

Marlene A. Nardinger, 82

Marlene A. Nardinger, 82, Kalispell, died Sept. 20, 2020, at Expressions in Kalispell.

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

Marlene Anne (Brusich)

PAG 25 Sept 2020
Marlene Anne (Brusich) Nardinger, 82, of Kalispell, was called to the Kingdom of God on Sept. 20, 2020, following an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease.



classy and enthusiastic teacher with a passion for teaching and reading to her stu-

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Gertrude Brusich; and is survived by her husband, Kenneth, of 59 years, as well as their two children, Sue (Wes) Plummer and Brenda (Mike) Anderson; grandchildren, Jeremy (Janell) Plummer and Amy (Eric) Gardner, eight great-grandchildren; and her brother, Bill Brusich (Diane Burns).

On Aug. 29, 1961, she married Kenneth. After receiving her four-year degree at the College of Great Falls, they moved to Kalispell where she began a 38-year career as a teacher of St. Matthew's School where "Mrs. Nardinger" will long be remembered as a

dents.

She loved her flowers, especially those at the Swan Lake cabin. She was also known for always having a homemade cookie in the jar when you stopped by!

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling her cremation. Per Ken's request, the service will be delayed until the two of them have "That Good Night" holding hands together.

Donations can be made to St. Matthew's located at 602 North Main Street, Kalispell MT 59901.

Special thanks to Frontier Hospice and the staff of Prestige Assisted Living for their care of our family.

Kenneth Hubert Nardinger, 83

Kenneth Hubert Nardinger, 83, of Kalispell, passed away Dec. 1, 2020, following an extended battle with dementia and other complications. His wife, Marlene, died two months prior. They are now joined in a heavenly reunion in God's loving arms.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene; parents, Frank and Ann Nardinger; brother, Charles Nardinger; and sisters, Louise Christensen, Janice Budeski and Phyllis Corbally.

Ken is survived by their two children, Sue (Wes) Plummer and Brenda (Mike) Anderson, along with their grand-



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children, Jeremy (Janell) Plummer and Amy (Eric) Gardner; as well as eight

beloved great-grandchildren, Sam, Ione and Sadie Plummer and Walter, Charlie, Norman, Stanley and Clyde Gardner. He is also survived by his sisters, Pat Cislo, Joanne Waldenberg, Shirley Wilson, Sharon Gray, Joyce Thoren, and Carol Nedved.

Ken attended St. Gerard's School through the eighth grade. He then went on to Central High School and the College of Great Falls. During

the summer months he worked with his dad and uncle in home construction and remodeling. He then worked for Sletten Construction building 250 duplexes at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

Following their marriage in 1961, he became an insurance adjuster, which included travel as he worked storm duty on several occasions. When he resigned from that, the family choose to reside permanently in Kalispell where he returned to his passion of building. Among his numerous projects, he built our family cabin at Swan Lake. Theirs was one of four on the property, that was a combined effort with three of his siblings. The

tradition of our annual "family week" reunion will remain a priority for generations to come as we enjoy our little piece of "heaven on earth" and remember the love and hard work of so many that made it possible.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling his cremation. A combined service for Ken and Marlene will take place at a time when we can gather family and friends.

Donations can be made to St. Matthew's, located at 602 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A special thank you to the staff of Prestige for their passionate care over the past years.

Ralph Victor Naumann, 91

PAL 22 Mar 2020
Ralph Victor Naumann passed away on March 9 from natural causes.

Ralph was born Sept. 4, 1928 to George and May (Vogler) Naumann. He was raised in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead High School in 1947. Ralph was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was a member for 90 years.

Ralph served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952. He worked at Pacific Fruit and Arctic Meats where he learned the meat cutting trade. Later he worked at Meats Supply and retired in 1992.

Ralph married Rena Ellen Naumann in 1954 and they enjoyed 65 years together. Their daughter Laurie was born in 1957. Together they made many wonderful family memories with Laurie, son-in-law Rich and their grandsons Cody and Taylor Swarthout. Camping, fishing, playing games, golfing, building and just being silly were favorites. "Gramps" could always

find something fun to do and always made you laugh.

Ralph stayed close to his brothers and sisters and was fortunate to have many good friends. He had a soft heart and cared deeply for those he loved. The care he gave Rena during her years with Alzheimer's was a true example of faithfulness, commitment and sacrifice.

Ralph is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Rich Swarthout; grandsons, Cody and Taylor Swarthout; siblings, Carl and Ellen Naumann, George and Eleanor Naumann, Jean Fredenberg and Liz Jones; sisters and brothers-in-law, Vern Hissong, Skip and Jody Hissong and Jean Hissong; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held for Ralph at a later date.



Daniel Adam Nelson, 34

PAL 1 Nov 2020
Daniel Adam Nelson, beloved son, adoring husband, and dedicated father, went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 22, 2020, at age 34.

He spent many of his younger years in Oregon until his family moved to Kalispell.

He graduated college with his surveying A.A.S. and married his wife Mary soon after. They had five children and enjoyed games, camping, and fishing in all seasons.

Dan strove to live God's kingdom on earth. Despite the loss we feel, our hearts rejoice to know he is in the full love of Jesus, his true and perfect inheritance.

He is preceded in death by Grandmother Janice Butterworth, Grandparents Marty



and Larry Jennings, Grandpa Bill Shirts, and Papa Frank.

