

Cynthia Dunne 'Cindy' Babon, 69

Cynthia Dunne "Cindy" Babon, 69, of Missoula, took her last earthly breath surrounded by the original "Babon Six," her four daughters and husband, and was supported by a huge community of prayer warriors. She battled glioblastoma for 103 days with a "Peace that passes all understanding" after her trusted Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, spoke to her at the very beginning to just "Rest in Him" and she truly did.

Cindy was born on March 22, 1952, in St. Ignatius to schoolteacher John "Jack" Dunne and Audrey (Waldron) Dunne. She lived with her folks in Hot Springs before the family permanently moved to Whitefish where sisters Dianne and Kathy were added. They enjoyed an idyllic childhood of walks to school with her dad, swimming in frigid Whitefish Lake, and yearly Winter Carnival festivities (She would become Whitefish Winter Carnival Queen of the Snows in 1974).

She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1970 and attended honors college at the University of Montana for a teaching degree. She met her best friend Louise and her future husband John "Jack" Babon. They would marry March 27, 1976, and celebrated 45 years of marriage this year. They settled in Missoula while she taught in Florence, Montana. After daughters Emilie and Anna came along,



Cindy decided it was more important to stay home and raise a family. After a couple of short-term moves, they settled into the house on the U.S. Forest Service Missoula Smokejumper Base where Amanda and Eileen were added to the family. While living there, Cindy gave tours at the Smokejumper Visitor Center and Jack worked facility maintenance. The years were full of wonderful friends, busy fire season action, and fond memories.

After the busy 1988 fire season, they moved into their Missoula residence and Cindy's civic adventures continued. She was involved with Girl Scouts, Mount Jumbo Little League, followed the girls' softball adventures through high school and college, volunteered and organized Expanding Your Horizons conferences, band supporter, and was a Hellgate Elementary substitute teacher. She finally had her own classroom at Frenchtown Schools until she retired in 2015. She was a Navy ombudsman for Jack's Seabee Naval Reserve unit and Family Readiness coordinator for Army Reserve in Missoula. She singlehandedly supported Jack and Eileen's Army overseas tours with care packages full of Jelly Bellies, handmade filled personal

Christmas stockings, and whatever else she could stuff into a USPS box for her soldiers. After retirement, she enjoyed the Frenchtown Bunko ladies, Women of the Word Bible Study, the Red Hatters, and the Missoula Senior Forum. Her Friday coffee routine with "The Retirees" was special. Her greatest love was serving as the Western Montana Military Officers Association secretary/organizer for many years. She enjoyed harvesting from the garden, canning, dehydrating and freezing all that was possible.

The eight grandkids knew Cindy as "Grandma Sugar," with her "Grandma Box" picnic basket full of goodies every visit, a book or three from the Book Exchange, and always available for a phone call from them about their latest adventures. An avid reader, she shared that love with family whenever she could.

Cindy was a lover of the Lord Jesus, a friend to all, advocate for the underdog whether a struggling student or soldier without family support. She was a mastermind behind yearly New Year's Eve Bunco parties, themed holiday gatherings, weddings and receptions, and any excuse to pull her favorite people together in one place.

One of the high points of her life was she and Jack taking a trip on the Alaskan Land and Sea Cruise with their friends Alan and Louise Lightner

in 2019. They also discovered New Orleans Mardi Gras with family and wonderful new friends.

Cindy was preceded in death by her mom and dad, Audrey and Jack Dunne; and a number of beloved aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband, Jack, of Missoula; daughters, Emilie (Shaun) Strong of McMinnville, Oregon, Ana (Chip) Borrego of Littleton, Colorado, Amanda (Matthew) Shaffer of Kalispell, and Eileen Babon of Missoula; and her grandchildren, Kellen, Rylee, Jillian, Andrew, Addyson, Nolan, Karson and Sawyer. She also leaves behind hundreds of friends she considered family, including her hospice team Sam, Adam and Zara. We will do well to carry on her spirit of family and selfless service in her honor.

A celebration of life will be held at Revive Church in Missoula on Monday, June 28, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow. Please see caringbridges.org/CindyBabon's_adventure.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Missoula or a charity of your choice.

Robert 'Bob' A. Babbitt, 61

Robert "Bob" A. Babbitt, 61, of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 29, 2021. Bob was born Oct. 6, 1959, in Muncie, Indiana, to Robert and Bonnie (Cartwright) Babbitt. Bob was raised in Indiana.

Bob joined the Army serving from 1977 to 1997, and retired after 20 years of service as a captain. He served in Desert Storm and he received the Bronze Star and legion of Merit awards, among many others.

Bob became a physician assistant in the Army and practiced for 32 years. Orthopedics became his favorite but he loved his patients no matter the specialty.

Bob married Chris Palmer on March 23, 2001, in Abilene, Texas. They celebrated 20 years together. Bob loved to snow ski and ride his motorcycle. He was a member of the priesthood motorcycle ministry prior to moving back to Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two of his sons, Bradley Babbitt and Richard Gould.

