

## Florence B. Jacobson

Florence B. Jacobson was born on Sept. 16, 1928, in Scobey, Montana, to her parents, Hans P. and Beulah B. (Olds) Jacobson, who owned a farm in Flaxville, Montana. She was the third of six children who joined the four half-siblings from her father's first marriage. When Florence was 13 years old, the family moved to Kalispell, staying for several years on the west side of town near Flathead High School before moving to a house on the east side that Florence would live in for 78 years.

Florence worked at the Elekrik Maid Bakery while attending Flathead High School and started as a teller at First National Bank after graduation, where she worked for almost seven years. She joined several siblings in Los Angeles for a year, also working at a bank while in California, but returned home and worked the next 30 years at First National Bank which became Norwest Bank. She was promoted to the position of Internal



Auditor as the first person to hold that position at Norwest Bank. Florence was devoted

to her career, but she was also an athlete, spending time golfing and bowling in local leagues for several decades. She was an accomplished bowler, winning numerous single and team trophies. Florence also played cards in several ladies' groups and took care of the home and yard that she shared with her parents, becoming the primary caretaker of her mother in her later years. Florence's Christmas tree decorations and carrot cakes were legendary.

Florence was a long-time parishioner of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and after retirement she joined the church knitters to make prayer shawls for members of the community who were ill or grieving. The knitting group became a second family to her, and she

always looked forward to meeting with them. She also attended lunches and card playing groups at the Kalispell Senior Center for many years and had good friends there.

Florence's life was enriched by family and her many friendships and activities. Until well into her 80s, Florence always sent birthday, Christmas, and numerous other holiday cards to her family members. She went on several memorable extended trips to Hawai'i to visit her sister Dorothy, often with other sisters and her mother. She also cared for three cats: Kimchi, He-She, and Mr. No Name, who was named after Florence felt like her memory loss was such that she would not be able to remember a proper name for her gray cat.

Florence died on Aug. 14, 2022. She is survived by many treasured nieces and nephews and their families throughout the United States and Canada.

She was preceded in death by her beloved

mother and father, Beulah and Hans; brother Howard and his wife Maurene; sisters Evelyn Lohn and husband Vic, Dorothy Pettinato and husband Bert, Mayme Robischon and husband Jim, and Beverly Watts and ex-husband Clifford; half-brothers Alvin Jacobson and wife Marge, Henry Jacobson and wife Agnes; and half-sisters Emily Fossum and husband Leif, and Myrtle Jacobson. She also sadly lost several nephews and a niece far too early in their lives as well as many dear friends.

Florence is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families, and by a godson, Bryce Bundrock.

Florence's knitting group held a private commendation for her at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in August. Several members were able to attend the burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens in September. The family lives in numerous locations and will not conduct a formal service. She will be deeply missed.

## Sandra Lee Jago, 69

Sandra Lee Jago, 69, of Marion, passed away March 13, 2022, in an automobile accident.

Sandra was born Jan. 3, 1953 in Middlebury, Vermont to Robert and Silvia (Steady) Rule.

Sandra is survived by her husband Charles W. Jago III; children Robin Bushey, Tammie Lumbra (Cory), Janelle Phillips (Anthony), Andy Car, Sandra Jago (Peter), Megan Jago; grandchildren and a great-grand-



daughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

No services are planned

at this time. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [buffalohillfh.com](http://buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Donald 'Don' James, 93

Donald "Don" James passed away on Feb. 9, 2022, peacefully in the comfort of his home. Don was 93 years old and is survived by his wife, Donna James and his seven children, David, Diane, Dara, Debra, Dawn, Daniel and Darrin. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren with one on the way, and nine great-great-grandchildren with two on the way. He was surrounded by family at the time of his death.

On Dec. 31, 1928, Don was born in Kalispell where he spent his childhood and later raised his family. He was the oldest of five children and learned at an early age the importance of putting family first with his devout expression of love, loyalty, respect, self-sacrifice and servanthood.

Don graduated from high school in 1947 at which time he joined the workforce with Kalispell Lumber. He also worked

for a local laundry and dry-cleaning company. His next career pursuit was in sheet

metal where he worked for an HVAC company and installed heating and cooling ventilation systems in various schools throughout Montana. He eventually received a license to sell real estate, which he did for many years. During his 25 years as a Realtor, he had a second job driving a school bus for the Kalispell School District. He took immense pride in driving a bus and offering a reliable form of transportation for the youth of Kalispell. Though his first life goal was to attend art school it did not come to fruition. Fortunately his persistent nature strove him to develop and hone his own artistic talent over the years; his beautiful artwork is displayed throughout his



home and those of his children and extended family. Don's artwork focused on realistic perspectives of Montana wildlife and ranching. Additionally, Don was a very talented musician and singer. He was part of a barbershop quartet, a dance band, contributing vocally and instrumentally by playing the drums and bass. His love for music and his talent were passed to his children, all of whom have an appreciation for music.

