

## James Lewis Udick, 89

James Lewis Udick, 89, of Kalispell, died on April 2, 2021, at The HealthCenter.

No local services will be held. He will be interred beside his parents at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Whittier, California. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## David Russell Unruh, 69

David Russell Unruh, 69, of Lakeside, died on July 25, 2021, at Logan Health. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## John Alan Ulrich, 91

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John Alan Ulrich passed away July 18, 2021, in Kalispell, at the age of 91. He was born March 11, 1930, to John C. Ulrich and Arveta Pierce Ulrich.



of the Montana Tree Farm program since 1970, had

He married Joan M. Wieder on Aug. 29, 1954. He is survived by four children Janet Ulrich of Kalispell, Jeanne and (Hiram) Griffin of Nashville, Georgia, Joyce and (Vern) Schild of Rozet, Wyoming, and Judy and (Ed) Holthouse of Kalispell, 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

earned his 50-year designation and received the Montana Tree Farmer of the Year Award in 1998. He had a lifelong love for the "Ranch"; logging, thinning, cutting boughs, Christmas trees and firewood up until his passing.

He was a 1954 graduate of West Virginia University and served in the Army from September 1950 to July 1952, completing his military tour in Germany.

After his retirement, he found great joy in spending endless hours at the cabin that he enjoyed with family and friends.

He had a long career in the forest industry in central Idaho and Montana. He worked for the Forest Service over 20 years and then FH Stoltze Land and Lumber until his retirement in 1986.

John had a work ethic above and beyond most people. He was generous to a fault and active in his communities up until his death.

He was preceded in death by his father John Clark Ulrich, and his mother Arveta Pierce Grimes.

He was an active member of the United Methodist Church where he was on various committees such as building and maintenance, Men's Group, Personnel and chairman of the trustees.

Services will be held July 22 at 11 a.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow at the home of Ed and Judy Holthouse, 936 Patrick Creek.

He was a member

Memorials can be given to the Epworth United Methodist Church Memorial Fund in Kalispell.

## Bonnie Alpha Sorensen West Upton, 83

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Bonnie Alpha Sorensen West Upton, 83, passed away on Oct. 13, 2021, at her home.



Bonnie was born April 17, 1938, to Thorvald and Myrtle Sorensen in Luck, Wisconsin.

She grew up in Luck and went to Polk County Teachers College. She married Robert West in 1958. They moved from West Sweden, Wisconsin, to Fort Collins, Colorado, in 1963 with son, Kendall. Dawn, Alan and Thomas were all born in Colorado. In 1971, they moved to Kalispell. In

1975, Bonnie and Bob purchased The Carpet Studio and she was the bookkeeper/salesperson. They were able to travel to Hong Kong, Thailand, the Bahamas, Hawaii and Mexico. After Bob died of Alzheimer's, she continued to work in the store and managed it after that. Five years later, God blessed her with another love, Robert Upton, for a brief four and a half years. Throughout her life, she spread "Joy" as the Stillwater Church organist, Sunday School superintendent, choir leader, Deaconess and remained active until her passing. Later in life, she continued to spread "Joy" by starting a senior group

called "Primetimers" and played piano at the senior center and Sykes. She loved Jesus, family and many friends.

Bonnie is survived by Ken and his wife Lavonne, and grandkids Paul and Andrew; Dawn and her husband Ron Platke, grandson Reed and his wife Sarah, and great-grandkids Raylon and Sawyer; Alan and his wife Lynae, grandkids Ethan and his wife Charlene, and Garth and Kyrie; Tom and his wife Tammy, and grandkids Robert and Cynthia, and great-grandkids Alyson and Korbin; her three sisters Joyce and her husband Paul, Carol and Ruby; with numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church. A live broadcast of the service will be streamed through Stillwater Church's YouTube channel.

Memorials can be given to Stillwater Lutheran Church at 1401 Church Drive, Kalispell.

A special thanks to Logan Health Medical Center, hospice, Oncology Department and Dr. Kalbfleisch.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [buffalohillfh.com](http://buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.