

Jeremy Travis Madsen, 51

Jeremy Travis Madsen, 51, died July 25, 2020, due to an automobile accident.

No services are

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

Laurence Jason Mack, 70

PAG 14 June 2020
Laurence Jason Mack, 70, of Kalispell, passed away suddenly on May 29, 2020, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



Laurence was born to William and Miriam (Fredenberg) Mack on July 23, 1949. He married Jeanette Kelsey in 1973 and together they had three children. He had been married to Marcy Van Alstine since August 1998.

He was drafted into the Army and served in the Vietnam War as an MP. He worked at Plum Creek Fiber Board for many years and then through the Electrical Union. He could no longer work due to his physical disabilities.

Laurence enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting cars, guns and knives, but his favorite thing was family get-togethers where there was a lot of chaos and children laughing.

Laurence was preceded in death by his parents William and Miriam (Fredenberg) Mack, his brothers Billy and Ralph Mack, his niece Leah Jones, and numerous other family members.

Laurence is survived by his wife Marcy Mack; his daughter Jennifer (Curtis) Skelton; son John Mack and his girlfriend Amanda Dusek; daughter Jessica (Jason) Lesker; his grandchildren Devan, Kendra, Kylee, and Kierstyn Skelton, Trevor Mack, Xander, Ashton, and Grayson Lesker; and his great-grandson Owsley Flatt; his stepchildren, Derek Williams, Stacie (Bo) Alsup, and Megan (Dex) Hardy; and his stepgrandchildren, Mackenzie McClain, Kayla and Gabriel Williams, Andi Rae Alsup, Tucker Morgan and Dayton Hardy.

There will be a celebration of life with military honors and a potluck for Laurence at Birch Grove Community Center on June 20 at 1 p.m.

John F. Madrigal, 70

John F. Madrigal, 70, of Polson, died on Oct. 21, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Karen Weyer Maiden, 55

PAG 6 Sept 2020
Karen Weyer Maiden, 55, of Kalispell, went home to the Lord on Aug. 22, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Karen was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, in 1965 to Raymond and Jean Weyer. She was the fourth child in the family, and graduated fourth in her class from Cathedral High School, and then earned her communication degree from the College of St. Catherine, again fourth in her class.

Karen met Lonnie Maiden on the West Glacier Golf Course. They married soon after on the shores of Lake McDonald. Happiness exuded from their life together. They enjoyed golfing, bowling, boating, fishing and hiking together.

She had an eye for capturing beautiful moments with her camera. This talent led to "Karen Weyer Photography," her successful business of 20+ years.

Everyone who knew Karen loved her vitality for life. She made friends easily, including lasting friendships through her photography business.

Karen always made a point to extend her

fun-loving nature to her nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

They will remember her fondly for her playful spirit and sense of adventure.

Karen was preceded in death by her grandparents, niece Grace, sister-in-law Lori, and friend Hector.

Karen is survived and will be deeply missed by her husband Lonnie, parents, and siblings Dan (Terri) Weyer, Mary (Jeff) Borns, Sue (Steve) Symanietz, Diane (Joe) Van Beck, and Sharon (Charles) Huntley, many nieces and nephews, dear friend "Mama Sharon," and Bro Joe.

The memorial service will be held on Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell.

Friends are encouraged to visit website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Bonnie Kay McClarty, 66

PAS 17 Jan 2020
Bonnie Kay McClarty, 66, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, with her children, grandchildren and husband by her side. She was called to heaven after a hard-fought battle with cancer.



her true passion was being a loving and dedicated mother and grand-

mother. Bonnie treasured her children and grandchildren and embraced every moment with them.

Bonnie was an adventure-seeker and loved to travel the world with her husband Mike, especially to South and Central America, Asia and Hawaii.

Flathead Lake was their Shangri-La; this truly magical place will forever carry her love for entertaining family and friends, cultivating her beautiful flowers and the hummingbirds that frequent her lake-side haven.

Bonnie's hobbies included knitting, boating, jet skiing and cooking, with her two passions being baking her famous bunny cake with her granddaughter and sewing clothes many of us wear to this day.

Please join us in celebrating her life on Saturday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. at Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7465 Montana Hwy. 35, Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Wings Regional Cancer Support in the name of Bonnie McClarty to Wings, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Baldwin, and will be sorely missed. She is survived by her father Charles Baldwin, husband Michael Murphy, daughter and her husband Jessica and Colby Lenz, son and his wife Ryan and Sara McClarty, grandchildren Madison Gilchrist, Trace, Bristol and Chance Lenz and Marin, Cambria and Dalis McClarty, sisters and their spouses Carol and Harold Krause, Janet and Rod Krug and Brenda Baldwin and her brother William Baldwin. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

Bonnie was born Sept. 26, 1953, in Whitefish to Charles and Betty Baldwin. She was married to Gary McClarty and they raised their two children, Jessica McClarty Lenz and Ryan McClarty. Bonnie later married Mike Murphy and they lived and played on Flathead Lake.

Excelling in life, she owned and operated Trendsetters Beauty Salon and Evergreen Gas and Deli; Bonnie truly loved working with her clients and customers and they became lifelong friends.

First and foremost,

Tim McCracken, 59

PAL 22 Mar 2020
Tim McCracken, 59, joined his Savior Jesus Christ peacefully in the early hours of Saturday, March 14 while surrounded by his loving family.



faithful and loving wife Sandy; and children, Heather (Dan) Yudysky, Shauna (Leonard) Rosenberry, Tim Jr. (Brittany) McCracken; 10 grandchildren; his mom Hattie McCracken; and his siblings Chandra Reynolds, Jeff, Rick, and Jason McCracken.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Fred McCracken.

Please visit www.mccrackenrepair.com to read more about Tim's life. A celebration of life is scheduled for July 2 at Tim and Sandy's home in Columbia Falls.

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

He was born in Whitefish on March 2, 1961 and resided in Columbia Falls for all of his life. Tim was a devoted husband, father, and the best grandpa a kid could ask for. He has set the bar high for all of us on how to be an active and loving husband, dad and grandpa.

He is survived by his

Daniel Allen McCarthy, 49

PAL 27 Sept 2020
Daniel Allen McCarthy, age 49, of Kalispell, passed away on Aug. 12, 2020.

Dan was born in Santa Rosa, California in 1971. He attended school in California and Montana. He worked construction, as an asphalt laborer, an oil hauler, a cook, a truck owner and operator and as a heavy equipment operator, which he loved. Dan and his wife Wendy have been together 17 years.

He loved dirt track racing and was a mechanic for race and sprint cars. In 2007, Dan was the champion of the "Backhoe Rodeo" in Las Vegas, Nevada. He loved fishing and playing basketball with his younger daughters. Dan, the Big BBQ King, was passionate about cooking. Dan



served as an umpire for Babe Ruth Baseball years ago and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents Tom and G'ola McCarthy.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy; daughters, Danae, Nicole, McKenna, and Kayla; sisters, Denise, Christina; brother, Tom Jr. and all his extended family who he cherished and loved and they loved him.

Private services are being held. Memorial contributions can be made to the McCarthy Family, P.O. Box 5376, Kalispell, Montana 59903.

Lillian (Mitrus) Kosciuk McCartan, 93

Lillian (Mitrus) Kosciuk McCartan was called home peacefully and joyfully into the Lord's arms on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at the age of 93. As she lived all her days,



so did she pass, with grace and open arms.

Lillian was born Oct. 15, 1926, in Endicott, New York, the second youngest of 10 children, to George and Maria "Mary" (Branick) Mitrus. Although her parents met in New York, they were both from Bratislava, Austria-Hungary, on the Danube River. Lillian graduated from Union-Endicott High School in 1944 and attended Binghamton City Hospital School of Nursing until 1947.

The Mitruses were a close, loving family and spoke Russian in the home. The children were raised in the Russian Orthodox faith and attended Russian School. Deeply religious, they were members of St. Peter and Paul Church, and later St. Mary's Greek Catholic Orthodox Church where Lillian received First Communion. Lillian's parents kept a big garden, grape arbor, fruit trees, fruit cellar, a horse and two cows — Betty and Bossie.

Lillian was a petite, beautiful and stylish woman with an effervescent personality. While studying to be a nurse, she met Chester T. "Chet" Kosciuk when he asked her to dance at the Frederick Hotel in Endicott. Handsome, charming, extremely intelligent and a great dancer, Chet swept her

off her feet. Lillian and Chet were married July 7, 1949, at St. Mary's Church, honeymooning at Niagara Falls and The Thousand Islands. Soon after, the newlyweds moved to Detroit for Chet's career as a customer service engineer for IBM. Their first son, Christopher, was born there in 1950. The young family soon moved to Columbus, Ohio, for Chet's work. Barbara was born there in 1953, Steven in 1954, and Carol in 1957. The couple bought a new home in Columbus where Lillian and Chet raised their family in the Catholic faith, attending Christ the King Parish and School. Holidays were always special thanks to Lillian's fine decorating, shopping and culinary skills. Through the years the family enjoyed wonderful annual two-week vacations around the country, visiting world's fairs, relatives in California, historical sites and Florida.

In the early '60s Lillian began working as a customer service representative for Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Co. She also taught transactional analysis to the company's employees.