He is survived by his wife, Chris Babbitt;



children, Robby Babbitt, Brian Babbitt, Jamie Tatum and Jennifer Lofton; brother, Steve Babbitt; and his aunt,

Sandy; who was like a sister to him; and grandchildren, Aubrey, Anthony, Rayne, Kynsleigh, Bradley, Carter, Cashton, Collins and Miles.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial with military honors at Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Marilyn Elaine Eames Bachus

A joyful soul departed for heaven to be with Jesus, her Lord and Savior and with other loved ones who have gone before her. Marilyn passed away on March 19, 2021, at the Loveland Mas Alla Hospice Home after battling congestive heart failure.

Marilyn was born on June 10, 1940, to Jim and Adeline Eames of Boulder, Colorado. She grew up in Boulder, Arvada, Dallas, and Midwest City, Oklahoma. She graduated from Our Lady of Victory Academy in Fort Worth, Texas in 1958. That same year she married Norman Alvin "Al" Grimes of Choctaw, Oklahoma. The couple moved to San Diego where Al was stationed in the Navy. They had two children, Teresa Marie, born March 25, 1960, and James Alan, born Dec. 25, 1961. The couple later divorced. Marilyn married Raymond Keith Bachus in San Diego in 1977. While in San Diego, Marilyn worked as a medical and payroll accountant for various medical and business practices. Upon retirement in 1991, Marilyn and Raymond moved to Kalispell. Marilyn volunteered as a hospice worker and also as a receptionist in the radiation/oncology department of the local hospital. Marilyn moved to Loveland, Colorado in 2019 to be closer to family. Marilyn was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell and an active participant at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Loveland. She loved animals, especially horses and dogs. She was an accomplished equestrian rider and an avid reader.



She will be remembered for her warm hugs and her caring and compassionate nature.

She had the ability to thrive in times of need and in times of plenty. She revealed a positive perseverance, especially when health issues claimed a part of her life.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and by her beloved husband, Raymond (2014).

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Howarth (Gary), of Chula Vista, California; her son, James Grimes (Janean) of Lakeside, California; her stepson, Victor Bachus of Bull Head City, Arizona; her granddaughter, Avalon Baylor (Andy) of Santee, California; her great-grandson, Landon Baylor; her sister, Carolyn Straight (Arza) of Loveland, Colorado; and her niece, Haven Straight of Loveland, Colorado. She will also be missed by many friends.

Cremation has been conducted. Private family services will be held in late spring. Inurnment will be at Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder.

Memorial contributions in Marilyn's name may be made to: Mountain View Presbyterian Church, 2500 N. Garfield Ave, Loveland, CO 80538 Loveland or to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.allnuttl Loveland.com for the Bachus family.

Stephanie Baca, 76

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Stephanie Baca, 76, died March 11, 2021, in Kalispell.

She was born March 20, 1944, in San Francisco and was raised in Denver. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California, then education endorsements in Spanish and biology at Montana State University. She was a Fulbright Scholar in



Antofagasta, Chile.

Stephanie taught in a one room schoolhouse in Avellino, Italy, in 1976 and taught English and math in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1979 to 1981. In Kalispell, Stephanie taught Spanish and biology at Flathead

High School from 1984 to 2006 and Glacier High School from 2007 to 2009.

She was active in social justice issues, gardening, travel, watercolor and bridge club.

Stephanie is survived by her sister, Barbara Pieper, of California; daughter, Cristina DuVall, of Washington; sons, Marcos Baca of Hawaii and Daniel Baca of Colorado; grandsons,

Keegan and Aidan Baca of Hawaii, and extended family.

A life celebration will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Woodland Park south rose garden.

Memorials are suggested to Habitat for Humanity, Doctors Without Borders or Mercy Corps.

Jean Given Bacon, 84

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Jean Given Bacon, 84, passed away at Heritage Place on Sept 22, 2021, after years of poor health.

Jean was the oldest child of Virgil and Elizabeth Given born on May 1, 1937, in Dillon. Growing up in Anaconda and graduating from Anaconda High School, she received honors in track, softball and for never missing a day of school in all 12 years.

She went on to receive a cosmetology license and prided herself in owning her own salon at a young age. Jean was also a waitress and bartender; her last position was at Scotty's, until health issues forced her to retire.

All who knew Jean will remember her as



hardworking, fun, loving, thoughtful, loyal, generous, kind, and a true friend.

She was a lover of all animals, great and small. In her memory, please donate to any animal support group.

Jean is survived locally by her sister, Jane Richmond and husband Terry, niece and family, Liz English (Tyler), Riley and Quinn; and Jean's brother Bob Given and wife Sandy of Parker, Colorado, and children Travis (Jamie), Tyler, Skyler and Gabby and Jaimie (Reno) and Payton.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Suzanne Bahny, 70



On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, Suzanne Bahny acquired her angel wings. She fought a very long and hard battle with cancer.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1951, in Ronan, to Norman and Barbara (Lindblöm) Knudson, and was the oldest of three adventurous girls, who spent their childhood fearless on the backs of horses in the mountains of the Mission Valley.

Suzanne graduated high school in 1969 and, shortly after, married Kenneth Snyder and together they had three children, Charlotte, Jason and Staci. During this time, she worked at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan alongside her mother in the Radiology Department and became an accomplished X-ray tech, and eventually the head of the department.

After they divorced, she met and married Greg Bahny in Kalispell, and went on to become an accomplished ultrasound and C/T technologist at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

They moved to Helena to begin a new chapter in their lives, where they got horses and wagons and enjoyed wagon trains and back country adventures in the mountains of Montana and Wyoming.

