

Gina Deborah Pallone, 56

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Gina Deborah Pallone, 56, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at her home in Fort Morgan.

She was born Feb. 10, 1964, in New Brunswick City, New Jersey, to Philip and Barbara (Poirier) Pallone.

Gina moved to the Fort Morgan area about eight years ago from Montana. She enjoyed traveling, especially the Montana and Colorado mountains. She called herself an "amateur storm chaser" because she liked to watch storms roll in and see how they develop.

Survivors include



her close friend John Whittum of Fort Morgan, daughter Valerie Coston

who lives in Abilene, Texas, three grandchildren, and Zoey the poodle.

Memorial services will be Friday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. at the Platte Valley Baptist Church in Fort Morgan.

Memorial gifts can be given in Gina's name to the American Heart Association.

Tel Daniel Parsley, 27

Tel Daniel Parsley, 27, of Kalispell, died Oct. 4, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Allie Parsley, and his children.

A celebration of life held will be at 11 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 9, at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church, 150 Lamb Lane.

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

Paul Pasco, 80

Paul Pasco, 80, of Columbia Falls, died March 7, 2020, at North Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, and his children Paulette Beaty,

Donna Raidi and Jim Wunderlech.

Services are pending.

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

Violet Rose Palmer, 87

Violet Rose Palmer, 87, of Kalispell died Jan. 29, 2020 in Kalispell. There will be an urnside service

at 1 p.m. on Feb. 21 at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bobby L. Parker, 89

Bobby L. Parker, 89, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; and his children, Teri Parker-West, Kevin Parker, Barbara Cook, Janice

Carter, Tim Kirk and Dee Kirk.

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

David Parker, 58

David Parker, 58, of Kalispell, died Friday, May 29, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Debby and his children Domino Dunckel, Angela Becerra and Andrew Johnson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Russell Pandina

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Russell Pandina passed away Feb. 10, 2020, at his home surrounded by family and his dog Gizmo. He endured a long, brave fight with heart complications and infection. Russell had an unbelievable will to live and strived to be happy through it all. He continually amazed family, friends, and the medical community he worked with.

Russell learned to value integrity, hard work, honesty and bravery as a young child. He often told others about his first job at about eight years old. He had a long, cold early morning newspaper route. His father made him give him half of any money earned to help support the family. He always thought secretly maybe his father was saving it for him, but eventually found out it was not the case. He attended both Catholic and public schools. He grew up fishing and hunting for fun as well as to help feed the family. Russell tested his teacher's patience and tempers throughout grade school and high school while always achieving excellent grades. He needed the straight "A's" to satisfy himself more than anyone else. As a teenager he worked at a typical '50s fast food burger place and a grocery store. In 1952 he joined the Air Force.

Russell had a great and dedicated love for his country. He joined the Air Force as an airman and was stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base until March 1965. He was then promoted to captain in the U.S. Air Force and selected to enter into an Air Force education program, which led him to a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from Oklahoma State University. Russell graduated magna cum laude and academically placed third in his class. He was a member of Phi Kappa Nu, and Chi Gamma Lota, both honor fraternities.



hot water and heating for the whole house regardless of the amount of solar energy available.

During 1987 to 1988 Russell was president/marketing director of RAP of NM. He marketed a patented

advertising product called the "Joey Board."

From 1988 to 1996 Russell owned and operated businesses in Northern Idaho and Northwest Montana for the sale of electronic credit card systems and the services of a processing center representative for Master Card and Visa. Russell and his family moved to Columbia Falls in 1992. From 1996 to 2014, Russell owned and operated Bancard Services ATM sales and service.

From 2010 to present Russell owned and operated an event venue, "A Field of Dreams" in Columbia Falls.

A major part of Russell's life was about teaching and competition. It was reflected by his decisions to help countless family and friends with advice and finances to succeed in their life and businesses. Russell loved all sports, especially golf. He became an excellent golfer and played for the Air Force Academy of Golf. While, serving his career of 16 years in the military he proudly golfed on tour for a period of time along with his other duties.

After graduation from Oklahoma State University Russell attended Officers Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He was a distinguished graduate of OTS and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force in August 1967. Due to his high academic grades he was selected to attend the University of Illinois for graduate work in electrical engineering. Russell received his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree in January 1969. Then, he was commissioned as a research project engineer with the Department of Defense at Fort Mead, Maryland. There, he designed and supervised construction of state-of-the-art electronics used by the services. Russell then worked undercover for the National Reconnaissance Program (NRO) launching satellite missiles over the Soviet Union. This was a program designed by the Department of Defense and the CIA to ensure another Pearl Harbor would never happen. This undercover work involved using false identification and traveling without his family knowing where he was going or what he was doing. Russell and the other men who served in the NRO were honored in September 2011 at the National Air and Space Museum for their dedicated work where the whole program was brought out of secrecy.

Russell loved boating on Flathead Lake, including the times of getting lost in the dark, unable to find the way back in to the dock. He loved traveling through his own country as well as exploring other ones. Spending time with family became one of Russell's favorite things. Over the years he developed a special connection with children. He began a tradition of reading "The Night Before Christmas" to all the little ones in the house and never missed a year in over 30 years of reading it since beginning the tradition. He really enjoyed being around grandchildren. Russell and his wife designed and created a legacy in a large back yard for children, grandchildren and future generations of family and friends to remember him by and enjoy.

He attended Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell when his health allowed. His love, faith and solid belief in salvation gave him the strength to get through the ill health he endured in his last years of life.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Clara Pandina; a brother, John Pandina; and a son, John McMunn.

Russell is survived by his wife, Charlene; daughters, Tammy Pandina Scot, Alisa McMunn and Jessica Goodsell; and sons, Russell Pandina II and Shaun Pandina; grandchildren, Jesse Colosimo, Cameron Scot, Cody Pandina, Kyla Pandina, Sydney Pandina, Alexis Pandina, Kelvin Pandina, Noah Pandina, Jeremiah Pandina, Jillan Goodsell and Jordan Goodsell; and four great grandchildren; a brother, Anthony Pandina; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Russell Pandena (Cont)

From 1975 to 1976 Russell studied pre-med and biological science in Santa Barbara, California. From 1976 to 1980 he attended George Washington University Medical School in Washington, D.C.

From 1977 to 1985 Russell owned and operated three different solar companies in Maryland, California, and New Mexico. He designed a revolutionary "Solar Fire System" which provided

Russell will be extremely missed by so many people so special to him. We love him and look forward to being reunited with him on the great day of Christ's return to claim his own for all eternity.

A memorial service will be held in his honor at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Delores married Thomas Peck of Columbia Falls on June 23, 1956, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Inverness, thus beginning an adventurous, sometimes chaotic, but always loving 55-year marriage. At a time when there were very few examples to follow, Delores very successfully managed the many duties of a working mother of five with amazing energy, compassion, organization and discipline. As she and Tom made moves farther west before finally settling in the Flathead Valley, she warmly embraced every community's residents, culture and uniqueness and always found a way to make a contribution. She was most alive and passionate in her elementary classrooms, nurturing youth for 32 years in a loving, skillful and firm manner. Her greatest

Condolences may be left on Delores (Mangold) Peck's online guest book at www.sonoranskiesmortuary.com.

Delores will undoubtedly be an industrious and loving angel sharing her bright smile and twinkling blue eyes with everyone after joyfully embracing Gramps, Yvonne and other family and friends. She will be immensely missed by all of us fortunate enough to have received some of her sunshine, kindness and love.

Delores (Marie) Mangold Peck, 83

Delores (Marie) Mangold Peck of Lewistown, Montana, passed away on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at Friendship Village Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Arizona. Details of memorial and burial services in Montana will be provided at a later date.

Delores was born on Aug. 16, 1936, in Havre to Joseph and Amelia (Schweitzer) Mangold, German-speaking immigrant wheat farmers seeking the American dream.

Delores grew up in Inverness, Montana, where she graduated from high school after beginning her formal education speaking only the language of her parents. She attended Northern Montana College in her birthplace, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education, persevering through challenging, years-long interruptions, including marriage, children, and employment outside of the home. Earning her degree was a powerful testament of her personal grit and determination to "finish what you start," and served as a meaningful lesson and example for her children and succeeding family generations.



pleasure was guiding her students to their highest achievements.

Delores was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Peck, and her daughter, Yvonne Peck.

Delores is survived by her daughters Michelle Peck of Missoula, Starla (Monte) Solberg of Lewistown, and Patty (Scott) Daugharty of Eagle River, Alaska; and her son, Thom (Angie) Peck of Lewistown; her sisters, Joyce Spicher, Marilyn Meier, Janice Hoppes and Evelyn (John) Fischer; her grandchildren, Jamie (Chad) Nordhagen, Tyler (Sienna) Solberg, Scot (Chelsea) Solberg, Conor Daugharty, Kaitlyn Daugharty, Taylor Peck and Kylie Peck; her great-grandchildren, Lola Nordhagen, Emilia Solberg, Shayla Solberg, Tatum Solberg, Mira Solberg, and Jett Solberg; and many nieces and nephews, far too many to list.

In honor of Delores's fervent desire to positively impact others' lives and her strong belief in the power of education, memorial donations can be sent to Blackfeet Community College at P.O. Box 819, Browning, Montana 59417. Contributions are tax deductible and will be much appreciated by this vibrant, ever-expanding and fully accredited community college. It was in Browning where the Peck family received very meaningful and life-changing lessons beyond the walls of a classroom and were blessed with forever friends and many cherished memories. Your choice of a preferred charity is also encouraged.

James Merwin Pearson, 81

James Merwin Pearson, 81, passed away quietly at home surrounded by his family



Aug. 15, 2020, after a trying battle with mesothelioma. He fought that battle courageously and faithfully, culminating in a peaceful transition to his new home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jim was a business teacher/administrator for 24 years beginning in Arlee and ending in Ronan. He saw the potential in his students, invested in them, and was encouraged to see them develop to their full potential while having fun along the way. As a result he was respected by his students and colleagues alike. During the later years of teaching Jim combined his business knowledge and woodworking skills to establish Cottage Creations of Crow Creek. He and his wife, Lora, of 61 years, created and produced many beautiful wood items and enjoyed touring the West selling the same at craft shows over the course of 23 years, enabling many happy customers to enjoy his talents as a craftsman.

