

Arthur 'Jerry' Jackson, 88

Arthur "Jerry" Jackson, 88, died Jan. 20, 2021, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Todd Jackson and Christina Jackson.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Frederick Wayne Jackson, 36

PAG 26 Sept 2021
Frederick Wayne Jackson, 36, from Columbia Falls, passed away Sept. 11, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center due to Covid-19.

Freddie worked as assistant manager at Pizza Hut in Columbia Falls for quite a few years.

Freddie was preceded in death by his father Frederick R. Jackson, formerly of Vermont, grandfather Charles E. Cope, and great-grandparents Boyd and Doris Cope, formerly of Eureka.

Freddie is survived by his mother Judy Cope Baumgardner, his brother Mike, his stepgrandmother Teresa Cope and, last but not least, his special niece Mila Olson. They had a bond that could never be broken.



He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Freddie, you will be greatly missed by all.

Graveside services will be held Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of life will be held Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at 131 Pheasant Road, Columbia Falls. RSVP to 406-871-3445. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs.

All donations can be made to Darlington Cremation and Burial Service on Highway 2 East, or you can send them to 131 Pheasant Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Joshua Dwain Jackson, 35

PAG 23 March 2021
Joshua Dwain Jackson, 35, of Columbia Falls, passed away suddenly as a result of a single vehicle accident in Libby, Montana.

He was born in Kalispell on Aug. 11, 1985, and attended school at West Valley. He graduated from Flathead High School in 2004.

Josh had a true passion for the woods and it was where he found much needed peace. It was fitting that Josh spent many years working as a logger. When the logging industry slowed down Josh went to work at La Salle Sand and Gravel. He discovered he wanted to be a mechanic and was employed as a diesel mechanic at CTR Diesel (Clarke Truck Repair) at the time of his death.

Josh jumped many hurdles, faced many trials, moved countless mountains. He was hard-headed, ornery, stubborn and always had to have the last word; but his heart was huge. He was a fighter and he never gave up — always looking for the brighter, more positive things in



life. Josh had many passions in life—the woods, hunting, working, his many

friends, the women that he loved, and his mother. But his true passion — his heart and soul, the will to make it through another day — were his amazing children whom he loved more than life itself.

Josh was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Albert and Edna Warner; his grandparents Al and Rose Warner and his best friend Duke.

Survivors include his beautiful children Jewell and Luke Jackson; his sister Alyssa Stratton and her family; and his mother Alana Warner.

A celebration of life and/or funeral services are pending. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Gerald Dean Jackson Sr., 69

Gerald Dean Jackson Sr., 69, of Coram, died Wednesday March 31, 2021.

No services are planned.

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

Michael 'Mike' Todd Jackson, 73

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Michael "Mike" Todd Jackson, 73, peacefully passed away April 6, 2021.

He was born April 6, 1948, to James Jackson, Sr. and Betty Jackson on April 6, 1948, in Grinnell, Iowa, and was raised in central Illinois with his brother James "Jim." As a young adult he attended Culver Military Academy, in Culver, Indiana. Mike, a 1971 graduate of Hanover College in Indiana joined Lambda Chi Alpha and enjoyed 54 years of close friendships with over 36 fraternity brothers and spouses visiting almost every year throughout the U.S.

After graduation, Mike went on to work in the family business of commercial banking in the Midwest. After three decades working in the banks, it was the family's decision to sell, thus prompting his move to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to pursue his love of boating. Connecting through a personal ad in Florida, Mike met his lifelong partner, Marcie Kurta. After several years of sun-filled courtship, the two were married on the Florida Intercoastal in January of 1991.

They traveled extensively, landing on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands for a year. Upon returning stateside, the two continued their travels in an RV, seeing all of North America, from Canada to Mexico and everywhere in between. During these years of road tripping, they stum-



bled into Whitefish, Lifting roots from Florida, the pair moved to Whitefish full-time

in 1992. Shortly thereafter, their first and only child, Sage, was born in 1996.

Michael enjoyed the outdoors and sports, with his license plate forever reading "GOLFSKI." Hiking, fishing, skiing and boating were some of his favorites, and during the warmer months he was frequently found on the golf course. Always one to enjoy the simplest things in life, he loved sitting in the shade during the evenings in the heat of summer, enjoying the beauty of Montana from his yard.

A caring, loving husband, father and incredible man, he will be deeply missed by us all. Mike is survived by his wife Marcie, daughter Sage, brother's family, Marcie's family and several nieces, nephews and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please donate to a cancer nonprofit and/or research organization of your choice, or to our local nonprofit, Flathead Cancer Aid Services.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 16, at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course from 1 to 3 p.m.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David Jacobs, 78

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David Jacobs, 78, of Somers passed away on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

David was born to Lewis and Rita Jacobs, the oldest of four children they raised in Atchison, Kansas.

David worked at various occupations during his career, including railroad brakeman, millwright, and as a registered nurse. He was a highly devoted husband and father who poured his heart into his wife and five sons and his grandchildren.

He had a lifelong passion for restoring and maintaining vintage

David is survived by his wife, Mary, of 55 years; sons, Mathew (Cindy) Jacobs, Curtis (Debbie) Jacobs, Joshua (Treina) Jacobs, Nicholas (Valerie) Jacobs, and Andrew (Jessica) Jacobs; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell. A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Risen Christ Church with Father Stan Rog officiating.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is handling arrangements.

relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell. David enjoyed teaching others the word of Christ; he was active with local prison ministries for many years, and combined with his love and ability to mentor children taught religious education at his church parish,

Becky Jacobson, 60

PAG 11 July 2021

On July 4, 2021, Becky Jacobson passed away peacefully and surrounded by loved ones, after a four-year battle with mesothelioma.

Becky was born Sept. 27, 1960, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, conveniently on her Dad's lunch break. She graduated from Klamath Union High School and went on to pursue music at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. She met the love of her life, Cal Jacobson, on an ordinary afternoon when he walked into the department store she was working at, to sell newspaper advertising. They were married in July of 1983, then moved from Oregon, to Montana, Texas and then California chas-



ing their newspaper dreams. It was in California where their girls were born.