Together they purchased the UPS Store franchise and Suzanne

used her management skills to build that business.

They eventually traded the wagon in for a motorhome and began their travels. They spent falls along the Oregon coast and winters in the Southwest. She especially loved Yuma, Arizona, and the many new friends she met along the way.

She cherished every one of her grandchildren and made each and every one feel special.

The holidays were her favorite, particularly Christmas, where she would spend days decorating and cooking and always made arrangements with Santa to stop by and visit during the family gathering. Every child and grandchild looked forward to that annual event.

She acquired the nickname of "Martha" from her children and friends because of her elaborate decorations and parties she loved to host, whether beside a mountain stream or in her home, or helping her husband with special real estate events.

There was a time when they packed into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and one of the meals planned by her took an extra pack animal to make that

meal and presentation memorable for all. One of the group members even packed in ice cream to complement her meal.

Suzanne was selfless and had a huge, loving heart. She was unforgettable and beautiful in so many ways. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband Greg Bahny, children Charlotte Snyder (Mike Liedle), Jason Snyder (Korrie Shourds), Staci Martin (Steve), Russ Bahny, Lisa Andersen (Matt), as well as grandchildren Wyatt and Travis Robertson, Trevor, Zachary and Brandon Snyder, Jaden and Brittney McNair,

Kaitlyn, Shelbi and Hayleigh Bahny, Dylan and Sawyer Andersen, and great-grandchild Beau Bahny Meyers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Ann Croft.

A celebration of life is being held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. at Anderson Wilke Stevenson Funeral Home in Helena, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society or a donor of your choice. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Suzanne.

Stephen Messer Bahr, 88

On the last day of June, 2021, Commander Stephen Messer Bahr left us unexpectedly.

He was born in Bigfork on June 3, 1933. His parents were Caroline Ella Bahr nee Jellison, born in Bakersfield, California, in 1898 and Robert Oscar Bahr, born in Dresden, Germany, in 1899. Steve was the fourth of five children. He was predeceased by his sister Mildred Elizabeth Storie and her husband Kenneth Gale Storie, his brother Walter Paul Bahr, whose wife Vivian Joann Bahr nee Marsh is still with us. His sister Eleanor May Bahr passed at the age of 5. His younger sister Roberta Caroline Brooks and her husband Master Chief Russ Brooks are both still with us.

While growing up in Bigfork, Steve was a very competitive player on the Viking football and basketball teams. In the upper two grades he was the projector operator in the early days of the Swan Theater and a builder's helper in the construction of several homes in the Bigfork area.

As an avid and adept fisherman, Steve was often seen rod and reel in hand setting off to one of his favorite spots — particularly the Dago Hole and spots below the dam on Swan River and spots along the flume of the powerhouse. For a change in scenery, he would hike to Jewel Basin. His rod and reel was exchanged for a bamboo pole and snag hook to snag sock-eye salmon along the



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river bank during their spawning season. In another seasonal activity, he helped his father maintain and harvest a cherry orchard on

the East Shore.

Steve joined the Navy in 1952, soon after he met the love of his life, June Teresa Windle of Philadelphia. After Steve transferred to San Diego, June flew out and the couple took a bus to Yuma, Arizona, the day after Steve turned 20 where they married. Two years later, they had a son, Stephen Robert Bahr, born at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

Steve finished his enlistment, and the family relocated to Bigfork. Soon after, Lori Jane Bahr was born in Kalispell. June and Steve decided that Montana was not working for them, and Steve re-enlisted in the Navy. After a few more moves, the family ended up in Quincy, Massachusetts, where Eric John Bahr completed the family.

Steve's career then put him back in Philly for a year, before being stationed on the USS Constellation's commissioning crew for three years. The family moved to San Diego during this stint, but Steve spent much of it off the coast of Vietnam. After becoming

ing a chief petty officer, Steve received a commission, becoming a Navy Mustang.

The next three years were in Hawaii, where Steve had shore duty, a very special time; next a year in Norfolk, Virginia; then two years in Rhode Island and then two years in Jacksonville, Florida.

Oldest son Stephen left for college and subsequently joined the Navy. Lori Jane moved to the Martha Lloyd School in Troy, Pennsylvania, where she still lives.

Steve, June and Eric moved to Virginia Beach where Eric finished high school and met his future bride, Wendy Bahr.

While stationed in Japan, Stephen met his bride, Toshiko Chiba. Their daughter and son Caroline Chiba Bahr and Ian Chiba Bahr were both born there. Stephen completed his enlistment and he and the family relocated to the East Coast.

Eric married Wendy Young and they had a son, Alex Cole Bahr, and a daughter, Katherine Marie Bahr.

Steve and June moved to D.C. where Steve did a stint at the Pentagon before completing his career at Pax River as the maintenance officer for the Navy's Test Pilot School, retiring after 35 years as a commander. Steve served on seven different aircraft carriers in his very distinguished career.

They moved to Troy, Pennsylvania, to be close to Lori Jane. They bought an old Victorian and converted it to the

Silver Oak Leaf Bed & Breakfast.

Since the early '70s, Steve and June had become avid RVers, traveling around the U.S., including Alaska and much of Canada.

A few years ago, Steve and June bought a residence in Benicia, California, becoming bi-coastal. Stephen and Eric's family have all relocated to California.