Jim was always the gentlemen and was full of sage advice for his family whom he dearly loved. He was always genuinely

interested and engaged each of them to learn what was happening in their lives and provided support, love and also counsel, but only if asked! Jim's family, including some very dear friends, and his faith were the two things that were paramount in his life. A life-long Lutheran, he most recently belonged to and enjoyed Christian fellowship at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Lora, three wonderful sons and their families, Eric and Theresa; Kirk and Leslie and sons Carl and Micah; and Victor and Christy and daughters Hannah and Danielle and son Nathaniel. He celebrated the addition of Stephen Kleinheider to the family as Hannah's husband in May of this year. While each is deeply saddened for their loss at his passing they also rejoice in the knowledge that he is now in the presence of Jesus in a far better place and reunited with his parents and brother, who preceded him in death.

Services will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church Sept. 10, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Shawn Osborne leading in this celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, those who desire may make donations in memory of Jim to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp at flbc.net/donate-volunteer; or Heifer International at Heifer.org/give/giving-in-honor.html.

Georgia Leigh Penniman, 79

Georgia Leigh Penniman of Ronan, daughter of William and Ruby Penniman, passed away on Nov. 25, 2020.

There will be a live stream service on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m., on Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Ronan Facebook page.

Georgia was born on Aug. 11, 1941, in Brainerd, Minnesota. She graduated from Roundup, Montana, got her bachelors in physical education at Eastern Montana College, and her master's in counseling at Whitworth.

She was a cowgirl, musician, teacher, counselor and missionary. She served the Lord for



over 40 years in Youth With A Mission. Even through all her travels, her heart was in Montana.

To quote from her will: "My greatest desire and final request is that all whom I love, totally commit their lives to Jesus, thank Him for dying for their sins and invite Him into their lives to rule and reign." Memorials may be sent to Montana Intercessors, P.O. Box 777, Ronan, MT 59864.

Alfred 'Al' Victor Pennock, 91

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Alfred "Al" Victor Pennock of Libby passed away peacefully Thursday Feb. 27, 2020, at the age of 91.

Al was born on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1928, to George Victor and Clara Ellen Pennock, where he joined sister Phyllis Nadine in Horton, Oregon. A few years later sister Dixie Lee was born. "Fritz," as he was called by his close friends and family, graduated from Triangle High School in Blachly, Oregon, in 1946, where he lettered in basketball and football.

Al joined the U.S. Air Force on Feb. 13, 1947. He took his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and was sent to Radar School in Raton, Florida. Al proudly served his country until 1968. He was involved in the Korean Conflict in 1951 with the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing. In 1952 he was re-assigned to the Yaak Radar Station outside of Troy, Montana, where he met Jeanne Cole Olson and young son Randy Lee of Libby.



They were married in October of 1953 and shortly thereafter were assigned to North Bend, Oregon, where their three children Patty,

Larry and Donnie were all born in nearby Coos Bay. Al's assignments then took the family to Beaver Lodge, Alberta, 1958 through 1961; Klamath Falls, Oregon, 1961 to through 1966; and Las Vegas, 1966 through 1968 where he retired from the U.S. Air Force on Dec. 1, 1968.

During Al's years of service, the family traveled annually to visit grandparents and family members in Oregon and Montana during the holidays. They also traveled to other destinations, including Crater Lake (one of Al's favorites to feed the squirrels

and take in the beautiful scenery), Glacier National Park, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Lake Mead, Disneyland, trips to the Oregon Coast, as well as many camping trips.

Al's retirement took the family back to Troy from 1969 through 1971. There he worked at Len's Chevron until he was hired on with W.R. Grace (Zonolite) in Libby in 1971 where he stayed employed to fully retire in 1999.

In late 1971 Al and Jeanne divorced; he then moved to Libby where he met his second wife Betty Lou Case Volken and they married in February of 1975. He was joined by her four teenaged children, Duane, Jerry "Dean," David and Vicki.

Al became actively involved with the VFW Post 1548 for years during his time in Libby, serving at many positions as well as an Honor Guard. In 2006, he was presented a plaque for Meritorious & Distinguished Service.

Al enjoyed the outdoors, fly fishing, hunting, berry picking, gathering wood and just taking in the scenery. He also loved bowling and played softball for many years during his time in the U.S. Air Force.

Al was preceded in death by his parents George and Clara, sister Dixie Lee, his wife Betty Lou, stepson Randy Lee, and grandson Larry "Duane" Pennock.

Al is survived by sister Phyllis Nadine Frazier of Turner, Oregon, daughter-in-law Sherry of Troy, daughter Patricia "Patty" Drane and husband Rick of Kalispell, sons Larry and wife Toni Pennock of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Donnie and wife Karol of Hayden, Idaho, Duane, Dean, David Volken and Vicki, 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby April 18 at 1 p.m.

Randolph Pepe, 84

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Randolph Pepe, 84, passed away at Highland Manor in Mesquite, Nevada, on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020.



He was born on Oct. 24, 1935, to

Randolph and Mildred Richards Pepe.

He married Beverley Johns and they just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May.

Randy was raised in Boonton, New Jersey, and graduated from Boonton High School. After high school, he joined the New Jersey National Guard and was stationed at Fort Dix. Randy was also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, Boonton Township. In 1960, he joined the U.S. Postal Service, and then retired after 37 years.

He and Beverley enjoyed traveling, lived in Florida, Montana and moved to Mesquite in 2016. He loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Beverley; three children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Leonard 'Lenny' A. Perry Jr., 58

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On Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, Leonard "Lenny" A. Perry Jr., loving husband and father of three children, passed away at his home and started his eternal journey.

Lenny was born on May 21, 1961, in Ogden, Utah, and was 58 years old.

He was preceded in death by his father and sister Robin.

His family soon moved to Butte, and Montana became home to Lenny. He graduated from Butte High School in 1980, and later that year joined the United States Air Force, at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. Over his 12-year career he served as a heavy equipment specialist and a strategic aircraft maintenance technician. He also served in support of Operation Desert Storm, as part of the 8th Civil Engineering Squadron. He was relocated, as part of his years of service, living in Louisiana, at Barksdale Air Force Base, in California, at Castle Air Force Base, and one year of service in South Korea. He was honorably discharged E-5 SSGT, upon which time he moved his family back to Kalispell.

He met the love of his life, Cathy, while at Malmstrom AFB, and they were married in an intimate ceremony on Aug. 25, 1981, in Great Falls, surrounded by family and friends. They shared 38 beautiful years together raising three daughters Tessa Perry, Hillary Counts and Stephanie Pelizzari.

Lenny's nature was to serve others, with a career serving our country, and serving anyone in need in his private time. He was not one to pass by a person needing a push-start, a pull out of a ditch, or their car jumped. He once saved a dog from drowning in



a frozen pond, and helped a woman being assaulted on the side of the road, taking her to safety.

In the early years, he spent time in his shop

with friends, rebuilding snowmobiles for another weekend of climbing the Rockies. He later rode his Harley with his wife and friends, even making a trip to Sturgis.

He enjoyed boating and spent time fishing on Flathead Lake with his wife, daughters and grandchildren. When they weren't boating, they were camping at Lost Johnny with lifelong friends where he enjoyed everyone around the campfire.

Lenny was also an avid "rodder." He enjoyed classic cars and owned a few over the years. On Sundays Lenny would call bingo at the Eagles with his wife and many friends he made there.

His patience was long, his kindness was vast, and his unconditional love was never-ending.

Along with his three

daughters, he is survived by his three grandchildren, Hallee Counts, Sean Norris and Joseph Pelizzari and his son-in-law, John Pelizzari, along with the many, many friends he made along the way; and lastly his loving dogs, Pepper and Sugar. Over his 27 years in the Flathead Valley Lenny worked for Lee's Distributing owned by Chuck Lee, Bolsters Towing owned by Dennis and Margo Frownfelter, the Plum Creek Evergreen Plywood Plant, as well as Spoklie's Construction helping to build the bypass highway in Kalispell. Lenny

also attended Flathead Community College where he received an Associate in Applied Sciences degree and worked shortly for Falkor Defense.

We will miss his childish giggle, his sparkling blue eyes and his calming ways.

There will be a celebration of Lenny's life late this summer. There will be an event notification in the paper and a Facebook message sent out.

In lieu of flowers, please send money or drop off food items to the Veterans Food Bank and Thrift Store.

Naomi Perry 100

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Thomas moved to the Flathead Valley and raised five children. Naomi began

member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She cherished her membership in the church and enjoyed serving others, including the needy and sick in the church and community. She served in multitude of church callings and was involved in countless church and community service projects. From 1992-1994, Naomi and Thomas served as full-time missionaries in the Brisbane, Australia mission. They loved serving and teaching the people of Australia.

Last December, as Naomi approached her 100th birthday, she spoke often of her bounteous blessings including her family, her life, her faith, and her career. She was happy to be able to live at home and deeply appreciated family members and others who lovingly cared for her and made it possible for her to remain at home through the end of her life.

Naomi attributed her

long life to being kind, respecting others, praying, and living a good clean life. She had a quick wit and a sweet sense of humor throughout her life. She occasionally commented, "If you live long enough, you're going to get old." She was right!

Naomi is survived by her five children: Mary Lou Hartman (Wallace), Susan Herron (Clark), Thomas Perry (Ann), Janice Gifford (Milton), and Pamela Kron (Gordon). Naomi is also survived by 25 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren; and three of her 12 brothers and sisters (Clella, Afton, and George, Jr.)

Naomi was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Perry; a stillborn son, James; a granddaughter, Sonya Lynn; her parents, five brothers and four sisters.

A private family service for Naomi was held at Fairview Cemetery.

Naomi Perry passed away peacefully at her home on Oct. 21, 2020.

Naomi was born in Utah in 1919 to Nathan George and Cleo Clark. She was the fifth of 13 children.

Naomi graduated from Davis County High School in 1938. Upon graduation, she attended Dixie College in St. George, Utah and completed her education in 1942 at Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah. She received a Bachelor of Science in home economics and a teaching certificate.

While at BYU, she met and fell in love with Tom Perry from Kalispell. After graduation, Naomi traveled by train and joined him in Wilmington, Delaware where he was serving with the Army Air Corps as a second lieutenant. They were married on June 20, 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland.

At the conclusion of World War II, Naomi and

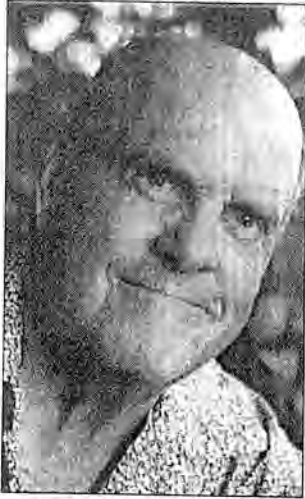
teaching home economics in Kalispell's junior high school. She taught for 22 years from 1959 to 1981. Naomi believed she could improve the world by teaching young women and men good manners and practical home making skills.

