

Gary Carter Tallman, 89

PAT 26 Sept 2021

Montana native Gary Tallman, born April 13, 1932, passed away Sept. 11, 2021. He was strong and full of his quick wit and passion for life until his last days spent at home with his children, Kimi, Brett and Heather, and his wife Marilyn Tallman. He will be remembered fondly!

Gary and his younger brother Glay were raised in Whitefish by Gary's adoptive parents, Paul and Syb Tallman. Gary loved hiking, skiing, hunting, fishing and inventing. He raced alpine in high school on white Army surplus skis in the late 1940s. He competed for the University of Washington and was a contender for the Olympics. Gary graduated from Fresno State College in animal husbandry.

Gary dedicated several decades of his life to assuring that all children in the Flathead could have access to this sport. He taught and mentored many skiers through the free Saturday ski program he helped to create with volunteers. He established the popular, annual Wild Game Dinner and Auction to support the Kalispell Ski Club.

Gary could recite others poems and wrote his own. He had a talent for preserving and polishing the natural features of wood, antlers and stone and other items he turned into fine art. He created dozens of bowls, boxes, flutes, drums and other keepsakes for family and friends. As a carpenter he preserved and integrated old materials of brick and beams into modern homes and buildings throughout the Flathead Valley, which set the stage for the look and feel that still draws people to Whitefish.

In his 20s Gary served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and became a Scuba diving



instructor. He loved exploring the underwater world as much as the mountains. After a deployment in Okinawa, Gary and his wife

Jeanne (Berthelote) Tallman settled in Whitefish and raised their four children.

Twenty-seven years ago, Gary married Marilyn (McCafferty) Tallman and moved to Tillinghast Creek in Monarch, Montana. Always an observer of nature, Gary captured its beauty in photos and film. As a young man he created ski movies for Big Mountain with Jim Rice and for the last 20 years and enriched more lives with his musical movies documenting the Tillinghast seasons.

Late in life, Gary discovered members of his family of origin and enjoyed getting to know his maternal uncle "Babe" Johnson and four half siblings Howard Backen, Mary Ann Hogan, Linda Lozano, Butch Backen and their spouses who all embraced him. Gary is survived by his wife Marilyn, his children's mother's Jeanne, three of his children Kimi, Brett and Heather, his other siblings, and loads of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His oldest daughter Shannon preceded him in death, as did his parents and older brother Bud Backen.

Gary's ashes will be spread at Tillinghast Sunday, Oct. 3. More stories will be shared when we can gather again in the Flathead in the spring.

We love you, Pops!

Steven Joe Tancre, 66

PAS 27 June 2021

Steven Joe Tancre, a caring son, brother, husband, father and friend, left this world unexpectedly on April 15, 2021, at the age of 66. He has gone to see what God has "prepared for those who love him."

Steve was born to Duane and Sylvia Tancre on Nov. 5, 1954, in Williston, North Dakota. He and his family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1955. After graduating from Flathead High School Class of '73, he went on to meet the challenges of working in the oil fields of North Dakota, to learning the masonry trade, to finally pursuing his love of auto mechanics. He began a career in the industry from small shops to major dealerships. He was highly esteemed among his peers, and received many accolades throughout his career of becoming a master technician.

Steve married his lovely wife, Kathy Marie Mackin, on Aug. 21, 1982. One of his outstanding accomplishments was designing and hand building a small cabin in the mountains of Kalispell where he and his wife, Kathy, briefly lived after they were married. He loved being a family man and a father to their daughter, Katie. He was very proud and felt blessed to be her father and friend. Steve passed on his love of animals to Katie. They frequently added to their small



family by adopting four-legged siblings from local rescues.

Steve loved spending

time hunting, fishing, cycling and building gadgets in his shop. These were some of his favorite pastimes, especially when doing them with friends. He was always ready to lend a listening ear and share encouragement or advice with those who needed it. Steve had a rare mixture of common sense and the ability to share as needed. He spent several years faithfully ministering to the youth at Canvas Church, where he and his wife attended.

In the latter part of his life, he faced his greatest challenge and overcame it with the strength and grace that only God can give. In 2018 he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. During his battle with this disease, his faith never diminished. Steve's light only shone brighter while suffering through intense treatments and painful surgeries. When the final diagnosis of "cancer free" came, he and his family rejoiced and gave God the glory. During this time, Steve would spend part of every Wednesday with his mother, sister and brother-in-law grocery shopping, visiting and rounding out the day with a Dairy Queen lunch. All

were welcome, and there were many hugs and laughs. Steve was blessed with two more wonderful years before a new health challenge confronted them. Even then, he faced it like the warrior he was, with a strong and positive attitude, never wavering in his trust in God.

Steve is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter, Katie, and her husband, Dustin Underwood; mother, Sylvia (Sally) Tancre; sister, Sheryle, and her husband, Dave Turman; sister-in-law, Shari, and her husband, Cliff Chrismore; along with numerous brother- and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He will be laid to rest with his father Duane, brother Marvin, and nephew Jason.

