

Arnold Quentin Sandefur, 96

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Last Tuesday afternoon, Arnold laid down in the grass on his daily walk to the mailbox.

He spent Wednesday, his 96th birthday, in the ICU, was able to squeeze hands and smile at family that was there. He took a turn early Thursday morning Dec. 10, 2020, they said he had a narrowed aortic valve, and went into the arms of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Arnold was born to Herbert "Hub" and Anna (Chanlund) Sandefur on his mother's birthday, Dec. 9, 1924, on the family homestead near Beaver Creek, southeast of Malta, Montana. Anna's new little boy was delivered by his dad because the neighbor lady didn't make it in time, so he joined his brothers Herb, Richard, and later Glenn.

Dad was schooled in the Malta school system. When 17 years old, he joined the U.S. Navy, had basic training at Farragut, Idaho, then was schooled in electronics and served 18 months as a radioman in World War II on the small airstrip isle of Palmyra in the South Pacific.

After the war was over, Dad held various jobs, had an appliance repair shop in Malta for a short time, and worked for Oscar Thronson at his general store in Babb, Montana, for a time. He liked the mountains, and worked on the building of Hungry Horse Dam as a surveyor. He hired out on the Great Northern Railway in 1953, and spent 35 years traveling the Hi-line as a freight conductor, retiring in 1988.

Arnold married Eileen D. Ohs in 1955, and they had three children, Kathy, Larry and Janice. He built the family home south of Whitefish mostly by himself and with friends, with any spare time the railroad would give him. He could fix most anything and enjoyed wood-



working, photography, playing horse shoes and keeping fit by walking with Eileen.

They had accepted and believed

what the Bible says concerning Jesus and his resurrection, were original members of First Baptist Church in Whitefish and have attended and served the Lord there ever since it started up in the early '60s.

After retirement, Arnold had more time to ski with his friends on the Big Mountain, hike and climb mountains in Glacier National Park with his son, Glacier Mountaineering Society and the infamous Over-the-Hill-Gang. He hiked, climbed and skied well into his 80s, but even as Dad aged, he may have forgotten a few things, but he never forgot all the mountains and trails he had hiked.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Anna Sandefur, brothers Herb, Richard and Glenn, and daughter Kathy Ann.

Arnold is survived by his wife Eileen, son Larry, daughter Janice, grandchildren, Brooke (Cantu) Block, Brad Cantu and Brian (Shekinah) Cantu. He also has 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be a short (distanced) graveside service Friday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens for family and friends, however, we will be having a much safer, celebration of Dad's life in the spring or summer and we look forward to greeting each and every one of you who knew Dad and would enjoy spending time with us.

Charles Sager, 68

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Charles Sager passed away Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at North Valley Hospital, after being diagnosed with cancer the day before. He was 68 years old.

Charlie was born Dec. 30, 1951, to Dorothy and Chuck Jones. He spent much of his childhood growing up in and around Washington, California and Oregon and eventually settled into the valley and made Hungry Horse his home. At the time of his death, Charlie had been a resident of Whitefish Care and Rehab for eight years following a debilitating stroke. While he was often cantankerous, he loved his family, his home and the people that cared for him. Prior to his stroke, Charlie enjoyed spending time in the woods, camping, huckleberry picking, and had a huge heart for animals and the pets he had in his life.

Charlie leaves behind



his brother Robert Ballenger, sister Darlene Lowery, brother David Sager,

sister Beverly Wiese, sister Lisa Lytle, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. Charlie was loved by many people and he will be missed. It provides comfort knowing that he is now resting in peace.

A gathering to celebrate Charlie's life will be planned for next spring and a date will be announced at a later time.

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.

Stephen Sakaske, 67

Stephen Sakaske, 67, of Kalispell, died Monday, July 6, 2020, at his home.

He is survived by his wife Dianne, and his children Josh Sakaske, Sonya Sakaske-Tonry, Jake Sakaske and

Carmin Bernard.

No services are being planned.

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

Mary Salvatore, 87

Mary Salvatore, 87, died on Nov. 19, 2020, in Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Phyllis Eileen Sanguine, 84

Phyllis Eileen Sanguine, 84, died on Nov. 26, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Nadine Marie (Bunker) Sand, 84

P.A. 26 July 2020

Nadine Marie (Bunker) Sand, 84, of Buffalo, Wyoming, went home to her Lord and Savior July 17, 2020, with her family at her side after a brief illness unrelated to COVID-19.

Nadine was born Aug. 25, 1935, in Wolf Point, Roosevelt County, Montana, to Raymond Earl and Vera Emily (Byxbe) Bunker. She was the second child of five. She attended Lake Blaine School, and graduated from Flathead County High School. She completed her registered nursing degree at St. Patrick Hospital School of Nursing in Missoula. Nadine had two children, Raymond and Colleen, from her marriage to Jerome Mathias Sand.

She grew up on a farm, north of Lake Blaine, and enjoyed having her paternal grandparents nearby. Nadine had great adventures with her siblings, swimming, hiking and simple sibling shenanigans. Family was most important to her. She loved to share her Lake



Blaine property as well as her home with family and friends. Her family treasures the many picnics, swimming, water skiing, snowmobiling, holidays, and trips with her. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and shared how proud she was of them with everyone.

She enjoyed the challenge of working with Dr. Lipenski as a surgical nurse. After his retirement, she continued working for pediatrician, Dr. Sapp. Nadine retired as regional office manager for the State of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. In her retirement and after her divorce, she enjoyed living in Gilbert, Arizona, where she loved the sunshine and daily walks to the park. She could be found regularly in the stands watching baseball games and cheering the

teams on. The last five years, she resided with her brother, Mark, and sister-in-law, Joan. She enjoyed the close small town environment where everyone does know your name. She felt it was important to stay physically active. When COVID-19 forced the senior center to close, she missed her twice weekly exercise classes. She continued to walk two miles a day until the last week of her life.

Over 20 years, Nadine opened her home to 60-plus foster children. She was honored with an award from the Montana State Foster Parents Organization for her untiring efforts. Life was never dull with a house full of children, and she wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Her family would love to hear from any of those who would like to reach out.

Nadine is survived by her son Raymond (Jeanne) Sand of Albuquerque, New Mexico, daughter Colleen (Doug) Bowman of Pasco,

Washington; grandchildren, Christina Sand (Jeremy) Wilke, Nicholas (Alyssa) Bowman, Christopher Bowman, Holly Bowman, and Lydia Bowman; great-grandchildren, Tanner Wilke, Lexi Wilke, and Ryleigh Bowman; brothers, Kenneth Bunker of Kalispell, sister-in-law Geraldine Bunker of Kalispell, and Mark (Joan) Bunker of Buffalo, sister, Barbara (Mark) Hayes of Missoula; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nadine was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Vera (Byxbe) Bunker, brother Donald Bunker, grandsons David and Benjamin Bowman; and nephews Justin Carstens and Pernell Baga.

Special thank you to Mark and Joan Bunker for the amazing care given to our mother, and friends and citizens of Buffalo for your kindness.

Bruce Roy Santomier, 71

PAG 11 July 2020
Bruce Roy Santomier, 71, passed away on June 28, 2020.



Bruce lived a full and colorful life. He appreciated a good drink and a fine cigar. He was an avid sports fan and loved all sports, especially ice hockey and football, which he played in high school and college.

He served his country as a U.S. Marine in the Vietnam War. He was regional sales manager for Sharp Electronics at the Dallas World Trade Center. He became a frequent flyer and traveled internationally to conferences and trade shows.

Bruce had a great sense of humor and loved to relate stories about the well-known and sometimes infamous celebrities he met. One of the moments he most enjoyed

was meeting the King of the Blues, B.B. King. Bruce had an extensive collection of blues recordings and enjoyed listening to them. Bruce was a friend of "Mr. Sam" and his picture is on the wall of Walmart headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas, as salesman of the year for several years in a row.

Bruce was also an organ donor and two people who were blind can now see. Although he faced pain and many health issues in his final days, he remained a loving husband and wanted to be sure his wife was cared for. Bruce will be sorely missed.

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.

Adelyn Baylee Sather, newborn

Adelyn Baylee Sather died Feb. 27, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She is survived by

her parents Lucas and Dawn Sather and an older brother. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ruth Marie Satterlee, 64

PAG 17 Mar 2020
Ruth Marie Satterlee, age 64, of Shoreline, Washington, passed away March 8, 2020, of cancer.



Talented artist in beads, fabric, glass, and other mediums. Loved to travel, and took multiple trips to Kenya, Mexico and Hawaii.

Survived by her parents, Royce and Ruth Satterlee; her siblings, Alan Satterlee (Elsbeth Satterlee), Ann Satterlee LePage (Tom LePage), and Robert Satterlee (Barry MacDougall); and her five nieces and nephews. She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend.

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

Born in Republic, Washington, in 1955, and raised in Whitefish. Attended Washington State University, earning a degree in English literature. Worked as a technical writer, computer programmer, and indexer in the Seattle area, including work on a pilot project for Visa debit

Debbora Marie Romain Sargent, 73

PAG 6 Dec 2020
Debbora Sargent passed away suddenly to an unforeseen medical condition on Nov. 18, 2020, at the age of 73.

She was born in Missoula, raised on a farm near Chester, Montana, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1965.

She attended the University of Oregon where she met William Sargent. They were married in 1967 and traveled to his U.S. Air Force pilot training class on their honeymoon. She spent the next nine years as an Air Force wife and mothering their son Scott and daughter Kacie. They moved to Kalispell in 1975, and operated Sargent's Jewelry.



Debbora loved travel and became a travel agent employed by Flathead Travel

Service for 23 years. She loved skiing, dancing, swimming and golf; was energetic, enthusiastic and kind.

Debbora is survived by husband, William; son, Scott; daughter, Kacie; son-in-law, Derek; and granddaughters, Aundine and Olivia; four brothers and one sister.

Debbora cherished her friends, families, and their successes in life. Debbora is missed by all who knew her.

'Jimmy' Saunders, 71

"Jimmy" Saunders, 71, of Kalispell, died Thursday, March 19, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Janie and his daughter, Jennifer.

No services are being planned at this time.

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

Gordon H. Saylor, 79

Gordon H. Saylor, 79, of Kalispell, died on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at his home.

Arrangements are pending. Inurnment

will take place at Fort Harrison National Cemetery.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service are caring for the family.