Caroline Chiba Bahr married Dr. Christopher Warren Harmon and they have a 5-year-old son, Ethan Quincy Harmon.

Alex Cole Bahr married Xenia Tulupova.

Katherine married Timothy Dane Summerell and they have two daughters, Eleanor Mae Summerell and Florence Ava Summerell.

Much to Steve and June's delight, Ian Chiba Bahr is now a Navy man, making three generations.

Beside his distinguished military service, Steve served as the president of the Martha Lloyd School board of directors, and in many other public service organizations in leadership roles.

Please send any contributions to Martha Lloyd Community Services, 66 Lloyd Lane, Troy, PA 16947, in honor of Cmdr. Stephen M. Bahr.

Walter P. Bahr, 92

Walter Bahr died peacefully at home on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, surrounded by family members. His health declined in recent months due to dementia.

Walt is survived by his wife of 65 years, V. Joann Bahr; siblings, Steve (June) Bahr and Roberta (Russell) Brooks; children, Dick (Deb) Bahr and Patty (Stu) Breslin; grandchildren, Bo (Amanda) Bahr, Hayley (Garrett) Bahr, Chris (Krystal) Breslin, Daniel and Emily Breslin; great-grandchildren, Finnigan, Juniper, Gidian, Clayton and Grayson; nephew, Glenn Storie; and many other nieces and nephews spread around the country.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Caroline Bahr; two sisters, Eleanor Bahr and Millie Storie; and brother-in-law, Kenny Storie.

Walt was born in Kalispell in 1928 and grew up in Bigfork. He spent a lot of time during his youth fishing with his brother Steve, picking orchard fruit with his dad in Montana and Washington, swimming and diving in Flathead Lake. Some of his high school summers were spent on fire lookouts in the Swan Valley. He lived his entire life in the Flathead Valley, except for venturing to Bozeman to attend and graduate from Montana State University in 1950, and then a two-year stint in the U.S. Army with the 747th Amphibious Tank Battalion based in California. After leaving the Army, Walt returned to Bozeman briefly where he met Joann at the Student Union Building Coffee Shop. They both got jobs in Kalispell and were married in Conrad,



fire. When not working, Walt could always be found outside, whether around the house gardening and swimming, or adventuring in the great outdoors. To ensure he could swim all he wanted, he built a swimming pool in his backyard. It was deep enough for him to enjoy his love of springboard diving. He loved to hunt, fish and boat, especially enjoying these outings with his brother-in-law, Kenny Storie. He built two boats, one for sailing and one for family recreation and fishing. Fishing went on year-round, just shifting from sitting in boats to being on the ice. Walt held a Montana state fishing record in 1973 for the largest lake trout, which he caught in Flathead Lake. Hunting seasons many years started with shooting geese over decoys on opening day. This was followed a few weeks later with a trip to central Montana chasing antelope and deer across the prairies. A late season elk hunt in southern Montana wrapped up the season. Walt shared his love for hunting with family and friends. For several years he taught youth hunter safety classes and was recognized for sharing his knowledge and experiences with over 100 youth.

After retiring from banking in 1990, Walt and Joann traveled frequently, visiting family all over the country and traveling to states they hadn't yet seen, including Alaska and Hawaii. When back in the valley, Walt

friends and family.

Walt loved to downhill ski. He was a season pass holder at Big Mountain, now Whitefish Mountain Resort, until 2012 (when he was 84). The only issue with Walt was that he didn't know how to slow down, with his kids, grandkids and friends struggling to keep up with him when he was skiing a newly groomed slope. He admitted that he thought he might have been a downhill racer in a previous life. After taking a few hard falls, injuring his ribs and shoulder, his friends suggested that he could just ski a little slower and more cautiously. Walt didn't know how — so he just hung up his skis and didn't ski again.

Throughout his life, Walt was very civic-minded and involved with many organizations that supported the Flathead community. Early in his career, he was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) where he rose to president of the Montana State Jaycees and served as a national director. He served as president of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, president of the board of directors of Flathead Health Center (now Kalispell Regional Health) and chairman of the Glacier Natural History Association (now the Glacier National Park Conservancy). He served on other boards of directors, including the Flathead Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Flathead Land Trust. He also enjoyed his involvement in the Friends of Lawrence Park, and volunteering with SCORE. For most of their married life, Walt and Joann enjoyed the fellowship at Epworth Methodist Church.

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Walter P. Bahr, 92 (Cont)

Montana, in 1955. Walt built Joann a house on Fifth Ave WN, where they lived for eight years. One day he came home and told her that he had sold their house; so they found a lot in Northridge and built the house where he lived out his life.

Walt worked his entire career in Kalispell, initially as a real estate agent then taking up banking at Conrad National Bank, which is now First Interstate Bank. He worked his way up from teller/cashier to senior vice president of operations. He worked within the bank and across the state to increase computer data processing of bank operations. One proud moment for Walt came out of a tragedy for the Conrad National Bank. When the bank caught fire in the fall of 1959, Walt worked arduously with others to ensure the bank was up and running at a different location the day after the

and Joann could often be found dancing at the Bigfork Inn or the Eagles, especially enjoying jazz music, as well as volunteering at the annual Jazz Festival.