Don married Donna Mae Brumbaugh on Sept. 5, 1948; they were married for 73 years. As a devout family man, Don's number one priority was providing for his family; he did this by working several jobs and fishing and hunting. Don and Donna instilled in their children the value of faith and family by hosting holiday dinners at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. He and Donna were regular attendees and involved members of the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints. Don had numerous callings within the LDS Church including First Councilor to Lakeside Presidency; Kalispell Sunday School president; choral director of Kalispell Priesthood; and First Councilor to Kalispell Bishopric.

Don has left a legacy of love, faith, family, hard work, resilience and community involvement to his family, friends, and the city of Kalispell. He will be remembered as a loving, passionate, competitive and loyal man who made sacrifices for the benefit of his family.

A viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. A celebration of Don's life will be held at the same location at 12:30 p.m.

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

## Trisha Lynn James, 53

Trisha Lynn James, 53, of Columbia Falls, passed away March 16, 2022, at the home of natural causes.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1969, in Othello, Washington, to the late Gary Dale Roberts and Patricia Evelyn Roberts (Personett).

Trish was a homemaker. She loved her two daughters and two grandkids; they were her pride and joy! She took great pride in being the greatest Nonna she could, and always helping and teaching them all she knew and more. She also cared for the family's small farm consisting of three giant dogs, a couple horses and grand pups and



cats. Trish had a true love for animals. She also had spent some time previously helping

elderly in the recreation field, showing her heart every time. She believed in God and the cross. Trisha will be especially remembered for her love, kind heart and selflessness she had in her.

Trisha is survived by her loving husband of 13 years, Brad James; daughters, Heather Rhine-Nace (Tiffany), Amber James (Jessica), and Samantha Weber (Les); sister, AJ Role (Don); grandbabies,

Sylas Rhine-Nace and Barleigh James; nephews, Ayden and Brandon Role; in addition to her parents, Gary Roberts and Patricia Roberts (Personett). Trisha was preceded in death by daughter, Cassandra Rhine.

Services for Trisha Lynn James will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

A celebration of life will happen this summer sometime.

In lieu of sending flowers, please make donations in her name to the Flathead Animal Shelter or Humane Society. She would love that — just like she loved her fur babies.

## Geneva Joyce 'Jenny' Jarvis, 89

Geneva Joyce "Jenny" Jarvis passed away on Jan. 26, 2022, in Billings at The Legacy Assisted Living.

She was born on Sept. 17, 1932, in Derrick, North Dakota, to Leo and Myrtle Eckes. She was married in Butte on Dec. 23, 1950, to her lifelong husband, Johnnie Jarvis, who preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1996.

Jenny moved from Butte to Kalispell in 2002 and loved spending time with her large family, which included two children, nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchild-

dren. She could always be found at the many birthday parties for her children and grandchildren and all of the holiday gatherings. She was a very generous person and loved to go out to dinner with family members. She was always quick to laugh and truly enjoyed her family and her many friends at the Center Court Manor in Kalispell.



Her life was a living example of one of her favorite Bible verses, Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you."

Jenny was preceded in death by her mother and father, her three brothers, Donald, Roland and William, along with her sister, Doris.

She is survived by her sister Charlotte of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and her son and daughter, Richard Jarvis and Debbie Ernster.

Jesus said, "I go before

to prepare a place for you," so a celebration of Jenny's life in her new home with her Lord and Savior will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, located at 223 South Montana Street in Butte, and will be followed by a luncheon reception with an interment service following the reception at Mountain View Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Any donations made on her behalf may be given to either The Butte Rescue Mission or Flathead Industries of Kalispell.

## Karen Lee Wallace Jeffers, 60

Karen Lee Wallace Jeffers died of kidney cancer Nov. 5, 2021, in Reno, Nevada.

She was born Oct. 9, 1961, in Kalispell to Robert and Audrey Wallace. Karen graduated from Flathead High School in 1979 and spent a year in Panama as an exchange student. She earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Flathead Valley Community College in 1982 and went to work



at Tri-Co Insurance Agency. In 1986 she moved to Reno to work for the Alpine Insurance Agency, and later for Washoe County, where she continued until her retirement as human resources manager in 2021.

She married Kevin Jeffers in 2001 and they

had two sons, Robert O'Neil, born 2002, and Ryan James, born 2003.

Karen was kind-hearted, generous, and always helping others. She was a great cook and enjoyed gardening. She loved God and is now with him in heaven. She was devoted to her family and will always be dearly loved by us. We will miss her strength, encouragement, and beautiful smile more than words can express.

