

Kaylynn Jesse Rey Best, 20, and Jenae Lariese Best, 17

Kaylynn Jesse Rey Best, 20, and her sister Jenae Lariese Best, 17, were involved in a fatal car accident that took both their lives on May 3, 2021.



Kaylynn was born June 7, 2000, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Jenae was born Feb. 10, 2004,

at home in Kalispell, to Gordon Best and Kim LaVine-Best.

Kaylynn graduated Columbia Falls High School in 2018, and went on to serve our country through the Montana Air National Guard, and was a Security Forces senior airman.

Jenae was a junior at Columbia Falls High School, and loved trap

shooting and also loved her work at Flathead Valley Clay Target Club.

The girls were preceded in death by grandmother Vicki Gish, and great-grandparents Stu and Bonnie Hippensteal.

They are survived by parents Gordon and Kim Best, brothers Colton, Zachary and Adam Best, numerous grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of their lives will be held on Saturday, June 19, at 11 a.m. at the North Valley Baptist Church, 1750

Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. A potluck will follow services at the church. Their urns will be laid to rest at a later date at Fairview Cemetery.

A memorial garden will be planted at the family home to honor the girls. The family asks that contributions of flowering perennials be given, which will then be enjoyed for years to come.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the Best family.

Richard 'Dick' Best, 93

Richard "Dick" Best passed away on Feb. 4, 2021, at his home on Flathead Lake at the age of 93. His battle with COVID-19 ended peacefully as he was surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Dr. Best was considered by everyone who knew him as kind, compassionate, generous and intelligent. He had a keen wit and a wonderful sense of humor. He remained true to his virtues, even as he knew his death was imminent; he was strong and at peace with his life and his love of God. He was concerned more about his family than himself.

Richard's death was preceded by his parents, Howard and Ruth Best, his daughter, Kathleen O'Farrell, and granddaughter, Elanna Markland.

He leaves behind his wife Merylann, his daughters, Kimberly Cooney (Patrick Cooney), Cindy O'Dell, (Sean O'Dell) and Christine Markland (Ronald Markland), 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren who will all miss him dearly.

Richard or Doc, as his friends and family called him, or Papa as he was fondly referred to by his grandchildren, was remarkable in so many ways. He was born in South Dakota during the Depression and later



grew up in Cranford, New Jersey. In April of 1945, he enlisted and served as Seaman 1st Class in the Navy during World War II. After the Navy, he received a track scholarship and started his college career attending Dartmouth College. After three years, in 1950 he graduated with honors as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Just before graduating, he met the love of his life, Merylann, on a blind date in Colorado. They were married in August, and this summer they celebrated 70 wonderful years together. Richard attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania where he studied thoracic and general surgery and became a member of the Fellow, American College of Surgeons.

Richard moved to Butte in 1959 and began his medical practice. He really was Dr. Best. Not only was he invested in his medical practice and his patients but he was involved in his community and served at the local level, as well as on an international level. He served as president of the St. James Community

grew up in Cranford, New Jersey. In April of 1945, he enlisted and served as Seaman 1st Class in the Navy during World War II.

Hospital, and for 27 years he volunteered as the Butte High School football physician, as well as the physician for the Butte Rodeo Club. In the winters, he was active on the Beef Trail and Z Bar T Ski Patrol.

Richard's patients were overwhelmingly sad when he retired from his practice to move to Flathead Lake where he lived his dream of growing the "best" cherries. His fruit stand was more than just a place to sell fruit; it was a place for him to meet and serve people and an opportunity for his family to work together. Even in his "retirement" Dick remained busy and loved to work outdoors. He volunteered during the summer in the Glacier Bible Camp kitchen, putting his slicing skills to use on the vegetables for the salad bar. Richard served on three missionary trips, once to Brazil and twice to Togo, Africa.

Dick especially enjoyed driving his Gator through the orchard down to the lake with his faithful golden retrievers riding in the back, stopping on the way home to pick one of juiciest peaches or plums. His legacy of farming lives on through the passion he inspired and the knowledge he shared, not just with his family and neighbors, but also through his service as president of the

Flathead Cherry Growers Association. However, no one will ever grow a rose garden as beautiful as the one he grew for his true love.

Richard will be honored at a graveside service with military honors on Saturday, Feb. 13, at noon at the Bigfork Cemetery. A service will follow at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God.

The family requests that in lieu of gifts or flowers, donations be made to Doctors Without Borders or the Gideon's International Society.

Kimberly Jean Beyer, 59

Kimberly Jean Beyer, 59, of Kalispell, died on April 8, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kenneth Leroy Bidwell, 82

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Kenneth Leroy Bidwell, 82, of Kalispell, succumbed to his long, hard battle with cancer on Aug. 18, 2021, at the Fort Harrison VA Hospital in Helena under their compassionate care. He entered into peace from his suffering with a positive, loving attitude.

Kenny grew up and graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive. He was the second youngest of seven siblings and is currently survived by his youngest sister, Janet Palen. Ken spent his early adulthood working for the Forest Service, residing in Seeley Lake and Thompson Falls. He moved on to working for the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) out of the Glendive district. A later transfer to the Kalispell district brought him back to Western Montana to be near his children.