While the kids were growing up, Lillian was active in many organizations — as president of the Christ the King Parish Council of Women, Church Choir, PTA, Franklin County Heart Association, and for theatrical groups, the Scottwood Fantastics and CTK Kapers. She and Chet had many friends and hosted many parties. Lil took up golfing to keep up with Chet's love of sports, becoming an avid golfer herself and golfing into her 80s, often three times a week. Lillian joined the Columbus Maennerchor-Damenchor in German Village in 1963 and sang in the choir, served as financial secretary,

learned German and performed in choral concerts. She and Chet dined and danced plenty of polkas at the club's Oktoberfests. In 1978, Lil embarked on a spectacular concert tour along the Rhine River with both choirs.

In 1983, Lillian married Jack E. McCartan in Dublin, Ohio. She retired from the Electric Co. and they bought a home in Cincinnati where Jack worked as head chemist for the Kroger Bakery. They moved to Peachtree City, Georgia, briefly, for Jack's work before returning to their home in Cincinnati. In retirement, for several years they lived half the year in Apollo Beach, Florida; where her children and grandkids were able to visit them.

Jack passed away in 1995 but Lil continued to live her active and independent life, maintaining her own finances, home, health and busy social calendar. In her lifetime, Lil traveled much of the United States, Canada's Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper, and the world, visiting Europe, Mexico and, with her sister Vera, their parents' homeland in Eastern Europe, as well as cruising to Alaska, and the Mediterranean — at age 81 — with grandchildren Talia and Luke to celebrate Talia's high school graduation.

In Cincinnati, Lil was a 25-year member and served as president of the Mercy Hospital Anderson Guild; a 25-year member of the Royal Oak (later Stillmeadow) Country Club; and the Wagon Wheels Women's Club. A gifted soprano with a lifelong love of music, Lillian also sang for the Masonic Scottish Rite Choir, Clermont Philharmonic Festival Chorus, Forest-Aires, and with her beloved choir at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. In 2016, friends

and family gathered from near and far to celebrate Lillian's 90th birthday at Stillmeadow Country Club, dining and dancing to live music well into the evening.

Lillian was preceded in death by her dear parents, her nine siblings, her husbands Chet and Jack, and her son Chris whom she took loving care of in her later years while he was recovering from a traumatic brain injury.

She is survived by and will be forever cherished by her children, Barbara and Ron Herr in Columbus, Steve Kosciuk and Betty Kaiser in Madison, Wisconsin, and Carol and Jim Marino in Kalispell; her grandchildren, Talia Marino and Oswaldo Najarro in Sherman Oaks, California, and Luke Marino in Kalispell; nieces Andrea and Richard Wemette, and Diane Darvey; and Jack's children.

A private family visitation was held for Lillian at T.P. White Funeral Home in Cincinnati, and a private Funeral Mass was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Cincinnati, streamed live on the church's website, www.ihom.org. A celebration of Lillian's life will be held at a later date.

We thank all of Lillian's dear friends and church family who have shared their love and friendship through the years. Mom, we are forever grateful for your love, gentleness and sacrifice. With faith and strength you conquered all the challenges life gave you. Your life is a testament to the potential God has given each of us, and the opportunity to celebrate that gift with joy, generosity and abiding love. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Bless you, Mom. Dlya nashego zdorov'ya!

Jim Flynn McCauley, 86

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Jim Flynn McCauley passed away at the Bee Hive Homes of Kalispell on Dec. 3, 2020, of dementia.

Jim was born May 1, 1934, in Havre to John A. "Mac" and Margaret K. "Maggie" McCauley, where the family ran the McCauley Plumbing and Heating business for many years. He was graduated from Havre High School in 1953 and attended Montana State College in Bozeman in 1954. Jim was a member of the Montana National Guard before enlisting in the Navy in 1955, where he attended the Class A Shipfitter School and served on the AK490 Attack Cargo ship Whiteside and the AR7 Heavy Duty Repair ship Hector. After being honorably discharged in 1959, he joined the family plumbing business in Havre.

In 1960 he helped to organize the Hill County Search and Rescue, serving the unit for five years, and he participated in searching for lost hikers, hunters and children, as well as assisting in scuba diving for the recovery of drowning victims.

He and Donna Knettel Mangold were married Aug. 18, 1973, at St. Gabriel's Church in Chinook. After moving

to Swan Lake, he joined the Swan Lake Search and Rescue unit and became a life member, having served there for 18 years.

Jim worked for the Montana State Prison Work Camp at Swan Lake as maintenance supervisor for nine years and when the work camp became a boot camp, he became a drill instructor for the Swan River Boot Camp for one year before retiring in 1984.

Jim had many hobbies but especially enjoyed woodworking. Jim was preceded in death by his wife Donna and stepson Audie.

He is survived by three of his stepchildren, Steven Mangold of Graham, Washington, William Mangold of Chinook, and Debra Mangold of Swan Lake; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Burial for Jim and Donna will be held Friday, April 2, with a family memorial service.

Charles Lee McCubbins, 64

PA5 22 July 2020



On the morning of July 19, 2020, we had to say goodbye to an amazing husband, father, grandpa, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Charles Lee McCubbins passed away from a severe bacterial infection.

He was born, Feb. 23, 1956, to Vonda and Byron McCubbins, in Walla Walla, Washington. Charlie was the youngest of four; soon the family moved to Kalispell where Charlie grew up and went to school. Charlie loved his Lord Jesus Christ, hunting, fishing, riding horses, working cattle, fixing fence, going to the cabin, spending time in the "Big Hole," camping, cutting firewood, Christmas tree hunting, milling his own wood, and just being in the outdoors.

Charlie took great pride in passing his skills and love for the outdoors to his children and grandchildren. Charlie loved his family and friends and he would do anything

for anyone who needed him. Charlie was as close to a perfect example in so many

ways as anyone could be.

He has continued his kindness by sharing a part of himself to allow two people to gain their sight.

From the time he was 18 Charlie spent 20 years in the logging business, until numerous broken bones forced him to pick a less dangerous career in radiology, his favorite being MRI. Charlie's most current workplace was the MRI center in Helena.

Charlie was married to Patti Adkins and had three wonderful children, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Jonathan. In 2014 Charlie and Micki were married and were later sealed in the Rexburg, Idaho, Temple. Charlie seamlessly took the role as father to Micki's children, Colt,

Jeff, Ross and Dana.

Charlie is survived by his wife Michelle McCubbins, his mom Vonda McCubbins, siblings Floyd McCubbins, Deana Lechner and Rahni McCubbins, his children Charles Nicholas McCubbins (wife Marsha), Elizabeth Leann Vig (husband Dean), Jonathan Lee McCubbins (wife Corrine), Colt Brown, Jeff Brown (wife Alia), Ross Brown (wife Carly), and Dana Brown, and 16 grandchildren Hannah, Haylee, Justin, Avery, Corbin, Kateri, Amelia, Felicity, Aryana, Emmy, India, Jack, Rex, Cruz, Riley and Brooklyn, and best friends Allen Bardwell, Tom Giacomo, Andy Weaver and Eugene Davis.

A graveside service will be Friday morning, July 24, at 10 a.m. at the Radersburg Cemetery in Radersburg, Montana. A gathering will follow at 1 p.m. at Charlie and Micki's home, 2885 Canyon Ferry Road in

Helena.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Radersburg Historical Preservation group and sent to RHPI, P.O. Box 96 Toston, MT 59643.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Charles.

Betty Jean McDowell, 86

PAB 8 Mar 2020

There's a new set of wings in heaven as we write this obituary. In the arms and care of



her savior Jesus Christ rests our wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Betty McDowell, who passed away Feb. 23, 2020.

When she was told she had little time, she opted to leave KRMCC and spend her remaining days at home with family and friends at her side.

Betty was born in an old log schoolhouse that served as home to Edward and Mirilla Keller, on Nov. 24, 1933. Her preschool years were spent learning the ways of farm life, helping her folks as much as she could as they eked out a living and built a new home. Her grade school years were spent at the West Valley School. Upon reaching junior high age, she boarded with relatives in Kalispell and attended St. Matthews Catholic School. She finished her education at Flathead High, graduating in 1951.

Betty met her future husband Bud in 1953, while he was on leave from the Coast Guard. Her cousin, who was in the Army, was also on leave. They had been pals since school days. He mentioned that Betty's family was getting together at The Blue Moon for an evening of dancing and invited Bud along. The two met that night and had such a great time they spent the remainder of his leave dating. His duties at that time were in Seattle and he was able to come home for many long weekends. Those weekends always found him with "His" Betty. Upon his discharge in early 1954, they knew their time should be together for always. It was 65 wonderful years.

Mom was a people person. She loved being around people, getting to know them and learning about their lives and families. She never met a person she didn't like.

After her family was raised, she worked in several gift shops in Whitefish, always meeting new friends. Her last job was at Haines Drug, where she stayed for nearly 30 years. She loved it there and called it her "family of friends."

Traveling was another passion. With family and friends she was able to see a lot of our country. She was sent with a coworker to New York on a gift-buying mission for the store, which was quite a treat for a couple of women from "wood tick country."

She would never forget the trip to Italy with her granddaughter and family to visit her foreign exchange family in Milan. They toured places like Rome, Venice and Bologna. But of all her travel destinations, Hawaii was her calling. Several trips were taken either by plane or cruise ship. As her health began to decline, we made our last cruise in 2016 to the Bahamas. Dialysis was offered at sea. Our entire family, 21 of us, was on this trip, making it the best one ever for her.

