



Graveyard services for John & Dawn Werner will take place at Columbia Falls Cemetery

**@2pm January 30th.
Celebration of life to follow at Packers Roost in Coram @3pm
January 30th.**

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Keith B. West

Keith B. West, 77, of Kalispell, died on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Logan Health. No services are planned at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Keith and his family at this time.

Harley Arvin Westby, 81

Harley Arvin Westby, 81, died in Kalispell on Nov. 22, 2021. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ronald J. Weprek, 64

Ronald J. Weprek, 64, took his final dirt nap Nov. 18, 2021, surrounded by his loved ones in Kalispell.

Ron was born Dec. 10, 1956, in Queens, New York, and grew up primarily in Georgetown, Connecticut. He contracted Covid-19, which progressed quickly due to underlying and ongoing health issues.

Ron is survived by his children Ariel, Amber, Mariah, Zane and Erynn; his stepchildren, Melanie and Justin; his ex-wives Tami and Catherine; his siblings, Cheryl, Debra, Ginger, Tony and Lisa; along with 11 grandchildren ... so far.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents Cynthia and John, his sister Lynn, and his grandson Loic.

He was a jokester, an adventurer and, most of all, a big kid at heart. He loved life and all it entailed. He loved being outdoors spending time with family and friends. He loved to sing and dance and carry on, which is why we will do the same in honor of an absolute

legend. There has never been and never will be anyone quite like him. And look down ... There's something on your shirt ... Ron's wishes were to be cremated. A celebra-

tion of life will be held on his birthday, Dec. 10, at the Smith Valley Grange Hall, 2902 U.S. Hwy. 2 W., Kalispell, MT 59901, from 2 to 5 p.m. Friends are encour-

aged 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.

Robert L. Westin Jr., 64

Robert L. Westin Jr., of Kalispell, was called home on Sept. 13, 2021. Bob was a native of Colorado, born Oct. 25, 1956, and is the direct descendant of Montana's earliest gold rush era pioneers. Bob (aka Cowboy Bob) made his early living on horseback as a ranch hand, rodeo bull rider and in later years founded Westmar Mules Llc., of Kalispell. He was a beloved member of CHS Kalispell where he was charged with supervising the operational safe-



ty of that company's transportation fleet. Bob was a rabid outdoorsman who will be remembered as a man who treasured the simplest things in life, tending to his cook fire, "somewhere in the Bob Marshall."

He leaves behind his wife Jenny and son Blaine, both residents of Kalispell.

Robert 'Bob' Kolve Westrich, 76

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31 March 2021

Robert "Bob" Kolve Westrich passed away March 11, 2021.

Bob was born Sept. 27, 1944, in Dallas to Julius Noel Westrich and Ingrid Margrethe Kolve Westrich. The family lived there until they moved to Pleasant Hill, California, and then settled in Danville, California, in 1954, where Bob spent most of his childhood and young adulthood. He graduated from San Ramon Valley High.

After high school, Bob worked for International Harvester before enlisting in the Navy. He served honorably during the



Vietnam War on the USS Enterprise, and various locations in the Philippines, in aircraft maintenance and helicopter crew.

Over the years he did a variety of jobs, including working at an Arabian horse ranch, welding, locksmithing and as a general handyman. He loved keeping busy, even after having to deal with severe injuries that disabled him for

many years.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and even cutting wood, because it gave him time to enjoy the great outdoors.

Bob and his wife Morgana moved to Bigfork from California in 1993. For almost 20 years he enjoyed working summers as a part-time handyman at the Six Mile Estates on Swan Lake, where he was affectionately known as "Whiskers Bob," and where he made many wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by both parents.

He is survived by his wife, Morgana Rhys, his sister Mary Arons, and

brothers Carl Westrich, and Mark Westrich, along with his loving nephews and nieces.

He had no children of his own. He was known for teaching others all the skills he had accumulated over time, whether at home, with friends, or at work, as well as for his kindness, generosity and happy nature.

The family will hold a memorial in the near future, when it is safer for friends and family to travel and attend.

Contributions in his name can be made to local veterans support groups, or the American Cancer Society.

Vernon Richard Wheeler, 78

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29 Dec 2021

Vernon Richard Wheeler, 78, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 21, 2021, while peacefully napping at home.



Vern was born Aug. 27, 1943, in Kalispell, the youngest of 12 children born to James and Tabitha Wheeler.

After graduating from Flathead High School, Vern joined the Army and served in Vietnam as a cryptographic repairman attaining the rank of specialist fifth class.

When Vern returned to the states, he married his pen pal Judy Elaine Rains in Libby on June 5, 1971, before settling in Denver where they had four children.

While in Denver, Vern earned his associate degree in electrical engineering. In 1979, Vern and Judy returned to Kalispell where Vern worked for Plum Creek as an electrician until his retirement.

Vern and Judy were together until Judy's death a few days past

their 30th wedding anniversary in 2001. Vern once again found love with Sherry Me Spek. A neighbor and high school classmate, they were married Aug. 27, 2005. Together they embarked on the adventure of retirement, living their Montana dream.

Vern stayed busy with his ham radio and singing with the Flathead Valleyaires. Vern was a jack-of-all-trades, a man of many talents and many tales. He lived a full life, and never let anything slow him down. His smile and bass laugh could light up a room. We will miss his laugh, his beautiful voice, his stories, his friendships, and his caring heart.

Vern is preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Wheeler.

He is survived by his wife Sherry Wheeler; his children, David Wheeler, Dawn Roe, Dennis Wheeler, and Dana Harding; his stepchildren Tamara and Tony and 11 grandchildren, Christopher, Tabitha, Ian, Darian, Mason, Jasyn, Rodney, James, Kaelin, Alicia and Ava.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that

donations be made to the Flathead Valleyaires, Scholarships Fund, or to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1087.

Graveside services with military honors

will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 17, 2022, at Fairview Cemetery. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Andrew Allen White, 57

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Sept 2021

Andrew Allen White, 57, passed away at his home in Columbia Falls on Aug. 27, 2021, after a long-term battle with diabetes.

Andrew was born in Great Falls on Sept. 6, 1963, to Ed and Margaret White.

Andrew worked for FedEx for 25 years and at the time of his passing was the manager.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Kasey White,

and sons Garrett White, Tayler Josephson, Braxton White and Wyatt Josephson.

A celebration of life service will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, at the Grouse Mountain Lodge.

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.

Brandie Leigh White, 43

Brandie Leigh White, 43, of Columbia Falls, died on March 30, 2021, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughters Amanda Johnson and Autumn Van Curen and parents Rodney and Brenda Norris.