He remained in Kalispell after his retirement enjoying times with his family, especially the Thanksgiving holiday. Kenny also enjoyed spending time with his friends at the local VFW post as part of the "riff raff" group. He valued the simplicity of life



and the personal values of people over any monetary values.

Other survivors include his son, Royce, along with his significant other, Abby; and his son, Raymond, along with his fiancé, Tanya, and their two children, Bryce and Kendra. He is also survived by Rhonda Bolton, daughter, along with her husband, Mark. Grandchildren include Kendra Reed and great-granddaughter, Kinsley, along with grandsons, Zachary and Zedekiah Snethen.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2 p.m. at Glacier Park VFW post no. 2252; 330 1st Avenue West, Kalispell, MT 59901.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the local Veterans Home donation box located at the VFW post in Kalispell.

To share memories and photos go to <https://www.simplecremationmt.com/obituaries/Kenneth-Leroy-Bidwell?obld=22051786>

Russell H. Biederman, 79

Russell H. Biederman, 79, of Whitefish, died Sept. 26, 2021, at Whitefish Care and Rehab. Arrangements are pending through Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish.

Phyllis Jean (Gray) Bjorsness, 92

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Phyllis Jean (Gray) Bjorsness, 92, of Whitefish, treasured wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away Dec. 14, 2021. She was preceded in death by parents Florence and Bill Gray, husband Alan, son Scott and brother Bob Gray.

She is survived by sister Judy (Jim) Curtis, sister-in-law Mary Ann Gray, daughter Kris (Shaun) Wilcomb, sons Brad (Carol) and Keith (Deb), grandchildren Sarah (Josh) Taylor, Jesse (Shawn) Hummer, Katie (Austin) Schreder, Logan and great-grandchildren Alan, Maddie, Ella and Grace.

Phyllis and Al moved to Whitefish in 1966. She was devoted to raising her four children and to her church as a member of the First Presbyterian Church for 55 years. She was a 50-year member of P.E.O. She was one of the first employees of



Park Side Credit Union.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, baking, camping, walking and being surrounded by and cooking for her family. Phyllis spent countless hours volunteering behind the scenes at her church, the hospital, the library and Shepherd's Hand Clinic. Many will have fond memories of seeing her walking across town to deliver cookies or out for a visit to share her generous gift of kindness and love for others.

A celebration of Phyllis' life will be on April 23 at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

Memorials may be given to Glacier Presbytery Camp, Shepherd's Hand Clinic or a charity of your choice.

Donald Bielenberg, 95

Donald Bielenberg, 95, of Bigfork, died Jan. 12, 2021, at his home in Bigfork.

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

Gwendolyn Iowla (Meader-Evans) Biggar, 97

PAG 8 Dec 2021

Gwendolyn Iowla (Meader-Evans) Biggar, 97, of Eureka, passed away on Dec. 2, 2021, at her home with her family by her side. Gwendolyn was born April 22, 1924, in Kelso, Washington, to Arthur and Minnie (Drew) Meader.

Gwendolyn was raised in Washington, Oregon and Montana. She attended school at Whitefish High School in Whitefish, graduating in 1942. She attended college at the University of Missoula from 1942 to 1943.

Gwendolyn spent time as a nanny while in high school and college. She was a telephone operator, a clerk at a Torberts dime store, and worked in the press room of the Daily Inter Lake newspaper. She then began her 40-plus year career in the insurance industry. She began as a file clerk and ended her career as an underwriter working independently.

Gwendolyn was an active member of Christ

Church Episcopal of Kalispell for 65 years.

Gwen had many roles within the church, including Sunday school teacher, vestry clerk, choir member, altar guild member, and anywhere her help was needed. Christ Church Episcopal and its members were her second family. In later years Gwen volunteered her time at Elrod School teaching children cribbage and helping them with reading. Gwen was also a 15-year volunteer at Brendan House long-term care facility of Kalispell.

An avid reader of religious text, mysteries and current events, Gwen also enjoyed choir music, gospel, easy listening, '40s country and western, '40s big band, and show tunes. Additionally, Gwen appreciated fine art and still life images and especially enjoyed scenic drives.



Gwen was a wonderful, sweet lady. To meet her was to like her, and to know her was to love her. Gwen was kind, caring, compassionate and generous with her time and her love. She also had a wonderful sense of humor, being quick with a laugh and a smile. Our family has been blessed to have her as our matriarch and we'll miss her immensely but cherish our wonderful love filled memories with her. Gwen was a blessing from God.

Gwendolyn was preceded in death by her husband Philip R. Biggar, daughter Peggy Ann Herman, brother John "Jack" Meader, half sister Lucille Helen Evans and Adeline Chesley, half brothers Theodore Meader and Richard Meader, father Arthur Meader, and mother Minnie Drew-Watson-Meader-Evans. Gwendolyn is survived by her daughter Sandra Biggar Jackson of

Kalispell, grandchildren Melinda Lee Ferguson (Tim) of Eureka, Philip Raymond Jackson of Kalispell, and Raymond Leonard Jackson Jr. (Denise) of Kalispell, and great-grandchildren Alyssa Rose Stratton (Casey) of Kalispell, Zain Alexander Ferguson of Eureka, Jared Tyler Ferguson of Bozeman, Taylor Gracie Jackson of Kalispell, Jaycob Raymond Jackson of Kalispell, and Jazmyn Iree Jackson of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held on Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are suggested to Christ Church Episcopal of Kalispell.