For the following four years she had declining health. She never complained about a new poor diagnosis. She would say "things could be worse." Her visits to dialysis were somehow an event she seemed to cherish. To be with friends there, they were "one happy family."

They were married at the St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell on Aug. 28, 1954. Settling down in Whitefish, they rented for several years. Their first two children were born at that time, Rand first and then Linda. By 1960 their new home was finished and moved into. We were really a family now. Later Shawn was born, and Betty's name was changed to Mom. We mostly called her that from then on.

She kept a spotless home. The kids were neat, clean and always had hot food to come home to. She canned goods, did the baking and always had something baked to offer when folks dropped in.

In the spring mom got her flowers out. Summers were for picnics, camping, fishing and the outdoors.

Mom never let a holiday pass without decorating the house. Of course, Christmas was her favorite. She always decorated a lovely tree. She also always had each and every gift wrapped to perfection and absolute beauty for all of us.

She never let her home duties interfere with church life and love for God. She was a staunch believer of the Bible. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. She served on various committees and had a passion for the young ones. She taught her "little ones" Sunday school for over 25 years.

Mom, we know you loved life, your family and friends, wanting to live here on earth forever. But the rigors of diabetes, cancer, near-blindness and heart failure just wouldn't let you. We hated to see you go, but your family and friends know you put up a good fight. We love you so much and know you are in a better place now.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Mirilla Keller; brothers Charles (Viola), Harold, Floyd (Joan) and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her husband Bud; sons Rand and Shawn (Elizabeth), daughter Linda Reynolds (Steve); grandsons Justin Reynolds (Becky) and Levi Reynolds (Kathryn); granddaughter Meghan Brester (Scott); great-grandchildren Hanna, Logan, Lincoln, Bailey, Emma and Turner Reynolds, and Matteo and Meadow Brester; special sister-in-law Lee Keller (Harold) and many special nieces and nephews.

We are blessed with good neighbors Casey and Nancy Kelch, Tom Wright, Tom Eisinger, Kerry Knigne and Leon and Theresa McDowell.

Special thanks to NVH doctors and staff, KRMCC doctors and staff, The Dialysis Center doctors and staff, the nurses that visited at home and the hospital, all the friends that gave rides to dialysis, hospice and Home Options, Pastor Ralph Boyer and Church prayer groups that prayed for our family when in need.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 14 at Christ Lutheran Church with a reception to follow. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Betty's family.

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Gloria Ann McDonald, 91

PAG 18 Nov 2020
Gloria Ann McDonald, 91, went into the arms of Jesus shortly after midnight, Nov. 12, 2020.

Born Gloria Ann Cole, on Aug. 2, 1929, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, she was later adopted to become Gloria Stuebe, graduating from



Bigfork High School in 1947. She worked as a court stenographer, and as a secretary to Judge Rankin of Helena. Marriage to Theodore McDonald, Sept. 9, 1949, was followed by the addition of four children. After several moves, the family settled in Columbia Falls and later, Gloria lived the rest of her time at the Montana Veterans Home.

Gloria filled her life with many activities: gardening, performing duties as a polling judge, woodworking, sewing, reading, furniture restoration, traveling widely, music, and cooking meals enjoyed by friends and family. She explored topics like acupressure, naturopathy, Bible studies, and house design, later overseeing the completion of her second home.

Gloria is survived by a sister, an uncle in Arkansas, many cousins, several great-grandchildren, two grandchildren, and three children. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and, later, one son.

A family gathering will be held in the spring of next year.

Memorials may be made on her behalf to VFW auxiliary or the American Legion, for their volunteer work with veterans.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Joseph Allen McDonald, 60

PAG 18 Nov 2020
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McDonald, 60, passed away peacefully Nov. 12, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, from pneumonia and other complications.

Born July 19, 1960, he spent six years on the family farm and, after high school, moved to a group home with those who became his friends.

He participated in Special Olympics and was active in skiing, baseball, basketball, power lifting, swimming, bowling and camping. He took in all the activities at Flathead County's annual Northwest Montana Fair. Flathead Industries provided care and enriched his life in a many ways, with short trips through the years and travel to Hawaii most recently.



Joe is survived by two aunts, two brothers and one sister, several

great-nephews, a niece and nephew, and many cousins.

Both parents preceded him in death.

Services will be postponed till spring of next year.

Memorials may be made in Joe's name to Trinity Lutheran Church of Kalispell.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Dan McGarry

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Dan McGarry passed away peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on April 7, 2020 of natural causes.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, John and Betty McGarry and a brother, John McGarry and his dear friend, Tom Sagen.

Dan is survived by a daughter, Chevon Young (Dave Young) and their children Abaigeal and Emma of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a son Aaron McGarry of Whitefish, Montana and his children Noah, Annabelle and Daniel.



Dan is also survived by his ex-wife Katherine Carlson.

He is also survived by his sisters Eileen

McGarry (Richard Thomas) of Columbia Falls, Montana, and Connie Keltner (Danny Keltner) of Kalispell, Montana, and his brothers Patrick McGarry of Townsend, Montana, and Jim McGarry (Lenore McGarry) of Whitefish, Montana, and also numerous nieces and nephews as well as many, many friends.

Dan was born in July of 1954 in Whitefish, Montana, where he also attended Whitefish schools. For 30 years, Dan worked as a construction manager for a company

that also became his family. The job enabled Dan to travel across the country but he always found his way back to his beloved hometown of Whitefish, Montana.

Dan will be very missed by all that knew and loved him. His sense of humor and wit, kind heart and fighting Irish spirit is unmatched and will live on in the memories of those whose lives he touched.

A celebration of Dan's life will be set up at a later date.

Sandra G. McGavock, 77

Sandra G. McGavock, 77, died on Sept. 1, 2020, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

Sharon McGregor, 52

Sharon McGregor, 52, of Kalispell, died on Friday, April 17, 2020, at her home. Arrangements are pending. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Casey T. McGrath, 50

Casey T. McGrath, 50, of Kalispell, died Sunday, May 31, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Shannon and his children Katelyn, Hanna, Alex and Stephanie.

Services are being planned.

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

Karen J. McGihon, 73

PAG 2 Sept 2020
Karen J. McGihon, 73, peacefully passed away on Aug. 26, 2020, at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, surrounded by the staff from the Little Bitterroot Services Inc. (LBSI) Group Home where Karen has lived for 17 years.

Karen was born on Sept. 18, 1946, in Kalispell to Marjorie and Charles McGihon. She attended Flathead County High School until emerging disabilities in 1963 resulted in Karen being placed in residential care settings until her final placement at LBSI in 2003. It is worth noting that the family has seen a step-change improvement in the developmental disability programs over Karen's lifetime in an effort to promote an effective, challenging and safe lifestyle for the clients and one that encourages wellness, and as much independence as possible.

"Norma and I would especially like to thank the LBSI staff for their professional support, care and compassion."

Karen was preceded in death by father Charles McGihon, mother Marjorie Lilja Desch,



stepfather Melvin Desch and sister Elizabeth Ann McGihon.

Karen is survived by her brother Ron McGihon and his wife Norma of Chantilly, Virginia; brother Robert Desch and his wife Michelle of Bigfork; niece Shaele Culbreath of Charlottesville, Virginia; and nephew Scott McGihon of Abbotsford, British Columbia, along with spouses and families.

Norma continued to share pictures of the family members, which enabled Karen to enjoy her family from a distance.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is handling arrangements for Karen's family. Cremation has taken place. The family is planning a future private virtual memorial service to eliminate travel during the COVID-19 pandemic and allowing participation by the family members and Karen's care givers who are located from the East Coast to the West Coast and Canada.

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Ann Skuletich McGregor, 73

Jacqueline "Jackie" Ann Skuletich McGregor, Butte girl born and raised, and longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, passed away Dec. 2, 2020, at the age of 73.

Jackie was born on Aug. 5, 1947, the oldest child of Lewis and Sylvia Skuletich. Outgoing and active in high school, she was a member of the Butte High School Twirlers, numerous school clubs and the graduating class of 1965. She attended Montana State University, where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

In 1967 she married her high school boyfriend, Dan Ryan. Her love of family was increased exponentially with the addition of daughter Lisa in 1968 and Shawn in 1970.

A high school stint working at the Butte



train depot eventually led to a 32-year railroad career, including Northern Pacific, Burlington Northern and Amtrak. Her dedication and excellent work performance through extremely early mornings, long commutes and job transfers, earned her several promotions and led to numerous cherished friendships. It was also where she met her lifetime partner and best friend, husband Pat McGregor. The two celebrated 37 years of marriage in November. Pat became a dedicated and adoptive father to her youngest daughter, Linsey.