In the early '90s, the family brought their roots back, choosing to make Whitefish their forever home. Becky spent her free time cruising the corduroy on Big Mountain, hiking and exploring Glacier National Park, kayaking Whitefish Lake, and tending to her beautiful gardens. It wasn't until she lived in Montana that Becky learned to quilt, and she quickly discovered her life's passion. Becky embraced everything

about quilting, then shared her passion with others through her design work and her teaching. Becky was an active part of all the local quilt guilds and loved her quilting community. Becky lived to put beauty and color into the world.

Becky Jacobson is survived by her husband, Cal Jacobson, of Whitefish; her daughter, Kearstin Jacobson of Austin, Texas; her daughter and son-in-law, Chausea and Bob Fawcett, and her grandson, the light of Becky's life — Stanton Fawcett, of Salt Lake City. Becky is also survived by her parents, Bob and Connie Pallies, of Klamath Falls; as well as her sister, two sisters-in-law and their wonderful

families. In addition, Becky is survived by two furry grand-babies and a whole host of well loved backyard wildlife.

From her love of gardening, her deep appreciation of nature, her ability to make her world beautiful, and her taste in rum, to her love of jazz and her unstoppable drive to live life, Becky will be missed every minute of every day, by so many people.

Please join us in celebrating Becky's extraordinary life on July 22 at 3 p.m., at the Whitefish Community Center. No black attire is necessary; after all, Becky believed life is too short not to wear purple.

Howard H. Jacobson, 95

Howard H. Jacobson, 95, died in Kalispell on March 9, 2021.

He is survived by daughter Jessica Jacobson. At his request there will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Beverly Jacobi, 92

Beverly Jacobi, 92, of Whitefish, died June 17, 2021.

She is survived by her children, Chris Jacobi, Patti Reed and Greg Jacobi, all of Whitefish, and Karen Fulghum of Kalispell.

A graveside service will be held at 4:30 p.m. July 16 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Shaun G. Jacobi, 48

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Shaun G. Jacobi, 48, of Whitefish, suddenly passed away April 3, 2021.

He is survived by his mother Karen Jacobi, son Tyler Jacobi, grandmother Beverly Jacobi, and numerous other family members and friends.

No memorial ser-



vices are planned at this time.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in

Whitefish is caring for Shaun's family.

Philip Michael Jambor *PAL*

Philip Michael Jambor (1955-2021) departed this world the evening of Jan. 3, 2021, to embark on his next great adventure. His final hours were spent in Kalispell, surrounded by loved ones and under the expert hospice care at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Phil was born in Pasco, Washington, in November of 1955. The Jambor family eventually settled down in the Flathead Valley, where Phil attended Flathead High School, playing sports and raising a little hell with his friends before graduating Class of '74.

He settled down to start a family and his son Christopher arrived in 1981. He explored a variety of professions, including photography and log home building before eventually attending the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Phoenix. After finishing the program, he returned to the Flathead and was quite devoted to caring for his mother before she moved

away.

Phil was an avid outdoorsman most at home in nature. Whether fishing, hunting, camping, rafting, skiing (snow and water) or just enjoying the natural world, everyone who knew him understood his fundamental connection to nature.

Phil brought joy, laughter and great memories to any gathering of friends and loved ones and was known for being a wizard at preparing gourmet meals. His artistry extended to his skills in carpentry, woodworking, and his gift for storytelling.

He is survived by his son Christopher Jambor and son-in-law Ryan Weightman of Phoenix, brother Steve Jambor of Port Townsend, Washington, sister Annette Trethewey and brother-in-law Josh Trethewey of Seattle,



and brother-in-law Ken Williams of Whitefish.

He also adored his nieces and nephews who will miss him: Koben and Lenna Williams, Dillon and Lucas Trethewey, and Brooke and Douglas Jambor.

Phil was preceded in death by siblings Douglas Jambor (1958) and Theresa Williams (2004), his father and mother Stephen (1982) and Anne

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Jambor (2019), and his beloved pet Daisy (2020), who was a very good girl.

Lastly, Phil was an organ donor and we are proud to know that his corneas were used to return sight to a lucky recipient. He will be missed. If you would like to contact the family or leave a tribute to Phil, please visit <https://www.darlingtonfunerals.com/obituary/Philip-Jambor>.

Ann Catherine 'Cate' Turner-Jamison, 58

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When Ann Catherine Turner-Jamison was in elementary school, all skinny legs and long red hair, she was given one of those aptitude tests - you know, the ones intended to help the grown-ups figure out what you like and where you'll excel. It had long columns of questions, and rows of ovals to fill in from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."

So what she did, of course, was she ignored each and every question and instead filled in all sorts of ovals to create a mosaic picture, transforming a standardized test into non-standardized art.

And although the teacher called her mother to complain, the results of that test proved remarkably accurate - a wildly creative person for whom rules were flexible, for whom intention mattered more than protocol, and for whom absolutely everything was potential raw material for creating art and beauty.

Ann Catherine was born in the clear and crisp of a Montana October on the shores of Flathead Lake, cradled by nature's original beauty. She died 58 years later, peacefully at home and surrounded by family and love, just as the summer sun was lighting the banks of the Whitefish River on the morning of Aug. 14, 2021. She fought her intensely brief but fierce battle with cancer in the same way she lived her life - with a quiet dignity, and absolutely on her own terms.



Some of you knew her as A.C., others knew her as Cate, but everyone knew her as a creative and fearless iconoclast who walked her own beautiful trail and left a path few could follow. Cate was an artist and an inventor, a designer and a builder, a writer, a reader, a teacher. She was an avid but scrupulous picker of huckleberries and morels and wildflowers and, especially, of fine friends.

Cate didn't see things for what they were, but rather for what they could be - she saw potential in all the old parts and then she put them together, renovating and rehabilitating and repurposing, to create the new and the beautiful. Sun-worn barnwood became a riverside home; old gold tooth fillings became wedding rings; smoke-stained canvases became new scenes. Her art - in metals and oils and watercolors and stone and wood - was consistently constructive, never reductive, always finely detailed and yet explicit about the big picture.