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

Diana Jean Bingman, 64

PAG 11 July 2021
Diana Jean Bingman, 64, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home July 6, 2021, with her family nearby.

She leaves behind her daughters, Angie Baier and Crystalline Bingman; sisters, Linda Kessler and Deborah Shephard; brother, Fred Marx; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in



death by her son James Bingman, her mother Ruth Merrell, and her sister

Susan Marx.

A celebration of her life will be held at 330 Blue Star Ranch Road, Kalispell, on Saturday, July 24, at 1 p.m.

Michael L. Bird, 73

Michael L. Bird of Pahoehoe, Hawaii, passed away on July 2, 2020, at home following a long illness.

He was born in Kalispell on July 18, 1946, to William Hoyt and Lucille Carter Bird. Michael graduated from Flathead High School and Northwest Nazarene College. He worked for the National Forest Service's, Alaska Emergency Management Agency, HUD, and Coastal Villages Region Fund. Michael retired to Hawaii in 2010 and used his biological studies to plant and grow a virtual "Garden of Eden" with two of everything and specializing in cacao production and chocolate making.

Michael was predeceased by his parents

and siblings, Teddy Bird, Eugene Bird, Carol Wasinger, Marilyn Meyers and Bob Bird.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Schumpert Bird of Hawaii, and children Michael D. Bird of Wasilla, Alaska, Jesse D. Bird of Longmont, Colorado, and Katie Bird and Matt Raney of Wasilla, and grandchildren Owen Bird, Brooklynn Bird, and Indy Raney of Wasilla.

No services were held due to Covid restrictions. Michael's ashes will be scattered at later date at Ashley Creek in Kalispell, on his beloved "Talking House Plantation" in Hawaii, and in the Yukon River in Alaska to be reunited with the many Alaska villages that he loved and served.

Thallis Birk

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Thallis Birk was born in North Dakota, late winter, 1934. She passed away in Kalispell on July 22, 2021.

Waiting to meet her again are her beloved husband, Tom; a daughter and son, Doniell and Tommy; her parents, Henry and Ilyhia; brothers and sister, Laverne, Lyle, and Marcella; and untold family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly, and sons, Tim and Bret, and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous other family and friends whom she loved.

Mom is a truly beautiful soul. Sometimes I think that fact was more fully recognized and appreciated by those who met her and got to know her a little bit, than by we, to whom she devoted her life. But, entitlement aside, we generally knew we were blessed.

Mom was born on a dairy farm where the family lived until a Missouri River improvement project forewarned the flooding of her hometown and the surrounding river bottomlands, as well as the end of her Dad's custom grain harvesting business and the dispersal of his dairy customers around the time she was 12 years old. Those facts paint a pretty bleak picture to me, but I never heard Mom speak a bitter word about it. There was no use in complaining.

The family headed West, aiming for the coast and the opportunities it held, but ended up stopping in the first



best place they found, Kalispell. Her Dad purchased a small farm, and through the industri-

ousness, he employed in larger-scale enterprises back in North Dakota, made a living. Mom cherished those times and learned to be strong. She eventually met Tom, they fell in love and got married. They purchased a piece of raw land that they homesteaded, building a home, clearing hay field and pasture, and raising a family.

She traveled fairly extensively, but had never seen enough, and was always eager to see more and regretful of the places that she hadn't had a chance to visit.

Her signature compassion and love were too great to be entirely consumed by her family. She volunteered for and supported several local organizations and churches by cooking meals, baking her incomparable pies, or monetarily, she always helped where she was aware of a need.

Thallis Birk will be missed badly by all of us who knew and loved her here on earth and will be treasured in heaven.

A memorial service in honor of Thallis will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Central Christian Church, 248 Second Ave., Kalispell with a reception to follow.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Thallis and her family.

Dale James Bjorge, 77

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Dale James Bjorge, 77, of Kalispell, passed away on Aug. 29, 2021.

Dale was born in Williston, North Dakota, on March 30, 1944, five minutes after his twin brother Dean. They grew up on the Bjorge farm outside of Bainville, Montana, with their older sister Linda and younger brother Thomas. Dale graduated high school from Culbertson in 1962 and went on to college, graduating from the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in accounting.

He married the love of his life, Karla Betz, in 1965.

Dale worked as a CPA and was partners with Ray Wicks in Columbia Falls for many years and later worked at Interbel in Eureka until he retired. Upon retirement Dale and Karla enjoyed being snowbirds, spending their winters in Arizona and their summers in the Flathead. They spent many days



playing golf, and Dale was proud to say he got not one, but two holes in one in his

lifetime. He and Karla also enjoyed square dancing and traveled around the country with their friends. We will all miss his quick wit and sense of humor.

Dale is survived by his wife Karla of 56 years, son Michael and his wife Jeannie of Queen Creek, Arizona, daughter Michelle of Hamilton, Montana, and grandkids Shayla, Trey, and Mackenzie.

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

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.

Gail Blakeley, 75

Gail Blakeley, 75, of Columbia Falls, died April 17, 2021, at her home.