Karen was preceded in

death by her parents.

She is survived by her two sons Robert and Ryan and her ex-husband/caregiver Kevin of Reno, her sister Lynn Wallace of Kalispell, and many cousins in the U.S. and Northern Ireland.

Cremation took place in Reno.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a small donation to her sons' college fund via the Jeffers family trust at Bryce Rader.

## Joan M. Jellison, 92

Joan passed away on Nov. 1, 2022, in Kalispell.

She was born in Spokane on May 6, 1930, as the only child of Ken and Marie Hardin. She grew up attending 21 different grade schools as the family moved across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Stability came after the war when the family settled in Missoula and Joan attended Sacred Heart Academy and the University of Montana studying English and Drama.

It was at the university Drama Department where she honed her acting skills and met husband of 68 years, Dean Jellison. After Dean graduated from law school they moved to Dayton, Ohio, while he served at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Her love of the theater led to her starting the Paige Manor Players where she directed "Blythe Spirit" among other plays and continued a post grad course in drama at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Joan and Dean returned to Kalispell in 1956. In 1961 she appeared in the Bigfork Summer Playhouse production of "Separate Tables" and eagerly became involved in the early 1970s when Flathead Valley Community College started their Drama Department under Ron Danko. She appeared in several plays including "The Glass Menagerie," directed Children's Theater and culminated with the Speakers Theater production of "Spoon River Anthology," which toured several Montana campuses.

Joan was actively involved in the community serving as a hospital volunteer for over 35 years, a Kalispell police commissioner for 37 years, a volunteer with the Rape Crisis Line, and served on the first Hospice board for Flathead County. She was active in Republican politics and was precinct committeewoman for too



many years to count.

She served on the Republican Central Committee and maintained "The

List" for the local party for many years. Joan was a devout Catholic and attended St. Matthew's Catholic Church since 1956. She enjoyed serving as a lector for many years.

Joan had a healthy fear of flying until the opportunity to travel was too strong to resist and she had to overcome it. She traveled extensively in the U.S. and visited England, Scotland, Ireland and France. In the early '60s Joan and Dean joined with neighbors to form a Foreign Dinner Club with twice yearly menus from across the globe. This group continued through retirement and expanded to annual visits to cities across the U.S. to enjoy adventure and cuisine.

She loved animals and over her lifetime provided homes for many pets, some of whom adopted her when they needed her most.

Joan and Dean raised three daughters, Pamela (Clark) Cummings, of Loveland, Colorado, Elizabeth Smith of Lakeside and Paula Jellison, formerly of Seattle.

Joan was preceded in death by her daughter Paula Jean Jellison and husband M. Dean Jellison.

Joan is survived by daughters Elizabeth Smith and Pamela Cummings, three grandchildren, Matthew (Lysa) Smith, Chaille (Shawn) Hymes, and JD (Rachel) Cummings, and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by cousin Gary Delaney of Chaska, Minnesota, and local in-laws Bruce (Betty) Jellison and Gene (Carol) Jellison.

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

### Ashley Chantel Jensen, 33

Ashley Chantel Jensen was born May 27, 1988 in Kalispell to Baron and Luwanna Jensen. She joined two older brothers, John Richard and Bruce Christian.

Ashley was raised in the Flathead Valley attending schools in Somers, Lakeside, Kalispell and Whitefish. Ashley married Jason Worley in August 2005 and was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Izabelle Ariana in 2006 and Gabrielle Emmaloy in 2008. They subsequently divorced and Ashley had a son, Rex James Marinvs, while

involved in another relationship.

Ashley died in Kalispell on April 16, 2022 of an apparent overdose.

She was preceded in death by her parental grandparents, Robert Jensen and Evelyn McCartney; two uncles,



Michael and Thage Jensen. She is survived by her children; her parents; her maternal grandparents, John and Wanda Christian; brothers, John (Tory) and Bruce (Marissa) Jensen; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ashley was very much loved and her family's wish is that she is finally at peace.

There will be a memorial for Ashley on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Valley Community Church of God in Evergreen.

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

### Dixie Arlene Jepson, 84

"In the early morning of Jan. 3, 2022, I peacefully passed away at St Peter's Hospital in Helena. I was 84 years old at the time of my passing.

I was born on Aug. 7, 1937, in Littlefork, Minnesota, to James Briggs and Nellie (Lucus) Briggs. I was the third of four children, two brothers, Pat and Reggie and my sister, Bonnie.

At the age of 7, I moved with my family to Twin Falls, Idaho, where, as a second grader, I attended school in a small one room school. Every morning first thing was the reading of the Bible and then the Pledge of Allegiance. In those informational years I learned about patriotism and love of country that would last my entire life. I loved reading and history was my favorite subject in school.

