

Jeffery Jay Macal, 59

Jeffery Jay Macal passed away on Dec. 19, 2021.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1962, to Duane and Arleen Macal in Perham, Minnesota.

He moved to Columbia Falls with his family in April of 1972. Jeff graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1980. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served eight years. He was stationed in Minot, North Dakota, the Philippines and Las Vegas. Jeff was very proud of his years serving his country.

Jeff worked for Plum Creek Lumber as a millwright until his cancer diagnosis in 2012.

He enjoyed everything that had to do with the outdoors. He became an



avid hunter, fisherman, and trapper up to his last years. Jeff enjoyed his family and friends and will be remembered

for his infectious laugh, storytelling, and love for cooking on his Traeger grill.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his siblings, Sandy Gracey of Des Moines, Iowa, Diane Farnes of Kalispell, James Macal of Columbia Falls, Robing Macal of Columbia Falls, Russell Macal of Corvallis, Oregon, and many other family members.

A celebration of Jeff's life will be held in July.

Gregory 'Greg' Walter Macijunas, 60

Gregory "Greg" Walter Macijunas passed away in his home on April 25, 2022, at the age of 60.

Greg was born May 28, 1961, to parents Zel and Bernadette Macijunas in Cook County, Illinois. One of four children, Greg developed a love of sports, a passion he carried with him throughout his life.

While attending St. Rita High School, Greg had the opportunity to play football at Soldier Field and his team won the high school state championship game. Greg was known for his dedication and heart, on and off the field, earning him the nickname "Lion



Heart." He continued to play football while attending North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

Greg then began his career as an ironworker in the Chicago area, where he met his first wife, Angela (Tedesco). They married in 1983 and shared two sons, Gregory and Michael. Greg was an incredible father, sharing his kindheartedness and love of sports with his children as they grew.

Helping others was

what Greg did best. From coaching his sons' sports teams to mission trips to Guatemala, he wanted to do what he could to make the world a little brighter.

In 2001, the family relocated to the Flathead Valley, where Greg continued to coach his sons in sports and lend a helping hand to those around him.

Greg remarried in 2009 to Jennifer (Stoltz), with whom he spent the remainder of his days. His kindness and warmth helped him excel in customer service and allowed him to make many connections and friendships throughout

the valley.

Greg was known for his thoughtfulness, optimism and big heart and was always the first to volunteer to help those around him. He will be deeply missed.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Bernadette.

He is survived by his wife Jennifer and her children, his sons Gregory and Michael and their families, his father Zel, and his siblings Tim, Celeste and Cindy and their families.

A celebration of life will be held on May 19 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn (1840 Hwy. 93 S., Kalispell).

Nancy Carol MacDonald, 70

Nancy Carol MacDonald passed away in her Whitefish home on Tuesday

April, 12, 2022, shortly after celebrating her 70th birthday.

Nancy was born in Neptune, New Jersey, on April 5, 1952, to Arnold and Lois Peterson. She was raised in Lincroft, New Jersey. She graduated with honors from Middletown Township High School, then applied and was accepted by Stanford Hospital School of Nursing in Connecticut. After graduating nursing school, she started her career as a registered nurse. She worked at Paul Kimball Hospital in Lakewood, New Jersey, for several years, and then went



into private nursing. In the early '90s Nancy met the love of her life, Scott Higgs. They were engaged until his unfortunate passing in 2019. Nancy moved to Montana to be near her family. Her greatest joys in life were her great-niece, Autumn, and her great-nephew, John.

She was preceded in death by her parents Arnold and Lois Peterson, and her fiancé Scott Higgs.

Surviving are her sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Jack Foley of Whitefish; her niece and nephew-in-law, Christine and John Nelson of Whitefish; and her great-nephew John Nelson and great-niece Autumn Nelson of Whitefish.

A private memorial and funeral service will be held for family and loved ones at Fairview Cemetery.



Patricia "Pat" Claudene Macdonald, 84, of Columbia Falls, passed away Oct. 4, 2022. She was born March 30, 1938 in Madison, Wisconsin to the late Melvin Miller and Violet Claudene Miller (Strommen).

Pat loved her kids and grandkids unconditionally. She was selfless, forgiving and a great listener. Some of Pat's hobbies included gardening, bowling, cross country skiing, softball, volleyball, and reading. Pat was an excellent cook and was known for her Lefse, fried chicken and dinner rolls. She was a true patriot and was involved with Cub Scouts as a "Den mother."

Pat was a proud member of the Eagles club, local VFW and United Veterans of Flathead Valley. She also held a former role as president of the Eagles Auxiliary. Pat had a morbid sense of humor and would bring her skeleton friend "Slim" around, who she always dressed for the occasion. She was small, but her growl was feared by many. Pat was great at keeping up with politics and sports. Her favorite NFL team was the Green Bay Packers.

Pat is survived by son, Mitchell E. Johnson (Renée); daughter, Donna Foultnier (William); son, Donald Johnson (Nicole); daughter, Shelly Macdonald; son, Roderick Macdonald; son, Billy Ray; daughter-in-law, Sandra Johnson; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brother, Mike Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Pat is preceded in death by her husband, Don "Mac" Macdonald; son, Mike Johnson; and sister, Bev Holbrook.

A celebration of Patricia Claudene Macdonald's life was held Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

Laurine Margaret Mace, 79

Laurine Margaret Mace, 79, of Whitefish, passed away Aug. 16, 2022.

She was born June 12, 1943, in Minot, North Dakota, to Leo and Frances Gates.

"Your Hug Meant the World, Nobody else held us so tight, Or made us feel so right. No one's eyes shined so bright with love as our mom, who is now high above."

The world lost a beloved mother. Laurine battled brain cancer, and died fighting, surrounded by her children Lory, Anthony, Andrew, Christine, James, Justin and Jason; she called them "The Magnificent 7." Laurine enjoyed camping and supporting her children's interests, and spending time with family and friends. She spent many years helping with baseball from Little League through Legion ball. She loved her flower boxes and decorating for the Christmas season. She was known for her kind soul, always willing to cheer anyone up with kisses, hugs, and little pinches.

Laurine is survived by her children, Lory Mace (Nancy), Tony Mace,



Andy Mace (Darla), Chris Schwartzman (Chris), James Mace

(Tammy), Justin Mace (Robyn), and Jason Mace (Torri); 11 grandchildren, Khayden, Andrew, Ciera, Tyler, Matt, Blake, Kevin, Kyle, Braden, Lillian and Margaret; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by brothers Loren and Lewis, and sister Loretta.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ardine Mace, and both her parents.

Heroes don't need capes. Princesses don't need crowns. Ardine and Laurine are proof, now rejoined on the grandest dance floor in the heavens', living the best eternal life together once again.

Family and friends are invited to say a final goodbye and celebrate Laurine's life at the Mace Family home of 54' years in Whitefish on Sept. 3 at 1 p.m.

To send online condolences, please visit www.austinfh.com.

Janice Maddux



Janice Maddux passed quietly away on Sept. 2, 2022, at the age of 83. Janice was born in Whitefish on Nov. 21, 1939. She lived her entire life in Whitefish the town she loved.

Jan as she was known by most was a talented artist who shined in many mediums. She painted, sewed, made beautiful cakes, and was a florist for years. Jan had a talent with living things. For years she cared for a beautiful garden. She often planted flowers or made special places that drew in hummingbirds, and bees. Jan had a special love of hummingbirds. Jan was a devoted sister, she was

a devoted daughter and a most loyal friend.

Jan lived her entire life in Whitefish and was a unique historical source regarding the history of Whitefish, and the families that had founded the town. Her love of nature, and of Whitefish were apparent. She is often remembered for her work at the Whitefish Floral. Her annual task of painting the Winter Carnival's Royal Chamber Pot gave her advanced information on the choice of King Ulr.

Jan, her sister Jeanne Thorson, and Jeannie's husband John Thorson sewed, and made many of the iconic Christmas decorations that hang over Central Avenue during the holidays. Jan was involved with the Presbyterian Church. She quilted some of the banners that adorn the walls. She often used her sewing skills to assist the world to be a little better. She and her sister Jeanne sewed dresses to go to little girls in Africa. She sewed masks during Covid to go out all over

the country. Jan had a great love of beauty and often gifted those she loved with elegant cakes or floral arrangements. Jan was a devoted, and loving Aunt.

Many of the locals who frequent the Pin and Cue will remember Jan, and her sister Jeanne as "the girls". The two sisters were close and grew to resemble each other as they aged. Jeannie preceded Jan in death by four months to the day. The two sisters were devoted to each other.

She is preceded in passing by her father Roger Maddux, her mother Evelyn Maddux, her brother Richard Maddux, Sister Jeanne Thorson and brother-in-law John Thorson. She is survived by her nieces: Angela LaRoque, and Anita Maddux. Her sister-in-law Donna Maddux and many cousins and special friends.

Jan had a humble elegance and was often a loyal friend. Her love of beauty enriched the lives of many people. The Christmas decorations

that hang over the streets of Whitefish will be just one of the lasting legacies of beauty that Jan left behind for those who loved her, and for the town she loved. The family suggests contributions might be made to the North Valley Food Bank in Janice's memory.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at the Whitefish City Cemetery with a reception to follow. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Jan's family.

Rebecca Delray Francis Major, 68

Rebecca Delray Francis Major left this world on Dec. 1, 2022, surrounded by her family.

Rebecca was born Aug. 26, 1954 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado to Jennie and Osborne Francis. As an infant, the family moved to the Flathead Valley. Rebecca grew up and attended school in Evergreen.

In 1968, Becky married Wintzel Major of Kalispell. They remained in the valley for the next 53 years, where they raised their two children, Lisa and Jacob.

Becky loved animals of all kinds, she was quite the horse woman in her younger years. Becky especially loved spending time with her family, visiting and studying endlessly about their lineage.

In 2003, she became a grandma to Angelinda and shortly after Francisco arrived. She adored time with them camping, taking them to the county fair, and especially the holidays.

She was adventurous, often taking road trips and camping. She was especially fond of fishing and she spent many falls snagging salmon.

She was a collector of antiques and vintage wares and you would often find her at the local auctions and she



never passed up a garage sale.

Becky was a creative and artistic soul. Her

talents led her to become a professional sculptor, creating one of a kind polymer clay dolls.

This career took her on many travels across the country where she sold her creations at world renowned doll-art shows.

Becky was tough as nails. She could chop wood, gut her own fish, she worked for the forest service in her younger years burning brush, and she was even able to beat cancer.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents Jennie and Osborne Francis, her sister Virginia, and her beloved son Jacob.

She is survived by her husband Wintzel; daughter Lisa; grandchildren Angelinda and Francisco; her siblings Myrna, Mavis, Mary, Molly, Sue, John, James, Robert, and Lori; and her many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, Dec. 12 starting at 11 a.m. at the Birch Grove Community Center with a luncheon to follow. 594 Birch Grove Road.

Gary Allan Malkuch, 70

Gary Allan Malkuch, 70, of Kalispell, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Logan Health in Kalispell.

Gary was born in Glendive on Oct. 21, 1951, to Gen and Elmer Malkuch. The oldest of three siblings, Gary would often spend his days teasing his brother, Steve, and sister, Marjean. The family would move around Montana and Washington until settling in Somers when Gary was in seventh grade. He grew up enjoying drawing, history and geography and graduated from Flathead in 1970.

After graduating, Gary enlisted in the Marines but was medically discharged due to a bleeding ulcer. He then spent most of his adult life as a truck driver for various companies.

Gary married Donna Prentice and together had the world's most perfect son, Mitch. Gary was always most proud of Mitch's amazing athletic ability. He remarried Cathy Wood, and they had an even more amazing child, Breanne. He loved having Mitch spend summers with him in his semi, making sure Breanne knew all of the state capitals and torturing them both with "tickle time."

Gary loved talking on the phone every night with his mom, reading fun-fact and history books, and making up stories, a Malkuch-family trait. He enjoyed spending his time laying in his chair with Fefu ("Snuffles") and Ranger on his lap while he watched Fox news and drank a beer.

Gary is survived by his wife, Cathy; son, Mitch Malkuch and his wife, Libby; daughter,



Breanne Malkuch; stepson, David Kelley; stepdaughter,

Brandi Holcomb and his husband, Jim; grandchildren, Maddy, Isabelle and Allie Malkuch, Lin-Manuel and Calypso Malkuch, Thessa Clarke, McKayla Christianson, River and Brayden Holcomb, Athena Steffler, and Dennis and Conner Kelley as well as many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his beautiful mom, Gen, his brother Steve Malkuch, sister Marjean Gutzwiller and their families, not to mention many, many other family members.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today, March 11, at 1500 Airport Road, Kalispell.

Genevieve Anne Malkuch, 90

Genevieve Anne Malkuch, 90, made her journey to heaven on May 1, 2022, on a beautiful (May Day) morning.

Born on Jan. 30, 1932, in Glendive, Montana, she was the youngest child of William and Christina Sutherland. She married Elmer F. Malkuch on June 29, 1950. They had been married 50 years at the time of Elmer's death in 2000. Together they had three children, Gary, Steve and Marjean.

Gen is of the heroic generation that will be missed. She was a true Mother and Lady. She was Gracious, Faithful and Beautiful in every way. She had the rare gift of contentment, never wanting or needing. Her life was being at home, loving her family. She was a nanny to the Champoux family children for many years and remained a close friend of the family until her last day.

Over the years the family would participate in light-hearted bantering, to see which son, daughter, grandchild,

or great-grandchild was her favorite. Of course, if you asked her — they all were.

Gen was preceded in death by her parents William and Christina Sutherland; her husband Elmer; her sisters Violet, Mary and Christine; her brother Robert, and her son Gary.