For more than 30 years, Walt was a member of the Over the Hill Gang, a notorious group of primarily local retirees who hiked together in the warm months and skied when the snow fell. One year, they decided to have a birthday celebration on top of a peak in Glacier National Park. One member packed in a cake, and Walt decided to bring ice cream bars (packed in dry ice) to go with the cake, earning him the nickname Ice Cream Sherpa. This became an annual tradition with the group. Walt compiled a list of the peaks in Glacier that he had climbed, and it numbered over 60; many he climbed more than once. He shared these hiking experiences with dear

The family would like to thank some special people who supported Walt and Joann during the last few years, Garrett Colibri, Loyal Care, Kalispell Fire Department and Frontier Hospice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling cremation arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Flathead Land Trust, P.O. Box 1913, Kalispell, MT 59903, flatheadlandtrust.org; or the Glacier National Park Conservancy, P.O. Box 2749, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, glacier.org, which support two causes dear to Walt.

In lieu of a memorial service, Walt's family asks you to take a hike or a walk to a place you really enjoy, eat an ice cream bar and remember the good times you shared with Walt.

Nan Baird, 89

Nan Baird, age 89, passed away on Oct. 19, 2021, due to complications from pneumonia. She died peacefully with her sister-in-law, Margaret Baird, at her bedside.

Nan was born Aug. 2, 1932, in Los Angeles to Alva Clarence and Mattie Morris Baird, both born in Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her brothers, William Thomas Baird, and Thomas Alva Baird, and her nephew, Thomas Matthew Baird.

Despite the challenges of autism, Nan became an accomplished pianist and watercolor artist. Having also trained in accordion and swimming, Nan mastered needlework, from cross-stitch to crochet. The Exceptional Children's Foundation in Los Angeles, founded in 1946 by her parents and

others, provided many of Nan's opportunities. She loved church programs, traveling, dining out, shopping, and watching her favorite shows, Lawrence Welk and Animal Planet. Independent, assertive, funny, direct, and honest, Nan had a mind for dates and details of the family tree that frequently surpassed everyone else's. She was particularly fond of dogs and cats and regularly asked after our family pets, often concerned to know how they were feeling, particularly at times when other family members had passed away.

For the record, our pets are grieving her loss but are also joining us in celebrating Nan's wonderful and loving life.

Our entire family is especially grateful for the kind care Nan received in recent years from the

staff at Prestige Assisted Living, Expressions, and more recently at Brendan House.

Nan is survived by her nieces Susan Baird, and Maria Baird; her nephews, Tom Baird, Rob Baird, and John Baird; her sister-in-law Margaret Baird; and her five grand nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome a donation in Nan's honor to one of these charities: Humane Society of Northwest Montana, <https://humanesociety-pets.com>, (406) 752-7297 or Exceptional Children's Foundation, <https://www.ecf.net/donate/>, (310) 204-3300.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

MEMORIAL

William T. Baird

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A memorial funeral Mass for William T. Baird, 94, who died Feb. 24, 2020, will be celebrated at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m.

Donald 'Don' Baker, 77

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Donald "Don" Baker passed away peacefully at his home on June 2, 2021, after a brief illness. His wife Ardis and daughter Lynette were by his side.

Don was born on Nov. 22, 1943, in Eureka to Clarence and Opal Baker. He grew up with his family in Kalispell. Don attended Kalispell schools and then graduated from Flathead High School. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

After the Navy, he returned to Bozeman to attend and graduate from Montana State University. While there he met and married Ardis LaBrant

At the age of 37, he began his career in banking in Kalispell, finally retiring from Wells



Fargo in Prescott, Arizona, after 27 years of service.

Don is survived by Ardis, his wife of 53 years, his daughter Lynette (Zak) Hoyt

of Prescott, his grandson Dorien (Monique) Baker of Nampa, Idaho, and his daughter-in-law Erica Baker of Henderson, Nevada, his sisters Bonnie (late Hubert) McKenzie of Snohomish, Washington, and Betty (Bruce) Jellison of Somers, Montana, as well as many nieces and nephews; his brother and sisters-in-law, Floyd (Toni) LaBrant,

Larry (Nancy) LaBrant, and Lois (late Dale) Lauman; and his grand and great-grandchildren, Abigail Baker of Henderson, Nevada, Harlan Hoyt of Prescott, Ethan, Audrey and Daniel Baker of Nampa.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Opal Baker, his son Darron Baker, brothers-in-law Hubert McKenzie and Dale Lauman, as well as many aunts and uncles.

A local service will be held on Aug. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mission View Terrace community pavilion in Lakeside.

Thank you to the staff members of YRMC, Dignity Health, Touchmark at The Ranch and Maggie's Hospice for their incredible compassion and care.

Lorinda L. Baker, 73

Lorinda L. Baker, 73, of Kalispell, died on July 30, 2021, at Renaissance Assisted Living.

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

Martha Margarita Baker, 72

Martha Margarita Baker, 72, of Belgrade, died Aug. 4, 2021 at Logan Health Medical Center,

Services are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is caring for the family.

Floy Dorreen McBroom Baker, 87

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Floy Baker passed away Sept. 8, 2021, at Expressions Memory Care in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 30, 1933, on the east-south side of Kalispell to Clifford McBroom and Floy Idella (Howell) McBroom. A fourth generation Montanan, Floy's great-grandmother Floy (Thompson) Johnston was born in Gallatin Valley in 1870. Both sets of her great-grandparents were early settlers in the Flathead Valley.