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

Charles T. White, 73

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C.T. was born on a cold, snowy morning on Feb. 21, 1947, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was the eldest of five siblings. The family moved to Los Angeles where he grew up, attended school, and graduated from Los Angeles Junior College in February 1968.

In June of 1966, he and two friends spent 63 days driving cross country covering 27 states and two provinces of Canada. It was on this trip he fell in love with Kalispell and Glacier National Park.

In June of 1968, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam in November of 1968. After 14 months in Vietnam, he returned home as a sergeant and was honorably discharged in January 1970.

Upon returning home he married the mother of his children, Patricia, in September of 1970 followed by a church wedding in February 1971. Their son, Charles T. White II, was born in December of 1971, and their daughter, Sara N. White, in February of 1976. They were only two things they did right together. They divorced in June 1981, with shared responsibility in raising their children.

In 1971, C.T. was hired by the Southern California Rapid Transit District as a bus operator. In January of 1975 he was promoted to transit instructor teaching and training new bus operators and reinforcing safe driving skills with the current bus operators. His brother, Micheal, became a transit instructor the year before and, with C.T.'s promotion, they became the first brother team in the Instruction Department. In December of 1980 he was promoted to senior instructor and oversaw the safety and training operation of bus instructors and bus operators assigned to his Division 3218. He was responsible along with his instructor staff for the training of 907 bus operators for



the 1984 Olympics and he and his staff at Division 3218 were the best. In January of 1988, he was assigned to Division 3201. In February of 1999 he

retired and sold his house in Westminster in Orange County, California, in July of 1999 and moved to Rancho Cucamonga, California. In September of 2000 he moved to Redding, California. While there, he helped to assist his elderly parents until their passing in 2005 and 2009.

In March of 2001 he was hired by Forsythe & Associates, the company that ran the buses for the Redding Area Bus Authority, as a bus operator. He enjoyed his time working for the bus company and interacting with the citizens and passengers of Redding. He spent much of his time on Route 2, which served Mercy Hospital and medical facilities and locations on the west side of Redding. He enjoyed very much his time on that route giving the passengers a laugh about his love of sheep as well as fellow employees and management and trying in a humorous way to inspire his fellow employee and friend, Mr. Damian, on taking trips to Eureka, California. In March of 2013 he retired a second time and finally, after 47 years, got his dream and moved to Kalispell where he enjoyed fishing and the four seasons.

C.T., "The Old Shepherder" or "Constant Trouble," passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the age of 73. Due to COVID-19 shutdowns, his service was delayed until his family and friends could gather to celebrate his life. His celebration of life memorial will be held at

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, 525 S. Main Street, Kalispell, telephone 406-752-6666, on Friday, June 18, at 11 a.m. C.T.'s remains were interred last year at the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Outdoor Mausoleum Area (Eastside) Facing North, Row B, no. 50 at 2659 U.S. Hwy. 93 N., Kalispell, 406-752-2832.

C.T. was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Mary White of Redding, California, his brother Micheal D. White of Los Angeles, his and brother-in-law Gilbert E. Freese and nephew Cliff Bengs, both of Redding, CA.

He is survived by his son Chuck and daughter-in-law, Anna, and grandchild Audrey White of Seal Beach, California; and daughter, Sara, and son-in-law, Nick Woolley, and grandchild Charleanne of Redding, whom he is so proud of and loved them all so very much. In addition, he survived by two sisters, Norita Freese and Mary and brother-in-law, Jon Snider of Redding, brother Ron and sister-in-law Colleen White of Mission Viejo, California, and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. They will always have a loving and warm place in his heart.

And to all his family, friends, and to all the women he met, from the woman who was the mother of his children to "Thee Woman" and finally to "The Woman," his beloved and dear Marylou, who loved him as much as he loved her and she shared the end of her life with him and their dreams of Mullan, Idaho, (known now he is finally with her forever), he thanks all of you for coming into his life and for the time we shared together.

It's now time for "The Old Shepherder" to bid all of you farewell until we meet again and know you did and will always have a place in his heart and soul forever. God bless and good night.

Elaine White, 85

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Our heavenly family received another angel on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021. Elaine White passed unexpectedly after a brief illness.

Elaine was born May 11, 1956, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Charles and Mary Cullum. She was raised in Porter, Texas, where she attended elementary and high school. Elaine studied criminal justice at Abilene Christian University, after which she heard the mountains calling. Elaine moved north to work in Yellowstone and Glacier parks. Elaine settled in Whitefish and started a career at the Big Mountain Ski Resort where she worked for the next 35-plus years in many capacities. She was the ticket manag-

er for many years and worked in rental/retail. Elaine met the love of her life while on the mountain. Dave and Elaine were married in 1985 and proceeded to start their family.

Elaine was a devout Christian attending the Glacier Church of Christ in Columbia Falls.

She had many hobbies, which included quilting, hiking, camping and sightseeing the Northwest. Elaine always stated she was on her way to Alaska when she stopped in Montana and never left. In 2014, she finally made her dream when she visited and camped Alaska for five weeks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mary

Cullum, sister MaryAnne Stringham, and her brother Bill.

She is survived by her loving husband Dave, and their two children, daughter Katie and her husband Anthony and their three children, son Aaron and daughters Callie and Lena of San Diego, stepson Zac and wife Kelly of Exeland, Wisconsin, and their two daughters, Danielle of Portland, and Rachel of Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is also survived by her brothers, Charles Cullum and wife Kristie, and Tim Cullum.

Memorial services and a celebration of life is planned for Monday, Nov. 29, at the Glacier Church of Christ in Columbia Falls, 11 a.m.

Michael Jason White, 36

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Michael Jason White was born Nov. 3, 1984, in Billings.

He spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley and passed away in Kalispell on Jan. 9, 2021, at the age of 36.

He is survived by a large and loving family, his son Judah Christopher White, stepson Aiden Erickson and ex-wife Stacey White; father Mike White and stepmother Jody White, mother Leanna Andrews and stepfather Jon Andrews of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and his five siblings, Marcy, Mitchell, Monte, Monica and Amy, along with their children and spouses.

Michael was hardcore and lived an extreme and impactful life. His desires and aspirations had no bounds and his true enjoyment in life came from uplifting and serving others, especially those who had deep voids in their lives. His



passion for the outdoors and adrenaline have been radiated onto so many.

He was the light in the darkest of rooms and was loved by so many. He is and will always be a best friend and role model to all whose lives he touched; all who knew him cherished him, and the time they spent with him. He will live on with us forever in our hearts, spirits and endless, fulfilling memories.

A family service and graveside ceremony will be held on Saturday in Kalispell. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Raymond Dale Whitehead, 71

Raymond Dale Whitehead, 71, of Columbia Falls, died Feb. 6th, 2021, at his home.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday,

April 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burials Service is caring for the family.