She is survived by her four kids, Brook Blakeley, Amber Demotts, Brad Blakeley and Britney Whittaker.

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

Beau Alexander Bledsoe, 52

Beau Alexander Bledsoe, 52, of Kalispell, died Feb. 13, 2021, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Nora, and daughters Betsy McQueen and Audrey Elizabeth.

A visitation will be

held Thursday, Feb. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, with graveside service to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Patricia L. (Farris) Bjornstad, 84

PAT 19 Dec 2021

Patricia "Pat" Bjornstad was born March 6, 1937, to Forest and Margaret Farris in Kalispell.

Pat passed away unexpectedly Dec. 12, 2021, from complications from surgery. Pat grew up in Kalispell and attended elementary school at Russell School. She graduated from Flathead in 1955. She attended Montana State University briefly before her marriage to Joe Bjornstad. They resided in Whitefish for 25 years enjoying what was then a small recreational community.



Her marriage ended in divorce, and she moved to Kalispell. Pat worked at the Flathead

Treasurer's office in vehicle registration and property taxation department for many years, retiring June of 1999.

She was proud of her three children, Susan, Mark and Shari, and their accomplishments. She enjoyed family gatherings and kept us laughing. Her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren were a glister in her eyes.

Pat was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, in-laws and nephews. She is survived by her children, Susan Hruza (Steve) of Whitefish, Mark Bjornstad (Tammy) of Kalispell, and Shari Goodmanson (Dan) of Missoula; siblings Harold Farris (JoAnn), Marilyn Johnson (Bill), and Roberta Thomas. Also surviving are five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, neph-

ews and great-nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her beloved cat, Grayson.

Per her request, there will be no funeral services. A celebration of friends and family will take place at a later date. Have a glass of wine, hold it high and have a good laugh. That is what Pat wanted.

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.

Jimmie J. Blickenstaff, 74

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Jimmie J. Blickenstaff, 74, passed away June 1, 2021, with his wife by his side at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and hospice care.

Jimmie was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, the son of Anna Mary and Joseph M. Blickenstaff. He graduated from North Hagerstown High School in 1964 and attended classes at Hagerstown Junior College. He went to work for Mack trucks. In 1966 he enlisted in the Navy where he became an electrician aboard a ship and was honorably discharged from the Navy.

While in the service he married Sue Bartles July 27, 1968. They went all through school together and later reunited and spent 53 wonderful years together.

After the Navy Jimmie



went back to work for Mack Trucks in Hagerstown as a machine repairman and worked there for 37 years until he retired in 2001

Jimmie was a

loving and devoted husband to his wife and will be missed. He enjoyed many years vacationing in Montana with his wife before retiring here and making Montana his home. Jimmie loved to go boating, fishing, hunting, and enjoyed wood-working. He could fix anything. He also enjoyed fishing trips and spending time with friends and family. He was also active

in the Bigfork Gun Club for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary Blickenstaff, and sister JoAnn Schaeffer.

He is survived by his wife Sue, brother Dr. Jay Blickenstaff (Carol) of Clear Spring, Maryland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom he cherished, and he loved them all.

Jimmie wished to be cremated and not to have any formal services.

In memory of Jimmie you can donate to hospice at 275 Corporate Drive, Suite no. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Bethel Chapel Church, P.O. Box 1657, Bigfork MT 59911.

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

Robert James Bodnar, 85

Robert James Bodnar, 85, of Bigfork, died on Dec. 3, 2021, at Lake View Care Center.

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

Lawrence Blekken, 89

Lawrence Blekken, 89, of Kila, died on July 3, 2021.

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

David Norman Board, 72

David Norman Board was born on Aug. 31, 1949, and went to be with the Lord on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021. He lost a courageous battle to cancer and was surrounded by family and friends over his last days and hours.

Graveside services will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at a date

yet to be determined.

Those wishing to pay last respects can do so in the viewing room at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell on Monday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. until noon.

It is the family's wish that any memorial gifts in his honor be given to Orphan's Lifeline International, P.O. Box 1100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Phyllis Faye Bloom, 81

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6 Apr 2021

Phyllis Faye Bloom, 81, of Kalispell, died April 4, 2021, in Kalispell. Phyllis was born on April 27, 1939 in Malta. At a very young age the family moved to Anaconda where she attended school and graduated from Anaconda High School.

Phyllis worked at clerical jobs in Anaconda, Butte and Spokane before



hiring on with Kalispell Regional Hospital where she worked for 21 years.

Phyllis married Roy Bloom on Aug. 24, 1973, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This union brought a daughter, Terri, and in 2015

Phyllis reconnected with her first born son Adam after many years of being apart. After reconnecting, Phyllis and Adam enjoyed beautiful trips together. The catching up phone calls and visits were very special as was seeing the man he had become.

Phyllis also enjoyed two special granddaughters, Taylor Ramstad and Kaitlyn Ramstad.

Phyllis enjoyed traveling to many places along with bus group tours and other special places with Roy.

There will be a graveside service held for Phyllis on Friday, April 9, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 2 p.m.

