

Donald A. Garberg, 76

Donald A. Garberg passed away on April 21, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born to Arthur B. and Volga B. Garberg on June 23, 1945, he lived in Montana all his life. Faith was a guiding principle throughout his life, and he was raised in the Lutheran Church.

He graduated from Great Falls High School in 1964. While in high school he was very involved in several activities and made lifelong friends. He also earned an Eagle Scout badge with Two Palm Clusters. Don was an excellent skier and spent many days (and some nights) amongst friends traversing the slopes of Big Mountain ski hill in Whitefish. He also loved golfing and one of his fondest memories was a trip to St. Andrews, as always with friends. The best memory was his "hole-in-one," accomplished at Crystal Lakes in Eureka. It wasn't pretty, but it has been talked about for many years and he was very proud of it!

Don was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during Vietnam in Okinawa, Japan, receiving an honorable discharge, and continuing in the reserves after the war. He graduated from the University of Montana in political science and economics and was again involved in many activities.

He moved to the Flathead Valley in the early 1970s where he spent his professional life in financial services, mostly in Kalispell.

During his years in Kalispell, he was very active in the Masons and as a Shriner, completing the third degree of the Scottish Rite, and was the Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge.

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2000s and renewed his friendships with his many Great Falls friends.

He later became a Roman Catholic and was involved in several liturgy studies. He was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Cascade Lodge no. 34 of the Masons in Great Falls.

In 1970 Don married Callie Colby of Harlowton, Montana, who was tragically killed in a car accident. He married Linda Taylor in 1974 and from this union his only child, Erik, was born. He shared the last 17 years of his life with his life partner and best friend, Elaine Kitchingman. Don always greeted you with a warm smile and asked how you were doing. He always had a positive outlook on life and was willing to lend a helping hand. In short, he became your best friend.

Both Don and his family want to express their extreme gratitude to the healthcare team that provided compassionate care during the last years of his life.

He is survived by his son Erik D. Garberg (Kristine) and grandchildren Wyatt and Elise of Bozeman; sisters Garnet (Larry) Bell of Sparks, Nevada, and Lola (Len) Schmittker of Brawley, California; brother William B. Garberg of Great Falls; as well as two nephews and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 23, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Great Falls, with a

reception to follow at the church.

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Elisha Gene Garner, 85

Elisha Gene Garner, 85, passed away peacefully on Feb. 25, 2022, at home with family by his side — his last breath here and first breath in heaven.

Gene was born in Grand Junction, Colorado, on Nov. 7, 1936. After high school there he spent many years traveling and working in construction from Mexico to Canada.

While working in Montana after the 1964 flood with clean up he made Montana his home. He worked in Glacier

Park for a few years, working inside the park at the time of the terrible grizzly attacks. When visiting his family in Grand Junction he met his future wife, Pamela Jeanne Carroll, and her four sons. They married there and brought the family back to the Flathead Valley.

Gene so enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting, as well as driving cars, landscaping and raising roses. He helped build Meadow Manor trailer court and then worked for Evergreen and later Kalispell water departments. After a severe heart attack, he was forced into retirement at the age of 54. As long as he was able, he was always busy with wood-working, repairing bicycles and helping people.

Gene had several heart attacks and many



other health problems, but he never complained and always

tried to make a little joke to brighten the days. When his wife retired from nursing, they spent many winters in California and Arizona.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his sister Cathryn Hundman, wife Pamela Jeanne of 52 years, sons Michael, Paul and wife Mary, John and wife Laurel, Frank and wife Teresa, along with their adult children Seth, Chase and Meghan, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating his life will be held July 16 starting with urn burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the Community Hall in Village Greens from 1 until 3 p.m.

The family would like to thank hospice for their supporting care of Gene and our family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Montana Hope Project for Children, P.O. Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604.

Miles Garrison, 87

Miles Garrison went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 11, 2022. He was born on a cold, snowy morning. His dad had to light a fire under the car in order to get it started and traded half a beef to Dr. and Mrs. Olsen in exchange for the delivery of their second son, Miles, on Dec. 27, 1934. He was born at the Olsen Birthing House in Eureka.

Miles attended school in Eureka where he enjoyed participating in sports in junior high and high school. As a teenager, he drove cattle on horseback to the Pinkham Drainage for family and friends. He graduated from Lincoln County High School (LCHS) in 1953 and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He spent three and a half years in the service. A good part of that time was spent in Korea. He then attended college and graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre. He spent eight years teach-

ing and coaching in Hot Springs where he met his beloved bride, Betty, and her three children, Sandy, Jerry and Jane.

They were married in 1963. They were blessed with two children, Bradley and Valerie, in Hot Springs. They spent every summer in Eureka where he did the haying for his mom and dad, Louise and Homer Garrison. The family moved to Spokane, where Miles, Sandy, Jerry and Jane all attended Whitworth College. Miles got his master's degree in education. He spent five years as principal in the Cle Elum/Roslyn, Washington, school district and five years as principal of LCHS in Eureka. Upon retirement, Miles, Betty, Brad and



Valerie made the move to Alaska where they spent seven years at various positions. They moved back to Eureka then and helped his mother on the family ranch. Miles also drove school bus for the district for 25 years, a job he dearly loved.

He was active in the Glacier Gideons and the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his son Brad and his daughter Valerie.

He is survived by his stepchildren, Sandy Oertli and Jane Fairfield of Eureka and Jerry Oertli of Billings. He has several nieces including Bobbie Brock and Vicky Phuid of Eureka, Becky Schultz of

Dayton, Jeanne Henley of Poultsbo, Washington, and a nephew, Tag Garrison of Eureka. He also has numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Glacier Gideons or the First Baptist Church Eureka in his memory.

His celebration of life service will be held at the LCHS auditorium on Friday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. There is parking at the First Baptist Church across the street. There will be a graveside service at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery followed by a lunch at the First Baptist Church.

Clarice Gates, 83

Clarice Gates, 83 Clarice Marie (Maas) Ost Gates was born Nov. 9, 1939, in Kalispell and passed away peacefully in Kalispell on Nov. 10, 2022. Clarice will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, in Columbia Falls with graveside services Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Clarice graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1958. She married Karl "Butch" Ost on Aug. 23, 1958, and the two of them had one daughter, Brenda Katherine Ost in 1959. During the next few years, the family moved all over the state for Butch's work. Clarice was an avid Girl Scout leader and wedding cake decorator during that time. Clarice spent her free time hunting, camping, fishing and rock collecting. The couple ended their marriage in 1976.

On May 5, 1979, Clarice married Louis B. Gates, whom she'd met while attending Flathead Valley Community College. Clarice then spent her time campaigning with Lou for the Democratic party. The two later enjoyed taking their granddaughter, Jennifer, along while campaigning locally. Clarice also published a book in 1985 titled "Living with Hypoglycemia".

Clarice enjoyed many things in her life such as devoting herself to create recipes for hypoglycemics, vegetable and fruit gardening, compiling information for the Helena Flats Grade School and the Canyon View Grade School.



She also devoted her time towards a very precise and in-depth family tree. She

tracked down old family homestead deeds, visited the properties and delved into Montana history that could be traced back to the family. The Atteberry Family history that she compiled is currently in the Museum at Central School (now the Northwest Montana History Museum) in Kalispell. Unfinished work includes the family tree and photo books for every segment of family.

She is survived in death by her daughter, Brenda Ost-Brown and husband Tim Brown of Columbia Falls; her grandson, Jeremy Turner, wife Shawnell and their four children, Daniel, Audrey, Christopher and Wesley of Bakersfield, California; her granddaughter, Jennifer (Turner) Williams, husband Justin and their three children, Austin, Logan and Lillian of Sanford, North Carolina; her brother, Edwin Maas and family of Gillette, Wyoming; also, multiple cousins, nieces, nephews, Lou's daughter, Gretchen and family of Bigfork, and many other loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Abbie Shelter in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat funeral home is caring for her family.

Junell (Sletvold) Gates , 65

Junell (Sletvold) Gates, 65, of Kalispell passed away on April 8, 2022, at her home.

Junell passed much too soon and will be dearly missed, every hour of every day.

Junell was born on June 12, 1956, in Oakes, North Dakota to Helmer and Gladys (Wilke) Sletvold.

She and her family moved to Montana after her second birthday. Her school years from seventh grade to graduation were in the Flathead, where she excelled and graduated with honors in 1974. Her thirst for knowledge took her to Spokane, where under the tutelage of Doctor Michael, she enrolled and completed with a degree in the field of physio-regenerology.

She moved back to the valley and pursued her career with passion and made a lucrative living until retirement in 2017. She followed in our mom's footsteps, becoming an amateur geologist and "never met a rock she didn't like."

Butterflies are her "spirit animals," like



them she would land for a time, then flutter off to other things, oft times to a Blues

Jam! Hat's off to you all for giving her so much joy. Her quick wit and sense of humor are memorable.

Junell was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys, and father (Bud); and brother, Nels.