If desired, please consider a memorial donation to the Flathead County Animal Shelter in Steve's honor. If you prefer, cards and flowers for the family can be sent to: Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family would like to express their deepest thanks for the help of neighbors, family and friends during this time.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. — James 1:12

Mildred 'Millie' Tarter, 98

Mildred "Millie" Tarter, 98, of Whitefish, died Friday, March 5, 2021. Private services will be held.

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

Carla 'CJ' Jeanne Taylor (Stowe), 58

PAS 27 June 2021

Carla "CJ" Jeanne Taylor (Stowe), 58, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2021 with her children by her side after a 19-year-long battle with multiple sclerosis.



Carla entered this world on May 9, 1963, in Chillum, Maryland. She is the loving daughter of Jeanne and William Roy. Carla graduated high school in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, where she grew up on a farm and developed a deep love for animals, riding horses and hard work. Continuing education at Shepherd University in West Virginia, Carla switched majors back and forth from music to fashion merchandising and finished with associates

degrees in multiple art fields. Carla spent much of her 20s living in Florida while pursuing many career paths; she was a musician, model and clothing designer who saw many of her passions come to life.

Carla met the father of her children after relocating to Montana and there after moved to Alaska to begin her family, becoming a full-time parent to her two beloved children between Homer, Alaska, and Kalispell.

Carla had an infectious smile, extraordinary sense of humor and an effervescent personality

despite her struggles with multiple sclerosis.

Carla was a loving mother, sister, daughter and adoring friend to many. Carla is deeply missed by her children Ryan and McKensy Dahlgren; sister Kippi, her husband Tony and daughter Alexis; brother Charles; uncle Charles "Chuck," his wife Rania and daughter Piper; as well as the dear friends she considered family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carla's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

Deana Kay Taylor, 63

PAS 12 Jan 2022



Deana Kay Taylor, 63, passed into the arms of her Savior on Nov. 13, 2021, at Logan Health in Whitefish from Covid-19 and pneumonia. She was surrounded by family.

Deana was born on July 4, 1958, to Virginia "Ginger" and Robert Wheeler, during a tornado in Billings. She was not born into an easy life: three weeks premature, and only weighing a little over three pounds, she was able to fit in the palms of the doctor's hands. Her lungs were always weak, and she was prone to sickness, but she never let that keep her from serving others all her life.

A semi-mischievous childhood was spent in Missoula, where Deana desired nothing more than being the chief of an all-girl "Indian" tribe, playing with friends and dolls, getting lost in "Nancy Drew," "Trixie Beldon," and "Little House on the Prairie" books, and listening to The Osmond Brothers. By the time her family moved to Somers, she began to bend her

thoughts towards boys, and the yearning to be a wife and mother, to build the home and family she always wanted with the man of her dreams, Alan Taylor, the older brother of her friend and schoolmate, Elaine. Though both Alan and Deana were extremely shy, she seized the opportunity to introduce herself to him at a roller-skating party, and the rest, as they say, is history. The two were married on June 15, 1979.

With the birth of their three children, Jennifer, Christopher and, eight years later, James, Deana's greatest aspirations were to help provide for her family as they grew — whether it was sharing the Bible verse that meant the most to her (John 14:2), homeschooling her youngest son, re-entering the workforce so they could have a better life, and

even attending drafting school in Spokane with her husband, to support him in his own dream. And while her work as a certified nurse assistant in the Alzheimer's wing of Heritage Place in Kalispell might be considered her most noble, she was always a wife, mother, and eventually grandmother first, and that's where her heart always was.

Deana was shy — an introvert to the extreme, and though she became weaker and more tired as she grew older, she never stopped serving. Through diabetes, heart surgery, and a resulting difficulty breathing, she was always cooking for family get-togethers, maintaining a spotless home, and loving on her four Kalispell grandchildren with baking dates, puzzles, games and dress-up. She was always an ear without judgment, open to anyone who had a worry or a heart-break to confide, and would end her conversations with a heart-felt, "I love you," and "Hang in there." It

was no accident that those were her parting words on this earth. Her heart was the hearth that drew her family around her, warming them with her love.

Her legacy of love is survived in her husband, Alan, her daughter Jennifer (husband Jeff Wolcott), son Christopher, son James (wife Amanda Taylor), her brother, Rob, sister, Mandy Smith (husband Jonathan Smith); and five grandchildren, Brody, Sarah, Willow, Emiliyah and Asa. From the little girl who thought the Independence Day fireworks were to celebrate her, to the woman who devoting every last breath to assure her love for them, Deana is both missed and tenderly remembered, as she can now see her Father God's many rooms, and the one prepared especially for her.

For those who wish to celebrate this wonderful woman with her family, a future date will be announced once the weather is warmer, to plant a tree in her memory in Woodland Park.

Marcella 'Sally' Taylor, 95

Marcella "Sally" Taylor, 95, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

She is survived by her children, Robert Taylor, Gerald Taylor and Sharon Moen.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, April 29, at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jack G. Therrien, 85

PAG 15 Aug 2021
Jack, 85 years old, passed away at his home on Aug. 11, 2021.

Jack was born Aug. 7, 1936, in Conrad to Charles and Dora Therrien. Jack graduated from Flathead County High School in 1954. After graduation, he started at Carroll College for one and a half years, then transferred to University of Montana, graduating in pharmacy in 1960. Jack's life dream was to own his own store — he found the perfect one in Columbia Falls, bought the Park Drug from Bud Schrock in 1967, then sold the pharmacy 33 years later in 2000.

