

David William Yeats, 72

David William Yeats was born in Whitefish on Aug. 17, 1949, to Albert and Helen (Garland) Yeats. He passed away Dec. 22, 2021, after a yearlong battle with a glioblastoma brain tumor.

As a boy Dave roamed the neighborhood, climbing trees, playing baseball and venturing to Cow Creek with his pellet gun. When he got a bit older, he bicycled farther from home with his brothers and friends, exploring Haskill and Walker Creeks. At that age, fishing was everything to him. He became at home in the out of doors, a skill he carried with him throughout his life.

When he was 10 his father passed away and his Grandpa Garland became an important figure in his life. He spent hours at the Garland farm northwest of Whitefish, "hunting" mountain lions and trying to shoot porcupines at night by spotlight.

His mother married Chuck Andersen in 1962 and Dave became a laborer in Chuck's construction endeavors. He also worked after school and weekends at the JC Penney store in Whitefish, stopping by the bakery on the way home for five-cent maple bars before heading home for dinner.

As he grew, his adventures afield took him farther from home, and the tales of those

adventures grew more unbelievable. Without a mentor, he taught himself to hunt, and

then became a mentor to others, including his brothers, friends, and later in life, his wife and son. He learned to love bowhunting and became a Bowhunter Education instructor, eventually teaching for over forty years. Dave was patient in teaching others and loved to see them succeed, sometimes sacrificing his own harvest success. He did become one of the few bowhunters in Montana to harvest a moose, sheep, and goat, all with traditional archery equipment.

Dave graduated from Whitefish High School in 1967 and attended Flathead Valley Community College, a member of the first graduating class. He delivered furniture for Bitney's and held a work-study job with the United States Forest Service (USFS).

He went to work at the Tally Lake District, USFS, as a recreation guard and later as a fire dispatcher. Dave worked for American Timber in Olney for a short time, including a stint at a small sawmill in the North Fork. No matter at what job Dave worked, he found a way to challenge himself. He was usually



not satisfied with doing a job the same way others may have taught him but was always looking for a better way.

In the fall of 1973, he began working in the Spotted Bear District, USFS, operating a chain saw and cutting up logging slash. Here he met Lucille Rogers, a Columbia Falls girl, on the brush crew. In 1974, Dave started working as a seasonal carpenter in Glacier National Park.

Dave and Luci were married Oct. 11, 1975. They made their home in Columbia Falls and Dave became a Wildcat fan, but Luci never learned to root for the Bulldogs, something Dave found difficult to understand.

Son Scott was born in 1979 and daughter Kelli in 1981. Dave became a permanent, full-time employee at Glacier, a career which eventually spanned 33 years. Some of his favorite times there were working in the backcountry, restoring cabins. He became the sign maker and upgraded that operation to a modern sign shop with capabilities that far surpassed what was previously possible.

Dave was a huckleberry picker extraordinaire. He didn't settle for just any berries but searched for the biggest. He began weighing them on a gun powder scale and kept a record of his biggest berries for the year.

Dave joined the Columbia Falls United

Methodist Church and gave of his time, talents, and treasures. He could be called upon to serve as a Sunday School teacher, a trustee charged with maintenance, to prepare Easter breakfast, or to sing in the choir. He was also a member of the Columbia Falls Community Choir, always taking great joy in singing, whether in a group or in the shower.

In 2014, Dave and Luci moved into their new home on the Rogers' family farm. Dave enjoyed the challenges of keeping the pasture fences in good repair and the pleasure of watching wildlife. He continued his legacy of helping friends, neighbors, and his sisters-in-law.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather and his sister, Diane.

He is survived by his wife, Luci; children, Scott (Ashley), of Fairbanks, Alaska; Kelli (Dennis) Wong of Seattle; and grandchildren, Manny, Ethan, Luke, and Naomi. Also surviving are his brothers, Don (Sandy) Yeats, and George (Jody) Yeats and Glenn Andersen, sisters Judi Yeats and Marcy Carr, and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held in January and a public celebration of life is planned for the spring of 2022.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Darren Dean Yarde, 56

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Darren Dean Yarde of Kalispell passed away Dec. 6, 2021, peacefully after a long battle.

Darren was born Dec. 26, 1964, to Richard R. and Gail Yarde. Darren spent most of his life in Montana where he loved fishing, playing guitars, singing, and working on cars.

Today we choose to remember the Darren that loved and laughed with all he had.