Karen Suzzane Magini Scalf, 76

PAL

10 Nov 2020

Karen Suzzane Magini Scalf passed away peacefully at her home in Polson Oct. 24, 2020, with friends by her side.

Karen Suzzane Magini Scalf was born July 6, 1944, to Gene and Mary Kline Magini of Stevensville, Montana, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her only sibling, Darlene Slusher; her niece, Shelly Lynn Slusher House; and nephew, Todd Slusher. Karen was previously married/divorced from James M. Scalf of Kalispell and the late



Leonard R. Hern of Polson.

Karen was constantly self-employed in her studio, handling her own designs in both floral and wall decors, where she supplied both local and national customers. She was also a career banker and was an officer as well as director for a local bank. She was also an optometrist assistant for Polson Family Eyecare

for over 20 years, while simultaneously maintaining horse boarding stables. Karen's passion was horses and she was well known for her competence with thoroughbred jumping horses and even received a salute from Queen Elizabeth at Spruce Meadows in Calgary, upon repeated perfect execution of 6-foot 6-inch high square oxers. She believed a horse was like a 3-year-old child, needing love, discipline and more love. Karen is also responsible for training many a horse

and rider with her expert knowledge.

She tried to live by her father's words ... "It costs nothing to smile and to be kind, as well as to do the best you can with what you have to work with." She commented that she was indebted to her mother for teaching her to always be a lady, and Karen certainly was.

No memorial service will be held, but she requested that any memorial tribute could be made to the Humane Society or Youth Homes.

James Morgan Scott, 76

PAL 26 July 2020

James Morgan Scott, 76, died on July 22, 2020, from complications of dementia.

He was born in Evanston, Illinois, in 1944 and died in Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father and sister (Clara Louise Oberrauch, 2008;

Ernest Morgan Scott, 1960; and Sally Joy Scott, 1982).

Jim taught Latin and Greek at the University of Montana in the Modern and Classical Languages Department from 1984 until 2010. Jim is survived by his wife, Anita Banning Otten Scott, of

Bigfork; and his son, Christian Hughes Scott, and his wife, Sacha Regina Panarella Scott, and his grandchildren Daniela Lucia Scott and Domenico James Scott, all of Portland.

A funeral Mass was held at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in

Bigfork on Friday, July 24.

Gifts may be sent to Bigfork Food Bank and Northwoods Animal Shelter in Iron River, Michigan.

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

Marvin Duane Schelling, 88

PAL

22 Apr 2020

Marvin Duane Schelling, 88, Columbia Falls, formerly from Mohall, North Dakota, passed away April 3, 2020, peacefully at home.

Cremation took place at Darlington Cremation and Burial Services, Kalispell.

Marv was born Jan. 20, 1932, in Renville Country,



North Dakota, to Bob and Laura Schelling. He attended country schools and Mohall

Public school. He was united in marriage to Jeanette Schweitzer,

Tolley, North Dakota, on April 22, 1953.

Marv was as a land surveyor for oil companies in several states. In 1966, they purchased the A&W drive-in at Whitefish. He later went into construction until he retired.

His survivors include his wife of 67 years;

children, Randy, Connie, Lori, Julie, Bob and Todd; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Ken, Dick and Jim; and sister, Pearl.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Eugene and Gary; and a great-grandchild.

Leo Anthony Schaefer Sr., 83

Leo passed Nov. 6, 2020, after a short battle with COVID-19 exacerbated by asbestosis.

He was born and raised on a farm in the small town of Rhame, North Dakota. Along with his siblings, Leo attended parochial school and to help pay for room and board he worked as a candy stripper. This began his education in the importance of hard work, sacrifice, and ethics.

Leo enlisted in the Navy Dec. 8, 1955, proudly serving until his honorable discharge Dec. 11, 1967, as an ensign 3. During his service, he was stationed on the USS Warwick. Upon his discharge, he was awarded with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and two letters of commendation from the USS Dynamic. Leo also enjoyed spending time at the USO where he met the love of his life, Anne. Two months later they were married enjoying 44 1/2 years together



company, SeaLand for 27 years of hard labor as a mechanic until his retirement in 1998. In 2001, Leo moved with Anne to Miles City, Montana. Leo lastly settled in Kalispell, enjoying his family, grandchildren, and friends from St. Matthew's along with the Knights of Columbus.

Leo was a proud, dedicated member of the Knight of Columbus for 42 years including 33 years as a Fourth Degree Knight. He was always there stepping up whenever help was needed.

Leo was preceded in death by his wife, Anne, and their son Leo

and proudly raising their 12 children until Anne's untimely death

After the Navy, Leo worked for the Seattle-based company, SeaLand for 27 years of hard labor as a mechanic until his retirement in 1998. In 2001, Leo moved with Anne to Miles City, Montana. Leo lastly settled in Kalispell, enjoying his family, grandchildren, and friends from St. Matthew's along with the Knights of Columbus.

Schaefer Jr.

He is survived by his second wife, Marlis Neisinger and his 11 children, Kateri Reeves, Paul Schaefer (Dana), Jerome Schaefer (Donna), Gregory Schaefer (Traci), Kenneth Schaefer (Toni), Nichole Snow (Frank), Jacob Schaefer, Dominic Schaefer (Tina), Ronald Schaefer (April), Megan Hoskin (Jeremy), Thomas Schaefer (Heather), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Dec. 3, beginning with the rosary at 11:30 a.m. followed by the celebration of life at 12:10 p.m. For the safety and health concerns of all attendees, masks are required. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated since no one may attend without a mask. Seating is limited in the church with a livestream as an option. For information contact Megan Hoskin via text (253) 514-2724 or email meganhoskin24@gmail.com.

Dore' Schaffer, 83

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Design degree. Her homes were always warmly decorated and with her loving spirit always made visitors, friends and strangers feel welcome. She always sought and welcomed opportunities to serve others through community and church service and created many close friends.

Dore' Schaffer of Big Arm/Polson passed away peacefully the morning of Dec. 12, 2020, at The Retreat assisted living facility in Polson, after suffering 4 four-plus years with dementia; this after a life devoted to serving and loving everyone she was ever associated with.

She was born May 31, 1937, to James and Vi Andrews in Hot Springs. She married Darold Schaffer June 5, 1955, in Sanders County.

She is survived by her husband, Darold; four children, Greg Schaffer (Peggy), Zonda Perry (Jim), Robbin Schaffer (Denise), and Diana Sims (Joel); 13 grandchildren, (plus Brett in heaven who passed at age 11), and 22 great-grandchildren. Dore' had a great artistic talent and achieved a Associate of Science in Interior

rated and with her loving spirit always made visitors, friends and strangers feel welcome. She always sought and welcomed opportunities to serve others through community and church service and created many close friends.

During 65 years together, Darold and Dore' lived in Northwest Montana, the Seattle area, California, Tennessee and Utah. They returned to the Flathead and Mission areas of western Montana for their senior years.

The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson is caring for the family.

Joan M. Schafer, 89

Joan M. Schafer, 89, of Columbia Falls, died Jan. 17, 2020 at BeeHive Homes of Columbia Falls. Arrangements are

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

Marguerite MacDonald Schenck, 94

PAT 20 Dec 2020

Marguerite Helen Schenck passed away at her residence at The Springs in Whitefish on Dec. 8, 2020, with three of her children by her side. She was 94.

She was born to Frank R. and Anne M. MacDonald on June 28, 1926, in Whitefish. She attended Whitefish schools and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1944. She earned her registered nursing degree through the Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane in 1947.

While celebrating her 21st birthday at the Cadillac Bar in Whitefish, she was introduced to Ed Schenck, who had come from Great Falls with the dream of building a ski resort. She worked briefly for a hospital in Seattle, but returned to marry Ed in 1948. They had five children and raised them in the home where Marguerite lived for 63 years. Ed died in 1982 after achieving his dream.

She served as a nurse at Whitefish's John B. Simons Hospital and North Valley Hospital, as well as at local clinics. She was dedicated to her profession, and never refused when called upon as a special duty nurse, even when her children were young. When her youngest started school, she began working full time — on the night shift so she could spend time with her family.

Marguerite's life was characterized by sharing and caring, first with family and always with her community.

She used her considerable energy in raising her children during earlier lean years. She was a good cook, and taught her children to crave her pot roast, spaghetti and beef stew. The Schenck dinner table was a daily ritual, with everyone reporting on their day and the parents



providing guidance in everything from table manners to how to survive in the world. A devoted mother, Marguerite was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, taught Sunday school and

attended all of her children's sports and extra-curricular activities.

She was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church all her life, often assisting in projects such as dinners and fund raisers, and as a greeter. She volunteered for many other organizations, including the Red Cross, the Cancer Society, Flathead County Health Department, North Valley Hospital and hospice, utilizing her nursing background. She volunteered at the Stumptown Historical Society Museum, where she worked as a docent into her late 80s. She received many awards, among them the Beta Sigma Phi's Woman of the Year in 1993, the Florence Nightingale Award for nursing, and the Great Whitefish Award for community service from the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce in 2008. The Winter Carnival honored her as Grand Marshal of the parade in 2008.

Though she had little time or means to travel when she was young, she saw the world in later life, with itineraries taking her to Europe, Russia, China, Ecuador, Israel, Australia and points in between. Her children are particularly grateful that she brought them to her parents' ancestral home in Prince Edward Island, Canada, in 1994 to introduce them

to their many relatives there.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl E. "Ed" Schenck, her brothers Francis J., Reginald J., and Dr. Ralph F. MacDonald; and many wonderful lifelong friends.

She is survived by her children, Mary Anne Miles of Whitefish, Suzanne Schenck of San Francisco, Karl F. Schenck (Susan) of Whitefish, Ronald E. Schenck (Melissa) of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Eric (Sheril) Schenck of Whitefish; by her brother, Michael R. MacDonald (Patrice) of Fort Benton, and by her sister-in-law, Arlene Priest of Billings. Her devoted grandchildren include Jeremy Miles (Kathryn) of Spokane, Ericka Schenck of Missoula, Chelsea Lefcourt (David) of Whitefish, Katrina Moseley (Scott) of Whitefish, Madeline Schenck of Charlotte, North Carolina, Matthew Schenck of Marysville, Michigan, and Robert Schenck of Melbourne, Florida. 'Gramarg' will be missed by her precious great-grandchildren, Henry, Edwin, Erin, Simma, Claire and Colin. There are also numerous nieces and nephews, and uncountable cousins and their offspring in Canada.