Cate was a lover of

dogs, a builder of homes, a grower of gardens, a singer of songs and a player of many instruments. She was the first in for a cold-water swim in a high-mountain lake. She was imagination made manifest. She was a tireless champion of underdogs, a collector of misfits, a hoarder of useful tools and of finely wrought words. Mother, wife, friend, hiker, skier, paddler. The wonder of the world simply never wore off for Cate. She loved wild places, hated clear cuts, called things by their name and never, ever, equivocated or prevaricated. She was a steady north star, constant and secure in her self, refusing to bend to expediency. Cate took genuine delight in the achievements of others as if they were her own, and she also would tell you without hesitation when you were doing it wrong.

Cate understood how things worked, including old trucks and wild nature and all flavors of people. She could wield an oxy-acetylene torch or a pool cue or a paintbrush or a quick and clever phrase with equal expertise. When the tool at hand didn't work for the job, Cate would build a new tool. She was a truly free woman, and there aren't many of those left in the world. She was tireless, always with a project at hand, always working, always building for herself but most especially for her family.

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Ron Catherine 'Cate' Turner-Jamison
(Cate)

traveled the world widely and lived many places in her life, she chose the remote corners of Northwest Montana as her home range — Jocko Canyon, the North Fork of the Flathead, the Yaak River Valley. She made a stop in Missoula for a degree in art, another in Boston for a master's degree in education, and eventually designed a sanctuary for her family amid a forest of tall, old trees along the Whitefish River.

Cate would never have called herself an intellectual, but she was deeply versed in poetry and politics, history and art, science and literature. Pick a topic and she had studied it, read it, explored it. And, likely as not, she had an opinion about it. Cate was as at home living out of the back of her truck as she was in an Italian pensione — as comfortable in Carhartts and a hoody as she was in an evening dress at a gallery opening. She could butcher an elk or slice through a politician's rhetoric with the same sharp precision. Cate was intensely private, quiet, understated, always dressed in the colors of the seasons, blending in and living hip-deep in the places she loved.

Cate was a thinker, a learner, a mindful and thoughtful creator who taught us to live without fear — brilliant, respectful, resilient, and always independent. Her deep green eyes could flash with a fire that matched that long red hair, and they could soften into

cool emerald pools of caring and compassion. She knew how to receive nature's subtle gifts and could find art in life at every turn, and she never stopped fighting the people who would diminish the beauty and grace of the world.

Despite everything she created and built during her life, Cate was absolute that none came close to the work of raising her daughter, Myra. In her final weeks, worn thin by cancer, Cate drove 1,000 miles to hike the desert with Myra, to clamber down sandstone canyon walls and to marvel at the powerful person her daughter has become. Her profound love of Myra was, finally, Cate's defining trait.

In addition to her beautiful Myra, Cate is survived by her

husband of 33 years, Michael Jamison; her father Richard Turner; brothers Steven (Patty) Turner and David (Gwen) Turner; nieces Hilary Turner, Emily Turner and Anna Hertlein; nephews Michael Turner and Chase Turner; and countless friends scattered all across the globe. She is preceded in death by her mother Jane Turner, and brother Rick Turner.

In lieu of flowers, Cate requested that friends and family donate in her name to the North Fork Preservation Association (77 Moose Creek Rd, Polebridge, MT 59928), so that small but mighty organization may better protect Cate's precious huckleberry patches and the bears she shared them with.

Janet Javorka, 87

Janet Javorka, 87, of Whitefish, died on April 16, 2021, at North Valley Hospital.

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

Rita Ann Jemming, 72

Rita Ann Jemming, 72, of Kalispell, died Dec. 31, 2021, at Logan Health Center, Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

E. Kay Jenkins, 79

E. Kay Jenkins, 79, of Kila, Montana died on Friday March 19, 2021, at her home.

Arrangements are being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Lisa Marie Jensen, 59

Lisa Marie Jensen, 59, of Kalispell, died on March 2, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Beatrice L. Duval Jensen, 92

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Psalms 23:1-6

Beatrice was the first born of nine children, born July 19, 1929, to Leon and Anita (Sauvageau) Duval in Fargo, North Dakota. She was raised in Shelby, Montana, where she married Donald Riley Hicks. They relocated to Salt Lake City in 1964 where she owned and operated her own custom drapery business for 44 years while raising her family. Retired in her early 80s, Beatrice spent her final years in the beautiful Washougal mountains where she passed at home in peace



on Dec. 7, 2021.

Bea Jensen was well known for her loving kindness and finding

the very best in everyone. She could take any piece of fabric and create a work of art.

Beatrice was preceded in death by two sons, Donald Riley Jr. and Brian K. Hicks; three brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by a brother Clarence Duval

of Kingman, Arizona, and sister MaryAnn Duval Mos of Cottonwood, California. At the age of 92 she leaves her loving family. She will be dearly loved and missed by all — Michelle Baker (Doug Warr) and Robert, Brian of Phoenix, Shirley (Brent) Everill and Tiffany of West Jordan, Utah, Lydia (Karl) Fraughton and Dustin, Corby, Kody of Washougal, Washington; Linette (Keith) Hall and Shane, Israel, of Columbia Falls; Brenda (Travis) Kell and Chalise, McKenzie, Jayson of

Draper, Utah; along with 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell at 1 p.m. Dec. 17. She will be laid to rest at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery Kalispell.

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

Mary Azure Clairmont Jessen, 85

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Mary Azure Clairmont Jessen, 85, passed away Sept. 21, 2021, at St. Luke's Extended Care.

The last of the Azure Clan, she was one of 22 children and a direct descendant of Chief Sitting Bull.

Born to Katherine and Ben Azure on Oct. 7, 1935, in Poplar, Montana, she was raised in Wolf Point. Mary was educated at Flandreau School in South Dakota and graduated from Roman High School.

She married Robert Clairmont, who passed away in 1988. She then remarried Richard Jessen in Linden St. Reno, Nevada, on Jan. 2, 2000.

Mary is best known locally for working as a daycare owner and as a bartender at the Pheasant Bar. She loved all animals, especially

her Sam and Teenie, cooking, sewing and cribbage. She loved seeing all the cute kids on Halloween and giving them candy.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Robert (Lori) Clairmont, Steve Clairmont and his children Travis, Sarah and Steven; Jim Clairmont and his children Jason, Adam, Aaron and Kaitlin; Carla Clairmont and her children Daffney, Jackson and Dallas; John (Tiffany) Jessen; Cody (Angie) Jessen and daughter Angel; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Spirit of God Church, in Roman.