Dan is survived by his wife

Mary; his five children; parents Steve and Sandy; brothers Matt (Krystal) and Kenny (Kerie); sister Roseanna (Jon); parents-in-law David and Roberta; siblings-in-law Elliott (Arielle) and Peggy (Kyle); Grandma Joey; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Nov. 7, 2020, at Snowline Acres at 11 a.m. Dessert and coffee to follow.

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

MEMORIAL

Ralph Naumann

PAL 26 July 2020
A memorial service will be held on Monday, Aug. 3, for Ralph Naumann, 91, who died March 9. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, located at the intersection of Whitefish

Stage Road and Rose Crossing, Kalispell. The memorial service will be at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell. There will be a lunch served immediately following the service.

Jerry Rovang Nelson, 82

PA 7 23 OCT 2020

Jerry Rovang Nelson, 82, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 19, 2020, with his family by his side.

Jerry was born on Jan. 13, 1938, in Kalispell to Raymond and Fern Nelson, joining his older sister Betty. He was raised in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1956.

Jerry went to trade school and worked for Burlington Northern Railroad. In the late 1960s, when many were laid off from the railroad, he went to Seattle and worked in the shipyards as a welder and for the power company there, then returned to Whitefish and hired back on with BNRR, working for 29 years until he injured his back on the job.

In 1992 Jerry and Sarah bought and ran Pasta-To-Go in the old Gateway West Mall. Jerry built a full-sized commercial kitchen catering and concession trailer that they used to expand the restaurant business. You could find him working alongside his wife, son Burt and mother-in-law at several of the local events in the valley as well as Big Mountain and Lost Prairie Sky Dive, along with catering many wedding events over the years.

His love of old cars



started before he had his drivers license. Working at a gas station in high school,

he bought his first car, a 1929 Pontiac, which he still owns. Over the years, he bought and restored several antique cars — a 1956 Mercury, 1953 Pontiac and Buick Skylark convertible, just to name a few, along with daily drivers he would restore for his wife. His last project was helping his son Burt with his 1966 Lincoln convertible. He enjoyed going to swap meets and he spent many car trips to them with friends and his son Burt. He loved tinkering on many projects on the

farm. Another hobby of his was restoring antique clocks; many still chime the hours each day. He loved all animals, and raised many ducks, geese, dogs and cats. He enjoyed his many friends, morning coffee with buddies over the years was a favorite activity for him.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sarah, of 35 years; son, Burt Ross Fair-Nelson, in Kalispell; son, Jimmy Nelson, in Spokane; and son, Jeff Nelson, in Kalispell; his granddaughter, Heather Nelson and great-granddaughter Kennedy in Spokane; granddaughter Jessica Beard and great-grandchildren Ayden, Aston and Chloe in Lewistown; his brother-in-law, Bill Baldwin; and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces,

-nephews, and many dear friends he made along his journey.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Fern Nelson, sister Betty Baldwin, brother Dallas Nelson, nieces Bonnie McClarty, Sarah Fern Nelson and Dawn, nephews Dallas Raymond Nelson and William "Will" Potter III, brother-in-law William "Tim" Potter II, and mother-in-law Ruby Dorsey, who left us just 10 days before Jerry.

There will be a celebration of life on the family's favorite summer activity, the annual Fourth of July potluck and barbecue at the family farm in Kalispell. A dear friend of the family's, Bill Burback will speak.

Dwayne Norman Nelson, 86

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Dwayne Norman Nelson, 86, passed away on Feb. 21, 2020, at his home in Columbia Falls.



Dwayne was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Farmington, Minnesota, to Louie and Elizabeth Nelson. He lived in Minnesota until his family moved to Auburn, Washington, in 1949, where he met his high school sweetheart, Shirley Ann Rothleutner. They married on Jan. 26, 1952, in Auburn, where sons Lonnie, Randy and David were all born.

In 1962, the family moved to Columbia Falls to be by Dwayne's sister, Elna McDonald, and her family. Dwayne went to work Oct. 22, 1962, at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant and worked there,

most of the time as a painter, until he retired in April of 1994.

Dwayne was also an accomplished lead guitar player and played with many local bands and musicians at a multitude of venues throughout Flathead Valley and beyond. Dwayne and Shirley both enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, boating, and camping with their many friends. They also spent a lot of time at their rustic cabin on "Rat Mountain" above Trego. In more recent years, they become steadfast members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Dwayne was preceded in death by his parents Louie and Elizabeth Nelson, his brother Lloyd Nelson, his sister Elna McDonald, and his in-laws Gus and Helen Rothleutner.

He is survived by his wife Shirley at their home in Columbia Falls, brother Lowell Nelson of Auburn, sons Lonnie (Suzanne) Nelson, Randy (Dixie) Nelson, all of Columbia Falls, and David (Debbie) Nelson of Chugiak, Alaska. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Eric (Kate) Nelson, Adam (Amanda King) Nelson, Lacy (Mike) Toavs, Joe (Myke) Nelson, Skylar Nelson, Michael (Stephanie Davis) Nelson, Justin (Katie Gary) Nelson, Hannah (Eugene Hung) Nelson, and Emily (Duane Combs) Nelson; and many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held for Dwayne at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on March 7 at 11 a.m. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

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Russell A. Nelson, 90

Russell A. Nelson, 90, passed away on May 20, 2020, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

No services are

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

Suzanne Louise Cestnik Nelson, 66

PA5 7 Jan 2020

Suzanne Louise Cestnik Nelson, 66, passed away peacefully at her home in Columbia Falls Dec. 28, 2020, with her family by her side. She was born Oct. 2, 1954, in Whitefish to Louis and Francis Cestnik. She was raised and lived in Columbia Falls her whole life. She married her high school sweetheart, Lonnie Nelson in 1972 and their three children, Lacy, Skylar and Michael were all born in Whitefish and raised in Columbia Falls.