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

Bonnie Babette Boles, 85

Bonnie Babette Boles, 85, of Kalispell, died Feb. 21, 2021, at Prestige Assisted Living.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

John C. 'Jack' Bolster, 78

John C. "Jack" Bolster, 78, of Columbia Falls, died Jan. 15, 2021, in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife Jullie, and his children Shannon, Melissa, Traci, Joseph and Michael.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Kim Bond, 65

Kim Bond, 65, of Kalispell died on July 24, 2021. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rebecca Ann Bond, 66

Rebecca Ann Bond, 66, of Kalispell, died Dec. 5, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center

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

Judith Booth, 82

Judith Booth, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 21, 2021, at her home.

She is survived by her daughters, Lori Craner and Debra Lundy.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Joyce Gallo-Bonner, 91

Joyce was born in Spokane on Aug. 15, 1929, to William and Ester



Brendel. Joyce grew up and attended school in Whitefish. She graduated high school in 1947. She worked for the Flathead County Tax office and



groups such as the Red Hats, the Moose, VFW and Women of the Catholic Church.

Joyce is survived by her sons, Paul (Jane)

also the Whitefish Phone Co.

Joyce enjoyed being part of the community and

Gallo and Roger Gallo. She also has one niece and five nephews.

Joyce's favorite memory was in 2004 when she was able to go to Italy with family and she was able to see the pope in person.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

MEMORIALS

Joyce Gallo-Bonner

A graveside service for Joyce Gallo-Bonner, 91, who died June 17, 2021, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Mary Lou Elise Borden, 87

PAT 11 July 2021

Mary Lou Elise Borden, 87, passed away peacefully at her home in Kalispell on June 28, 2021, due to complications from Parkinsonism.

Mary Lou was born Jan. 7, 1934 in Everett, Washington, the daughter of Charles and Alvida Paice. Being an only child and the apple of her father's eye brought its benefits, including her own motorcycle with a sidecar, and later her very own car. She loved having these things, but only so she could use them to drive her many friends around. This theme of friendship and generosity carried on strongly through Mary Lou's life. She graduated from Everett High in 1952, from there going on to Central Washington Junior College in Ellensburg. Mary Lou worked for Scott Paper Company until August of 1957, when she began a new adventure as the wife to her best friend and former high school classmate Robert "Bob" Borden. The pair moved to Montana in 1965 where they planned to raise their family under the Big Sky. Soon Mary Lou was mother to five children, fulfilling her dream of having a bustling home, in contrast to her own quiet upbringing as an only child. Mary Lou flourished as a mother, creating a loving home that made all feel a part of the family. Her mothering skills were so exceptional she became a mother figure to many neighborhood children, even teaching them to swim during the summer months. She fed hungry mouths and mended tattered clothes. Mary Lou baked homemade cakes daily, and tended a thriving garden to feed all of those she loved.



flexibility in their schedules to eventually spend extended time in the South Pacific,


their favorite destination being the Cook Islands. Here, Mary Lou continued her mothering ways, and became an "honorary local" of the Cook Islands, affectionately referred to as AumaLu. "AumaLu" made such an impression she was the namesake for not one, but two boats in the Cook Islands.

Bob and Mary Lou spent many happy years between Montana and the tropical islands of the Cooks, settling on Hawaii as their preferred destination in their later years. Family was always a priority, with their home in Montana being a hub for their children and grandchildren, where there was always plenty of food, and a never ending supply of ice cream cones for the kids, not to mention a karaoke machine. They included family in their travels as well, ultimately buying a condo in Hawaii where they welcomed any and all to stay. Bob and Mary Lou truly lived an adventure together, and created a lasting legacy in their large and loving family.

Mary Lou is survived by her five children, Brad (Shelley), Jeffery (Robin), Stuart (Becky), Mary, and Angela (Jim). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brooke, Brant, Breanne, Chance, Zachary, Connor, Tyler, Jacob and Jade, along with seven great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by Bob, her husband of 57 years.

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Mary Lou Borden
JANUARY 7, 1934 - JUNE 28, 2021
Celebration of Life to be held
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021 AT 6PM
127 ROCKY ROAD, KALISPELL
Please wear Hawaiian themed attire

Directions
5 miles south of Kalispell, turn west on Frontage Road
Across from Coke Plant Road, go up the hill
Please contact Angie with questions
(406) 261-9161

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Mary Lou made countless friends, many of whom she remained friends with all of her life. She was unmatched in her ability to love, to connect and to make others feel welcome. She knew countless jokes, and always had one on hand for any occasion. She was an enthusiastic storyteller with an impeccable memory and a delightful sense of humor.

It was here in God's Country that Bob and Mary Lou began a real estate business, Kalispell Realty, with enough

Mary Lou's celebration of life will be held July 16 at 6 p.m., at 127 Rocky Road, Kalispell. Anyone touched by Mary Lou is welcome to attend.

Mary Lou was emotionally impacted by the current rates of teen suicide and requested anyone wishing to honor her donate to help with suicide prevention. The family suggests that donations go to The Nate Chute Foundation for suicide prevention in Western Montana <https://www.natechute-foundation.org>

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Donna Rose Bosch, 76

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On Dec. 18, 2021, with profound sadness, we announce the sudden passing of Donna Rose Bosch, our loving devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister to all who loved her. She left us peacefully in her home with her husband by her side in Huntley, Montana. She was in her 76th year.