She is survived by her "cherished" children, Blaze, Lilly and Witcha, and siblings Linda, Fred, Dale, Bim and Pam, with too many nieces and nephews to name here.

Junell, you will forever be in our hearts with love. Rest in Peace.

There will be a private scattering of her ashes, followed by a potluck memorial to be set at a later date.

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

Dorothy T. Galvin, 99

Dorothy T. Galvin passed away peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 5, 2022, at the Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell.

Dorothy was born July 16, 1923. She married her partner for life, Francis "Mick" Galvin on June 21, 1947, in Dubuque, Iowa. Mick was with the Milwaukee Railroad and they moved around the country. Dorothy set up house in Indianapolis, Detroit, Mason City, Miles City, and finally settling in Great Falls. Mick and Dorothy enjoyed 61 years of married life, raising three children, Mike (Cindy) Galvin, Linda Galvin and Kathy (Doug) Hawley. Their lives produced four grandchildren, Travis (Jody) Galvin, Michelle (Andy) Ross, Tiler (Tom) Paliga and Austen (John) Shoultz; and seven great-grandchildren, Allee, Nathan, Adyn, Moira, Gavin, William and Olivia.

Dorothy was active in Epsilon Sigma Alpha Philanthropic Sorority for several years. Dorothy and Mick were strong in their Catholic faith and did church work when called upon until health conditions would not allow. During her working years,



she held various bookkeeping and secretarial positions, and enjoyed the challenges they presented. Dorothy retired in 1984 and then enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening and drives in the Montana countryside. Although she never won a State Fair grand prize for her famous dill pickles or chokecherry jelly, she could make a delicious sour cream raisin or apple pie in a moment's notice for our four to five course family dinners. We are grateful that she showed us how to be good cooks and bakers.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Francis "Mick," her brother, Clarence, and three half-sisters, Gladys, Marian and Charlotte.

A private memorial service will be held for Dorothy at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that those who are able to make a donation to Immanuel Lutheran Foundation, 40 Claremont Street, Kalispell, Montana 59901; <https://immanuelfoundation.org/>

Ilene Gembala, 98

Ilene Gembala, 98, passed away peacefully at Brendan House on Jan. 23, 2022, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.

Ilene was born in Loup City, Nebraska, to Charles and Victoria McCarville; she was the oldest of 10 children. She grew up on the family farm outside of Loup City; she attended a small country school not far from the farm through eighth grade and high school in Loup City. Ilene went to work at the young age of 14 at a meat market, she then worked at a dry goods store. From there she went to work for Montgomery Ward for four years before going to work for the U.S. government in Hastings, Nebraska, at the Naval Ammunition Depot where she did munitions inventory.

In 1954 she married Leonard Gembala, whom she had known since they were young children; together they had a son and daughter. In 1956

Leonard, Ilene and their young son, Terry, left Nebraska and moved to Bigfork

In 1958 they welcomed daughter Kathy to their family. In 1977 her husband Leonard passed away. After his passing, Ilene worked at Bigfork schools for 22 years until her retirement. First in the lunchroom and then transferring to the library as an aide, a co-worker gave her the nickname "Marion the Librarian!" She loved seeing all the children that came through the library each day. Ilene was very active in the community as a Cub Scout leader, 441 leader, a member of the Bigfork Lady Lions and she was a longtime member of the Ferndale Sewing Circle. She was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church and was very active, serving



on the CCW, teaching Sunday school and serving as a Eucharistic minister. She was also a member of Saint John Paul II Catholic Church. Ilene loved entertaining family and friends, playing cards, quilting, gardening, traveling, bowling and throwing dice at Bunko. She could be seen on a regular basis throughout her years in Bigfork supporting Bigfork School Athletics; she especially enjoyed cheering on her kids, grandkids and their teammates. Ilene resided in Bigfork for 60 plus years. In 2018 due to declining health she moved to Brendan House where she resided until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Victoria, husband Leonard, son Terry, sisters Caroline Sonnefeld, Leona Kowalski and Alice Spiehs, brother Donald McCarville, and twin infant great-granddaughters Nola and Kirlee

Dennison.

Ilene is survived by her daughter Kathy Dennison (husband Dan), daughter-in-law Zoerene Gembala, grandchildren Daphne Dennison, Dustin Dennison (wife Cassie), Kristen Walker (husband Steve), Paula Gembala, Patrick Gembala (wife Shawn), great-grandchildren Ava and Brenna Walker, Syri and Camri Dennison, Brinley and Jordyn Gembala, her brother Leonard McCarville, sisters Joanne Kalkowski, Louise Hartman, Donnette Danburg and Betty Labs as well as many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork on Friday, Feb. 4, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to the Bigfork Food Bank or charity of choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ilene and her family.

Terence 'Terry' Gembala, 67

Terence "Terry" Gembala passed away unexpectedly at his home on Jan. 14, 2022, at the age of 67.

Terry was the oldest of two children born to Leonard and Ilene Gembala. He was born in Loup City, Nebraska, on Nov. 9, 1954, and moved to Bigfork as a young child.

After graduating from Bigfork High School in 1972, his love of the outdoors led him to work for the U.S. Forest Service, and then a decade-long

career in logging. It was around this time he began a lifelong dedication to firefighting. He was an active member of both the Ferndale and Polson Fire departments and spent more than 45 years serving the community as a firefighter.

In 1983, Terry married Zoerene. He was the proud father of three children, son Patrick, and daughters, Kristen and Paula.

Terry and family moved to Polson in 2001, where he was actively

involved in the community as a member of the fire department and worked for 16 years for the City of Polson in the street department.

Terry was a lifelong Montana Grizzlies football fan. You could find Terry at most home games tailgating and cheering on the Griz from his seat in the North End Zone.

Terry is survived by his wife of 38 years, Zoerene, son Patrick (Shawn), daughters Kristen (Steve), and

Paula, grandchildren Callie, Kaitlyn, A.J., Brinley and Jordyn Gembala, and Ava and Brenna Walker, sister Kathy (Dan) Dennison, niece Daphne Dennison, nephew Dustin Dennison and family, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A reception for family and friends to celebrate Terry's life will be held on Sunday, May 29, from noon to 3 p.m. at the home of Dan and Kathy Dennison, 295 Swan Hill Drive, in Bigfork.

Charles 'Chuck' Thomas Gerry, 88

Charles "Chuck" Thomas Gerry passed away peacefully on March 6, 2022.

He was born in Detroit on April 9, 1933, and lived there with his mother, father and younger sister until 1941, when the family moved to Los Angeles. While it is difficult to imagine such a scene in central LA today, the family lived on an acre of land with a small orchard and a hand-operated tractor. A young Chuck helped tend an expansive vegetable garden as well as a menagerie of animals including turkeys, chickens, rabbits and a cow (somewhat predictably named "Daisy").

Perhaps chasing after chickens developed Chuck's natural talent for running. His winning achievements on the track at Mount San Antonio Community College would bring him to the attention of Occidental College's Payton Jordan (Jordan would later go on to become coach of the U.S.



Olympic track team). Chuck had considerable success on the cinders in his first year at "Oxy," but an injury would sadly force him to prematurely hang-up his spikes in his junior year.

Despite this unfortunate turn of events, college life wasn't all bad and things brightened considerably when, in his senior year, Chuck met Helen Bergquist, a sophomore at Oxy. They became engaged the summer after Chuck's graduation and before he was drafted into the army. The couple would spend the next two years apart, while Chuck served as a radar operator in Japan. They were married on Dec. 14, 1957, barely a month after Chuck's return to the U.S.

After the Army, Chuck joined United Pacific Insurance Company as a trainee underwriter before joining Crum & Forster Insurance Company for what would prove to be a successful business career spanning 35 years. In 1969, Chuck accepted a promotion that meant moving the family (which now included three young children) from Southern California to New Jersey. While the East Coast (from Cape Cod to Florida) would be home for many years, Chuck and Helen never lost their yearning to return to the "West" and they purchased a home on Flathead Lake in 1969. The property appealed to Chuck's long-held love of fishing, camping and hiking in the mountains.

Over the next 30 years, Chuck would prove to be a generous host as the lake house overflowed with visiting friends and an ever-expanding number of grandchildren (and great-grandchildren) who would gather for family

reunions on Flathead. He seemed to take it all in his stride with his only concern being how the septic tank would cope. An enduring memory will be that of "Papa" (as he had affectionately come to be called) sitting back, simply enjoying the wonder of the smiles and the laughter and the busy activity of the family that surrounded him.

And he loved his family very much. They were precious to him, and Chuck spent a lifetime devoted and committed to ensuring the well-being of his wife of 64 years and that of his children and their families. We will be sustained by the truth that death does not have the final word and by the lasting glimpses of him that we catch in those he has, for a time, left behind.

The family will be gathering to celebrate his life on the lake he loved so much once the snows have gone, and the ice has melted away ...