Many of Naomi's former home economic students remember "what a kind, patient teacher she was." They also remember some of the lessons she taught, including how to properly make a bed, how to make and mend clothes, and cook white sauce. She also taught the importance of keeping a list of tasks to accomplish. "Without a list," she warned, "one will go through life listless."

Naomi was a faithful

Herbert Peschel

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Herbert (Herbie/Papa) Charles Peschel, 74, died peacefully on Thursday afternoon, April 16 with his wife of 49 years Carole by his side. He passed after a three-week battle from a stroke and heart attack that ultimately took his life.

Herb is survived by his wife Carole, son John and daughter-in-law Laura both of Whitefish and their two children Matthew and Ellie. He

is also survived by his daughter Regan who thankfully moved back to Whitefish from New York City roughly a month before he died. Additionally, he is survived by his one brother and two sisters. His older brother Harland Peschel of Phoenix, Arizona. His sister Mary Graybeal of Missoula, Montana and her son, Kyle Graybeal (Emmy) and their two daughters Addy and Katie. His younger sister Gretchen Carrick (Stan) of Anchorage, Alaska and their daughter, Erin. Additionally, his two sister's in law Susan Regan (Boston), and Jane Raye (Portland, Oregon), his nephew and niece Stephen Raye (Christine) of Glendale, Missouri, and their son Taylor and Katie Meeker (Dan) of Portland, Oregon, and their two children Margaret and John. He shared a birthday with both of his nieces Katie Meeker and Addy Graybeal.

Herb was born in Whitefish, Montana, in 1946 in his home to his parents Herbert Peschel, Sr. and Helen Peschel. He graduated from Whitefish high school 1964 where he played both golf and football. He would go on to get his undergraduate degree from Willamette University in Oregon before attending Dental School at the University of Pacific in San Francisco, California, where he ultimately met and fell in love with his wife, Carole, who graduated from the San Francisco College for Women.

All in two weeks of June 1971 Herb graduated from Dental School, took his dental board exams, got married and joined the Army as a Dentist/Major. Herb completed a Dental internship at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, before moving to Germany with the U.S. Army as a Dentist/Major. Herb practiced dentistry on an American Army base for four years in Nuremberg in southern Germany. Herb and Carole not

only traveled all around Europe in these years, made life long friends, but also gave birth to their first child, John.

Once moving back to Whitefish permanently Herb opened his own dental practice that he ran for 36 years and always noted how much he cared about his employees and patients. Practicing dentistry was one of Herb's biggest passions in life and being able to meet and help new people every day brought him a lot of joy. Along with dentistry Herb enjoyed golf, travel, reading, investing, boating, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Nothing made him happier than knowing his family was happy. After he retired, if you didn't find him at the golf course where he was a Marshall or driving Uber you would often find Herb at Costco or the ice cream shop chatting with the locals he so enjoyed.

In Whitefish, Herb has been a proud and active member of the community and has served on the Board of

Directors of Whitefish Lake Golf Course, been a member of the Whitefish Lakeshore Protection Committee, and also a member of the Whitefish Variance Board. Notably, Herb won the Whitefish Lake Golf Course Club Championship and was inducted into the Whitefish Lake Golf Course Hall of Fame.

In Herb and Carole's later years they were fortunate enough to spend significant time in Phuket, Thailand during winters together where they made many friends, enjoyed the local food and culture, and considered this a second home to them.

The Peschel family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Jon Miller for the kindness and support he showed both Herb and Carole during this chapter, all the incredible medical staff at Kalispell Regional Hospital and especially our dear friend and nurse, Kim Spicher who lovingly and expertly guided and loved Herb, Carole and his children through this very diffi-

cult time. She made an unbearable journey bearable. Thank you, Kimmy.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Gary Norby Jr. Golf Foundation through Whitefish Lake Golf Course.

Due to current shelter at home policies in place there will be no immediate funeral but a celebration of life ceremony will take place as soon as restrictions have been lifted. Herb adored Whitefish and considered it his favorite place in the world and often commented on how he'd want to live nowhere else but here. If you knew Herb or crossed his path around town you'd often hear him jokingly end your exchange with, "Well, I'm glad you got to see me." We know he would be saying this to all of you now.

Herb was very much loved by all his friends and family and will be missed dearly.

Lois Geneva Peterson, 88

Lois Geneva Peterson, 88, of Kalispell, died Aug. 21, 2020, in Kalispell. No services are being held at this time.

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

JoAnn Peterson, 67

JoAnn Peterson, 67, of Sioux City, Iowa, passed away Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family, following a long illness.



Services were held Aug. 10 in Sioux City. A family service will be held in Montana at a later date.

JoAnn, a longtime human resources director at Briar Cliff University, was born on Dec. 27, 1952, in Washington, D.C., to Nellie Frances and David Barlow. She graduated from Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in human resources from Briar Cliff.

For 20 years, she was business manager for the Daily Inter Lake newspaper in Kalispell. Later, she joined Briar Cliff where she worked for 14 years before retiring.

JoAnn married Ron Peterson on Dec. 27, 2002, their shared birth date.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, JoAnn enjoyed weekly date nights, traveling and playing games with her friends. She loved the holiday season and spent days making sure her home was ready and fully decorated for entertaining family and friends.

JoAnn, a master gardener, also enjoyed planting and tending to her

garden where she could commune with nature. Family members say she wasn't happy unless she had dirt under her fingernails. She loved drinking her morning coffee and enjoying evening sunsets on her back deck, with the flowers, songbirds, turkey and deer.

Most of all, she loved spending time with her family. Going back to Montana, talking daily with her girls and watching her grandchildren at their sporting events were particularly special.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; and Rich Burns of Libby, father of her children; two daughters, Cindy (Steve) Henderson, of Kalispell, and Angela (Jake) Jenkins, of Sioux City; three sons, Michael (Megan) Burns, Jeffrey (Jill) Burns and Gene (Kai) Burns, all of Kalispell; a stepson, Matthew (Larryn) Peterson of Memphis, Tennessee; a stepdaughter, Michelle Peterson, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; 15 grandchildren, Austin, Courtney, Chelsey, Nicole, Robby, Kaylub, Jaden, Wyatt, Jayce, Noah, Kaden, Jayden, Jaxson, Madeleine and Landrie; one great-grandson, McKinley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Association.

vice will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank Dr. Mercer for his care and compassion for both Pete and Jean, and the wonderful staff at Flathead County Agency on Aging, a Veteran Care program. We are also in debt to his many caregivers and friends for their loving attention. Gifts could be sent to Whitefish Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., Whitefish.

John S. Petersen

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retired in Spokane; Kim Phillips of Greenacres, Washington, Chris VonHeeder of Kalispell, and JoAnna Armentariz of Santa Clarita, California; sons, John Petersen of Coupeville, Washington, and DJ Paolini of Kalispell; and his sister, Marilyn Petersen, of Bozeman. He's also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren scattered throughout the Western states. A private family ser-



Dr. Petersen is survived by his wife, Jean Petersen, of Whitefish; daughters, Dia Maurer of

Longtime Whitefish resident and local dentist John S. Petersen DDS (Pete or Jack by relatives) passed away July 23, 2020. Pete was born in Missoula (1935). A source of pride was his U.S. Marine Corps service. After discharge he attended college at Montana State University, as well as Washington University in St. Louis. After graduation, he moved to Whitefish to establish his dentistry practice. After 40 years of dentistry Pete

Robert Dean Petersen, 66

Robert Dean Petersen, 66, died Jan. 2, 2020, at his home in Kalispell. Services are pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Samuel 'Bud' Petryszak, 76

Samuel "Bud" Petryszak, 76, of Whitefish, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2019. He is survived by his son Andy Blazer. Services are to be decided at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Berton 'Bert' Pew, 74

Berton "Bert" Pew, 74, of Bigfork, died on Aug. 27, 2020, in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife Susan and children, Richard Pew Robin Zipp

and Bonny Pew. No service is scheduled at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Carolyn Ann Pfrimmer, 87

Carolyn Ann Pfrimmer passed away in the evening of Saturday, March 14, 2020. She was surrounded by family when she left with God; and when she did so, it was with the same grace and peace that she was so well loved for in life.

Carolyn was born on April 16, 1932 in North Hollywood, California to George Silas Payton and Alenath Maybell Binford. A strong and driven woman, Carolyn's life goal was to play music and teach, both of which she did while living in Whitefish. Over her 35-year teaching career, Carolyn was fortunate to have taught over three generations of students, all of which are recorded and kept in scrapbooks



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that she had made each year.

She attended North Hollywood High School

and Lincoln County High School before earning her BA in Elementary Education with a minor in music at Western Montana College and her masters in Elementary Education at the University of Montana.

Carolyn was awarded International Co-worker of the Year and the Women of the Moose award, has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 60 years and was named First Lady of Whitefish. She was

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an active member of the United Presbyterian Church, The Museum Society, Moose Lodge, The Whitefish Historical Society, Calamity Singers and Bridge club. She also worked out every day at The Wave in Whitefish, swimming and doing Tai chi to stay active and busy. She was always very busy.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Pfrimmer, her father and mother and her brothers Kenneth and Donald Payton. She is survived by her brother Richard Payton, her three sons David, George and Jerrald Pfrimmer, as well as four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Our lives and world were made better by

Carolyn's grace and contributions each and every day. She is a light that will shine on forever though all of us.

In lieu of flowers, you can donate in Carolyn's name to the scholarship fund for the Glacier Camp and Conference Center, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922. A discreet family service will be held to honor Carolyn. For family friends and community members, there will be a celebration of life ceremony held in the summer.

Friends and family are encouraged to visit www.austinhf.com to send notes of condolences.

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

Richard Marvin Phillips, 93

Richard Marvin Phillips, 93, passed away on Aug. 7, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Richard was born on Nov. 19, 1926, to William G. and Goldie Irma (Black) Phillips in Chino, California.

Richard attended and graduated from Chino High School. He was a Future Farmer of America and held numerous certifications for small engines Stihl and Husqvarna.

In 1945 Richard was inducted in the United States Navy, serving his country honorably during Pearl Harbor where he guarded the beaches after the attack.