Gen is survived by her son Steve, his wife Tina; daughter Marjean, her husband Jack; daughter-in-law Cathy; grandchildren Mitch, his wife Libby; Jenny, her husband Eric; Stefan, his wife Patti; Jacklyn and Breanne; and great-grandchildren Madeline, Isabelle, Allie, Mavreic, Simon, Journe and Sage.

The memorial will be held at Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Friday, May 27, at 4 p.m., 5935 Highway 93 South, Somers, Montana. The online memorial service can be viewed at www.eidsvoldlutheran.net

If you wish, memorials can be made to Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

Donald William Manning , 83

Don Manning died on Feb. 2, 2022, at age 83.

He was born January 13, 1939, in Minneapolis to Melvin and Rose (Weaver) Manning. The family moved to Kalispell in 1945.

Don began working in a bakery at age 9 and continued working there throughout high school. He worked full eight-hour graveyard shifts during his junior and senior years and became an accomplished baker by the time he graduated from Flathead County High School in 1957.

Upon graduation, Don joined the Marine Corps. He served as a plane captain in a Marine fighter squadron in the Philippines and Japan. He also attended the University of Maryland and learned to speak



Japanese while in the Marines.

Don married Cathy McCulloch in Kalispell on May 6, 1961. Soon after, they moved to Alaska. Don worked in the bakery

business, and they both mined for gold in the summer. Their first child was born in Fairbanks before they moved back to Montana. Don managed bakeries in Kalispell, Troy and Columbia Falls as well as, for a short time, in Ohio. He also owned a donut shop and commercial bakery before he retired from baking in the

mid-1970s. By that time, Don and Cathy had four children, two boys and two girls.

Don went back to college for a year and worked for a building contractor and then a masonry contractor to learn the trades before starting his own construction company. Anything he didn't know, he would hire somebody who did and learned from them.

In 1977, Don and Cathy moved their family to eastern Montana where his company built brick, frame, and log homes. Don developed two large subdivisions and also did commercial work on churches and schools.

They returned to Kalispell in 1987 after Don went back to Alaska in 1986 to mine for gold once

again. In the years that followed, he invented and patented a gold machine that collects fine gold. He also researched and wrote three books, publishing two of them. Don was a gifted storyteller who captivated family and friends with his tales of adventure and mystery.

Don and Cathy were married over 50 years, and she was a fantastic artist who painted right up to the day she passed away on Jan. 9, 2012. After losing Cathy, Don volunteered and socialized at the Kalispell Senior Center and loved the whole gang there.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Cathy; parents, Melvin and Rose Manning; sister, Elaine Blotkamp, and brothers, Ken and Virgil Manning.

He is survived by his sisters, Marlene Garrison, Mary Ann Manning, Jeannie Nelson (Don), and Kathy Nockleby (Paul); his children, Hank Manning (Carol), Ann Kooistra-Manning, Michael P. Manning (Lee Anne), and Janet Edwards; grandchildren, Sean, Mark and Zane Manning, Emily and Lilly Kooistra-Manning, Jason Martin, Audie and Mandie Manning, Travis and Chase Couture, and Hannah and Brennan Carter; and great-grandchildren, Raylan Couture and Hermione Martin.

No services are planned at this time. The family will hold a summer celebration of Don's life.

Arrangements are under the care of the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Maurice Michael 'Mike' Manning, 81

Maurice Michael "Mike" Manning passed away on Feb. 2, 2022, in KallsPELL.



He was born in KallsPELL on Jan. 22, 1941, to Ambrose and Inez Manning. He first brought pride to his mom when he won the "cutest baby contest" at a year old. He was raised on the family homestead east of KallsPELL by his mother and his Uncle John. He attended Montford grade school and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1959. He proudly and dutifully served as the local chapter FFA president in 1959, and maintained a sense of honor and gratitude for the organization throughout his life. Upon graduation, he went on to serve as a vice president of the State FFA organization. From 1960 to 1964 he attended and graduated from Gonzaga University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 1964, he returned to the family farm and raised grain for 37 years and hogs for 33 years.

On March 21, 1970, he married the love of his life, Mary Ann Manning, and raised a daughter, Colleen, and a son, Doug. Mike's favorite activities other than combining were attending auction sales and watching his grandchildren's activities, including various sporting events and hogs shows at the fair. Family vacation memories include traveling to Kansas to look at a combine for sale and visiting the John Deere factory in Iowa. Each spring, he looked forward, with God's help, to raising another bountiful crop and to watching it ripen to harvest. When harvest

came, his anticipation mirrored children's excitement for Christmas morning gifts. His steadfast work ethic was prevalent even into his last harvest seasons in which he welded a special step to aid his climbing into the cab.

Mike served his community as a volunteer firefighter for the Creston Fire Department for over 20 years. As a couple, Mike and Mary Ann enjoyed dancing to 50s rock 'n' roll and country western music. Both Mike and Mary Ann are grateful that they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by embarking on the "Larry's Country Diner" cruise through the Caribbean with friends. They enjoyed country music and comedic acts while sailing the seas.

As a farmer and father, Mike was a true steward of the land and caretaker of God's creation. As a man devoted to faith, he was a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Parish.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ambrose and Inez Manning, and his Uncle John.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Manning; his daughter, Colleen (PW) Davis; his son, Doug (Chaela) Manning; stepgrandchildren, Abbie, Patrick Jr., London and Caleb Davis; and grandchildren, Sean, Carlin, Michael, Kathleen, Kellan and Daniel Manning.

Viewing and rosary will be held at Johnson-Gloschat on Feb 10 at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will be on Feb 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church.

Mike valued Catholic education. Donations in memoriam may be made to FACE or to the Raising a Saint program for Saint Matthew's School.

Trey Elliott Manning, 45

Trey Elliott Manning moved on to his next great adventure Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. He is joining three men that he loved and admired in heaven; Grandpa Ken Manning, father-in-law Jim Chinn, and close friend Jeff Kruckenberg. Once they give him a good talking-to about his too-early arrival we know they will be flying model planes, cracking jokes, and jumping dirt bikes.

Trey spent his last days receiving hospice care from former wives Christy Manning and Laura O'Connor, and his sons Dalton and Connor at the home of close friends, Kelley and Justin Auclair in KallsPELL where he could sit outside in the warm summer air surrounded by pine trees; he rallied to enjoy a banquet that was provided by the Burton family. Trey was cracking jokes, smiling, and enjoying the party atmosphere. He always enjoyed a get-together and these final days were no different. It was amazing and inspiring to see the amount of friends and family that came to support Trey and show their love for him. Friends and family came from near and far to share memories, laugh, and say their goodbyes.

Trey was born to Steven and Sharon Manning in KallsPELL on Sep. 27, 1976, where he joined his older sister Jacye (Lowry) Manning; the siblings grew up running around by the rivers or in the mountains where their dad built his incredible craftsman homes. Trey inherited his mom's love of gardening and his dad's inventive creativity. Jacye had two children, Robert "Bobby" and Jameigh Lowry who Trey loved equal to his own kids. All five, along with his paternal grandmother Marge Manning, survive Trey and will be missing the sparkle and support that he brought to their lives for the past 45 years.

Trey married his high school sweetheart Laura (Wohlens) O'Connor a year after graduating and they had Dalton Manning in 1997 who was named after Jason Dalton, Trey's lifelong friend. Dalton and Trey enjoyed fishing, hiking, and hunting in a wide variety of areas; he was with Dalton when he got his first elk and deer. His ashes will be spread in July 2023 in Dalton and Trey's favorite fishing spot.

Laura and Trey grew up and grew apart, opening the path for Trey to meet his second wife Christy (Oberhauser-Chinn) Manning; they married in 2002 and had one son, Connor Manning, in 2005. Trey shared some favorite memories in his final days, one of those being the scooter with a sidecar he built out of an oil drum. He would take Connor out as a baby in the pillow-lined sidecar to cruise around their neighborhood, delighting neighbors young and old alike. Trey and Christy separated in 2021 but remained close friends. Trey cracked many jokes with the hospital nurse



about the "ex-wives club" that was by his side supporting both Trey and his sons as

his final chapter came to a close.

Trey was employed most of his adult life at the Flathead County Landfill with coworkers that became lifelong friends. He was a master of heavy equipment operation and always willing to bring over a piece of equipment to help a friend with roadwork or anything else that was needed without ever accepting payment. He was happiest when he was helping others.

Trey had a knack for storytelling and making others laugh. If he had that mischievous twinkle in his eye you knew there was something funny coming. He loved "Star Wars" and the outdoors and he passed that passion on to his boys. Few knew that Trey was a natural artist and enjoyed writing.

There are too many friends that held a special place in Trey's heart to mention them all, but he would want any reading this to know that he cared deeply about the friends he had in Bigfork as a kid, his buddies from high school in Deer Lodge and his former coworkers; he spoke fondly of all of you in his last week.

If you have a special memory you'd like to share, please visit <https://link.inmemori.com/ztMXyB>; a memorial service is being planned for this fall and details will be shared at a later date on this site.

Trey will be missed by many. Trey, we know you are running and jumping and enjoying having your full health restored and we look forward to seeing you again.

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

Riley Dale Marconet, 24

Riley Dale Marconet passed away at the age of 24 on Aug. 6, 2022. Although he left this world too soon, he left this world a better place.

Riley spread his joy wherever he went. He is survived by his fiancée Makena Diaz, his father Jr Marconet, stepmother Ashlei Marconet, brother Derrick Buzzell, brother Logan Marconet, sister Elizabeth Webb-Morgan,



Riley loved spending time with his dog Sirius and Makena. He loved being outdoors exploring, fishing, camping, riding his scooter and

stepsister Addison, stepbrother Ashtyn, and many extended relatives and close friends.

just enjoying nature and the tranquility it had to offer. Wherever Riley was there was much laughter and joy, his big smile and bubbly personality was catchy, and you would find yourself smiling and having fun right along with him. We are so proud of Riley for doing what he loved and making a career of cooking and advancing to be the next sous chef.

Please join us in our celebration of life for Riley on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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.

Orville V. 'Orvie' Marsh, 77

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Life began for Orville V. Marsh, aka Orvie, June 5, 1944, in Chester, Montana. He was the second son of Orville F, and Marjorie D, Sindt Marsh. Life ended Jan. 8, 2022.

In 1954 the family moved to Kalispell. Physical disabilities were his struggles. Many family members were an encouragement to him. He attended Peterson School and then went on to graduate from Flathead High School.

Orvie's joy was his 1968 candy apple red fastback Mustang. He loved to be surrounded



by family, music, reading, word search and old Westerns.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

His surviving siblings are DeWayne (Gina) Marsh, Janet (Jeff) Helland and Keith (Tracie) Marsh. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins.

A new life is just around the corner.

Karen Fae Martin, 78

Karen Fae Martin was born in Butte on Oct. 30, 1943, to Harold and Christina (Klundi) Davidson. She passed away on Jan. 2, 2022 following a brief battle with cancer.



children's birth certificates brought a huge chuckle to us all.

As a girl, Karen moved to the Half Moon area of Columbia Falls. Karen spent many happy hours of her youth, outdoors in the Columbia Falls area, exploring with her horse Dusty. It was there where she met her lifelong friend, Susan Martin, who beside Karen began sharpshooting. Susan and Karen's friendship continued to grow, as did Karen's love for sharpshooting. Her talents won her sharpshooting medals during local NRA competitions organized by George Butzlaff.

It was again Susan who introduced Karen to her future husband and Susan's older brother, Spike Martin. Karen and Spike were married on Nov. 10, 1982, and they made their home in Columbia Falls where Spike worked as a mason at the aluminum plant. Soon after their marriage, Spike and Karen welcomed their first son, Eric. Eric was followed by a brother Steven and sister Linda, all who played a large part in keeping Karen very busy full time, raising her family.

Once all her children were in school, Karen began her education to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse's aide. She was employed as a nurse's aide for both the Montana Veterans Home and North Valley

Hospital for many years, as well as volunteering for the Columbia Falls Food Bank. Later in life, Karen went to work at Western Building Center in Columbia Falls. There, she helped to keep the store clean and organized, but by far, her favorite responsibility was heading up the annual customer appreciation day at WBC. Karen prepared her famous chili recipe by the gallons every year for this event and took great pride and joy in the culmination of this annual community gathering. While sorting through her personal documents, her family happened upon the original "laminated" recipe card, detailing the secrets of this famous chili, locked up with other important papers. Knowing that Karen placed as much value on the storage of this recipe as she did on her marriage license and

Karen was very active and had many activities that she enjoyed. These included anything that involved the outdoors: camping, hiking, kayaking and huckleberry picking. Nana, as she was called, went on many nature walks with her grandkids looking for "trash and treasures" and taught them all to be responsible lovers of nature. Karen loved tending to her vegetable and flower gardens and sharing her homemade salsa with those she loved. She was also a crafter, working on anything from stamping, to card making to knitting. Her entire family have been the lucky recipients of her many creations. We all hope to never run out of the numerous potholders that Nana created!

Karen had an adventurous and giving spirit that led her to join mission trips to Africa, Israel and Mexico. Never being afraid of any activity, she celebrated her 70th birthday by zip lining in Maui. The people she met on these trips and the experiences she shared have stayed with her throughout the remainder of her life.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband Marlin "Spike" Martin, her daughter Linda Martin, and her grandson Derek Martin.

Karen is survived by her children, Eric (Lori) Martin and Steve (Shelly) Martin, both of Columbia Falls. Also surviving are grandchildren, Scott Martin; Austin Martin; Natasha Martin (Michael and Emily); her sister Nora of Portland; and her beloved pup, Sammy.

Services are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Columbia Falls Food Bank, where Karen had previously volunteered.

Karen also loved to share her thoughts and deep spiritual beliefs in her poetry and writing. Here is a prayer for you from Karen: "God Give Me Eyes: That I might see the work that can be done. Let me see the likeness of you in all."

