

## Vernon 'Vern' L. Ingraham, 87

Vernon "Vern" L. Ingraham, 87, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Logan Health Whitefish.

Vern was born April 3, 1934, in Ronan to Ronald and Evelyn Ingraham.

Vern spent his early childhood in the Olney area and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1952. After graduation he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad. He married Monte Rae Taylor on Sept. 7, 1956, and they were blessed with one son, Jerry Ingraham.

He was drafted by the Army and served in Germany for two years.

Upon his return, he joined the Montana National Guard where he would spend his career and retire in November of 1992.

Vern was an active member and held office in the Whitefish Snowmobilers, Jaycees and the Whitefish Lake Boat Club. He was involved in the Whitefish Winter Carnival and honored to be crowned King



Ullr XXXII in 1991.

Vern was a very active man who had a great passion for the outdoors and all that Whitefish has to offer. He enjoyed mountain biking, golfing, water skiing, snowmobiling and riding ATVs with his friends and family. Vern loved to spend time in Glacier National Park hiking with the "Over The Hill Gang" and climbing every peak he could find. A hiking trip to Nepal with good friends was a highlight in his life.

In his spare time you could find him working in his yard, puttering in his shop or waxing one of

his cherished "toys."

Vern was a soft spoken, kind-hearted man who will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Donna, Beverly, Walter and Ronald Jr.

He is survived by his son Jerry (Marsha) and two grandchildren Aimee (Michael) and AJ (Ana), along with four great-grandchildren, Avery, Isla, Easton and Mia, along with many nieces and nephews.

A private ceremony is planned at a later date.

### Charles R. 'Dick' Irvin, 89

Charles R. "Dick" Irvin, 89, of Columbia Falls, passed away on March 14, 2022, of natural causes.

Dick was born on July 2, 1932, in Conrad to Joe and Marge Irvin. He was later joined by siblings Nancy, Dwayne and Janice.

Dick graduated from Shelby High School in 1950. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Joanne White, on July 12, 1950. In 1951 they had their son, Mike, and in 1955 daughter Connie joined the family.

In 1951 Dick and Pat started a trucking business in Shelby with a \$3,000 loan from his parents. Dick was always thankful for his father's optimistic outlook and the faith he had in him. He purchased a one-and-a-half ton International truck and Dick's dream of a trucking business began. The first office was located in their home and Pat answered the phone and dispatched trucks. The trucking business grew to cover the Northwest United States, Alaska and western Canada. In 1964 he purchased his first pneumatic trailer, which led the company to become one of the largest pneumatic carriers in the Northwest. Dick's brother Dwayne and Lester Nevins were recruited to help drive truck even while in high school. Mark Cole joined the company in 1973 and performed many different roles. All three stayed with the company for many years. Dick

was very fortunate to have good people to help his business grow over the years along with son Mike who joined the company in 1983. This gave Dick and Pat the freedom to retire from the day-to-day operations. Mike continues to run the company and has kept the philosophy of the family business.

Dick and Pat enjoyed traveling and visiting many different places around the world. They moved to the Flathead Valley in early 1984 and Pat passed away suddenly that summer. Dick married his second wife, Carol Chenoweth, in October 1992. They enjoyed many motor coach adventures and traveling to California for the winters. Later they purchased a home in Palm Desert. Carol passed away in 2016.



Dick was very active in the communities where he lived. He served on the council at St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Shelby for many years and served on many boards, including Toole County State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and D.A. Davidson Trust Company. Dick also served as president and chairman of the Montana Motor Carriers Association in the '70s. He enjoyed working with friends and family in many business adventures over the years.

Dick never met a stranger. Every person in the world, to him, was just a friend he hadn't met yet. Dick's hobby and interest was following the stock market.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Marge, his first wife Pat, second wife Carol, and stepdaughter, Dawn.

He is survived by son Mike (Marlea) and daughter Connie Kasper (Greg), stepdaughter Dionetta Cossin (Lance); siblings, Nancy Irvin, Dwayne Irvin (Jan) and Janice Edmister; grandchildren, David Irvin, Greg Z. Kasper (Kellie), Tiffany Stores (Jeff), Sarah Sampson (Pat), P.J. McCracken (Scott), Megan Irvin, Kayleigh Kasper (Tony Traina) and 11 great-grandsons, four great-granddaughters and one great-great-grandson. Dick was affectionately known as

"Baumpa" to his grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as many wonderful and special friends including Billie Jean Bloxham.

A celebration of life will be held at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell on Saturday, March 19, at 11 a.m., with a lunch to follow. The service can be live streamed from Northridge Lutheran's website, [www.northridgelutheran.org](http://www.northridgelutheran.org).

Memorials may be given to the MSU-Northern Foundation, P.O. Box 1691, Havre, MT 59501 in support of a diesel technician student or a charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dick and his family.

### Robert Donald Iverson

Robert Donald Iverson was welcomed into his heavenly family on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

Robert "Bob" was born on Oct. 7, 1938, the eldest of three boys born to Iver and Charlotte Iverson. He grew up in Kalispell and then moved to the Bissell area in 1952.

He began logging with his father and logging became his profession. He and his brother, Tom, owned and operated Iverson Brothers Logging.

He married Susan Hutchens on July 1, 1962. They made their home in the Bissell area. There they raised three daughters, Brenda, Wanda and Roberta "Herbie."

Bob served on the Bissell School Board for several years. He was active with the Montana Logging Association.

Bob was a man of faith. He was a long-time member of Calvary Lutheran Church serving on the church council, teaching Sunday school and leading bible studies. He was active in the Christian Loggers organization and involved in Kogodus Ministries and shared his faith with people in Montana, Germany and Japan.

Bob liked to laugh and tell jokes and he kept his sense of humor



up to the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother,

Kenneth.

Bob is survived by his wife of 60 years, Susan; daughters, Brenda Wilmore, of Kalispell, Wanda (Pat) Brosten of Fairfield, and McKoy Gebhardt of Helena; three grandchildren, Britney (Jesse) Chase and Tyrg Brosten of Fairfield, and McKoy Gebhardt of Helena; and two great-granddaughters, Brier and Maeve Chase; his brother Tom (Linda) Iverson of Whitefish; numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Nov. 2 at Calvary Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. Reception in the church fellowship hall to follow. A private family burial will occur at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to a charity of your choice. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.