When I was in the third grade the small school consolidated

with the school in Rathdrum, Idaho, and this is where I went to grade school and high school. During this time I made several life-long friends. In 1953 the family moved to Olney, Montana, and I attended Whitefish High School.

On May 1, 1954, I was married to Larry Mackaman in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Larty and I had three sons, Jeffery, Corey, and Kevin. In 1960 we moved to Whitefish where I lived until the year 2000. I was employed at Whitefish Extended Care for 12 years. Those were many happy years where I took care of the elderly and I made some wonderful friends among the staff and residents.

I divorced in 1990 and in 2000 I married John Jepson of Townsend,



Montana. In the winters John and I would travel south but we always came back to Montana in the summers. John and I eventually landed permanently in East Helena where I lived out my remaining years. John and I started a magnetic jewelry business and traveled the country selling it at fairs and other town markets. I continued doing this right up to my passing.

I was preceded in death by my parents James and Nellie, my husband John Jepson, my sister Bonnie Smith, my brother Pat Briggs, my son Corey Mackaman, and my daughter-in-law Debbie Olesen Mackaman.

I am survived by my brother Reggie Briggs and wife Donna, my son Kevin Mackaman, my son Jeffrey Mackaman and wife Joyce, my grand-

daughter Amber Solberg and husband Mike Solberg, my great-grandson Ashton Solberg and my granddaughter, Makayla Mackaman.

I would like to give a very special thank you to the medical staff and caregivers at St Peter's Hospital for the wonderful care you all gave me through this difficult time.

A small gathering will be held in the spring for family and close friends. My ashes will be laid to rest next to my husband John in the Deep Creek Cemetery in Townsend."

Please send donations to Samaritan's Purse, or Tunnels 2 Tower in honor of Dixie.

Please visit [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a favorite memory of Dixie.

### Shan O'Lea (Kienow) Jeschke, 76

Shan O'Lea (Kienow) Jeschke died Jan. 14, 2022, at age 76.



She was preceded by her parents Florence and Ferdinand Kienow; as well as her siblings, Alan, Stewart and Ronnie Kienow.

Shan was born and raised in Ipswich, South Dakota. She met and married John Jeschke of Roscoe, South Dakota. They moved to the Flathead Valley and had three children together, son Jody, daughter Dena, and son Chancy. She has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

Shan is a graduate of Ipswich High School in South Dakota. She eventually moved to Kalispell in the late 1960s. She then went on to work several years at the Daily Inter Lake (Kalispell). Shan

spent many years volunteering at the Kalispell Regional Hospital. She moved back to Ipswich to take care of her mother, Florence Kienow. Shan eventually moved back to the Flathead to spend the rest of her time with her family. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, collecting antiques, and chickens. She loved and often told stories. Most redeemable were those about how she grew up on a farm, and thus often rode her horse to school, and had many precarious pets such as a pig and fox.

There will be an intimate funeral service held for her on a future date in Kalispell and Shan will later be laid to rest alongside her family in Ipswich.

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

### Richard 'Dick' Jessen, 81

Richard "Dick" Jessen peacefully passed away



at home surrounded by family on Nov. 21, 2022. Dick was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming on April Fools' Day, 1941. He was the oldest of five brothers, (Jim, Bob, John, and Ken) born to Bernice and Lawrence Jessen.

Dick joined the Army after graduating in 1959, although he enjoyed his time serving his country, he got out right before the start of the Vietnam War. Dick enjoyed some traveling in the West after leaving the Army, making stops back in Cheyenne, Lake Tahoe, and eventually settling in New Mexico.

During his time in Farmington, Richard married twice and ended up with six kids (Barry, Stephanie, Stacey, Don, John, and Cody). In 1979, Dick moved to Spokane, Washington with his second wife (Sharon) and kids to try an adventure of owning their own bar and restaurant (North Wood Inn).

While in Spokane, Dick got into his passion and hobby of coaching wrestling.

Then in 1991, Dick and his youngest moved to Ronan, Montana, where he started working at Jore Inc., where he eventually retired from. Richard met his late wife and traveling partner for life (Mary) in Ronan, marrying in 2001. During their time in Ronan, they loved one another's company and gambling around the

western United States. In September of 2021, his joy ended when his partner in crime, passed to the other side due to a chronic illness.

Dick is preceded in death by his wife Mary, brothers John and Ken, son Barry, stepdaughter Corrine, and his mom and dad.

He is survived by his children Cody, John, Don, Stacey, Stephanie and family; Barry's children; brothers Bob and Jim, and their wives Carol and Linda; stepchildren (Bob, Jim, Carla, and Steve); as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Dick will be held at a later date. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.shriderthompson.com](http://www.shriderthompson.com). Arrangements are under the care of Shrider - Thompson Funeral Home.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am the thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight ripened on grain. I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the mornings hush, I am the swift uplifting rush.

Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there; I did not die."

Author Unknown

## Clara Johnson, 96

On the morning of April 11, 2022, at age 96, Clara passed away of natural causes in her home at Hunter's Pointe in Helena, her devoted daughter Barbara at her side.

Clara, the youngest of Nels and Steinvor (Bakka) Skogen's five children, was born in Suldal, Norway, on Aug. 9, 1925. Three years later she immigrated with her parents and siblings to Epping, North Dakota. The enterprising Nels had homesteaded in North Dakota before returning to Norway to marry and create a family.

Mom was a positive person, perhaps as a result of being a child of the Depression years, when life on the prairie was often challenging. She related how the family dealt with grasshopper and cutworm plagues and her days herding sheep barefooted (shoes were saved for school). She was an excellent student, graduating as valedictorian of her high school at age 16.

She was still 16 when she moved to Williston, North Dakota, roomed with several young women, and entered the



workforce as an assistant to the Williams County extension agent. Mom possessed musical talents (taught herself on the guitar) and had a clear and near pitch-perfect voice and loved to harmonize. She grew up dancing, a passion that followed her throughout life; she was 92 when she broke a hip "jitter-bugging" (She recovered nicely, but no more dancing).

In 1942 mom met a tall, dark-haired field hand from Minnesota who was working on her family's farm; following a year courtship Clara wed Percy Johnson in Williston. They soon started a family with Kelvey, Beverly and Barbara following in order. After a number of years of farm-related work in North Dakota, the family moved to Kalispell for greater opportunities. Mom remained a homemaker until Barbara started school and then Mom went to work for the Montana Job Service. She

started as receptionist, but quickly transitioned to interviewer once her people skills were recognized. Clara relished more than holding her own in this male-dominated environment. Later in life Clara and Percy took on the challenge of owning and operating a successful steak house in Kalispell. Clara and Percy were an active couple, dancing, camping, and most especially, enjoying the company of their many friends, establishing relationships lasting a lifetime. Mom's positive nature was most inspiringly manifested in truly unconditional love and care shown to family and friends.

Clara is survived by her daughter Beverly Devaney (Ralph Schneider) of Cascade, Montana, Barbara Cooper (Stephen Cooper) of Helena, and daughter-in-law Jeanne Johnson of Great Falls. Clara is also survived by seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 47-years,

Percy; son, Kelvey; son-in-law, Charles Devaney; her sisters, Berit (Harry Leverenz) and Anna Anderson (Ted); brothers, Conrad Skogen (Delores) and Osmond Skogen (Dorothy); and infant brother, Magna, born and died in Norway.

Mom's last years were rewarding thanks to the staff and friends she made at Hunter's Pointe; her last days were spent under the gracious care of Marie and Stephanie. We, including most especially Mom, are sincerely grateful to those folks.

Mom will be laid to rest in Kalispell next to Dad at Fairview Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Aug. 6 following the burial, a social gathering and reception will be held at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. Hwy. 2 East in Kalispell; Clara and Percy were charter members and devoted significant time and energy to the Lodge.

Please visit [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences to the family or share a memory of Clara.

Mama, you will be forever loved and missed! We bid you "happy trails" on your next journey.



### Marcella Ann Johnson, 63

Marcella Ann Johnson, 63, of Kalispell, passed away on Feb. 4, 2022, after a long battle with early onset Alzheimer's.

Marci was born in 1958 in Great Falls, along with her twin brother, rounding out the last of four children. After graduating from Great Falls High School in 1976, she moved to Havre to work for KRTV news and then Klamath Falls, Oregon, to work for their newspaper before moving to Kalispell. There she worked for the Whitefish Pilot, Stebbins Orthodontics and Kalispell Travel Co. where she saw the world and was able to ski the Swiss Alps.

While in Kalispell, Marci met her forever love and husband, Christopher Johnson. The two were married in the Lakeside Chapel in 1985 and Marci took on the role of mother to Chris's young son, Cory Johnson. They co-founded Best in Bronze art castings foundry in 1987, casting sculptures for local artists. After selling that business they moved to Sarasota, Florida, in 1989 to start a Chem Dry business together. In 1996 they welcomed their daughter Mackenzie

Johnson and eventually moved back to Kalispell to start their third joint business, First Propane. Marci loved being a mom and put her heart and soul into their businesses. She was a self-taught and savvy business woman who read the dictionary every morning and managed the operations side of the business until the two retired in 2011. In 2014 they began wintering in Gold Canyon, Arizona, where Marci was well known in their community for having the best dance moves at Zumba class and at the community dances and parties, loving on other people's cats and dogs, and having the best laugh and always smiling.