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Richard married Rose Marie Hudson in Cottage Grove, Oregon, in 1954. They celebrated 66 years of marriage. Richard was a logger for 30 years

and owned his own saw shop for 25 years in Brookings, Oregon.

Richard was very active in his church. He loved playing bingo, gardening, woodworking, fishing, the Senior Center in Kalispell, and just spending time with

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his family! In his later years he enjoyed traveling and doing his bucket list adventures, one being Mount Rushmore. It was a great experience for him.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, sister Joyce Allen, and brother William Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; daughters, Vickie Phillips and Beckie Bronson; and son, Ken Phillips; sisters, Marilynn Hazel and Dorrane Buehler; brother, Darryl Phillips; grandchildren, Ryann Phillips, Whitney Wilson, Amanda Bronson, Nathan Bronson, Mathew Phillips and Jason

Phillips; and great-grandchildren, Caleb Wilson, Melody Wilson, Emma Wilous, Sam Wilson and Carter Phillips.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell. Scattering of Richards ashes will take place at a later date in Oregon with a celebration of life held there.

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.

Larry Gene Phillippe, 84

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Larry Gene Phillippe, 84, passed away on Nov. 11, 2020, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Larry was born in 1936 to Lawrence and Beth Phillippe, in Lawrenceville, Illinois. In 1957 he married his wife, Jill. They had five children and seven grandchildren. In 1993, Jill passed away. In 1994 Larry met Hermelinda and they were married that same year. Larry became a wonderful stepfather to Hermelinda's daughters, Joanne Righter and Nancy Smith and a stepgrandfather to five stepgrandchildren.

In his younger years, Larry enlisted as a non-commissioned officer



in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a master sergeant in 1977. He worked at various careers afterwards with them being HVAC, Real Estate and

the U.S. Forest Service.

Larry is survived by his wife of 26 years, Hermelinda; brothers, Jack, Van and Don; sister, Gina Phillippe; son, Kip Phillippe; daughters, Kim Beck, Kitty Harris, Kelly Phillippe and Kassy Sparrow; stepdaughters,

Nancy Smith and Joanne Righter; and 11 grandchildren.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Beth Phillippe; first wife, Jill Phillippe; brother, Tom; sister, Patty Phillippe; and stepgrandson, Matthew Righter.

Larry was a fun loving and humble man. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, helping others and, most of all, he enjoyed dancing with his wife, Hermelinda. He was very loved and will be very missed.

Military honors and cremation have taken place.

Harriet Ione Berg Pierce, 89

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She worked at these various jobs in the Devils Lake area, Sioux Manufacturing, Super Value, Bell Isle Country Store and babysitting for families in the Devils Lake area. In Kenmare, she baked pies for a café and worked for Meals on Wheels. Ione will always be remembered for her quick wit.



Harriet Ione Berg Pierce passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 30, 2020. She was 89 years old. Ione, as she was

always known by, had resided at the Whitefish Care and Rehab Center in Whitefish since 2012.

Ione was born at home on Sept. 26, 1930 in rural Warwick, North Dakota, the daughter of John O. Berg and Mary F. Long. She was raised in the Woodlake area and attended grade school in Tokio, North Dakota and high school in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

On Nov. 10, 1947, she was united in marriage to Calvin Petersen. Ione and Cal ranched and farmed south of Devils Lake for many years. They divorced after several years and in July, 1984 Ione married Joe Pierce of Kenmare, North Dakota and moved to Kenmare.

Ione was always a farm woman, she could handle any chore necessary on the farm, including milking cows when it was 30 below zero.

When Ione wasn't working on the farm

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Joe; as well as her two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Esther Petersen Rahn (Arnold Petersen) and Jeannette Burdick (Gordon); and two nephews Wayne (Skinny) Petersen and Bob Burdick.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Bill Burdick of Devils Lake, Kathy Moos of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Judy Brosz of Bismark, John Petersen and Susie Lamberson of Whitefish and Carolyn Barton of Kalispell. Also surviving Ione are her two stepchildren Jody Marmon and John Pierce; and stepgranddaughters Kiley and Lacey Marmon, all of North Dakota.

Graveside services will take place at Farview Cemetery on Tuesday, April 7 at 10 a.m. She will be laid to rest next to her sister Esther.

Sandra Pieterick, 73

Sandra Pieterick, 73, of Hungry Horse, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020.

She is survived by her children, Denise, Layla, Sasha and Kenan.

A celebration of life

service is being planned.

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

Gary Wayne Pierce, 74

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Gary Wayne Pierce was born in Longview, Washington, on Nov. 8, 1945. At the age of 6 he moved from Longview with his parents and siblings to Montana and settled in Bigfork by Flathead Lake. He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1963 and joined the Navy. He served two tours of duty aboard the USS Preston DD795 during the Vietnam War. Upon leaving the Navy in 1970, Gary began his lifelong career as a heavy truck driver and mechanic. This career would lead him from Bakersfield, California, to Fairbanks, Alaska, back to Montana and lastly to Oregon, first in Coos Bay then the Willamette Valley where he resided for over 30 years, most of those years were spent in Dallas, Oregon.

During his life journey, Gary experienced many hardships but also many joyful occasions. Some of those joyful moments were the births of his two daughters, and his beloved granddaughters. He was happiest when surrounded by his family, both biological and spiritual. Gary's heart was for people — young, old, men, women, rich and poor. His greatest joy was to be found in leading others to Christ, and in the servitude of others. He served at Calvary Chapel in Dallas, Oregon as assistant Pastor. He also became involved with the River of Life house, helping young men change their lives for the better.

He had a passion for all of God's creatures, spending much of his free time riding his horses, or sitting quietly with a cat on his lap.

Fulfilling his dream of retiring, he moved to the White Salmon River Valley in December of 2017 with his wife



Rhonda of 28 years. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in April of 2018. He continued to trust and praise the Lord for 635 days until he finished well on Jan. 23, 2020. He will forever be loved and missed.

A memorial service with military honors will be held on Feb. 29 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Chapel, 628 SE Jefferson St, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Donations can be made in Gary's honor to River Of Life House, P.O. Box 121, Dallas, OR 97338.

Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home, The Dalles, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Pierce of White Salmon, Washington; daughters, Elizabeth Renee (James) Etherington, and Rebecca Louise (Kelly) Johnson of Albany, Oregon; granddaughters, Akila River Etherington, Camas Rain Etherington, Kaylie Renee Johnson and Ava Marie Johnson; siblings, Richard Wallace (Fern) Pierce of Mehama, Oregon, Lora Lee (Mark) Brekhus of Bigfork, Tammy Gagne of Yachats, Oregon, and Perry Postle of Albany, Oregon; nieces and their husbands; nephews; and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Hartman; adopted father, Wallace R. Pierce; stepfather, E. Boyd Hartman, and biological father Jack Postle; grandson, Blythe Ridge Etherington; and nephew, Eric Pierce.

Jack Pletcher, 80

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Jack Pletcher passed away at his home surrounded by family in the early morning hours of Friday, April 3, 2020.

Jack was born in 1939 to Dale and Nancy Pletcher in Barnsville, Minnesota. He was born the youngest of his six siblings. Jack spent his entire youth in Barnsville and after graduation he spent a short time in the Army in 1964.

Jack met Fran Czapiewski in Grafton, North Dakota, and they were inseparable from that moment on. Jack and Fran married in 1966 and celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in November. They welcomed their son, David, in 1969. A job with the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant brought them to Montana where they made their home until the day of his passing. In 1971 they welcomed their daughter, Stacey.

Jack also worked for Plum Creek Fiberboard Plant and Udelhoven in Alaska until running the family business, Pletcher Electric, alongside his son for the next 21 years.

Jack treasured every one of his grandchildren and he rarely ever missed their sporting events. He quietly watched them excel



until one of them scored and then you could hear him say "yes" with a fist bump in the air. Happy Father's Day, we love and

miss you.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Nancy, and his two sisters, Nellie and Faye.

He is survived by his loving wife, Fran, his son David (Anita), his daughter Stacey (Billy) Salmons; his five grandchildren, Tanner (Kassy), Kodi (Jordan), Tucker, Zack and Tori; and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Adison. He is also survived by his brothers Dean (Betty), Freeland (Lorraine), Glenn (Sandy), and Lloyd (Delores) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with military honors will be held Saturday, June 20, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. At the conclusion of the service a celebration of life will follow at 760 Trap Road, Columbia Falls.

Julie Ann Plevel, 65

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Julie Ann Plevel, of Columbia Falls, embarked on her final journey on Jan. 13, 2020, at the age of 65 in her home, surrounded by her loved ones, after a heroic seven-year battle against cancer.

Originally from Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe, California, Patrick and Julie moved to the Flathead Valley 28 years ago. After moving to Columbia Falls, Julie became a real estate agent at Columbia Falls Realty before ultimately becoming a broker/co-owner of RE/MAX Mountain View in Columbia Falls. Her clients became fast friends and she was a mentor to many including her daughter, Jesse Plevel, who now works in the same building that Julie and Patrick helped remodel into the office it is today. Civic duty was important to Julie as she spent 10 years on the Columbia Falls City Council and worked diligently in establishing Rivers Edge Park.

She had a passion for travel and adventure, spending many miles alongside her husband Patrick Plevel traversing the United States in search of gold nuggets and cups of campfire coffee. Always accompanied by her four-legged friends, Julie loved horses and dogs especially. Ever ready with a paint brush, Julie enjoyed making art in

her later years, finding unique pieces of wood on their journeys to later paint and share with the family.

Preceded in death by her parents Loman Eugene Faulkner and Marjorie Wade and In-laws Micheal Plevel and Mildred Plevel, she is survived by her faithful husband Patrick, her oldest son Aaron Plevel (Lauren Plevel), her middle daughter Jesse Plevel (Brian Hall), and her youngest son Russell Plevel, all of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by her sister, Lisa Wright (Bill Wright), of Las Vegas. She has five beautiful grandchildren to watch over, Gabe Plevel, Elise Plevel, Woodrow Plevel, Jasper Hall and Mildred Hall.

We ask any and all who wish to attend to meet us at Cedar Creek Lodge on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. for a memorial celebration. Dress colorfully, bring smiles and hugs and any anecdotes you wish to share in celebrating her beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for a donation to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Julie's family.