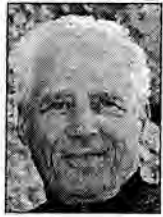
The family thanks the staff of The Springs, her residence in recent years, for their attentive care, especially in her final weeks, and Frontier Hospice for their care in assuring she was comfortable in her last days.

The family is not planning a service at this time and hopes to celebrate Marguerite's life at a later date. Memorials can be sent to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Todd 'Theodore' A. Schlapfer, 73

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 Todd "Theodore" A. Schlapfer died peacefully at home in Somers on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at the age of 73. Todd had been diagnosed with a degenerative neurological disorder in 2018.



personal, his voice came from the still point of a meditative mind and a loving heart. He

Todd is survived by his wife, two children, a granddaughter and three siblings.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents.

Todd was born Sept. 2, 1947, in Quincy, California. His family moved about the country with the Forest Service and Todd graduated high school in Custer, South Dakota, in 1965 and went on to complete a degree in natural resource conservation/forestry from the University of Montana in 1970. During his university years, Todd proudly achieved Conscientious Objector (CO) status during the Vietnam War era and counseled future draftees of their options. Post-graduation, he became an associate director of an environmental education foundation in the Swan Valley of Western Montana, where he met his future wife. At age 32 he went on to study naturopathic medicine and graduated with his Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine doctorate degree from NCNM in 1983.

He had a clinical practice of nearly three decades in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. As a close colleague has written:

"Whether his work was about politics or philosophy, professional or

always left you with a warm and gentle embrace of his soul to yours."

Todd's presence is missed. There are numerous reminders of his passion for life all around us: his medical books, artisan wood carving and house building tools, a handmade cabin in the woods, a Todd inspired house near the lake, artistic sketches, many poems and journal musings — contemplative reflections of his universe, his mind and heart. Todd's legacy is his kindness, his innate desire to help others, to share in making the world a better place.

The family wishes to thank Frontier Hospice for their care and concern. We also wish to thank Todd's weekly caregiver for her kindness, humor, creativity, and her love of dogs. Heartfelt thanks to the many friends who came to be with Todd and share some moments of his last weeks and months.

There is no planned memorial at this time. We hope to gather in the spring/summer of 2021.

Donations may be made to the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives (obcon.org), Mt. Shasta, CA. Other than nature, this was Todd's spiritual home.

Marjorie Schoening, 83

Marjorie Schoening, 83, of Kalispell died Jan. 2, 2020 at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. A celebra-

tion of life is being planned for a later date. Darlington Cremation and Burial is caring for her family.

Barbara Jean VanAlstine Schow, 86

PAL 12 Feb 2020
 Barbara Jean VanAlstine Schow passed away on Super Bowl Monday, 2020, peacefully and knowing she was loved throughout her lifetime by her family, past and present. She spent the last of her years in Anoka, Minnesota, closest to the loving care of her youngest daughter, Luci Lynn and granddaughter Cinnamon Huyck-Kelley. Barb is survived by her five children, Vickie, Duff, Wendy, Scott and Luci.



learned many valuable and useful traits from her mother, including sewing,

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Mark Schow.

Barb was born in Lubbock, Texas, on Oct. 14, 1933, to Elsie Scott, and was a master at motherhood. Mom

cooking, creating decorations like none others to be found. Barb last worked at Costco in February 2014, and moved to Anoka in May 2014, where she passed.

Mom wished to be cremated and have her remains in Glacier Park and Lake Blaine. Barb requested to not have any type of service or memorial or celebration. Therefore, Luci and her siblings will grant Barb's wishes in private.

Florence L. Schmautz, 92

Florence L. Schmautz, 92, of Kalispell, died Feb. 20, 2020, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children Dawn Milliner, Alan Schmautz, Tamara Schmautz, Chandra Scott and Kandace Roesler.

A visitation will be

from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at noon Saturday, Feb. 29, at Central Bible Church in Kalispell with a luncheon to follow.

Betty J. Schneider, 89

Betty Jane (Becker) McFadzen Schneider passed peacefully into the Spirit World on March 12, 2020, at the age of 89 in Kalispell.

Arnold and Edith Becker welcomed Betty, their first child, on Aug. 31, 1930, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Betty was born under the Virgo zodiac sign with traits that gleamed throughout her life. Growing up on a dairy farm, Betty developed a strong work ethic. She picked up field stones, brought in the cows and was her mother's second pair of hands with household chores.

After graduating from Washington High in 1948, Betty pursued her dream of becoming a registered nurse at Marquette University. To help with expenses, her mother would pickpocket Betty's father following poker games and send her the money.

In the next chapter of life, Betty was both a mother and father to five children while working nights at the Two Rivers hospital. On some winter nights, she walked across a frozen river as a shortcut to or from work. Regardless of how tired she was, Betty was always there for her children. Betty's parents and siblings provided unwavering support to ensure the family always had everything they needed. The McFadzen in-laws helped wrangle in the kids. Betty's indomitable spirit always shined brightly.

In 1978, she married Jack Schneider, which instantly expanded the size of her family. Betty loved Jack's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Betty's sense of adventure and Jack's enjoyment of long drives led to



road trips around Wisconsin. They ventured farther to visit her daughters in Montana

and Arizona while enjoying scenic detours such as the Grand Canyon.

After Jack's passing in 1990, Betty became more involved in holistic health and spirituality, a path she followed for the rest of her life. Using complementary therapies—foot reflexology, massage and aroma therapy—Betty graciously shared her expertise at wellness events, nursing homes, and with anyone who needed help. She was a member of the Lakeshore Peace Makers and Christine Center. At age 70, Betty retired from nursing.

Betty continued to share her compassion for and nurturing of youth by being a Big Sister. She recently received an email from the Little Sister she had in the early '90s: "You came into my life just when I needed an angel. And you inspired me to be a strong woman of faith. I love you, Betty."

Betty was always willing to try something new when asked by her kids. Together, they had many wonderful adventures in Wisconsin and the West. With coaxing over the years, Betty finally made the bittersweet decision to move to Montana to be with daughters Becky and Mary. In 2010, after 80 years of living in Wisconsin, family and friends bid farewell to Betty as she ventured on a new journey to Kalispell.

Because of Betty's welcoming and caring nature, she quickly built

a community of friends. She joined the Shining Mountains Center for Spiritual Living, where she attended weekly services (she loved the music!) and classes and met many wonderful people. She joined a women's group and volunteered with Feed the Flathead and the Flathead County Democratic Women. Betty was an intrepid partner with her kids on countless explorations, numerous visits to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, stays at remote cabins, watching wildlife, viewing of the total solar eclipse, drinking lattes and eating ice cream.

Betty spent her final two years at Buffalo Hill Terrace, where she made more friends. She attended as many parties and parades as she could. Recently, she was crowned "Mardi Gras Queen of Buffalo Hill Terrace." The adventures continued with her kids—Betty was always up to do anything or go anywhere. She is now on her next journey.

Happy trails to you, Montana Betty.

The family thanks Betty's physicians who provided outstanding care with humor since she arrived in Montana, and the staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace and Kalispell Hospice for care and kindness.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at a later date in Kalispell and

Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Donations may be made to Shining Mountains Center for Spiritual Living (www.cslkalispell.com), Big Brothers Big Sisters (www.bbbs.org) and Sparrows Nest (for homeless high school students; www.sparrowsnest-nwmt.org).

Betty is survived by daughter Becky (Steve) Petrashek of Kalispell; son Mike McFadzen (Karen) of Plymouth, Wisconsin; daughters Mary McFadzen of Bozeman and Christine McFadzen of Madison, Wisconsin; granddogs and grandcat; brothers and sisters in Wisconsin: Dick (Jean) Becker, Shirley (Bob) Brose, Jan (Leigh) Coenen, Bobbie (Kay) Becker; cousins, nieces and nephews; in-laws in Wisconsin: Bill Brennan and Sara (John) Eldredge; in-law in Arizona: Paul Grella; stepchildren in Wisconsin: Craig (Sherri) Schneider and Lance Schneider of Wisconsin and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her son Patrick McFadzen; husband Jack Schneider; parents Arnold and Edith Becker; father and mother-in-law Ellis and Allie McFadzen; ex-husband Peter McFadzen; stepdaughter Jacquelyn Svoboda and in-laws Lois Grella, John (Maggie) McFadzen, Tom (Gloria) McFadzen, Jean (Jim) Radcliff and Maggie Brennan.

Wilma Bell Schreier, 76

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Wilma Bell Schreier, 76, passed away peacefully on the morning of Feb. 23,



2020, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Wilma was a loving mother of five children.

She was born in Wiley, Georgia, on Dec. 20, 1943, to George S. Taylor and Gladys Lovell Taylor. At the age of 5, the family moved west. She lived the majority of her life in Kennewick, Washington, where she attended school. In 1961 she married Carl L. Schreier. They continued to live in Kennewick until moving to Montana and she spent the remainder of her life there.

Wilma was a kind, loving mother, friend and companion to all who knew her. She loved camping, family reunions, doing puzzles, Western movies, country music, playing cribbage and playing cards with friends and family.

She always looked for the best in everyone. Her warm, gentle smile made everyone feel loved. She

loved the time she had with her family.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, George and Gladys Taylor; sisters, Bobbi Cole and Jenny Hack; brother, H.J. Taylor; her husband of 43 years, Carl L. Schreier; a great-granddaughter, Cheyenne; and a grandson, Beau.

She is survived by her sister, Lorraine Smith; brother, David Taylor; her five children, Belinda (Scott) Knapton of Columbia Falls, Sandra (John) Newbill of Pasco, Washington, Randy Schreier of Billings, Carol (Joe) Tingley of Oak Harbor, Washington, and Carl G. Schreier of Billings. Wilma is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one more on the way, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at Columbia Mortuary on Monday, March 2, from 1 to 2 p.m. A service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial and additional services will be held in Pasco on Thursday, March 5.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls Montana is caring for Wilma's family.