Philip Robert 'Butch' Jensen, 63

PAS 27 June 2021

Philip Robert "Butch" Jensen was born on Dec. 13, 1957, to Phillip N. Jensen and Mildred "Millie" Neilson, and passed peacefully on June 9, 2021.

Born and raised around the Modesto, California area, Butch attended Hilmar High School. Butch married the love of his life, Karley Kulman on April 5, 2003, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, loved spending time with his wife and family, and riding his Harley, with the wind in his hair.



Working in flooring at a young age, Butch was a master floor installer, owning and operating Jensen Floor, LLC with his son, Phill.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Millie Neilson Taylor, and his sisters Sandra Dee Taylor, Erica Lewis and Barbara Lynn Mackay.

Butch leaves behind his wife of 18 years, Karley Jensen; his

father, Phillip N. Jensen; siblings, Buddy Taylor, Cathy (Tim) Chipponeri, Traci (Steve) Talkington, Daniel (Cynthia) Taylor, Michelle (Dan) Irvin, Paul and Scott Jensen; his children, Ammie Jensen, David Miles Lusk, Oluf, Phillip and Jeremiah Jensen, Dustin Landberg, Dave (Keri) Fowler, Jennifer (Jeromy) Stevenson, Karl (Destiny) Walsh; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services have been set for Saturday, Aug. 21. The time and location are to be determined.

Ada Louise (Lust) Johnson, 90

PAS 18 July 2021

Ada Louise (Lust) Johnson passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on July 10, 2021.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1931, to George and Lydia Lust, and grew up in a log house in the Birch Grove Community north of Kalispell.

She attended Birch Grove School and Flathead County High School. At the University of Montana, where she majored in biology, Ada met Bruce Johnson, of Homestead, Montana. They were married on June 5, 1952, and lived in Medicine Lake, Montana.



Their son Clifton was born in 1954. The family moved to Helena, where Doreen Johnson was born in 1955. The Johnsons moved to Kalispell in 1957, where Bruce taught chemistry at Flathead County High School, and Ada taught kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran School.

Ada was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Community Concert Association, and the

American Association of University Women.

From 1966 to 1970, the family lived in Santa Barbara, California, where Ada taught preschool and kindergarten. In 1970, Bruce and Ada moved back to Kalispell for good. Ada taught kindergarten, first and second grades at Trinity Lutheran School. She retired from teaching in 1996.

She volunteered at Immanuel Lutheran Home and made many beautiful quilts. Ada touched many lives in her time on this earth, including her students at

Trinity Lutheran School, the congregations of the churches she attended, and the staff and residents of Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She is survived by her children Clifton Earl Johnson and Doreen (Johnson) Ridenour, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 10: a.m. on July 24.

Please send memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

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

Albert L. Johnson, 73

Albert L. Johnson, 73, of Bigfork, died at Logan Health Medical Center Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Colin, Brooke

and Rachel.

No service is being planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Frank Scott Johnson, 79

On *PAG 11 Aug 2021*
Aug. 13, 2020, Scott Johnson passed away while reading from his laptop — his favorite pastime.



His passing was very peaceful — he had his two dogs by his side and his favorite view in front of him. Scott was 79 years old.

Scott was born in Tacoma, Washington, on Oct. 10, 1941, to Frank and Barbara (Scott) Johnson. At the age of 6 months he moved with his mother to Steeleville, Missouri, while his father headed west to Burma.

Scott graduated from Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, in 1963 with a degree in political science and a commission in the U.S. Army.

Scott and Katherine Johnson (Dierks) were married on Sept. 6, 1969, in Kirkwood, Missouri. They spent the next 50-plus years traveling the world together while planning their forever home in Kalispell.

After serving in the U.S. Army for 25 years, he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1988, attended Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, graduating in 1992 with an Master of Business Administration degree, and started a career with several defense contractors.

He completed two tours in Vietnam, taught ROTC at Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State University Springfield), and spent a total of 10 years at Fort Lewis, Washington, four years

in Hawaii, and five years in Germany. He attended Airborne and Ranger schools, and completed the Career Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Scott was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Valour, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Oversea Service Ribbon, Oversea Service Bars (four), Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachute Badge, and Ranger Tab.

He enjoyed reading, fishing, camping and hunting — especially birds with his steady companion, the German shorthair pointer Good Golly Miss Molly.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Johnson, and sister, Ellen Jefferies, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents Frank and Barbara (Scott) Johnson, and brother, Kent Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Scott's memory to Flathead Wildlife Inc., P.O. Box 4, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Scott's life will be celebrated on Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. at the family home, The Red Boot Ranch. For inquiries, call Katherine at 406-261-1584.

Geraldine 'Gerri' Nelson Johnson, 82

PAG 6 May 2021
It is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Geraldine Grace Nelson Johnson, on April 30, 2021, in Palm Springs, California, due to complications from a blood clot.

Gerri was born Sept. 26, 1938, in Kalispell and was raised in Bigfork. She raised her children in Puyallup, Washington, and, after over 30 years as an administrator in state, city and county government, became a full-time resident of Palm Springs with her husband in 2006.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joe T. and Flo Nelson.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald "Ron" Johnson; children, Lori Rainwater (Chuck), Alan Rainwater (Pamela) and Ron Rainwater (Tohni); grandchildren, Jesse (Ashley), Danielle, Cynthia and Kendal; great-grandsons, Brady, Camden and Teegan; brother, Joe Nelson Jr. (Karen); and sister Harriett Brittenham (Marv). She is also survived by three stepchildren, Bobby Johnson, Pam Arsenaault and Russell Johnson along with their children, and several nieces and nephews and extended family of whom she loved dearly.

Mom was an avid golfer, which brought her and Ron to Palm Springs. She was passionate about everything she did and everybody she knew. She was the best cheerleader and



very rarely missed a sporting event of her kids, grandkids and, more recently, her

great grandsons. She loved the outdoors and always felt that a pot of homemade soup would fix everything. Reading was a passion of hers and we have her list of "Books I've Read Since Retirement."