Anthony N. 'Tony' Giardina, 54

Anthony N. "Tony" Giardina, 54, of Kalispell, passed away at home on Aug. 29, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Tony was born in Havre to Diana (Anderson) Griggs and Nick Giardina on Dec. 19, 1967. Tony was a Havre High School graduate and attended Montana State University-Northern before moving to Kalispell where he met the love of his life, Lori. Tony and Lori were married Jan. 12, 2002, at Holland Lake Lodge. Shortly after, Tony and Lori started TL Custom Homes, where they began by flipping houses and through their partnership and vision, created their own home which became a sanctuary for family and friends. We all let Tony believe that he was the head of the welcoming committee, but we really all gathered for Lori's cooking.

TL Custom Homes grew into a thriving custom home construction company in the Flathead Valley. Together, Tony and Lori were recognized as featured builders for the past 15 years, earning the title of Builder of the Year twice, Best of the Flathead numerous times, and a long list of distinguished awards and accolades for showcasing his true craftsmanship abilities through the Parade of Homes. Tony was past president of the Flathead Building Association and sat on the board for many years. Although known for his pride, commitment and humbleness, Tony's legacy will

continue on through the quality and craftsmanship of the many homes he built throughout the Flathead Valley.

Tony was an avid outdoorsman, fishing and hunting around the state with his close family and friends. He loved making his annual trip to the Bears Paw Mountains and being surrounded by his loved ones on Flathead River float trips, picking huckleberries and camp-outs at Tally Lake. A few of Tony's favorite memories were catching fish at Tally Lake with his dear friend Ken Jarvis, harvesting trophy whitetail, mule deer, elk, and his prized mountain goat.

Tony loved supporting his grandchildren in all activities, and had a secret handshake with each of them.

Tony is survived by his wife, Lori Giardina; parents, Diana (Michael) Griggs of Olympia, Washington, and Nick Giardina of Havre; siblings, Kristy Fox, James Scott (Charles Womble), and Tim Giardina; stepsons, Josh (Braunlee) Boyce, and Brandon (Jelene) Boyce; grandchildren, Payton (Madison and Leni) Boyce, Payge (Christian) Eller, Paxton Boyce, Payzee Boyce and Sephy Boyce; brothers-in-law, Tim and Jerry Kraft; nieces and nephews, Brianna (Kris) Cote, Kristawna (Christian) Olivia, Bella, Gray) Eekhoff, Lee Ann Giardina, his namesake



Anthony Giardina, and Grace Scott; uncle, John (Jeanice) Anderson; aunt, Carol Johnson; niece, Lindsay Foster; aunt, Kari Nelson; and innumerable dear friends and acquaintances.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date, to be held in 2023. Tony loved animals. Donations can be made to our local animal shelters in his honor.

Carolyn Ruth Gibson, 79

Carolyn Ruth Gibson left her earthly home and entered into her heavenly home Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at Lubbock Covenant Medical Center.

She was born Feb. 28, 1942, at Childress, Texas, to Preston and Minnie (Enger) Northcutt.

Carolyn graduated from Abernathy High School in 1960. After her retirement, she owned and operated a sweet cherry orchard in Kalispell. She was a member of the Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Association.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, James "Hoot" Gibson; two brothers, Larry Northcutt and Henry "Hank" Northcutt; and two grandsons, Christopher Setliff and Sage Gibson.

Left behind to forever cherish her memory is a daughter, Tana Setliff and husband Bruce; two sons, Tommy Gibson and wife Robbie, and James Gibson; seven grandchildren, Trent, Mikala, Austin, Madison, Catie, Ross and Jordan; two great-grandchildren, Savannah and Andi; and

her life partner, Danny Davis.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today, Feb. 16, at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains, 206 West 1st Street, Borger, Texas. Officiating will be Pastor Dwight Kirksey of the Celebration Family Church, Fritch, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or Finley Point - Yellow Bay Fire Department, 35408 MT Hwy. 35, Polson, MT 59860.

Services are entrusted to Brown Funeral Directors, Borger.



Avis Aletta Gingery Gilbert, 85

Avis Aletta Gingery Gilbert was born Nov. 1, 1936, in Plains, Montana. On Feb. 8, 2022, she passed due to a long illness at her home in Evergreen surrounded by family.

Avis, a native of Northwest Montana, was the daughter of Francis Peter and Aletta Mae Kennedy Gingery. Avis grew up near the Flathead Mines, where her father was employed. She moved to the Kalispell area and attended schools in Evergreen and then Flathead County High School.

She married George N. Gilbert in 1958 in



Kalispell. For a time, they lived in the North Fork where her husband worked as a pack-

er for the U.S. Forest Service. They relocated to Evergreen in 1962 and raised a family of four daughters. Avis was an active PTA volunteer and home room mother. She was a devoted mother, daughter, wife and grandmother. She also cared for children and families in her community. Avis never passed up a yard

sale or an antique store and was an avid collector during her lifetime. She volunteered with the Montana Democratic Party and was a passionate lifelong Democrat.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Robert Francis Gingery, her husband, and a daughter Cristal L. Gilbert.

She is survived by her daughters Cindie (Lewis) Wright of Stevenson Ranch, California; Carrie Gilbert, and Cathie Gilbert, both of Kalispell. Her grandchildren include Cambria Happ (Neal

Couture) of Columbus, Ohio; Jeff Happ of Valencia, California; Michelle (Billy) Roberts of Kalispell; Christopher (Allison) Rode of Olympia, Washington; and Brendan (Deni) Rice of Kalispell. Her great grandchildren include Aidan Roberts of Fresno, California; Olivia and Isabella Happ of Valencia; and Lily Roberts of Kalispell.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Montana Democratic Party or the Montana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

28 Dec 2022- online Hungry Horse News- Gilk, Ed



Ed Gilk, 95, died from natural causes on Dec. 23, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents and twin brothers. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara; a daughter Catherine, a son Tim and his wife Deb, of Columbia Falls, and the loves of his life, a granddaughter, Samantha (Justin), and a grandson, John.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday January 4, 2023 at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. In lieu of cards, flowers, or memorials, Ed requested that you play a round of golf, go fishing, hike your favorite trail, or watch your garden and/or flowers grow, read a book or waste a perfectly good day doing absolutely nothing!

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

31 Aug 2022 pA6- Daily Inter Lake- Goeddertz, James Albert (Jim)

James Albert 'Jim' Goeddertz, 79

James Albert "Jim" Goeddertz, 79, of St. George, Utah, passed away on Aug. 23, 2022, from complications of Parkinson's disease. Jim was born Nov. 25, 1942, in Conrad, Montana. He was raised on a cattle and sheep ranch in Kevin, Montana. His growing up years were filled with work, but also many fun times. He told stories about sitting inside the old cookhouse and shooting gophers through the screen door and about the big muley bucks he used to shoot. After high school, Jim entered the Navy and served his country. Following his military service, Jim moved back home, eventually settling in the Flathead Valley. He married Barbara (Norton) Wolf on Dec. 23, 1976. After a couple of "jobs,"

he finally found his career. He was a born salesman. He sold cars for most of his working life. After his three oldest children had graduated high school, and a wonderful vacation to Maui, Hawaii, Jim and Barb decided to make Maui their new home. They lived on Maui for 18 years until retirement. They wanted to move closer to family and settled on St. George, Utah, where they lived for the last 16 years. Jim loved to golf and would spend as much time as he could playing golf. In his later



years, when he was no longer able to golf, he would watch it on TV. He loved football and was a Seahawks fan for several years, but due to the prompting of his son, Greg, he became a die-hard Packers fan. He also liked "Wheel of Fortune," "Family Feud" and "Jeopardy," but his favorite game show was "The Price is Right." He loved to hear about the lives of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his son Tim, parents Albert "Bus" and Edna Goeddertz; sister, Garnet Foster; and nephew, Dale Alcorn. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Nancy Clarke (Ron), Heidi Wolf (Ian), and Greg Wolf; grandchildren, Brandy Woods (Tony), Desiree

Miller (Ben), David Clarke (Natalie), Tatiana Baker (Brendan), Logan Emerson and Kayla Wolf and great-grandchildren, Braylee and Reagan Woods, McKinley and Madi Miller and Penelope Baker. He is also survived by his niece and nephew, Barbara Alcorn and Dean Alcorn (Tracy), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and numerous cousins. Services will be held on Friday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at The Springs in Whitefish. 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.

2 Nov 2022- online Hungry Horse News- Goodman, Robert Earl



Robert Earl Goodman, arrived in his heavenly home on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022. He was 82. Bob was the oldest of three sons born to Rev. Earl and Louise Goodman.

Bob completed his bachelor's degree and ministerial license, after serving in the Army, from Southern California College, now Vanguard University. His first position was Associate Minister at Clairmont Assembly, in San Diego, California, serving as the church schools principal, 5th-6th grade teacher along with his pastoral duties.

The following year, 1966, Bob married Orlynda Barger. In 1967 Bob took a superintendent/principal position in Heart Butte. While in Heart Butte, Mel Ruder influenced Bob to teach in Columbia Falls. Although Bob enjoyed the ministry, he loved teaching more and chose his students over the pulpit. Bob finished his master's program with emphasis on helping non-readers. From 1968-1996, Bob taught sixth grade at Columbia Falls Elementary School, where he helped develop the Big Creek Outdoor Education Program.

Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Orlynda; his sons, Rob (Michelle) Goodman of Columbia Falls, and Ron (Lisa) Goodman of Libby; his four grandsons; brother, Paul (Flora) Goodman of Helena; and Linda Goodman sister-in-law of Billings. Bob is most remembered for his contagious smile, generosity, thoughtfulness and love for Jesus. A celebration of Bob's life will be held Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

16 Oct 2022 pA7- Daily Inter Lake- Goodnight, Scott

Scott Goodnight

Scott Goodnight was born Jan. 7, 1955, and died Sept. 6, 2022. Don't worry, be happy. Watch a sunset, hug your dog, go kayaking, take a photo, dance to a country song, have a beer with friends, or put another log on the fire. Scott was a talented photographer and entrepreneur who worked in



photography his entire life. He owned camera stores in Vancouver, Washington, and Kalispell, and operated a mobile dog grooming business in Kalispell after retiring from retail photography.

He loved being around his friends and family, whether it was for a beer in the bar, a night of dancing to country music, kayaking on Lion Lake, or a day trip to Hungry Horse in one of his classic cars. Scott leaves behind his son Alex, daughter Allison; former wife Vivian; brother Jim,

sisters Suzie Koeser and Janet Goodnight-Hage; and many friends in Washington and Montana. He was preceded in death by special friend Paula Stone-Heatley and his parents Ida and Ken Goodnight. A celebration of Scott's life will be at 1 p.m. on Oct. 22, at the Eagles in Kalispell.

John Charles Goodrich, 86

John Charles Goodrich died July 14, 2022, at home in Kalispell.

John was born on Sept. 16, 1935, in Dayton, Washington. In 1955, John married Shirley Hasselman; they had two children, Mike and Julie.

John taught music for 25 years and retired to become a professional musician. He played for 35 years with Seattle's Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band, as well as many other groups. John moved to Montana in 2001 and married Karla West in 2007. He contributed significantly to Flathead Valley's music community.



vived by his wife Karla West, Mike Goodrich, Julie Taylor, step-daughters Kelly West Haverlandt, Kimberly Durham, Erica Schatte, Jill Lautaret, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is planned for Sept. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Snappy Sport Center, in Kalispell.

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

John was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Curtis, Shirley Goodrich, and is sur-

Cheryl Goodwin, 74

Cheryl Goodwin, 74, of Bigfork, passed away Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022. She was born on Feb. 26, 1948, in Pittsburgh to John and Jane (Michaels) Hawley.

She is survived by her loving husband, Mikel, of 51 years; son, Mark Goodwin, of East Glacier; daughter, Lauren Goodwin, of Topeka, Kansas; and

brother, Jeffrey Hawley, of Pittsburgh.

Cheryl was a beloved and cherished wife and mother, a devoted elementary school educator, and friend to all who knew her. She is deeply missed.

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

Berniece May Goodwin



Berniece May Goodwin, age 95, passed away Friday, June 3, 2022 in Whitefish, Montana. She was born Nov. 14, 1926 in Columbia Falls, Montana to the late William Emory Barnes and Bianna Barnes (Morris).

Berniece was a sweet woman. During her working career, she was

secretary for the railroad depot for 40-plus years. Berniece gave an abundance of her time and energy volunteering at the library in Whitefish and Muldown Elementary, teaching kids to read. She was a proud member of Whitefish UMC.

Berniece is survived by her only daughter,

Allison Schnitzler (Allen); two grandchildren: David Schnitzler and Ann Vasser; four great-grandchildren: Craig Schnitzler (Jackie), Vicky Vasser-Stevens, Garret Vasser, and Bobby Vasser; and sister, Donna.

A celebration of Berniece May Goodwin's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 10,

2022 at Whitefish United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave, Whitefish, MT 59937. Family and friends may begin to visit on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Inurnment to follow at Whitefish Cemetery, Hwy 93 & Ramsey Ave, Whitefish, MT 59937. To send online condolences, please visit www.austinh.com.

Donald Eugene Gould, 87

Donald Eugene Gould passed away on Oct. 16, 2022, in Kalispell.



He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Lorene (Yates) Gould (June 15, 1936 - March 27, 2020), and his youngest son, Randall Eugene Gould (Nov. 6, 1964 - Jan. 12, 2020).

He is survived by his oldest son, Scott Donald Gould, and his brother, Robert Gould. He is also

survived by his daughter-in-law, Julia Gould and his two granddaughters, Lucy and Sophie Gould.

Don was born on March 11, 1935, in Ainsworth, Neb. Don was one of six children born to Edwin Alfred Gould and Gladys Daisy (Merrittweber) Gould. He grew up in Montana and loved exploring the outdoors, hunting and fishing. At a young age, Don dedicated his life to Christ and was always willing to share his faith and the message of salvation with anyone willing to listen.

Don met the love of his life, Lorene Yates, while attending the Assemblies of God Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating from

Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington, they were married in August 1959. Don then served three years in the Army as a chaplain's assistant, stationed in Panama. He was proud of his military service, and enjoyed wearing his U.S. Army cap and jacket. They were blessed with two sons, Scott Donald (1963) and Randall Eugene (1964-2019).

Both Don and Lorene felt a strong pull toward foreign missions. They were sent to Paraguay, South America, in 1970. There, they both fell in love with the people

and culture. Don and Lorene treasured their time building churches and schools, and training pastors and teachers. Don especially enjoyed playing his guitar and singing during services and gatherings. Life in South America also shaped their family culture — both Randy and Scott became fluent in Spanish and the native language of Guaraní and enjoyed growing up as locals — experiencing unique adventures, customs and forging lifelong friendships.

Don and Lorene retired after 40 years on the mission field to a cabin 10 miles outside Glacier Park in Montana. Here their adventures continued — later years were filled sharing time with friends and family.

Many a Christmas was spent with son Randy, his wife Julia, and two of their greatest joys, granddaughters, Lucy and Sophie. The holidays were always special; joyful days spent baking cookies, sledding or sharing a warm comforting meal after a long day skiing at Big Mountain. Their happy home was always open to any who might drop for short or longer visits.

Don dedicated his life to an active vocation of helping and teaching others. He exemplified the love of Christ and always enjoyed sharing his faith and channel-

ing his energies into extending aid to anyone who might need a helping hand. We find great peace in knowing Don has been reunited with Lorene, Randy and all of the many friends and family who have gone before him. A memorial service will be held in the spring or summer of 2023.

The family wishes to especially thank the incredibly caring staff at Hidden Meadow Memory Care, and also appreciates the loving support of all the great people at Enhabit Hospice. Your dedication to Don was outstanding.

Thomas Joseph Graff, 78

Thomas Joseph Graff, born Oct. 4, 1943, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed



peacefully Feb. 28, 2022, in Kalispell. He was senior class president, prom king, played football and was very athletic. Tom was highly educated and also had a master's degrees in both engineering and geology. He studied being a petroleum geologist and worked in other states also as a consulting geologist. He loved Montana and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was the father of two kids. Tom was a smart man with a big heart. He was kind, fun, loving, and had an adventurous spirit. Tom is survived by his daughter, Eve, 37, of Honolulu; son, Ben, 36,

of Kalispell; and grandson, Carter Graff, 3, of Honolulu. He was cremated and some of his ashes will be sent to Wisconsin where he will join his other family members who have

passed. No funeral services are planned at this time. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at eveyeonghwa@gmail.com

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Christie Anne Graham



rageous battle with cancer.

After graduating from Our Lady of Peace Catholic High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, Christie attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Ever the trail-blazing adventurer and after several family trips to Whitefish, she moved there to be surrounded by the beauty and majesty of the Rocky Mountains.

Christie made friends easily and she loved hiking, skiing, boating

and exploring in her new home. In Whitefish she married Ed Nelson, her former spouse, and together they raised their wonderful son, Matthew Nelson.

Given her life-long love of literature, reading, and writing, Christie pursued an undergraduate degree in language arts education at the University of Montana, Missoula. Following her adventurous spirit, ever seeking new horizons, Christie moved to Seattle, Washington

where she continued her education earning a Master's Degree in education at the University of Washington. Christie taught high school for many rewarding years in the Seattle school system, inspiring numerous students through her passion for literature and writing before her retirement.

Christie was adamant about owning her own residence in Seattle. She purchased a lovely home with a beautiful yard and an abundance of greenery and cedar trees

where she lived for many years. A favorite pastime was working in her yard planting, pruning and trimming in her private arboretum. Her insatiable love of reading is evident in the hundreds of authors from Shakespeare to William Kittredge (The Last Best Place) resting on her many bookshelves.

Christie is preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Graham, and is survived by her mother Trudy Graham, son Matthew Nelson, sister Mary Beth (Stuart) Arnot,

brothers David (Anne) Graham, Lawrence (Kristin) Graham, Ron (Marjorie) Graham, a niece and several nephews.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center, 100 Fairview Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109.