Floy graduated in 1952 from Polson High School. She married her first husband Delbert Griffin in Lubbock, Texas, in July 1952. They had three children, Christine, Steve and Nyle.

In February 1963, she "lost her mind" and married Obert Myers. In December 1964, Floy married Roger Baker in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Roger had five children, Ken, Clint, Dean, Deanne and Ross. Floy and Roger were married for 54 years until Roger's passing in 2019. Floy and Roger lived in Montana, Alaska, Hawaii, and Alaska (again) before returning to Whitefish in 1980 for good.

Floy worked for Pay 'N' Save for 10 and a half years in Fairbanks, Alaska, and one year in Kona, Hawaii. She owned a small business for 2 and a half years, called "Little Folks World" in Evergreen and retired after selling her business.

In 1981, with her good friend Ruth, Floy chaperoned a group of teenage girls and traveled through Europe for four weeks. In Floy's own words, "had lots of



fun and adventures, even saw the Mona Lisa."

Floy enjoyed digging for fossils and

dinosaur bones with her friend Sharon. Gardening was Floy's passion.

Floy was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford McBroom and Floy Idella (Howell) Stalcup, husband Roger Baker, brother Clayton "Buzz" McBroom, sister Carol Poil, and stepson Dean Baker.

Floy is survived by daughter, Christine Tucker (Tom) of Kalispell; sons, Steve Griffin (Vickey) of Polson and Nyle Griffin of Plains; stepchildren, Ken Baker (Karen) of Kalispell, Clint Baker (Yting) of Kalispell, Deanne Kruse (Deryl) of Nenana, Alaska, and Ross Baker of North Pole, Alaska; siblings, Myrna Teskey of Kalispell, Sandra White of Squatter Cove, Utah, Lyle McBroom of Polson, Rita Vanorio of Stevensville, and Corey Stalcup of Everett, Washington; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 16 stepgrandchildren, and numerous stepgreat-grandchildren.

Many thanks to the staff at Expressions Memory Care and to Logan Hospice nurses for taking good care of our mother/grandmother.

A memorial will be held sometime during the spring of 2022.

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

Daryl Baldik, 66

PAG 24 Dec 2021
Daryl Baldik, our beloved brother, left us to be with our Lord Jesus on July 23, 2021. He remained in Logan Health Rehabilitation Center in Kalispell until his death. He suffered many years from illnesses and at last, renal failure.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1954, to Frank and Imogene Baldik of Kalispell. Daryl graduated from Flathead High School in 1973, and in 1974 moved to Washington state. He attended Everett Community College and later Community Bible Chapel in Seattle, graduating in 1980. He worked for Sears Company in the shipping department, and for Swedish Hospital as a security guard. In 1984 he moved back to Kalispell where he lived the rest of his life.

Daryl enjoyed playing



football and basketball. He liked camping in Pole-bridge and Glacier

National Park, and was a member of BSA-Troop 20. He spent years doing woodworking and carpentry.

Daryl was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a sister, Patricia Guenther of Seattle, three brothers, Les Baldik of Pullman, Washington, Jerry Baldik of Seattle, and Tom Baldik of Des Moines, Washington.

Arrangements were directed by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial marker commemorates him at Glacier Memorial Gardens of Kalispell.

Charles A. Balch, 86

Charles A. Balch, 86, of Bigfork, died Thursday, March 4, 2021.

No services are being planned.

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

Shirley Devitt Baldwin, 84

PAG 7 July 2021
Shirley Devitt Baldwin passed away on June 17, 2021, from Alzheimer's, at her granddaughter's home in Vancouver, Washington.

Shirley was born Aug. 4, 1936, in Kalispell. Shirley graduated from Flathead High in 1954. Soon after graduation, she and a special friend and classmate joined the Navy. Later, Shirley met and married Gil Baldwin. They spent many years traveling.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Rita Graham of Arizona, her grandchildren, and several



nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Phoebe Devitt; her brother, Byron Devitt;

her one and only child, her daughter, Shannon; and her husband, Gil.

Services were held in Vancouver.

Allon Forrest Barnes, 77

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Allon Forrest Barnes was born in Great Falls on Aug. 31, 1944, the fourth child, having three older sisters and four younger sisters. His three older sisters adored his antics and continued deep adult friendships.



Allon grew up in Kalispell. Joining the U.S. Navy after high school, he became well traveled, spending much of his career aboard the USS Wabash and USS Tulare. He was also

always an ardent volunteer for friends and the community.

Allon raised three children, Nicole (Barnes) Moss, Nathaniel Barnes and Nicolis Barnes, and had eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, whom he loved immensely.

Allon was preceded in death by his sisters Charlotte and Barbara, and a grandchild, Garrett.

He passed away Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at home with his loving wife, Tracy Barnes, by his side.

A memorial was held in Lewiston, Idaho. A memorial service will be held in Kalispell in the summer of 2022. The date will be announced.

Ernest Richard Barnes Jr., 88

Ernest Richard Barnes Jr., 88, of Whitefish, died Dec. 23, 2021 at Hidden Meadows in Columbia Falls. Services are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is Caring for the family.

Donald Raymond Barnes, 87

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Donald Raymond Barnes, 87, of Bigfork, died the evening of Thursday, July 1, 2021, at home.