Bismarck she continued her work with City Nursing and Medcenter One. She

was the executive director of Home Medical Resources for numerous years. After finishing her career at Medcenter, she taught nursing students at the University of Mary, where she educated young minds in the profession she loved. After Frank's retirement, they moved to Kalispell where she was the executive director of Home Options Healthcare. She worked for another 15 years before retiring and moving to Huntley, Montana. She also served on numerous nursing boards.

Donna was a caregiver; her passion was caring for people. She offered her heart openly and willingly and extended a helping hand to everyone. She was quick to forgive and encourage, she was the glue to her family. She loved spending time with family and friends. She looked forward to the destination vacations with her sisters. They would meet and enjoy each other's company, go gambling and play bingo. But her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren. She loved cheering them on at sporting events, shopping, and taking Katie to Big Lots. Grandma never said "No." She will be dearly missed by everyone and never forgotten.

She was a devoted

member of the Catholic Church. Her love for the Lord was unconditional and she volunteered as a Eucharistic minister.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the way of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness." — Proverbs 31:26-27

Donna is survived by her spouse, Frank Bosch; and three children, Lynette (Gary) Schwalbe, Darrin (Cammie) Bosch and Wade (Patty) Bosch. She is the adored grandmother of Brandi (Dustin), Jerad, Colton (Beth), Breanna, Brayden, Katie, Lainey;

and great-grandmother of Keiley, Lucas, Michael, Nicholas, Jaxton, Abel, Kolton, and Greyson; along with 14 siblings and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and in-laws, Pete and Rose Silbernagel and Leopold and Eva Bosch.

Thank you for all your prayers and wishes. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

To share memories of Donna and to sign the online guestbook, go to www.parkwayfuneral.com.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Church of St. Anne, 1321 Braman Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Pkwy, Bismarck. A rosary/vigil service will begin at 7 p.m.

Burial will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck.

Donna was born Sept. 26, 1945, in Strasburg, North Dakota, to Peter and Rose Silbernagel. Donna was raised on a farm in Linton, North Dakota, with her 14 siblings. On June 5, 1965, she married the love of her life and soul mate, Frank Bosch. They were married 56 beautiful years and together had three children. Donna was the beloved mother of Lynette, Darrin and Wade.

She graduated from the University of Mary as a registered nurse. She devoted over 50 years of her life caring for others as a nurse and, while doing so, she continued her education and received her master's degree. She started her nursing career in Grafton, North Dakota. When they moved to

Ron 'R.J.' Bowers, 70

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Ron "R.J." Bowers passed away July 23, 2021, at the age of 70, after a 3-year battle with multiple myeloma cancer.

Per his request, no services are planned. Ron always loved a good party. Therefore, at a later date, his family plans to have a celebration of life in his honor.

R.J. found great pleasure in camping and fishing and was an excellent cook and grill master. He had a huge heart and would do anything for anybody if asked. Ron and his wife Terri owned and operated R.J.'s Kitchen in Black Eagle, Montana, during the early '90s. He then went on to become a regional salesman for Whites Metal Detectors for many years until retirement.

He loved all animals and loved to be close to nature. Spending time with his son and granddaughter was very special to him. They were the light of his life. He also enjoyed making items out of tree roots and could fix just about



anything that needed repair. He was a history buff and loved to read and watch old

movies.

Ron will be missed by all who knew him, especially his loving wife, Terri; son, Dustin Bowers; granddaughter, Cydnee Raye (Jake) Lewis; siblings, Karmen (Greg) Moore, Linda (Paul) Eichwald, and Gary (Cindy) Bowers; faithful, loving dogs, Lucy and Bella; as well as his many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dena Raye Bowers; mom and dad, Melba and Ray Bowers; as well as his aunts and uncles.

In memory of Ron, memorials are suggested to the Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center (900 25th Ave. NE, Great Falls, MT 59404). Condolences for the family may be shared online at www.schniderfuneral-home.com.

Lavonne M. Bowers, 77

Lavonne M. Bowers, 77, of Whitefish, died on Feb. 2, 2021, at the Missoula Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Services are pending.

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

Warren "Lee" Boughton, 75

Warren "Lee" Boughton, 75, of Kalispell, died April 17, 2021, at his home.

He is survived by his son, Kevin Boughton. Arrangements are pending.

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

Dennis Dale Bow, 70

Dennis Dale Bow, 70, of Kalispell, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2021. Arrangements

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

John Bowdish, 88

John Bowdish, 88, of Whitefish, died Dec. 19, 2021, at The Springs at Whitefish.

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

Hazel M. Bowerman, 101

Hazel M. Bowerman, 101, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 15, 2021, at her residence.

Viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 at Columbia Mortuary. A funeral service with a reception immediately following will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Assembly of God in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Michael Scott Brakovec, 50

Michael Scott Brakovec, 50, of Columbia Falls, died on July 15, 2021, at his home.

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

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Mike Brakovec

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A celebration of life for Mike Brakovec, 50, who died July 15, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls.

Robert Frank Bray, 78

Robert Frank Bray, 78, of Kalispell, Montana died May 17, 2021, in Lewistown.

Private family services are planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Robert's family.

Edward Corey Breeden, 36

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Edward Corey Breeden, known to friends and family as Ted Breeden, passed away on July 15, 2021.