Those who knew her remember a compas-

ionate, generous and charismatic woman who would light up a room and warm it with her laughter. She was always available for long phone conversations, free advice and devoted friendship. She loved to stay busy and involved in social activities. She was a skilled trap shooter, loved to bowl and golf, was a member of a decades old Bunko team, and regularly met friends for lunches, dinners and celebrations. More importantly, Jackie will be forever known for her unwavering love for her family. She traveled frequently to Butte to visit her parents and felt their loss immensely. Her children all have stories of a fierce mama bear who came to their aid and defense and helped them find their own paths to success. Her favorite role

was that of "Baba" to her grandchildren and she wholeheartedly wanted the very best for them. She is survived by her husband, Pat McGregor; daughter, Lisa Manley (Scott); son, Shawn Ryan (Melanie Golie); daughter, Linsey Harrod (Jesse); brothers, Gary and Rich; and grandchildren, Logan and Dillon Manley, Ryden and Jeslynn Harrod. So wide was her circle of influence that it is impossible to list all of the people she held in her heart.

A private burial was held by her family in Butte. A public celebration of her life will be planned for this spring or summer when it is safe to do so.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested in her memory to the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church of Butte.

Morgan MaGuire, 62

Morgan MaGuire, 62, died March 30, 2020, at The HealthCenter. No services are

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

Michael McLean, 76

Michael McLean, 76, of Bigfork, died on Oct. 30, 2020, at The Retreat at Buffalo Hill.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Howard Dale McMillan

PAG 23 Aug 2020

Howard Dale McMillan died peacefully in his home the morning of Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 in Kalispell. He was 87 and surrounded by his loving family.



Howard was born in Denver in 1933 to father, Clarence and mother, Viola McMillan née Armburst. He attended Georgetown High School and graduated in 1951. He attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, on a skiing scholarship. In his junior year he was drafted by the U.S. Army and served two years on the front during the Korean War.

While skiing at Berthoud Pass, Colorado, he met the love of his life and best friend, Nickolyn McMillan née Grillo. They would marry in 1957 and lived in Idaho Springs, Colorado, before settling in Whitefish in the early 1960s.

Howard was an avid skier, hunter, and all-around outdoorsman. In his younger days, he was a ski patrolman, ski jumper, and avalanche hunter. His early life was influenced by many teachers, especially Oren Shockley.

Howard was a member of the Forest Service and worked for the Glacier View District of Flathead Forest. There he used his passion for the outdoors to lead firefighters, conserve forest resources, and build cabins and bridges for public use.

He ultimately retired in 1997 after 41 years of service. Howard was a devoted husband and father and was especially delighted in his grandchildren Breanna, Carly and Hunter. He was a dedicated member of the NRA and taught many young people how to safely use firearms. He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Howard was predeceased by his parents, Clarence, and Viola; brother, Michael; his sons, Kennan, and Corey; and granddaughter, Carly.

Howard is survived and will be deeply missed by his wife, Nickolyn, of Kalispell; brother, Harold and his wife Jerry, of Polson; son, Bryan and his wife Torrie, of Bothell, Washington; grandchildren, Breanna of

Kennewick, Washington, and Hunter of Bothell; his nieces, Vickie of Polson, and Marylyn of Pahrump, Nevada; nephew, Lee, of Frenchtown; as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

The family would especially like to thank Dr. Timothy Stutzman, Dr. Timothy Nuce, and the people of Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Immanuel Retreat for their care and compassion.

A celebration of the Holy Sacrament of the Mass will be held at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen Montana at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Honor donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Howard's family.

Daniel F. McMullen, 65

Daniel F. McMullen, 65, of Whitefish, died on Dec. 25, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Don McSloy

PAG 15 Mar 2020
driving stock cars.

Don, 69, passed away at home with his family and friends near him on March 7, 2020.



He was also known as Donnie and Big D to his friends and family.

He drove truck for 51 years for it was his passion, retiring in 2017.

He loved people, camping, fishing, hunting and

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, sons Rick and Duwayne, sisters Donna Burland, Kathy Hill and LaVetta Lee, and a brother Lloyd McSloy.

He has 10 grandkids and nine great-grandkids and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be at Thompson Lake later this summer. We will notify people of a date later on. R.I.P honey, we love you.

Edgar Milton 'Ed' McMurtry, 84

PAG 3 Jan 2020
Edgar Milton "Ed" McMurtry, also known as Dad, Grandpa and Great-Grandpa, passed away Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, due to complications from COVID-19.

Dad was born July 28, 1936, in Hyannis, Nebraska, to Iva and Harry McMurtry, the third of seven children. They moved to Littleton, Colorado, when he was young.

In 1956 he met the love of his life and they were married in Oct. 1957. They recently celebrated 63 years together.

In 1971, Ed and Mary moved to Stevensville, where they have resided ever since. Ed truly loved his mechanic work. After retirement,

you could still find him out in his garage.

Ed is survived by his wife, Mary, of the family home; his daughter, Deb McDonald (the late Bob McDonald) of Kalispell; son, Tim McMurtry of Stevensville; two grandsons, Bobby McDonald (Erin) of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Brandon McDonald (Keely) of Dutton, Montana; and one precious great-granddaughter, Maggie Louise McDonald.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held at a later date, maybe in June or July of 2021. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.white-sittfuneralhome.com.

Hollister 'Pat' McVay, 100

PAG 11 Nov 2020

Pat McVay was born into an era of greeting friends and family with warm hugs and hearty handshakes. In this unprecedented year where none of that is possible, we as a family have decided to hold close to our hearts the wonderful 100-year celebration we had with and for him on his birthday and forgo a formal memorial service.

Hollister "Pat" McVay was born March 14, 1920, in Tonkowa, Oklahoma, and crossed the Great Divide on May 18, 2020, at his farm in the Lake Blaine area. There are very few men who touched as many lives as he did in a lifetime. He lived his life with enthusiasm, wonder, caring and mentoring. He had an abounding love of the outdoors, nature, hunting, fishing and hiking. He had a love of family and the land.

He was fond of saying he talked his mother into returning to her homestead in Milligan Basin Montana at 2 months of age. His childhood was spent there and later in Elk, Washington. After graduating from Rogers High School in Spokane, he enlisted in the Army Air Force and spent two years as and Air Force machinist in the Pacific Islands. When the war ended, he returned to Washington, and went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation on Grand Coulee Dam. He met and married the love of his life Marie Luce in 1947. As soon as Hungry Horse Dam was completed, they moved to Hungry Horse. In 1952 he had the honor of flipping the switch on the first working generator. He continued to work on Hungry Horse Dam as a powerhouse shift operator, retiring in 1975.



The family lived in Hungry Horse for five years and then moved to a five-acre home in Coram for five more years, until moving to their beautiful

40-acre farm in the Lake Blaine area where they raised their four daughters, Marsha (Voermans), Verna (Swanson), Chris McVay and Kate (Tyner).

Dad was part of the Coram and later Lake Blaine and Cayuse Prairie school boards. He was president and involved with the Rocky Mountain Riders Saddle Club, held offices in the Montana Saddle Club Association and was on the Flathead Employees Credit Union board of directors. He was a member of the NW Arms Collectors Association for many years.

He started a junior rifle program while in Hungry Horse and pioneered a hunter safety class. Dad, along with Mel Ruder of Columbia Falls, were instrumental in getting the hunters safety requirement law passed, and in 1957 he was recognized as the first hunter safety instructor in the state of Montana. He taught at least one and sometimes more classes every year for the next 60-plus years. Dad always felt no time was ever wasted spent with a child, especially afield. His emphasis was always on safety and fun.

Dad also involved his family in the Dandy Dudes and Dolls 4-H club and became a livestock leader. He also became

the beef barn superintendent at the Northwest Montana Fair for many years.

As a 4-H leader, he heard about a 4-H shooting program. In 1984 he went to Worthington Center in Texas to become certified as an instructor. Then, with the help of the State Extension Office, he and other volunteers took it upon themselves to train leaders in nearly every county in the state. He also started an air rifle program in Flathead County and saw the program grow from 12 shooters to 235 shooters in Flathead County with nine different disciplines in our county and one of the largest projects statewide. He lived to see his grandchildren and great-grandsons be a part of it. His philosophy was always that, although not every child would be a marksman, each could learn safe, ethical and fun techniques as tools. He felt 4-H is in the youth development business.

He was inducted into the Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame, the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Hall of Fame, and the 4-H Shooting Hall of Fame in recognition of his dedication to the sport of hunting, his love of shooting sports, and his continuing determination to pass it on to future generations of Montanans.

Always with Dad there was time for the great outdoors. He rode horseback, and hiked thousands of miles in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Jewel Basin. He hunted every year for over 40 years in Eastern Montana in the Missouri Breaks and became lifelong friends with the ranchers there. Dad was known for his generous hospitality,

his enthusiasm, his warm friendship and his memorable toasts! This hunting tradition continues today including grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Dad and the ranchers.

When three of his daughters and their families settled on Kodiak Island, Alaska, he spent several years visiting, fishing and hunting. He said his daughters could move anywhere they wanted as long as the fishing was as good as in Kodiak!

Dad always had a quest for knowledge and was a voracious reader. He became well versed on Montana history, Western history and the world around him. His knowledge of Montana would rival any college class (maybe because he lived so much of it!)

Later he also traveled to the warmer climates in the winter, spending time with his wonderful, loving companion Mary Jane Church. They spent many long hours exploring the desert, gold panning, riding four-wheelers, metal detecting and having adventures. He enthusiastically became versed in all the flora and fauna of the desert.

Dad valued family and friendship above all else. No one was a stranger who came through his door. He always found something to laugh about each day.