Darren was preceded in death by his mother Gail Yarde, father



Richard R. Yarde, and mother of his children, Melody Coghill.

Darren is survived by his children, Nicole (Marcus) Stamp, Kimberly (Chris) Gilham, and Bradley Yarde; his grandchildren, Roze, Mason and Makenzie Stamp, Andrea, Darryn, and Isabelle Gilham, and Rory and Finley Yarde; his stepmother Carol

Yarde; his brothers, Scott (Laurel) Yarde, Richard Yarde, and Mark (Missy) Yarde; and his sister, Rebecca Mariscal. Darren had several nieces and nephews, and many more relatives.

Services will be privately held.

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.

Noranne Yeager, 71

Noranne Yeager, 71, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

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

Ronald L. Yearout, 74

Ronald L. Yearout, 74, of Kalispell, died Oct. 15, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

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

Patricia and Tony Yeager

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Patricia Mary Yeager, 90 years old, of Kalispell, passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Sept. 20, 2021. Born to the late Raymond and Veronica Brayback in Marshfield, Wisconsin, Patricia attended St. Peter and Paul Catholic Grade School and graduated from Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Upon graduation Patsy worked at a bank until she met the love of her life, Anton "Tony" Yeager and they married on Sept. 5, 1953. Pat and Tony had 68 beautiful years together and were blessed with six children.

Patricia is survived by her children, John (Holly) Yeager of Toledo, Ohio; Ann (Don) Brigham of Belgrade; Mike (Deanne) Yeager of Blue Jay, California; Jim (Mary) Yeager of Madison, Wisconsin; Doug Yeager, West Glacier, and Robert (Kathleen) Yeager of Columbia Falls, along with 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Patricia was a loving and dedicated wife and mother. She was a great help and encouragement to her husband, Tony, and she had a profound influence upon their children as a shaper of the next generation. Patricia was active in St. Mark's Catholic Church Women's Council, served as a Cub Scout den mother for several years, and volunteered in the Rothschild, Wisconsin, community with Tony.

Upon Tony's retirement they chose to move north to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where she was an active member in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and volunteered at two nursing homes as well as the North Central Chapter of Alzheimer's.

Shortly after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, they pulled up stakes once again and moved to Kalispell to be closer to family. Pat and Tony volunteered with the Sunshine Choir and performed in several nursing homes.



Rapids, Wisconsin, on Aug. 4, 1927. He attended St. Peter and Paul Catholic Grade School and graduated from Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Upon graduation he enlisted in the Navy and served his country during World War II on board the Dorothy Dix AP67 Troop Transport; General Harry Taylor AP145 Troop Transport and the USS Bennington CV20 Air Craft Carrier. Upon completion of his Naval duties, he pursued a degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated in 1951. Shortly thereafter, he met Patricia Brayback and they married on Sept. 5, 1953. Tony and Pat had 68 beautiful years together and were blessed with six children and raised them in Rothschild, Wisconsin. Always active in community service, Tony was active in St. Mark's Catholic Church and school, and was chairman of the Weston Park Commission in founding the J.F. Kennedy Park and Pool. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 428 for seven years and was a member of the Stephen Care Ministry in Wausau. Tony was a regional sales manager with Sentry Insurance and retired in January 1987 after 23 years of service and he and Pat moved to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where he was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and served on the Finance Committee. Tony volunteered at St. Joseph's Thrift Center, the North Central Chapter of Alzheimer's, a local nursing home, and was a communion distributor at St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital. He also was a member of the River Walk Committee and Rhinelander Downtown

Development Association. Pat, an accomplished seamstress and home-maker, made wonderful creations in her kitchen, enjoyed golfing, cross-country skiing, writing letters and sending care packages to her children spread around the globe, playing cards, and had many wonderful adventures traveling around the country visiting their children and grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor, deeply loved her husband and children and was an incredibly fun Gramma!

Her deep love and reverence for the Lord Jesus was revealed in her faith and beautiful prayer life and she and Tony sought to pass this legacy on to their children. She was a true picture of the hands and feet of Jesus through her encouragement, wisdom, generosity, and inspiration to her family and to the many who crossed her path. Her thoughtful, kind, fun and tenderhearted spirit will definitely be missed by those she leaves behind.

Services for Patricia and Tony were held at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls on Sept. 24.