Charles O. 'Chuck' Whitson, 88

Charles O. "Chuck" Whitson, 88, peacefully passed away at his home in St. Ignatius on Dec. 29, 2021, surrounded by family.

Chuck was born on April 9, 1933, to his parents Lewis and Willien Whitson. Chuck was the oldest of five children, spending his childhood in Seminole, Oklahoma, with his beloved grandparents Tom and Mimi King.

Chuck attended high school in Seminole, an athletic standout in football, track and field and basketball. His yearbook motto read "He's tall, but he's not in the clouds." Chuck was inducted in the basketball Hall of Fame for Seminole High School in 2006.

After graduation, Chuck attended the University of Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship. During this time, many young men were being drafted into the armed forces. Despite being protected from the draft due to his university status, Chuck believed that joining the military was the right thing to do, so on Jan. 15, 1953, Chuck enlisted in the Army. He served for three years in active combat in Korea as a gun master, where he earned three separate medals of commendation. After he was honorably discharged, he followed his mother to Montana. He enrolled at the University of Montana and walked on the University of Montana

men's basketball team and played one season.

Chuck soon discovered that law enforcement was his calling in life, so he attended academies in both Montana and Minnesota, graduating in 1961.

He was a Montana Highway patrolman for 27 years, retiring with the rank of sergeant. Under Chuck's leadership, his detachment of patrolmen won the prestigious "Colonel's Trophy," an award given to the highest performing MHP unit in Montana.

Not willing to leave a life of public service, Chuck was elected as the Lake County Justice of the Peace and served three consecutive terms. He was highly regarded as a tough but fair judge, and, in his tenure, married over 200 couples. For years after he stepped down from the bench, people would seek Chuck out to thank him and tell him that their interactions with his court had forced them to straighten out their lives. After retiring from the court,



Chuck found he was not quite ready for retired life and ran for Lake County commissioner, where he served another six years.

A devoted public servant, Chuck was a member of the Polson Order of Elks, the Masonic Lodge, and the Shriners. Chuck was instrumental in the organization and fundraising for the East-West Shrine football game each year. He was quite proud of reaching 50 years of service with the Masons. He was always the first to offer assistance to anyone needing help with fundraising and organization or good old-fashioned hard labor.

Chuck was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting, fly fishing and had a brief stint raising llamas. In his down time, he loved watching his old Westerns. Chuck was a diehard supporter of the Montana Grizzly football team. He was always ready with a smile and a bit of "walking around money" for the grandkids or for anyone who needed a hand.

Chuck married his first wife Diane in 1953 and their marriage produced two daughters, Wendy and Brenda. He married the love of his life, Maxine Brander, in 1995. He introduced Maxine to the game of golf, and they enjoyed many golfing vacations and adventures together.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Maxine;

his daughters, Wendy Whitson-Holzinger and Brenda Carroll; sisters, Patricia Hansen and Barbara (John) Daniels; grandchildren, Jamie (Norman) Newell and their children Libby, Tori and Aiden; Austin Holzinger, Zannie (Daniel) Williams and their children Catelyn and Zachary; Nick Carroll (Ashley), and Haley Carroll (Wyatt); stepchildren, Shelly Brander (Dan), her children Lukas and Elizabeth Lorentz, Stacey Brander (Kurt) and their sons Flint and Ross McPherson, and Jeff (Jennifer) Brander and their daughters Afton and Sydney Brander; nephew, Don Whitson and several other nieces and nephews; and his special dog, Sally.

The family is eternally grateful for the help given by Partners in Home Health Hospice Services, with special thanks to Kathy Fink.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Don and Ray Whitson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his name to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane.

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

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.shrider-thompson.com.

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

Glen R. Wiborg, 73

Glen R. Wiborg, 73, of Whitefish, died June 22, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Services will be announced at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Phyllis Mae Wicker, 92

Phyllis Mae Wicker, 92, passed away on Aug. 13, 2021, in Meadowood Skilled Nursing in Stockton, California.

Phyllis was a homemaker who raised three children with her former husband Larry Wicker. She enjoyed painting classes with her friends and getting her private pilot's license. She later became a financial planner for Waddell & Reed.

When she attended her 50th high school reunion in Bigfork, she reconnected with Don Nichols. They corresponded and she later married him and moved to Portland.

She is survived by



daughter Sandra Flemmer and son-in-law Loren Flemmer, three grand-

children and several great-grandchildren.

Her two sons Larry Wicker and Steven Wicker and husband Don Nichols preceded her in death.

A private burial took place in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork where she was laid to rest with her beloved sister Omae Wolf and parents Esther and Omer Julian.

Raenell Ann Wiherski

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Raenell Ann Wiherski passed away at home Dec. 14, 2021, in Libby at the age of 65.

She was born on May 8, 1956, to Raymond and Genevieve Goulet in Scobey, Montana. Raenell was a loving, stubborn, down to earth Montana girl! She was fond of animals, nature, and long drives in the woods. She absolutely loved her cats and took in several strays.

Raenell worked as a baker for well over 30 years. She always talked about the goodies she made at Christmas time. She had a great love for Christmas with the lights and movies and would always decorate early. She believed in angels and felt that they were always looking out for her and her family.

Raenell is survived by her loving partner of 22 years, Martin Krebs;



daughters, Andrea (Tim) Stocklin and Cathy

(Jonathan) Bruce; grandchildren, Connor Hagemo, Parker and Peyton Stocklin; brothers, Duane (Barb), Charlie (Peggy) and Bryan Goulet; sisters, Annette (Dale) Haugen and Teresa (Carson) Goulet; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Raenell's life will be announced at a later date and will take place this summer.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Howard Francis Wilkins II, 80

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Howard F. Wilkins Jr., a third generation and Montana native, died on Feb. 19, 2021. He was 80.

Howard was born April 15, 1940, and raised in Helena, and resided in Kalispell for the last 21 years. He studied at Munich, Germany, and U.C. Berkeley in optometry.

He is survived by Karen, his wife of 27 years; his sons Chip, David, Michael and Paul; daughters Melanie, Kristin and Emily; 25 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother James of Helena.

Howard was preceded in death by his brother Thomas, and parents Howard and Lillian.

Howard was an exceptional entrepreneur and founded and served on many corporate boards. He could light up a room with his outgoing personality and storytelling. At Howard's core was his family and Catholic



faith. His devotion to Catholicism guided him in all he did, and he always

wanted to help those in need. He cherished family gatherings, and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 12:45 p.m. and rosary said on Friday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Kalispell. Burial will be at St. Richard Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, if so inclined, the family requests donations be made to either Special Needs Trust of Issac Conrad Wilkins, which is Howard's special needs grandchild with Downs Syndrome at 804-475-8500; or Farm Hands Nourish the Flathead.