Marci was the life of the party. She made friends wherever she was and always wanted to make people laugh. She told the best jokes, and was always planning parties, last minute trips, and get-togethers with friends. She wanted everyone to have a good time. While famous for wearing white, she loved to dress up in colorful dresses and dance the night away. You had to drag her off the dance floor and she was not

afraid to show off her best moves. Her laugh was contagious and could wake up an entire campground. She was a pet lover, always bringing home strays and petting dogs in the street. Her favorite place in the world was sitting in an innertube on Flathead Lake in the summer. She loved Montana, her family, and the friends and memories she made here.

Marcella Johnson was predeceased by her mother and father.

She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband, Chris Johnson,

who took care of her up until her final day. She is also survived by her two children, Cory Johnson and Mackenzie Johnson; her siblings, Pam Wilhelm, Mark Nester and Dean Nester; and her best friends turned family that also took care of her until her final day, Linda and John Masterson and Sonja and Ray Merrill.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to The Alzheimer's Association to fund research to one day find a cure for Alzheimer's.

Services will be announced at a later date.

### Susan Garrow Johnson, 71

Susan Garrow Johnson, 71, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center following a year-long battle with cancer.

Susan was born on Feb. 10, 1951, in Browning. She attended school in Browning and graduated from Browning High School in 1969. She started work for the U.S. Forest Service, Spotted Bear Ranger District, in 1979 as a clerk typist. She worked numerous administrative positions, including assisting wilderness outfitter and guides with their annual permits and eventually became the district's recreation technician. While working at Spotted Bear she affectionately became known as "Susie Ranger."

Upon her retirement in 2010, she continued part time work for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, keeping her

connection to wilderness.

Susan always had a smile and friendly gesture for everyone she met. She enjoyed rooting for her favorite college football team, the Montana State Bobcats. But her real passion lay with her beloved San Francisco 49ers. There was always a rousing party or get together when the "49ers" were playing.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Johnson; her parents, Bob and Marion Garrow; and her two brothers, Shawn and Steve.

She is survived by her nephew, Casey Garrow and his wife Jessica, her niece, Lindsay Garrow, numerous great-nieces, and many close friends.

A celebration of life is being planned for next summer at the family cabin in St. Mary, Montana.

### Derick James Jolma, 46

Derick James Jolma, beloved husband, father, son and brother passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Billings on Nov. 9, 2022, after a short illness.

Derick was born on April 20, 1976, in Putnam

the Old Apostolic Church in Lakeside. Viewing will be held one hour prior to



the service and a reception will immediately follow the service. Burial will take place after the reception at 2:30 p.m. at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine. Friends are encour-

aged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Connecticut. Derick was a lifelong member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. He loved doing things outdoors with his girls, farming and construction woodworking. He is survived by his wife of 17 years Diana, two daughters Jordan and Sydnee, mother and father-in-law Darlene and Dan Hubler, brother-in-law Daniel Force (Krystal), parents DeDe and Aaron Jolma, siblings Angie Anderson (Ty), Byron Jolma (Beth), Kelly Davis (Darrell), Edward Jolma (Heather), Kristy Gillette (Cameron), Marc Jolma (Amanda), Aaron Jolma (Bethany) and Gordy Jolma (Lana), grandmother Barbara Jolma, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Derick was preceded in death by his wife's grandparents Don and Pat Nelson, grandparents Harold and Wilma Kaski, and grandfather Clarence Jolma.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, at

### Virginia Marnea Jones, 80

Virginia Marnea Jones, age 80, of Columbia Falls, is with the Lord. She passed away May 10, 2022, in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 10, 1941, in Tarkio, Missouri, to the late Henry Barnhart and Evelyn Maxine (Barnett) Barnhart.

Marnea married Jay Herbert Jones, Jr. on Oct. 30, 1958, and together they had three children, Virgil in 1960, Troy in 1962, and Sheila in 1963. They resided in Coburg, Oregon, until 1971 when the family moved to Columbia Falls. After retirement Marnea and Jay moved to Plains, Montana, where they resided on the Clark Fork River for 10 years. In 2010, they returned to Columbia Falls. Marnea was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her husband Jay was proud of her hospitality and considered it to be her ministry. A talented cook and baker, her family and friends will especially miss her cookies, candies, strawberry Jell-O salad, enchiladas, sweet potato balls, cabbage rolls and countless other favorites. Her hobbies included quilting, crocheting, fishing and hunting. Marnea enjoyed donating her



time and energy to her church through working in the nursery, the Awana program and volunteer work.

Marnea was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Jay; her parents; her son Virgil Jones; brothers Gene and Pudge Barnhart; sister Opal Hewes; step-brother Steven Long; stepsister Rhea Tomseth; daughter-in-law Crystal Jones; and grandson Bradley Nieves.