Olga. K. Schwarz, 94

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Olga. K. Schwarz was born in Northampton, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 30, 1925, to Wassyl and Kathryn Kotoris (Zakaroff). Wassyl and Kathryn were both immigrants from the Ukraine, with Kathryn arriving to the United States in 1911 at the age of 16. Olga was one six children and the second youngest: Michael (b. 1917), Anna (b. 1919), Stephen (b. 1921), William (b. 1923), Olga (b. 1925) and finally Mary in 1934. Olga's father, Wassyl, passed away in 1936 at the height of the Great Depression and Kathryn, who spoke very little English, was left to raise her six children. Olga was 11 years old when her father passed away.

Shortly after World War II, Olga met and married Ralph Schwarz. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during the war and passed away on April 1, 2007. They were married for 34 years and had three children. Their first born was Ellen on Sept. 4, 1948, born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Michael born on June 13, 1951, in Helena, and finally Stephen born Aug. 9, 1953, in Kalispell. Ellen passed away on June 30, 2007, and Stephen passed away in 1970. Olga and Ralph started their life together in Pennsylvania, but gradually made their way West, through the Great Lakes region, Wyoming, and finally Montana. They settled in Kalispell around 1950 where Olga remained a vital and loved member of the community for 70 years.



famous pies (especially apple!), and zipping around town in her peppy

little red car. Over the years people across the Flathead Valley embraced and loved her, checking on her welfare and stopping to share a chat wherever they saw her.

She is survived by her son Michael (Wilder, Idaho); five grandchildren, Alex Baker of Wilder, Sacha Waters of Nampa, Idaho, and Josue Schwarz, U.S. Navy San Antonio, Texas; and four great-grandchildren, Natalia Waters, U.S. Navy, Great Lakes Training Station, Andres Waters, Alejandro Waters and Antonio Waters; and nieces and nephews across the United States.

Olga left an impression on everyone she met: — stoic, strong, proud, independent, open-hearted and loving. Her noble character was forged by experiences throughout her life: Years of close quarters with her large bilingual immigrant family during the Depression; collecting coal from the railroad tracks that fell off the passing cars to keep their small home warm during the cold Pennsylvania winters; migration westward away from her home and family, eventually settling in Montana to raise her young family; blue-collar labor for more than 50 years, during which time she rarely if ever missed a

Olga was an incredibly hard-working woman and took great pride in her independence and work ethic. For many years she worked at Montgomery Ward (that was located in downtown Kalispell), then at the Immanuel Lutheran home for more than 20 years (where she lived for the last five and a half years of her life). In addition to Kalispell, during her time in the Flathead Valley she also lived in Columbia Falls and over the years made several trips back to Pennsylvania to visit her family.

She was a well known and beloved member of the Flathead Valley. Until her death she was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell where each Sunday she'd share the gift of her beautiful and powerful singing voice. She nurtured lifelong friendships, loved a good conversation, catching up over lunch, sharing her

day; the heartbreak of seeing two of her three children pass away before her (Ellen and Stephen); and life as a single independent woman for the last 40 years of her life. These and other experiences helped to forge Olga's noble and resilient character and her desire to see everyone living an equitable and happy life.

Olga's family would like to thank so many people across the Flathead Valley for their love and support during this time, and would like to take this opportunity to offer our deep gratitude to the entire staff of Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Residence in Kalispell; your devoted, loving and skilled care provided a true home where Olga enjoyed her last years, and where she passed away on Sept. 18, 2020. Thank you.

Send remembrances to Michael Schwarz at 28437 Peckham Road, Wilder, ID 83676.

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Robert D. 'Bob' Schweigert, 78

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Robert D. "Bob" Schweigert died peacefully at his home in Kalispell on May 7, 2020, or "5-7-20." "57" was also bob's race car number for most of his life.

Bob was born on March 3, 1942 in Baker, Montana to Gwendolyn Seeley and Fred Schweigert. He graduated from Baker High School in 1960. He still holds the scoring record for the most points in a single basketball game. He received a scholarship to Eastern College in Billings. He married Molly Agler and had two sons, Scott and Troy. They later divorced.

Bob worked at D & A Chevrolet as a certified GM mechanic in Baker until the family moved to Polson in 1964. He worked as the parts manager at Courtesy Chevrolet, as well as the manager of Ronan Sporting Goods Snowmobile Shop. He later co-owned the Texaco gas station. Bob's love of motor sports began racing 280 hydroplanes as well as snowmobiles. In 1969, Bob began racing stock cars in Pablo and Missoula. He continued to race competitively throughout Montana, Idaho, Washington and



Canada until 2006. During this time he won the coveted Apple Cup three times and the Montana 200, along with many track championships. He was inducted into the Northwestern Montana Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame. This sport lost a tough and fair competitor and will be missed by so many lifelong friends he met in the sport he loved.

Bob moved to Kalispell in 1970. He was involved in building the Gateway West Mall, and Libby and Hungry Horse dams. In 1976 Bob started his own construction business with steel buildings and concrete, which included doing all the concrete at his hometown track raceway park. Bob could outwork most men half his age. Bob enjoyed his work as he made many longtime friends from all his clients over the years. Bob's kind heart and many skills always came to the aid of his family and friends.

In 1982, Bob married Sherry Mcdowell. Together they raised Billy

and Michelle Salmonsens. They later divorced.

In 1994, Bob met Jody Hartman and they were married from 1999 to the present. Bob and Jody shared so many happy times together with family and friends, whether it was at home, the shop or the race track. He loved us all dearly.

He will be remembered for his mischievous grin and the twinkle in his eye.

Bob is preceded in death by his father Fred and stepmother Florence Schweigert; brother Val Schweigert; brother-in-law Arnie Uecker; and in-laws Brownie and Marie Hartman.

Bob is survived by his wife Jo Ann "Jody" Schweigert; his mother Gwen Setinc of Baker; his siblings: Ken (Bev) Schweigert, Tana (Greg) Greene of Kalispell, Sharon Uecker, Craig (Brenda) Setinc of Billings, Pam (Tom) Owens of Baker; his children: Scott and Troy (Brandy) Schweigert; Billy (Stacey) Salmonsens; Michelle (Rob) Morris, all of Kalispell; grandchildren: Kyle, Tylor, Page and Danika Schweigert; Tanner, Tucker and Tori Salmonsens; Jacob and

Dylan Morris; brother-in-law Todd (Sumiko) Hartman; sister-in-law Jean Larson and 21 nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, support and prayers. There are no words to express how grateful we are and humbled by this show of love and compassion.

A memorial celebration of Bob's life is planned for early September. Location and date will be announced at a later time.

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

Judith K. Schultz, 80

Judith K. Schultz, 80, of Kalispell, died July 18, 2020, in Bigfork.

She is survived by her daughter Kay Erikson.

Private family services are being held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



The Memorial Service for Richard Schultz

will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM in The Rose Room Chapel at Croxford Funeral Home 1307 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT with burial to follow at the Geraldine Cemetery with military honors.

For the full obituary or to leave condolences for the family please visit www.croxfordfuneralhome.com.

Sharron R. Searcy, 72

Sharron R. Searcy, 72, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

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

Carlos William Seeley, 60

Carlos William Seeley, 60, died at his home in Kalispell, on Aug. 12, 2020. No services are

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

James Allen Senger, 75

On Sept. 7, 2020, James Allen Senger passed away in Whitefish.

James served honorably in the U.S. Navy and retired from a successful career with AT&T;

James is survived by his long-term partner, Liz Wicklund; his three children, Nathan Senger, Aaron Senger and Natalie Sharp (Nick Sharp); his grandchildren, Mason Sharp and



Ethan Sharp; and his three siblings, Patti

Scruggs (John Crouch), Bonnie Casey (Dennis Casey) and Scott Senger (Kay Compton). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held next summer.

David Taylor Selig, 81

"David's true love was serving God, providing for his family and helping others."



With love and sadness we announce the passing of Wayne David Taylor Selig on Aug. 3, 2020, at age 81.

David, beloved father and husband, is survived by his wife Dolores, his four children, Jeff Selig, Steve Selig, Lora Barnes and Carole Harris, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two of his three sisters, Charlotte Alcorn and Becki Sparre.

He was preceded in death by his older sister Lorna Wilson, his parents and his granddaughters Emily and Erin Selig.

David was born Jan. 6, 1939 to Kate and Andrew Selig. He was the third of four children and only boy. He spent his early years in Cle Elum, Washington, and after moving with his family, graduated from Winlock High School in 1957. After high school, David moved to Seattle and attended and graduated from Northwest Bible School. He married Dolores Bowerman in 1962 and began building their family soon after, having four children, two boys and two girls. David and Dolores raised their family in Seattle, Washington, before mov-

ing to Columbia Falls in 2004.

David spent his working life in the construction industry but his true love was serving God, providing for his family and helping others. David was an accomplished and gifted singer and used his talents leading worship services for many years. A personal highlight was singing the national anthem for the Seattle Mariners in the Kingdome. As an active church member, he served as a deacon, an usher and participated in seven mission trips abroad using his carpentry skills to help build schools and churches. He also loved the outdoors spending many vacations camping, hunting and fishing with family and friends.

David was known for his sense of humor, his beautiful voice, his willingness to help others and his strong faith. He will be deeply and profoundly missed.

Due to current public gathering restrictions, in-person services will not be held at this time. Condolences and remembrances can be posted at davidselign memorial.org. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Wycliffe Associates <https://give.wycliffeassociates.org/> or the Alzheimer's Association <https://act.alz.org/> would be appreciated. Columbia falls is caring for the Selig family.

Freddie Lee Sego, 86

Freddie Lee Sego, 86, was born Nov. 9, 1933, in Alamosa, Colorado, to father, Benjamin Frederick Sego, and mother, Edna Mae Sego. Growing up in the foothills of Colorado, Montana and Washington, Fred developed an incurable fascination for the outdoors. As a precocious boy and well into his teens, he enjoyed disappearing for several days at a time on wild misadventures while living off the land hunting, fishing, and communing with nature.

After high school Fred accepted an engineering apprenticeship at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, where he would continue his engineering career of 37 years until his retirement in '89. During this time Fred made great impacts on the Naval forces being constructed and revitalized in the Bremerton Shipyard as well as Subic Bay Shipyard during the wartime effort.

Fred fulfilled his patriotic duty with dedicated service enlisting in the Washington National Guard in '53, accepting a nomination to Officer Candidate School by Washington Gov. Rosellini, graduating top of his Class of '62, rising to the rank of Army captain in the infantry prior to his honorable discharge in '69.