Ramona June Graham, 91

Ramona June Graham, 91, of Kalispell passed away on Aug. 17, 2022.

On a summer day in 1931 Rose and Bob Saurey became parents to an apple-cheeked baby girl and named her Ramona June. She grew up on the family farm with her elder siblings Gordon and Rosemary and her baby brother Russell Maynard, with cousins and aunts and uncles on nearby farms West of Columbia Falls. The school bus she rode to elementary school was a Model T truck, whose floorboards grew thick with ice in the wintertime. She taught herself to play the piano and collected sheet music from movies and Broadway shows. Later in life, she regularly attended musicals at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse.

She met Jim Graham at a dance and for their first date went to a basketball game. After her high school graduation in May of 1949, she and Jim married and together made their home on LaSalle Road for the next 66 years, raising four children.

Ramona was a home room mother for many Evergreen School classrooms and volunteered for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The U.S. and Montana flags for the Girl Scouts were kept at the Graham's during those years for the color guard at ceremonies and events. The values of these organizations — to be honest and fair, courageous and strong, respectful of authority, to use resources wisely and to make the world a better place — reflected Ramona's own values.

Outside of her children's activities, for decades, Ramona was a member of one of several Home Demonstration Clubs in the valley organized by the USDA Cooperative Extension Service to offer education in economics, food safety, and family wellness to rural women. Even more, the club provided an opportunity for community involvement and many lasting friendships.

Ramona attended and



hosted a Pinochle Club with a group of women and her sisters-in-law, filling the houses

with laughter and perfume. When the Graham brothers and wives gathered for a Christmas or Thanksgiving game, Ramona said she felt guilty because she thought maybe she and Jim telepathically knew what suits were in each other's hands. She enjoyed board games and cribbage and watching videos with her grandchildren from the large VHS video library she kept for them, never tiring of seeing Disney's "The Fox and the Hound."

She made decorations for all seasons and holidays and was a charter member of her Hobby Club. She baked and decorated tiered cakes for numerous weddings and anniversaries. She sewed costumes for school Christmas plays and Halloween and clothing for herself and her family. She knitted hats and sweaters that will be long cherished. A favorite gift Ramona made for new babies was a flannel blanket with satin binding.

Ramona affiliated with the Democratic party, serving at different times as Central Committee Precinct chair, treasurer and manager of the Democratic Election Headquarters in Kalispell. For many years, she was the chief election judge of the Evergreen Precinct and along with her fellow election judges from both political parties, administered voting and ballot counting. She was passionate about women's rights, the struggle of the poor, and the condition of the planet until her last day on it.

A technical revolution from electric cook stoves to the internet spanned

Ramona's lifetime. Getting a crash course on the day the nursing home closed in March of 2020 for Covid-19, she learned how to use a tablet and figured out the difference between "e" and

"g" mail and to choose the right video chat platform, depending on who she was calling, to stay connected to her family through the pandemic.

Ramona resided for two and a half years at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she made friends with staff — even with nurses to whom she refused to concede about being watched to take her medications. From her window she watched songbirds and squirrels at the feeders, scolded the ravens for stealing peanuts, and received an occasional visit from a horse named Diamond Gemini. She loved playing bingo and even better, winning bingo.

She was allergic to dogs and cats and horses. She preferred Montana-made Cream of the West cereal, loved peonies, begonias, geraniums and petunias, and the colors blue and pink. When she found something quite amusing, her whole body shook with mirth. She was famous for her canned pickles, potato salad, and turkey gravy and once earned \$700 at auction for her huckleberry cobbler.

She wanted to live for the birth of another great-grandchild and her grandson's wedding in May, and so she did, with grace until passing away.

Ramona is survived by her "chickens" — kids, Glenn, Cathleen, Colleen and Mary Beth; grandkids, Scott, Claire, Jamie, Greg, Kayla and Eric; her great-grandkids, Marlie, Ashlyn and Taytum; her kids and grandkids' spouses and partners, Shelley, Clay, Shelby, Meg, Lindsay and Luke; brother Maynard and family; and nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and caregivers.

A celebration of Ramona's life will be held today, Aug. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell.

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

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Virginia Ellen (Tasik) Grant, 91

Virginia Ellen (Tasik) Grant, of Columbia Falls, formerly of Kalispell and Washington, Illinois, went home to Jesus on March 1, 2022.

She was born in Peoria, Illinois, to George and Vera (Hedges) Tasick July 27, 1930.

"Ginny" was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 63 years, Charles E. Grant; brother George Tasick and grandchild, Matthew W. Grant. Surviving are her sister Elaine (Tasick) Mudgett, the Grant kids, Theresa J. (Bobby) Muraoka of Whitefish, Linda K. (Joe) Gwiazdon of Columbia Falls, Edward C (Michele) Grant of Morton, Illinois, G. Robert (Marty) Grant of Effingham, Illinois, Thomas E. (Kelley Wilson-Grant) Grant of Carbondale, Illinois, and James J. Grant of Mackinaw, Illinois; grandchildren, R.C. Muraoka of Paia, Hawaii, Cooper (Lauren) Muraoka of Boulder, Colorado, Todd Muraoka of Kalispell, Maude (Brian) Ohs of Kalispell, Tim Gwiazdon of Whitefish, Nicholas (Elizabeth) Grant of Fort Collins, Colorado, Samuel Grant of Springfield, Illinois, Lillith Yerby of Denver, Sydney Grant and Peter Grant, both of Morton; surviving great-grandchildren, Kason, Charlie and Chase, Rhyann and Raiden Muraoka, Steven Whitlee and Olivia Ohs, and Ryder M. Grant.

Ginny could always share a story of family, friends and the fun she had growing up in Peoria Heights. She kept many childhood and Woodruff High School friends for her entire life. She is loved by her family,

many cousins, nieces and nephews and will be missed.

Ginny was devoted to her family. As part of St. Patrick's Parish in Washington, our mom and dad were part of a parenting community that kept everyone's kids in line. When they moved to Kalispell, they brought that same parental oversight to their grandkids. "Showing them the Rules." During their many trips out West, she would tell tales to her wide-eyed children of the cowboy graves and Conestoga wagon train trails, which were always conveniently alongside the main road where the kids had no trouble seeing them. And Mom would often remind Dad to "Watch the road. I'll watch the scenery."

Ginny was an accomplished musician who could play classical music on her accordion. She served God by joining the choir at both St. Patrick's in Washington and St. Matthew's in Kalispell. At each church, she was the resident organ and piano player, retiring from those musical duties at the young age of 88.

Ginny was also a seamstress who enjoyed making clothes for her children and grandchildren. This talent was put to use at St. Matthew's as a member of the sewing club where she made baby blankets for baptisms and beautiful banners displayed in the altar.

So many great memories for each person to hold onto and treasure. We can hear her now, "I am in the car, Charlie!"

We will pray the rosary on Wednesday, March 9, at 10 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A Mass and luncheon will be held at St. Matthew's Parish on Saturday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m.




Tim Grattan

Tim Grattan died peacefully at home, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022.

He is reunited with the love of his life Darlene, who passed in December of 2020.

Tim is survived by his daughter, Lisa; son, Brad; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

His family is planning a celebration of Tim and



Darlene's life at a time yet to be determined. Please reference www.aus-tinfn.com to send online condolences and for updates on the celebration of life.

Jason W. Green, 44

Jason W. Green, 44, passed away on April 13, 2022 at his home in Somers. He was born on June 1, 1977 in Taegu, South Korea and moved to Virginia with his parents when he was an infant.

Jason graduated from Atlee High School in 1995.

Jason lived and worked in Richmond, Virginia until 2019 when he moved to Somers to live with his parents and to help take care of his disabled father.

Jason loved to shoot guns for sport and to fish.

Jason is preceded in death by his grandmother Virginia (Gran) Green.

Jason is survived by his father O.T. Green; mother Ann Green; brother Jonathan (Amy) Green; sisters Jessica (Mike) Green-Osselaer and Juliane (Nick) White-Mihov; and nephews Liam White and Paul Osselaer.

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

Joseph E. Green, 87

On March 24, 1934, Joseph E. Green entered our world in Clayton, New Mexico, and his 87-year journey began. He passed with his wife Dede by his side at their home in Polson on Jan. 6, 2022. At age 16 he joined the Marines and began a distinguished military career. He later served in the U.S. Navy as well. He served in Korea from 1950 to 1953 and fought in the Battle of Inchon. He went on to serve in Vietnam while stationed in Japan. As chief of the boat, he served on numerous submarines, barely surviving a disaster while in Korea. Joe attended submarine school in Groton, Connecticut, and sonar school in Key West, Florida, retiring from mil-

itary service in 1973. He drove truck for several companies before starting his own successful business. In 1963 Joe married Mary Danette (Smith) Green. To this union four children were born, Cynthia, Jeffrey, Jennifer and Lisa. When Joe stopped driving truck, they spent summers in Polson and winters in Parker, Arizona. On Oct. 29, 2007, just two days shy of their 54th wedding anniversary, Mary passed. Joe loved riding his motorcycle and, in 2010, through his association with (Dede's daughter) Anita and the Honda



shop in Kalispell, he met his second love, Melody "Dede" and Joe spent his final years together enjoying everything life had to offer. They traveled on Joe's trike at every opportunity and generously supported the American Legion of Montana, the Legion Riders, and Mission Valley Elks Lodge 1695. Joe and Dede exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 25, 2020, in Polson. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Mary, infant daughter Lisa, and stepsons Allen Saverud and Brian Saverud. He is survived by his wife Dede, stepdaughter Anita Schrade (Dan) of Kalispell, stepson Wayne (Cheryl) Saverud of

Washington, daughters Cynthia (Richard) White of Florida, Jennifer Short of New Mexico, and son Jeffrey (Allison) Green of Florida. In addition, Joe is survived by 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Per his request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to Mission Valley Elks Lodge 1695, 512 Main St., Polson, MT 59860. Joe loved a good picnic. Hotdogs and ice cream will be served on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Polson. Dede invites you to join her to celebrate this great man's life.