Robert A. Willems, 74,

Robert A. Willems, 74, of Kalispell, died Oct. 13, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

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

Betty Lee Willits, 95

Betty Lee Willits, 95, of Kalispell, died Jan. 17, 2021.

She is survived by her children, Tony Willits of Kalispell and Tina Wong of Longmont, Colorado.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Flathead hoops legend Brent Wilson dies at 69

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By FRITZ NEIGHBOR
Daily Inter Lake

The Flathead Valley lost a giant early Sunday, when Brent Wilson passed away at his home in Yuma, Arizona.

Wilson was 69 and had been battling health issues, including diabetes, for a few years. His wife, Karen, said the cause of death was heart failure.

It is a shock to many

who grew up with Wilson or watched the 6-foot-11 center play basketball for the Flathead Braves and beyond. A member of Kalispell's Legends Wall of Fame, he's best known for scoring 51 points in the 1970 State AA title game, which Flathead won 80-63 over Helena High. It remains the single-game record for state tournament play in Montana.

Wilson took his talents to Montana State, then after two seasons transferred to and graduated from Colorado State. He played professionally in Sweden for a time, and had a tryout with the 1976 New York Knicks before letting go of his pro aspirations.

At the time of his death he and his wife were running an assisted living home, Ironwood

Estate, in Yuma. They had created a similar business in Kirkland, Washington, in 1987 and sold it in 2006.

The concept was fairly novel in 1988, when Wilson spoke to the Missoulian for an article.

"People come live with you. They may be older with Alzheimer's disease, or fine mentally but confined to a wheelchair," he said. "Basically the cost

is about half that of a nursing home, the people get better care and get to live in a home environment."

The business fit the personality of Wilson, who was often called a "gentle giant."

"He would give the shirt off his back for you," said Ray Eacker, a close friend. "He never uttered a bad word about anybody. Always was

kind.

"I spoke with Brent on Dec. 10, for over an hour. A super guy. I miss him terribly. It's been a tough couple of days."

Friends often pointed to Wilson's faith and gentleness and, of course, basketball. Specifically that title game: Flathead had lost consecutive state

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championships, in what was the Big 32, to Wolf Point in 1968 and Laurel in '69.

In 1970 the Big 32 split into Classes AA and A. Flathead again made the title game. Helena, had its own big man in future Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer Pat Donovan.

Donovan, who stood 6-7, didn't get enough help on the floor at MSU's Breeden Field House.

"I thought I had scored in the 20s," Wilson said in 1988. "Maybe the low 30s but I didn't think so. I remember it seemed like no one was guarding me."

"I was at the state championship game, when they won it," said Jeff

Epperly, who was destined to star at Flathead and follow Wilson to MSU for basketball. "Elevated floor at Breeden Field House, there were 10,000 people there. It was an incredible atmosphere."

"He was just spot-on that night. They knew where their bread buttered. All those guys - Sam McCullum, Dan Bain, Roy Beekman, Ed Reeves, Gary Stoick - knew when he was on."

"Obviously he was huge for the era," said Greg Bauska, a Flathead graduate and longtime basketball assistant coach in the Valley. "But he really had incredible touch and feel for the game. He was a really good passer. He was a good teammate; it wasn't all about him."

His demeanor, some said, may have prevented

him from even greater success on the court.

"He could have absolutely ripped the backboards down any time he wanted to," said Julio Delgado, a guard on the Whitefish squad that won the State A title the same year as Wilson's biggest game, in 1970. "He was that kind of presence."

Greg Ellingson, a high school teammate in 1968-69, recalled sitting under the basket during the 1970 title game. Attending MSU on a basketball and track scholarship, he yelled at Wilson to keep shooting because the record - 50 points, by Great Falls' Cap Fake in 1950 - was in reach.

"I reminded Brent a few times in his life that he owed me some credit," Ellingson said. "Which he would graciously give,

with a big grin on his face."

Ellingson has another connection: He married Wilson's ex-wife, the former Cheryl Ross.

That was Wilson's second marriage; he first married Ruth Wilson, creating a Wilson-Wilson wedding announcement, during college.

It was in 1986 that Wilson, visiting an aunt, attended a church service in Burien, Washington. In the congregation was Karen Jo Quick.

"We praised God through music and dancing," she said. "He liked to tell the story that God just put it in his heart to pursue me."

They were married on July 4, 1987.

"He was born on New Year's Eve," Karen, who'd been married once before,

said. "Don't you think it would hold true to have our wedding celebration on July 4?"

The couple had basically retired upon the sale of their Kirkland business in 2006, but in 2010 felt the call to help again. Among the first tenants: Brent's parents, Vange and Lloyd.

Karen Wilson said her husband spoke of an odd dream he'd had the month previous.

"He'd lost his mobility," she said. "Brent had a dream that Danny Bain and he were walking along, just shooting the breeze. I wonder if that wasn't something that was getting us ready for this moment."

Bain passed away at the age of 61. Of the six seniors on that 1970 team only McCullum, who went on to play receiv-

er for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and Minnesota Vikings, survives.

It is a legendary squad, led by a legendary big man.

"I went to every home game, I think, in his whole career," said Bauska, who graduated from Flathead in 1975. "I spent a lot of time in that gym, watching Brent."

"You're at that age where your high school stars are your heroes. He was certainly mine. He was a tremendous player."

"I can remember coming up and before ball games, he'd read the Bible," said Tracy Walsh, a Flathead assistant at the time. "He was a good one. Probably not as aggressive as you'd like to see - just an easy going kid. That's a tough one."

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Brent Iler Wilson, 69

Brent Iler Wilson was born Dec. 31, 1951, to Lloyd and Vangelane Wilson in Kalispell.



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he went through doorways.

He excelled in many sports, which included

basketball and baseball, from elementary school up through college.

From his eighth grade in Kalispell, he went to Washington, D.C., where he won the NFL's "Punt, Pass and Kick" competition. He had a keen mind and enjoyed playing games, from bridge to pingpong. Lloyd instilled in him a love for hunting and fishing in which he shared his enthusiasm with many friends. One friend remembers crossing a stream with Brent where Brent momentarily forgot that he was a foot taller and a hundred pounds heavier and almost lost his friend in the current.

Brent was larger than life and lived that way as well. However, he worked hard to hone the skills he had been given so he could be the best he could be. Brent also loved singing and sang with a group, "The Sonlighters." He had a beautiful voice.

The family cabin at Rollins and the family's various boats were a welcome retreat to Brent and many of his friends. Brent graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell in 1970 after leading the Flathead

Braves to victory in the AA Montana high school basketball championship game. In that game he scored over 50 points.