Dorothy 'Dolly' Jean Pluid, 72

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Dolly has peacefully transitioned into heaven. Dolly was born April 29, 1948, and passed Nov. 10, 2020. Dolly's parents were Albert and B. Jean Irvine of Santa Barbara, California, where she was born and raised. Dolly graduated from San Marcos High School in 1968. After high school, Dolly married Dennis Doherty with whom she had three children. In 1982, Dolly then traveled on to Eureka, Montana, where she married Percy Pluid with whom she also had three children. Then later in life, around the year 2000, Dolly had met the true love of her life, David Leger, with whom she spent her life with until his passing in 2018; after which Dolly resided with her son until her final days.

Dolly had a great love for being outside in the sun. She loved beautiful flowers. She absolutely loved animals, especially her dogs. Dolly was

definitely kept on her toes when it came to raising six kids. Dolly worked very hard to make

sure her children were always taken care of. She did a variety of jobs from homemaker to bank attendant, vet technician, deli manager, ranch hand, special education teacher and so much more.

Dolly was a breast cancer and small intestinal cancer survivor. Dolly was a strong-willed person who had no limits to what she could do. Dolly was also a very caring and kind soul. She was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Dolly enjoyed life to the fullest. Dolly's children and grandchildren were her biggest pride and joy. Words could never express how missed she will be. We love you, Mom!

Dolly was preceded in death by her parents Albert and B. Jean Irvine, and the love of her life, David Leger.

Dolly is survived by her three sisters, Donna Molina, Lorrie Attleberger and Debbie Lopez; Dolly's six children, David Doherty, Jamie (Sammie) Doherty, Amy (Adam) Shaver, Shane (Kody) Pluid-Lunceford, Ryan (Alyssa) Pluid, and Sara Pluid (Anthony Sundh); Dolly's 10 grandchildren, Evan Doherty, Kayleena Pereslete, Jessica Doherty, Morgan Badewitz, Aiden Shaver, Ryleigh Kendra and Korbyn Pluid, and Domenic and Kamber Mongan-Sundh; as well as many many, many other family members and close loving friends.

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, the celebration of Dolly's life will be held at a later date.

Paul Bryant Plympton, 48

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Paul Plympton passed away peacefully on July 12, 2020, following a brief illness.

He was a warm, caring, generous compassionate man. Nothing was an inconvenience to him when it came to helping others.

If he saw a need he would do his best to do what he could in any way. Whether it be a homeless man needing a pack of smokes, a neighbor needing help with a chore or just a listening ear; he was there. He had the ability to make you feel comfortable and welcomed, and a gift for conversation. People didn't stay strangers very long around him, they became friends. He was in his element when he began to serve on the Welcome team at Fresh Life Church. Smiling big, shaking hands, high fives and hugs.

One of Paul's passions in life was youth sports and kids. He loved coaching and teaming up with the other dads to share his love of sports. He coached Little League, Rotary basketball and even the academic Destination Imagination, but baseball was his favorite. He loved the kids he coached as though they were his own and treasured each one of them. He always seemed to come up with ideas to make the simplest things fun.



camping trip depending on when the All Star season ended. As Bryant

got older, it was Friday night football games and choir concerts.

Paul was most content with the simple things and loved his family. He especially loved that he was Papa Paul to his deeply loved grandsons. They were his second greatest treasure on this earth.

Paul was preceded in death by his grandparents, Warren "Stubb" and Jacqueline Plympton, Max and Violet Moller; Uncle Vance Plympton and cousin Matthew Plympton.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, son Bryant (Brittney), grandsons Bentley and Brydger, parents Weldon and Kay Plympton, brother Jeff (Molly), bonus daughter Bethanie Ulrick, mother-in-law Lillian Saylor, four sisters-in-law Bobby Unruh (Doug), Cindy Konglie, Pam Hoge and Cherie Risser (Roy); as well as a large extended family and many dear, close friends.

The family would like to say a very special thank you to Dr. Barker, Dr. Lessmeier and the nursing staff at Kalispell Regional Healthcare, especially ICU nurse Bethany and third floor nurse Abby. Your compassionate care and heartfelt concern for Paul and for us will never be forgotten.

Daniel Pointec, 66

Daniel Pointec, 66, died Feb. 13, 2020 at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Services are

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

Paul was a Kalispell native born to Weldon and Kay Plympton in August 1971. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1990. As a teen, he played Braves football and was a catcher for the Lakers. Paul's greatest treasure and legacy on this earth was his son Bryant, born in July of 1994. He met the love of his lifetime, Kathy, in 1998. It took a while to get married but they finally did so in 2003. The times spent together were mostly at the ball fields with their son and an occasional

A funeral service date is yet to be determined due to the current gathering restriction but will be announced once decided.

Darlington Cremation & Burial Services is caring for the family. Please feel free to send your stories and condolences via their website at www.darlingtonfunerals.com

Ivan Dean Polus

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Ivan Dean Polus, 84, of Whitefish, Montana, passed away peacefully in his home on December 5, 2020 while surrounded by family and friends. Ivan was born on March 26, 1936 in Elmira, Michigan. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Berenice Polus, his wife Julia (Szczeplaniak) Polus. He is survived by his son William Polus and his fiancé Kim Kilkenny and son Tommy, daughter Jane Kasberg and spouse Mark Kasberg, grandson Craig Kasberg and his partner Kendra Buerger, granddaughter Deborah Jane Reid and spouse Alex Reid.

Ivan moved his family from Michigan to Montana in 1967 and retired from the Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls in 1998. Ivan lived true to his



ing polio as a child, Ivan most remarkably maintained his humor, character, and spirit at all times. Most recently he survived a fall off a ladder after repairing a roof at age 82. His work on this earth was not done yet. He broke his pelvis and shattered his hip during the fall. He was alone on a property over 25 miles from Whitefish, with no cell service, and a long distance off the highway, two gates and no trespassing signs. He said prayers and asked to be allowed to pass or to please send someone in to rescue him. He survived about 18 hours with exposure to rain and low temperatures while wearing a cotton shirt and jeans. He was randomly found by power line workers who arrived, unscheduled, to the property. He was still

values and his faith at all times. He preached the gospel to family, friends and any stranger he could. He prayed several rosaries a day for his family, friends and the souls in purgatory. You knew where he stood in his beliefs. His family greatly admired him for that.

Despite experiencing several near death experiences, including surviv-

conscious and able to call for help. Despite doctors saying he may not recover at his age after such a fall and event, he recovered and continued to live independently until recently diagnosed with cancer. In the past two years, he shared his miracle with family, friends and strangers alike.

Ivan was a one-of-a-kind character with abounding talents in woodworking (including his signature Christmas reindeer), restoring things and creating fabulous oil paintings. He was one of the most humble, honest (known in his community as "Honest Ivan") and gentlest souls. He loved the great outdoors whether camping, fishing, hunting or simply watching and admiring wildlife.

He was a wonderful

father, grandfather, and friend to many.

A private family mass and burial will be held. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for Ivan's family.

Don E. Potter, 71

Don E. Potter, 71, of Missoula, died Oct. 24, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Juan Fernando Polledo, 90

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We share the sad news that our father, Juan Fernando Polledo, 90, passed away on Oct. 12, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Juan was born and raised on the Caribbean island of Cuba. He held many lasting memories of his life in Cuba and his travels throughout the Caribbean. But his greatest adventure began in 1960 when he emigrated from Cuba to the United States. Having first arrived in Miami, he decided to see what America had to offer, and soon found himself traveling to Kalispell. He was not prepared for such a drastic change in weather ... but he persevered and, though never a fan of cold temperatures, he did develop a strong appreciation for the beauty



of Montana winters. This country became his home; and he was naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 1973.

Over the years, he worked at various companies around the Flathead Valley, including Cherry Warehouse, Evergreen Saw Mill, Bell Campers and Plum Creek Lumber. He ultimately retired from Plum Creek Lumber. He and his former spouse also started a family in the Flathead Valley.

From that union he is survived by his three children, John Polledo (Dawn), Martha Harwood (John), and Jaime Polledo (Dana); grandchildren, Shane Harwood, Brianne

and Chase Polledo, and Tanya Harwood-Koepke; and great-grandchildren, Zekiah, Finley, Eiden, Emrielle and Easton.

As a single parent in the early 1980s, Juan joined the group Parents Without Partners. There he met the love of his life, our Mum, Betty Mae. They danced into their married life together in 1986. Dad and Mum enjoyed many trips throughout the United States and Canada ... and, of course, much dancing ... until her passing 2018. From this union Juan welcomed into his life five more children, Sharon Manning (Steve), Pam James (Mel), John Huckins (Lisa), Terri Davis (John), and Casey Huckins (Jill); grandchildren, Jacey and Trey Manning, Axel and Erik

Huckins, Wendy Huckins-Lee, Morgan and Bronson Davis, and Addie and Hayden Huckins; and great-grandchildren, Janiegh, Bobby, Dalton, Connor and Bryson.

He often spoke fondly of his many cherished and lasting friendships around the Flathead Valley and enjoyed visiting with his friends. A beloved father and loyal friend, Juan is now at peace and has "gone to his condo" — reunited with his true love and perfect dance partner.

At his request, no service will be held.

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.

Sam Mark Porrovecchio, 87

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Sam Mark Porrovecchio, 87, passed away on April 15, 2020, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, after suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Sam grew up in San Jose, California. He was one of 10 children (two sisters and seven brothers), born to Joe, a rancher, and Rose Fabiano, a housewife. He was the last remaining sibling.

Sam attended San Jose State College and San Jose City College, with an emphasis on art, before joining the Army in 1950. He spent his time in the service at Fort Ord on the Monterey Bay in California. While there, he served as a cook. After the Army, Sam worked his way through the ranks in the City of San Jose, becoming a parks and recreation supervisor and retiring after 25 years of service. He then moved



his family to Bigfork to start the next chapter of their lives away from the hustle and bustle of the city.



Sam was a humble polymath. He was a painter,

sketch artist and sculptor. Sam was a more than competent square dancer. He was an expert gardener, with a naturalist's eye and a very green thumb. Sam was also an excellent cook specializing in Italian/Sicilian cuisine. He would amaze family and friends with incredible, yet simple, meals. Sam also occasionally taught cooking classes at the local community college and hosted cooking events at local restaurants. Many are the

people who still talk about his Pork Marsala or Pasta Primavera. In all of these endeavors, what stood out was that Sam was quick to share his interests and always ready with a joke, a laugh or a piece of advice.