While visiting family



back in ^{7.14.7} Okanogan, Washington, in '52, his sister Sally introduced him to her beautiful friend, Beverley Slater, and the connection was writ-

ten in the stars. After a nine month courtship, they were married in '53 and set out to forge a life together. They made the PNW Peninsula their family home, raising their four children in Bremerton '53-'57, Port Orchard '57-'66, with a four-year adventure in scenic Subic Bay Philippines during the Vietnam War '66-'70, then back to Port Orchard '70-'72, finally settling down in Silverdale '72-'89.

They shared the love of the outdoors and respect for nature with their children and grandchildren in their care whenever possible. Be it trips to the golf course, weekend backpacking expeditions, family ski trips, weekly runs or stream fishing fun, they gave their love without expectations or conditions. The legacy of family, love and respect will live on in the four children, 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and many generations to come.

With retirement in

^{8 July 2020} '89, they slowed down in Polson to continue their adventures sharing the mutual joy of golfing, hiking, skiing, stream fishing, camping, and dancing.

As time passed they found that the love of dancing competitions, and eventually instructing others had filled the loss of the more physical activities. They touched and inspired the lives of so many in their community who shared their love of dance and music.

In addition to being a dedicated husband and father, taking great pride in his children, Fred was honored at the opportunity to enrich the lives of his grandchildren as a provider, mentor, friend or playmate.

After the loss of his loving wife, partner in crime, and best friend till the end of 56 years, Beverley, to a vicious battle with Alzheimer's January '09, Fred found a new dance partner to love and share life with for his remaining 10 years. He and Karen Gunderson were married May 2010.

He was preceded in death by parents, Benjamin Sego, Edna Sego-Payne, and Guy Payne; and wife, Beverley Sego.

He is survived by his wife Karen Gunderson-Sego; his sisters, Sally McAdoo, Celeste Bush, Susie Largent; brothers, Henry Sego, Guy Payne and Thomas

Payne; daughter, Ramona (Douglas) Wagner, of Hamilton, Montana; son, Fred Sego Jr., of St. Regis; son, Steven Sego, of Port Orchard, Washington; daughter, Lorelei (Cass) Eslick, of Polson; daughter-in-law, Shari Sego, of Bigfork; stepdaughter, Lisa, of Polson; stepdaughter, Lori, of Kalispell; stepson, Greg (Catherine), of Whitefish; grandchildren, John (Christina) Grochala, Dustin (Tonemarie) Grochala, Kjersti Day, Ashley Stube, Natalie (Michael) Berger, Rachel Sego, Benjamin Sego, Abigail Sego, Alexander Sego, Andrew Sego and Morgan Massey, stepgrandchildren, Haven, Joshua and Solvei; and great-grandchildren, Sammy, Miriam, Taylor, Reagan, John, Evangeline, Ellyanna, Ryan, Evan, Joshua, Trystan, Brianne, Brook and Dustin.

Fred passed away peacefully Thursday, June 11, 2020, at home in Kalispell with his wife and loving family at his side.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, July 9, at the Polson Elks Club, 512 Main St., with a reception to follow.

Per Fred's wishes, cremation has taken place and he will be laid to rest beside Beverley after the ceremony.

James Allen Senger, 75

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On Sept. 7, 2020, James Allen Senger passed away in Whitefish, Montana.

James served honorably in the U.S. Navy and retired from a successful career with AT&T.

James is survived by his long

term partner, Liz Wicklund; his three children, Nathan Senger, Aaron Senger and Natalie Sharp (Nick Sharp); his grandchildren, Mason Sharp and Ethan Sharp; his three siblings, Patti Scruggs (John Crouch), Bonnie Casey (Dennis

Casey) and Scott Senger (Kay Compton). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held next summer.

Jack Severns, 89

Our beloved father, Jack Severns, died peacefully on April 7, 2020, in Tacoma, Washington, surrounded by his children and his wife.



A devoted Methodist minister, environmentalist, massage therapist, vocalist, family man, fisherman and friend, he leaves a legacy of healing and love that ripples outward to all who knew him.

He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on May 25, 1930, and was raised in El Paso, Texas. His parents separated when he was 11 years old and he did not see his father again until adulthood. His mother supported the family and raised him and his two brothers. A sickly kid with a difficult and financially strained home life, Jack developed a compassionate, gentle and courageous spirit that served him and all those who came in contact with him throughout his life. His younger brother credits him with supplanting the father who was absent during his youth.

A poem that he wrote when he was 7 years old suggests a gifted intellect and highlights his early interest in God and the environment – two themes that contoured his life's journey. Despite missing several years of school due to illnesses including polio, Jack became the high school Texas State Champion in extemporaneous speech. A gifted baritone, he was chosen to sing in an adult Barbershop Quartet while still in high school. After

graduation he attended Texas Western College for two years and finished his Bachelor of Science in Fishery Biology at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. It was there, at a campus Methodist fellowship, that he met his first wife, Mary Royce (deceased Oct. 28, 2019). They dated long-distance because Jack was called up for service at Fort Bliss, Texas, shortly before the end of the Korean War. The couple married on Dec. 23, 1954, in Ithaca while he was on Christmas leave from the Army.

They made their home in Dallas, Texas, so he could attend Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Their first child, Robin, was born there in 1956. Upon graduation, the couple moved to Belt, Montana, where Jack was ordained as a Methodist minister by the Yellowstone Methodist Conference. He had a "four-point charge," meaning that he was responsible for four congregations – Belt, Sand Coulee, Monarch and Neihart – and held services in each one. Children Jennifer and Tim were born while the couple lived in Belt. When asked why he left Dallas, Jack said that the Texas heat wave of 1956 was as close to hell as he ever wanted to be. And besides, Montana had spectacular fishing!

In 1961, Jack was assigned to Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell where, among other activities, the family learned to ski. Five years later, they moved to Grace United Methodist Church in Billings. There the family bought an Army surplus rubber raft and took to the rivers

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nearby. Although he supported our military veterans, Jack advocated for peace most of his adult life and preached that message from the pulpit. Amidst controversy, he left the local church ministry in 1969 and became the chaplain at Montana Deaconess Hospital (now Benefis) where he spent the next 20 years. In 1990, he and Mary divorced amicably, and Jack began training in Portland to be a massage therapist.

He ministered to parishioners in Dutton and Brady while developing his massage therapy practice in Great Falls during the 90s.

In 2002, he married an old friend and fellow Methodist minister, Muriel Miller (deceased 2015). They made their home in Kent, Washington, where they advocated strongly for LGBTQ rights both within and outside the church.

In late 2012, he moved into retirement living at Wesley Homes in Des Moines, Washington. Widowed for three years, he married Beverly Belcher, his neighbor at Wesley Homes, on May 26, 2018. They comforted and helped each other as he became increasingly frail.

He remained in independent living until Jan. 2020 when he became seriously ill and moved to the WH nursing facility. He returned to hospital on March 27 and remained there until he moved to hospice on March 31.

Following a lovely "Zoom" meeting on April 4, where friends and family gathered online to tell him many of the wonderful things they remembered about him, he died peacefully with his chil-

dren and wife by his side. We want all to know that he felt well-loved by those who were present and those present "in spirit."

He is survived by his loving partner, Beverly; his children, Robin (Dennis Walker), Jennifer (Craig Eisenbarth), and Tim (Andrea Severns), and six grandchildren; his younger brother, Jim Severns of Alexandria, Virginia; and five great-nieces and nephews. His older brother, Frank, his first wife, Mary Royce Severns and his second wife, Muriel Smock Miller, preceded him in death. He is also survived by Muriel's six living children, Kim, Apryl, Jaimy, Bayley, Kedron and Todd, and their kids, his step-grandchildren, to whom he meant a lot.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Wilderness Society, Wounded Veterans Relief Fund, Environmental Defense Fund, or The Wesley Homes Employee Fund in Des Moines, Washington. You may also honor our dad by choosing kindness and compassion, being mindful of and careful about your environmental impact, and finding joy and community in this sacred dance called life.

A Caring Bridge website has been established for us to share our memories and to communicate dates for upcoming memorials:

<https://caringbridge.org>

James Charles Severson, 93

James Charles Severson joined Chester, Stanley, Bruce and Doris on Aug. 24, 1927, the baby of the family of Charlie and Ida Severson. They lived in Oilmont, Montana, until making the "long journey" to Shelby, where Jim graduated from high school. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force in August 1946, and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, until he was honorably discharged in 1948.

Jim was taught to fly by his brother, Chet — turning that love of flying into a lifelong profession. For 45 years, he was a cropduster in Shelby and surrounding communities, spraying cotton in Arizona in the winter, and later in life spraying potatoes and mint in the Flathead Valley. He and his brothers, Chet and Bruce, formed Severson Air Activities in Great Falls in the early 1960s, together with their friend, Bob Lohof. He also flew for Watkins Distributors out of Shelby; and for American Bridge, a division of U.S. Steel, during the construction of the Minute Man missile project.



several homes in Lion Mountain and Grouse Mountain. And now for the rest of the story ...

Jim was introduced to Jacky Jones by his sister, Doris. They were quite the couple — as those who knew them could attest. They loved to dance, golf, play cards and socialize with the many friends they had during their 60-plus years together — so many great memories of holidays spent playing pitch or whist with good friends, drinking beer, and eating ham or turkey until the wee hours of the morning. They would sleep a few hours, then get up and start all over again! Even at 90, Dad could beat most everyone playing pitch or gin rummy!

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Jim
wore many hats during his life — in addition to spraying crops, he and Jacky owned the Star Motel in Shelby, he was an iron worker, and he built

Jacky passed in December 2011, and for a few years Jim tried it on his own. He became a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in 2013. The family is grateful to the loving and caring staff he spent so many years with.

Jim passed on Oct. 25, 2020, and is survived by his son, Bruce Severson (Mary) and family (granddaughter Rebecca Ginn (Doug) and great-granddaughters Christina and Loren) and (granddaughter Jennifer Severson and great-grandson Taylor); his daughter, Jayne Martinson (Jim) and family (grandson Matt Martinson (Marissa) and great-grandson Duke), and (grandson Cody Martinson (Karie) and great-granddaughters Harlow and Rowyn).

No services are planned at this time, but the family will have a gathering next summer so that we can all get together to share laughs, tears, and crazy stories of Jim (and there are many)!

Condolences can be made to Jim's memorial page at www.asperfh.com.