In 1968, Jack married a hometown girl, Laurel "Dodie" Walsh.

He is survived by his wife, Dodie; daughter, Karla Therrien and two granddaughters of Grenada, Mississippi; and son, Kevin Therrien and three grandsons of Corvallis, Montana. Jack is also survived by daughters Suzette York (Dennis) and three children of Brighton, Colorado; Jana



Williams (Jeff) and two children of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Yvette Tippetts

and her three children. Also surviving is brother Terry Therrien of Kalispell, and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Dora, sister Jeanette Hoxmer, and niece Laurie Hoxmer.

Jack loved the Columbia Falls community. He always said the town was good to him. Jack's ashes will be spread on the property in Olney when his wife passes.

A rosary will be said at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at St. Richard Catholic Church with a Funeral Mass immediately following. A reception will follow services.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Nancy G. Talbot, 78

Nancy G. Talbot, 78, of Trego, died on Nov. 7, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

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

Doreen M. Thigpen, 75

PAG 19 Sept 2021

Doreen M. Thigpen, of Bigfork, passed away at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell on Aug. 25, 2021, at age 75. Doreen was born to Arthur and Valerie Jones on Aug. 12, 1946, in Santa Monica, California. Doreen attended Pacific Palisades High School, Santa Monica City College and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She was married to Greg Thigpen in November of 1974.

She is survived by her husband, Greg, daughter, Heather Schidler, of Bothell, Washington, and grandchildren Abigail and Ben Schidler.

After a 30-year career as a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, Doreen retired as a lieutenant in 2001. Doreen and Greg settled into the less hectic environment of



Bigfork in early 2004. She loved the beauty of the place, the seasons and

most of all the people. She brought joy to all with her quick wit and constant smile. Family and faith were her highest priorities. She enjoyed entertaining, volunteering at her church, the art museum, and the food bank in Bigfork.

A service in her memory will be at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church of Bigfork in the spring of 2022.

The world will be a little less bright without her.

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

Roberta 'Bobby' Thomas, 97

Roberta "Bobby" Thomas, 97, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.

She is survived by

her son, David Thomas. No services are being planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

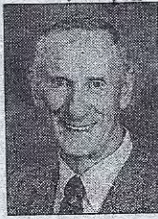
Eugene Raymond Thomas, 84

PAS 22 Sept 2021

On Sept. 17, 2021, God felt it was time to reward Eugene Thomas for his lifetime of service with a spot in heaven. But not before Gene provided countless volunteer hours to numerous organizations during his time here on earth.

Eugene was born March 17, 1937, in Lawndale, Minnesota, to Pat and Maribelle Thomas. He was the first born son but followed three older sisters who were responsible for his nickname — Butterball, which evolved into "Bud" which stuck with him for life. Bud grew up with 10 siblings — Patricia, Donna, Francis, George, Flavia, Earl, Cathy, Judy, Laurie and Darrell. The Thomas household never turned away others and always provided a place to stay and a meal.

Gene went to Assumption Catholic Grade School in Barnesville and graduated high school in 1956 from Barnesville HS. There he participated in football, basketball, and track and field all four years and dabbled in wrestling and baseball as well. It was here that he met his future wife, Janice Rollie. After a courtship during which they were each in different parts of the country, they married on Aug. 21, 1965.



The couple moved to Michigan City, Indiana, where son Todd was born. This

is where Gene found his passion working in the electrical trade. This provided an opportunity to move the family to the Flathead Valley where he worked for Columbia Falls Aluminum and Plum Creek Lumber.

Gene fell in love with Montana during his days of being a high voltage lineman installing distribution lines all the way to Canyon Ferry. The decision to move to Montana was rooted in his passion for the outdoors and all the activities Montana provides.

Gene and Janice had two more children — son John and daughter Brenda.

In 1973, Gene embarked on his final career and started an electrical contracting business. To his final days, Gene only missed going to the shop for hunting season (absolutely) and special days. He worked with and trained many fine electricians, many of whom still work in the trade.

Gene and Janice embarked on many trips

throughout the years. They were afforded the great honor of meeting Pope John Paul in Rome during Gene's appointment as supreme warden of the Knights of Columbus. Their most famous (or infamous) trip was taken with the entire family in a 1973 red Ford Maverick touring across the country en route to Atlanta for a K of C Convention. The trip was in August and the Maverick did not have the benefit of air conditioning, but was equipped with black vinyl seats. Despite the hot miles in the car, the family had a wonderful time and was able to experience a lot of the country.

Through his time with the Boy Scouts of Troop 33, which spanned several decades and numerous awards (including the Silver Beaver), Gene led many backpacking and canoeing trips, cooked many campfire meals, and assisted many future leaders in their quest to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

During his time here on earth, Gene met many wonderful friends whose friendships he valued very much. Some of the best times of his life were experienced with these friends during their many adventures.