Sam was also a kind and loving father and husband. His family can recall annual trips to Montana, to Yosemite National Park, to the Family Camp along the banks of California's Tuolumne River, as well as a month-and-a-half-long trek across America. Sam also loved his trips to Italy, with his wife, his family, and his friends. He was especially proud of being able to visit the birthplaces of his parents, Monreale and Piana degli Albanesi, in Sicily. Sam celebrated his family and doted on his grandchildren. In later years, nothing made him happier than spending time with

his those he loved and those who loved him.

Sam is survived by his wife, Susan; his daughter Jackie and her partner Robin; her son Douglas and his daughter River Violet; and their son Daniel and his wife Tina; and their son Westley; his oldest son Mark; his youngest son Matt and his wife Lacey; and their children Andrew, Dylan and Cooper.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, the family asks that persons close to Sam make a donation in his name to The Culinary Arts Program at Flathead Valley Community College, www.fvcc.edu/programs/arts/culinary-arts/culinary-institute-of-montana/

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. A Christian Celebration of Life will be held and announced at a later date.

Alice Linda Mar Porter

'Lindy' James, 78

Alice Linda Mar Porter "Lindy" James passed away on July 5, 2020 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, where she was born, on June 10, 1942.

Lindy was an ideal mother of two sons and a second mom to many; a loving daughter, sister, wife, aunt, grandmother and mother-in-law, and a lifelong musician who played the viola as beautifully as she sang soprano. She shared those gifts with many in her private voice studio, as an elementary and junior high music and orchestra teacher and Episcopal Church choir director. She was a mentor and friend to her students, fellow singers and musicians, and a visionary cofounder of the Glacier Symphony and Orchestra in Kalispell. In recent years she occasionally joined her son Bill in his elementary school music classroom in Oregon — a gift to each other and to Bill's students.



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she and Doug bought ten acres on Silver Butte Fisher River, a place that she always treasured.

In Kalispell Lindy taught music at St. Matthews Catholic School, established and grew her voice studio, assisted with ensembles and musical productions at Flathead High School and directed the choir at Christ Church Episcopal. She was also a member of Chapter AB of P.E.O. After she and Doug divorced she went back to the classroom and taught elementary and junior high orchestra. She later married Gene Atherton and upon retirement moved permanently to her home on Flathead Lake in Big Arm — a lifelong dream come true.

Over the last two decades Lindy spent much time in Portland, Oregon with her sons and nephew and their young families. She was an active member of both St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Polson (where she directed the choir) and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland. In 2014, she traveled with Dan and his family in England, France, Italy and the Czech Republic, and was an enthusiastic church choir groupie with Dan's Trinity Choir during its residency in Bristol, England.

Lindy is survived by her husband Gene Atherton; and sister Margaret Ann (Porter) Morris (Cliff) of Big Arm; son Bill (Eve) and their children Daniel, Linda and Kenneth; son Dan (Becky) and their daughters Katie and Julia; nephew Jeff (Amy) and their sons Benjamin and Theodore, all of Portland.

As a child growing up on Beverly Avenue, a block away Bonner Park in Missoula, Lindy was active in the University of Montana Ballet Theater and in choir, orchestra, The Konah newspaper and Spartanaires at Missoula County High School. Her childhood friends were her lifelong friends. The annual gathering of the "Birthday Girls" — friends from Paxson Elementary School and others from high school and college who began gathering the year they all turned 50, continues to this day.

As a student at UM she studied voice, was active in Opera Workshop with John Lester and met her future husband, Doug James. At UM she was also a member of the Jubileers choral ensemble led by Joe Musselman and was a proud 50-year member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated from UM in 1964.

Also in 1964, she married Doug at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Missoula. Two years later she and Doug moved with son Dan to Hoquiam, Washington, where Bill was born. As a young mother, elementary school teacher and Doug's artistic partner, Lindy coproduced several musical productions at Hoquiam High School. It was in Hoquiam that Lindy first began teaching voice.

In 1971, Lindy moved back to Western Montana with her young family, first to Libby and later settling in Kalispell. Shortly after the move

She was preceded in death by her parents Florence Irene (Yarbrough) Porter and Dr. Marvin Buck Porter; brother Joe Gilbert Porter; and her first husband Douglas Meade James.

Mother, sister, daughter, grandmother, aunt, mother-in-law, niece, cousin, wife, friend, soprano, violist, mentor, teacher, director and volunteer, Lindy's legacy is as beautiful as it is immense.

Lindy's family has established a scholarship for graduates of Flathead or Glacier High Schools who intend to continue the study of music or theater in college, but not necessarily major in those fields. If you wish, please make checks payable to: Kalispell School District #5 James Family Memorial Scholarship and mail to: DA Davidson, P.O. Box 128 Kalispell, MT 59903.

Lindy's arrangements were under the care of Garden City Funeral Home.

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Dorothy (Butterfield) Potts, 93

PAC 1 Mar 2020
Dorothy (Butterfield) Potts, 93, of Bigfork went to be with the Lord on Feb. 19, 2020, at Rising Mountains Assisted Living.



Dorothy was born on June 25, 1926, in Kalispell to Theodore and Bernice Butterfield and spent her childhood on the East Lakeshore of Flathead Lake in Bigfork. She attended grade school and high school at Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1944. Before marriage she worked in Seattle in the shipyards and returned to the Flathead Valley.

On Sept. 3, 1947, she married Douglas Potts of Bigfork, and they were married for 63 years until his death in 2011.

Doug and Dorothy purchased land in the Swan River area near Bigfork where Doug started a dairy farm.

Dorothy spent all her time raising and running after seven children and, of course, with that came lots of gardening.

Words cannot describe Mom's work ethic and determination to be the best wife and mother. She will always be remembered for her delicious home cooked meals and homemade bread, which she made in multiples. No one left her table hungry. She canned fruit and vegetables by the dozens. Her love for huckleberry picking astounded all; her record was seven gallons

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in a day.

In the late '60s Doug and Dorothy sold the dairy farm. In 1973 they were up for an adventure and moved to St. Paul, Alberta, where they farmed for 30 to 35 years. They then decided to purchase a service station and owned and operated that in the mix of all.

Their adventures included a trip to Mexico, Vegas, Hawaii and a month in Alaska.

They returned to the Bigfork area in June of 2008.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Douglas, her son Les, two grandchildren Dusty and Amanda, seven siblings, both parents Theodore and Bernice, and son-in-law Brian.

Surviving Dorothy are three daughters, Dixie (Jerry) Rich, Lesa Cislo and Kevin Sears, and Denise Belt; three sons, Clyde (Barb) Potts, Lyle (Nan) Potts, daughter-in-law Joyce Potts, all of Bigfork, and Dale (Margaret) Potts of Smokey Lake, Alberta. In addition, 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews survive Dorothy.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at the Little Brown Church, (Real Life Church), officiated by Ron Pierce.

The family requests any donations be made in memory of Dorothy Potts to Lone Pine Cemetery Lawn Maintenance Fund, or a charity of their choice.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Powell, 94

PAC 20 Sept 2020
Betty was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Elizabeth McMillan Mathew and George Mathew in August of 1925. She died at the end of February 2020.

Betty is survived by three generations of grandchildren and her two children, Sharon and Eric.

One of the blessings of our adulthood has been the opportunity to "see" our mother through the "eyes" of her friends.

Elizabeth Powell, "Betty," was interesting to be around. She was curious about everything. She had energy to burn for discovering her world and its people; whether they were family, friends, neighbors, or a chance acquaintance made during one of her many travels. Have hat, will travel!

Betty could charm you within five minutes and stay a friend for life. She seemed to have an emotional "tuning fork," which guided her choices. She stood by the people and causes she cared about with an intense passion.

Scottish to the core, she embraced life. Betty attended James Gillespie's High School for Girls in Edinburgh. Barely an adolescent as World War II began, she grew up quickly. The Battle of Britain pulled most men to war and Betty to work at age 15. She was current account bookkeeper at the head office of Clydesdale Bank of Scotland. Fire bomb watch on the bank roof was shared by all employees, including her.



The springtime of Betty's life and World War II collided in romance. Betty met Bill, a

dashing member of the American Army Air Corps. They dated during the war and married in the USA after the war in September 1946.

Betty and Bill settled in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts where they lived in the towns of Cummington and Windsor for 50 years. They led active professional and community lives while they raised their children.

Betty went to back to school to become a nurse. She worked at Pittsfield General Hospital and for a group of internists.

Betty moved to Kalispell to be nearer family after Bill died. She lived in Kalispell over 20 years and participated in many social, volunteer and church activities. She supported the library as a volunteer for many years. You may recall her Scottish accent reminding you that the book you put on hold was ready.

Donations to the Friends of the Library in Betty's name with a check made out to "Flathead Friends of the Library" mailed to 247 1st Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901 would be a nice way to remember her.

Betty's family will gather in Windsor, Massachusetts, to place her remains beside Bill's at a future date.

Eric Lee Powell, 50

PAL 12 Apr 2020

Eric Lee Powell, age 50, passed away in his sleep of a heart attack on April 1, 2020.



Eric was born Nov. 6, 1969, in Kalispell to Wayne M. and Gayle (Siefke) Powell.

The last few years Eric struggled with health problems, but he found joy in fishing, as well as hunting with his father. He was an excellent cook, always making meals for others, something his mother will miss very much.

At one time Eric worked for Plum Creek Timber, but with his cooking skills he joined his brother Kirk making meals for those working in the oil fields of North Dakota. After returning home he worked for the Montana Club until his health declined.

Eric had much love in his heart for his family and friends, which he was always eager to express, making his passing so very difficult on us all, especially his teenage son Cameron and three brothers.

Eric is leaving behind his mother, Gayle Parker; father, Wayne Powell;

brothers Mike and Kirk, both of Kalispell; his youngest brother John of Texas; son Cameron (his almost constant companion); Levi, Tyler and baby Aubrie.

As per Eric's wishes a gathering of family and friends will take place at Flathead Lake at a later date in remembrance of Eric.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Evon M. Powell, 66

Evon M. Powell, 66, died Nov. 14, 2020, at The HealthCenter. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Patsy Marie (Bay) Powell, 74

PAL 14 MAR 2020

Patsy Marie (Bay) Powell, 74, went home to be with our Heavenly father to listen to the birds sing and the music play on March 11, 2020. She was born Sept. 15, 1945, in Hemet, California.