We would like to especially thank those who helped make Dad's last years comfortable and memorable — Agape Home Care, especially his team of Becky, Joel, Melissa and Dave; and his many friends who stopped in for good visit, a tiddy or a game of cribbage or Farkle. May we all raise our glasses to a life well lived!

Robert Edward McVicker, 82

Robert Edward McVicker, 82, of Kalispell, died April 27, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

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

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James Hays Maitland, 52

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James Hays Maitland, 52, of Mayville, New York, died Jan. 8, 2020, from various complications from suffering a traumatic brain injury while working as a federal law enforcement officer.

Jim was born in Rochester, New York. He attended Webster Central Schools, and moved to Kalispell in 1977. Jim attended Mountain Brook School and graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1987. He achieved many awards during his service. Upon honorable discharge from the Coast Guard he relocated to Seattle where he met his first wife, Lisa Welles, and had their son, Caleb James Hays Maitland.

In 2009 Jim and Caleb moved to West Virginia where he worked for Bureau of Prisons until his accident in 2015. Jim relocated to Lake Chautauqua, New York, to be with his parents, aunts, uncles and cousins while Caleb followed his dream and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Jim is survived by his son, Caleb Maitland, and his wife, Jessica, of Georgia; his brother, David Maitland and wife Kerrie, of Kalispell;



brother, William Maitland and wife Mary Jane, of Kalispell, and their children Damon Maitland and wife Elizabeth of Camas,



Washington, Melissa Maitland of Whitefish, and Cassie, Trevin and Gage of Kalispell; his parents, Jim and Dorothy Maitland, of Greenhurst, New York; aunt and uncle, John and Angela Maitland, of Woodlawn, New York, and cousins in Mayville, Bemus Point, Ontario and Rochester, New York, and Northeast North Carolina. He sadly leaves behind his fiancée, Connie Tomlin Kress, and many friends scattered throughout the world.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer on Lake Chautauqua.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Wounded Warriors Foundation in his honor of brain research at the Craig Institute in Colorado.

Kelly Maley, 59

Kelly Maley, 59, of Billings, and a part-time resident of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

James S. Malone, 70

James S. Malone, 70, died July 23, 2020 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Services

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

Dorothy M. Malkowski, 97

Dorothy M. Malkowski, 97, died on March 14, 2020, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dennis 'Denny' Leon Mangold, 66

PA 4 9 June 2020
Dennis ("Denny") Leon Mangold peacefully passed away on Friday, May 22, 2020, in Kalispell.



Denny was born in Choteau on July 7, 1953, to Leon and LaVerne (Takala) Mangold.

His childhood was spent in Great Falls, where he attended CM Russell High School and played basketball. He loved fishing, hiking, raising Labradors and hunting. He spent much of his early years at the family farm near Fairfield and the cabin in Sun River Canyon. He loved to share stories about the massive bull elk he shot (just shy of entry into the Boone and Crockett Club) and the countless rainbow and brown trout that he caught. He even managed to summit Castle Reef Mountain, quite a feat.

After graduating high school, Denny married Debbie Eccleston in 1976 and had a daughter, Brooke, and son, Shane, who were the apples of his eyes. They spent many years in the Flathead Valley, sharing the love of the outdoors and taking rides through Glacier National Park. Denny worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for 28 years before it closed, after which he furthered his education by attending classes at Flathead Valley Community College. Denny retired in 2015 to fill his days with

life and laughter.

Denny's great passions in life were his kids, traveling, and music. He took many trips across the country, and some of his fondest memories were his trips to Washington State, Utah, Colorado, California, Michigan and Alaska. His other great passion was music, especially attending concerts. Just name the band, and he probably saw them.

His last years were spent in Kalispell with his partner Ginger Nadeau, where they spent many wonderful years in retirement surrounded by extended family, which included many children and grandchildren.

Denny is survived by his daughter Brooke Mangold of Missoula; son Shane Mangold of Midland, Michigan; mother LaVerne of Billings, formerly of Great Falls; and sisters Marla (Doug) Embody of Great Falls; Lori Anne Mangold (Mike) Bushly of Great Falls; and Shelley (Bob) Oksness of Billings. He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Mangold. He will also be missed by countless nieces, nephews, cousins and childhood friends, of which many of their lives he touched so dearly.

Denny will be remembered for his generous spirit and sense of humor. He was a beloved and true friend to all. Peace and Love, Dad.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in honor of Denny be made to Brooke or Shane Mangold, PO Box 3016, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or the charity of your choice. A celebration of his life is forthcoming later in the summer.

Donna Marie Kline Mallery, 95

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Donna Marie Kline Mallery was born to Merrit and Maude Kline on June



1, 1925, in Randolph, Minnesota. She was the eighth of eleven children to be born and raised on the family dairy farm.

Donna attended Randolph school all twelve years. She started writing journals in sixth grade, a hobby she enjoyed throughout her life.

Raised in a Christian home, she attended college at St. Paul Bible Institute, now Crown College, where she met and soon became

engaged to Robert Warren Mallery. Robert felt called to the ministry, and shortly after his engagement to Donna, he accepted a pastorate in a small community church in Savage, Montana.

The following year, on September 22, 1945, Robert and Donna were married in Northfield, Minnesota. After a short honeymoon in the Black Hills of South Dakota, they set up a home and a ministry in Savage, Montana. They would go on to plant new churches in small communities across western Montana.

Through her years as a pastor's wife, Donna was a blessing to many people through her ministering, teaching, corresponding with missionaries, and

in general, loving people. She had an infectious positive spirit. Whenever asked how she was doing, whether in good times or bad, she would inevitably reply with bright eyes and a smile, "I'm always rejoicing!"

But her best and favorite role was being mother to five sons, Richard, Robert, Ronald, Roger, and "baby" Raymond. Robert preceded Donna in death on Oct. 23, 1990, after which Donna carried on a flourishing ministry while living in Plains, Montana.

Donna was a fantastic baker, with cinnamon rolls and fruit pies her specialties. She also enjoyed playing the piano and singing.

Donna spent the past

four years at Immanuel Lutheran Communities where she continued to be a blessing and touch the lives of all around her until her passing on June 15, 2020.

Now Donna and her beloved husband, Robert, will forever be always rejoicing together.

Donna is survived by her five sons, Richard Mallery of Salem, Oregon, Robert and Pam Mallery of Las Vegas, Ronald and Nancy Mallery of Kalispell, Roger and Starla Mallery of Plains, and Raymond and Rhonda Mallery of Moscow, Idaho. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and even several great-great-grandchildren.

Rose Kelly Manicke

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Rose Kelly Manicke, 88, of Whitefish passed away Dec. 23, 2020 at KRMC.

Rose was born on Feb. 14, 1932 in Utica, Montana, but has lived in Whitefish for nearly 70 years with her husband Winston V. Manicke who passed away in August of 2019.

Rose is survived by her children Fred W. Manicke, Brian Manicke, and Shelly Solle. Also,

by her five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Rose's life will be scheduled after all gathering restrictions have been lifted. Rose's final resting place will be in Woodlawn Cemetery next to her husband Winston.

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

Thomas J. Mann, 77

PAL 2 Aug 2020

Thomas J. Mann, age 77, passed away on July 20, 2020.



Tom was born in the Bronx right near Yankee Stadium on Oct. 3, 1942. He was a loyal Yankee fan his whole life.

After high school, Tom enlisted in the Marines where he served in Vietnam at the beginning of the conflict. After his service he worked as a car and light truck mechanic in his own business.

Tom met his wife, Kris, in 1970 and they married in 1972. They were married for 48 years.

In 1989, Tom and Kris pointed their car West. They ended up in Whitefish and fell in love with Montana. Destined to return, they came back in 1993 and purchased what would become Hopalong Ranch. Tom was so proud of the ranch and the many times it was featured on the front pages of the newspapers.

Tom had a deep love and respect for animals.

He was never without a dog, and he learned Kris' love of horses. He particularly loved his horse, Windsong, who lived to be 30 years old. He loved to watch the wild life from his deck. Deer, elk and moose grazing on the lawn was a sight he never tired of.

He also loved other sports, and after being asked if he wanted to learn how to play pickleball, he became an addict. He played as often as he could, and he made a wide circle of very dear friends in the different

groups.

Tom leaves behind his wife, Kristine; his sister-in-law, Sandra O'Connor of New Jersey; nephew Dan O'Connor of Maryland; and nieces Katy Manning and Lynn O'Connor, both of New Jersey. He also leaves two great-nephews and one great-niece, and his dog Cassidy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, which Tom supported with donations throughout his life.

Vivian D. Manyx, 93

Vivian D. Manyx, 93, died July 7, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

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

Tina Marie Marcum, 54

Tina Marie Marcum, 54, died July 12, 2020, at her home in Kalispell. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Carol Marcus, 69

Mary Carol Marcus passed peacefully on July 8, 2020.

She was born in Spokane on Dec. 20, 1950. After graduating Shelby High School she attended the University of Montana. She lived in Whitefish off and on over a 32-year span. Mary Carol was employed at the Mountain Mall and Mountain Harbor Condominiums during the '80s and '90s.