Joseph Samuel Shallcross, 68

Joseph Samuel Shallcross, 68, died Nov. 27, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Private family services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lorraine D. Sharp, 93

Lorraine D. Sharp, 93, formerly of Polson, died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, in Mesa, Arizona. Services are pending.

Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Gwendolyn Mary Shaver, 68

Gwendolyn Mary Shaver, 68, died June 8, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Margaret J. Shergalis, 95

Margaret J. Shergalis, 95, died on Nov. 19, 2020, in Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Beverly Toole Sherman, 87

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Heaven received an angel on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020.

Beverly Toole Sherman was born to Cliff and Mayme Toole in Conrad, Montana, on July 19, 1933. From this family a younger brother joined them, Bruce P. Toole. Bev spent her years growing up on the Toole Ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills, riding horse with her brother, Bruce, and cousin, Natalie Toole, to the one room schoolhouse, eventually moving into Shelby with Gram, her grandmother, and graduating from Shelby High.

In time, Bev married her high school sweetheart, Richard C. Sherman; together they had three children, Mark Sherman, Cindy Sherman Majerus and Jon Sherman. When Dick was discharged from the service, they made their home in Shelby, then to Great Falls, where Dick



was in the insurance business.

Bev and Dick built their cabin on Echo Lake, spending as

much time there as they could, lots of holidays and summertime water skiing on Echo Lake. Bev's love of the arts brought her to open Treasure State Gallery with her husband. The Gallery thrived, but also the longing to be in Bigfork. They sold their interest in the successful Gallery when Cindy graduated from CMR High School and the family followed Mark and became full-time residents of Bigfork where Jon attended Bigfork High School, upgrading the Echo Cabin along the way to a beautiful home! It was then that Bev and Dick opened Taylor Rental in Kalispell, which

then became Sun Rental. Mark and Cindy joined their parents in the rental business and, soon after, Bev and Cindy opened PartyTime. Bev loved the social aspects, hard work and how fun it was to help plan and decorate for conventions, parties and weddings.

As life got busier, Bev and Dick found a slice of heaven in the upper Swan and built a cabin. They loved the peacefulness of the Swan Cabin and all it had to offer. They sold their interest in the business to their kids and spent most of their time at the Swan Cabin, snowmobiling in for short stays in the winter and would venture to Bigfork in the summers for supplies! Leaving Echo Lake, they made their home at Harbor Village.

Bev took delight in her children and grandchildren and her time with her husband.

Bev leaves behind her husband of 67 years, Richard; her three children, Mark Sherman of St. Regis, Cindy (Dan) Majerus of Bigfork, and Jon (Dixie) Sherman of Superior. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Shane Sherman, Stephanie Arnlund, Whitney Warren, Justin Sherman and Christie Hollenbeck; and eight grandchildren, Kendhal, Ava, Aiden and Austin, Jax, Hayden, Mia and Johnny.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Bruce P. Toole IV.

It was Bev's wishes to wait for her much loved husband, Richard, at which time their ashes will be spread together at the Swan Cabin. A gathering of friends and family will be announced at a later date.

Betty Mae Sherwood, 94

Betty Mae Sherwood, 94, died on July 10, 2020, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

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

Katy Anne Shiesl, 62

Katy Anne Shiesl, 62, died July 5, 2020, at her home in Libby.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tobias Shipp

Tobias Shipp was stillborn on Dec. 21, 2020. He is survived by his parents Megan King and Justin Shipp of Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Wayne Shirey, 64

Wayne Shirey, 64, of Cumming, Georgia, died Jan. 18, 2020.



Mr. Shirey was preceded in death by his son Joe Shirey, and is survived by his daughters Hilary Shirey, Mallory Shirey Reid (Frank) and Raley Shirey; grandchildren, Mabry and Addie

Shepard, Josie and Cooper Reid; sister Pam Shirey Cannon, and brothers John Shirey (Robley) and Mark Shirey (Vicky).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Funeral services were held in Atlanta on Saturday, Jan. 25, at H.M. Patterson and Son, Arlington Chapel, 173 Allen Road., NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.

Warren Leslie Shirt, 56

Warren Leslie Shirt, 56, died May 25, 2020 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Burial will take place at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic

Cemetery in Saddle Lake, Alberta, Canada. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Faye E. Shrode, 81

Faye E. Shrode, 81, of Kalispell, passed away unexpectedly at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Monday, March 2, 2020.

A native Montanan, Faye was born in Malta and graduated from Whitefish High School. After spending several years in Western Kentucky, the mountains called her back to Montana. She loved spending time outside gardening, enjoying the scenery of the Flathead Valley and frequent trips to Hawaii. Faye's greatest love was children. Over the past 19 years and up until her passing, she cared for children in her home. While she tried to "retire," she was never able to be without little ones to care for.

Faye was preceded in death by her parents, Leone Martinson, Russell Walters and her



eldest son, Jay Shrode III.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Cheryl) of Newburgh,

Indiana; and daughter, Leslie Hayden (Clif) of Whitefish; daughter-in-law, Karen Shrode, of Gallatin Tennessee; five grandchildren; and sisters, Janet Martinson of Whitefish and Mary Layton of Zanesville, Ohio.

A celebration of Faye's life will be held today, March 6 at 2 p.m., at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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

Gerald Ray Siemens, 78

Gerald Ray Siemens, 78, died Nov. 14, 2020, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

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

Nicolai Siemens, 94

Nicolai Siemens, 94, of Kila, passed away on Oct. 7, 2020, at his home with his family by his side.

Services are currently pending at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Leroy Simmonds, 85

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Donald Leroy Simmonds of Columbia Falls passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at the age of 85. Donald died peacefully with his beloved wife Winnie by his side. Our large family grieves not for Don, for he rests from the trials of this life in the arms of Jesus. We grieve for all the days without his presence in our lives. Until that time that we will join him in heaven, his memory lives in our hearts forever.

Don was born in Modesto, California, on Aug. 16, 1935, to Walter E. Simmonds and Catherine Simmonds. Don met his wife while attending Oregon State University and they were married in 1957. He received his Bachelor of Science in Geography degree and could tell you every mountain, lake, river or stream in the world and he loved to travel. His love of aviation and patriotism led him to the United States Air Force after graduation.

Don was in the USAF from 1957 to 1965 where he flew B-47 bombers during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After the Air Force, Don served as captain for American Airlines until his retirement in 1995. Don and Winnie started their family and raised their four children in states where they were stationed all around the U.S., the last of which was Bonsall, California. They enjoyed their avocado farm in California and they retired to Columbia Falls. During retirement, they loved to snow ski, hike in Glacier National Park and raft the rapids near where they lived. They have so many wonderful friends



who love them dearly.

Don was always described as a kind man, a gentle soul and everyone's father and grandpa. He had



the best smile and loved his family. He enjoyed reading all kinds of books, but mostly loved books by Tom Clancy and books about military history.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie T. Simmonds; children, Debbie Ceciliani (Mike), Linda Wheeler (Ernie), Suzanne West (Jeff), and Paul Simmonds (Gina); grandchildren, Ryan Ceciliani, Rachael Ceciliani, E.J. Wheeler, Rebecca Wheeler, Shannon Wheeler, Hunter West, Hannah West, Cole Simmonds and Grant Simmonds; great-grandson, Henry Ceciliani; and sister, Dianne Miles.

A military internment private service will be held at Miramar National Cemetery, along with a celebration of life outdoors at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in January 2021. A separate celebration will be held at Glacier National park later in the spring/summer 2021.

People wishing to honor Donald's lifelong commitment to family and community can make donations to the Glacier National Park Conservancy. Please send all donations to P.O. Box 2749, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Earl Henry Simmons, 87

On April 30, 2020, Earl Henry Simmons, of Chicago and Kalispell, passed peacefully at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Nursing Home. He was 87 years old.

Earl spent most of his childhood in Hammond, Indiana and in and around Chicago. He graduated from Hammond High and went on to get a degree in Math and Accounting at Northwestern University in Chicago. It was in Chicago that Earl met the love of his life, Grace Louise Riley. They mar-

ried on June 14, 1958 in Grace's hometown of Mears, Michigan. They both had a love affair with western Michigan and traveled there often over the years. Grace and Earl started a family and had four children; Sherry, Scott, Linda and Jeff.

They moved to a Chicago western suburb, Villa Park, in 1960, where Earl had the house built new and he planted the lawn by hand. As the kids grew up, it wasn't unusual at all the see a number of the neighborhood kids in the yard with Earl

teaching them to play all sorts of sports from baseball to hockey. Earl was patient and kind, especially with kids. There were plenty of vacations to Michigan, either for the weekend or for the two-week trip to Bear Lake. This is where Earl and Grace honeymooned and the family took a two-week vacation there for years. We all loved Bear Lake, but especially Earl.

Earl loved many people and many things: Bear Lake, fishing, the Cubs, Chicago food, Chicago, and the lakeshore of

Lake Michigan, whether it was Illinois, Michigan or later, Wisconsin. He loved his family most of all. He is survived by his beautiful wife of almost 62 years, Grace, and, his adult children, Sherry Simmons, Scott Simmons, Linda Simmons and Jeff Simmons. He has three daughters-in-law: Noreen Simmons, Gina Simmons and Corlyn Simmons, with four grandchildren; Kyle Simmons, Connor Simmons, Ella Simmons and Owen Simmons. He was loved, and he will be missed.

William R. Simonsen, 71

William R. Simonsen, 71, died on Aug. 15, 2020, in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Russell Sindt, 67

Russell Sindt, 67, died at North Valley Hospital on May 28, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Barbara and children Dawn DeBarros, Christine DeBarros, Kevin Pettyjohn and

Cissy Sindt.

A celebration of life will be held later this year. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Susan Sindt, 75

Susan Sindt, 75, died June 3, 2020 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband Steve Gniadek. Private graveside services will be held at

Fairview Cemetery. A celebration of life for Susan will take place at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Robert 'Bob' Sirucek, 99

After being discharged from the Army he returned home to continue farming in Moore with his father. After a few years he purchased a ranch over in Lewistown, with his passion being draft horses. He continued farming with his father Louis, and began raising cattle on his ranch, until he retired in 1980 and purchased a home in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his wife Isabelle, his daughter Letta, and his son David.

Bob is survived by his



Robert "Bob" Sirucek passed away at his home at the age of 99 on June 18, 2020.

He was born Nov. 8, 1920, to his parents Louis and Anne Sirucek in Straw, Montana. He went to school in Moore, Montana.