Kathleen Gregg

Kathleen Mae Ellis Gregg passed away of natural causes on Nov. 15, 2021, in Billings, Montana. Born from the union of Hollie and Etta Ellis on July 17, 1935, she married Jack Gregg in 1953. They spent most of their married life in Whitefish, Montana. In 2007, they moved to Billings. Kathleen lived at St. John's Live for the past few years. Her biggest joy was spending time with her

12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Kathleen is survived by her children: Jack and Leona Gregg (Helena), Tom and Kim Gregg (Bolivia, North Carolina), Julie and Dave Draeger (Billings) and Hollie and Rod Miller (Billings), her sister Barbara Mulholland of Butte, and her in-laws Marcia and Gordon Conn (Marysville, Washington) and Bonnie Palmquist (Annadale, Minnesota). Her many nieces and

nephews and their families were always in her prayers. She considered her nieces and nephew Tricia King (Kalispell) and Dick Shoquist and Jane Shoquist (both of Helena) her extra kids. She was greeted in heaven by her parents, husband Jack, siblings, nieces, nephews, and many friends. A Celebration of Life will be held in 2022. The loving care by that staff and Dr. Sarah Stewart of St. Vincent's cannot

be understated as she weathered through the COVID 19 protocols and dementia. Suggested memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, Peace Lutheran Church in Billings, or a charity of your choice. A memorial service for Kathleen will be held June 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Billings, Montana. Inurnment will be at the Whitefish Cemetery on June 24 at 2 p.m.

Margery R. Strickland Gress, 80

Margery R. Strickland Gress passed Saturday, May 28, 2022. Margie was born to Archie and Mariam Strickland on Jan. 12, 1942. She was the youngest of five children and graduated from Deer Lodge. Margie married the love of her life, Bill Gress, and together they had Jacque Rae Gress, Jari Jo Gress Nelson plus Jeanne Marie Gress Cheff (Bill's from a previous marriage.) Together they owned and operated the Dixie Inn in Kalispell and the Ol' River Bridge Inn in Columbia Falls. They built and operated the Montana Steak Houses in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and Twin Falls Idaho. They had numerous famous country stars pass through these doors and have made many great friends. Margie loved dancing, singing karaoke, bingo, camping, fishing and traveling with fam-



ily and friends. She is survived by her sisters, Marlene (Tom) Beck, Jacque Rae Gress, Jari Jo Nelson (Kash) and Jeanne Cheff (David); and her grandchildren, Corey Cheff (Chelsea), Ashley Kempainen (Tom), James Johnson (Ashley), Kurt Nelson, Kyle Nelson, and Courtney Nelson Skipworth (Ken); plus 13 great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Lilli Ann (Ronnie) Martin and Betty Lou Armstrong; and several nieces and nephews. Mom will be dancing in heaven with Bill and her great-granddaughter Kymber Johnson who preceded her in death. A celebration of life will be at the Eagles in Columbia Falls on June 25 at 4 p.m. Come share memories.

Ginger Grimm, 79

Ginger Grimm, 79, of Kalispell passed away at home on Nov. 13, 2022. Ginger was born April 18, 1943 to Paul and Dorothy Wirtzberger in Plentywood, Montana. She graduated from Plentywood High School in 1961. She moved to Kalispell with her family, where at the age of 18 she started her first and only job with the Conrad National Bank, later becoming First Interstate Bank. After 44 years as proof operator she retired. Ginger met and married Erwin Grimm and they had three children Robin, Lori and Kristi. They later divorced. Ginger was pre-



ceded in death by her father Paul, her mother Dorothy, her brother Terry and her daughter Lori. She is survived by two daughters Robin (Tony) Pritchett, Kristi (Jason) Jones; four grandchildren Chris, Amanda, Cody & Carly; and one great-grandson Henry. We miss you and love you always. Goodbye is not forever. Goodbye means we'll miss you until we meet again.

Arthur S. 'Art' Grisez, 92

Arthur S. "Art" Grisez, 92, of KallsPELL, passed peacefully to the great flying field in heaven on July 30, 2022, while visiting in Lafayette, Indiana.

He was born Aug. 26, 1929, with a non-surviving twin sister in South Bend, Indiana, to Arthur P. and Sylvia M. (Liming) Grisez. His brother, David N., joined the family six years later.

Art was raised in Logansport, Indiana. To help support the family, he worked at the Pharos Tribune, Double Dip Ice Cream Shop and Logansport Flying Service. After graduating from Logansport High School in 1947, he was employed at Wolf Construction, Kains Motor Service, Purdue University Police and served in the Indiana National Guard before settling on a career from 1955 to 1975 with the Indiana State Police. For the last 11 years of his ISP career, he served



as public information officer at the Lafayette Post. He spoke to thousands of people, including student drivers, farm granges/coops and church organizations, to name only a few. He co-initiated and ran a summer Law Enforcement Career Camp for boys at the Tippecanoe County 4-H Center. During this time, he also operated Lafayette Divers Supply and Merman Divers Club, teaching and certifying thousands to SCUBA dive as one of the Founding Fathers of PADE.

While still in high school, Art met his future bride, Carolyn M. Clawson. They were married in 1953 after his graduation from St.

Luke's Nursing School as a registered nurse. They raised three children in Lafayette where they made their first home, Karen S. Zanol of Wenatchee, Washington (1955), Arthur D. Grisez of Lafayette (1956), and Timothy J. Grisez of Kingston, Washington (1958). As an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Art served on the church council and as congregational president. He also served his community through the Lafayette Noon Kiwanis and PTA, among other organizations.

With diversified skills in all things mechanical and sport flying interest, Art rebuilt several airplanes, including a J-3 Piper Cub, Interstate Cadet and World War II vintage bi-plane, the Navy

while enjoying hobbies of building and flying dozens of RC model airplanes and later constructing electric train layouts. He built a couple of cabins on Swan Lake enjoyed by the family for 50-plus years of boating, fishing, swimming and relaxation.

A friend and guiding light to many, Art is survived by his wife of 68 years, Carolyn; daughter Karen (Tim) Zanol; sons Art Grisez and Tim Grisez; brother David Grisez of Logansport, Indiana; three grandchildren and five great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin sister.

Visitation will be held Aug. 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with a service following at 2:30 p.m. at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St., KallsPELL. A private family interment will follow. Condolences may be shared at www.jgfuteral-home.com.

Morey David Grove, 75

Morey Grove passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Brendan House in KallsPELL.

Morey was born to David and Margaret Grove on Nov. 4, 1946, in KallsPELL. He grew up in Somers where his dad worked at the Somers Lumber Company. His father died in 1982 leaving Margaret Grove to care solely for him and his older sister, Nyla. Morey attended Somers Grade School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1964.

He worked for the Montana National Guard in KallsPELL as a mechanic for 21 years. He tracked M60 Tank and Tank Recovery of M98, along with supplying ammunition and food to troops as needed. He later owned and operated



the Novice Windshield Repair for Lake and Flathead County. In his later years he worked for the Somers Water and Mosquito District. He loved his community and its history. You could always count on him talking at length during the Somers Reunions. Morey prided himself in taking care of his mother and his sister who was a single mother with four children. He spent every holiday in Missoula, bringing puzzles and presents to his nieces and nephew. In 1974 he took them to the World's Fair in Spokane. He was a giving person; a friend to many and always

helping anyone in need.

In his retirement years, he followed his love of history and began tracing his family's genealogy. It was a true passion. He was proud of his Scottish heritage, being a descendant of the Mayflower, a drummer in the Revolutionary War, and a private in the Battle of Shiloh during the Civil War. He loved helping others trace their lineage.

Morey was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Nyla Sterner and great nephew, Stuart Willard in 2020, niece Shelly Willard in 2019, and niece Tina Smith in 1983.

He is survived by his nephew Shane (April) Sterner of Missoula, and his niece Claudi Jo (Tim) Lund of Hamilton. He leaves numerous

great-nieces and -nephews (who will miss their Pesky Ol' Uncle Morey as he called himself); and four cousins, Kaylene Larson, Robin Larson, Janet Luczak, and Marsha Jenkins.