Ted was born Feb. 17, 1985, in Ogden, Utah, to Robin and Deanna (Hanks) Breeden.

Ted was known for his radiant smile,



contagious laugh, and carefree spirit. His love and devotion for family was at the center of his entire being. He was a rock star at heart, with a particular fondness for '80s hair bands. He had a passion for motorcycles, comedy and intellectual endeavors. Ted was extremely hardworking and dedicated. He served as a missionary in Kingston, Jamaica, following high

school graduation and, upon returning, he harnessed his exceptional math skills to graduate with honors from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Deanna Hanks.

Ted is survived by his two beautiful children, Riley and Daphne Breeden; father, Robin

Breeden; and five siblings, Christopher, Gordon, Danielle, Alex and Corey.

Ted has left an indelible mark on those who were lucky enough to have crossed his path. His vibrancy has graced the lives of those who knew him, and there will be no shortage of those who were impacted by his time and presence on this earth.

Andy Breland, 59

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For one final time, it's time for coffee with Andy, so grab your cup and think about your favorite memories of him. For those of you who knew Andy personally, you know that he would rather that we were not writing to tell you of his passing on Feb. 23, 2021, from cancer. Andy would also not want a traditional obituary; he'd probably want a Facebook Live, but none of us can actually manage that right now. Then he would sit around and see how many likes and comments it would get and exclaim "It's going viral!" as the numbers steadily climbed higher. For not liking technology or being tied to a computer or his phone, he sure did love keeping up with social media. Andy spent his life devoted to his girls (wife Judy, daughters Melina and Sydney), his kids (horses and mules), and spending as much time as possible in the outdoors — packing, hunting and fishing with his friends and family. One of the greatest lessons Andy taught us all was to live



the life we want, and not to spend time doing the things we hate. This is why in 2009 he left

the stress of the corporate world to open Trailhead Supply with his daughter Sydney. Aside from Trailhead Supply, Andy also found ways to stay involved in all of his passions including, but certainly not limited to, (who can actually keep up and remember all of them?): volunteering his time to pack for Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and Back Country Horsemen. Andy also taught Hunter's Education and numerous packing seminars and clinics. Of course, we also cannot forget to mention that Andy's favorite thing he ever did, was star in National Geographic's TV show "Dead End Express." It's making us laugh thinking about how loudly he would yell "What? How could you have forgotten that!" at

us with his hands raised in the air, huge grin on his face, and completely exasperated. If you have not watched it yet, get your bowl of popcorn and give it a watch. He is keeping tabs on the reviews, even from heaven. We know that Andy's story will never end as your memories and stories will keep him alive and always with us, and for that, we are forever in your debt. There is no better way to conclude this than to simply say what Andy always said at the end of his blogs ...

See you on the trail.

Services will be held at Canvas Church located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 on Saturday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. with a reception immediately following. We would love to see you all there. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Andy's name to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation or to your local Back Country Horsemen chapter.

Darlington Cremation & Burial Services is caring for the family.

Benjamin D. Bricker, 71

Benjamin D. Bricker, 71, died Nov. 13, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kaylee Renea Briggs, 19

Kaylee Renea Briggs, 19, died July 11, 2021, at her home in Marion.

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

Delcy Mae Brisbo, 40

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Delcy Mae Brisbo, 40, of Kalispell died on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell.

A viewing will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at Darlington Cremation

and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. 2 E, Kalispell.

At 1 p.m. a funeral service will be held at Darlington's. A feed will be held at 4 p.m. at New Life Center, 1400 Airport Way in Kalispell.

Gary Robert Brenneman, 77

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Surrounded by his family, Gary Robert Brenneman passed away peacefully on Oct. 22, 2021, following a 12-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Gary was born to Robert and Alma Brenneman on Nov. 8, 1943, in Elida, Ohio. He was raised on a farm with his two younger sisters, Gloria and Cheryl. After he graduated from Gomer High School, he attended Bluffton College and married his high school sweetheart Jeanie. They ventured west in 1970, first settling in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Montana became their home in 1981; they lived in Polson for 24 years before retiring to Kalispell in 2005. Gary and Jeanie were married for 56 years and raised two children together, Wes and Nicole. Gary was a quiet and steadfast example of faith in Christ, integrity, hard work, kindness and humility. He nurtured these values in his children and grandchildren throughout his life.

Gary was wise, introspective and soft spoken



in nature. His words were few and carefully chosen, yet always thoughtful and articulate.

Though an art teacher by training, Gary found his passion and unique gifts in designing and building homes, which became his life's work. He enjoyed working with dirt, wood and stone. He wanted his work to complement natural landscapes and be of lasting service and joy to others. His craftsmanship and talents were widely regarded and deeply appreciated. Inevitably, he and his clients developed lifelong cherished friendships. Those that worked with Gary over the years can attest to his incredible work ethic and attention to quality and beauty in every last detail. Gary's homes were truly works of art; they grace the ski hills of Colorado, the island of Hawaii and the shores of Flathead Lake.

Gary had an adventurous spirit and deep love for the outdoors. Over the

years he enjoyed downhill skiing, water skiing, surfing, hiking and sailing — most often with his children or grandchildren in tow. At the age of 68, he took up snowboarding with his grandkids; weekends together at Blacktail Mountain became the norm for several winters. Gary also enjoyed participating in Taekwondo and Aikido. In more recent years, he was a faithful swimmer at the local pool. His goal each year was to swim 80 miles, the distance around Flathead Lake.