Patsy was deaf her entire life. She was the mother of three children: Richard Powell of Chowchilla, California; Patricia Holcomb (Wayne Holcomb) of Kalispell and J.B. Powell (Christina Powell) of Olivehurst, California. She is preceded in death by her grandsons Anonthy Powell and Travis Powell. Patsy grandchildren included David Powell (Sue Heidi Powell), Daniel Powell (Crystal Pavao), Eric Powell (Elisa Powell), Kristy Powell (Bubba Clark), Sara Powell, Patrick Holcomb (Allison King), Ben Guinard (Christine Tow-Guinard) Gavin Guinard, Jonathan Holcomb, Natalie Holcomb, Samantha Wacaster, Kelly Wacaster, Haley Schneider and Michelle. Her great-grandchildren



include Rosario, Nina Sophia, Dawson, Ofelia, Celia, Kinsley, Harlow

and Payton.

The family will have a service at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, with a viewing from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15 and a service from 2 to 3 p.m.

Her long-time voice, Sandra Sallee, will be there to interpret. Then people are welcomed to visit the family from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Holcomb home, 730 10th Avenue W in Kalispell.

The following week Patsy will be accompanied by her son-in-law Wayne Holcomb and her daughter Patty Holcomb on her last trip to be laid to rest in Gridley, California, next to her grandson Travis Powell.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to assist with the final cost Patsy's Burial Fund.

Melvin F. Powell, 80

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Melvin F. Powell, 80, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Nov. 6, 2020, passing away at home from natural causes.

Melvin was born to Merle and Bertha (Eller) Powell, Nov. 30, 1939, in Great Falls. He moved with his parents and older sisters Helen and Gail to Bigfork, where he was joined by a brother Dennis a short time later; they all grew up in Bigfork and graduated from school there. Melvin, at a very young age, helped his parents and uncle in a sawmill that his dad had. Melvin served in the Army National Guard for eight years, and when he returned from his six-month basic training he went to work at C&C; Plywood, which became Plum Creek Lumber. During his time with C&C; he spent his summer vacations at training camps for the Guard. He worked at the two mills for a total of 39 1/2 years. After he retired from Plum Creek he went to work for Kalispell School District No. 5 as a bus aide for special needs students, which he loved.

Melvin was always a good husband, father and provider for his family whom he loved so much. He was always willing to help anyone in need, and go that extra mile.

Melvin married Cecile Hanson on April 28, 1961. They have three children, Chuck, Terry and Christy, of Kalispell. He loved to hunt, fish, camp and bowl. (They had a family bowling team for several years.) He loved to go hunting every year with his hunting buds Raymond Powell, Steve and Krista Andrews, and Mike Powell, now all of Texas.

Melvin is survived by his wife of 59 1/2 years



11 Nov 2020
Cecile "CeCe", sons Chuck, Terry and daughter Christy, sister Gail (Joe) Banks of Lake Park, Georgia, sisters-in-law

Carlene Moore, Jennifer Powell, (Dennis) Bonnie Hanson, (Melvin Jr.) nephews, Lyle Moore, (Caroline) Jamie Moore, Vince Hanson, Tony Powell, (Tora), also of the Kalispell area, Rodney, (Kathy) Danny (Margot), Brian and Del Collins, all of Washington, nieces Marnita Collins of Washington, Shelly Green, and Libbee Todd, of the Kalispell area, Jill, Sally and Wendy Banks of Georgia and their families, and so many other family and friends too numerous to mention.

Melvin was predeceased by his parents, sister Helen Collins and brother Dennis Powell, brother-in-law Melvin Hanson Jr., nephew Cory Powell, nieces Cindy and Polly Banks and great-nephew Dillon Moore.

There will be a memorial service at the Valley Community Church located at 2149 Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Michael Hance officiating. Please mask up and safe distance. There will also be a celebration of life next summer when, hopefully, this pandemic is over.

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.

grandchildren, Brooke, Chris, Amy and Tiffany. Tom was a hardworking man who shared his love of life with all those he encountered. Tom you will be dearly missed. Rest in peace.

Thomas Raymond Powell, 89

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Gardena.

Tom was employed by Chevron Oil Company and completed a long and fruitful career with Chevron.

Tom and Marge relocated to Bigfork in 1985 when Tom retired from Chevron.

Tom and Marge had two children, Tommy and Debbie, who both reside in Bigfork, and four



Subic Bay Naval base. Tom was discharged from the Navy in Southern California and married Margaret Simmons in 1954 settling in the small L.A. suburb of



Thomas Raymond Powell was born July 5, 1930, on the family farm in Hopkins County, Kentucky, and passed away June 6, 2020, in Kalispell.

After growing up on the farm and completing high school Tom joined the Navy and was a member of the Navy Sea Bees spending much of his tour building the

from the Navy in Southern California and married Margaret Simmons in 1954 settling in the small L.A. suburb of

Robert 'Bob' L. Power, 81

Robert "Bob" L. Power, 81, died on Sept. 15, 2020, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls. He is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Debbie, John (Marta), Diana, Bob and Joe (Carrie). A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by Montana Army Honor Guard and the United Veterans of The Flathead Valley. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Charles A. Powers, 65

Charles A. Powers, 65, died on Oct. 2, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

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

James L. Price, 80

James L. Price, 80, of Kila, died on June 4, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife Stephanie and chil-

dren Joshwa, Kody, Kris, Angie, Maasai, and Tami.

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

Zackary Pritchett, 22

Zackary Pritchett, 22, died July 31, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his parents, Desiree and

Josh Pritchett.

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

Paul Profe, 85

Paul Profe, 85, of Kalispell died Dec. 27, 2020. No services are being held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ralph Provence, 92

Ralph Provence, 92, of San Martin, California, formerly of Kalispell, died Feb. 22, 2020, in California.

Burial will take place

at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley (Selstrom) Pryor, 90

PAG 24 June 2020

Shirley Pryor, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went peacefully home to the Lord on June 2, 2020.

Born Oct. 15, 1929, in Great Falls to Winifred (Smith) and Paul Selstrom, Shirley was an only child, and was very close to her cousin, John Selstrom. She attended grade school in Lincoln, Montana, boarded in Helena to attend high school and at 17 attended Montana State College in Bozeman to study art.

Shirley and Norman J. Cross married in the fall of 1948 and had three children. After being divorced for several years, she married Kenneth Monroe Pryor in the fall of 1959 in Butte. Ken worked for the Milwaukee Railroad and they maintained a home in Great Falls until the children finished high school. Shirley maintained an interest in all things artistic throughout her life. One year she painted the backdrops for the annual performance of the Butte Figure Skating Club. She liked working in watercolors and acrylics, painted ceramics, created original holiday decor, and fostered the creativity of her children. She was an active member in Eastern Star while in Butte and was a past worthy matron.

She and Ken retired to Mesa, Arizona, 1977. Following his death in 1981 she worked as the activity director at retirement parks in Mesa and then Tucson, Arizona, where her son Paul and his family lived. At the Voyager RV Park in Tucson, in addition to organizing facility activities, she taught landscape and flower painting, shirt painting and created paintings and murals for a number of the residents. One of her proudest accomplishments was a series



of murals depicting the history of Arizona painted around the walls of the Voyager

ballroom. She remained at the Voyager on retirement and loved the activities and all her many friends in the community.

In the spring of 2013, Shirley returned to Montana to be closer to her daughters and their spouses. She lived in an assisted living facility for a few years with the two cat companions who had traveled many miles with her on her road trips to art classes or to visit family and friends. Late in 2015 she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care in Kalispell. Her mind remained sharp but she truly missed her independence and the physical ability to create her art. In October of 2019, Shirley, her children and their spouses were able to celebrate her 90th birthday together.

On June 2, 2020, Shirley was gently "walked home" by her youngest, Carolyn Cosby.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Jennifer Pryor and Bill Crenshaw, Paul and Bonnie Pryor, and Carolyn and Steve Cosby, plus six grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her children are very grateful for Immanuel Lutheran, where Shirley spent her last years. The staff treated her with great kindness and were always kind and welcoming to family members, who were able to visit often. Memorials are suggested to an art organization of the donor's choice.

Edwin Lee Probert, 81

PA 6 12 Feb 2020

Although we are broken hearted, we are comforted knowing that our beloved Edwin Lee Probert passed away as peacefully and gracefully as he lived his life.

Ed was born on Dec. 27, 1938, in Kalispell to Raymond and Lillian Mae Probert. He passed away at his home in Kalispell surrounded by his family on Feb. 4, 2020. He was overjoyed to have reached the age of 81.

Born as the fifth of 12 children, Ed's childhood was not easy. He attended school in Columbia Falls but left at the age of 13 to find employment. One of his most memorable jobs was working with Larry Wilson at the Kintla Ranch. Ed loved to tell stories of his adventures, most of them involving cars or tractors.

Ed married Brenda Barrier on May 4, 1962, and they became steadfast and devoted life partners. After military service and honorable discharge, Ed worked for the B & B Bridge Crew and C & C Plywood/ Plum Creek. Ed often wore an "Honest Ed" hat to work that Brenda made for him because it made his coworkers more likely to fall for his pranks. Brenda insists that they never had an



argument. Clearly, they were completely devoted to each other but their family did enjoy their attempts at bickering. It always started with Ed reciting some tall tale, Brenda saying "Oh, Ed," Ed nudging her in the ribs with his elbow, and ended with Brenda telling him to keep his hands to himself. He teased Brenda for going to bingo on Sundays, calling her the Gambler.

Ed and Brenda had three children, Sandee, Penni and Charlie. Ed worked three jobs at times to allow Brenda to stay home with the kids. Together they built a warm and loving home that became the gathering place for their extended family. Many celebrations and meals were spent at their table and Ed was very proud of his children.

Ed loved people, animals, the outdoors, and especially children. An injury at work in 1992 allowed him to enjoy the childhood he never had with his grandchildren.

He was their playmate, constant companion, teacher, confidante and fellow adventurer. His patience was infinite and his ability to build any thing they desired leaves us with many fond memories as well as a backyard that remains a child's wonderland. (However, the trapeze he built in the living room finally caused Brenda to put her foot down.)

Ed was always quick with a joke or an unexpected costume. He wore shirts with a pocket in the front that was always stocked with candy. His hobbies included wood-working, tractors, restoring his 1934 Chevy truck, bird watching, and working in his flower garden. Stray cats were drawn to his gentle spirit so he built a cat condo in his garage with light bulbs for heat.