Marnea is survived by her son Troy Jones; daughter Sheila Hollingsworth (Don); grandchildren Kristel, Jonathan (Karina), Nicholas (Veronika), Josiah (Trisha), Danielle (Derek), Jessica, Jacob, and Meghan; 10 great-grandchildren; sister Kay Roper and daughter-in-law Peggy Martin.

A memorial service will be held for Marnea on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Fellowship Alliance Church, 1025 Seventh Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. To send online condolences, please visit [www.columbiatoratory.com](http://www.columbiatoratory.com).

## Brent Robert Jorgenson, 60

Brent Robert Jorgenson passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, unexpectedly at the age of 60. The world has lost a great son, brother, father and friend.

Brent was born in Webster, South Dakota, on May 22, 1961. He was the fourth child of Marvin and Ruth Jorgenson. Brent was raised in Waubay, South Dakota and graduated

from Waubay High School before attending South Dakota State University where he achieved his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree.



close friends. Together they have four children. Kieran, Alaina, Nolan and Avalea. He was very proud of his children and his granddaughter Milah.

He loved them deeply.

Brent is survived by his children, Kieran McLarty, Alaina Jorgenson, Nolan Jorgenson and Avalea

Brent was married to Ara Jorgenson from 1997 until 2014, with whom he remained

Jorgenson; granddaughter, Milah Kutch; former spouse, Ara Jorgenson; mother, Ruth Jorgenson; brother, David (Lou) Jorgenson; sister, Cindi Vincent; and sister, Sheryl Steinocker; along with nieces and nephews; and many wonderful friends.

Brent worked many years for RJ Reynolds Company. He then worked for his father-

in-law, Ray Zinke, at Precision Plumbing earning his journeyman's license. After the passing of Ray, Brent continued the plumbing business

until beginning his own irrigation business, Cascade-Rain Sprinklers. Cascade-Rain continued for 15 years, during which Brent had made countless friendships with his clients.

An urn burial will be held at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with a celebration of life to follow at Easthaven Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on June 18.

## Calvin Percy Jorgensen, 95

At the age of 95, Calvin Percy Jorgensen passed away on his daughter Nancy's birthday — July 4, 2022. He had been looking forward to his son, Cal coming from Minnesota. He arrived just in time and he and his two children had a great visit earlier on the Fourth.

Cal (Uncle Perc) was born in a small farm house near Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Joseph Oliver and Mary Verillie Jorgensen on Oct. 11, 1926. He was the youngest of 10 children and a total surprise to his older siblings. His family was very close. He remained in contact and was loved by many nieces and nephews.

Cal graduated from Idaho Falls High School during World War II. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served two years in Honolulu and Guam as a Morse Code communicator. After World War II, he joined his brother, Lee, at Utah State University, taking advantage of the GI Bill. He loved telling stories about playing basketball at Utah State with his brother. He graduated in 1950 and, because he was in ROTC in college, he served as an officer in the Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in New Jersey and worked for IBM.

Cal ended up in Kalispell in 1956 where he raised his family and enjoyed the beautiful Flathead Valley while fly fishing and skiing. He initially was transferred to Kalispell as the manager of the Firestone Store, then later managed various businesses including Bell Manufacturing. He loved his group of businessmen he met with once a week.

Cal moved to Helena in 2002 and lived with his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and John Emmert. He was well known around Helena as



a Carroll College fan and a fun guy. His sense of humor and young vigor for life kept him going for many years. He fell and

broke his hip in November 2020 and spent his last two years in assisted living while still attending Carroll football games and family events, including eating at his favorite hangout, The Brewhouse.

Cal was preceded in death by his parents and nine siblings.

He is survived by his son, Cal Jorgensen of Mahtowan, Minnesota, daughter, Nancy (John) Emmert of Helena; grandchildren, Katie Jorgensen of Helena, Andrew Jorgensen of Minneapolis, J.D. (Dina) Emmert of Bozeman, and Tyler (Amy) Emmert of Helena; great-grandchildren, Zole Jorgensen, Colton Ganser, Danyelle Emmert, Grace Emmert, Olivia Klemann, Taya Emmert, Kathryn Emmert, Madilyn Emmert, Hannah Emmert, and John Emmert; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison.

Please visit [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Cal.

### Lorie Lynn Jorgenson, 55

Lorie Lynn Jorgenson, 55, of Columbia Falls, passed away Aug. 10, 2022. She was born Aug. 30, 1966, in Glendive to Patricia A. Lightfield and Raleigh A. Lucas, Sr.

Lorie was all about her family and supporting them any way she could. She loved butterflies, clothing and Halloween. Her favorite color was purple. After graduating high school, Lorie worked at the local movie theaters and the Columbia Falls school system, besides being a business owner. Some of her hobbies included her family and friends, and playing various card and dice games. She will always be remembered for her cooking, hospitality, and hosting



get-togethers. Lorie spread love and joy throughout the year by crafting and making

ornaments for family and friends, especially during the holidays. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all.