Gene lived a full life of

service and love.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his lovely sisters Donna, Patty and Laurie, and his brother George.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years Janice, and his three children Todd (Mira), John and Brenda. Gene was also blessed with six grandsons, Zachary (Kailey), Tyler (Nikki), Connor, Dominic, Ethan and Oliver; and three great-grandchildren, Luke, Sean and Ryan; his sisters, Francis (Cincinnati, Ohio), Flavia (Bemidji, Minnesota), Cathy (Portland), Judy (Edmonds, Washington); and brothers, Earl (Barnesville, Minnesota), and Darrell (Barnesville). Gene will be truly missed by all who knew him. Gene always wanted people to love one another and to say your prayers before bed.

In lieu of flowers, please support one of the following organizations that meant a lot to Gene: St. Matthew's School and Church, Ray of Hope, Alert, or a charity of your own choosing. Thank you.

The rosary will be said Friday in St. Matthew's Church from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at St. Matthew's at noon, with Father Stan Rog officiating.

JoAnn Thomas, 94

JoAnn Thomas passed into the presence of the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021.

JoAnn was born in 1927 in Lincoln, Nebraska, into the humble circumstances that defined the Great Depression. She was a premature baby and an unlikely survivor in a time of less advanced medical care. As her mother fed her with an eye dropper, it was clear that JoAnn was a fighter.

She was a cheerful, curly haired, cherub-faced little girl that loved her dolls, her many friends, trying to catch fireflies, drawing pictures, and her horse Betty, which, for a time, she used to get to and from school.

JoAnn's resilience and mental fortitude were evident at an early age. A handicap made walking difficult and running impossible so, while her schoolmates played out-



side, JoAnn made the most of her circumstance by focusing on drawing and artwork.

For JoAnn, the glass was always half full.

Life was challenging during the Depression until a job opportunity led the family to Southern California, where JoAnn completed her basic education and attended college. In 1956, she met the love of her life, Wyn Thomas, on a blind date to a new amusement park called Disneyland. As Wyn said many times, the minute he saw JoAnn approaching, he knew "she was the one." The feeling was mutual and, on that day, hand in hand, Disneyland was indeed the happiest place on earth.

JoAnn worked in retail

sales for 30 years. Despite her physical challenges, she was on her feet for eight to 10 hours a day. Always a smile, never a complaint, she loved meeting and helping people. For her, the only difference between a stranger and a friend was an opportunity to say hello.

JoAnn and Wyn were married for 59 years and were two halves of a whole. When they entered a room, people noticed and everything seemed more interesting. They were devoted parents and doting grandparents. Nothing on earth was more important to them than their family, and their life together was an inspiring picture of love, sacrifice and faithfulness.

When Wyn passed, JoAnn moved to Immanuel Lutheran where she received excellent care. At ILH, she was popularly known as "JoJo" and, now on a

more level playing field, she finally got to play with the "cool kids" ... wheelchair races, Silver Sneakers, performing in holiday plays and, of course, bingo, highlighted her days.

JoAnn was a vibrant, loving, compassionate, strong, fun loving, joyful person — and while we will miss her, we are thankful for the many memories we have to fill the enormous void left by a wonderful life well lived.

JoAnn is survived by her daughters Julie and Kim, their spouses, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Central Bible Church on Nov. 27 at 11 a.m., followed by lunch in the gymnasium.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Bible Church, 902 1st Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Gail Marie Smith Thomason, 92

Gail Marie (Smith) Thomason, 92, passed away Aug. 27, 2021, in Whitefish.

Gail Marie was born Oct. 20, 1928, in Eugene, Oregon, to Ralph and Hester Smith. She joined sisters, Eva and Stella and brothers, Alvin and Delmar. She met the light of her life in high school and, on May 9, 1947, she married Clay Thomason. They lived in Eugene until 1959 when they moved their family to Kalispell. They were married for over 70 years.

She is survived by her children, Connie Wroblewski (Kalispell), Cathy Windsheimer (Portland), Dick Thomason (Ironwood, Michigan) and Tom Landwehr (Spokane).

She took special joy in the marriages of each of her children. The arrival of each of her grandchildren (nine), and great-grandchildren (16)

was cause for celebration each and every time!

Gail was quite the fashionista. She loved new styles and was never without her lipstick. She always had her hair done and was up for a party any time whether it was a birthday, anniversary, or someone coming for a visit.

Her life, like a painting, was a constantly changing canvas. Her suitcase was always packed so she could accompany Clay wherever his work took him. She made homes for her family in Eugene, Oregon; Kalispell; Whitehall, New York; Bessemer, Michigan; and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. There has never been a more welcoming hostess no matter where she was.



Gail traveled the world and loved every moment. She co-piloted their Cessna 180 and 310 as they went to many different countries. She particularly enjoyed all the time she spent in Panama City, Panama. She took pleasure in cruising and trips with friends and family. The stories she could tell brought smiles to all she shared them with. The photos from their travels showed a woman enjoying the many cultures she was able to experience. She took advantage of every opportunity to learn about the world.

While travel was a huge piece in Gail's life, Ashley Lake was her happy place. She built a lovely home there and enjoyed all the seasons of life in Montana. As always, she welcomed and encouraged visits there so she could share the beauty she so appreciated.