Condolences may be made at wecare@jgfuneralhome.com

Anton "Tony" Joseph Yeager, of Kalispell, passed into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Sept. 23, 2021 (42 hours after his wife passed away). Losing one parent is difficult, but to lose both dear parents within a few days is like having the floor drop out from beneath you. We truly rejoice that they are together with the Lord where there is no more suffering or Alzheimer's. And we are so thankful for our families, friends and the strength of the Lord.

Tony was born to the late Anton and Stella Yeager in Wisconsin

Development Association.

In 2003, they moved to Kalispell to be closer to family, and Tony got involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2252, American Legion 137, and served in the Honor Guard at community events and at funerals of fellow veterans. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus at Risen Christ Catholic Church; sang with the Sunshine Singers and Good Times Chorus; was the chairman of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and volunteered at the Veteran's Center. He loved helping others. Tony was a loving and dedicated husband and father. He was an extraordinary help and encouragement to his wife, Pat, demonstrated daily by his faithful and diligent work in providing for the family and by his active participation in helping to raise their six children. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, reading, playing cards, and traveling around the country to visit their children and grandchildren whom they loved spending time with. He was quite the jokester and storyteller and had the patience of a saint. Tony had a deep love and respect for the Lord Jesus and his faith was actively modeled to his family and to all who crossed his path. His wisdom, encouragement, counsel and availability were deeply appreciated and sought after by his family and friends. His unconditional love, thoughtfulness, generosity, cheerfulness, kindness, fun, tender hearted spirit will be deeply missed by his family.

Services for Patricia and Tony were held at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls on Sept. 24. Condolences may be made at wecare@jgfuneralhome.com

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Yoshiko Yoho, 85

Yoshiko Yoho, 85, of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 19, 2021, at her home.

No services are

planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David R. Young, 80

David R. Young, 80, of Eureka, passed away July 11, 2021.

He was born Sept. 7, 1940, in Libby to Jack and Elva (Ridgeway) Young. David married Jerry Haas on June 18, 1960. They had one son, David (Davey).

He started working for Royal Logging in 1965. In 1982, David received an award for one million miles accident free.

David was preceded in death by their son, Davey, on Nov. 6, 2016; wife, Jerry, in December



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2017; and a brother, Pat. David is survived by a granddaughter, Lacey Mae McEwen (Kris); two great-grandsons; brother, George; sister-in-law, Lila Ankerich (Ranny); brother-in-law, Robert Haas (Mary); nieces, Carol Duval (Jim) and Cathy Bauer (John); and other nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at the First & Last Saloon in Eureka from 2- to p.m. Saturday, July 31.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Randy Gary Young, 56

Randy Gary Young, 56, died July 7, 2021, in Fortine. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Eureka.

Shirley Jean Young, 80

Shirley Jean Young, 80, of Columbia Falls, died Aug. 9, 2021, at her home. She is survived by her four children, Deborah Randall,

Candaise Sheets, Christopher Young and Dennis Young.

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

Vicki Jean York, 71

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Vicki Jean York passed away to heaven on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

She was born in Kalispell on Aug. 7, 1950, to Donald and Bonnie Buckallew, the third of six children. Growing up, she developed a love of music and often played songs with her dad, aunts and uncles. Her fondest memories were at Batavia School. Vicki was a student at Flathead High School in Kalispell. She married Cecil Calvin York in 1984. She loved to travel with Cecil and attend bluegrass festivals. She was an avid collector of antiques and jewelry. Vicki loved to play cards and games with her family. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports and other activities. Vicki was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil; seven children, Kenneth York of Hutchinson, Kansas, Kimberley Hyde of Bolivar, Missouri, Kelly (Rebecca) Wicklund of Fair Play, Missouri,



Robert (Carrie) York of Morrisville, Missouri, Richard (Brandy) York

of Morrisville, Corey (Alyssa) Wicklund of Nixa, Missouri, and Tiffany York of Oak Harbor, Washington; her siblings, Sandra (Jim) Haupt of Kalispell, Cheryl (Jim) Howard of Columbia Falls, Charles (Laura Lee) Buckallew of Kalispell, David (Shelly) Buckallew of Kalispell, and Dean (Karen) Buckallew of Kalispell; and former spouse, Glen Wicklund, of Kalispell. She was blessed with 22 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Kalispell Church of Christ, 241 Stillwater Road, on Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. Graveside services will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Vicki is loved and will be missed by family and friends.