join us for a reception in the basement of the Eureka Church of God following the services.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Cleona "Tommy" Lenore Lybeck, 86



Born Feb. 24, 1934, to Thomas and Adella McClelland in Kalispell, Tommy grew up on the family farm and attended Helena Flats-grade school and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1951.

Despite Tommy utilizing bathroom windows to evade Ray's courting, she soon fell head over heels in love and married Ray Lybeck in 1951. They worked side by side on the farm while raising their family of five boys, Daryl, Dan, Dale, Duane, and Dirk; and one daughter, Monica Dawn. Family was always Tommy's number-one priority; she and Ray were blessed as their country home filled up with nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She had a knack of making holidays and birthday celebrations special for everyone and she loved sitting in the bleachers decked out in team colors, supporting her family at sporting events, concerts and car races.

"Cooking, Coffee and Talking" best define her family's fondest thoughts of her. Next to her family, Tommy's second love was a good cup of coffee! It was always "coffee time" at Tommy's house and it could be 100 degrees out and she always offered up her guests a cup of coffee. Her cooking skills brought everyone to her table, especially for homemade waffles and pancakes. Some fond memories her family shared were feeling welcome as she always had an open door and listening ear. Tommy was a good storyteller; sharing her lifetime of stories that held everyone's attention.

Family members recall getting surprise care packages filled with goodies from her in the mail, local newspaper clippings and sometimes baked goods. Those who frequented her home noticed her green thumb for gardening inside and out.

Tommy was an active participant in impactful community organizations, some of which include Dariett's, Home Demonstration Club, Calvary Lutheran Church (founding member), Friendship House Board and 4-H Leader.

Tommy was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ray; sons Dale

and Daryl; and sisters Clarice McClelland, Jane Herbkersman and Audy AuClaire. She is survived by sons Dan of Great Falls; Duane (Joanne), Dirk (Lisa); daughter Monica Dunn (Greg); grandchildren Hans Lybeck (Denise), Heidi Jorgenson (Mark), Andrew Lybeck (Kaylyn), Alex Lybeck (Kendra), Austin Lybeck (Leah), Arik Lybeck (Mabel), Anna Lybeck (Zack), Amy Lybeck and Blake Dunn; 10 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held Friday with burial to follow services at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Tommy to The Friendship House Adult Care, 606 2nd

Ave West, Kalispell or to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2, Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.