Ed stayed with us for as long as his body would allow. His illness allowed him time to write notes expressing his love for us, for which we are grateful. He frequently said that he hoped to see family members who had passed before him, including his father, Raymond Probert; mother, Lillian Mae Probert; brothers, Victor, Jim, Dwayne, and infant Paul; and sisters, Carrol,

Adelia Voight and Ruth Willette.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Brenda, daughter Sandra Lee, daughter Penni Chisholm, son Charles Probert, son-in-law Dean Chisholm, sister Charlotte Pederson, and brothers Don (Darlene), Kenny, and Raymond. He also leaves behind his most precious legacy, seven grandchildren, Haylee Sauer, Tristan Sauer, Madison Probert Jones and husband Greg, Mackenzie Probert, Henry Chisholm, Ava Chisholm, and Eddie Mae Chisholm. Ed also had numerous extended family members, neighbors and friends whom he also adored but it would cost us a fortune to list all of them.

Ed requested that no services be held for him. He suggested that all who loved him have a toast to him, maybe in Glacier Park. He also said that he wanted to be remembered for bank robbery so please feel free to have whatever kind of toast you choose. We suggest "Cheers to Ed and a life well-lived."

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, he suggested the Veterans Food Pantry in Evergreen.

Linda K. Pugh, 68

Linda K. Pugh, 68, of Whitefish, died April 20, 2020, at her home.

She is survived by her husband Jack and her son Max.

No services are scheduled. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for her family.

Harold Jerome 'Jerry' Puglia

A celebration of life for Harold Jerome "Jerry" Puglia, 66, who died March 21 will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 10,

at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

People should wear a mask if they would prefer. Bring your own.

Beverly Ann Puller, 93

Beverly Ann Puller, 93, died July 26, 2020, at Renaissance Assisted Living in Kalispell.

No services are

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

Arthur 'Art' T. Purdy, 91

PA3 23 Dec 2020

Arthur "Art" T. Purdy, 91, passed away at the Cabinet Peaks Medical Center on Nov. 24, 2020.

Art was born in Eureka on June 1, 1929, to Lynn and Jessie Purdy. Art grew up on the family farm with his two brothers and two sisters and attended school in Eureka where he participated in numerous sports including football, basketball and track. Art also began flying single engine planes when he was 14 years old. He was once called into the principal's office and asked to stop flying over the Canadian border and was then dismissed with a wink.

After high school, Art played football at Centralia College in Washington. He left college to enroll in the Army where he was stationed in Texas, New York and Alaska.

In 1954, Art married JoAnne Zimmerman and, after a brief time in (old) Rexford, they spent the rest of their marriage in Libby where they raised their four children,



Denice Purdy-Patrick (Terry) of Libby, Kevin Purdy of Louisville, Colorado, Craig Purdy (Deanna) of Fort Collins,

Colorado and Rebecca Purdy of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Art was preceded in death by his wife JoAnne, infant daughter Melanie, his parents and his siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Dolly (Urdahl) Purdy. Papa Art is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Andy, Josh, Jamie, Tyler, Callie, Justin, Megan, Emily, Von and Madi. He was blessed with 14 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Caleb, Ellie, McKenna, Olivia Jo, Mallory, Griffin, Sophie, Zora, Eli, Clark, Zion, Eden and Vivian. Art also enjoyed his frequent visits with cherished nieces and nephews.

Art worked in the logging industry for his entire career, starting in the 1950s when he was employed by J. Neils Lumber Company. Art worked as a sawyer, a log truck driver, a scaler and in the dispatch office for St. Regis and Champion lumber companies.

In his frequent travels throughout the country, Art never tired of bragging about Libby and Turner Mountain where he loved to ski and enjoyed serving on the ski patrol. Art was instrumental in bringing the chairlift to Turner Mountain. Look for the red, white and blue chair. (#1) Before that, Art was a charter member on the Libby Volunteer Ambulance.

After Art retired from the logging industry, he worked as a seasonal employee for the Forest Service. He enjoyed meeting for coffee with a wide range of friends at Rosauers, Henrys, McDonalds and Happy's Inn. He also enjoyed riding his bike, traveling the

country and visiting with his friends and family members.

Art's family would like to send a special thank you to those who took such good care of him in his final days, weeks and months, including Linda Andreasen, Carolyn Smith, Christine Avena and all the wonderful staff members at Cabinet Peaks.

In lieu of a celebration, due to current public health issues, we ask you send a note or story with your memories of Art to kevin@trailsnet.com or Denice Purdy-Patrick, 182 Cabinet Heights Road, Libby, MT 59923.

Memorials may be contributed to Turner Mountain/Kootenai Winter Sports Ski Education Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 210, Libby, MT 59923.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Marty J. Puryer Sr.

PA4 27 Feb 2020

Marty J. Puryer Sr. died peacefully Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Marty was preceded in death by his father, Harry; his mother, Anne; his stepmom, Helen; and his brother, Bucky.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sinda, of 42 years; his two children, Marty Jr. (Heidi) Puryer of Kalispell, and Marcy (Mike) Mollett of Billings; two granddaughters, Amanda (Anthony) Coggins (and their two children Tatum and Ayden) and Danielle Jeldness, both of Billings; his two sisters, Janice (Charley) Ashley and Susan



Dalton, both of Kalispell; his sister-in-law, Linda Puryer, of Eureka; his step-

brother, Quentin "BJ" Woods, and stepsister Phyllis (Donnie) Conger of St. Regis Falls, New York. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

His sense of humor, quick wit, a twinkle in his eyes, and his cooking will be greatly missed.

Marty did not want services, though he would appreciate any donations to the West Valley Fire Department.

Edward John Puckett, 84

PAS 9 Sept 2020

Edward John Puckett, 84, a loving, lifelong Montanan, died at his home in Kalispell, Montana, Sept. 4, 2020. Ed was a quiet, generous, and fiercely patriotic man who dearly loved his family, his country, and the Green Bay Packers. He died as he lived, working hard to the end with a wrench in his hand.

He was born and raised in Wolf Point, Montana, to Andy and Blanche Puckett. He had three siblings, Pearl Jensen, Rebecca Anderson, and Henry. Ed proudly graduated from Wolf Point High School. He played basketball, football and baseball and played trombone in the band. Ed remained a fan of the Wolves his entire life and closely followed the school's activities.

Ed achieved sharpshooter status in ROTC but was unable to join the military due to a medical condition he contracted as a child. Ed lost his father when he was 16. His family was poor growing up, but Ed was able to help his mother with the household. Ed helped his mother her entire life, bringing her groceries and maintaining her house, so she could remain in it until her passing.

Ed loved to help people whether through coaching, philanthropy, or lending his skilled help to friends and neighbors. He also was a member of the United States Junior Chamber (Jaycees) in Wolf Point and the Montana Freemasons in Kalispell, where he served as Worshipful Master.

At 21, Ed earned his



pilot's license. He attended the University of Montana, and after a few

semesters he drove to Washington, D.C., to enroll in boiler operator school. After graduating, he returned to Wolf Point where he met his love of 60 years, Gloria, an elementary school teacher. Ed and Gloria moved to Great Falls, then Fairfield to operate dry cleaning businesses. They had two kids along the way, Brent and Michelle. They moved back to Wolf Point and opened another dry cleaning business, where they had Valerie. An opportunity arose, and the family moved to Glasgow Air Force Base as a civilian contractor. Van, their fourth, was born.

The family camped many weekends and traveled many places around the West, including the Black Hills, Disneyland, the International Exposition on the Environment in 1974, and a caravan of 18 relatives to the Pacific Coast for clam digging and salmon fishing. Ed spent many hours outdoors instructing his family on hunting, fishing and how to repair or build just about anything.

The family remained in Glasgow until another opportunity arose to move the family overseas to Iran. With the overthrow of the Shah imminent in 1978, Ed moved the family back to Montana. On the trip back, Ed and Gloria took the entire family and 18

suitcases on an epic, six-week, lifetime adventure through Europe. The family visited nearly every Western European country. For 10 of those days, the family traveled in a VW camping van through Northern Europe—with no iPhones or GPS. The family visited D.C. for a week before returning home. After a nearly two-year absence, the Pucketts returned to Montana, moving to Kalispell.

Over the next 40-plus years, Ed raised his family and had careers at a few valley businesses including the Arco Aluminum Plant before retiring after 12 years at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. After retirement Ed remained active by driving the National Park Service shuttle busses through Glacier National Park, attending his grandchildren's events, and working on various projects.

Ed was a man of simple tastes, who liked to observe and talk to people. He was a humble man who didn't consider himself smart, but he was a learned person who could build or fix anything. And one of his greatest gifts he gave to his children was the confidence and ability to do the same. He was a generous man who often helped people less fortunate than himself. Later in life, he and Gloria grew raspberries and flowers to give to friends.

He treasured and bragged about his four children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ed and Gloria attended every one of their children's

and grandchildren's high school graduations and all but one college graduation, which was one of Ed's proudest achievements.

He was a history buff especially interested and knowledgeable of World War II. Although not obligated, Ed loved to share the history of Glacier National Park with his riders through the park. He was proud of his own family history, finding an interest in genealogy and tracing Pucketts back to colonial Virginia from England and beyond.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; his four children, Brent (Ellen), Castle Rock, Colorado; Michelle Sundh (Marlon), Kalispell; Valerie Kouns (John), Kalispell; and Van (Heather), Twin Bridges; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The immediate family will hold a private ceremony with a memorial service to be held at time and place to be determined.

Linda Pugh, 68

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Linda Pugh, 68, of Whitefish, passed away peacefully in her home on April 20, 2020.

Linda was born Linda Kaye Ekert on April 30, 1951, in Power, Montana, to Richard and Nancy Ekert. She graduated from Power High School and, not long after, met her husband Jack Pugh who at that time was enlisted at Malmstrom Air Force Base. They were married on Nov. 17, 1971 at Giant Springs.

Linda was a proud Montana girl. She was a loving wife, mother and friend of all that were blessed to know her.

Linda was a master gardener, loved her pets, which ranged from dogs, horses, cats, bunnies, etc. She was incredibly creative and had a true artistic eye. But above all, she adored her family and friends and was always there with a big hug and warm smile to lend a helping hand.



To describe Linda and all that her life encompassed would be difficult.

Linda had a heart as vast as the Big Sky she loved so much. All of us that knew her will miss her everyday.

Linda is survived by her husband Jack of Whitefish, along with son Max (Erin) Pugh; grandchildren, MacLean and Fiona of Kalispell; sister Vicky (Tim) Drown of Great Falls; and sister-in-law Anne Pugh (Allison) of Sterling, Virginia.

For those interested, please send donations in Linda's honor to Countryside Animal Clinic, c/o Linda Pugh Animal Fund, 15 Miranda Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.