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Dennis O. Martinson, 74

Dennis O. Martinson, 74, was born in Fargo, North Dakota, to Lucille and Orrin Cyrus "Bob" Martinson. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell. He attended schools in Delamere and Lidgerwood, North Dakota.

After graduating from Lidgerwood High, he attended Valley City State University, majoring in music. He enlisted in the

Air Force and served in the Vietnam War theater and, after returning to stateside, he was stationed at Kalispell Air Force Station in Lakeside where he met his wife, Ann, whom he married in 1971.

Dennis had a varied



career divided between playing with local bands, both in the valley and in North Dakota; managing a bowling alley in Lidgerwood, working for UPS and USPS in Kalispell, retiring from the USPS.

He enjoyed his gradsons, Blake and Trey, and, of course, fishing, and playing pinochle with his family and friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Lucy, and his

brother, Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, his daughter, Tami Holcomb, and grandsons Blake and Trey Holcomb, his sister Sheila Kath and her husband Keith, sisters-in-law Carrie Taylor and her husband Richard, Shirley Anderson and Lori Goble, along with many nieces and nephews.

Dennis requested to be interred at Black Hills National Cemetery in South Dakota with private graveside services.

Kevin Gerard Maskill, 27

Kevin Gerard Maskill, 27, passed away peacefully in his sleep due to a pre-existing cardiac condition on March 17, 2022, at his home in Kalispell. He was the son of Mark Maskill (Kalispell) and Donna Hakola (Baraga, Michigan).

Kevin was born on Oct. 25, 1994, in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He lived in several Western states, then attended school and graduated from Baraga High School (BHS) in 2013. While at BHS, he was the Baraga Viking Mascot. His classmates described him as having more Viking spirit, love, and loyalty than anyone.

He attended college at Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell), transferred to Northern Michigan University (Marquette, Michigan), and then to Rochester University (RU; Rochester, Michigan). While at RU, Kevin was the manager of the RU



Warriors Wrestling Team. He was proud to be part of the team and embodied the Warriors

spirit.

Kevin was larger than life and had a heart of gold. He loved his family and friends deeply and reminded us of that often. He was the life of the party. His quirky sense of humor could bring laughter and a smile to anyone he encountered. He brightened our times together, no matter the occasion. You could count on Kevin to have a witty remark, an unforgettable saying, make a joke, suddenly bust a move, and to give you a huge hug. These qualities brought us all a tremendous amount of joy. He wanted everyone to be well in the world and know that he was always there for

you. He was our sunshine and our dance of life, he was "Our Kevin, the 'Budman.'"

Kevin loved his dog Sparty, watching professional and college sports — especially the Michigan State Spartans — coffee, catching turtles at the family lake, playing basketball in the yard where he proudly called himself "The Closer," golf outings, making music playlists, listening to podcasts, and playing Xbox. He loved sitting by a campfire, checking and texting friends at all hours of the night, sleeping outside on the porch in the summer counting shooting stars, spending time with his extended family, hunting with his dad, spending time and snuggling with his sister, and late night calls with his mom.

He is survived by his parents, his sister Paige, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Hannah; his grandparents, Don and Peggy Maskill of Rochester, Michigan, and Fred and Marty Hollon of Baraga, Michigan; and his stepdad Dale Hakola, also of Baraga.

A memorial service for Kevin will be held at Rochester University in Michigan on Memorial Day. Celebrations of life are also planned for Kalispell and Baraga at a later date.

Donations in lieu of flowers, may be sent to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, Kalispell, in Kevin's name.

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.

Carol Solhjem Mason, 86

Carol passed away quietly on June 18, 2022, at her Kalispell home after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Carol was born at her family farm near Leonard, North Dakota, in December 1935 to Frederick and Alma Solhjem. She joined two older brothers and would soon have a sister and two more brothers. The family lived on and worked the farm that was built by her grandparents who emigrated from Norway. She attended Sheyenne Township school, a one-room schoolhouse, through eighth grade and most of her classmates were her cousins. Carol graduated from Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo, where she boarded, returning home to the farm each weekend. She graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Fargo in 1956. She and three adventurous friends set out for eastern Montana where Carol took a job at the Veterans Hospital in Miles City. She soon met and married Wade Mason and had 58 loving years until his death in 2017.



Carol and Wade moved to Kalispell in 1964 with four preschoolers and built a wonderful home on four acres, complete with huge garden, assorted livestock and pets. Carol was a tireless homemaker, tending the garden, cooking delicious meals, and baking bread and her famous cinnamon rolls each Saturday night. She continued nursing, working in private care, in labor and delivery at the hospital, then for Drs. Nelson and Heine at Kalispell Ob/Gyn, and finally at Immanuel Lutheran Home. Carol was a devoted mother with a nice balance of love, fun, and guidance for her children and their friends.

Carol and Wade enjoyed living on Flathead Lake during their retirement and the family, now including nine grandchildren, loved visiting. Carol taught them all to bake, starting with the simplest recipes and eventually mastering lefse. She was an attentive grandma, never missing a birthday or holiday.

She always made time for tea parties, building forts, and even played Twister!

Carol loved traveling and had many memorable trips with Wade to Europe, Mexico, and the Southwest where they basked in the sun. They once spent a month in Mexico helping build an orphanage. She traveled to Norway a few times with her parents and reconnected with relatives. When home, Carol made beautiful quilts, tended her flower beds, and finally sat down to read good books. She was a member of the Sons of Norway and took Norwegian language classes to refresh her childhood first language. She tutored two young granddaughters in Norwegian each week in her later years.

There was something very special about Carol apparent to all who knew her. The love of God was a light that shone brightly in her optimism and kindness to others. Even in her last few months she reminded others that "the most important thing" is to love God, to listen to his voice and to be a loving person. She was an active member

of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Eidsvold Lutheran Church, and Faith Covenant Church. She loved meeting with her Flathead Lake neighborhood Bible study for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wade, and brothers Iver Solhjem and Gordon Solhjem.

She is survived by sister Grace Stainbrook, brothers Allen Solhjem and Ralph Solhjem, her children Barbara (Dennis) Peterson, Douglas (Ashley) Mason, Patricia (Steven) Anderson, and Sheryl (Cris) Miller, and grandchildren Joe, Alex, and Hannah Peterson, Annika and Brynn Mason, Peter and Finn Anderson, and Gabe and Annie Miller.

We would like to thank all Mom's devoted personal caregivers and hospice nurse who enabled her quality of life to continue at home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 19 at Faith Covenant Church at 611 3rd Ave. East in Kalispell. A light lunch will follow.

Memorials may be made to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or to your favorite charity.

Gregory Earle Mason



Gregory Earle Mason, 71, of Polson, Montana, passed away on Oct. 17, 2022.

Greg was born on July 12, 1951 to Mary Mason

in Washington D.C. After graduating from Santa Clara High School he went on to Ventura County College where he obtained an associate's degree and then on to study business at San Diego State University.

While there he enjoyed a successful football career for the SDSU Aztecs and went on to play for the Southern California Suns in the World Football League in 1974 and 1975.

After his football career Greg started a lasting career for the California Highway Patrol

in 1982. It was that career that brought him to Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Ventura for much-needed coffee breaks where he met Valerie Atwood in March of 1983. They fell in love and were wed in September of 1984.

Greg was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. After retiring from the Highway Patrol in 2000, Greg attend-

ed cooking school in Washington State which allowed him to broaden his passion for food. After Washington, the family then moved to Whitefish, Montana in 2002 and Greg became a produce manager at Super 1 Foods where his passion for food expanded to helping customers. He could be recognized in the produce department by his contagious smile and helpful recipes. After retiring from Super 1, Greg took the love of his life Valerie to live in Mesquite, Nevada but Montana

called them back and they settled down in Polson where they enjoyed the views of Flathead Lake together from their new home. Greg was also a passionate fisherman and could often be found on his pontoon boat on Flathead Lake where he loved taking his grandkids for outings.

Greg was predeceased by his mother Mary Mason and his brothers Clark Caldwell and his sister-in-law Julie Caldwell. He is survived by his wife Valerie Mason, their children,

Michael Tolomeo-Atwood, Christina Thompson and Tyler and Camille Mason, his nephew and niece Dante' and Trisha Caldwell and grandchildren, Makenna, Marcelo, Devante, Kharri, Malyiah and Noia.

A celebration of life open house will be held in his honor on Nov. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the Snowberry Event Center at the North Forty Resort located at 3755 MT Hwy 40 West, Columbia Falls, Montana, 59912.

Louis A. Máté, 94

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at 94, our beloved father, Louis A. Máté, passed into heaven and joined our mother, Glennie Máté.

He was born to Lajos and Margit Máté in Budapest, Hungary, July 10, 1928.

Loui had a degree in automobile design engineering from the University of Budapest. He skied for Hungary for 10 years and participated in the 1948 Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland. He escaped from Hungary during the Revolution in December of 1956 and arrived in America on a boat Jan. 31, 1957. He came to Salt Lake City in 1959 to ski and met the love of his life, Glennie. They married on July 1, 1961, and had two beautiful daughters.

Loui was an entrepreneur and owned and operated Máté's Sports Car Clinic in Salt Lake from 1959 to 1976. His passions in life were God, family, skiing, sailing, tennis, and repairing foreign cars. The Máté family were active members of both the Great Salt Lake and Bear Lake Yacht Clubs. For a family crew, they did amazingly well and won many seasons in their Ranger 29-foot sailboat, First Mate! After Glennie passed, he single-handed First Mate on Flathead Lake.

He valued freedom above all and said the proudest day of his life



was when he became a U.S. citizen. At 93, he was still skiing 30-plus days/season and had hoped to ski this season as a 94 year old. He often joked that it was easier for him to ski than to walk. He was featured this month for a company in a film shot by his grandson, Marcus Catlett. This film is titled "Ski to Heaven" and can be viewed on YouTube <https://youtu.be/8EuPuCNbjdw>.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and wife.

He is survived by his daughters Cindy and her husband Scott, and Linda and her husband Troy; four grandchildren, Marcus, Julia, Brooke and Curtis; nephews László, Miklós and Glenn, and nieces Alene and Amy and their respective families.

His celebration of life was held Saturday the 19th of November at the Community Chapel in Lakeside, MT 59922.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Kingdom Builders (missions and church planting) 31 S. Midland Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651; or Lakeside Community Chapel, P.O. Box 162, Lakeside, MT 59922.

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

Deloris Elaine (Hayden) Matson, 84

Deloris gained her angel wings on Sept. 16, 2022.

Deloris was born Aug. 15, 1938, in Fairview, Montana, and shared her birthday with her mother. She was the second daughter of Richard and Kathryn (Noteboom) Hayden and joined older sister Marlene. Later came twin sisters Beverly and Bonnie, brother Michael, and twins Dewayne and Debra. Deloris and all her siblings grew up on the farm in Fairview, helping their mother and father.

In 1956, Deloris graduated from high school and went on to pursue her teaching degree from Dickinson State and later her master's from University of Montana in 1976. She taught her first class in Lame Deer, followed by Rocky Boy. She had her daughter Kathy in 1958 and son Gary in 1962 with husband Gerald Olson. In 1964, the family moved to Columbia Falls and she taught there until her retirement after 37 years of teaching.

Deloris married James Matson Aug. 13, 1979, acquiring seven more children of her heart: Sandie, Randy, Richard, John, Jane,



Tammie and Brenda.

Deloris recently published a book of her personal stories through Storyworth, and it is and will always be cherished. She loved and cherished her siblings and extended family, her students, and friends, her 27 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Deloris joins her parents, brother Michael, grandson Erik, and beloved granddaughter Rachael.

Tributes are suggested to further brain cancer research through the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center at www.FredHutch.org.

Funeral services for Deloris will be held on Wednesday Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 401 7th St. West, Columbia Falls. Family and friends are welcome to attend a visitation starting at 10:30 a.m. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family. Online condolences may be submitted at www.columbiamortuary.com.

Ilona Maria Matson, 79

On Dec. 28, 2021, Ilona "Sam" Matson passed away peacefully in her sleep.

She was born in Germany on June 22, 1942. About six years later, her mother married an American serviceman and she immigrated to the U.S. She often told the story of arriving at Fort Ord from Germany with an envelope pinned to her coat with all her information since she did not speak a word of English. She eventually moved to California and later to Dubai where Sam

worked as a corporate secretary.

In 1974, she met Len Matson in Dubai. They married and embarked on an exciting life living in Dubai, Toronto, California, Amsterdam and Houston. Sam and Len were real partners in life and enjoyed each other's company and a wide circle of friends. Sam loved to cook, entertain and travel. In Dubai, she was



actively involved in the expat community and the Petroleum Wives Club, and she helped organize the Dubai Follies, Mardi Gras parades, Christmas caroling parties, haunted houses, and many great parties. After many trips to Montana over the years, in 2000, Sam and Len retired in Lakeside where their good friends the Stimpsons lived, and they shared many wonderful years in their beautiful log cabin overlooking Flathead Lake. Sam was involved in the library and bridge

groups. She loved many dogs and cats over the years, and they were family to her.

Sam took good care of her loving husband, Len, who passed away in June 2018, and she missed him deeply. She was also preceded in death by her mother Gerda Crocker and her brother Ralph.

She is survived by her three stepchildren, Scott Matson and LeAnn, Greg Matson and Tiffany, and Mary Kay Malas and Brett, plus seven grandchildren. No service is planned at her request.

Caitlin Rose Mattern, 26

On a sunny Easter morning, April 7, 1996, our beautiful Caitlin Rose was born. What an Easter blessing she proved to be, from her quick wit to her devotion to her son Malaki, love for her sister, love for Jesse, and her constant love for her parents.

Caitlin passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Ferndale. Although she is no longer with us and has left a hollow place in our hearts, may her beautiful soul rest in peace.