Upon graduation from Flathead in 1970, Brent was offered many scholarships from all over the country. At first he accepted the scholarship offered to him from Montana State in Bozeman where he played basketball for two years. After that Brent transferred to Colorado State University from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Relations degree. Many of his basketball teammates and coaches have remained lifelong friends

Brent made many friends in his life and was always interested in their spiritual welfare and watching them grow in it. Brent helped care for his parents in their last years which may have motivated him and his wife, Karen, to open and run Ironwood Estates Assisted Living in Yuma. Brent's kindness and sense of humor helped him to naturally fall into this leadership, caring role there.

Brent's memorial service will be announced at a later time.

Memorials may be given in 568 Brent's name to Ironwood Estate Assisted Living at 11893 South Ironwood Drive, Yuma AZ 85367.

Brent exchanged his loving, earthly home for his eternal heavenly home on Jan. 17, 2021, in Yuma, Arizona.

His wife, Karen, mourns the loss of her soul mate, however, she also rejoices that Brent is now in the presence of his heavenly father and king, the Lord Jesus Christ. Brent's legacy is his enduring love for the Lord Jesus. It was his desire that everyone he met would come to know Jesus as their savior also.

Brent was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd; mother, Vange; and brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Janet Wilson.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 33 years, Karen, in Yuma, many treasured friends and nephews, David and Danny Wilson, and sister-in-law, Rosie Wilson.

Brent was a playful soul and had a penchant for giving his friends and family nicknames. He continued to have a good sense of humor, even through some of the pain which he experienced in the latter years of his life. Brent was a big man at 6 feet, 11 inches. You could often see him ducking as

Caroline Wilson, 82

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Caroline Wilson, 82, passed away due to natural causes on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Mattingly officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. Caroline's family has suggested memorial donations be made in her memory to the National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, Ste. B, Centennial, CO 80112. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit Caroline's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for her family at www.holland-bonine.com.

Born towards the end of the Depression on Nov. 9, 1938, Caroline had to be picked up off the floor of her parents' homestead and placed on the table to keep from getting wet in the great flood of 1939. Caroline was an only child and got reprimanded quite a bit in her younger years trying to escape her parents' yard and travel next door to her cousins to play and visit with her small dog. She attended school in Laredo until eighth grade, and then was shipped to the old Havre High School. Graduating from high school, she had the best of friends! A quiet girl, she had some of the most outgoing girlfriends, Mini Henagar "Mini Ha Ha," Virginia Campbell, François Lammerding, Virginia Rosenbaum, Marlene Phelps, and others. Math was always hard for her, but she always praised Kenny Lotton and others for helping her get through it all.



Kenneth Lloyd Wilson. Her most rewarding years were raising her children and seeing

them through school. During this time and 40 years long, she was a house, farm and military wife for one of the largest farming operations in Hill County. It wasn't always pleasant running down the dirt roads getting supplies for everyone and the crews. She mastered cooking from her mother and procurement from her John Wayne demanding husband. Once in a great while, she traveled to see relatives but did more travel after Kenneth passed away. You wouldn't have thought it, but she traveled to the coasts, Vegas, the Caribbean Islands, Hawaii, and the island of King Kong.

She led a very hard-working family and was very proud of them. They never left her side. The family motto was to "work hard and play hard," and it was very evident in her children. They coaxed her into enjoying herself later in life, and their motto on vacation was "to eat the best and throw the rest." A fan of Elvis, Caroline discovered a love of Tom Jones' music at the age of 72 while attending a concert at the MGM Casino & Resort.

Preceding her death were her husband, Kenneth; beloved son, Bart; and parents, Carl and Lucille (Rosenbaum) Becker.

Caroline worked for the Vita Rich Dairy and the old Dairy Queen before marrying

Caroline leaves behind her beloved children, Brian, Kenny J. (Marlene), and Cindy Lu; grandchildren, Riche' Wilson, Austin (Amber McMurphy) Wilson, Monique (Michael) Wilson-Gibson, Kenny Lathan Wilson, and Christopher (Alyssa Metz) Watson; and great-granddaughter, Angel.

Ellen Wilson, 69, and Larry Wilson, 69

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Ellen and Larry Wilson passed away on Nov. 27, 2021, in Helena due to complications from Covid.

Ellen was born Nov. 6, 1952, in Kalispell.

Larry was born Dec. 13, 1951, in Spickard, Missouri.

Larry and Ellen were married on Sept. 16, 2006, and lived in the Helena area for the past 16 years. They were active in their church, Bridge Assembly, and their community.

Ellen was very creative and enjoyed various types of crafts. She enjoyed farmers markets and vendor shows. She was an avid reader and enjoyed TV movies. Her connection to her church and her family had been an important part of her life.

Larry was kind and had a large, generous heart. He had worked as a cowboy, a wildlands

firefighter, and was a member of Search & Rescue. He was a hunting guide, and loved fishing and hunting and camping. He had worked for the Quarter Circle 4 (Macquire) Ranch in White Sulphur Springs for many years.

Larry served on the Montana Historic Preservation Society where he participated in Living History exhibits of the Native American community called the Prickly Pear Oyate. He loved his Native culture and participated at many powwows.

They will be missed by Ellen's daughter, Cheri and Rob Walsh, of Helena; grandchildren, Daniel and Clover Walsh also of Helena; her son, Aaron Gibson, of Kalispell; Ellen's siblings, Twila Buller of Canton, Ohio, Brenda Buller of

Goshen, Indiana, Frieda and Ken Kauffman of Kalispell, Sarah and Phil Gunderson of Prescott Valley, Arizona, Lena Dresbach of Forsyth, Montana, and Lee and Lisa Buller of Kalispell; many nieces and nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by both parents, Jeff and Priscilla Buller; brother, Andy; grandson, Mason Walsh; and nephew, Steven Buller.

Other survivors include Larry's son, David and Tammy Wilson, of Spickard; daughter, Shelly and Jeff Thorne, of Atchison, Kansas; five grandchildren; Larry's siblings, Connie and Richard Hays, of Saratoga, Wyoming, Kenneth and Melissa Wilson of Smithville, Missouri; and Sherea Stephens of Spickard.

James Dean Wilson, 58

James Dean Wilson, 58, died July 16, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son, Dain Short. No services are planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Mary Ellen Winter, 58

PA7 31 Oct 2021
Mary went home on Oct. 19, 2021. The world lost a beautiful, gregarious, loving, vibrant kind spirit, but heaven gained an angel.

Mary was born Jan. 28, 1963, to Boyd and Mary Maude Sherman of Evergreen. She attended Evergreen Elementary and Junior High before graduating from Flathead High School in 1981.