Early in their marriage, Lonnie and Suzanne played music around the valley and on the road with a family country rock band called Windrift for several

years, before settling down back home in Columbia Falls. She was a hot lunch employee at Ruder School for many years.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Frances, her brother Mike Cestnik, and her father-in-law Dwayne Nelson.

She is survived by her husband Lonnie at their home in Columbia Falls, brother Terry of Missoula, and her children Lacy Toavs, and Skylar and Michael Nelson, all of the Flathead Valley. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Ayla and Isaac Toavs.

Memorial services are not planned at this time.

Roger A. Nelson, 73

PA6 4 Aug 2020

Roger A. Nelson passed away July 24, 2020.

Roger was born in Pasco, Washington, on April 11, 1947, to John and Kay Nelson. He grew up in Montana where he spent time fishing, hunting, exploring and enjoying the outdoors. Roger graduated from Bigfork High in 1966. Football was a passion of his; he played for the Bigfork Vikings football team and was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings football fan.

After graduation Roger joined the military and served in the Army during the Vietnam era. He was a proud member of the U.S. Armed Forces as an active duty member and as a veteran. He received an honorable discharge after serving from 1966 to 1969.

Roger retired as an employee for the state of Montana where he spent many of his days keeping the roads around the Flathead and Swan val-



leys maintained and safe to travel. Roger never met a stranger and could make quick friends. Roger is survived by his children,

Shani and Tony, his sister Julie and her family and extended family Stephanie, Kate, Kim and their children.

Roger was able to spend his final day with his extended family doing what he enjoyed, being outdoors, boating and fishing on a beautiful July day. Roger will be remembered and honored during a ceremony this fall.

Roger's final care was provided by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Martin W. Neuhausen Jr., 77

PAB 28 June 2020

It is with profound sadness to report the peaceful passing of my loving, caring, attentive husband and best friend, Martin "Marty" Neuhausen Jr. on June 16, 2020, at his home in Whitefish due to complications related to Lewy body dementia.

Marty was born to Martin W. Sr. and Laura "Mickey" (Holman) Neuhausen on Jan. 6, 1943, in Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Marty proudly served 20 years as a Montana Highway Patrolman. In addition to being a patrolman, he worked many other odd jobs with his friend Don "Butch" Denning. He also owned and operated Marty's Excavating in Kalispell until moving to Washington with his wife Danette in 1990 where they enjoyed many years together fishing, camping, exploring the Pacific Northwest, and vacationing on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai being his favorite. Marty was an avid perch and walleye fisherman but would never deny another fish species an opportunity to get caught. He was generous, kind and patient, sharing his knowledge of fishing or any of his other hobbies. He first taught his wife Danette to fish; together they shared that same love of fishing Lake Washington with nieces and nephews, Samantha, Stephanie, Alex, Zachary, Mason and



steak and eggs just to mix up the menu a bit.

Marty was preceded in death by his parents Martin W. Sr. and Laura "Mickey" (Holman) Neuhausen and father-in-law, John Schutt.

He is survived by his wife Danette Neuhausen, sister Beverly Macy (Dee) Macy of Homer, Alaska, brother Christian Neuhausen (Virginia) of Great Falls, father-in-law Don Frownfelter of Bigfork, mother-in-law Carol Schutt of Whitefish, brothers-in-law Kevin Schutt (Tracy), VanKirke Schutt and David Schutt, sisters-in-law Kimberly Jenkins and Connie VanDyke, many niec-

es, nephews and family dog Maya. Marty is also survived by his first wife Patricia Neuhausen and their three grown daughters, Roxanne Ely (Duane), Michele Hadley (Kevin), Julianne Neuhausen and their families.

I would like to thank my family and part-time caregiver for assisting

in the care of Marty, his friend Brock Wilson for stopping by to catch up, Dr. Timothy Stutzman for years of compassionate care, and Frontier Hospice for caring for him the week prior to his passing.

Cremation has occurred; no services/cremation per his wishes.

Jerry Raymond Neugebauer, 80

Jerry Raymond Neugebauer, 80, died on Dec. 22, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Penny Kay Nennig, 59

Penny Kay Nennig, 59, of Bigfork, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020.

No services are being planned.

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

Carol Newbury, 86

Carol Newbury, 86, of Whitefish, died at Whitefish Care on Friday, April 10, 2020.

She is survived by her children Jeanne Briette, F. Ron Newbury, Russ Newbury and Gail

Franks.

No service is scheduled at this time.

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

Carol Newbury *Whitefish Pilot*



Born June 11, 1933, in a little house by City Beach, Carol Louise Hedman Newbury ascended into Heaven Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

She was the second eldest of seven children born to Vern and Edena Hedman. Her first summer was spent in a tent at West Glacier, where Vern was a smokechaser for Glacier National Park. Other early years were

spent along the Middle Fork of the Flathead River, where mother Edena took turns bathing her children, alternating with a black bear sow and her cubs. When grizzly bears frequented their porch once too often, father Vern dispatched them with a pistol.