Caitlin was raised in Havre, Olney and Kalispell. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 2014. She loved painting cars for work. She also greatly enjoyed spending time with Malaki, shopping with Mama and visiting. She was a "people person."

She was preceded in death by her mater-



nal and paternal grandparents, and her cousin in David Meyers.

Caitlin is survived by her partner Jess Boeke, father Brian Mattern of Kalispell, mother Paula Mattern of Kalispell, son Malaki Boeke of Kalispell, sister Rylee Mattern of Kalispell, brother Aaron Hossack of Kansas City, Missouri, her Aunt Patty, Uncle Larry, and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to a trust fund being established through an attorney at Whitefish Credit Union in Kalispell for her son, Malaki Boeke.

A celebration of life will be held on Caitlin's birthday, April 7, 2023.

Marianna Merritt Matteson, 90

With family and close friends around her, Marianna Merritt Matteson peacefully passed away in Pullman, Washington, on July 20, 2022.

Born in Kalispell on March 25, 1932, she was the first-born child of Nellie Gary Merritt and Russell Leland Merritt.

Her bucolic Montana childhood was influenced by the Great Depression and World War II when communities and families struggled to get through the difficult times. As she helped her parents with the family motel and Victory Garden, she developed a strong work ethic which helped her to achieve outstanding success throughout her career.

She excelled in school, graduating as valedictorian from Flathead County High School (FCHS) in 1950. With broad interests including music, journalism, science, art and theater, she found it difficult to choose a field of specialization as she headed to the University of Montana, Missoula, for college. She settled in as a member of Delta Gamma sorority and eventually chose foreign languages as her major.

Marianna graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish degree, followed by a Master of Arts degree awarded in 1956 from the State College of Washington, (now Washington State University or WSU) in Pullman. She taught in public schools in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and at the University of Idaho,



Moscow. In 1965 she joined the faculty at WSU where she achieved the rank of full

professor and served as chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for 10 years. She completed her Ph.D. in Spanish at the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1968 and published a book and a variety of articles. Her foreign study experiences took her to Mexico numerous times and to Colombia, South America, as a Fulbright Scholar.

She was married to Richard Ogles, a professor of sociology at WSU, and following her divorce from him in 1971, she married Don Matteson, a professor of chemistry at WSU. Don and Marianna had been acquainted in Kalispell from early childhood through the ninth grade when both of their fathers were teaching at FCHS.

Throughout the 51 years of their marriage, Don and Marianna traveled the world extensively. They took delight in experiencing different cultures and geographies as they visited a plethora of destinations in all seven continents. They also kept in touch with their Montana roots with an annual trip to Glacier National Park where they hiked and photographed alpine wildlife and scenery.

Filled with music, art, books, dogs and collectibles from around

the world, their home was a veritable sanctuary that reflected their many varied interests. Watching the wildlife in their outdoor aviary while sipping a glass of Merry Cellars wine was especially enjoyable to Marianna.

Over the years Don and Marianna have been robust supporters of WSU and its programs. They have created funds that support students and faculty in both the chemistry and foreign language schools. To help facilitate student knowledge of anatomy and disease, Marianna donated her remains to WSU's Elson F. Floyd College of Medicine in Spokane.

She is survived by her husband Don of Pullman, her sister Jeanne Lauf Walpole (James Peterson), stepdaughter Karen Matteson, stepson Eric Matteson, nephews Robert Kraft, Scott Lauf, Kevin Lauf and Chris Lauf (Sara), grandnieces Rachel Lauf, Sarah Lauf and Grecia Barboza Lauf and grandnephews Nicholas Lauf and Michael Lauf.

She was predeceased by her parents, sister Lois Mikawa, nephew Louis Mikawa, nephew Eric Matteson, and grandparents Caroline Clark Gary and Emerson Gary and Lottie Ginn Merritt and Ephrium Merritt.

Marianna will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched. Her ever-present keen wit and sharp sense of humor endeared her to all.

A celebration of her life will be announced later.

David Franklin Maurer, 88

David Franklin Maurer passed peacefully Wednesday, May 11, 2022, age 88, in Kalispell, after an extended period of declining health. He was a man of integrity and will be deeply missed.

Born Oct. 10, 1933, in Upland, California, to Frederic A. Maurer and Helen E. Goodrich, he excelled in school, attending the United States Military Academy at West Point (class of 1955) leading to a 30-year career in the Corps of Engineers. Assigned to Germany, he met a captivating special services officer, Mary Anthony (Toni) O'Neill marrying Aug. 31, 1957. They had 50 years of adventure, living and traveling all over the U.S. and around the world. During his career he obtained a master's degree in nuclear engineering, taught at West Point, served in Vietnam, was the military attaché in Germany, and was

involved with numerous construction projects both in the U.S. and abroad.



Point motto: Duty, Honor, Country defined his life.

Following Army retirement, he worked in the private sector, settling first in Claremont, California, and in 2004, moved to Somers where, heartbreakingly, Toni died of pancreatic cancer in 2007. David became reacquainted with a childhood friend, Martha Anderson Richardson, marrying in 2011 and moving to Kalispell in 2018. Martha brought much joy to his final years.

David was a man of faith who cared about the community and actively took part on various

advisory boards and with Rotary Club. David is survived by his wife Martha; son Fred Maurer of San Diego, California; daughter Lisa Jibson (Michael) of Ann Arbor, Michigan, daughter Karen Proksch (Robert) of Emmett, Idaho; and grandchildren David Jibson (Briana), Jonathan Jibson (Betsy), Tara Jibson Fraga (Hugo), William Jibson (Krista), Morgan Proksch Maeker (Tyler), and Eric Proksch.

The memorial service is Saturday, May 21, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont St., Kalispell. Interment at West Point Cemetery will follow later. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Samaritan House, 124 Ninth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901 or samaritanhousemt.com

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Gloschat, (406) 752-6666.

David Robert Maxam, 94

Long time Green River, Wyoming, resident, David Robert Maxam, passed away Aug 3, 2022, in Kalispell where he had resided since 2016.

David was born Dec. 27, 1927, in Green River to Robert and Rose Maxam. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1945. After graduation he attended the University of Wyoming and then joined the Marines from February of 1946 to December of 1947, stationed in Honolulu. He returned to Green River and married Barbara Fox on Sept. 2, 1948.

David was a hard worker and provided for his family by first working for the Union Pacific Railroad until 1962, then moving on to Stauffer Chemical where he retired in 1986. He couldn't stay idle for long so he went back to work at Tenneco Minerals where he then retired for good in 1992.

David was an example of dedication, strength and ingenuity. He could create or repair anything. He spent many hours in his shop creating furniture, toys, wooden decorations, and ceramics for and with his wife. Together they would supply friends and family with many forms of handiwork. All you had to say was, I



need and David would come up with a plan. After living in Green River for 88 years, he moved to The Springs Assisted Living in Whitefish to be close to family. He continued to touch lives with his positive attitude for life. Wherever he was, he was happy to be there.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Barbara F. Maxam, brother Richard Maxam, and sister Mary Ellen Houdley.

His strength continues to live in his family: Pamela R. Arnold (Russ Arnold) of Custer, South Dakota, Richard J. Maxam (Denise Maxam) of Little Rock, Arkansas, Robert W. Maxam (Julie Maxam) of Pinedale, Wyoming, and Rose Ann Clark (Jevon Clark) of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A family graveside memorial will take place at Riverview Cemetery in Green River at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Melva June (Nebeker) McClain, 86

Melva June (Nebeker) McClain, 86, of Bigfork, passed away April 17, 2022



at St Joseph Hospital in Polson. June was born June 28, 1935 to Clyde and Uldene (Hawkins) Nebeker in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She met and married Keith McClain Oct. 31, 1951. To this union three sons were born: Hank, Randy and Brett.

As well as taking care of three boys, she worked and retired from First Security Bank in Helena. June was an artist of various media; ceramics, painting and quilting, all of which created beauty. June enjoyed crafting, dancing, bowling and wintering in Arizona with her husband, Keith. June and Keith enjoyed owning and operating a

cherry orchard at Yellow Bay for over three decades.

June is preceded in death by her parents, her son Randy McClain and her husband Keith McClain.

June is survived by her two sons, Hank (Mardia) of Clinton, and Brett (Shelly) of Helena, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. June is also survived by her sisters and brothers Clydene Ruby of Twin Falls, Idaho; Ray (Judie) Black of Mackay, Idaho; Sandy (Lonnice) Tate of Hagerman, Idaho; and Jerry (Kay) Black of Buhl, Idaho.

There are no services planned at this time for June. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.shridერთhompson.com.

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

Helen McClellan, 94

Helen McClellan, 94, of Polson, left this earth on Jan. 2, 2022, after a brief illness at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

Helen was born to Swedish and Russian immigrant parents who had previously been fur traders in the Siberian arctic, but were displaced by the Russian Communist revolution. Third and eventually middle child of five, Helen was born in the tent the family was living in near Polson on June 2, 1927, just in time to grow up during the Great Depression and the rationing of the war effort for World War II. She quickly learned the value of thrift, perseverance, and hard work during those years.

Building on her natural affinity and talent for music, Helen became the first of the family's children to graduate from college, graduating from the University of Montana in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. Playing piano and singing remained a significant part of her life and were key to her meeting her husband, Malcolm McClellan, who was also talented. They sang together in many settings over the course of their lives.

Married in 1952, Helen and Mal moved from Seattle to Southern California in 1954,

moving from Pacific Palisades to Malibu in 1960, teaching school and investing in real estate. In the early '80s, both became stalwart conservative political activists, embracing values they would hold for the rest of their lives. Between their political and business interests and living in Malibu, they interacted with more luminaries in the worlds of politics and entertainment than can be counted. They also became familiar with other facets of Malibu life, like the frequent mudslides, earthquakes and fires, which reached a personal crescendo when the Old Topanga fire burned down their house and most of their personal possessions in 1993.

After husband Malcolm's passing in



2000 and following her son who had moved to Polson the previous year,

Helen returned permanently to the Polson area in 2002, though she preferred to spend her winters in Palm Springs, California. Not so many years after moving "home," Helen was adopted by "Kitty," a half feral cat that roamed the neighborhood. Finding her suitable, Kitty moved right in, and they entertained each other for many years, until the end of 2020.

Close family preceding her in death were her parents, Carl and Marie Johnson; husband, Malcolm McClellan; brother, Chester Johnson; sister, Gloria Violette; and brother-in-law, Ed Violette.

Helen is survived by her sister, Lillian Stephenson; brother, Gene Johnson; and her loving son, Ron McClellan; and a great many members of her extended family.

Friends will especially remember Helen's quiet manner, cheerful smile, optimistic attitude and generosity. It was a life full of challenges — but she was up to handling them.

A service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at The Lake Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. East in Polson. Viewing will be at 11 a.m., and the service at noon. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery will follow. Reception plans are to be announced at the service. A celebration of life event will be held in the summer after July 4, circumstances permitting.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a local charity, particularly ones that support needy animals or children.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.



Pat died on 15 July, 2022, at her home, in West Glacier, cared for by her family. Pat was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, on 24 March, 1935. The family eventually settled in Granville, Ohio. Pat's father, Dr. Harry V. Truman, was Professor of Botany at Denison University, in Granville. Pat's mother, Margaret Galligan Truman, was an artist and taught in elementary schools. The family spent summers of 1939-1942 in Yellowstone National Park, where Dr. Truman was a seasonal naturalist.

In 1956, Pat received a B.S. in Education from the Ohio State University. Also in 1956, she married B. Riley McClelland. She had met him in 1955 at Old Faithful, where they both were working. During their careers with the National Park Service, Pat and Riley worked at Carlsbad Caverns, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Pat liked to say that their career began with dessert - four snowed-in winters at Old Faithful. Their home was an historic log ranger station (razed in 1970), 500 feet from Old Faithful Geyser. Each autumn (1957-1960), Pat ordered groceries for five months. She loved the opportunity to spend so much time with her growing family in Yellowstone's quiet wonderland (before the snowmobile invasion years). Pat loved horses, dogs, wildlife, native plants, skiing, and hiking. She was intensely curious about all aspects of nature. If she encountered a butterfly or a bird along a trail, she could not be budged until she identified it.

From 1965 through 1989, Pat worked with Riley on the Bald Eagle Migration Ecology Project. With colleagues and University of Montana students, they transmitter-equipped bald eagles at the fall concentrations in Glacier National Park. In spring 1980, Pat and friend Becky Williams documented the first nest site in the study. They tracked a tagged eagle from its wintering area near Ovando to its nest in Wood Buffalo National Park (northern Alberta). Other eagles were tracked as far north as Great Slave Lake, near the Arctic Circle.

In the midst of eagle research, Pat and family moved to Missoula. While guiding her five teenagers, Pat was a substitute teacher in several Missoula schools. She sang with the Missoula Choral and took classes to keep her teaching certificate current. Beginning in 1985, Pat conducted her own Bald Eagle research, at Hungry Horse Reservoir. The field work was a basis for her thesis and a University of Montana M.S. Degree in Wildlife Biology, received in 1992.

In 1993, Pat and Riley retired to their home in West Glacier. Thereafter, Pat participated in numerous nature safaris to Africa, Australia, Borneo, Costa Rica, and Mexico, led by prominent naturalists. Most trips also had native guides. Pat and fellow travelers provided funding for one of their Tanzanian guides to earn a university degree. As a teacher, Pat took great joy in contributions to school children and native villages. She worked tirelessly to help preserve environmental quality, wherever she was.

Pat is survived by her husband, five children (Mary Teresa, Kevin, Jane, Kerry, and Terence), six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Anyone desiring to make a donation in Pat's memory, could consider the Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance, (P. O. Box 181, East Glacier Park, MT 59434), or a favorite conservation group.

Dorothy M. McCrudden, 81

Dorothy M. McCrudden, 81, of Eureka, Montana, passed away at home on Oct. 25, 2022.