On New Year's Eve of 1996 she married her very best friend Danny "Dan" Marcus in Whitefish. In 2004 Mary Carol and Dan purchased their dream property and built their dream home on the Flathead River just north of the wonderful small community of Bigfork. Twelve years later they moved closer to the village of Bigfork and settled into Eagle Bend lifestyle where they further developed many close relationships. During the summer months Mary Carol enjoyed being the tour guide for family and friends and especially enjoyed time in Glacier Park. She spent many hours on Flathead Lake driving the boat so Dan could catch the "big" one.

Winter found them traveling south exploring the U.S. In April 2020 they purchased a second home on the water in a 55-plus gated boating community in St. Petersburg, Florida.



She found solace and tranquility in the Florida sunshine and watching the

dolphins and manatees swim by their dock. She spent her last days doing what she loved most (other than being with family and friends) ... that being remodeling and decorating her new home.

Mary Carol cherished her family and many wonderful friends who always brought out her big smile and laughter that would light up any room.

Mary Carol is survived by husband, Dan Marcus; sister, Bonny Sue Williamson; brother, Steven B. Williamson; daughters, Carolyn O'Neill and Adrian Leach (husband Rick); son, Erin O'Neill (wife Solange); and three grandsons, Aidan O'Neill, Ronan O'Neill and Liam O'Neill. She was predeceased by her mother, Carolyn (Johanson) Watkins; her father, John Burke Williamson; and her aunt, Marion (Johanson) Ailor; and uncle, Warren Johanson.

The family is grateful for all who prayed for her and plan for a celebration of life party at a later date when it is safe to gather in large crowds.

(Dan) Jenko of Missoula, Montana, Jan (Tom) McGuigan of Seattle, Washington, 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Josie and family appreciate the loving caregivers at Timber Creek Village.

Josie's immediate family celebrated a rosary and a mass at St Richards Parish. Remembrances can be made to St Richards Parish.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Mary Josepha (Josie) Marantette

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her family. She loved being a wife and mother, working with Bob at the Park Mercantile and volunteering at St. Richards Parish. Josie was most happy when spending time and giggling with her family and her amazing and loyal friends in the community.

She is survived by siblings, Evelyn Butts, Anne MacDonald, Pat Elkan and Doug MacDonald, and her 5 daughters, Joan (Kent) Paulson of Whitefish, Montana, Terry (Glenn) Herman of Troy, Montana, Patty (Al) Gemberling of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lynne



Mercantile.

Bob and Josie had five daughters and lived in Columbia Falls for the rest of their lives. Josie was unconditionally devoted to her faith and

Mary Josepha (Josie) Marantette, 91, passed away in Columbia Falls on Oct. 6, 2020.

Josie was born in Renton, Washington, in 1928, one of eight children of Ronald and Anne MacDonald. She graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Seattle, WA and attended college at Marylhurst College in Oregon.

Josie met Robert Marantette while they were both working at Boeing and married Nov. 3, 1951. They moved to Columbia Falls to own and operate the family business, the Park

Peggy Elizabeth Boylan Saurey Marantette

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Peggy Elizabeth Boylan Saurey Marantette, 95, was born on March 19, 1925 in Butte, Montana and died on July 3, 2020 at The Springs at Whitefish, surrounded by her family.

Peggy led a remarkable life that was defined by her ability to transcend adversity. Losing her mother at only 18 months, she became a ward of the state at the age of 6. She spent her childhood at the Montana Children's Home in Twin Bridges, where she learned to triumph over the many challenges of institutional living. Spinning her tales of adventure at the orphanage delighted many people, including her own children and grandchildren as well as a multitude of students from a career as an elementary school teacher.

Peggy became the first "inmate" from the children's home to attend college, when her high school principal



recognized her keen intellect and helped her secure a full scholarship to study chemistry at Montana State College in Bozeman. But her education was interrupted when she met a dashing Army Air Corps fighter pilot just returned from the war. She married Robert Gordon Saurey, a third-generation Montana resident, and they moved to Gordon's home town of Columbia Falls in 1947. From having no family in her childhood, she built and nourished a large and loving family who continue to honor her legacy as the "Grand

Matriarch."

As her children grew, Peggy returned to college to become a teacher, where she taught every grade in elementary school, second through eighth, and excelled at developing programs for the gifted and talented. She taught in Deer Park, Coram, Hungry Horse, and Columbia Falls Elementary, retiring as the eighth grade math teacher at Columbia Falls Junior High. Her students remember her classrooms as stimulating, fun and challenging, while finding it impossible to get away with anything! She had a special gift for understanding children, having spent her entire childhood mastering all levels of misbehavior, motivated by her insatiable curiosity and suspicion of arbitrary rules. But from this unusual framework, she developed a strong core of integrity and accountability, which she shared with her family and students. Peggy

had a unique ability to see worth and potential in all children, regardless of their circumstances, and to encourage their development – which may be why they were magnetically drawn to her home and classroom.

Following her retirement, Peggy began traveling the world in pursuit of her passion for learning – pursuing courses of study in Irish history at Trinity College in Dublin, as well as post-secondary studies in Hawaii. She returned to MSU as a student at the same time one of her grandsons was studying there. She retained her active and inquisitive mind throughout her life and continued to read voraciously through her last months.

Several years after Gordon's death in 1986, Peggy married Columbia Falls native Jim Marantette, expanding her family to include his children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husbands Gordon and Jim, brother and fellow orphan Pat Boylan, with whom she was reunited after a 20-year search, son-in-law Greg Ordway, great-granddaughter Lillian Isabel Nelson, and stepson Pat Marantette. She is survived by her children Gary (Karen) Saurey, Marilyn (Rick) Nelson, Nadine Ordway and Wayne (Marisa van Lawick) Saurey, grandchildren Michelle (Peter Edland) Saurey, Leif (Gloria) Nelson, Jillian (Brett) Nail, Mariah (Brian) Joos, Michael (Kelly) Ordway, Adia and Sofia Saurey, and ten great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Ramona Graham and her family, stepson Dan (Marie) Marantette, stepdaughter Linda Marantette, five step grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren, niece Dyan

Boylan LePage, as well as special family member Christine (Tony) DeMaria and her family, plus the extended families of all her loved ones.

Peggy inspired her entire family with her unflinchingly positive, courageous and grateful attitude, even in the infirmity of old age. She will be remembered for her fierce independence, her spontaneity, her fiery personality and flaming auburn hair, for singing at the top of her lungs, writing poetry about her adventures, correcting our grammar, and always challenging all of us to pursue excellence and live our lives fully without regret.

A small, family graveside service was held on July 21 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, where she is interred next to Gordon. A celebration of Peggy's life will be held next summer.

Henriette Marino, 85

Henriette Marino, 85, of Kalispell, died Sept. 21, 2020, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

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

Forest Henry Martell, 88

Forest Henry Martell, 88, of Libby, died Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at the Fred Brown Pavilion in Libby. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg Funeral Home.

G.R. Mattingly, 92

G.R. Mattingly, 92, of Kalispell, died Monday, June 15, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Care Center. No services are being planned. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Delbert Ivor Martin, 80

Delbert Ivor Martin, age 80, a 53-year resident of Columbia Falls, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 at his home.

A celebration of Delbert's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. Highway 2 E., Kalispell. Inurnment will be at



Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the family home. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Delbert and his family.

Peter Mason, 64

Peter Mason, 64, died at his home in Kalispell on May 23, 2020. Arrangements are being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for his family.

Donald R. Martinus, 81

Donald R. Martinus went to be with the Lord when he passed suddenly, but peacefully at home on Sept. 23, 2020.

He was born Feb. 8, 1939, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Henry J. and Margaret L. Martinus (Chojnacki). He grew up in Grand Rapids and joined the Army Reserves while he was a senior at Union High School. After graduating on June 6, 1957, he was on a train bound for San Antonio, Texas, for basic training in the U.S. Air Force. His first assignment was to a remote site in Tatalina, Alaska, the 717th ACW Radar Station. Alaska was not yet a state at that time. After a year in Alaska, his next assignment was the 1904 AACSS Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force base in Great Falls. He spent the next two years there and upon discharge, returned to Grand Rapids and worked for Victor Business Machines for five years before enrolling in Grand Rapids Junior College.

On Dec. 28, 1963, he married Sally Ann Williams from Red Lodge and to this union two children were born, Simeon J. "Sam" Martinus and Sonja A. Martinus (Nelson). When vacationing in Montana, Don was offered a job with Continental Pipeline as an instrument technician. After being involved in a near fatal hydrogen sulfide mishap, Don looked for a different vocation and around the corner was just the right one, an opening in the National Park Service as an electronic mechanic. So in the fall of 1969, he and his family moved to Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park. A year later, they were on their way to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park where Don was the new electronic technician with the opportunity to design, staff and operate a completely new electronic/radio shop. In July of 1972, Don accepted a



position as communication specialist in Glacier National

Park and remained there for the next 35 years, retiring after 42 years of government service in 2007.

Don was faithful, dedicated, conscientious and knowledgeable in his craft. He traveled many miles from the west to the east side of Glacier in winter and summer. Modes of transportation included his radio truck, horse, foot, snowmobile, helicopter and boat. (He also survived a helicopter crash on Swiftcurrent Lookout and walked away). Don also served on the board of Desert Mountain TV where he helped to upgrade, service and maintain the canyon's TV translators for 35 years.

In his retirement, he discovered a joy for reading, had more time to enjoy music and participated more in church where he attended services regularly and served on the council and as an elder and president.