She was one in a million who never met a stranger and lived every day to its fullest. In a letter she wrote to her three kids a few years back she wrote, "Aside from a few bumps along the way, I have enjoyed excellent health, a fulfilling life with so many great friends. I credit my youthfulness to my parents, Joe and Flo Nelson, who were forever young, and I hope that I too can enjoy my old age with all my marbles intact. I have no bucket list of things yet to do, I just enjoy each day as it comes, and give thanks when I wake in the mornings and am breathing."

We will miss you so very much, Mom — until we meet again our motto is WWGGS (What would Gramma Gerri Say).

A celebration of life will be held this summer in Washington and early fall in Palm Springs due to the pandemic. In the meantime, at your next 5:00 Happy Hour please raise your glass to Gerri. Cheers...

Gina Teresa Johnson, 63

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, Gina Teresa Johnson, loving mother, sister, grandmother, auntie, cousin and friend, passed away at age 63.



Gina was born on Jan. 29, 1958, in Ronan to Adam Grant Kirsch and Bonnie Jean (Hoyt) Kirsch.

Gina grew up in Ronan on the family ranch and graduated from Ronan High School in 1976.

After high school she married Doug Starkel and had two children, Josh and Jake. They later divorced. Gina worked at the Lake County Court House in the Clerk of Court office where she met Wes Johnson, a handsome and charismatic highway patrol officer. The two were wed on Sept. 14, 1985. Together they raised three sons, Shon, Josh and Jake, and a daughter, Tammy.

In 1993, Wes retired from the highway patrol, and he and Gina started S & S Sports in an old calving shed on their property. Together they grew the business successfully. In 2011 Wes passed away unexpectedly. Gina continued to grow S & S Sports, and with the help of her children, the business has prospered.

Gina had a passion for her family, friends and dusty old things. She

was a lover of animals. She combined her favorite hobbies and creative talent into extraordinary art and decoration. She had an incredible green thumb. Consequently, her gardens and flowers were always the envy of us all. She was known for her quick wit, her infectious smile, and her kind and compassionate spirit.

Gina's love of great music took her to many live shows. She was fearless and always up for a great adventure and good times followed her wherever she went. Most notably her wild motorcycle rides on her Spyder to Sturgis with the Wild Gofers.

Gina was cherished by so many.

Gina was preceded in death by her husband Wes, father Adam, mother Bonnie, and her niece Kaetlyn.

She is survived by four children, Tammy Barr (Wes), Shon Johnson (Cathy), Josh Starkel (Tara), Jake Starkel (Tyanna), her beloved brother Kevin Kirsch (Dana), 10 grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews, many cousins, friends and her loving partner Fred Reimers.

A memorial celebration is being planned for the late summer/early fall of next year. Details will be announced.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.shriderthompson.com. Arrangements are under the care of Shrider - Thompson Funeral Home.

Judy Irene (Rosenberry) Johnson, 63

Judy Irene (Rosenberry) Johnson, 63, of Columbia Falls, left this world suddenly on Aug. 6, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest. She was an incredible and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, mother-in-law, woman of faith, and friend.

To know Judy was to love her. Whether you were an acquaintance or close family, she gave you her undivided attention and whole heart. She strove to make those around her feel important and loved, and she lived her life with integrity and grace. It was her mission to share her love and her life experience with those who needed a role model, mentor or friend.

Judy found joy and meaning in all aspects of life. She loved to travel, making it to 46 of the 50 states. She also loved picking huckleberries and was always generous to share her huckleberry treats. She



appreciated good food and delighted in sharing meals with friends and

family, especially with her chef-turned-husband, Ron. She loved the Montana outdoors and enjoyed hunting, camping, and hiking. The light of her life was truly her grandchildren. She believed wholeheartedly that time spent with children was never wasted and was the best grandmother to her grandchildren and many other special children in her life.

Judy was a guiding influence for many and the impression she has left on this world will forever be cherished by those who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Hope Church, 436 Birch Grove Road, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society in her name.

Gloria Johnson, 86

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Gloria Johnson passed away Sept. 3, 2021, due to natural causes. She was at her home in Green Valley, Arizona, with her family.

Gloria was born in Sisseton, South Dakota, on May 14, 1935, to Peter and Carrie Pirmantgen. She graduated from Sisseton High School in 1953 and married Percy Johnson that same year in December. In October of 1954 they had a son, Todd, and in 1956 a daughter, Carrie. The family spent some time moving around before settling in Burlington, Iowa, from 1960 to 1977.

They spent summers traveling the country but fell in love with the Swan Valley in Montana, where they moved in 1978. Gloria had a drapery and

décor business in their years in the Swan. She loved riding her horse in the Montana backcountry and loved her wire hair fox terriers.

They moved to Bigfork in 1990 where her husband passed away in 1996. She later met her second life partner, Chester "Chet" Bailey. Chet and Gloria lived in Bigfork before buying a second home in Green Valley, Arizona, where they spent a few winters before moving there full time. Chet passed away in 2014 and Gloria continued to live in Arizona.

Gloria was a world traveler throughout her life. While her children were of school age, they would pack the car at the beginning of the summer and drive around

the United States, often not returning home for months. Her home was filled with a variety of furniture, art, and other treasures collected on her travels.

Gloria was a true blue Democrat. She also supported Planned Parenthood and the Nature Conservancy with monthly donations.

Gloria is survived by her son, Todd, and grandchildren Arlo, Jane and Rebecca. A graveside gathering is planned at the St. Peter's Cemetery in Sisseton, South Dakota, on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m.

If you'd like to make a contribution in Gloria's honor, please consider The Nature Conservancy. A memorial donation has been set up in her name.

Kim A. Johnson, 66

Kim A. Johnson, 66, of Whitefish, died at Logan Health Medical Center on June 11, 2021.

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

Kymer Rhea Johnson, 11

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Kymer Rhea Johnson was born on Feb. 17, 2010, in Whitefish to her parents James and Ashley Johnson, the second of three amazing girls that they would bring into this world. Kymer brought spice to their life with her witty banter, infectious smile, kind heart and all around undeniable presence to the people she loved.



include her parents and two beautiful sisters, Kaydence and Kaycee, her aunt

and uncle, Ely and Brittany Yerian and their children Korah and Ethan, who were truly more like a brother and sister to Kymer than just cousins. Korah and Kymer share very close birthdays and always combined their parties to celebrate. She also has her aunt and uncle, Steven and Keely Goe and their two daughters, as well as aunt and uncle, Cameron and Megan Johnson and their two children and uncle Cody Birky, as well as numerous grandparents, which include Hal and Dawn Birky, Jeff and Kathy Johnson, Jacque Gress, and also great-grandparents Dale and Betty Birky, LaVerne and Bob Johnson and Mike and

Jeri Hickey. Her family was immense and strong just like Kymer, which is why it also stretched far beyond that of just immediate family and brought her to have an army of loved ones that included a fortress of friends who became family.