Carol attended grades one-12 at Whitefish schools from 1939-1951. She and elder brother Cleave began school together and graduated together in 1951. Carol married Frank J. Newbury Dec. 28, 1952 in Whitefish. Into this union were born daughter Jeanne Briette (Lou); son F. Ron; son Russ (Loralee); and daughter Gail Franks (Mark). The family was often found camping, from Glacier National Park to the provinces of Canada, with an occasional foray to Alaska. Music filled the

air in their home and pervades the family's lives to this day. Carol's reunion with family in Heaven surely led to a musical celebration rarely seen.

Central to Carol's existence was her lifelong membership in the Whitefish United Methodist Church. Hundreds of children, including her own, received their tutelage in Christianity from Carol over 25 years. She held many offices in the Church. Carol began playing piano for church services in 1949 and continued until 2001, with brief respites to raise her children.

Carol was active in many community service organizations. For more than 40 years she enjoyed playing piano and accordion for nursing homes, Soroptimists and Whitefish Golden Agers.

Carol worked for Torbert's for three years following graduation, and later the Downtowner

Motel, the Whitefish Pilot as a typesetter, and Coast To Coast hardware; Carol was a fixture at Haines Drug for 13 years. Carol was a teacher's aide at Muldown Elementary School for seven years, and also the site manager for Whitefish Golden Agers for four years.

She is survived by her four children, 13 grandchildren, 10 great grands, two brothers D. Eugene Hedman and Allan L. Hedman and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Vern and Edena Hedman, and siblings Barbara Koppy, Cleave Hedman, Wayne Hedman and Joyce Emmert.

In lieu of flowers please send memorials to the United Methodist Church of Whitefish, Methodist Women, PO Box 4248, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Services will be at a later date.

Frank Newbury



Frank Newbury's final road trip is underway. "Huckleberry's" log book entry shows the journey began Aug. 10, 2020, at 1:45 p.m. Though he had no passengers on this last journey, Frank was not alone.

For much of his life Frank was a professional driver, whether logging, or over the highways driving a semi, or as a tour bus driver in the U.S. and Canada. The time he spent in Alaska was part of his soul. It was never particularly easy being Frank. He often had a burr on his seat, but through it all his charm endured. Tour bus patrons loved his stories of the road and each unique experience he shared from his millions of miles of journeys along life's roadways. Executives asked for him by name. Railroaders were delivered, perhaps with some trepidation, to and from their assignments. Frank was often

called upon to safely ferry our children to sporting and other events across the state. In 2007, as Frank was bringing our high school tennis team back from the state tournament in Miles City, a vehicle pulled alongside near Columbus and held up a sign that smoke was coming from the back of the bus. Frank wasn't able to immediately pull off due to the ribbon of guardrail, but he sternly announced to the students that as soon as he could stop, they needed to urgently depart the bus and take nothing with them. The students did exactly as instructed — moments later the bus was engulfed in flames. For his efforts, Frank



was named the Hero of the Year by the Montana Public Transportation Association; his award trophy was never far away. The tennis team later presented Frank a Whitefish letterman's jacket, of which he was immensely proud.

Frank served in the Sea Bees in the U.S. Navy and became a masterful electrician. His wiring was a work of art. While in the Navy, Frank married his sweetheart, Carol Hedman, who passed away on Good Friday this year. They brought four children into the idyllic community of Whitefish, and raised them well — Jeanne Briette (Lou), Ron, Russ (Loralee) and Gail Franks (Mark). He had 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Frank was never far from his companion of many years, Sally Nelsen, for whom his children, and Frank, are eternally grateful.

Frank was preceded

in death by his father Frank, and stepfather Les, his mother Mary, and sisters Barb and Geraldine.

Brother Jerry and sisters Carol, Mil and Helen each played a pivotal role in Frank's life as well, and carry on.

Frank's last home was administered by the wonderful people at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, and in his last months in his apartment, he was cared for by Meals on Wheels and Frontier Hospice. Frank's children cannot extol their virtues enough.

As Huckleberry rolled through heaven's gate, to Jesus' embrace, Frank said, "I'll see y'all on the flip-side." Ten-four, Huckleberry ...

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

Ronald E. Newton, 62

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Ronald E. Newton was born on Nov. 15 of 1957 to parents Ronald A. Newton and Edna L. Newton in Ronan.

He died on the evening of Aug. 29, 2020, in the presence of loved ones on his beloved North Fork of the Flathead River — enjoying this state that so deeply ran in his heart. His last ride was in a jet boat, and he would have thought that was pretty f(leep)in' awesome.

Ron was the master of all machinery — he worked as a millwright for Plum Creek, owned his own crane operating business and was nearing retirement for the Montana Department of Transportation as a sec-



tion boss. When not using his free time for hunting (cleaning his daughter's kills), fishing,

boating or doing honey-dos for the Blister (his name for his bride), he was masterfully fabricating projects with his son.

Ron was preceded in death by his mother Edna, and brother-in-law Scott.

Ron is survived by the Queen, Tani (Eystad), his kids, Hunter (Sidney) and Katie (Austin), father Ron (Esther), brother Don (Carolyn), sisters Kimberly (Scott) and

Robin (Bill), several brothers- and sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends. His best fishing buddies Willie Eystad, Jim Gray, Chris Stewart and Joe Heil are down a legend, but no doubt they will continue to reel in hogs and grill Spam in his honor.

There will be no service per Ron's and his family's wishes. Family will spread his ashes in his favorite location at Hungry Horse Reservoir, as well as by Jim Gray and friends at their favorite fishing spot. A celebration of life party will take place at the Newton residence on Friday Sept. 11; food and drink will be

provided by the family. Please direct questions to Katie at katienevton10@gmail.com for details.