He was preceded in death by this father, mother, and infant sister, as well as many uncles, aunts and cousins.

He is survived by his wife, Sally (of nearly 57 years); son, Sam; daughter, Sonja; son-in-law, Tom Nelson; and four grandchildren, Zachary, Jakob, Luke and Carly.

A memorial service will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. officiated by Pastor Matt Nelson, with limited seating. His inurnment with military honors will be held the following weekend in Lovell, Wyoming.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls or anywhere the donor desires.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Walter Drake Massey, 82

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Capt. Walter Drake Massey USAF (Ret) passed away quietly on April 5, 2020, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Montana, at the age of 82.

Born to LtCdr Lance Edward "LEM" Massey USN and Marjorie (Drake) Massey on Dec. 14, 1937 in Long Beach, California, Walter's father LEM was killed in the Battle of Midway 1942. For his fathers heroic actions the Navy named the Destroyer USS Massey; Walter's favorite cap was his DD-778 which he wore often and proudly to honor the father he barely knew. Following

his brother, Walter graduated Severn School in 1957. His military career path was lifelong in service to the U.S. Air Force. In 1964, he married Penelope Thompson (deceased 1980); they had one daughter, Cynthia Louise. Walter was highly commended and well decorated for his honorable service to the USAF, retiring as Captain in 1985; he continued his career in civil service. Walter was devoted to the military and most especially to his daughter Cyndy, even more so after he was widowed in 1980.

Walter had a lifetime love of tinkering on

numerous cars and boats resulting in many stylish vehicles and vessels over the years. Walter is probably best known for his big soft-hearted love of all animals, especially canines ... in particular Basset Hounds! And you thought Cyndy was spoiled...

Walter is survived by his daughter Cyndy Massey Stanley; his brother Cdr Lance B. Massey USN (Ret) and wife Judith Massey; his nephew Capt Lance E. Massey II USN (Ret) and wife Julie Massey-their children Jack, Brad and Alina; his niece Barbara Massey; his niece Anne Kumer Franos; his former son-in-law aka the "son he never had" William

Lee Stanley; and few devoted loving friends.

His daughter Cyndy, ever grateful, was by his side during his transition. Family and friends would like to offer huge heartfelt thanks to the physicians, nurses and all support staff at North Valley Hospital for their compassionate care and loving kindness through his final hours as well as recent years.

At Walter's request, no formal service will be held. At Cyndy's request, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your favorite animal rescue group in his name.

Darren Shane Mays, 23

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On Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, Darren Shane Mays of Kalispell, beloved son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, father and friend, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 23.

Darren was born on May 9, 1996, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Growing up, he developed a passion for skateboarding and would spend hours practicing with friends as well as teaching his younger brothers and cousins. He was so determined to master new tricks that he often returned home only after his board had broken in two.

He was known for his infectious smile, mischievous sense of humor and ability to make people laugh.

Darren was preceded in death by his grandmother, Kathy Fraser.

He is survived by his mother Christine Kately, stepfather Chopper



Kately, sisters Katrina and Jennifer Mays, brothers Keidel, Dustie,

Wyatt and Conner Kately, and Daniel Smith, his two young children, and many grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family too numerous to name but not forgotten.

At the time of his passing Darren resided in Butte, but called Kalispell home.

A candlelight ceremony will be held at Star Lane Bowling Alley in Butte on March 8 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

A celebration of life is being planned for May 9 in or around Kalispell, at a location not yet determined.

Susan T. May, 71

Susan T. May, 71, died May 24, 2020 at her home in Bigfork. Services are currently

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

Curtis M. Mayville, 71

Curtis M. Mayville, 71, of Kalispell, died July 13, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Judy and their children.

Private family services will be held.

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

Janice Arlene Maxwell, 73

Janice Arlene Maxwell, 73, died July 11, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Audrey L. Maze, 90

P Af 1 Sept 2020
Audrey L. Maze, 90, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Wednesday, Aug 19, 2020, in Houlton, Maine.

Audrey was born in Flaxville, Montana, May 24, 1930, to Alfred and Ethel Goulet, the oldest of their 21 children. She attended school in Madoc, Montana.

After school, Audrey moved to Kalispell where she met her husband Harold L. Maze and married in 1951. They moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1959, where they raised their four children. In 1980 they returned to Montana and lived in Kalispell area. In 2005, she moved



to Maine and lived there near her daughter until her death.

She is survived by her four children, Sandra Merritt (Ed Charbonneau) of Houlton, Marvin Maze of Anchorage, Edward Maze (Deb Wilcox) of Anchorage, and Diane Slocumb (Wayne) of Shelby, North Carolina; nine grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and 14 brothers and sisters.

Frieda L. Mazza, 80

Frieda L. Mazza, 80, of Coram, died Sept. 21, 2020, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Norma Jeanne McAlear, 87

Norma Jeanne McAlear, 87, formerly of Polson, died Aug. 9, 2020, in Portland.

Thelma Bernice McCarren, 100

Thelma Bernice McCarren, 100, of Kalispell, died Nov. 22, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her daughter, Enola Terry, of Kalispell.

Interment will take place at Salt Lake City. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Vernon 'Jumbo' McCully, 83

Vernon "Jumbo" McCully, 83, of Libby, died Oct. 2, 2020. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, at

Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, at the Fred Brown Pavilion in Libby.

Eugene Raymond McCabe, 79

P Af 13 May 2020
Eugene Raymond McCabe took his last ride into heaven on April 28, 2020, peacefully at his home, with his wife and daughter at his side.

Gene was born on May 15, 1940, in Defiance, Ohio, to Ida May and Francis McCabe. He graduated from Paulding High School in 1958. After graduating high school, Gene enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country for a number of years. Gene worked at BF Goodrich, Boeing and Plum Creek Timber Co. for 25 years as a Journeyman Millwright.

When not at work, Gene could be found in his barn that he converted into a shop. For most of his adult life he owned horses and would team rope with his daughter. Gene could also be found on his boat that he customized to his liking at every chance he got. He was a world-class welder and handyman that could weld anything to his liking and fix anything with



the help of a few Keystones. He found solace in nature and was an avid outdoorsman, hunting many elk, deer and bear through the



years.

On April 27, 1977, Gene married Karen Seslar, his one true love. They remained married until his death. They made their home in Columbia Falls after moving from Paulding, Ohio. Eugene will be remembered for his life advice, his knowledge of all things tools, his passion for fishing and his desire to help others.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, his nephew, and his brother Jim. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, his daughter, two sons, his grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

A small gathering of family and close friends will be held at his place of residence.

Edward John Medwig, 84



Edward John Medwig, 84, of Kalispell, passed away on Dec. 8, 2020.

He was husband to Minnie for nearly 61 years, the father to Kevin, Cindy, Terry and Cheryl. He was grandfather to Jeremy, Brianna, Jordan, Brooklyn and Taylor and great-grandfather to Aubrey. He also leaves behind his sister, Patricia and brother, Michael.

Ed was the oldest child of John and Sophie, born, raised and schooled in St. Catharines, Ontario in Canada. He was very popular, the life of the party. He worked several jobs, loved to dance and had many hobbies and skills.

He married Minnie Ethel Marshall in 1960 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church while working on an architectural degree from Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto. Ed and Minnie and their first two children moved to California in 1982 so he could pursue an architect-

ture career and fulfill the promise he had made several years earlier.

"Eddie" was a passionate man and, despite being under six feet tall, he was always the most charismatic and captivating man in the room! He was a proud man with many dreams; he was an engaging storyteller and a tireless volunteer — especially with his devout faith in God at church and as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He always worked hard to support his family and would always push for even more beyond that too. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Parish, 601 South Main Street in Kalispell.

Chester Ray Meeks, 79



Longtime Anchorage, Alaska, developer, devoted husband, father and Christian, Chester Ray Meeks was welcomed into the loving arms of his heavenly Father on the morning of Wednesday, July 8, 2020. His wife of 58 years, Donna, was by his side.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1940, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to Chester and Earlene Meeks. In 1945, their family moved to Kalispell. It was in Montana that Chester discovered his love of the outdoors including hunting, fishing and trapping. He was a renowned shot and legends of him seeing and taking down big game from a distance abound.

Like many tradesmen, Chester answered the call to help rebuild Alaska after the 1964 earthquake. In 1965, he

and best friend Max Bolin loaded a VW bus and drove the Alcan Highway. Chester

quickly got underway building homes and businesses between stints on oil rigs in Cook Inlet and Prudhoe Bay. He was proud of his involvement in developing Anchorage and would often point out subdivisions, commercial buildings, homes and apartments he'd built.

Chester was a fierce witness to the Lord, a lifelong patriot and supporter of conservative values. He twice served as a delegate to the national GOP convention. Chester became an endeared friend to the community of Eek, Alaska, and was honored

to be chosen as the commencement speaker for the first-ever high school graduation ceremony in Eek in 1980.

In his early 20s, he felt what would become a lifelong calling to serve in the mission field. Chester helped build churches across Alaska, Nebraska, Montana and villages in Brazil, Chile and Mexico. Chester retired from full-time work in 2009. His enthusiasm for sharing his faith never faded.