Gail was very excited when computers became available to her. Her family lived in many different places and computers allowed her to communicate with her growing family. She could be found every morning checking her email for news and photos from friends and family. It brought her great joy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clay, son-in-law, Allan Wroblewski, and grandson, Jacob Sutton.

There will be a gathering to honor Gail at her home on Ashley Lake, Sunday, Sept. 5, from 2 to 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to The Footsteps Program at The Springs in Whitefish; The Springs at Whitefish, Attn: Footsteps Memory Care, 1001 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Rodney Allen Thompkins, 61

Rodney Allen Thompkins, 61, of Coos Bay, Oregon, formerly of Kalispell, died May 6,

2021, in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131.

Lois Ann Thon, 95

PAG 18 June 2021
Lois Ann Thon, 95, died June 9, 2021.

Lois Ann was born on June 29, 1925, in Detroit. She grew up the beloved only child of Minnie and Leo Lockwood and the youngest of many adoring cousins. She entered the University of Michigan at the end of World War II where a handsome young veteran studying architecture caught her eye. She and Raymond Thon were married June 11, 1949. After their studies were completed in 1950, they moved to Ray's hometown of Kalispell where he would start his architectural firm and they would raise four children.

Lois Ann was a member of AAUW and PEO. She had a curious mind and loved to travel, read and learn new things. She loved spending time at the family cabin on Little Bitterroot Lake



where she swam on her 90th birthday. She had many good friends, was much loved by her family, and her smile brightened everyone's day.

She leaves behind her four children and their spouses, Gary Thon (Glenna), Wendy Thon (Tom Weingarten), Laurie Milner, and Melanie Thon; and six grandchildren, Melinda Milner (Nathan Wall), Mike Thon, Brad Thon (Alyssa), Kelsey Milner (Amanda), Chris Milner, and Hayley Milner.

Her family is eternally grateful to all of the wonderful people at the Buffalo Hill Terrace who made her life good for the past 13-plus years.

She leaves a hole in all of our hearts.

Verne Thunker, 79

Verne Thunker, 79, of Kalispell died in Kalispell Aug. 8, 2021.

He is survived by his wife, Lorrie; and his children, Joseph Thunker, Sara Powers, Douglas Thunker,

Libbie Lapp and Anthony Thunker. Services will be held at a later date.

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

Jeff Robert Timlick, 46

PAG 17 Jan 2021
Jeff Robert Timlick was born July 9, 1974, and went to be with his heavenly Father on Jan. 11, 2021, in Kalispell. Jeff was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend and member of the community. He was dearly loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Jeff graduated in 1992 from Columbia Falls High School. He attended FVCC, Dawson Community College, and completed an electrical apprenticeship in Seattle. He went on to become a master electrician. Jeff began his work at Kalispell Electric in 2001 as a journeyman electrician and eventually became a project manager and part-owner. Jeff was passionate about lighting up the Flathead Valley!

In 1998, Jeff married the love of his life, Stephanie Van Helden. Together they have two wonderful children, Hailey and Justin. Jeff was deeply committed to his family and could often be found taking everyday moments to teach his children important life lessons that have shaped them into incredible young adults. From choir concerts to football games, horse shows to archery tournaments, his greatest joy was being with his family, and he was their biggest fan.

While working in Seattle, Jeff enjoyed kayaking with Stephanie in their free time. Once they moved home to Montana they spent most weekends skiing, camping, boating, hiking, or hunting. His passion for the great outdoors was contagious to his family and friends.

Jeff was a hard worker and a man of integrity. He was intelligent, full



of ingenuity, and a handyman who was able to find the solution to most problems. He

was kind and generous, determined and tenacious, steady and thoughtful, loving and brave. He was intentional about making time for those around him and lightened the mood with his sense of humor, fun personality and a smile that lit up a room.

Jeff was preceded in death by his mother Linda Graham. He is survived by his loving wife Stephanie of 22 years and his adored children Hailey and Justin; parents Tom and Kendyl Timlick; sister Crystal Stricklin and husband Bob; sister Tami Williams and grandmother Nina Le Sueur; in-laws Steve and Naine Van Helden; Lindsey and Jesse Erickson; Luke Van Helden and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jeff's honor to the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church Activity Center, a community service project to which he donated his expertise and resources.

The family welcomes all who wish to join us for the celebration of his life. The service will be held at Canvas Church on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 12:30 p.m., with a reception immediately following.

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

Linda Latka Fields Teets, 68

On *PA 6 28 Sept 2021*
Wednesday,
Sept. 15,
2021, Linda
Latka
Fields Teets
passed
away at
Billings
Clinic due to Covid-19 at
age 68.



children, Scott Fields of
Stanley, North Dakota,
Kristie Hinzman (Clint)
of Columbia Falls, and
Jeff Fields of Kalispell;
six grandchildren and
eight great-grandchild-
ren.

There will be a cele-
bration of life/potluck
Saturday, Nov. 6, at the
Moose Lodge in Glendive
at 11:30 a.m.

Linda was preceded
in death by her father
Albert Simon Latka, and
mother Anna Barbara
Geiger Latka.