Dorothy (Swavely) McCrudden was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1941. She was raised by her grandparents, Nathan and Katie Swavely in Parker Ford, Pennsylvania. She graduated Owen J. Roberts High School in 1960 and then married her sweetheart Dennis McCrudden on Jan. 21, 1961.

They moved to Montana in 1966, residing up LoLo Creek for many years, with a short stay in Kalispell, they then found their dream home in Eureka.

Dorothy worked for the Missoula Camp Fire Girls, Woodman School District, Montana Bank and was vice president of 1st Security Bank in Missoula. She helped out her husband Dennis with Rice's Reuseables and later worked side by side with Dennis at several Six Star and Dollar stores throughout Western Montana. She operated the Cards and More Store in Missoula for a short time.

She enjoyed traveling with Dennis to NASCAR races, auctions and visiting friends and relatives. She really enjoyed

her trip to Ireland with Dennis' relatives and her kidnapping to Canada by her daughters. She was an avid fan of the University of Montana football and basketball, especially the Lady Griz.

Dorothy always had a kind word, a thoughtful card or a helping hand for those who knew her.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by her husband Dennis McCrudden; daughter, Denise (Steve) Schroeder of Humboldt, South Dakota, son Dwayne (Julie) McCrudden of Missoula, daughter Deanna McCrudden of Blacksburg, Virginia; grandchildren, Amber (Amber) Schroeder and Jason Schroeder, both of South Dakota, Dustin (Bekka) McCrudden of Montana, and Courtney McCrudden of Washington; great-grandson, Gavin Schroeder of South Dakota; her sister-in-law, Janice McCrudden of Pennsylvania; and special family friends, Rod and Sherie Leese. Many friends and other relatives will also miss her cards or calls.

Per Dorothy's request there will be no services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Eileen McDowell, 67

Eileen McDowell, 67, died at her home in Eureka on June 28, 2022.

She was born in Spokane, the fourth of five children.

Eileen moved to the Flathead Valley in 1983 and established herself as an expert in native plant restoration and ornamental garden design.

She was self-taught and constantly expanded her knowledge of horticulture. She spent countless hours working in her gardens, making outdoor spaces places to find peace and inspiration. When she wasn't gardening or spending time with family and friends, you could find her in her favorite huckleberry spot, fishing hole, reading, cooking and camping. She could appreciate the little things in life, like having morning coffee out in her garden and long conversations with family and friends. Family get-togethers were guaranteed to include delicious dishes, laughter, singing and, notably, her mean tambourine playing skills.

She made friends everywhere she went with her bright, welcoming and accepting personality. She had a special knack for allowing people to be themselves, inviting them to feel at home, both in her home and her heart. Above all, she taught her daughters they could do anything in



this world. People who crossed her path found a person of resiliency who showed great

courage despite challenging circumstances. She blessed the lives of us who knew and loved her, and she will be missed by many, especially her family and her devoted friends, Rita Meester, Nancy Tighe, Shelly Gysler and Bonnie Nester.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband Tom Sagen.

She is survived by her daughters, Rachel (Cliff) Linster of Billings, Janice Sagen (Matt Schellinger) of Great Falls, and Claire (Mykal) Carel of Rexford. She was a loving grandmother and is survived by five grandchildren who were each so dear to her, Sophie, Amelia, Sam, Elsie and Thorben; her dad, Bob Thompson; her two brothers, and her two sisters.

In place of flowers, please make donations in her name to the Abbie Shelter in Kalispell. <https://www.abbieshelter.org/donate>.

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

Rose Mary Dahl McLean, 92

Rose Mary Dahl McLean, 92, passed away peacefully at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell on July 13, 2022.

Rose Mary Thomas was born Sept. 25, 1929, in the Grenora area on the family farm to Lilly and Harvey Thomas.

Rose Mary attended Grenora High School and was active in St. Olaf Lutheran Church and in 1947 was married to Edwin Ibsen Dahl. They welcomed their daughter, Diane Lee Dahl, on Nov. 29, 1949. They both made their home in the Grenora area and operated the family farm until the early passing of Edwin in 1981 at the age of 56.

Rose Mary found love again and married Robert Allen McLean of Plentywood and continued to operate the family farm until the early 1990s when they built a home in Polson and retired to a life of travel, golf, and



entertaining family and friend. Rose Mary was preceded in death by her second husband,

Robert McLean, in March of 2022 and her daughter Diane, in October of 2007.

She is survived by her son, David (Terry) Burt and by her four grandsons, Dale (Wendy) Amsbaugh of Moscow, Idaho, Sean (Lisa) Amsbaugh of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Scott Amsbaugh of Austin, Texas, and Nathan (Autumn) McLean of Kalispell. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Amanda (Hawke) Lawshe and Molly Burt, as well as nine great grandchildren.

Columbia Mortuary has taken care of the family during this time. Memorial services are pending at this time.

Gerald McNeely, 61

Gerald McNeely passed away in Great Falls on Aug. 31, 2022.

A funeral service will take place at the Little Flower Parish in Browning today, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m.

Gerald was born in Browning on Sept. 17, 1960, to Marvin and Winifred (Salois) McNeely. He attended local schools, graduating from Browning High School in 1978.

Gerald lived in East Glacier for 40 years and Kalispell for 22. He held a variety of occupations, including work as a police officer, service technician, dog catcher and milkman.



Most of all, Gerald took pride in the work he did as a horse trader.

Gerald was preceded in death by his mother, Winnie Salois.

He is survived by his loving wife, Tami Morris-McNeely; sons, Justin (Shawn) McNeely of Kalispell, Daniel (Shawnelle) McNeely of East Glacier, Gerald (Jade) McNeely of Browning, and Lonnie McNeely of Kalispell; daughters, Gerlynn (Frank) McNeely of Columbia Falls and

Stephanie (Dustin) McNeely of Kalispell; brothers, John and Jim McNeely, of East Glacier; sister, Robin Foote, of East Glacier; as well as his grandchildren Alexi, Lily, Jaycee, Mya, Elijah, Aliyah, Arianna, Mckayla, Daniel Jr., Brody, Winnie, Sissy, Reese, Gerald III, and Chassidy.

To share condolences please visit www.croxfordfuneralhome.com

Justin Page McPheeters, 31

Justin Page McPheeters, 31, passed away Dec. 29, 2021.

He was born June 29, 1990, in Portland to Ronald and Darla (Hohnstein) McPheeters. Justin was raised in Gresham, Oregon, where he attended Gresham Union High School.

Upon his departure, Justin would become a professional painter for residences for 12 years. In his off time he loved picking huckleberries, hiking, camping, fishing and riding motorcycles.

Justin was preceded

in death by his father Ronald, and grandparents George and Jeanne Hohnstein.

He is survived by his mother Darla, and brother Cody McPheeters.

A service for Justin will be held Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Dam Town Tavern.

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

Robert "Mark" Meek, 69

Robert "Mark" Meek, 69, of Whitefish, passed away unexpectedly on the evening of Sept. 13, 2022, at his cabin in Star Meadows.

Born on Oct. 15, 1952, to the late Dr. Sydney and Kim Meek, Mark was raised in southern California with his older brother John. In his younger years, Mark studied Kenpo Karate with Grand Master David German, something he was very proud of. He sought adventure and wide-open spaces and left California after high school. His journey took him to the family's property in Star Meadows in 1973. Mark built a cabin in the meadow, next to Logan Creek.

Mark met Susan Webster in 1981. They were married and brought twin girls into the world in 1982. He always said being their father was his greatest accomplishment. He loved his girls more than anything in the world. He took Sue's son, Russell, in as his own and was proud to do so. Mark was a wonder-

ful father, patient, kind, gentle.

Throughout his adult life, Mark worked in a variety of different occupations including logging, construction, and as an auto body mechanic. He was talented in the fine arts and enjoyed making silver and turquoise jewelry as a young man. Later in life, he made Japanese swords for his loved ones out of old chainsaw blades. He had a passion for guns larger than the average Montanan and was a very skilled marksman. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent much of his free time exploring new areas of Northwest Montana. As a young man, Mark trained as a hardhat scuba diver and found skydiving exhilarating.

Mark was incredibly intelligent and could often be found lost in a book. His love of reading gave him an insight and perspective of the world that was admirable. One of his favorite past times was to cook for those he loved. Mark was known to order pie and ice cream for breakfast and



the Grateful Dead and attended many concerts throughout his life, which brought him great joy.

He was a gentle man, kind to all he met. He always said, "it takes all kinds to make a world" and encouraged those around him to see the positive in every situation, saying "this too shall pass". He had a wonderful sense of humor and was known for his wit. He enjoyed the simple things in life. He has left this life far too soon and will be

deeply missed by all that were blessed enough to know him.

Mark is survived by his daughters, Laura (Ned) Owen and Kat (Aaron) Lennick; grandchildren Nick Tagliareni, Hailey Tagliareni, Kimberly Owen, Ryland Lennick and Bridger Lennick; his ex-wife, Susan Webster; brother, John Meek and countless friends including John Baxter, Riley Kindle, Jerry Iverson, and Dave Fischlowitz. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Sydney & Weloetha "Kim" Meek, and his son, Russell Tagliareni.

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

To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

Lowell Vernon Melby, 85



Lowell Vernon Melby passed away the evening of Sunday, May 22, 2022, at home in Bigfork. He was 85 years old.

Lowell was born April 25, 1937, in Kalispell to parents Carnie and Carrie Melby. In 1954, Lowell enlisted in the United States Air Force and served on active duty through 1957 when he was honorably discharged. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal for serving during the Korean War and a Good Conduct Medal recognizing character and efficiency ratings of excellent or higher. He fulfilled his eight-year military service obligation in 1962.

He married Patricia Wright in 1960 and settled down to start a family in Kalispell. They welcomed four daughters, Ellen, Denise, LoLynn and Julie — all of whom grew up and went to school in the Flathead Valley. Dad worked for Plum Creek's Evergreen Mill and eventually, he and Mom built

a home and settled down near Echo Lake. After retiring, their focus shifted to family, friends, and enjoying their home.

Dad was known and respected by so many for the kindness and sense of humor that he carried with him on his daily neighborhood walks. He could always be counted on to offer a helping hand to anyone who needed it and, at 85 years old, Dad was still the first person anyone called if a tree needed to be cut down, topped, or hauled away. He was also extremely diligent about keeping in touch with his girls and family. We believe he must have held some kind of record for making the most consistent and efficient birthday and holiday phone calls every year.

He is survived by his

four daughters, Ellen Mayhan and husband Ray of Paulden, Arizona, Denise Robinson and husband Dennis of Kalispell, LoLynn (Lisa) Melby of Kalispell, and Julie Melby of Bigfork; grandchildren, Christopher of Arizona, Amber of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Toka, Allie, Devin, Serenity, Emma, Kinsley, Tabitha, Laila, Gillian and Garrett; and great-grandson, Silias.

Lowell was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Patricia, his siblings Lawrence, Darlene and Diane, his mother and father, and great-granddaughter Shannon Mayhan.

It is with heavy hearts that we all say goodbye to our Dad and Grandpa. We know that he and Mom will have a pot of hot coffee and a freshly made cheesecake ready for us when we see them again. We love and miss you very much, Dad.

A celebration of life will be held in September.

Gary Lynn Meldrum, 82



On Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, Gary Lynn Meldrum, the best brother ever, passed away from pulmonary fibrosis.

Gary was born on Nov. 7, 1939, in Cardston, Alberta. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1955 and then later on became U.S. citizens.

Gary went to school in Columbia Falls and graduated in 1959. He worked at Krueger Drug. Gary also worked at a lumber mill in Columbia Falls. Then he worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant from 1969 to 2003.

He moved to Kalispell in 1985.

Gary was preceded in death by both parents, father (1996) and mother (2007).

Gary is survived by his sister, Darcee, and many cousins, Gary was a Montana boy from the heart.

Gary loved his 1974 red Corvette and was very fussy with it and also his other vehicles. Gary liked bowling,

golfing and fishing, until one of his friends (Ronnie James) passed away. Gary lost one of his friends (Tony Dumay) in 2014.

In the mid-'70s Gary was an avid bowler, bringing home many trophies; much to Mom's dismay, as she had to dust all of them. Gary had many friends that bowled, golfed and fished. He said he was going to miss his bowling gang.

Gary had a great sense of humor, telling jokes all the time.

Gary's family would like to thank all the doc-

tors, nurses and staff at Logan Health, also the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, all of his friends and family and the staff of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

A memorial will be at a later date. Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

Aileen Metcalf, 91



Aileen Metcalf passed away in the loving arms of her daughter at their Pasadena home on Sept. 22, 2022. She lived her life dedicated to the belief that loving God and serving people should be the chief aim in one's life and labored to instill these values in all who knew her.

She is survived by her sister Patti Dudley, her nephew Ron Steele, and her children Stephen Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Kateri Mattila, Billy Metcalf, Marc Metcalf, Annie Lynn Wasson and Brenda Metcalf Bach. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and countless spiritual sons and daughters.

She was born March 7, 1931, in Pablo, Montana, and will be laid to rest near there on Nov. 3. Aileen graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington, and honed her craft as an executive

assistant which began in the New York FBI fingerprinting division. She served a short period of time as a Tribal judge and then later in life she devoted herself to missionary work, including several years in France.

She loved being in nature, and spending time with others, especially a rousing game of Scrabble or pinocle. She was a die-hard Dodgers and Notre Dame fan and is probably yelling at the game officials from her heavenly easy chair.

Her life will be celebrated at New Life Church in Polson on Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. Feel free to share your favorite Aileen story or condolences for the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

Nancy Lee Meyer, 77



Nancy Lee Meyer, 77, departed her earthly home to unite with her heavenly Father, Dec. 30, 2021. Born Feb. 28, 1944, to Gilbert and Frances McWhorter of Kila, she was fourth born of nine children, Helen, *Chuck, Hazel, Jo, Russell, Rex, Lori, and Patti (deceased).