Grandchildren were one of Gary's greatest joys. He savored opportunities to spend quality time with them. Their earliest memories include endless read-alouds on his lap. As the years went by there were countless days spent tinkering in his wood shop, camping and hiking, sailing on Flathead Lake, eating ice cream together, and sharing many long conversations. Gary particularly enjoyed fostering his passion for adventure in his grandkids. "Travels with Gramps" became a cherished tradition that

included extended road trips to destinations like the Grand Canyon. As his grandchildren grew up, he supported their every endeavor. He delighted in attending concerts, theatre performances, swim meets, cross country races, and celebrations of every kind. His adoration and pride for each of his grandchildren was readily apparent. His investments into their lives have been invaluable in shaping their character.

Gary is survived by his wife, Jeanie; his sisters, Gloria (Randy) Bowersock and Cheryl (Chuck) Casey; his son, Wes (Joan) Brenneman; his daughter, Nicole (Micah) Hill; and his six grandchildren, Frances (Jared), Luke, Lois, Noah, Annie and Simon.

A memorial service will be held for Gary at Faith Covenant Church in Kalispell on Friday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m. A light dinner reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's.

Sandra Kay Brenz, 61

Sandra Kay Brenz, 61, of Bigfork, died Aug. 19, 2021, at her home. Funeral services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley Ellen Brewer

A memorial service and celebration of life for Shirley Ellen Brewer, 86, who died Nov. 26, 2020, will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. A reception will follow.

Patricia Louise (Taylor) Broad, 70

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in their hearts and memories forever.

Patricia was pre-
ceded in
death by
her hus-
band, Edward Broad;

her father, William James Taylor Sr.; her mother, LaVerne Mabel (Kinery) Taylor; brother, William James (Jim) Taylor Jr.; and her loving cocker spaniel, "Buffy," who met her on the "Rainbow Bridge."

Patti is survived by her son, Clinton Holmquist Jr. (May), of Phoenix; daughter, Kim Ask, of Columbia Falls; son, Daniel House (Jared), of California; sister, Jane (Bill) Tappan, of Whitefish; sister, Shirley (Bill) Wagner, of Whitefish; and sister, Billie (Steve) Hess, of Sun City West, Arizona. Patricia adored her three beautiful granddaughters and a very special grandson. She will be sadly missed by her numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

We are all so grateful to have had Patti in our lives. So short your time was here with us. It is selfish to want you back, but we miss you so much.

Funeral graveside services will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell today, June 24, at 1 p.m.

Patricia Louise (Taylor) Broad, 70, passed away on June 4, 2021, from complications after a long battle with cancer.

Patricia was born in Whitefish on Nov. 13, 1950. Through her suffering and despite the pain she remained positive with a smile. She was strong and courageous to the very end.

Patti will be fondly remembered as a special person with a kind and loving nature. She always had a smile for everyone and had a genuine lust for life. There was never a dull moment with her quick wit combined with her wonderful sense of humor.

Patsy loved working on her extensive antique doll collection and enjoyed a variety of music. More than anything else, her day was complete when she could spend it with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren.

Christmas was Patti's favorite holiday and time of year. She had Santa visit and entertained in fun-loving fashion every year that her health would allow her to. She is fondly remembered by the residents of the Lighthouse for her generous Christmas party she gave in their honor one year. Family and friends will keep her Christmas parties and her sheer joy of sharing

Mary Olive Brist, 79

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Mary Olive Brist, 79, was born to Stanley Gardipee and Louise Parouteau in Harlem, Montana, Jan. 9, 1942.

She passed peacefully Dec. 1, 2021, in the comforts of her home due to complications of Covid-19.

She is reuniting with her husband Leland R. Brist, sister Ramona Favel, and other beloved family members.

Mary was dedicated to her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with her work at Hampton Inn here in Kalispell. She worked there for a little over 20 years and was made Employee of the Month in every department she worked. Along with her

family, she was very loved by the people she worked with and will be missed greatly.

She was still employed at the Hampton Inn until her passing. Along with work, Mary loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was always up for the next adventure when hanging out with them. She was a beautifully special, strong person, and a kindred spirit, with a contagious laugh that, when evoked, would get everyone laughing with her. She will be missed

by anyone who had the pleasure to meet her.

Mary is survived by her kids, Roger Brist, Dean Brist, Timothy Brist, William Jay Brist and Mindy Brist; and all of her grandchildren, Casey, Chelsea, Cory, Patrick,

Julian, Macy-Grey, Ashton, Nikole, Jordan, Dillion and Logan; and so many beautiful great- and great-great-grandchildren that she loved very much.

Mary enjoyed life to the fullest. She kept everyone on their toes. She was a very

Strong, special, persevering woman and will never be forgotten.

The celebration of her life will be held at the Hampton Inn in the Spring Creek conference room A on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m., with a potluck-style dinner, so feel free to bring something.

Flowers and donations can be given to the Brist family the day of the service.

For directions to the Hampton Inn, call 406-755-7900. The Hampton Inn is located at 1140 U.S. Hwy, 2 South in Kalispell.

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