Bob served honorably in the Army, spending over two years overseas during the Korean War.

son Daniel, his daughter-in-law Mary Jane, and his granddaughters Brittny and Kim, step-daughter Linda whom he raised as his own from a young age, and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life for him at the Eagles club in Kalispell where he had been a member for 75 years.

Ronald Dean Skare, 85

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Ronald Dean Skare, 85, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Sunday, March 8, 2020, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Ronald was born Feb. 5, 1935, in Fairdale, North Dakota, to Ingvald and Amanda (Lofgren) Skare. He was raised in the Flathead Valley and attended Flathead County High School. After joining the Navy on Oct. 2, 1952, he was honorably discharged on Feb. 4, 1956.

Ron married Joan Schroeder on Oct. 7, 1956, in Kalispell where they raised their two daughters Debbie and Geri.

Ronald enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, watching football and spending his time with friends and family. Ron worked for Flathead County Road and Bridge until he retired in 1997. He was also a proud Eagles member for over 40 years.

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Joan Skare; his parents, Ingvald and Amanda Skare; his brother, Allen Skare; and son-in-law, Don



Wilson. Ronald is survived by his daughters,

Geri Hearn (Dan) and Debbie Wilson; his sister, Rozella Cuffin; grandchildren, Rhonda Palmer (Don), Melissa DeBruycker (Cameron), Brandon Stem, Steven Stem and Sarah Wilson; his great grandchildren, Natalie DeBruycker, Kinsley DeBruycker, Gavin DeBruycker, Steven Stem Jr., Miah Stem and Alec Wilson; and his great-great-grandchild, Nova Stem.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with interment following at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to thank all the nurses and staff at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls that cared so deeply for him and his family in his last days.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Barbara Sjoden, 88

Barbara Sjoden, 88 of Whitefish, died at North Valley Hospital on June 26, 2020.

Services are pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Adare Sletten, 87

Adare Sletten, 87, died on April 30, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

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

Sharon Skare, 66

Sharon Skare, 66, died on June 19, 2020 at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

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

William Skinner, 85

William Skinner, 85, of Kalispell died Oct. 3, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Doris E. Sloan, 93

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Doris E. Sloan, 93, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2020. Her large, dispersed and quarantined family was with her in spirit.

She was born Aug. 3, 1926, in Lewistown to Gus and Myrtle Nicola; her father an orphaned Balkan refugee and her mother a saintly Indiana Quaker mail bride. She was the youngest of two daughters. She graduated from Missoula High School in 1943 and joined the war effort in Seattle; there she met her life's love, a discharged Marine, Joe Sloan. They married and settled in Kalispell, raising four sons, a family business (Sloan's Appliance) and an occasional roof. Her great loves were her husband, her sons, their children and wives, her religion, duplicate bridge, and a good steamy novel.

A long-lived life leaves many loved ones behind.

She is survived by her son Michael (Rebecca) their daughter Katherine; son Steve (Cheri) their sons Brian (Amber), Adam (Kimberly) and Robert and his son Spencer; Virginia (Don Loranger) sons Nathan (Amanda), Peter (Kimberly); and her greatest joy, her great-grandchildren Mya, Corban and Marley.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph, granddaughter Bailey and son James.

She was successful at living a good life and at preparing her loved ones to live on without her. She will remain forever cherished in our hearts.

There will be a memorial service held at a later date.

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

Cindy Renae Skramstad, 62

Cindy Renae Skramstad, 62, was born in Minot, North Dakota, on Nov. 21, 1957, to Ervin and Vivian (Hime) Pierson.

Cindy passed away July 11, 2020.

Cindy moved to Montana at a young age and lived in many places along the Hi-Line, moving to Kalispell in 1977. While working at the El Rancho Cafe as a waitress she met the love of her life, Brad. As fate would have it, Brad and Cindy realized they were born in the same hospital in Minot. Cindy married Brad Skramstad on June 6, 1980. In 1983 Cindy and Brad welcomed their daughter Ashlee Lynn into the world.

Cindy was busy working many jobs in her life but after Brad's injury she spent her time taking care of her family. In addition, she volunteered for Girl Scouts and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Through those organizations she added many people to her life that grew into family. Cindy had a heart of gold



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and was loved by all those around her. Cindy loved to hunt with Brad, but she never

missed an opportunity to be blinged out and wear her purple camo.

Preceding Cindy in death were her parents Ervin and Vivian, brothers Ervin Jr., Jeff Pierson and Gordon Jeffery and Suzy Peterson, stepmother Betty, mother- and father-in-law Edna and Gene Skramstad, brother-in-law Allan Skramstad, niece Shannon Skramstad, and nephew David Erickson, and numerous other beloved family members.

She is survived by her husband, Brad, of 40 years, and daughter, Ashlee Lynn of Kalispell; sisters, Linda (Stuart) Erickson, Susan Peterson and Cathy Peterson; brothers, Mike Norlander and Bruce (Kathy) Norlander; brother in law, Dennis (Rosemary) Skramstad;

sisters-in-law, Sheryl (Mac) Magruder and Kay Skramstad; nephews, Jon (Kris) Skramstad, Erik (Heather) Skramstad, Scott (Dao) Skramstad, Cody Hatton, Jason (Koni) Erickson, Nick (Julie) Erickson, Jeff (Renae) Peterson and Tyler (Jilian) Norlander; nieces, Tracy (David) Drake, Lisa (Eric) Cook, Heather Peterson and Andrea (Travis) Banyai; and Nathan, Stacy, Cody, Taylor and Kaylee Hoehn, who held a very special place in her heart; as well as many other cousins, great-nieces and -nephews.

"We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you Home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the

same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. — Ron Tranmer

There will be a visitation held for Cynthia Thursday, July 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with services to be held Friday, July 17, at 11 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Please wear a mask if you feel comfortable doing so.

William P. Slavish, 65

On March 17, 2020, after a fearless battle with cancer, William P. Slavish, 65, peacefully departed the place he called "the closest thing to heaven," Montana, for heaven itself.

Born December 29, 1954 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, Bill grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. He joined the U.S. Navy fresh out of high school and was stationed on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. After his service, he moved to Kalispell and in 1979, married Joanna Griffin and opened in his own barber shop, Father and Sons. Much of his work was paid for by a bartering system with his customers, for which he was very proud. He cut the hair of many loyal customers for many years, but sadly, after a serious injury, "Barber Bill" couldn't return to the work he loved.

Over the years, Bill travelled back to Delaware a few times but soon had to return to Montana, the place he loved, and to his chil-

dren and grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, John and Betty Slavish, brothers Joseph, Stephen and Gerard Slavish and sister, Jane Kucharski. He is survived by his children Jordan Slavish (Emily), April Slavish (Cameron) and Elliot Slavish (Molly); grandchildren, Penelope, James and Elodie Slavish and Greyson Page; brothers John Slavish (Pat), Robert Slavish (Sue) and sister Mary Anne Beaman (Jim).

The family is grateful to the staff at Lake View Health Center and Frontier Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Services for Bill will be private. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Karl John Skindingsrude, 62

On Jan. 5, 2020, Karl peacefully went home to be with the Lord. Earth lost a great man and heaven gained quite the entertainer.

He was born in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on April 28, 1957, to Russell and Ann Skindingsrude. He displayed a love for cars (and anything with a motor) from an early age, knowing every make and model on the road. His happy childhood included working in the family businesses, Skindingsrude Furniture Store and Skindingsrude Funeral Home, both in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Graduating from Whitewater High School in 1975, he went to work at the Hawthorne Melody dairy plant in his hometown. After moving to Reedsberg, Wisconsin, Karl worked deliveries and the parts counter at Hartje Implement. After a one week trip out west, Karl heard the call of the mountains. At 24, he packed his GMC pickup and drove west, settling in Columbia Falls. Continuing his extreme work ethic, he found a



job the next day at Courtesy Motors in Whitefish, resulting in his long and successful

career in parts. He became co-owner of NAPA Auto Parts in Columbia Falls in 1992. He "turned in his keys" in 2013, retiring to enjoy life and time with family and friends.

Everyone knows that Karl loved anything that used gasoline! However, his love for people, staying in touch with friends old and new, making people smile, remembering faces, names, and facts about you, and making others feel special was his hobby and personal calling. His commitment to others included being a lifetime blood donor. His extreme contribution to the Columbia Falls community earned him countless citizen achievement awards. His instantly recognizable voice resounded through the radio making locally famous the slogan ...

NAPA NAPA NAPA and cheering on the Wildcats with winning pride. If you didn't know Karl, you didn't live in Columbia Falls. Karl will truly be missed ...

Karl loved NASCAR before it became popular and enjoyed trips to Florida for the Daytona 500. He participated in 4x4 clubs, taking photos for memories on film, playing tour guide, and traveling to class reunions in Whitewater. His greatest achievement and highlight of his life were his daughters, Keshia Jo and Karly Jean. Every heartbeat was an expression of love for his girls ... and then his grandchildren, Noeley, Harper, Kingston, Deacon and baby Clarke. We will miss you, Dad ... Grandpa ...

Karl was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Ann Skindingsrude, as well as his paternal and maternal grandparents.

He is survived by his beloved daughters, Keshia (Christopher) Fisher of Coram, and Karly Skindingsrude of

Columbia Falls; sister, Krista (Harry) Davis of Janesville, Wisconsin; brothers, Kirk (Mindy) Skindingsrude of Eagle River, Wisconsin, and Eddie (Becky) Skindingsrude of Whitewater, Wisconsin; his grandchildren, Noeley, Harper, Kingston, Deacon and Clarke Fisher of Coram; aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews; and an unknown but large number of loving friends.

Join his family in celebrating his life at Columbia Falls High School gymnasium at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. A private burial is being held.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be sent payable to Karly Skindingsrude (memo: Karl Skindingsrude's Memorial Fund), P.O. Box 130139 Coram MT 59913; or Freedom Bank, P.O. Box 2076, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. A donation to his community will be done at a later date in his honor.

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

Stanley 'Royal' Smart Jr., 92

Stanley "Royal" Smart Jr. was born on Dec. 1, 1928, in Missoula. He died on Dec. 5, 2020, in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

"Royal" as he was known by all, was raised in Missoula, the eldest of five boys.