Nancy married Fred Meyer, and together, raised a beautiful family at their Evergreen home. She was devoted to her family.

Nancy, a huntress, bagged deer, antelope and elk; a gardener, maintained a large well-manicured lawn; a hostess, lovingly developed her property and planned family reunions, weddings, and other gatherings. She loved to sing Karaoke with family and friends, and spent much time camping, huckleberry picking, tating, needlepointing, and crocheting.

Nancy retired as Kalispell station manager at National Car Rental. She traveled the state training new managers and repositioning

cars. Nancy is survived by three sons, Loren Dugan and wife

Sonia of Boise, Idaho, Sean Dugan and wife Sherri of Bigfork, and Kelly Meyer and wife Dinah of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Her grandchildren, Chandra, Kyle, Tasia, Alec, Haley, Justin and Shonda and great grandchildren Noah, Milo, Adeline, Tinsley, Camden, Emily, Westley, Skylor, Konner, and Gwenivere delighted her.

Nancy was a pillar, a rock, generous, frank, strong, devoted, loving and irreplaceable.

A memorial will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2 E, Kalispell, on Monday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m. A potluck gathering will follow in the fellowship hall. Flowers may be sent to the church on the day of services.

Joan (Giles) Michael

Joan (Giles) Michael was born in Cricklade, England, on the 26th of October 1932. Joan passed peacefully at Logan Health Hospice, Kalispell, on June 6, 2021.



Joan was born and raised at the family home in Cricklade, England. She was the second of 13 children. She attended school in the village until the age of 15. She worked in Malmesbury as a care assistant for children with disabilities and at the Garrards factory in Swindon, working on the assembly line making record turntables. To get to work Joan would cycle over an hour to get to either place of work and then back again.

It was when Joan was moving about the village of Cricklade she noticed James H. Michael, an American serviceman from RAF Fairford.

They struck up a courtship, and after James convinced Joan's father that he was a worthy suitor for his daughter by bringing tinned ham to the family home, Joan and James married.

The wedding took place in the 13th-century St. Sampson's Church, on the 7th of June 1951.

Soon after their marriage, James had to return stateside to another post near Orlando,

Florida, and Joan followed months later, sailing on the Queen Mary.

Joan followed James through many postings across North America, crossing to Newfoundland, Canada, Washington state

and finally settling into Montana and the Flathead Valley. After settling his family, James was to spend six months in Great Falls. This was his last time away from his family. In 1972, Joan became a U.S. citizen.

Joan worked as a lunch lady in Somers Public School. Later she volunteered at the Salvation Army Thrift store, then became an employee there. From 1981 'til 1989, both Joan and James were the proprietors of Kalispell Taxi. Joan was widowed in 1994. Joan loved to quilt and embroider, enjoyed her garden, bowling in a league, baking, traveling back to the U.K., hunting out treasures and enjoying her many grandchildren.

Joan and Jim had eight children, 23 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Joan has been reunited through death with the love of her life, James H. Michael and son James E. Michael.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held at Somers Fire Hall, 784 Somers Road, on Friday, Oct. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Carolyn L. Michnal, 78

Carolyn L. Michnal, 78, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, surrounded by her grandchildren who loved her deeply. Carolyn battled with dementia and Parkinson's.



Carolyn was born on Jan. 2, 1944, to Estle and Genevieve Knowlton in Knobel, Arkansas. She had a wonderful childhood with her sister, Verneal. She met the love of her life, David Michnal, whom she wed in 1964. They spent 58 wonderful years together and shared three sons, Kevin, Brian and Jerrod Michnal.

Carolyn graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in 1964 and

spent over 30 years as a registered nurse. Carolyn had a passion for caring and helping others and this showed in her friendships and family relationships. Through nursing, she met some of her very best friends whom she cherished immensely.

Carolyn had a love for the outdoors and shared this love with her family and friends. She was an avid hiker, snowshoer, water-skiier, snow-skiier, and much more.

Carolyn was a member

of St. Matthew's parish. She was a devout Catholic and gave back to the church often and selflessly. Carolyn ensured that both her children and grandchildren were raised to praise and love Jesus.

Carolyn was the rock and foundation of the family and she will be deeply and forever missed.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, David Michnal, of Kalispell; three sons, Kevin (Lisa), Brian, and Jerrod; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Verneal and Robin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, Estle "Bud" Knowlton and Genevieve Hart; her stepfather Buddy Hart; a younger brother, Stanley Knowlton; and her in-laws, Eugene and Ada Michnal.

There will be a service for those who would like to celebrate Carolyn on the 23rd of March at 5 p.m., at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 US Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell.

"So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." John 16:22

Joseph O. Mickels-Silva, 35

Joseph O. Mickels-Silva was born Oct. 24, 1986, and passed away day 27, 2022.

Joe endured a life we can only imagine, most of his life was determined by decisions of others. He decided when he could no longer bear the hurt. Though he had difficulty making friends, he had a few groups that he considered family.

Joe loved game nights and hanging with family or barbecues with friends, sipping, and fishing if he could get someone to go with him. He loved computers, figuring out how they work, building them and playing games on



them. He found his niche with AutoCAD, drawing his dream home that he wanted to live in out in the woods. He spent the last two years designing a new gun holster and working on getting it patented, which he just recently got submitted. When Joe got excited about something that is all he could think or talk about.

Joe accepted Christ and had been baptized in his mid-20s. He could have passionate conversations and sometimes wanted advice but had difficulty accepting someone else's point of view. He was very intelligent and could remember subjects in such detail that he had interest in.

Joe is survived by his younger brother Matt from Helena who was adopted by Mike and MaryRose Heller of Hamilton. Joe had a family from California, Aunt Nikki, Aunt Jenny, foster parents Bonnie and Dave Pennell, and many cousins; a grandma, also of Hamilton; foster family Mark and Candy Van Frachen, whom he came to live with at 17;

siblings, Jolee, Austin, Megan and Richard; grandparents Lois and Gary, plus extended family. His other chosen families are Rhiannon McFarland, the Hansons, Luke Heffernan, and others that we may not have met but meant so much to him.

Joe was preceded in death by a baby sister Kalen, whom he never forgot about.

A celebration of life will be held at Canvas Church of Kalispell, Tuesday June 14, at 11 a.m. Donations can be made to Flathead Warming Center.

Darrell Thomas Micklewright, 76

Darrell Thomas Micklewright, 76, passed away on Oct. 18, 2022, in Kalispell.

He was born to Duane and Betty Micklewright on Oct. 12, 1946, and raised on their farm in northwest Davenport, Iowa. He attended St. Ambrose University and served in the U.S. Navy.

Darrell was married to Francine Bour from 1974 to 1988. They had three children and moved the family to Kalispell in 1984. Darrell owned CBK Services and the Credit Bureau of Libby. He became an upstanding member of the community for many years. In 2001, Darrell married Sharon Bonnet, who passed in 2016 after an extended illness and several years of his loving care. Darrell loved the Flathead Valley, boating on Flathead Lake, and traveling in his RV to visit friends and family all over the country.



Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and son Ryan Micklewright.

Survivors include his devoted children Jason Micklewright and Jennifer Micklewright, and grandchildren, Abigail Kikendall and Samuel Micklewright, all of Kalispell; siblings, Dean (Denise) Micklewright, Dale Micklewright, Debra (Kevin) Coonts and Dave Micklewright; and numerous loving nieces and nephews of Davenport, Iowa.

Services will be held at a later date. Darrell will be greatly missed. 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.

Sam A. Middleton, 83

Sam A. Middleton went to be with his Lord and Savior, Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at home with family. The cause of death was congestive heart failure.

Sam was born Aug. 24, 1938, at Gooding, Idaho, to Arlis Middleton and Vera Witt Middleton. He was the second of four children and grew up in Buhl and Twin Falls, Idaho. He works with his Grandfather C.M. Witt, cutting and hauling logs over Galena Summit at 12 years of age. He told stories of driving a truck load of logs over the summit, him driving one truck and Grandpa the other and how they maneuvered around the hairpin corners on gravel roads.

At 17, Sam enlisted in the Navy with a buddy, Dale Bridwell, in November 1955 serving on the USS Zelma. He married Elizabeth Ann Chapin on Dec. 30, 1957, and son Jody was born March 1959. Upon dis-

charge from the Navy, August 1959, the family returned to Buhl, Idaho, where Sam became a farmer. During this time three more boys were added to the family, Sam Jr., Jeff and David. Also dear friends, the Neil Stiegemeiers and the Leo Meiers became a blessing to the family.

In 1974 they had an opportunity to move to Kalispell to begin a new adventure. Sam went from farming to cooking burgers, owning and operating the Arctic Circle. He saw his customers as friends enjoying back and forth banter. The Arctic Circle venture opened up a new world and the family was blessed by many new and dear friendships. After 34 years it



was time to hang up the spatula and retire. Sam and Ann became snowbirds, traveling with and making many new and dear friends. God blessed their travels as they made happy memories along life's way!

Sam was a joy-filled member of Trinity Lutheran Church for 47 years and was an elder for several years. He was always involved in the life of the church, doing whatever tasks he was asked. He was a kind, gentle and mischievous soul and will be greatly missed.

Sam loved his family and was proud of his boys.

He was preceded in death by parents Arlis Middleton and Vera and Gene McDaris, stepsister Ruby, sister Arlene Johnson, brothers Clarence and Burt and sister-in-law Dawn, brother-in-law Martin and wife Barbara Chapin, brothers-in-law Omer Eldridge and James Chapin and still

born baby girl, Natoma Kay.

Sam is survived by his wife Ann, sons Jody (Lori), Sam Jr., Jeff and David (Betty), grandchildren Victoria, Dustin (Laura), Ashley (Carrington), Savannah (Tony), Justice, Skylar, Stephanie, Bryce (Carisa), Kaylee, Allison and Taylor, and 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Pauline and Judy, Peg (Bob), and brothers-in-law Harry (Marge), and Charles (Jackie), many nephews and nieces and stepsisters Janice and Nina. Sam's many friends were special to him, his coffee gang and Sunday breakfast group.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Trinity Lutheran camp at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church May 7 at 11 a.m.

Patricia Ruth Poston Mild, 74

Patricia Ruth Poston Mild passed peacefully on Oct. 13, 2022, at her home in Twin Bridges, with family at her side.

Patty was born on June 26, 1948, to Roger and Ruth Poston in Kalispell, joining older brother Ray. She attended school in Evergreen and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1966. She then earned a degree in elementary education from Western Montana College in Dillon. Patty taught grade school in Kalispell and later at the rural school Valley View in Polson and Reichle in Glen. Later, she worked in real estate for many years while living in the Dillon area.

When she was 13, she got her first horse, Stormy, and thus began a lifelong love of horses, which she passed on to all her children and grandchildren. Patty raised Quarter Horses and Paints. She showed and ran several horses on the racetrack and belonged to local horse groups, including the Montana Paint Horse Club. Patty passed on her love of horses and animals to her children and many 4-H members as she volunteered as a 4-H leader for many years. She helped put on many horse shows, including a couple of State 4-H shows and was known for putting treats in the mailbox for the kids at the end of the trail class. She always made things fun.

During her childhood, her dad often worked construction away from home, so Patty, her mom, and her brother had many adventures camping, fishing and hiking while visiting him in the summer. Some of her other favorite memories were at her parents' cabin on Echo Lake and her aunt and uncle's cabin on Flathead Lake, swimming, boating and waterskiing. Her love of camping, looking for rocks, and fishing with her family continued her whole life.

In October of 1971, she married Gary Mild in Kalispell and established Mild Fence Company. They soon bought a ranch north of Whitefish where their children, Sarah, Lydia and Luke,



were born. Many days were spent working hard, riding horses,

packing a picnic, picking huckleberries, fishing and swimming at Stillwater and Dickey Lake, and visiting friends.

They later moved to ranches in Proctor, Dillon, Lima, and finally, property in Twin Bridges. During their marriage, they raised their children and partnered in their fence companies, including Mild Fence and Southwest Fence. They enjoyed travels around the state, New Zealand, Mexico and Germany and visiting family around the U.S.

Patty's greatest joy was her children and grandchildren; she loved family.

Her other joy was the Christmas holidays. She decorated the home so beautifully each year, baked family recipe cookies, and insisted the family was all together each year carrying on those traditions. She was the best gift giver and loved to give presents. She worked hard, was one of the strongest people we know, and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Roger Poston.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Mil, of Twin Bridges; aunts, Carlene Peters and Marie Peters, of Kalispell; brother, Ray, and his wife Karen Poston, of Bigfork, and her niece and nephew Amanda and Jeff; children, Sarah Miller and her husband Dave and their children Leneva and Cooper of Polaris; Lydia McCracken and her husband Shawn of Powell, Wyoming; and Luke Mild and his wife Colette and their children Emma and Paxton of Powell; plus many cousins whom she grew up with and were so close to her.

A private family graveside service will be held at Taylor Cemetery in Alder. Donations can be made to Beaverhead County 4-H in memory of Patty.

Joseph Wesley Miller, 84

Joseph Wesley Miller, 84, of Kalispell, passed away July 3, 2022.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Bath, Illinois, to Joseph Warner and Mae Gertrude (Hobbs) Miller, and would go on to be raised in Petersburg, Illinois, with his 11 siblings. Joe quit school at a young age to support his family and started a life of many careers.

Joe started working at a young age as a butcher and worked for Menchetti's in Petersburg. He then went on to own a tree business as well as being a self-taught contractor.

He built many houses throughout Menard County and the surrounding area until moving to Grangeville, Idaho. He gained a highly respected reputation for his building and craftsmanship throughout the Grangeville area before moving to Kalispell. Joe loved to work and was so proud of his craft.