Kymer attended Kings Kids Preschool for her early years and then moved on to Glacier Gateway Elementary, just as her older sister did and right alongside her cousin Korah. Although she didn't get to enjoy the many adventures that Columbia Falls Junior High would have brought, she did frequently visit in hopes of joining her classmates and she was well known by all. Kymer's true love for life and adventure was what most, if not all people will remember and talk about. Her love of all things motorized: razoring, boating, dirt bikes, you name it and she would want to be on it.

She also enjoyed camping, which really was her family's second home in the summer. Being with family and always being able to laugh and make people laugh was her specialty. If Kymer was in the room, there was a certain light heartedness that poured out onto everyone; it was infectious and amazing to say the least and if for some reason you didn't seem to be having a good time or needed a laugh Kymer would always remind people to "Stop being a dingleberry."

To put it best, Kymer was a force to be reckoned with. So when she was diagnosed two years ago with a rare and aggressive bone cancer, she came in full force

with her positivity and was up for the fight, battling not only the amputation of her leg but also making the profoundly hard decision on what kind of amputation to get. In true Kymer form, she chose the more radical approach so that she could still do sports, run, play and be as energetic as she once was. Never taking the easier road was her style. Although Kymer did not beat her cancer, I think we can all say that without a doubt, she gave it the fight of its life and that in the end she was indeed the force to be reckoned with.

Kymer's family would like to thank all of the family, friends, strangers, community and anyone

in between for all of their love and support, from donations, to prayers and all of the positive thoughts and sentiments. It gave more strength to them than they can convey and truly is inspiring to know so many people cared.

The family knows that many will want to celebrate Kymer and be in attendance at her funeral. With that in mind, they will be waiting until after the holidays to do a celebration of life, as right now they would like to focus on being with family and getting through the holiday season.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Larry Bruce Johnson, 72

Larry Bruce Johnson, 72, of Kalispell, died Aug. 15, 2021.

No services are being planned.

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

Susan Johnson, 68

Susan Johnson, 68, of Polson, died in Helena on Dec. 17, 2021.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

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Ronald H. Johnson, 63

Ron gained his wings Dec. 21, 2020, in Anchorage, Alaska. He will be remembered for his smile that could warm anyone's heart. He never met a stranger, after starting a conversation, it was as though they were great friends.

He was born April 21, 1957, in Kalispell to Howard and Patricia Johnson. They later moved to Polson where he went from elementary through high school. He enjoyed visiting with his classmates whenever he could and never missed a class reunion. Ron and wife Ruthie fostered 150 children over 20 years. After retiring from Plum Creek Lumber company, they moved to Monroe, Washington, where he started a second career with Elliot Bay Metal Fabricating. While working with the Monroe Correctional system, he made lasting relationships with the inmates and saw them as equals. He had many hobbies, including golf, collecting baseball cards, Hot Wheels, clowns and Seahawks memorabilia. He was a member of the Glacier Street Rod Association in Kalispell.



He was preceded in death by his father Howard H. Johnson, a nephew Kristopher

Scott, sisters-in-law Mary Freese and Carolinda Darling, and numerous family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ruthie Johnson; children, Theron, Tamara, Tiffany, Damien and Nathan; 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother Patricia Johnson, and sister Barb Scott, numerous friends and family.

There will be a celebration of life at the South Kalispell Fire Department on April 21 at 2 p.m. The address is 1255 Willow Glen Drive, Kalispell. We are sending him off in style with a Mexican potluck as per his love of making (hot!) salsa. I'm going to supply a taco bar. It would be wonderful if you would bring your favorite Mexican dish and your memories to share. There will be coffee and water.

Debbie Lynn Jones, 59

Debbie Lynn Jones, 59, of Polson, passed away Nov. 15, 2020, with her family by her side.

She was born to and affectionately raised by Bill Hunter, Shirley (Green) Hunter and Gene Powers in Missoula on April 19, 1961.

Debbie graduated from Polson High School in 1979. She married Jeffrey Lyte Jones June 19, 1982, and they lived happily while raising their family together in Polson for 38 years. Debbie devoted many years working for the Polson School District as the world's coolest lunch lady.

Debbie had the most infectious laugh and always brightened any room she was in. Her smile instantly brought warmth and comfort to whoever she was near. Debbie loved her family fiercely, accepted everyone, and cared for all. She was selfless in every act and deed. Debbie was the kind of person you enjoy knowing and treasure forever having known.

Debbie is survived by husband, Jeff; her four children, Walter (Ty) Jones of Kennewick, Washington, Breanna



Stupack (Dalton) of Kalispell, Jessica Allred (Jacob) of Polson, and Brittany Moran (Zach) of Kennewick; as well as her siblings, Cindy Dake (Royce) and Sharon Olson (Bob). She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Bridger, Landon, Isabella, Jasmyn, Bailey, Bowen, Gage and Lux.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents Gene Powers and Bill and Shirley (Green) Hunter, her brother Rick Hunter, as well as her mother- and father-in-law, Winnie and Walt Jones.

A celebration of life will be held at the Jones residence for both Debbie and Winnie on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lake-funeralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Christopher Johnston, 43

Christopher M. Johnston 43, of Kalispell, passed away on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Christopher was born in Pennsylvania; he was the son of the late James and Barbara (Carlson) Drexel.

Christopher was a devoted, active member of the community with the South Kalispell Fire Department for over 20-plus years, attaining the rank of assistant chief.

Christopher is survived by his wife, Krystl McKay, and son, Skylr Mckay, as well as many friends and family of Kalispell. He is survived by his brother, David Drexel, and his wife, Adrienne Drexel, as well as nephew, David, and niece, Kayla, of Pennsylvania.