After high school Mary moved to Missoula and Helena for a short time before returning to her hometown. She married Randy Winter in 1985 and welcomed a son, Kyle Warren, and a daughter, Justine, in 1990 and 1993, respectively. Mary's family meant the world to her. She didn't just consider her family to be those related to her, she was family with those she navigated life with. Mary has many "second children" and close friends who will feel emptiness



in her absence. Mary had a knack for knowing when her loved ones needed her light shown

on them in just the right way to bring a smile to their face. Her character was larger than life in a goofy, loving, charismatic, personable way, whether she just met you or had known you her whole life.

After a couple career changes, Mary found her passion working with children as a grade school special needs paraprofessional. This schedule meant she was able to be with her children when they weren't in school, and be close by while they were. She was able to attend sporting events, dance recitals, had summers off with her kids and all the neighborhood

kids as well. Mary had a sort of open door policy that made anyone and everyone feel welcome in her home throughout her life. As her kids aged out of school Mary began caretaking and later began substituting with kids again. She also enjoyed serving in Kids Ministry at Christian Center and Fresh Life Church.

Mary fought years of difficulty and tragedy with her daughter, before battling and surviving breast cancer, and losing her son in a tragic oil field accident. These challenges in her life affected her in many ways, but she kept her light burning brightly until her last day.

Mary is survived by her brother Myron and Char Sherman, daughter Justine and son-in-law, ex husband/friend Randy Winter, many nieces and nephews and multiple

"adopted" siblings and friends that she considered family.

She was preceded in death by her father Boyd, mother Mary Maude, brother Warren, son Kyle, lifelong best friend DeeDee and good friend Lloyd Isbell.

There will be a visitation for Mary Sunday, Nov. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. with the first hour being open casket at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral and Crematory, with services to follow Monday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. at Fresh Life Church in Kalispell. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Evergreen School District no. 50 at 18 West Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Kyle W. Winter Memorial Scholarship at P.O. Box 2667, Kalispell MT 59903.

Thomas Michael Witham, 69

PAL 9 June 2021

Thomas Michael Witham, 69, of Kalispell, went to his heavenly home with Jesus on March 23, 2021.

Tom was born on April 14, 1951, to Donald and Irene (Breit) Witham in Annapolis, Maryland.

Tom attended and graduated from North Platte High School and went on to study at the University of Nebraska for a short time before joining the United States Navy, serving honorably from 1970 to 1974 as an electronic mechanic.

Tom worked as an



EMT and firefighter before working for Burlington Northern Railroad as an engineer.

He moved to Montana to make it his home.



Tom married Roseann Shields on July 31, 1993. They celebrated 28 wonderful years together. Tom worked at Arco Aluminum Plant in

Columbia Falls and also owned and operated a painting business and a communication business.

Tom was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to camp and skeet and trap shooting, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Roseann Witham, and daughter Kayla Witham, and sister Janet (Ken) Buttermore of Gretna, Nebraska.

A celebration of life service will be held at

noon on Saturday June 12, at Easthaven Baptist Church with military honors and a reception to follow the services.

Tom was a devoted husband and father that cherished his family, he sorely will be missed by all who knew him.

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

Omae Wolf, 91

Omae Wolf, 91, of Bigfork, died Aug. 1, 2021, at Whitefish Care and Rehab. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Margaret 'Meg' Wolfe, 73

Margaret "Meg" Wolfe, 73, of Whitefish, died Oct. 16, 2021, at Logan Health Whitefish. She is survived by her husband Steve.

No services are scheduled.

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

Ronald 'Ron' Wolfe, 71

PAL 8 Aug 2021

Ronald "Ron" Wolfe was granted his angel wings on July 27, 2021.

Ron was born to Albert and Agnes Wolfe in Lewistown on Feb. 6, 1950. He was married to Rita Wolfe and celebrated their 46 years of marriage this year.

Ron spent most of his career in the Armed Forces, retiring after 22 years. He also worked in the lumber industry for about 35 years in the Missoula and Kalispell areas of Montana.

Ron is survived by his wife Rita, and his two children Chris Wolfe and Deanna Baldwin, and two grandsons Sage and Logan Baldwin. He left behind his brother, sisters and their families, Terry of Flathead County, Sherry Duenas of Lakewood, Washington, Sharyl Jacobsen, Shanon Boehlke and Patricia of Missoula County.

There were three sisters, Sharyn, Linda and Debra and two brothers, Patrick and Wayne who previously passed away.



Ron was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and friend to all. Ron loved spending time with family and friends.



After retiring he became obsessed with Harley Davidson motorcycles and owned many over the years. Ron had a larger-than-life personality and will be truly missed by his family and his many friends.

Ron will be buried in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell where Linda Wolfe Marvin and Debra Wolfe Weatherston are laid to rest. A celebration of life gathering for Ron will be held on Monday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 p.m. at Woodland Park Pavilion in Woodland Park in Kalispell.

Diana Wolfe, 71

PAG 21 Mar 2021

"Hi friends, I wanted to let you know that my work here on earth is complete. March 4, 2021, in Kalispell, I received an invite, a sort of offer you can't refuse, from an appointment from which I won't be returning.

This opportunity comes with unbelievable perks such as a chance to be with the Lord all day every day, and a reunion with family and friends whom I haven't seen in decades! It is beautiful that the simple things I enjoyed most on earth are amplified tenfold here. A few of those were cats (especially my Lucy), bonfires, black licorice and the beach. What I really enjoyed though, and thoroughly excelled at was spreading joy. I love to laugh and by doing so showed many people the heart of Jesus. Some of my favorite opportunities to do so were on multiple ministry trips to Thailand with my close friends. Speaking of other locations, I was born in Montebello, California, and spent much of my adult life there, primarily employed by the grocery store. In the early '90s my family and I ventured to the rugged territory of mountainous Montana. In Montana I developed a love of hiking and cross-country skiing, which I did frequently. Throughout the mountains and valleys of my life, I believed light



always overcomes the darkness and I chose to live this way.

"I am survived

by my former spouse Rick Wolfe, daughter and husband Kelli and Jeff Crimmins, brothers Jeffrey and Dennis Booth and wife Deborah, wonderful nieces and nephews, as well as close friends Karen Reneau and Candy Nelson.

"I am joined in heaven by my parents Phillip and Berlett Booth, brother and sister Richard and Jackie Booth, and cat, Lucy.

"This is authored in first person because I did not want to live in the past, only the present. As I always said, 'Life's too short not to have fun!'"

A memorial service will be officiated by Pastor Ben Burdick at the Little Brown Church (125 Swan Highway) in Bigfork on Saturday, April 17, at 1 p.m. The service is open to the public. There will be no reception.

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.