Chester never met a stranger and new faces were regularly invited to the Meeks' home after Sunday church for Donna's famous fried chicken and rolls. He was a gentleman, forever wearing a well-kept Stetson. He and Donna traveled often and enjoyed numerous trips to Hawaii as well as driving the Alcan and

visiting friends and family throughout the Lower 48.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Lolita Reynolds, Iva Peterson and Virginia Broomfield.

He is survived by his faithful wife, Donna Meeks; sisters, Louise (Gene) Smith and Rebecca (Clyde) Saylor; children, Rodney (Debbie) Meeks, Melinda (Tommy) McMasters, Crystal (Monty) Dyson and Roger (Andrea) Meeks; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and beloved nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express special gratitude to Ruth Bailey.

A celebration of life was held at Anchorage Baptist Temple on July 18. Chester was interred at Palmer Pioneer Cemetery.

Ronald Duane Mellem, 80

Ronald Duane Mellem passed away at age 80 on Jan. 17, 2020, at his home in Yuma, Arizona.

Ron was born June 4, 1939, in Kalispell to LeRoy and Irene Mellem. He grew up in Somers and lived briefly in Cusick, Washington, before returning to Kalispell a few years before graduating high school in 1957.

Ron joined the United States Army in 1962 and reached the rank of specialist E-4 when honorably discharged in 1964. On leaving the military, he moved to Seattle where he worked with Boeing as a design draftsman from 1966 to 1970. In 1970, he left Seattle and returned home to Kalispell and joined the United States Forest Service as a civil engineering tech with a specialization in photogrammetry. He would work there for the next 25 years before retiring in 1995. While he thought he was done working, he often helped out at his wife's business when another hand was needed.

In 1979, he found the love of his life and married Bernice Butterfield in Kalispell. Ron loved the out-



doors of Montana, and lived for summers of water skiing and golf, followed by winters on snow-mobiles. He loved watching football, especially as a long suffering fan of the Seattle Seahawks. When none of those were available, he would happily spend hours sitting on the deck listening to radio and reading.



He was survived by his wife of 40 years, Bernice, his son Brian and his sister, Cheryl Seyfert, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents LeRoy and Irene Mellem, and his brother Roger Mellem. His kindness and ready wit are deeply missed.

A memorial will be held in his and Bernice's memory at their house in Kalispell on July 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Robert 'Dale' Meier

Robert "Dale" Meier was taken abruptly from this world on June 21, 2020.

A husband, a friend, father of three and grandfather of two, in Dale's life he endeavored racing motocross in Billings. Moving to Kalispell, he attended Flathead High School Class of '79 and helped his father in automotive sales at Bob Meier Oldsmobile. He enjoyed boating, water skiing, shooting and fishing. He enjoyed his college years at University of Montana in Missoula and Flathead Valley Community College here in the valley where he met his wife.

He enjoyed being a member of the Masonic Temple, the Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, the Royal Order of the Jesters and the Flathead Shrine Club. The biggest joy, aside from his wife and children, was his grandchildren.

Dale might have been taken abruptly from this world, but will never be forgotten. His spirit lives on with his wife, Londa Meier, his son Brandon



Meier, and his daughter Tawnni Clouse (Meier) and family.

He was preceded in death

by his oldest son Brent Meier, and his parents Bob and Marian Meier of Lakeside.

He is survived by wife Londa Meier and children Brandon Meier, and Tawnni Clouse (Meier) and husband Zak Clouse and their children Hadley and Daxon Clouse of Kalispell; his siblings, Carrie Bentley and children of Arizona, and Renea Erdman and children of Florida; his brothers-in-law, James Hudson and family of Chinook, Arron Ocheltree of Spokane, and Allen Ocheltree and family of Great Falls; and mother-in-law Brenda Ocheltree of Great Falls.

A Masonic graveside service will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery Thursday, July 2, at 3 p.m., with a memorial service to follow at the Elks Lodge.

Bernice Vergene Mellem, 72

Bernice Vergene Mellem passed away unexpectedly March 17, 2020, at her home in Yuma, Arizona.

Bernice was born Oct. 14, 1947, in Kalispell to Frederick and Irene Butterfield. She grew up in Ferndale and graduated from Flathead High School in 1965. She attended Northern Montana College and graduated 1972 with Associate in Nursing degree. Upon graduating, she moved to Alaska and worked not only as a nurse, but received her pilot's license as a flight nurse. She eventually moved back to the Flathead Valley, and married Ron Mellem in 1979.

She went to work for Doctor Swenson in Kalispell, before founding her own business, Valley Medical Service, in the early '90s. She ran the business with the help of good friends and coworkers for many years, before selling the business and retiring in 2014.

Bernie was an avid skier, but she lived for golf. It was rare for there to be a week where she didn't golf when the



weather was good, and sometimes even when it wasn't. She loved any and all family

events and looked forward to every upcoming event. On quieter days, she loved to relax outside next to Ron and read. Bernie was loved by everyone who met her.

She is survived by her son, Brian, her sisters Linda Cole, Judy Young and Susan Butterfield, her brothers Gary and Dennis Butterfield, along with countless cousins, nephews and nieces and her best friends Dee and Pixie.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ron, and her parents Frederick and Irene Butterfield.

A memorial will be held in her and Ron's memory at their house in Kalispell on July 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to a local charity of your choice or Doctors Without Borders.

David Ronald Mendricks, 80

David Ronald Mendricks, 80, died Jan. 20, 2020, at his home in Bigfork.

He is survived by his

wife Peggy.

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

Monty Joe Mercier, 76

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and Chasta Herbst of Sidney.

He worked as a mechanic in several gas stations and was quite good at it. He later worked for the aluminum plant



in Columbia Falls. He retired in 2008 which was the beginning of many health issues.

Monty loved taking pictures of everything. He loved riding his Gold Wing motorcycle in the mountains. He collected matchbox cars and larger scaled ones. He also collected eagles as he loved the bald eagle.

He had a gentleness about him with animals that would make the most skittish animals walk right up to him. He loved

animals.

He also loved a good joke and loved to tell them to get a smile out of others. He always had a big smile for anyone! He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

He leaves behind his four children, two stepchildren and their mother Janie Mercier of Sidney; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; his older brother Don of Nampa, Idaho; Timothy of Sidney; his sister Jody (Roger) Petersen of Sidney; and a very special friend Darlene and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, sister Maxine Goff, one great-grandchild, sister-in-law Mila Mercier, two stepchildren and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Conrad Cemetery.

Cremation has taken place. Remember good times with Monty and remember he loved everyone!

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

Monty Joe Mercier passed on to heaven on April 15, 2020, with his daughter Barb and granddaughters Megan and Afton by his side.

He was born July 28, 1943, to Joseph and Wilma Patch Mercier in Sidney, Montana, the second of five children. He went to school in Sidney where he spent his younger years, and in 1962 moved with his family to Kalispell, where he graduated high school. He later took some college courses. He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany.

Monty was married four times to four beautiful women. He was blessed with children from each of those women: Barbara J. Mercier of Kalispell, Scott Davis of Spokane, Karla Page of Kalispell and Trevor of Shelby, Montana, as well as two stepchildren, Gary Herbst of Helena

Ronald Meshefski, 77

Ronald Meshefski, 77, of Whitefish, died Jan. 28, 2020, at his home.

No services are scheduled.

The family is being cared for by Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish.

Marlin J. Metcalf, 97

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Marlin J. Metcalf, 97, passed away in Thousand Palms, California, on Feb. 27, 2020.

Marlin was born in Hooker, Oklahoma, on Oct. 26, 1922, attended local schools and graduated from Hooker High School in 1940. He attended the Panhandle A&M; College and married his high school sweetheart, Bathena Rider, in January 1943.

In World War II, Marlin served with the U.S. Army's legendary 82nd Airborne Division, having fought in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany.

In 1955 the Metcalfs moved to West Glacier with a new addition to the family, Melissa Metcalf. For the next 45 years he managed a motel, operated a wilderness outfitter business, was the general manager of the West Glacier Golf Course, managed a snowmobile business, operated the golf cart concession at the Buffalo Hill Country Club and worked for the Montana Highway Department.

Marlin moved to Tri Palm Estates in 2002 and was a member of the Second Season Golf Club. He loved golf and everyone in the club loved him. Marlin played golf six days a week except Sunday. After each round he could be found at the patio with his golf buddies. It is estimated that he played approximately 2,500 rounds during his 18 years in the park and at least 500 times, if not more, he shot a score under his age, a truly remarkable accomplishment.

In his storied, heroic and well-lived 97 years, Marlin Metcalf was blessed with many talents and uncommon good health.



For those of us who were equally blessed to know him his hallmark was an always ready smile, accompanied by a warm personal greeting and a firm, sincere handshake.

Marlin was a man's man. Unassuming and humble about his many accomplishments, as most members of the Greatest Generation usually are. These rare qualities were what endeared him to those of us who knew him. The aura of contentment for a life well lived was exhibited in the simple pleasures of a round of golf, played at a level that most men half his age envied; and then, almost always followed by a cigar, a beverage and simple conversation that inevitably included "How'd you play today?"

Marlin is preceded in death by Bathena, his wife of 55 years; his two older sisters and infant brother; and longtime partner, Janie Fagerland.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa, in Kalispell.

Melissa wishes to thank his golf buddies that shared the stories above and also a thank you for trying to keep him out of trouble.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Golf Course.