Linda is survived by
her spouse, Robert Teets,
of Kalispell; her sister,
Donna Stanfill (Jim)
of Glendive; her three

In lieu of flowers or
gifts, we ask that dona-
tions be made to Linda's
grandchildren's local
Kalispell FFA Chapter,
644 4th Ave. West,
Kalispell, MT 59901 in
memorial of Linda Teets.

Robert J. Teets, 85

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Robert J. Teets, 85,
was born June 3, 1936, in
Columbia Falls to Robert
Charles Teets and Ella
Mae Watson Teets.

Bob was raised in the
Columbia Heights area
and attended Badrock and
Columbia Falls schools.
Bob grew up farming and
loved animals. He had
many faithful dogs over
the years. As a young
man he went into oper-
ating heavy equipment,

then into all aspects of
the logging industry,
then onto owning and
operating his own logging
truck company, Far Nuff
Trucking. Bob retired in
2001.

He was an avid out-
doorsman; he loved fish-
ing, hunting, boating,
trail bike riding and
snowmobiling. He was a
member of the Flathead
Snowmobile Association
for 30-plus years.

Bob was loved by
many and will be hugely
missed.

He is survived by
his wife of 44 years,
Darla Teets; his sons,
Robert Charles Teets,
and Rick Teets, his wife
Pam and their two sons
Daryl Teets and Aaron
Teets, and his sisters
Doris Pease and Donna
DeLong. Bob has seven
grandchildren and seven
great-grandchildren, and

many nieces and neph-
ews.

He was preceded in
death by his daughter
Cheryl Teets Staas, and
his sister Marjorie Teets
Pease.

Bob died peacefully at
home from natural causes
on the morning of Dec.
12, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, you
can make a donation to a
charity of your choice.

Edward J. Tegoli, 55

Edward J. Tegoli, 55, of Kalispell, died on Jan. 8,
2021, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Harm James Toren, 86

Harm James Toren, 86, of Columbia Falls, died
Jan. 5, 2021, at his home.

He is survived by his wife Linda, and his chil-
dren Harmie Toren, Tammy Toren, Cole Toren,
Marci Thramer, Becky Hoerner and Travis
Erickson.

A celebration of life will be announced in the
spring.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring
for the family.



Join us for a Celebration of
Life in Loving Memory of

Harm James Toren

October 18, 1934-

January 5, 2021

Saturday, May 8,

4 pm-8 pm

277 Gosney Cross Rd,
Columbia Falls

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Adam Fredrick Topp, 36

Adam Fredrick Topp, 36, of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 18, 2021, in Kalispell.

Adam was born May 18, 1985 in Spokane to Douglas Topp and Faith Smith. From an early age Adam loved to be outdoors and spending time doing various activities with his friends and family. One such memory that his father has of him was taking him to an Oakland A's game at Oakland Coliseum and getting to see his favorite pitcher, Dennis Eckersley, pitching when he was 10 years old. Another memory of Adam was taking him over the Golden Gate bridge for the first time. Adam also loved visiting Sea World at Vallejo, California, driving up the Oregon coast, and stopping at a petting zoo. His first trip out of the country was to Canada to visit Fairmont Hot Springs with his friend Spencer. While in junior high, he was also part of the junior ROTC program. He also obtained his GED as an adult.

Some of Adam's favorite locations that he

enjoyed visiting were Glacier National Park and Woodland Park. His favorite

outdoor activities were archery, fishing, camping, baseball, and going for long walks in the rain. He played baseball as child. He did more camping and fishing as he grew up, and went to Lake Koochanusa and Lake Tahoe, to name a few. He got into archery later in his life.

Throughout his entire life he has always had a love of animals. He worked at a couple of pet stores in the valley. He even obtained his certification to become a certified canine education instructor. Adam enjoyed attending family functions as often as he could. He always did whatever he could to spend time with his nieces and nephews and to attend their sporting events any chance that he got. Oh, he also loved his red chicken, which was actually corned beef.



One of his favorite pastimes as a child was playing with model trains with his father. As a teenager, his pastimes included playing tournaments for the card games Magic and Pokémon in a local card shop. As an adult, his pastimes consisted of watching various sci-fi movies like "Star Wars" and "Star Trek." He also enjoyed fantasy movies such as "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy," "The Hobbit Trilogy," and "Harry Potter." He loved playing World of Warcraft online and playing Roblox with his nephew Nathaniel Jr.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Lillian Topp, his grandparents Joyce and Willie Jo Smith, and uncles Christopher Smith and William "Kim" Smith, and aunt Renee Crocker.

He is survived by his parents Doug (Helen) Topp and Faith (Greg) Duke, his siblings Luca Belarde, Adam (Amber) Belarde, Christopher Topp and Jennifer (Nathaniel) Topp-Comes, grandparents Fred (Pat) Topp, uncles Danny (Grace) Topp, David (Denise)

Topp, Bill (Sharon) Bush, Sam (Norma) Smith, and Andy Smith, his aunts Mary (Chris) Bogan, Melissa (Shane) Topp-Hoge, Marcee Topp, Carolyn (Adrian) Palmer, and Trish (Gene) Meyer, Missy and Chris Colley, Julie Birk, Marie and Kenny Bailey, his nieces Ukiah Belarde, Dakota Belarde, Ariana Belarde and Makayla Belarde, his nephews Kai Belarde and Nathaniel Comes Jr., and numerous cousins.