His family expresses gratitude to all of those who have reached out to share their love, to send flowers, and to keep meals coming out of our ears! We request that from here forward, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (please specify Kalispell Chapter Youth Programs either in check memo or by note in your mailed envelope); Walleyes Unlimited of Montana, P.O. Box 20918, Billings, MT 59104.

Harold Newlin, 94

Harold Newlin, 94, of Kalispell, and formerly of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, at his home in Kalispell of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place.

The Cloyd Funeral Home in Lewistown is assisting the family.

Charlotte Katherine (Flanigan) Nemitz, 82

PAG 7 June 20 2020

Charlotte Katherine (Flanigan) Nemitz passed away peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 30, 2019, at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her late husband Albert Nemitz and her son Roy Pennington.

Our mom is survived by her nine children and their spouses, Rick Pennington, Randy and Linda Engebretson; Kathy Yunk; Greg Yunk; Leona Nolan; Debbie and John Frank Birch; and Robert Snow. She is also survived by 36 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and her three younger brothers and their spouses: Francis and Janet Flanigan; Kenneth and Marylou Flanigan and Walter

Our mom was born in Lewistown on May 27, 1937, to Maurice and Katherine Flanigan. She spent her early years in Montana before moving to Spokane for the rest of her life. Her favorite hobbies included reading, attending yard sales and playing bingo with her friends. Charlotte never had much financially, but she was always willing to give her last dollar to help one of her children or a close friend.

We miss her dearly but we will never forget her inner toughness and her ability to be compassionate and caring for her family, friends and strangers.

Cody Brian Nevins, 41

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Cody Brian Nevins, 41, born Aug. 8, 1978, son of Gary and Joann Nevins; father of



Cody Jr. and Brianna; brother to Sheri and James; raised with cousins Jeri, Bryce and Justin, passed away on June 30, 2020.

Cody was a loving son, brother and father who worked hard to support his family. He was a talented artist, he loved to hunt, hike, camp and do other various family activities. He attended school in Browning and Bigfork. After graduating from Bigfork High School, Cody went on to the Art Institute of Seattle, received a degree

in Graphic Arts and later took classes at the University of Montana in Missoula.

He worked at several different occupations. His current job was with Michaels Auto Repair in Whitefish.

Cody is survived by his children Cody Jr., 14 and Brianna, 12; his parents Joann and Gary; and brother James. He was preceded in death by sister Sheri and niece Kristin.

Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, outside at 398 Elk Park Road in Columbia Falls along MT 206. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6 at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Catherine (Luce) Nicklaus, 61

PAG 16 Feb 2020

Catherine (Luce) Nicklaus, 61, was called home to be with the loving Lord, our God and Savior, on Feb. 9, 2020. She passed in the presence of her loving and caring husband Donald Nicklaus and precious son Lucas at home.

Catherine was born Feb. 19, 1958, to Lewie and Ann Luce in Kalispell. Catherine's passion and excitement for living life was apparent from the beginning. She was raised in Columbia Falls, alongside four siblings. She spent her formative years going to school and helping at home, working the garden, caring for her mother, father, brothers and sisters. Her family was everything. Loving others was her life's purpose.

Catherine and Donald Nicklaus met in Whitefish and their beautiful love story began. They were soon married May 27, 1978, in Columbia Falls where they broke ground to build a home and life together, the years being irrelevant when a love lasts forever. Many times Donald would introduce Catherine as his "life" which seemed more magnificent than the word wife! Donald and Catherine would soon be blessed with a lovely



son, Lucas John, and together they continued to build their lives as one.

Catherine loved her family; she poured all of her energy into loving Don and Luke, and always had plenty left over for everyone in her life. She, in turn, was loved by Donald on a level in which could only be measured by counting the "I love you's" under every grain of sand on earth.

Her love and energy was boundless! In addition to her family, she cared for her mother and father, sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, in-laws and friends all while taking care of herself doing what she loved to do. She was feisty, determined and confident! Gardening and quilting were her specialties. She would find respite from her life's work with her loving family near the waters and campfires in the Flathead Valley. Many special memories were made and shared on Echo Lake, Lion Lake and Hungry Horse Reservoir to name a few.

Catherine joined the faculty at Columbia

Falls School District 6, Oct. 31, 1994, where she touched many lives in the Special Needs programs. Providing unending love and encouragement to those who often needed it the most, both her co-workers and students. She will always be remembered for her morals and principles! Those she surrounded herself with touched her life and added to her purpose here on earth.

Catherine was passionate about loving and serving her husband and son, her family and friends. She was not bashful about giving anyone a hug whether they knew they wanted or needed one. Catherine's passion for living and love on this earth will be forever missed by every life she touched. Catherine's spirit is now eternally free with the Lord forever!

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, Lewie and Ann Luce, mother- and father-in-law, Raymond and Janette Nicklaus, and several extended family members.

Catherine is survived by her husband and true love, Donald Nicklaus, her son, Lucas Nicklaus, both of Columbia Falls; her brothers and sisters, Leila Ann King of

Chester, Ronald Luce of Columbia Falls, Julia Schooler of North Dakota, Lewie Luce Jr. (Debbie) of Columbia Falls; as well many brother- and sister in-laws, Joan (Robin) McElrath of Whitefish, Cheryl (Carl) Nelson of Columbia Falls, Betty (Don) Wilhelm of Kalispell, Karen (Leonard) Wilke, of Valier, and Randy Nicklaus of Kalispell; and many precious nieces, nephews, cousins and all their extended families.