The family is planning a private service on "the steep hill" at the family Campbell Homestead in the Blackleaf Canyon near Bynum, Montana, at a later date.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff and nurses that took care of him over the past year at Brendan House.

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.

Jana Kay Walters Grundmeier, 71

Jana Kay Walters Grundmeier, 71, passed away May 18, 2022, while visiting family in Arma, Kansas.

Jana was born on May 27, 1950, in Whitefish where she lived all of her life. She loved the mountains and was proud to be a fourth generation Montanan.

After graduating from Whitefish High School she attended beauty school in Kalispell and Billings. She loved her job. When she stopped hairdressing she took the time to focus on her family. Later in life she worked at Costco Demo Services and Target. In 1971 she married



Leroy Grundmeier of Blackduck, Minnesota. As newlyweds they spent most of their time living in logging camps.

Jana was always ready to help anyone. During her retirement she became very involved with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed serving others and assisting in her community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, brother, aunts, uncles and multiple nieces and nephews.

Jana is survived by her daughter and son-law Kenny and Kami Doty, and granddaughters Lillian and Eleanor; sister, Judy Sizemore; brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Pat Walters; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and very dear friends.

She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at Darlington Cremation and Burial Services in Kalispell on June 18 at 1 p.m. Graveside service will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Whitefish VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Sylvia Anne "Bubbles" Grundstrom, 83

Sylvia Anne "Bubbles" Grundstrom, 83, our much-loved mother, grandmother, and friend passed away on Feb. 9, 2022.

She was a proud fourth-generation Montanan, born to William Boyce Miller and Grace Lee Berndt in Helena on April 23, 1938. She was adopted at age 2 by Carl Frederick Ellefson and Adla Oldenburg Ellefson. She attended schools in Kalispell, Missoula and Hamilton, where she graduated high school.

In 1956 she married Curtis Lee Dunbar of Hamilton. They later divorced. In 1959 she married Robert E. "Jack" Owens, and they had three children. They later divorced. In 1983 she married James "Andy" Grundstrom, they were married nearly 39 years before his death in 2021. Her main inter-



est in life was homemaking and raising her children.

Mom also greatly enjoyed gardening, reading and music. She loved all animals, especially dogs and horses. Mom is a published poet in the International Library of Poetry, and she was featured in Gurney's Seed Catalog with a picture of her beside her stocked shelves of canned veggies from her garden.

Mom held a variety of jobs in her life, working as a legal secretary in Hamilton

and California, food service at Montana State Veterans Home, as a janitor at Anaconda Aluminum, as a waitress at the Brass Lantern and as a bartender at the Columbia Bar.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Sherry Lunn Dunbar in 1957, her parents, her brother Larry Ellefson and her husbands.

She is survived by her daughter Tanna Speed, sons John Owens and David Owens, two grandsons Jason (Michelle) Speed, and John Owens Jr. Cremation has taken place and, at her request, there will be no formal services. She desired for anyone wishing to make a memorial to donate to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana.

Mom will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was truly a remarkable lady.



Charles O. Gulbranson passed away at age 62, at our home in Columbia Falls. He was born on Sept. 5th, 1960 in Browning, to Wilbur and Thelma Gulbranson.

Charles grew up in Essex and graduated from Columbia Falls High School. Following graduation he went to college in Missoula, He then returned to Essex and went to work for Burlington Northern Railroad as a Telegrapher.

In later years he lived and maintained our parents' home in Columbia Falls. He always had a giving heart. Helping everyone was his passion. Chuck loved spending time with his family, sisters and brothers nieces and nephews. We had many barbecues, fun swimming, and lots of outdoors fun time. Charles is survived by his sisters Linda Street of Kennewick Washington and Corrine Gulbranson of Hungry Horse; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wilbur and Thelma Gulbranson, sister Karol Knowels, brothers Russell Gulbranson, Kaare Gulbranson.

Our loving Brother and Uncle Chuck will be greatly missed.

Charles William Gudeman, 80

Charles William Gudeman, 80, of Bigfork, passed away Feb. 6, 2022, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1941, in Cissna Park, Illinois, the son of Leonard W. and Louise A. Rudin Gudeman.

Charles attended The Living Church Of God in Helena. His occupation was rock mason with which he built numerous fireplaces and architectural rock faces for many of the homes and businesses in the Flathead Valley, building

in a 60-mile radius surrounding Bigfork. He enjoyed nature, photography, music, reading and world travel.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany.

Burial will take place at the Bigfork Community Cemetery, a couple of miles from where Chuck resided for 35 years.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents;



two brothers, Joseph and Samuel Gudeman; his sister, Mary Gudeman; one brother-in-law, Paul Andreas; one nephew and one niece.

Survivors include seven sisters, Sarah (George Jr.) Melton of Peoria, Illinois; Esther Andreas of Bourbonnais, Illinois; Judy Edelman of Fairbury, Illinois; Edna (Jerry) Cluver of Cissna Park; Leah Joy (Lyle) Oberg of Cottonwood, Arizona; B. Jean Robra of Norden, Germany; and Aldine (Scott) Blumier of

Pensacola, Florida; four brothers, John (Sandy) Gudeman of Wildwood, Missouri; Alfred Gudeman of San Diego; Dan (Myrna) Gudeman of Florence, Oregon; and David (Debbie) Gudeman of Watseka, Illinois. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Charles L. Guldner, 82

Charles L. Guldner, 82, of Bigfork, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Charles was born to George and Frances Guldner on Aug. 6, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as by his sister, Dorcas and his brother George.

He is survived by his wife Ruth E. (Goodman) Guldner, and his brother Edward (Marian) Guldner of Hampton, Virginia, and friend and caregiver Nanci Bain.

Charles graduated from Mahanoy Area High School in Pennsylvania followed by Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Science in Business degree, Lehigh University in Bethlehem,

Pennsylvania, with a Master of Business Administration in Business degree, and then obtained his CPA certification. After serving in the United States Army as a Spec. 6, he enjoyed a career working as a CPA and then at the Lehigh County Prison in the records department.

A funeral service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork on Thursday, April 28, at 11 a.m. with a visitation preceding at 10 a.m. Charles will be laid to rest at Glacier Memorial Gardens following the service.

Donations may be made to Community United Methodist Church, c/o Handbell Choir in Bigfork; or to Kittymom's Rescue Organization in Kalispell.

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



Jerry Eugene Gullledge, 76

Jerry Eugene Gullledge, 76, of Eureka, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022. He spent his last day on earth fishing with his grandson, which was his idea of a perfect day.

He was born April 24, 1946, in Rockingham, North Carolina, to Kathleen and Jack Gullledge. He spent his boyhood in North Carolina, until the family moved to San Diego when he was 8.

He graduated from Chula Vista High School in 1964. He had a passion for baseball and played all through high school, and had aspirations of playing pro, but instead enlisted in the Army in

November of 1964. He trained to be a paratrooper and was shipped to Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne. He was there for 11 months, and upon returning home, spent time training other soldiers before leaving the Army. He enjoyed racing motorcycles, hunting and fishing in his youth, in Southern California.

Jerry and his family moved to Lakeside in 1977, where he worked and lived for a number of years, building and selling homes. He was a talented woodworker, often hand making all the cabinets for the

homes he built. He took pride in his work. Jerry loved fishing, going target shooting, and playing softball. He was known to have a quick wit and made friends easily, and always had a new joke ready to tell you.

In his later years he spent time in Costa Rica, and moved to Eureka to be closer to his children and grandsons. He was busy building a place on his



property and spent time teaching his grandsons to fish and listening to their stories.

Jerry is survived by his daughter Traci Street, husband Jon, and grandsons Seth, Roby and Colson; daughter Janice Hepler and family; nephews Jeremy and Jesse Gullledge and their fami-

lies; and family members Brenda Turnbull, Becky Gullledge and Tahya Gullledge.

He was preceded in death by his son Joe Gullledge, his brother Jimmy Gullledge, and his parents, Kat and Jack.

Pura Vida, Jerry. You lived a good life.

Gary George Gunderson, 82

Gary George Gunderson, 82, passed away peacefully in Kalispell, on March 23, 2022, surrounded by his dearest family. His most treasured times were gathered with loved ones in the presence of God, and he knew this to be true in his final hours.

Gary was born in Kimball, Nebraska, on Jan. 27, 1940, to LeRoy (Bessie) Gunderson and Helen (Red) Martin and was later raised in and around Saugus, California.

He is survived by his beloved children Lisa Gunderson, Lori Gunderson and Greg (Catherine) Gunderson; as well as Greg and Catherine's three children (Haven, Joshua, and Solvei), all of northwest Montana. He is also survived by his sister Susie Russell of Roswell, New Mexico, and her children; his beloved niece and nephew, Jennifer Russell of Denver, Colorado, and Michael (Kate) Russell of Helena. In addition, Gary is survived by his stepbrother Bill (Alex) Thompson of Huntington, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother David; and his nephew, Mathew Russell.