He was a protector of his younger siblings Christopher and Jennifer as he got older. Through thick and thin they had each other's backs. He truly was a strong, loving, caring, fierce man who overcame a lot of personal struggles. He will always be loved and will never be forgotten.

His celebration of life will take place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home this Friday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m.

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.

Judith 'Judy' Earlene Thorsen, 76

Judith "Judy" Earlene Thorsen, 76, of Kalispell, died Monday, April 19, 2021, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Kalispell.

No services will be held at her request.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Janice B. Tow, 94

Janice B. Tow, 94, died May 29, 2021, at her home in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

Jan Tow, 94

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How do you thank someone who has given you the moon and the stars? How difficult to write an obituary when there is so much you could tell and express. Those who knew Jan will understand. Jan passed away May 29, 2021, at home after a brief illness as she hoped she would, with dignity, no fear or struggles, at peace, with her daughter and one son at her side, her other son physically unable to be there. She was tired and wanted to "go home." We thank Home Options Hospice for their comfort and kindness.

Jan was born in Minnesota and raised in Worthington by her parents Art and Emma Sather. She had a happy childhood and gave us one too. She played the clarinet and won her first golf trophy at age 14. She was always outdoors exploring more than indoors. She loved swimming and diving from high places and taught swimming and diving lessons — a bit of a show-off



even into her 80s with her swan dives and jack knives. She surrounded herself by animals of

all sorts most of her life, especially English setters and golden retrievers. She and Rod Tow were married and raised three children, Laurie, Scott and Dana. Jan graduated from Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Science degree as a registered medical technologist and worked at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis for many years. In 1980, she moved to a cabin on Flathead lake in Lakeside; she divorced and never remarried — she loved her independence. She volunteered leading hikes in the Jewel Basin, was a Realtor with Chuck Olsen in Kalispell and, later, in her 80s did food demo at Costco.

She loved the mountains, wildlife, bird watching and all of nature's

beauty, and spent many hours hiking and countless days watching grizzly bears in Glacier and Many Glacier. Some of her favorite hobbies were fishing, reading, cooking, bridge (loved her Monday bridge ladies), golf, photography and traveling. In her 40s, she and her son Dana canoed and camped from the family home on the St. Croix River and down the Mississippi River to St. Louis — three weeks, 730 miles! She went on to travel many parts of the world on her own or with small outdoor groups.

Africa was her favorite and she made three trips. For her 78th birthday she went sky-diving.

She was such a kind, pure-hearted, honest, and strong-willed woman. She lived life by the Golden Rule — so easy, so simple, and it works. She took little for granted and appreciated so much in life; she had a zest for living and the gift of curiosity. Her philosophy was always "contentment is not the fulfillment of

what you want, but the realization of how much you already have." She taught us well.

She is survived by her three children, Laurie Crenshaw (Jay) of Lewiston, Idaho, Scott Tow (Diane) of Fairmont, Minnesota, and Dana Tow (Linda) Atkins of Iowa; her grandchildren, Jason, Taggart, Amanda, Eric, Collen and Chris; and great-grandchildren; her two sisters; and her "surrogate" son and very dear friend Stephen (Monika) of Somers, who did so much for her and always made her laugh.

Our hearts overflow with reverence and gratitude to this remarkable woman, our mom.

Jan was cremated and did not want a formal service, but to celebrate her in your own special way. The family would love any memories sent to her mailing address to be forwarded to her daughter or through Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

William Owen Triggs, 92

William Owen Triggs, 92, of Polson, died Feb. 8, 2021, at The HealthCenter. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mihwa 'Mia' Totten, 65

Mihwa "Mia" Totten, 65, of Columbia Falls, died on June 2, 2021, at her home.

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

Francis 'Jack' Triepke, 81

Francis "Jack" Triepke, 81, died Monday, March 22, 2021, at his home in Palm Springs, California, where he resided the past several years.

Jack was born July 30, 1939, in Lewistown, Montana, the second of three boys born to Francis John Triepke and Rose Marie Triepke (Tuss). With his two brothers, he was raised by "Rosie" after his father died when Jack was 4. His parents' families, Triepke and Tuss, were homesteaders, farmers, and ranchers in nearby communities including Winifred. Jack attended elementary and high school at Saint Leo's in Lewistown, spent two



years in the Army, and then attended Weber State College in Utah, later attending Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. Like his brothers and mother, Jack eventually moved to Great Falls where he worked for Buick and Rambler before starting as a dispatcher, book-keeper, and truck owner with his brother-in-law's cattle trucking company. He and his wife, Wendy, moved to Kalispell and

bought the Shamrock Motel. Jack would eventually start his main career as a first responder on an ambulance and as a firefighter, but would take on second or third jobs to fill his off days. He also worked at Montgomery Wards, the airport, as a co-owner of a gas station and motorcycle shop, and later as a real estate agent. He also did electrical work and was known for his handyman and carpentry skills, among other things.