Funeral services will be held at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls Wednesday, Feb. 19, (This would have been her 62nd birthday) at 11 a.m. A visitation will start one hour prior to services at 10 a.m. Burial will follow immediately after the service at Woodlawn Cemetery. The family would like to invite you to bring your favorite dish to share in a celebration of Catherine's beautiful life at Birch Grove Community Center, 549 Birch Grove Road, Kalispell, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Special Education Department, School District 6, P.O. Box 1259, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Louise Nies, 89

Louise Nies, 89, of Kalispell, died Dec. 14, 2020, in Kalispell.

No services are being held at this time.

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

Roy Lee Nielson, 62

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Roy Lee Nielson was born in Murray, Utah on July 15, 1957, to Joseph and ReNee Nielson. Roy passed away while in the presence of loving family on April 22, 2020, in Kalispell.



league baseball and also played on the Murray softball league in Utah. In 1999 he

for starting their own business, Rock on the Wall Masonry. They followed in his footsteps as masons.

No matter what, Roy was always there for his family and friends. He had the biggest heart for the people in his life.

Roy was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Nielson; brother Lyn Nielson; and sisters-in-law Kim Nielson and Alice Nielson.

He is survived by his wife Debbie Nielson; daughter Katie Nielson; sons Joe Nielson (Becca); Jeff Nielson (Lauren); and grandsons Dawson and Jeren Nielson, all

After high school, he went into the Army. Roy was released with an honorary discharge. He then attended trade school and graduated as a mason.

Roy married the love of his life, Debbie, on Sept. 22, 1978. He worked for the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier for 15 years while at the same time doing masonry work.

Roy coached little

moved to Kalispell with this family. He worked as a mason for an additional 15 years. Roy was the guy that was only a phone call away, the one that was always there to help, no matter what.

The love Roy had for his beautiful special needs daughter, Katie, was a love like no other. He was so proud of his sons, Joe and Jeff,

of Kalispell. He is also survived by his mother ReNee Nielson; brothers Joe Nielson and Flip Nielson (Shelley); sister Brandee Jensen (Chuck); nieces Jamie Nielson (Pat) and Raelyn Jensen; and nephews John Nielson (CherRee) and Ryan Jensen, all of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Services will be held at a later date. Roy was cremated. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for the family. Friends and family are encouraged to visit: <https://www.jgfuneralhome.com>

Tim A. Nielson, 71

Tim A. Nielson, 71, of Kila, died March 28, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Sheri.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Paulette M. Medill-Njirich

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10 June 2020

Paulette passed away peacefully on June 3, 2020, with her devoted husband Gary at her side.

Paulette was born at the Mother Lode Hospital in Jamestown, California, on Oct. 17, 1942, to Al and Mary Medill, founders of the original Rancho Cafe in Sonora, California. Paulette attended grammar school in Soulsbyville and graduated from Sonora High.

In 1972 Paulette married her high school sweetheart, Gary R. Njirich, and had four children between them.

Paulette owned a small dress shop in Manteca, California, called "AM PM Fashions" and was involved with Soroptimist International as well as the Manteca Chamber of Commerce. She and Gary



also had a love for the restaurant business. They moved to Libby, Montana, and opened

the Libby Cafe. Paulette had a passion for baking, which led to a bi-product of the restaurant, "Montana Muffins." After 23 years of restaurant business, Paulette and Gary closed and retired in 2017 with plans to relocate back to California. Not long after, Paulette was unexpectedly diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease and fought a hard battle for a year and a half.

Paulette was preceded in death by her daughter, Deanna Montgomery-

Clements.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Gary R. Njirich, of Pine Grove, California; daughters, Lisa Njirich-Robertson of Valley Springs, California, and Theresa Njirich-Ruiz of Pine Grove; son, David Montgomery, of Danville, California; and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Final arrangements will be handled by the Neptune Society of Northern California per Paulette's wishes.

Pauline 'Polly' Nikolaisen, 99

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Pauline "Polly" Nikolaisen passed away Aug. 21, 2020. She was born of Norwegian heritage on Dec. 3, 1920, in Egeland, North Dakota, to Peter and Mae (Rasmussen) Odegaard. She was raised on the family farm where the wind blew and it was a long way to school, and she was the eldest girl of 13 brothers and sisters. Polly graduated from Egeland High School in 1938, and Dakota Business College in Fargo, North Dakota.

Because jobs were scarce in North Dakota in the early 1940s, Polly and a group of friends drove to California looking for employment. She worked for Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California during World War II, and was proud to help the war effort as a "Rosie the Riveter." She later worked for the Bank of America in Hollywood. In 1949, she married Ed Nikolaisen, who had also grown up in Egeland, North Dakota, in Grand Prairie, Texas. A trip to visit relatives brought them to the Flathead Valley, where Polly's great-grandparents had settled in the early 1900s, and Polly and Ed moved to Kalispell in 1951.

Polly was a homemaker when daughters, Corlis and Julie, were growing up. She gardened, canned and preserved food, sewed all the girls' clothes, and was a 4-H leader for 15 years, teaching many girls how to cook and sew. Polly enjoyed sewing throughout her life, especially making baby quilts and "crazy" quilts. She called her quilt making "out the door," and her beautiful creations were given to families with new babies and any family member, friend or stranger who needed a warm quilt.



themselves
Polly was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and had a

strong faith in God that never wavered. Family was very important to her, and she traveled frequently to attend family gatherings and grandchildren's special milestones.