Steven D. 'Woody' Woodbeck, 63

Steven D. "Woody" Woodbeck, 63, of Kalispell, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Pin and Cue, 6570 U.S. 93 S., Whitefish.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Debra Gay Wolfshorndl, 68

PAG 2 Sept 2021

Debra Gay Wolfshorndl, 68, went to be with her Lord on Aug. 30, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell after a brave battle with COVID. Her family will remember her humor, strong faith, and love for them.

Survivors include her husband Roger at the family home; daughters Heather Smith of Joplin, Missouri, and DeAun Reeve of Nixa, Missouri; son Seth Wolfshorndl of Joplin, Missouri; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister DeAun Tait of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and brother Arthur R. Carnes III of Honobia, Oklahoma.



A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Sept. 3 at the Family Life

Christian Church in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the FVCC Foundation. More information can be found at buffalohillfh.com, where friends and family can also leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

James B. Wolvington, 82

James B. Wolvington, 82, of Condon, died June 26, 2021, at his home. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eugenia 'Mickey' Ann (Campbell) Wood, 87

DAG 12 Feb 2021

Eugenia "Mickey" Ann (Campbell) Wood was born Jan. 19, 1934, in Dickinson, North Dakota, to John Corliss Campbell and Edith Eliza (Munro) Campbell. She also had three brothers, John Corliss, Colin Leon, and Logan Munro, as well as a sister, Mary Curtis.

She passed away on Jan. 22, 2021, at Prestige Nursing Home.

She is survived by her daughter Audra Fisher, and her grandson Ethan Miller, both of Missoula.

Eugenia was a devout Catholic. After she retired and moved to Montana, she spent



much of her time helping out at St. Richard Parish in Columbia Falls.

She spent her life working as a registered nurse. She worked in California and Alaska. She went back and received her Master in Psychiatric Nursing degree while still working at Alaska Native Medical Center for over 27 years.

She will be remembered fondly by friends and family.

Marcelle Thomas Wood

On Monday, July 19, 2021, Marcelle Thomas Wood, aka Soup, died in the presence of friends and in the arms of his wife Jessi.

Marcelle was born in Whitefish and spent his younger years in Santa Rosa, California, and his summers with family in Alabama. Roll Tide! He returned to the Flathead as a young adult to be with his mother, Elaine. His first job in the Flathead was at Blacktail Mountain Ski Area. There Marcelle fell in love with the mountain culture, seasonal lifestyle, but above all his wife Jessica Spencer.

Jessi and Marcelle built their lives together on top of Blacktail Mountain and on the



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shores of Flathead Lake. The seasonal mountain lifestyle allowed Marcelle to bartend in

the summers at many local breweries and restaurants where he worked his way into a management career. He led many young people with wit, patience, and a genuine desire to teach and inspire. The phrase people are repeating now is "Love you, mean it" and he always meant it.

Marcelle's life was shaped by his family. He and Jessica have two children who teach them each day about strength,

humor, and simple love. Marcelle was an incredible father; he was strong and consistent, loving and true. Marcelle is survived by his father William and wife Christina, his brother Joshua Thomas, sister Anna, and Marcelle's own wife Jessica and their children Lucy and Aidan.

Marcelle was preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Price Wood. He leaves behind him an immense tribe of loved ones all over the country.

In the two years that Marcelle battled his terminal diagnosis, he received incredible care here in the Flathead and became a star in the cancer care and support community. No one has ever fought harder or

with more grace. Marcelle referred to this time as his "retirement" and made sure to live with intention.

There will be a mountaintop memorial service on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. at Blacktail Mountain Ski Area. This will be an outdoor celebration. Bring camp chairs and memories to share with friends. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, you make a donation to your local chapter of Wings Cancer Support.

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.

John Allen 'Jack' Workman, 82

PAL 24 Sept 2021
John Allen "Jack" Workman, 82, was born on Pinkham Creek on Oct. 24, 1938. He passed away peacefully at Mountain View Manor on Sept. 20, 2021, after a long battle with Parkinson's.

Jack was educated in the Pinkham Creek School, Eureka Elementary, and Lincoln County High School where he met the love of his life, Carol Graves. They were married soon after graduation and enjoyed 61 years together. Jack and Carol explored their career options outside of Montana before returning to Eureka to raise their family, where Jack resumed his career as a logger. During spring break-up, Jack and Carol took time to explore the western U.S. He was a quiet man of faith who knew his Savior, and a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. After retirement, Jack loved spending time in the woods with his family, dog (Taz), and on his own. He enjoyed working to restore his Model T. He was a mentor to many, and an example to



more. He was a gentle soul who will be dearly missed.

Jack was preceded in death by his mother and father Alta and Charles; brothers Wayne, Lynn, Sid, Chuck and Roger; and sister, EllaGene.

He is survived by his brother, Harry; sister, Lula; sister-in-law, Peggy, wife, Carol; children, Ken (Jody) and Valorie (Ken); grandchildren, Zach, Sarah and Megan (Steven); and great-grandchildren, William, Thomas and Mason.

Graveside services were held in Eureka.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org/donate).

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Kimble Earl Woodring, 60

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Kimble Earl Woodring, 60, was born on June 8, 1961, at General Rose Hospital in Denver to Earl and Louise Woodring and died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Logan Health.

Kim was only a few years old when Earl and Louise packed up their family and moved from Colorado to Montana, so Montana is all he knew. He attended Boorman School and Flathead High School. Kim was a natural-born equipment operator and was adept at all types of equipment, but the brush tractor he ran for the past several years was his favorite. He and his brother, Eric, were partners in Woodring

Brothers Excavating and worked well together.

Kim was devoted to his family and loved spending time with them. Whether it was calling Matthew to let him know "Gold Rush" was about to start, to going hunting or fishing with Steph, he enjoyed them and loved them. Kim was a grill master and grilled for his entire family at the lake and at his home. Kim was outgoing and would take the family up to Kooacanusa for Fun Days and stay so they could all have fun. Kim was always



present if you needed him for anything, i.e., putting in a new sewer pipe, a drainfield, helping put out a fire that was smoldering for days — he showed up and that speaks volumes. Kim loved to go south during the winter months and had so much fun just traveling.

Kim is survived by Heather Woodring, son, Matthew (Angie) Woodring and their daughter, Kora, daughter, Stephanie (Cody) Woodring, brother Trace Woodring, brother Eric (Kami) Woodring, sister, Sue (Jim) Cameron, Lisa (and Jack) Lytle whom he spent the last two and a half years enjoying, nephews Parker

Cameron, Story Cameron, Cable Cameron, Hayden Woodring and niece, Grace Woodring. Kim had many great friends and acquaintances and we are not sure he ever knew a stranger.

Kim was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Louise Woodring; and his oldest brother, Mike.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Smith Valley Grange Hall.

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.