In these hard times, the family would like to show their grateful



appreciation to the South Kalispell Fire Department, Darlington

Mortuary and the many friends and family who have shown their concern and have been there to assist in any way possible.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the South Kalispell Fire Department in Chris' name, P.O. Box 621, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

A celebration of life will be held, Aug. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. A reception will be held afterwards. The South Kalispell Fire Association will provide the main dish and beverages. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish to share.

Betty Lou McWhorter Jones, 89

Betty Lou McWhorter Jones, 89, went home to her Savior on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 at 9 p.m. in Deer Park, Washington, where she lived with her daughter Ellen and husband Rich for the last 17 years.



Idaho, Ellen (Rich) Miller of Deer Park, and Cindy (Russ) Brockmann of Fort Collins, Colorado; sons, Joe (Connie) and John (Belinda) of Kalispell; and by 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Betty was born on July 14, 1932, in Buffalo Hart, Illinois. She married Stanley "Bud" Jones on Aug. 8, 1953, in Kalispell and lived for 54 years in Kila.

Betty was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, and known by many for her years of sacrificial service as a favorite cook at Bible camps and for several schools in the Marion and Kalispell area. She loved crafts, and loved to teach them to others.

Betty is survived by daughters, Caroline Hahn of Coeur d'Alene

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Bud, after nearly 50 years of marriage; and by daughters, Beth Ann and Christine.

She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at Smith Valley Grange Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.

General C. Jones, 86

General C. Jones, 86, died on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, in Billings. After several months of declining health, he died peacefully in his sleep. He spent his last hours listening to his family tell their favorite stories about him and expressing their gratitude for his contributions.

He was born on July 25, 1934, near Sylva, North Carolina, to Carey and Eva Jones. He was the fifth born of eight children and was the last surviving child. He and his family moved to Ashton, Idaho, at a young age, where they grew up and attended school and worked on potato farms. He came to



the U.S. Army and served until he was honorably discharged. He returned to Libby and purchased a logging truck. He hauled logs for 37 years and retired at 62 years old. He always had a reputation for being a hard worker

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Libby with friends in 1952 to work at J. Neils Lumber Company. He met Arlene and they married in 1956 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

General enlisted in the U.S. Army and served until he was honorably discharged. He returned to Libby and purchased a logging truck. He hauled logs for 37 years and retired at 62 years old. He always had a reputation for being a hard worker

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and was always willing to help someone if they needed it. In his retirement he farmed Christmas trees, fished, hunted with his dog, told stories and had coffee with friends, and most of all enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and all his siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene Jones; children, Debbie Short (Darren), Curt Jones (Billie Jo), Doreen Gullingsrud (Rick), and Christine Miller (Jerry); grandchildren, Niki Wilkins, Cassie Grinder, Ryan Jones, Travis Jones, Chad Gullingsrud and

Nicholas Miller; and great-grandchildren, Kaylee Wilkins, Blace Grinder, Gracie Jones, Hayden Gullingsrud, Ella Gullingsrud, Lennox Gullingsrud, Nolan Jones and Audrey Jones.

There will be no public services per General's request. People wishing to honor him are encouraged to share memories and stories with his family or make a donation to Kootenai Pets for Life. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Rex L. Jones, 51

Rex L. Jones, 51, of Polson, died May 17, 2021, at The HealthCenter. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Winnie Jones, 93

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Winnie Jones, 93, of Polson, passed away Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, surrounded by her family.

She was born to parents Fred August Bauer and Frances Ester (McFadden) Bauer Aug. 7, 1927, in Kalispell.

Winnie spent many years working for the U.S. Postal Service. She married Walter "Walt" Jones on April 14, 1946. They lived together in Kalispell before moving to Polson where they happily grew their family for many years.

Winnie loved her family more than life itself and always strived to make them happy. She was kind, compassionate and regal. Winnie was the sort of person that could always make you feel better and would stop any task at hand for the needs of others. She enjoyed going to church and being around her congregation. She loved sitting peacefully in her home watching, from her window, the many birds she fed.

Winnie is survived



by four children, Julie Ann Paul (Richard) of Ronan, Jeffrey Lyle Jones

(Debbie) of Polson, Randal Larry Jones (Monica) of Polson, and Kevin Lee Jones (Cheryl) of Missoula. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Winnie was preceded in death by her husband Walter Lyle Jones, her parents Fred and Frances Bauer, as well as her siblings Frank Bauer, Ester McAtee and Evelyn Jones.

A celebration of life will be held at the Jones residence for both Winnie and Debbie on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Shawn Randall Jordan, 61

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Shawn Randall Jordan was born Nov. 28, 1958, in Britton, South Dakota, to parents Henry "Hank" and Twila A. Jordan. He was the second of five children.

He died of heart problems in the early morning hours of March 23, 2020.

The family moved back to Wyoming when he was 9 months. The family moved to Kalispell in 1968 when he was 9 years old where he finished grade school and graduated from Flathead High School in 1977.

He grew up on a farm and started work as a mechanic at Day Equipment during high school working on farm equipment. He later became self-employed doing the same thing. It was said he was the best baler mechanic in the valley back in the day. In 2000 he moved to Marana, Arizona, where he worked on big machinery. Much of his job entailed working in copper mines on mining equipment over the next 20 years. Before leaving the valley he also worked at Parson's Tractor, and in Arizona he worked at Nauman Hobbs and then Ardolds.

Shawn always tried to make it home for his class reunions and gen-



erally was home for a week or two every summer, to see his family and friends.

He loved motorcycles and in his younger years he and his friends would ride their Harleys to Sturgis. He loved people and made friends easily everywhere. He had many friends in Montana and Arizona. He tried to see as many as he could when he came home every year.

Shawn was always ready, willing and able to help everyone, build a house, fix a car (He preferred working on big equipment over cars) or to help with anything else anyone needed. He loved to hand out guardian angel visor clips to friends, family and acquaintances. It seems he always had a few on hand for those he thought were in need.

Shawn worked hard his whole life, even with the back problems he had from childhood, it never stopped him. He did go in and get shots the last few years in his back and knees to be able to work.

He is dearly missed by his mother, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews,

aunts, uncles, cousins, and his many wonderful special friends.

Shawn was predeceased by his father Henry Jordan in 1991, his grandparents, an aunt, uncles and three cousins.