From homes to custom furniture, he was a jack-of-all-trades. You can drive around many communities, including Kalispell, and see many of the beautiful homes and businesses he built. He loved to show old photos of all the custom furniture and projects he had built. He shared his love for work and carpentry with many of his children and taught them those skills from an early age that they have taken into their adult lives.

As in love with work as Joe was, he was equally in love with all the things that came with his downtime. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with



his kids and grandkids. He loved to reload his ammunition and would spend

countless hours reminiscing about his experiences growing up, whether it be about work, family or hunting and fishing. He was a kind soul who loved the Lord and would give anyone the shirt off his back. He was one of the good ol' boys and he will be missed by many.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mae; brothers, James, Richard, Donald, Johnny and Wayne; and sisters, Ida, Mary, Mildred, Geraldine, Linda and Evelyn Miller.

He is survived by children, Joey (Amy) Miller, Nesa (Rob) Goss, Tommy (Wendy) Miller, Amanda (Brian) Davey, Mike (Melissa) Miller, Alex Miller, Aiden Miller, Jon Miller and stepson Jason (Danette) Watkins; and grandchildren, Ryan, Brett, Megan, Melissa, Ava, Mason, Katelyn, Makenna, Kaleb, Heavyyn, Joe, Christopher and Tommy.

Joe has been cremated and his remains will be spread up in the mountains at a later date so he can look after his two youngest sons, per his wishes.

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

Linda Kay (Anderson) Miller, 63

Linda was a loving wife, mother, grand-mother, sister, and a friend to so many. Sadly, she passed away on June 16, 2022, at the age of 63, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by staying close as a family and living life to the fullest.



accepted. She was kind to everyone and a perfect example of what it's like to be selfless. When Linda wasn't spending time with her family, she could be found making her yard look nice or interior decorating. She had an eye for design and did a wonderful job making her house a home. Linda also enjoyed yard sales and finding treasures at thrift stores.

Linda was born and raised in Montana. She met the love of her life in 1973 and they spent 49 years together. They shared many laughs and adventures and created a beautiful family and life together.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Leota Anderson. She is survived by her husband, Fred Miller; her two children, Melissa Simpson and Jake Miller; siblings, Rita Bishop, Carol Frehse, and Lenny Anderson; and grandchildren, Avrey Simpson, Isley Simpson, Jessa Simpson, Blake Miller and Brody Miller. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Linda loved spending time with her family more than anything. She was the best wife, mom, and grandmother imaginable. Linda went above and beyond to make everyone feel loved and

A celebration of life will be held at the Elks in Kalispell on July 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Calvin L. Mischke, 75

Cal cashed in his winning ticket, walking the golden staircase on Wednesday evening Jan. 26, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center.



Cal was born Feb. 7, 1946, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Lester and Fae Mischke. In his early years he was raised throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas. He acquired a love of fishing at an early age. One of his earliest memories was riding his pedal bike to the lake with his fishing pole.

After attending college in Minnesota, he moved west to Vida, Montana, where he met and married Bonnie Hoffman (1971 to 1990); they had three sons, Christopher, Donald and Lester. Their childhood memories included fishing and hunting at Fort Peck Reservoir. He worked at the Farmers Union as an insurance adjuster and the Wolf Point sheriff's office. He moved his family to the Flathead Valley in the late '80s, settling in Bigfork.

He worked at the Lake County Detention office. Cal married Denise Bates (1995-pres-

ent). In 1999 he made his lifetime love of fishing a full-time endeavor purchasing his charter boat "Lucky." He fished with A-Able fishing charters on Flathead Lake. In his retirement years you could find him with his sons, installing satellites, snowplowing, or driving dump trucks.

Cal is survived by his wife Denise, his sons Christopher Mischke (April), Donald Mischke (Lisa) Lester Mischke (Danielle), stepdaughter Natalie Strickler (Evan), nephews, niece, beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Mischke.

His services will be Friday, Feb. 4. Burial service will take place at Fairview Cemetery at 1 p.m., followed by a celebration of life at Easthaven at 2:30 p.m.

Those wishing to honor his life can make a donation in his name directly to Easthaven Baptist Church.

James Lewis Misener, 73

Jim was the youngest, born Sept. 28, 1947, in Kalispell to James Edward and Carolyn Misener. He passed away Jan. 23, 2022.



In 1949, the family moved to Hanford, California, where his dad built and ran Kings Drive-in theater.

In 1955, the theater was sold and the family moved to the Misener Ranch in Delhi, California, where they grew grapes, almonds, raised chickens and sold eggs. He wasn't appreciative of the ranch life, so he entertained himself with friends, baseball, fishing, swimming and motorcycles.

Jim's love of camping, fishing and road trips continued. He and a friend worked their way from California to Florida and back. His love of motorcycles ended when he crashed. He thought his future could do without the road burn.

In 1966 Jim married

Sherry Babb. They had three children, Karen, Lisa and Eddie. They later divorced.

In 1975 Jim married Diane Salado. They had one son, Donald. He continued his love of road trips, as he and Diane lived in many different communities across the states.

In 1995 he and Diane settled in Montana. He was maintenance manager of Gateway Mall in Kalispell until 2010 when a stroke forced his retirement.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, sister Shirley, and son Donald.

Jim is survived by his wife Diane, children Lisa, Karen and Eddie, sister Linda, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

As per his wishes, there will be no service.

Leonard 'Len' Carson Mitchell, 92

Leonard "Len" Carson Mitchell, 92, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6, 2022, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation.



Born Sept. 25, 1929, to Ralph Leonard and Vivian (Hopkins) Mitchell in Kansas City, Missouri, the family later moved to Boulder, Colorado, where Len attended the University of Colorado.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army in his younger years. Len was involved in sales his entire professional life, and worked on real estate projects in such places as Pueblo, Colorado, Elko, Nevada, and Palm Springs and Mount Shasta, California. He finished his career as the sales manager at the Meadow Lake resort in Columbia Falls, which he was involved in from its inception in the 1960s until his retirement in 1994.

He continued to serve on various boards at Meadow Lake throughout his life.

A creative and unique soul with a sharp wit and delightful sense of humor, Len loved landscaping projects, gardening, fishing and reading. His passion for rocks led him into jewelry design, and he, along with his partner, Mary, began Montana Mountains Creations to sell hand-crafted jewelry made from semi-precious stones in gift shops in five Western states. Len was also a talented writer,

producing sales manuals, memoirs, a history of Meadow Lake, and colorful stories about his pets.

Len is survived by his loving companion of 35-plus years, Mary M. Lamons; son, Clay C. Mitchell (Julie), of Columbia Falls; daughter, Carrie M. Mitchell, of Lafayette, Colorado; brother, William A. Mitchell (Virgens), of Boulder; sister, Dianne M. Linden (Joe), of Edmonton, Alberta; faithful pup, Peaches; and nieces and nephews, Cheri, Kit, Britt and Stefan.

He was preceded in death by his niece, Bryn.

A celebration of Leonard Carson Mitchell's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana, 59912, followed by a reception at 5 p.m. at Meadow Lake.

To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

Donations in Len's name can be made by visiting the websites of the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, Flathead County Animal Shelter and the Columbia Falls Food Bank.

Robert Paul Mohs, 77

Robert Paul Mohs, 77, known as "Bob" to family and friends, passed away on March 5, 2022, in Bigfork shortly after being diagnosed with liver cancer.

He was born Aug. 31, 1944, to Henry Peter and Mary Bernice (Shepherd) Mohs as their oldest son in Grafton, North Dakota, into a military family and lived in various states and for six years in West Germany, as a youth.

Bob entered the U.S. Army at Fargo, North Dakota, in 1962 as a paratrooper, and served for 26 years of which over 16 years was spent overseas. During his service, he served in Airborne, Pathfinder, Ranger, and Special Forces units. He fought for three years in South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, primarily in reconnaissance units such as MAC-V SOG's SOA-CCC. During the Persian Gulf War, Bob was a command sergeant major of the Special Forces Battalion in Europe whose mission was to conduct



combat search and rescue operations for downed pilots and air crews in Iraq. His battalion was also responsible for establishing the first Kurdish Refugee Relief camps along the Turkish border in Iraq for the United Nations Humanitarian Operation "Provide Comfort" after the war. For his service, CSM Mohs received 38 individual awards, service medals and ribbons; 10 unit awards; and 11 badges and tabs. Included in these awards are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, three Meritorious Service medals, RVN Cross of Gallantry

with Bronze Star for Heroism, and the Special Operations Combat Divers, German Parachutist and Norwegian Military Winter Warfare and Ski badges.

After retirement in 1991, Robert traveled extensively in pursuit of putting together a written history of the genealogy tree of his family's namesake. Eventually Montana became home, and he spent the last 15 years of his life there. He truly loved the majestic beauty of the state.

Mr. Mohs was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Special Forces Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Special Operations Association.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, a 23-year Army sergeant major from St. Martin, Minnesota, and mother from Crystal, North Dakota, who both died in Richmond, Virginia; a brother Donald "Donnie," a two-year veteran helicopter gunship crew chief of Vietnam, who was twice decorated for valor, who died in Fort Ord, California; another brother, Wayne, a 22-year Naval officer, who died in Charleston, South Carolina.

He is survived by two daughters, Teresa Nicole of Gray, Georgia, and Windy Loreley Maria of Olympia, Washington; a brother, James A. of Moseley, Virginia; a sister, Janis L. Ussery, of Royal Palm Beach, Florida; several

many lives both in the military and locally. His fosterous "Well, hello there" coming in the door will be greatly missed, as will his quick wit.

CSM Mohs will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, at a date yet to be determined with the full military funeral honors that he so respectfully deserves.

In lieu of any cards of sympathy or flowers, Bob's last request is that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in the name of his mother, Bernice Mohs.

On a final note, to all those remaining in the world he wishes for you to go in peace and make a difference, because your time will be at hand quicker than you realize or maybe want!

Laura Wold Monson

Laura Wold Monson passed away peacefully Feb. 17, 2022, from complications from Alzheimer's, surrounded by family.

She was a longtime resident of Whitefish and taught Sunday school in the Lutheran church there. She loved working at Frenchy's Chinese Gardens where she made many lifetime friends.

She relocated her family to Spokane where she attended Kinman Business School. After several years she relocated to Whitefish where she worked for Walsh Groves, working as a secretary during the building of the Trego tunnel. Oh, what an adventure.

She was a person

who always looked to her surroundings to find new adventures, (clam digging) new sources of information (Lewis and Clark Trail), new things to learn (How a salmon counter worked). She passed this quest for knowledge on to her children, always encouraging them to learn.

In 1970 she married Keith Monson and relocated to Washington state. Eventually they landed in The Dalles, Oregon, where she lived for 32 years. She worked for The Dalles School District. She was active in Habitat for Humanity for many years, working in many capacities — board member, hammering nails, raising

money, and welcoming new families to their new home. After retirement she traveled extensively, attending weddings, graduations, and the birth of grandchildren. Some trips involved Habitat for Humanity. Some were just for fun.

In 2014 she moved back to Kalispell to live out the rest of her days in this beautiful valley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph Macomber, Leona Thompson West, brother Tommy Macomber and his wife Joann, sister Viola Loveall and her husband Wes Loveall, daughter-in-law Cathy Wold, brother-in-law John Selner, and several nephews.

She is survived by eight

children, Marie Wold Allen (Tom), Linda Becker (Phil), Dianna Bennett (companion Dean House) David Wold, Mike Wold (Shelly) Leeann Tarter (Rod), Chuck Monson (Nell) and Kaycee Williams (Noah). She had 21 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by sister Leora Muraoka, brother Archie Macomber, and sisters Maxine Selner, Ruby Imholt and Peggy Knudsen. She is survived also by many nieces and nephews.

She was so loved and will be missed by all.

Donna Marrie Kloster Moon, 74

Donna Marrie Kloster Moon, 74, passed away May 10, 2022, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell due to multiple health issues.

She was born Oct. 21, 1947, in Spicer, Minnesota. She enjoyed her years in the Girl Scouts. Donna graduated from New London High School in Minnesota.

Donna was working as a nurse when she married John S. Moon in 1966 in Spicer. Along with being a farm wife, she also worked at Fingerhut Suitcase factory in Benson, Minnesota, and on the production line at Jennie "O" turkey meat processing plant in Wilmar, Minnesota. Donna had exceptionally quick hands and did quality work. She and John also co-owned Moon's Lawn and Garden in Kalispell for many years.

Donna belonged to a ladies club whose members were farm wives and neighbors.

She also enjoyed bowling for many years and belonged to leagues, holding the office of secretary wherever they lived. Donna loved people. She was a great piano player and John would often sing to her music. She loved to



go fishing and camping. Donna also loved to dance. She was always playing

board games and cards. Donna was preceded in death by her father Erwin Kloster, mother Evangaline Kloster Schwartz and stepfather Otis Schwartz, and her grandparents Jerry and Lula Bidwell.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, John S. Moon, of Kalispell; daughters, Janelle Bauer of Clinton and Monica Moon of Choteau; grandchildren, Zachary and Syterra Bauer and Dawn Rudolph, and their families, all from Montana; great-grandchildren, Zachariah, Abigail and Elijah; sisters, Judy Tebben, Emily Rand and Sally Manson, and their families; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at noon July 9 at her daughter Janelle's residence, 9721 Neighbor Way, Clinton, MT 59825.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Glen E. Moore, 89

Glen E. Moore, 89, passed away on Nov. 26, 2022 in Helena.

He was born in Great Falls to John Earl and Cora (Stannard) Moore on Nov. 23, 1933.