Beverley Jean Wright, 84

PAT 8 Aug 2021

On Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, Beverley Jean (Frazer) Wright, the most loving mother, grandmother and auntie, passed away in her home peacefully and surrounded by family.

Grandma/Auntie Bev was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Onigum, Minnesota, to her parents Amelia (Carpenter) and Harvey Louis Frazer. She grew up in Cass Lake, Minnesota, the very middle child of 17 kids: Eugene, Myrtle, Denice, Harvey, Lois, Norma, Shirley, Jimmy, Gene, Chuck, Joyce, Earl, Carl, Sandy, Bobby and Mike. She married Ralph Edwin Hanson and together they had three boys, Curtis, Ronald and Marvin. Shortly after, they moved out here to Columbia Falls where she was an active member of St. Richard Catholic Church for many years. She was also heavily involved in the bowling community here at Glacier Lanes, always putting together parties and events, contributing her culinary expertise as often as she possibly could. She owned and ran Hanson's Café for



about 15 years here on Nucleus while her boys were in high school. She had three of her

own, but as many people know, she had many more "kids" she claimed as her own, including Bob Boyd and Bill Hedge.

She loved gardening, photography, and putting together movies. She was also a proud member of the Minnesota Chippewa

tribe of White Earth. Her big family was the most important thing to her and she cherished each and every one of her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands Ralph E. Hanson and Virgil O. Wright, and her two boys Ronald Scott Hans and Curtis Gerard Hanson.

She is survived by her son Marvin and Marilyn Hanson, daughter-in-law Debra Hanson, her grandchildren Cayla Sue, Jenna-Rose, Justin

Hanson, Ashley and Levi Halle, as well as several grandchildren.

As she would always say "I don't like to say goodbye, so I say, 'see ya later.'" We will see ya later, Grandma. Love you always.

Funeral services will be held at the Columbia Mortuary Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. Memorial donations can be made to St. Richard Catholic Church.

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

Philip K. Woodward, 64

Philip K. Woodward, 64, of Polson, died on Dec. 28, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dennis Alan Wright, 44

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Dennis Alan Wright, 44, passed away Dec. 13, 2020, at the Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He had a ruptured brain aneurysm followed by several strokes. The Neurological ICU staff fell in love with Dennis. While under their care, he received the best possible care from the highly skilled staff. The family appreciated the attentiveness the medical staff extended to Dennis and his family.

True to Dennis's generous and giving nature, he was an organ donor. The family followed his wishes to help others and Dennis peacefully passed on to be with his Lord.

Dennis was born in Kalispell on Aug. 18, 1976, to William "Bill" Wright and Linda B. Wright. He joined his two older sisters Cherie and Pamela. Dennis grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1995. Dennis was a member of Easthaven Baptist Church and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior as a child. He was a very active member of the church's youth group throughout his teenage years while living at home.



the Alamon Telco telecommunications school in Kalispell. That was the start of his 20-plus

years in the business. He worked for many companies over the years honing his skills and knowledge and was well respected for his abilities and experience in the telecommunications business. He worked in many states coast to coast including Alaska and Hawaii, plus Canada. He was working for Axios Corporation of Lebanon, Oregon, as their lead telecommunications installer in the Denver area at the time of his passing.

Dennis was a quiet and gentle man who was caring toward everyone. He was liked by all who knew and worked with him. He was a wonderful son, brother, father, and a solid and supportive husband that loved his wife, Maureen, with all his heart and cherished their time together. Dennis and Maureen Johnson were married on Aug. 27, 2006, in Eugene, Oregon, and lived in Veneta, Oregon. He was a great dad to his stepdaughter, Tia Kerrigan, daughter Olivia (10), and son August (7). He was an affectionate and caring father and loved them all very much. He made sure the little ones received lots of his time and gave them lots of attention, hugs, and individual time.

He loved to ski Big Mountain with his friends but was not so fond of "family bonding" times gathering, splitting and stacking firewood. But Dennis and his sisters always reminisced about those family times as special memories when they were together as adults. He liked to fish for bass and perch with his sisters and dad. He and his dad spent a lot of good times shooting gophers and hunting deer in the Brown's Meadow area. He loved the deer jerky his Mother made from the harvest of the hunts. Instead of a birthday cake, he always asked his mother to make him her special huckleberry cheesecake. As an adult, he became an expert at barbecuing and smoking turkeys on the grill.

After high school, Dennis decided to attend

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Diane Johnson.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Linda Wright; sisters Cherie Roark (husband Robert, Ben, and Claire) of Spicewood, Texas; Pamela Tucek (husband Scott, Paige, and Ella) of Belton, Texas; wife Maureen with Tia Kerrigan, Olivia, and August; father-in-law Ron Johnson; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and extended family members.

A celebration of Dennis' life is planned for a later date.

Patricia Lee Wyatt, 67

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Patricia Lee Wyatt, 67, of Columbia Falls, died after a long, courageous battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and leukemia on Dec. 6, 2021. She died at home surrounded by her loving family.



Tricia worked for several law offices in Rhode Island, Florida and

Born on Feb. 8, 1954, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, she is the daughter of the late Robert E. and Claire C. Cahill. Tricia was well known for her great sense of humor, love and empathy toward others and her zest for life.

She graduated from North Smithfield Junior Senior High School in 1972. Following graduation, she attended Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Soon after, she married and raised a family. She taught aerobics for Burrillville Adult Education and loved camping at the beach and riding her motorcycle.

Montana. Tricia moved to Columbia Falls to be with her family and new friends that became her family. Spending lots of time with her grandchildren was a top priority. Sitting around a campfire with those she loved with a glass of wine was pure joy.

She is survived by her son Matthew Wyatt and wife Jenn and their two children, Stella and Autumn, her son Nathan and his wife Jaime and their three children Wesley, Willow, and Waverly, also Floyd Wyatt, former husband and lifelong friend, Bill and Rhonda Walker and their son

Billy and Caroline and Bill Walker. She is also survived by her siblings, Gary Cahill (Carmen) of Pascoag, Rhode Island, Kathleen Leclerc (Paul) of North Smithfield, Rhode Island, Judith Bergeron (Mike) of Lakeworth, Florida, and Nancy Dilba (Tadas) of Billerica, Massachusetts. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and very close friends.

A memorial service will be held on Dec. 14 at the Columbia Mortuary on 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, at 4 p.m. There will be a live webcast of the service as well as a recording that will be available for 90 days (contact family for the link). Those who wish to remember Tricia, raise a glass of your favorite beverage and share your stories of a life well lived and loved.



Please join us to
Celebrate the Life of
Sol T. Wright

Saturday July 31
at 2:00 pm
Village Greens
Community Center

Please bring a side dish to
share and your beverage
of choice.

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