Don is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eileen Barnes, daughter Susan Anderson and her three children, and son Michael and his two children.

Don was born in 1934 in Middletown, Ohio to Walter and Wava Barnes. He graduated from Northwestern University Medical School with his MD in 1959. He performed an internship at Evanston Hospital, in Evanston, Illinois, from 1959 to 1960 where he met Eileen. They were married in Dayton, Ohio, in 1959. Don joined the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon in 1960, serving for five years, including time at



Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls where he and Eileen

developed a love for Montana and a four-year tour at Toul-Rosieres AB in Toul, France, where he received training as an anesthesiologist, serving as the chief of anesthesia for the AB.

He decided to continue to pursue anesthesiology, tackling residencies at both the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He briefly worked in Nampa, Idaho, but eventually moved to Kalispell, becoming the first anesthesiologist in the Flathead Valley in 1969. He worked at both

Kalispell Regional and North Valley through 1992. He partially retired to Seeley Lake in 1992, though he continued to provide vacation support for anesthesiologists in Kalispell, Bozeman and Billings through 1996. In 2006, he and Eileen moved back to the Flathead Valley.

Don had a huge passion for the outdoors, spending a great deal of time in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, both during his USAF time in Great Falls and his later years in Seeley Lake and Kalispell. He had often asked that there be no ceremony upon his death and requested instead that you get out and take a hike, float, or other outdoor activity and think fondly upon him while

you do so. Additionally, in lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider one of these donations that would be more in line with Don's passions:

<https://glacier.org/trees-for-don/> to support planting of trees in Glacier Park; <https://wildmontana.org/donate/> to preserve public use forest land so future generations can enjoy the great outdoors; or <https://rmef.org/donate/donation-packages/> to preserve elk in the Rocky Mountains.

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

A. Irene Knutson Barnhart, 94

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Our beloved mother and grandmother, Irene, passed into the loving hands of the Lord on March 30, 2021, at the age of 94. She passed peacefully in her sleep at the Montana Veterans Home.

Irene was born in Hannaford, North Dakota on May 6, 1926, into the family of Stark and Serina Knutson, immigrants from Norway. She was one of seven children, brought up on a North Dakota farm during the Great Depression.

The family moved to Montana in 1940 in order for Stark to find work at the smelter in Anaconda. Irene moved to Columbia Falls in 1946 to live with her sister Edith Schulte. She met Raymond, the best dancer around, and they married in 1949. Irene and Ray had two sons, Donald and Duane. Ray and Irene started B & F Excavating in 1955 with Fred Fowler.

Always one to enjoy life to its fullest, Irene and Ray spent 37 years working hard but always finding time for a dance. She spent much of her



time volunteering for the VFW Auxiliary, handing out poppies every Veteran's

Day. Irene enjoyed traveling, visiting relatives from Oregon to Norway. When home, she was often found in the kitchen, whipping up a batch of her famous potato salad, "Grandma buns," Norwegian potato dumplings (kumle), or a six-layer red velvet cake. She enjoyed chatting with friends and family over a hot cup of coffee any time of day. In 1986, Ray passed unexpectedly. Irene lived on her own until she suffered a broken hip which left her wheelchair bound for the rest of her days.

Irene was the last of her family to pass and will be greatly missed. She was one tough Norwegian through all her trials, and passed her tenacity and work ethic to members of her family.

Irene was preceded

in death by her parents; husband Ray; sisters Edith Schulte Mason, Olga Knutson; and brothers Knute Knutson, Arthur Knutson, Leonard Knutson and Stewart Knutson.

She is survived by her sons, Don (Barb) of Columbia Falls and Duane (Robin) of Spokane, Washington; grandchildren Carrie (Trevor) Gnauck, Dawn Barnhart, Michael Barnhart, and Molly Barnhart; great-grandchildren Lily and Simon Gnauck; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thank you to the wonderful staff at the Montana Veterans Home for their loving care at the twilight of her life.

Services will be held on April 7 at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbia Falls Fire Department or Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

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

Richard Barnhart, 74

Richard Barnhart, 74, of Bigfork died Sept. 11, 2021 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.

Lori Jean Barrick, 58

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Lori Jean (Branine) Barrick traveled over her rainbow bridge, Sept. 2, 2021, at her home in Priest River, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Branine, and mother, Evelyn Branine.

She is survived by her daughter Amanda Hewson (Travis Hewson) and grandson Aiden Hewson of Spokane; her siblings, Allen Branine, Kerin Gayner and Mark Branine of the Flathead Valley, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins and her beloved puppy Stella.

Lori was born Sept. 21, 1962, in Biloxi, Mississippi, into a career Air Force family. All four children accepted the label Air Force Brat and moved every two to three years as the military requested of the family. Lori grew up swimming competitively, playing baseball, camping, skiing and socializing. No one was a stranger to Lori; she was always the one to make friends the soonest.

Lori graduated from CMR High School in Great Falls in 1980 and went on to earn her



associate's degree from Kinman Business School and always excelled

at numbers.

While her siblings found their way back to Montana; Lori lived most of her life in the Spokane area. Lori owned a flagging company and was very involved in Women In Construction. She also worked as a controller for several large construction companies.

Lori loved family, friends, river trips, swimming, food channels and social events.