Gary's fondest memories of childhood involved riding the train each summer by himself, from the earliest age of 8, back and forth between his uncle's Nebraska farm and his California home. He was known to his oldest friends as a keen, inquiring, and generous man, always searching for new challenges and learning opportunities. These traits remained present in him throughout his life, as he always valued helping and being



of service to others, memorizing historical facts that amazed those around

him, or engaging in light-hearted political debate whenever he could find a willing cohort.

He was married to his high school sweetheart, then Karen Clark, for 36 years and remained closely connected by their shared love for their Montana home, their children and grandchildren. He was the piper of Sunday school and the first to grab tools from his truck to help anyone in need. One of Gary's favorite early jobs was working as a lead draftsman with Electrofilm, Inc. where he was tasked with finding creative solutions to aircraft engineering problems. Gary was among the earliest drafted to Vietnam but received a deferment at the request of his employer due to their work on behalf of the war effort. In order to provide better for his young family, in the late '60s, he changed careers and became an electrical apprentice. Gary excelled as an electrician, and established himself with a long career as a master electrician and contractor in the Flathead Valley.

Gary was a man of courage and was open to adventure. At only 31 he sat on the roof of a beautiful new home and sawed it by hand into three pieces so that in the middle of the night, strung with lights, it could travel down the highway to a new location. Since his father-in-law had suddenly passed away, he needed a bigger

home to house Karen's mother and brother, Gladys and Gene Clark, as well as his own growing family. Later, in the summer of 1977, it would be this same undaunted courage and desire for adventure that led he and his best friend Bob Volkman to take a weekend peek at the Flathead Valley. Within six months, the Gunderson and Rich families were living in Montana, joined by the Clark family just two years later. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, kids, horses, dogs, cats, chickens and an angora hamster were all here. It is hard to fathom any other life than the one he helped create for his wife and children in this beautiful corner of Montana.

Gary will always be remembered as the collector of sentimental artifacts (usually to be used as gifts for others), a seeker of stories and connections, and a lover of animals and babies. He had a tender heart that ached for those in need, particularly children. He loved gadgets, trains, crossword puzzles, and problem-solving. He was a secret joker as long as it was at no one's expense, and was always the first to ask grace at any meal. Gary is missed tremendously by his loving family, but we know he is in a peaceful place in the arms of his Savior.

There will be a memorial service at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 25, at 1 p.m. All who knew Gary are welcome to join. Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfun.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Richard D. Gunlikson, 94

Richard D. Gunlikson passed away peacefully at Logan Health-Whitefish surrounded by his loving family on Sept. 3, 2022.

Rich was born July 5, 1928, in Williston, North Dakota, to Oscar and Madonna (Brannon) Gunlikson. He attended Zahi, North Dakota, school through the third grade and then moved to Shelby, Montana, with his parents in 1937. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1946 and joined the Army Air Force shortly after the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1948 and entered college at Montana State College in Bozeman and played basketball for the Junior Varsity Bobkittens. He later transferred to Montana State University (Yes, that was what the University of Montana was called in 1948! Much to the chagrin of my Grizzly siblings!) to play basketball for the varsity Grizzlies. He was a hell of a player! This was where he developed his lifelong love for the University of Montana Grizzlies and met the love of his long life, Leslie Ann Lind, of Butte. She and Rich were married in 1952 in Butte and thus began the rest of their amazing story.

Rich graduated in 1953 and ultimately settled in Cut Bank in 1955 with his young wife and their first child, Linda. There he opened his own public accounting CPA firm where he successfully practiced for the following 30 years. While in Cut Bank he and Leslie

Ann had five more children: Richard Jr., Reed, Rial, Angela and Ryan. During that busy time, he also became president of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Montana CPA Society, not to mention part owner of an oil and gas drilling company. He was an amazing father to his family and was actively involved in the raising of his children. He loved to plan trips and, following the graduation of each of his children, he and Leslie Ann would pack the kids in the nine-passenger station wagon and drive across the country to see all the sights. By the time Ryan had graduated, he had been to all 50 states in the country. If Dad could have figured it out we would have driven to Hawaii! The memories he created for his children will last a lifetime and are still the topics of many a conversation. Laughing and enjoyment of life were traits he passed down to all of us! Rich and Leslie moved to Kalspell in 1984 where he started his second successful CPA firm with his son Reed, which is still as busy as ever and in active practice today. He loved going to the office! He failed retirement multiple times and was a fixture in the office every day, even into his late 80s. He was a social being who loved to be around



people and who people loved to be around. In Kalspell, he was just as active in the community and was one of the organizing directors of BankWest and served on the board of directors for 12 years. He also started three successful small businesses in the Kalspell Center Mall, operating from 1986 to 1997: a cookie and sandwich store, a men's clothing store, and a woman's shoe store. Rich and Leslie built a home on Flathead Lake in 1984 and this is where he and his family have established their lasting roots. Dad and Mom absolutely loved living on Flathead Lake in the summer, sitting on the deck surrounded by their family, and living in Kalspell in the winter, spending most of the time at the Alpenglou Inn on Big Mountain and skiing. Dad always said that he and Leslie were the only people he knew who went north for the winter.

They loved to ski and they passed that along to their children as well. Dad took his last runs down the mountain at 86 years of age! There are too many stories to tell, and too many adventures that Rich had, and too many people whose lives he touched to tell them all here. We, as a family, are

forever grateful to have had such a wonderful father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather in our lives. He showed us how to live, how to treat people, and how to love each other. We will miss him dearly.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jim Gunlikson. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Leslie Ann, his children, Linda (Dave) Wing of Butte, Rich Jr. (Julie) of Littleton, Colorado, Reed (Mary Jo) of Kalspell, Rial (Kim) of Kalspell, Angela (Jason) St. Onge-Spring of Kalspell, and Ryan (Beth) of Whitefish. He also will be cherished and remembered dearly by his 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren (and counting).

The family would like to thank Dr. Mitch Marzo of Logan Health-Whitefish, who graciously guided us through Dad's last days, as well as the amazing nurses and staff who treated us with unbelievable compassion and grace. We are forever grateful.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for Rich and his family.

Memorial services to be held at a later date. In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider donating to your favorite charity, Logan Health-Whitefish Foundation, or the Grizzly Athletic Foundation. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

Michael Lloyd Guthrie, 76

Michael Lloyd Guthrie, 76, passed away from natural causes on Sunday, March 20, 2022, in Newport, Oregon. He had been living there for the last 20 years.



He was born in Kalspell Dec. 18, 1945. He was the son of Lloyd and Ann Guthrie of Kalspell. He attended Batavia School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1964. Throughout his youth he played numerous years of baseball, with American Legion being the final league. After high school, he joined the U.S. Army

National Guard. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, several times during his tour. Mike enjoyed music and taught himself how to play guitar. Entertaining at family get-togethers and supper clubs always put a smile on his face.

He was preceded in death by both parents. He is survived by his sister, Judy Dofelmire; two nephews, Chad and Jared Dofelmire; and two great-nephews, Jackson and Luke Dofelmire.

Mike never met a stranger that didn't walk away a friend. No funeral is planned at this time. A memorial will be planned at a later date.

After high school, he joined the U.S. Army

Bonnie Guthrie-Ross, 80

How can words possibly do justice to the person Bonnie was? Those that knew her will certainly understand how difficult a task it is.

Bonnie was born to Les and Bernice Slater on March 31, 1942, in Ronan. With her older sister Myrna, the family shared many adventures in the western United States but always returned to Montana. That was home and where she felt most at peace.

In 1963 Bonnie married Richard Guthrie in a double wedding with her sister, Myrna, who married Donald Hostak. They lived in Bigfork until moving to Spokane and then to Juneau, Alaska. Rich passed away in

Bellingham, Washington, in 1976 and Bonnie raised her two children, Tod and Jodi, as a single parent for many years.

In 2001 Bonnie married Lloyd Ross and the two started a new chapter in their lives. They enjoyed over 20 years together and spent time with both families whenever possible. Bonnie loved being with the kids and grandkids whether in Bigfork or Scottsdale, Arizona.

Lloyd and Bonnie shared some wonderful experiences traveling both in and outside the United States. I'm sure we all enjoyed hearing of the places they visited. It was another great adventure for her. She passed peacefully



ly April 12, 2022, at their home in Scottsdale with her husband, Lloyd and family.

Our love and prayers were with her as she went to join her family in heaven. We are all so grateful for the time we had with her before she passed.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Lloyd Ross, his children Peter, John, Jane Laguna, Richard and Brian, Bonnie's children Tod and Jodi, as well as 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bonnie was the friend we loved to share good news with and the one

we called on when life challenged us. We could always count on her to be a shoulder to cry on and then the voice of encouragement that helped us through.

On Aug. 6, at noon, at the Brown Church in Bigfork we will come together and share what she meant to us. I know we all have stories of love and laughter with Bonnie.

She hoped this could be a happy time; champagne is for celebrations and so it will be. She finished her journey and is home, so we will celebrate her life and the gift it was.

Please RSVP to bjross-memorial@outlook.com.