Due to health issues, in recent years Polly spent more time at home in her apartment at Buffalo Hill Terrace. She found a new focus and a way to continue to help others through her Sons of Norway Lodge. Polly collected, sorted and trimmed stamps gathered from local businesses and friends from around Montana and the U.S. to send to a Norwegian organization called Tubfrim. Tubfrim sells the stamps to collectors to raise money for tuberculosis research, as well as to help disabled children. Polly worked on the stamps daily, and sent many pounds of stamps to Norway.

Sen. Conrad Burns honored Polly as Montana Woman of the Year 2004 and said, "It is an honor to acknowledge a woman who always goes the extra mile for her friends, her family, and her community. The Montana Woman gives more of herself than is ever expected and seeks nothing in return."

Polly is survived by her children, Corlis (Ron) Schellberg of Boise, Idaho, and Julie (David) Metzger of Seattle; four grandchildren, Emily Harris, Zeke Schellberg, Zachary and Christopher Metzger; and one great-grandchild, Ingrid Harris. Other survivors include her sisters, Doris "Dorie" Johnson of Cando, North Dakota, and Lucille "Lucy" Gau of Fargo; and many nieces and nephews.

When Polly's girls were older, she returned to work, and in 1976 was named the director of the Area Agency on Aging, where she was in charge of aging programs for seven counties and the Salish and Kootenai tribes.

After her retirement and Ed's death in 1986, she continued her work as an advocate for senior citizens in Montana. She spoke to legislators in Helena about aging issues, attended National Silver Haired Congresses in Washington, D.C., and was appointed by three governors to White House Conferences on Aging. She worked tirelessly as a court-appointed guardian for several elderly and disabled people in Kalispell, including her aunt and uncle, Elmer and Eunice Odegaard, and Bobby Ward (for 25 years), and lovingly gave of her time and energy on their behalf. She served on many committees and boards of organizations in the Flathead Valley, including the Immanuel Lutheran Corporation board when Buffalo Hill Terrace was built. Polly and Montana Gov. Ted Schwinden turned the first shovelful of dirt for the groundbreaking of the Terrace. Polly was a person of integrity, who stood up for what was right, and spoke for those who couldn't speak for

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, in 1986; and brothers and sisters, Florence (Sam) Nikolaisen, Louella Schaeffer, Anna Mae (5 years old), Alfred "Bud," Howard "Dutch," Everette, Don, Al, Bill, and 3-day-old Robert.

Our family sincerely thanks the staff and residents of Buffalo Hill Terrace who have been Polly's family since 2001. Also thanks to our friends, Gordon and Linda Alsberg, Polly's great-niece, Amy Odegaard, and others who have been by her side when her family couldn't be.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. All family and friends are welcome, and attendees are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Resident Christ Care Fund at Immanuel Lutheran Home Communities, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, or Ray of Hope in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory are entrusted with arrangements.

James Wilbur Noffsinger 83

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Havre; and his parents.

Jim loved the mountains and hunting. When listening and watching him tell a story of hunting camp you could always find a smile on his face and a gleam in his eye. One of the many traits he instilled in his children was his strong work ethic.



Railroads and riding were a good life. Jim is survived by his sisters Helen Clark of Whitefish and Mary Little of Brandon, Florida; sons Jim Noffsinger of Whitefish, and Jay Noffsinger of Hamilton; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James Wilbur Noffsinger 83, passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at his home outside of Whitefish where he lived with his full-time care giver Vicki Brockfish.

Jim was born June 1, 1937, in Cardston, Alberta. His parents moved to Havre where he attended Catholic School. Jim also worked for the Park Saddle Horse Company, which his family owned.

In 1959 Jim enlisted into the United States Army, serving four years (honorably discharged), and worked on the railroad for 44 years before retiring as a conductor. After retiring, you could find Jim out cutting firewood and enjoying his home up in Essex.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Gail Noffsinger, the true love of his life; brother, George Noffsinger of

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Elaine Nix, 84

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Jacqueline "Jackie" Elaine Nix, 84, passed away Dec. 7, 2020, at The HealthCenter, Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jackie was born in California. She met her husband, Mel, at high school in Elk Grove, California. They were married 56 years until Mel's death in 2012. Mel's work for Texaco, Inc. took them north to Eureka, California, Eugene, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. After retirement in Seattle (1991), their close friends, Jim and Betty Ault of Whitefish, encouraged them to consider relocating to the Whitefish area. Mom and Dad loved the area, the people, and the recreation opportunities of the state.

Jackie was a homemaker; she loved her family, friends, and neighbors. Hospitality was her gift — welcoming all to their home. Much of her life was spent serving those around her in many capacities including Sunday school teacher, youth group leader with Mel, Cub Scout den lead-



er, Brownie leader, and classroom mother. Jackie continued to pursue her education as an

adult taking classes at the local community college while being a busy wife and mother of two middle school children. Her time was also spent caring for others, including her beloved ladies circle group and newsletter group at Christ Lutheran Church. Jackie and Mel loved their granddaughters, Holly and Hana! They had so much fun together and received great joy from one another.

Jackie and Mel's entire married life was filled with cherished pets who joined them on their recreation adventures.

Jackie was a compassionate, loyal, and sweet-natured woman with a servant's heart who was loved and admired by all who met her.