Lori was fortunate to find a strong community of support in the AA groups of Priest River and enjoyed the last years of her life living with boyfriend Brad.

Unfortunately the struggle to beat alcohol addiction was too much for Lori to overcome.

It is with great sorrow and loss that we share her passing.

Family will gather at Flathead Lake to remember Lori, Sept. 18.

Christine Lee Bartlett, 71

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Christine Lee Bartlett passed into the arms of her Lord on April 23, 2021, in her home in the presence of her family at the age of 71.

Born in Glendale, California, to parents Vin and Billie, she is a woman known for her creativity and artistic abilities, as well as her loving nature. An accomplished artist and talented woodworker, Christine was known to be as capable with a drill press as she was with a paintbrush, and several of her designs are still used by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America to this day.

Chris was an art history major at Cal State Northridge, where she met her Tri-Delta sisters who would remain



lifelong friends.

She is survived by her children, Amy Marie and Mathew

Cullen Bartlett.

A memorial service will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Covina, California, on June 12 at 10 a.m. Those attending are asked not to wear dark colors,

as she wished for her memorial service to be an upbeat celebration of her life and her family and friendships. Due to limited space and Covid considerations, the service will be streamed online for

remote friends and family.

David Patrick Barlow, 63

David Patrick Barlow, 63, of Kalispell, died on Dec. 2, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

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

Corinne A. Barthel, 68

Corinne A. Barthel, 68, died at her home in Columbia Falls on Feb. 25, 2021.

She is survived by her daughters Shaunda Wenger and Jana Edmondson.

Services are pending. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Elmer Leroy Bastrom, 91

PAG 23 June 2021

Elmer Leroy Bastrom, 91, of Whitefish, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2021.

Elmer was born on Aug. 2, 1929, in Ritzville, Washington, the youngest son of Henry and Henrietta (Harding) Bastrom. Although he only went through the eighth grade for a formal education, he was self-educated and never gave up an opportunity to learn a trade or further his knowledge of politics.

Elmer was united in marriage to Donna Hines on June 10, 1950. Elmer and Donna had two children, son Ronald and daughter Kathy. His wife Donna preceded him in death in 2001.

Elmer moved to Whitefish in the late '40s and went to work on the Hungry Horse Dam. In 1956 he joined the Operating Engineers Union, Local 400 and remained a loyal lifetime union member for over 50 years, even after he



was forced early into retirement after being diagnosed with glaucoma.

He was a member

of the Whitefish Moose Lodge and in his free time he enjoyed time with family and friends, fishing, woodworking, and discussing politics. He was also known to always find a home project to occupy additional free time.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Melvin Bastrom, Ruben Bastrom and Victor Bastrom; and three sisters, Viola Buxbaum, Yetta Huldredge and Freida Rein.

Survivors include son Ronald of Marion and daughter Kathy (and Dusty) Torgerson of Hot Springs; grandchildren, Christy (Eric) Logan, Amy (Terry)

Zink, Dana (Matt) Diehl, Deana (Mike) Anderson, and Destry (Stacey) Torgerson; great-grandchildren, Ronalae, Robert, Mercedes, Tibb, Holden (Daniel), and Tally; and great-great-granddaughter, Oakleigh.

A graveside service will be June 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Michael Clyde Bear, 64

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Michael Clyde Bear, born on March 13, 1957, in Kalispell, passed away at his home



in Kalispell on Dec. 26, 2021. Michael was the fourth child of eight born to Harry E. and Lottie V. (Hill) Bear.

Michael is survived by his wife of 30 years, Donna (Norton) Bear. He is also survived by two children, Jeffrey M. Bear and Trisha R. Bear, and by his 4-year-old granddaughter Bella.

He was a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time outdoors with his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Harry and Lottie Bear; in 2000, his sister, Jacqueline Anderson, in 2000 and his brother, Rick Bear, in 2011.

Mike is survived by his brother John Bear and wife Joey; sister Kathy Eland and husband Tom; brother Tim Bear; sister Pam Winn and husband Dennis; brother Mark Bear, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike began working early in life and was a carpenter at age 17. He

continued in that trade, becoming a mason and a painter. When Mike retired from working at Glacier National Park, he was a wage grade 9 maintenance mechanic. He partnered on building the Trail of the Cedars/ Avalanche Falls Overlook and restoring various historical lodges in the park.

Mike practiced martial arts. He also enjoyed panning and looking for gold with a metal detector while he spent time with his dad. Later, the two enjoyed time together in Harry's garden. The memories working with his dad were always some of Mike's favorites. He continued his love of the outdoors with his own family. His wife, children and granddaughter joined Mike camping and exploring the woods. Mike loved huckleberry picking and always had a bucket in hand during huckleberry season. He would always say, "bear in a patch."

After Mike retired he spent his final years reliving old memories of his days in the park and sharing them with love with his granddaughter Bella. Mike was a son, a brother, an uncle, a husband, a father and grandfather, and will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

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There will be an open house for
Brothers Roy and Greg Bauska
Sunday, July 11th

1-4pm
at

Snowline Acres,
3315 Hwy 93 S Kalispell

A scholarship fund is being formed named in honor of Greg, which will grant scholarships to Flathead High School and Columbia Falls High School seniors. Contributions may be sent to the

Greg Bauska Memorial Scholarship Fund,
101 Fairway Blvd., Kalispell, MT 59901