Like many Kalispell firefighters, Jack kept a lake place to summer with his family, owning a cabin on Fireman's Island at Echo Lake for three decades. Jack spent most

of his life in Montana, only later becoming a snowbird to Palm Springs after retirement, spending time with neighbors, playing cards, dice, dominoes, and mastering new games, with no thought to the cold Montana winters he left behind.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his two brothers, Richard (Joan) and Kenny (Bonnie); his son, Francis Jack Jr.; his daughter Toni Modie (Troy); their mother, Wendy Petesch, and his daughter Terri Radmall (Val); her mother, Jeanne Pack; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nicole Trombley, 50

Nicole Trombley, 50, died at her home on Aug. 15, 2021.

She is survived by her daughters, Samantha Sibley and Grey Sibley.

An open house celebration of life will take place Friday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family will have a formal time to share stories at 3 p.m. Guests are asked to wear the color teal.

Ronald Gene Tucker, 77

Ronald Gene Tucker, 77, of Hungry Horse, died at Lakeview Care on Oct. 9, 2021.

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

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Carolyn Tudor

P A 6 1 Aug 2021
A remembrance of Carolyn Tudor, 84, who died Oct. 4, 2020, will be on Aug. 7 at 11 a.m. at Lakeside Club, Lakeside. Call 406-261-1256 with questions.

Michael James Turner, 65

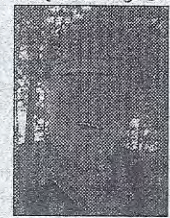
Michael James Turner, 65, of Somers, died on March 31, 2021, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

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

Redford 'Dutch' Charles Turner Jr.

P A 4 23 Mar 2021
Redford "Dutch" Charles Turner, Jr. passed away on March 18, 2021.

Dutch lived a full life, serving his country in his youth, then settling down to a life of logging, farming and various other ventures. He raised five children, all of whom were fortunate enough to be with him in his final days. After retirement, he never slowed down, cutting



firewood, fishing and spending time with family.

Friends and family are

welcomed to share in some memories and a meal at a celebration of life held in his honor. This will be held at his home on March 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Marjorie Tuma, 92

Marjorie "Margie" Tuma peacefully passed away at the age of 92 on Sept. 16, 2021, in the comfort of her home. Before her passing, she led an active, vibrant life living at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Margie was born in Pacific Beach, Washington and, after meeting a handsome young man, Wes, she followed him home to a farm north of Cut Bank, Montana. After selling the farm in the early '80s, they moved to the Flathead Valley. Margie

would tell you her best years were living in Kalispell where she met many great new friends.

Margie and Wes were married for nearly 65 years until he passed in 2012. Together they raised seven children, Leni Gaston, Roxie Robin, Richard Tuma, Bart Tuma, Lori Williamson, Marlene



Stauffer and Elaina Blass. Ultimately, Margie would enjoy 16 grandchildren, and 25-plus great-grandchildren. She spent her lifetime providing and caring for her family and she felt great pride in all of their accomplishments. Margie's greatest joy was being surrounded with family and friends.

Margie's celebration of life will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Friday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad

Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, all gifts to honor her are asked to be forwarded to www.406forKids.org, or sent to 406 for Kids, 20 Wood Ridge Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

As Grandma Margie would say, "See ya later, alligator!"

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.

Janet Lorraine Truchot, 79

Janet Lorraine Truchot, 79, of Kalispell, died her home on March 9, 2021. Services are pending.

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

Mary June Truran, 103

Mary June Truran, 103, of Kalispell, died on Feb. 3, 2021, at her home.

Services are pending.

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

Chris F. Tyree, 74

Chris F. Tyree, 74, formerly, of Kalispell, died Jan. 3, 2021, in Mesa, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife Susan, and children Burke Tyree and Michal Graves. A celebration of life will be held on June 19 at the Flathead High School gym at 4 p.m.

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

Lynda Kay Tyler, 77

Lynda Kay Tyler, 77, of Kalispell, died at her home on Aug. 31, 2021.

A service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Columbia Mortuary, with burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Michael Dickson Tyler, 49

Michael "Mike" Dickson Tyler, 49, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Jan. 29, 2021.

Mike was born June 12, 1971, in Sarasota County, Florida, and graduated from Ridgewood High School in New Port Richey, Florida. In 1989, Mike enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as an airman with Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-305, NAS Point Mugu, California, and completing a tour on the USS Abraham Lincoln. Mike studied aviation electronics and continued to serve with the



U.S. Naval Reserve through 1996.

Following his passion for aviation, Mike went on to work for UK-USA Helicopters in Atlanta.

He relocated to Kalispell in 2012, working at Glacier Jet Center and, later, at numerous Flathead Valley restaurants where he honed

his culinary skills. Mike found joy and creativity through cooking, both professionally and at home. He was also an avid hiker, logging many miles in the mountains and woods of Northwest Montana. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of all things aviation, history, and loved to collect military memorabilia.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Peter Tyler.

He is survived by mother, Marcia G. Flannery, of Flatwoods, Kentucky; stepmother,

Doreen "Dee" Tyler, of Lakeside, Montana; brother, Andrew Tyler, of Tampa, Florida; and sister, Ashlee Tyler Langford DVM, of Duvall, Washington.

Interment of ashes and a brief military ceremony will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. A memorial gathering will immediately follow. Contact the family for details and location.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.