Lorie is survived by her husband of 34 years, Roy A. Jorgenson; son, Arlyn N. Jorgenson; mother, Patricia A. Lightfield; sister, Tami K. Lucas; brother, Raleigh "Butch" A. Lucas, Jr.; brother, Timothy S. Lucas; sister, Lanette Newman (Jay); numerous nieces and

nephews; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Hiram Jorgenson (Ronda), Donald Jorgenson, Norma Ferrullo, Francis Jorgenson (Flor), George Jorgenson and Mona Bell, Rose Chambers (Ron), and Laurie Iverson (Jerome).

Funeral services for Lorie Lynn Jorgenson will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Family and friends are being called for viewing on Thursday starting at 4 p.m. A celebration of life will be held for Lorie on Aug. 27 at her and her family's home.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com).

### Robert 'Bob' Jorgenson, 92

Robert "Bob" Alvin Jorgenson, 92, passed away March 8, 2022, surrounded by family at home.

There will be a vigil and we will pray the rosary on Sunday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church. A funeral service and luncheon for Robert A. Jorgenson will be held at 11 a.m.



Monday, April 25, at St. Richard Catholic Church, 1210 Ninth St. W, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

To view a tribute or send online condolences, please visit [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com).

### Julie Ann Jung

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Julie Ann Jung, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away the afternoon of January 25, 2022, surrounded by the love of her family. She faced her short battle against cancer with courage, grace, and dignity.



married Don Jung in 1975, and later they were divorced.

Julie was a cool, active,

and great Mom. She worked as a homemaker and helped raise her three children. She was involved in many community activities such as the Parent Teacher Association, a Boy Scout leader and Campfire Girls club leader. Julie loved to read and enjoyed making many kinds of arts and crafts. She was a dancer and performed with the "Lectric Ladies" in Great Falls. She also enjoyed the company of her home

demonstration club The Night Owls. Her strength, resilience, and loyalty will be remembered by many.

After spending most of her life in Great Falls, Julie's lifelong dream of living on Flathead Lake was realized when she moved to Bigfork in 2012. Julie then moved to Bozeman in 2020 to be closer to her family. It is here that she joined an incredible neighborhood community that welcomed her with open arms and provided her with love and support.

Julie is survived by her children Jay Thomas (Beth) of Great Falls, Kristin Hodges (Brian) of Bozeman; Amanda Maher (Scott) of Great Falls;

sister, Linda Stolte (Don) of Whitefish; grandchildren, Kelsey Beaudry of Bozeman, Brad Beaudry of Bozeman, Liz Thomas of Great Falls, Brittany Light of Great Falls, and Zach Deffinbaugh of Ellenburg, Washington; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter.

Julie's celebration of life will be held this summer at Flathead Lake. The time is yet to be determined. Inurnment will take place at the Missoula City Cemetery.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.dahlcares.com](http://www.dahlcares.com).

## Cassandra Marie (Murray) Juntunen, 40

Cassandra Marie (Murray) Juntunen, 40, passed away June 9, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 23, 1982, in Whitefish and raised in Columbia Falls. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School with the Class of 2000.

Sandra was married to Jesse Juntunen for 17 years.

She worked as a housekeeper at the Candy Bar Ranch, and had also worked as a tax advisor for H&R; Block, and at Best Bet Casino and Loose Change Casino.

An avid baseball mom, Sandra loved watching all three of her sons play.



She kept the score book, ran the scoreboard and played the music.

Sandra was simply an amazing woman, mother, wife, daughter, sister, cousin, niece and granddaughter. Her warm smile and laugh were very contagious to anyone who was lucky enough to be around her. The love she had for family and friends was incredible. There was always a special spot in her heart for the ones she loved.

The absolute number one pride and joy in her life was her three boys

Skyler, Dawson and Derek. Anytime she was near them she would glow with so much pride and always would dedicate everything she had to them in every aspect of their lives, no matter what it was. She was a very happy and proud mom.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law Charles Juntunen, grandfather Joe Jangula, and grandmother Ina Murray.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Jesse Juntunen, of Columbia Falls; parents, Allen and Patty Jangula, of Columbia Falls; sons, Skyler Warner, Army specialist currently stationed in Germany, and

Dawson Juntunen and Derek Juntunen, both of Columbia Falls; brother, Kyle Jangula (Sierra) of Belgrade; grandmother, Paulina Jangula, of North Dakota; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and in-laws.

Sandra was definitely the rock of our family and will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace. We love you.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Sapa-Johnsrud Baseball Complex in Columbia Falls.