Jackie is survived by her son, Stephen (and

Tammy) Nix; daughter Ruthmarie (and Mark) Wright; two granddaughters Holly and Hana; a sister Barbara Kubacki; a sister-in-law Lucy D'Angelo and numerous nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life service will be held Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT with Senior Pastor Dan Clites officiating. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service assisted the family. The family wishes to acknowledge and thank the Whitefish Fire Department and emergency room staff/HealthCenter staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their outstanding and compassionate care of Jackie.

If desired, memorial contributions suggestions are:

Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937

All Mosta Ranch, P.O. Box 937, Marion, MT 59925

Marylou Nolde

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Marylou Nolde (May 28, 1938 to March 20, 2020)

This is not your typical obituary. But my Mom was not your typical person. She had a beaming smile that could light up a room. She loved her family and dogs dearly and had more talents than your average person.

Marylou (Mom) was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana, as was my Dad (Harold Nolde, "Hal"). They were both from loving supportive families. Mom and Dad met in high school and, after they both attended different universities, they returned to Montana where they were mar-



ried and went on to have 60 years together. Only death would end their storybook marriage.

My Mom was a

Registered Nurse and traveled along with my Dad's busy corporate life practicing her profession in many states. When they settled in Arizona, she became a pediatric nurse and a darn good one. How do I know? She took care of her patients like she took care of her family when we were sick or injured with great compassion and love.

She was a gifted and talented musician — a vocal soprano in fact. She performed throughout her youth in productions and solo performances. When she transitioned to raising a family, she was the star of her church choir.

Mom and Dad raised two great daughters, one of them is me (Kristi Nolde-Morrissey) and the other is my sister, Mary Schraven. I must also mention their son-in-law Paul (my husband) who has been like a son to Marylou for 30 years. She was also blessed with one successful grandson, Kyle (my sister's boy).

When we were a young family, we went camping, fishing, boating, and attended ASU football games. We also had a ball camping near the beach in Rocky Point, Mexico and watching musicals as a family. Everyone loved her and her outgo-

ing personality. She had many hobbies including sewing, watching sports (huge ASU supporter), and being the go-to person for everyone seeking medical advice. In 1986, my parents built a summer home on the lake in Whitefish, Montana, and they lived the ultimate lifestyle: snowbirds. Mom was also active in supporting my Dad in his Masonic endeavors.

Mom and Dad had German Shepherds and Siamese cats throughout their lives together. Mom is survived by her adoring German Shepherd, Heidi.

To say she will be

missed would be the biggest understatement. We will forever love her and will try to honor her life by living with her joyful spirit in mind. Mom, I love you.

Due to the pandemic, we are planning a service to be held in Whitefish, when our national emergency ends.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity or Diamond Dogz of Arizona, P.O. Box 13163, Scottsdale, AZ 85267 or at www.diamonddogzaz.org

Gerald 'Gary' D. Noland, 71

Gerald "Gary" D. Noland, age 71, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2020.



A happy born-in-Montana man who could design, build, repair anything; manage workers and complex projects; skillfully operate his beloved Bobcat; ride, pack and shoe horses; all while being a good husband, father and friend; however, he never conquered spelling or cancer.

Gary simply loved his wife, Sandra; daughters, Kayleen, Yvonne, Lindella and Ronelle; parents, Carroll and Vel; siblings and spouses, Charlie, Laurel, Ken, Rhonda, Roy,

Sherry, Dan, Terry, Kelly; grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Sam and Kay; nieces, nephew, and friend, Frenchy. He excelled as a construction superintendent for Williams Brothers Construction in Billings and as a Landscape Architect at Glacier National Park: Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Project.

His parting advice: Change the oil every 2,000 miles.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.shriderthompson.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home.

Wallace D. 'Mark' Norley, 89

Wallace D. "Mark" Norley passed away from cancer at The Retreat at Buffalo Hill on the morning of Dec. 8, 2020.

Mark was born Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931, to Louis H. Norley and Anna Hansen Norley and was nicknamed "Bunny," a sobriquet he still carries among friends. He has long been known for his artistic talent and effervescence. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Montana State University, then served in the U.S. Air Force. After discharge as a first lieutenant, he moved to Los Angeles, attended UCLA and received an Master of Art in Design degree from



Glendale School District. He became widely known as an artist and art critic. It was in Glendale that he met his companion James Udick and they enjoyed the next 57 years together doing the things they both enjoyed

California State University, Los Angeles.

Mark then spent the next 40 years as a gifted art instructor and administrator on the secondary and college levels in the

doing, especially travelling the U.S. and the world.

Upon retirement, he and James moved to Kalispell in 1993 and even before settling in became involved in the local museums and community affairs. Mark served as president of the boards of the Hockaday Museum, the Conrad Mansion Museum, the Bigfork Art and Cultural Center, and as chairman of the City of Kalispell Architectural Review board, as well as working hard for "Save Central School," the genesis of that fine institution. He continued his artistic career and had a one-man show of his work at Flathead Valley Community College. He also

was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church and had served on the Vestry.

He leaves behind his companion James Udick, niece Lt. Col. Michele Middlesworth of Broomfield Colorado, nephew Louis Norley of Elk Grove, California, and the many, many friends whom he dearly loved.

Mark's last earthly home will be the Hillside Cemetery in the Norley family plot in Conrad, Montana, and a memorial service in Kalispell will be held at a later date.

"Goodbye, my friend, my pal, my all."