Shawn is survived by mother Twila Jordan, brothers Aaron (Maria) Jordan and Steven Jordan, sisters JoEllen (Rocky) Williams and Valerie (Perry) Topp, along with two nieces, 12 nephews and six stepnieces and stepnephews, many great-nieces and -nephews, and many cousins.

Shawn also has a son Ben Osborn and wife Melody, along with four grandchildren; in addition, a very special couple he viewed as his kids also, Matt and Deann Smith and their son Gunther.

There will be a memorial/celebration of life service for Shawn on Saturday, July 31, at 11 a.m. The service will be held at the Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell, 329 2nd Ave. East. The service will be followed by food including a taco/taco salad bar in the church basement.

If you want to make a donation in his memory, his favorite charity was St. Jude's to help children.

D. John Jorgenson, 86

D. John Jorgenson, 86, of Kalispell, died Friday, July 30, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Michael Jorgenson and Michelle Rosenberg.

No services are being planned.

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

Merle Jore, 81

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It is with mixed emotions, in one sense great sorrow and in another, relief, that the family

of Merle Jore announce his passing on Aug. 11, 2021. Sorrow because we have lost a patriarch and a good man ... relief because his last year was lived in too much discomfort.

Merle was born, he always used to say, "on a rock in North Dakota on Oct. 10, 1939." His mother, Merriam (Hallan), and his father, Ben, moved to the Mission Valley, bringing along Merle and his brother, Gordon, as small children.

Ben passed away when Merle and "Gordy" were in high school. Merriam passed in 1972 and Gordy in 2012. Merle also had three half sisters, Cora, Eleanor and Lucille, and two half brothers, Phil and Bill (the Langland family).

Merle was an exceptional athlete in high school. He likely could have gone on to college and was invited to practice with the University of Montana track and field team. He was especially good at pole vaulting, even back when the poles would barely bend. Harry Adams, U of M coach at the time, told Merle that he was "too short, too slow, and vaulting two feet higher than he should be."

Creek Lumber Mill for 34 years. Merle and Faye somehow snagged a 160-acre piece of property up on the base of Mount Harding. They drove on an old logging road a couple of miles up the mountain to get to the property, where relatives helped them build a "cabin" that became both a home and a destination for hundreds of friends and family for several decades. They even put in a ski run with a rope tow powered by an old six-cylinder engine on pulleys. They hosted many inner-tube and sledding parties as their six kids and all their friends grew through childhood and into high school.

It would be a good guess to say that Merle and Faye drove on every road in Montana, traveling around the state to wrestling tournaments. Seat belts were surely not their thing because usually there were too many kids ... often times six plus two or three extra ... because that was how these two rolled: their home and arms were always open for friends and relatives.

Their love generated 23 grandkids, 59 great-grandkids, and 12 great-great-grandkids ... too many to list, but each and every one of them loved deeply by Merle and Faye.

Merle apparently decided that fatherhood was going to be his chosen career, because he got started on it while still in high school. He lucked out and fell in love with a young Snyder girl named Faye. The two of them figured out how to make babies and had six of them by the time they were both 23 years old. Rick (Nancy), Roger (Ola), and Mike (Tonya) were born to teenage parents. Roxy (Randy), Matt (Bobbi), and Maxine were next. Six kids in six and half years.

Merle "Cedar Sam" as his great friends called him, worked at Plum

In a sense, Merle and Faye were "parents" to all the kids in the Ronan schools. They rarely missed a sporting event. Merle had many, many lifelong friends. After 47 years of marriage, Merle lost Faye in 2003 and he continued their tradition of support for Ronan kids right up to his last days. They are rejoined and we celebrate them both for a lifetime of memories.

A potluck celebration of Merle's life will be at Ronan Community Center on Friday, Aug. 20, at 3 p.m. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.shriderthompson.com.

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

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June Evangeline Jorgenson, 99

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June Evangeline Jorgenson, 99, died March 10, 2021, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born June 28, 1921, in Minneapolis to parents Arvid and Mabel Westlund. As a little girl she survived having pneumonia, whooping cough and measles all at the same time. She grew up during the Great Depression, learning to be thrifty in a family of seven, and her practice of being frugal never left her. After graduating from West High School, Minneapolis, in 1939, the family moved north to Park Rapids, Minnesota. With the onset of World War II she worked as a real "Rosie the Riveter," employed by Douglas Aviation in California. The week before her first paycheck she lived on a loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter.

Returning to Park Rapids, she married

Harold Jorgenson Oct. 28, 1945. Children Karen, Michael and Tony were born to June and Harold in Minnesota before moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1952. There, Dale and Kelly were born. In 1963 the family moved to Bigfork, purchasing 68 acres in Ferndale where Harold built their dream log home. In the early years in Bigfork, June worked for Harry Rose, cutting Christmas boughs on Crane Mountain, while the children were in school. June's greatest joy was being the best homemaker she could be. She loved caring for her family — cooking, canning, gardening and always being there for her family. She loved family get-togethers, especially picnics.

Faith in God was very important to June and Harold, and they were always involved in church, being members

of Bethany Lutheran, Bigfork from 1963 to the present. June, especially, loved to travel (and took several trips by herself when no one else could go along). Their many travels included a trip to Africa in 1995.

June was preceded in death by Harold, brothers Richard and Charles Westlund, and sister Harriet Green.

She is survived by sister Betty, daughter Karen Bradstreet, sons Michael, Tony, Dale and Kelly, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed but not forgotten. Her favorite Bible verse was the words of Jesus; "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for you souls." (Matthew 11:29). Her favorite saying reads, "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, with a reception at the church following the service. June will be laid to rest at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Bigfork.

Memorial contributions can be given to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, no. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Bethany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

Kimm Joy, 70

Kimm Joy, 70, 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.

Olive Mignon Justice, 90

Olive Mignon Justice, 90, of Proctor, Montana, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at her home.

A private gathering will be held at a later

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

Albert Julian, 97

Albert Julian, 97, of Columbia Falls, died on Jan. 23, 2021, at North Valley Hospital.

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

William Jefferson 'Jack' Justice Jr., 85

William Jefferson "Jack" Justice Jr., 85, of Bigfork, died Sept. 2, 2021, at Echoview Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughter Jenna.

A funeral service will

be held on Wednesday Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell. Interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.