He attended Park College near Kansas City, Missouri, where he met the love of his life, Aileen. They moved to Chicago where he became a teacher. After earning his master's degree from DePaul University, he then became a principal in the Chicago Public Schools. He had a great heart for inner city children. The family made their home in Palatine, Illinois.

He was a great exam-



ple of love and devotion as he cared for Aileen when she became ill with Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by three of his brothers, Jim Smart, Doug (Dixie) Smart and Ted (LeaAnne) Smart; and his three children, Alan (LaDonna) Smart, Nancy (Chuck) Cain, and Sharon (Jim) McGregor; seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

He was an avid tennis player and table tennis player. He competed in many Senior Olympic games across five states

and received many medals. He loved spending summers at the family cabin on Flathead Lake in Montana, swimming, playing cards, singing around the campfire, and enjoying his family. He had a beautiful tenor voice and sang in the choir at church. His birthday card ministry touched many lives. Most of all he was a man of great faith. His commitment to God, his family and the church was evident in all that he did.

A celebration of life service will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Alberta Julia (Paturzo) Smith

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Alberta Julia (Paturzo) Smith passed away on March 25, 2020, two days before her 94th birthday, in Kalispell.

With her at Immanuel Lutheran on this Wednesday evening were John, Diane and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren from across the country, on the phone, Bill, Julia and Marie each had a chance to say, "Goodbye; I love you!"

Wow, 94! And what wonderful and eventful years they were for this loved, loving, witty, vibrant lady, who was so much to so many — she was a daughter, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, great-grandmother and a very good friend for all these years.

Alice and Peter Fitzgerald were close friends forever with Berta. In the 1950s, they introduced her to Bill Smith; this was to be the start of a long, long, indestructible bond amongst the four. The very large Smith family that Bill had grown up with was a terrific crew of people who brought Berta into their realm. The cascade of all these wonderful folks will always be a part of Berta's long life.

Bill passed away in 2011, and Alice, Berta's steadfast childhood friend, left this world in 2014.



"Berta," as she was called by all, was born in 1926 in Boston. As a young college

graduate, she became a schoolteacher in the city, building her lifelong natural skill of educating, cultivating, motivating and inspiring everyone, young, old and in-between.

And she always was active and involved. So many years ago, when "recycling" was a concept new to most people, Berta would volunteer at the town facility to help people learn about the process. Back in the day, she brought home yogurt for us to taste when so few had even heard of this "new" edible. She sewed wonderful clothing, crafted homemade holiday decorations and made tasty Sunday dinners, where her dad happily joined us for fun get-togethers and his fine trumpet playing. Her interest was always in looking out for other people's wants and needs; in this she succeeded.

After Berta and Bill married in 1954, she took time away from her school teaching to bear five children. After nine years, she reprised her teaching role at a

Montessori school, where she was an exceptional, vital educator for almost 20 years. Berta was later sought after as a tutor for the young children of many of the families she had come to know during the time she taught here. Her patience, creativity and ingenuity enabled her to impart genuine, invaluable impact.

So many people benefited from Berta's open, kindhearted, welcoming view of the world — family, friends, neighbors, friends-of-friends, her children's friends (and, in later years, grand and great-grandchildren!). The times and events are countless. Without hesitation, Berta welcomed people into her home, to her kitchen table, to her listening ear, whenever the need or the occasion was there. Whenever, whatever ... when the number of people wanting a meal was larger than the size of the repast, she magically made it large enough to go around. Nobody was left wanting. When someone needed a place to stay for a day or two, or longer, she made room in her modest home. They were welcomed. When someone wanted to converse — whoever, about whatever — Berta willingly listened. This was the way it was for so long.

Berta's kids were given

the gift of her generous nature, and they went on to find others to share in this auspicious world view. Over the ensuing years, Berta's 11 grandchildren arrived; they were given no less of her love and attention than she had always given to others. And then — great-grandchildren! Eleven of them! As years passed by, she found delight from all these generations and always expressed her love and admiration for them.

After Bill passed away in 2011 at Julia's home in New Jersey, Berta went to live with John and Diane in Montana. Up until her very last day, she enjoyed her large and very dear family. They will hold dear the years and years of Berta's remarkable imprint on their lives.

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to the entire Fitzgerald family; the connection is indescribable.

A sincere thank you to the staff and caregivers at Immanuel Lutheran Home. Berta was comfortable in and appreciative of the time she lived there.

There will be celebrations of Berta's life in Montana and in Massachusetts at a time in the near future.

Cameron Eden Smith, 59

Cameron Eden Smith, 59, died on Nov. 23, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Emery K. Smith, 77

Emery K. Smith was born Feb. 7, 1943 in Trona, California to Lewis Keller Smith and Jeanette Hicks Smith.

He graduated from Charter Oaks High School, Mount San Antonio Junior College, California Polytechnic State University and California State University, Fullerton with a Master's of Science in Engineering.

He taught math at Coville High School in Coville, California. He worked for General Dynamics in Los Angeles. He moved to Montana with Mary Ann Carlson

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to raise a family. He worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, then he started Flathead Video and Computer Connections businesses. He joined the Flathead Electric Co-op Board in 2003 and stayed with them until his passing on May 2, 2020 at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son Emery and daughter Kathy.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on June 6 at 106 Essex Place, Kalispell. Parking has been made available at Glacier High School for convenience.

Herbert 'Larry' Smith, 77

Larry Smith passed away Dec. 6, 2020.

Larry was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 7, 1943, to Laurence and Millie Smith. He was raised in Tacoma, Washington, graduating from Stadium High School in 1961. He proudly served in the Air Force from 1961 through 1965.

He worked for Boeing as a draftsman and then as an inspector. He was later an insurance agent.



Smith's Carpet Center. Preceding him in death

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We moved back to Kalispell in 1974. He worked for Melby's Furniture and then became manager of Conrad's Carpet and Furniture. In 1985 he started

were his beloved brother Ed Smith, his mom and dad, in-laws Ted Main, Shirley Main and Carrie Richards.

He is survived by Barb Smith, Lance and Danell Smith, Kevin and Belinda Smith, and Tiffany and Kent Hakes; also five grandchildren, Levi and Easton Smith, Coley and Chase Hakes and Sydney Smith. Also surviving Larry are in-laws Phyllis and Richard Potuzak, Earl and Joann Main,

Fran and Howard Ruby, Helen Petty and Linda and Mickey Byers. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family wants to thank Frontier Hospice for their wonderful care during his last weeks.

There will be a private family burial in the spring. If you wish to donate, please do so to a food bank.

James Walter Smith, 89

James Walter Smith, 89, of Kalispell, died on Thursday, April 30, 2020, in Libby.

Arrangements are

pending.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Lawrence 'Larry' I. Smith, 87

Lawrence "Larry" I. Smith died May 1, 2020.

Larry was born in Chicago, growing up in the neighborhood close to Wrigley Field.

Larry's mother emigrated from Poland at age 5.

Larry graduated high school at Loyola Academy (Chicago), then attended Northwestern University where he met his wife, Joan Gustafson, a Great Falls, native. Larry finished his college degree at Loyola University (Chicago).

Larry served honorably in the Army, stationed in Okinawa in the late 1950s, and received a commendation.

Joan and Larry settled in the Chicago area and raised two sons, Philip and Stephen.

Larry was an accountant, starting his career in the tax department of then-"Big 8" accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co. After 24 years at Arthur Andersen, Larry became the Treasurer/Controller for several Chicago-based commercial contracting firms and eventually started his own accounting and tax practice, where he continued to serve his clients well into his 80s.

Larry served on many boards, was on the board of governors for Exmoor Country Club where he and Joan were long-time members, helped raise money and renovate his fraternity at Northwestern University and served on the Illinois Curling Association. Larry was an avid curler and competed in the Illinois State Curling championships several times.



Larry was a lifelong sports fan, especially for Chicago area teams; at various times he had tickets for the Cubs, Bears and Bulls, and attended many Northwestern University games. He went to the Super Bowl when the Bears won and the Rose Bowl when Northwestern played in it.

Joan and Larry also enjoyed music and held season tickets to the Lyric Opera of Chicago. In 1990, Joan and Larry moved to Whitefish, where they reacquainted with many of Joan's Montana friends. Larry established his accounting and tax practice in Montana, served on the boards of two homeowners associations and served the Whitefish Community Library. He especially enjoyed his hunting and fishing trips into the backcountry and attending University of Montana Grizzlies football games.

Larry's best times were spent with family, with a special fondness for time spent at the family's lake cottage in Northwestern Minnesota and his mother's home in Florida.

Larry spent his last few years as a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Larry is survived by his son Steve; niece Kristen Pulsifer; Kristen's daughters, Maggie and Anna, and husband Than; and sister-in-law Diane Schwartz, all residents of Whitefish; as well as nephew Michael Schwartz and Michael's son Philip, both Chicago residents.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife Joan and son Philip.

Larry's funeral will be held at Saint Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls in a private service. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services is caring for the family.

Leonard Dwane Smith, 76

Leonard Dwane Smith, 76, of Great Falls, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Nov. 25,

2020. Arrangements are being handled by Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls.

Linda Lee Smith, 78

Linda Lee Smith, 78, passed away on July 16, 2020, in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her husband Reginald Dean Smith, infant son Jody and son Travis Smith.

She is survived by her only son, Thomas H. Smith.

Private graveside



Marion Smith Jr.

Marion Smith Jr. said, "No one enjoys 'or'bits,' but if one is going out, do it with dignity and smile. Whatever you achieve in life know that you loved and were loved."

Marion, a Montana native, passed away to a higher calling, Nov. 9, 2020. He was born to Marion and Vera Smith in Kalispell in 1932.

Marion was preceded in death by his daughter and son-in-law, Tami and Michael Avery, and great-grandson Jordan. He leaves behind his loving wife Connie and family who loved him very much; sons, daughters Marion "Skip," Steve and Sandy; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Marion lived a full life, serving on the Navy destroyer USS Orleck — DD-886 during the Korean War as an electronics tech (ET). He graduated from Bozeman Montana



State University with an AA in architectural design. He was a AAA champion skeet shooter and a 32nd degree Master Freemason

in the Masonic Lodge.

Marion was an avid outdoorsman, including fishing, hunting, camping, metal detecting, and on and on.

Marion owned and ran several business ventures, semi-retiring at 45 and staying active in financial interests while understanding that at the end of the day, "Life is about the journey, not the destination."

A celebration of life is tentatively planned to be held in summer 2021.