Glen was the youngest of four children. He graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1951 where he excelled in sports. He was a member of the football and basketball state championship teams of 1950-1951. He received a football scholarship to the University of Montana but joined the Navy after one year. He was a Navy



veteran of the Korean War. After his discharge, he returned to Missoula to finish college and graduated with a degree in business management.

On April 22, 1952, Glen married the love of his life, Ila Mae Butler, in Kalispell. They raised their four children, Rod, Rick, Kathy, and Kris

in Kalispell and Helena. After a long career with the Federal Housing Administration, he started his own business as a home appraiser until his retirement in 1990. He worked for HUD during the Urban Renewal Program of the 1970s that oversaw the rejuvenation of downtown Helena.

Glen and Ila loved spending summers on Flathead Lake where they had their own "little utopia." During retirement, they would "snowbird" to Yuma, Arizona, where they met many life-long friends square dancing

and playing golf.

Glen was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ila Mae in 2005, and his son Rod in July. His parents and siblings also predeceased him.

He is survived by his son Rick (Kathryn), daughters Kathy (Scott), and Kris (Bob), along with 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell on Dec. 10, with a celebration of life next summer at Flathead Lake.

Kathleen Mooney, 93

Kathleen Mooney "Coleen," "Nana," was born in Cork City, Ireland, on July 1, 1929, the third of seven children granted to Timothy and Kate Buckley. She was born in the family home situated above the Alaska Bar owned by her father which he purchased after spending 20 years mining gold in the Klondike. She spent an idyllic childhood running around the streets and bridges of Cork City learning a greatness of heart from her famously loving mother and the value of hard work and service to others from her father, qualities which she carried throughout her life. She attended the Irish National School where, among other things, Ms. Looney taught her Gaelic and the Catholic faith. When once asked in school what she thought was wrong with the world, young Kathleen confidently announced "Not enough people say their morning offering!" Thus began a candor of speech and depth of faith that she carried throughout her life.

At 17, she boarded the Marine Jumper, a converted Marine troop ship, along with her sister Maura in search of opportunity in the United States. After settling in Washington, D.C., she soon began her career as a secretary which spanned almost 50 years. Her resume included many

institutions such as the Irish Embassy, National Association of Realtors, and the World Bank. Eventually, the rest of her Irish family followed her to D.C. where she lived with them until her marriage. The Buckley family brought with them the Irish culture of faith, fun and humor. Nana and her fun-loving sisters were known to roll up a rug or push aside a table any time the occasion called for an Irish jig. They once danced for the opening of one of the major bridges in Washington, D.C., for the price of a cab fare. Her children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren still sing the many Irish songs she taught



them to love. When she was 27, she married a full-blooded Irish man,

Gerald Mooney, and together they raised two daughters in Falls Church, Virginia. In her retirement, she enjoyed murder mysteries, the company of her many friends, and traveling to visit her children and grandchildren. Her ever generous heart gave much to the pro-life cause and she spent a lot of spare time knitting bandages for victims of Hansen's disease.

Seven years ago, the time came when Nana needed to be surrounded with more family, so she moved West again, this time with her brother John Buckley (Uncle Emmett) to Coram, where together they lived out their last years in the home of her daughter Theresa with much humor and grace. Throughout those treasured years, she shared much love and wisdom with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nana's example of patience in suffering and enduring love of Christ was her last immeasurable gift to her family who loved and valued her more than words can say.

Kathleen passed away in her home on July 17, 2022, at 93 years of age. She was preceded in death by her parents, Timothy and Kate Buckley, her brothers Conn Buckley, Bert Buckley and John Buckley, and her sister Vera Buckley, as well as her husband Gerald Mooney.

She is survived by her daughters Ann Venegas (Gallup, New Mexico) Theresa Dalimata (Coram), her sisters Phyllis Gallagher and Maura Weisenberger and her 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

A viewing and rosary will be held at Columbia Mortuary today, July 21, at 6 p.m., and the funeral will be held at St. Richard Parish at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 22.

Perry Lee Moore, 75

Perry Lee Moore left earth behind to travel through worlds unknown on Sept. 5, 2022.

He was born Sept. 7, 1946, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to Ardys Hogle and Gerdel Moore. He spent his boyhood and adolescence in the Wisconsin towns Palmyra and Stevens Point. During that time, he excelled at the sport of ski jumping.

Perry joined the U.S. Army as a young man where his typing skills proved useful as a clerk. After leaving the Army, Perry spent several years in California. That peri-

od of his life was vibrant and full of very entertaining stories that cannot be summed up here.

He was an avid reader. He especially enjoyed historical fiction, mystery, fantasy, conspiracy, crime, and detective drama. He regularly passed his books on to friends, neighbors, and family members with hopes that they would read them and be affected by the content as he had been.

Perry was also known for his love of music. He loved to share music with people and for them to reciprocate. His musical taste was all over the board and influenced many. He was loudly proud of the people in his life who had musical talent.

Perry was part of the community of Whitefish for over 40 years, where among many things, he raised his children, taught them to ski, and encouraged them in all their interests. Alongside his brother, Gregg Moore, and their partner, Gail

Ohs, he owned and operated Moore Cabinets Incorporated.

Perry enjoyed Montana's beauty and vastness. He often took long drives through the state to simply have lunch, watch the bison roam, or practice some target shooting.

Perry is survived by his children, Christopher Wood, Sara Hebert, and Julia Kutzman, as well as their mother, Heather Moore.

Perry requested no memorial service.

In Perry's honor, please eat, drink, and be merry!



Wayne Moothart, 96

On Sunday, the 4th of September 2022, Wayne Moothart, 96, passed away. His passing was neither hard nor easy. It just was the end of a long journey that started June 3, 1926.

Wayne was born to Frank and Retta Moothart, in a land called Wenatchee, Washington. At a young age his family moved to Montana and made their home in the usual way. Wayne lived through the Depression, a time that lived within him for life.

Wayne's life journey

included living through World War II as a sailor in the Pacific Theater, the marriage to his soulmate, Elaine Moothart, a marriage that spanned 74 years, the birth of two children, grandkids, great-grandkids and great-great-grandkids. He was a father, an uncle, and friend to nephews and nieces.

Wayne's life included working on Hungry



Horse Dam. He tried his hand at being a sawyer. But his heart was in driving truck, hauling logs. He took the good and the bad that went hand in hand with working in the timber industry. His love of being a driver showed in the boats, the motorcycles, snowmobiles, and four-wheeling he and Elaine did during their entire marriage together.

His consistency and willingness to share time with just about anyone he crossed paths with was his true gift. Wayne, in

his quiet way, left some very big shoes to fill. He will be missed by all the family and friends he made in life.

He is survived by his son Boyd and wife Libby, daughter Susan, grandchildren Jason and wife Drena, Amanda and her husband Justin, great-grandchildren Seth, Jillian, Jaron and Ryker, and great-great-grandchild Harrison.

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

Rod Moore, 69

Rod Moore, 69, passed away July 29, 2022, at his home in Lincoln City, Oregon, after a battle with cancer.

Rod was born to Glen and Ila Moore on Jan. 20, 1953. He was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High in 1971. Active in sports, he played football and basketball for the Brave's state championship teams. He played football for the Carroll College Saints and went on to coach high school sports at various Montana schools before



relocating to the Portland area. He was an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife Kari, and three children, Michelle, Erik and Craig, by his former wife Elizabeth; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; father Glen, brother Rick, and sisters Kathy and Kris.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Dennis Gene Morgan, 75



On the morning of July 18, 2022, Dennis Gene Morgan, 75, of Dayton, Montana, died after an 18-month wrestle with acute myeloid leukemia.

Born on Dec. 26, 1946, Dennis was raised in Cut Bank. He grew up with six siblings and extended family all around. He graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1965 where he had been involved in student government, sports, and Boys State. Dennis married his high school sweetheart, Betty Ann Giovetti, in 1967 while attending Montana State University. He graduated in 1970 with a degree in engineering.

Dennis and Betty Ann thought they would "spread their wings" and give the big city a try. Dennis was hired as a fire protection engineer

for Kemper Insurance in Los Angeles. They lived in LA for exactly one year and then promptly returned to their Montana roots. Dennis then worked as the assistant general foreman of the physical plant at MSU. He was later transferred to Northern Montana College in Havre. He was their physical plant director from 1973 to 1978. In 1978 Dennis began working for Modern Aire, Inc. In 1980 he became a partner and then became sole owner in 1985 until his retirement in 2010.

Dennis was the proud father of Brian and Brandi and he loved their spouses as children of his own. His greatest joy in life was becoming a grandpa. He felt that he was the "luckiest man in the world" to have four precious grandchildren. With the birth of his first grandson, Grant, Dennis was transformed. His heart grew because of his great love for him. Then his "little button girl" came along — his granddaughter, Elle. He will now be the loudest angel

cheering for her in the stands. His sidekick and little buddy, Camerin, came next and he cherished his daily visits teaching and mentoring him about mechanics and the lake. Lastly, Estelle came along and he treasured receiving her daily videos because she was so full of life.

While living in Havre, Dennis was active in Optimist, Rotary, Bear Paw Development Co. on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, and helped start Havre's first soccer program. He was also on the state board of SMACNA (Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association), which allowed him to travel nationally and internationally.

Growing up, Dennis developed a love for Glacier Park and Flathead Lake. He achieved his lifelong dream of living on the lake after his retirement in 2010. Dennis loved the lake and loved to water ski. He was the self-proclaimed, "World's best water ski teacher" and loved teaching people to ski and be on the water in his boat. Upon retiring, Dennis became an active member of the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department and served as chief and on the board of directors where he made many more lifelong friends.

Dennis had a passion for classic cars, paid impeccable attention to detail, could fix anything, was an attentive husband, father, grandfather, family man, and friend. He will be deeply missed by many.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Jean Morgan, and brothers Bob and Jim Morgan.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty Ann Morgan, his two children, Brian (Naeyshae) Morgan of Missoula, Brandi (Darin) Westover of KallsPELL; his four grandchildren, Grant, Elle, Camerin and Estelle; his brother Tom Morgan, sisters Carol Morgan, Colleen Gillund and Barb Buechler; along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial to follow services at Fairview Cemetery and a gathering following graveside at Village Greens clubhouse, 195 Nicklaus Drive, KallsPELL.

In lieu of flowers, any donations in Dennis' memory may be sent to Rollins Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 56, Rollins MT 59931. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Karen Jean Scheldorf Morgan, 79



Karen Jean Scheldorf Morgan, devoted mom and nana (aka Nana Montana), passed away at the age of 79 on April 26, 2022, in Bigfork, surrounded by family. After living a full and happy life on her own terms, she is reunited in heaven with her beloved Bob. A beautiful rainbow appeared in the sky shortly after she passed.

Karen was born March 21, 1943, in Morris, Minnesota, to Doris and Gerald Scheldorf. Karen spent her childhood on the family farm in Chokio, Minnesota, and attended a small country school in her early years. She graduated in 1961 from Chokio High School, where she was a cheerleader and drummer in the school band. After working briefly in Minneapolis, Karen visited an aunt in Cut Bank, Montana, and loved it so much she decided to

stay. She was a secretary for legal services when she met the love of her life, Bob Morgan.

They married three months later on July 3, 1963, and were happily married in Cut Bank for 46 years before Bob died of cancer in 2009. Family was everything to them, and their children and grandchildren were the light of their lives. Karen worked in the Glacier County Treasurer's Office for 25 years and enjoyed her time there visiting with customers. Her friendly personality and cheery energy were infectious. She loved to visit with anyone and made friends easily. A longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cut Bank, Karen played

piano and organ and enjoyed working in the kitchen to help with the refreshments for funerals and memorial services. She also volunteered at the Cut Bank Food Bank after she retired.

In 2019, Karen moved to Columbia Falls to be closer to family and to watch her grandchildren play sports. She loved going to breakfast with family and playing Rummikub with friends. She also enjoyed girls' weekends with old friends, playing cards and catching up. Her smile and legendary homemade caramels will be missed by many.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Doris and Gerald Scheldorf; brothers, Keith and Delvin Scheldorf; and her husband of 46 years, Bob Morgan.

She is survived by her two children, Eric (Pam)

Morgan of Columbia Falls, and Nancy (Jeff) Thompson of Mukilteo, Washington; her four grandchildren, Ty, Drew, Cade and Kira; her sister, Gerilee (Tug) Zimmerman of Alexandria, Minnesota; sisters-in-law, Caroline Scheldorf of Chokio, Minnesota, and Verna Scheldorf of Ottertail, Minnesota; along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Karen requested to not have a service at this time, but a graveside memorial is planned for this summer. Her ashes will be laid to rest next to Bob's at St. Richard Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lakeview Care Center, 1050 Grand Drive, Bigfork, Montana 59911.

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

Michael Chad Morin, 48



In the very early morning of July 30, 2022, surrounded by his family, Michael Chad Morin was called home.

Chad was born in KallsPELL on March 29, 1974, to Mick and Peggy Morin. He grew up with his older sister, Brandi, and his younger brother Kevin. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1993. The best part of high school for Chad was meeting the love of his life, MIAnne Wilcox. They married on April 25, 1998, and welcomed their son, Hudson, in 2000 and their daughter, Kendal, in 2005. He was a driver for UPS for 21 years.

In March 2021, Chad was diagnosed with synovial sarcoma. Throughout his last year, he faced having his foot amputated, multiple chemo treatments and surgery with an uncommon courage, bravery, wisdom, faith and peace that amazed

and sustained his family. Chad was passionate about hunting deer, elk and grouse and was a talented knife maker. If he wasn't in the woods or in his shop, he was watching TV shows about knives and hunting. He loved playing pitch and cribbage, football, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers; his favorite color was purple, and he adored classic country music. Like a country song, he loved dogs and little kids and they loved him. He was affectionately known as Uncle Cheeto. To the amusement of his family, he had a deep rooted fear of condiments and was the pickiest eater. He had the best memory, told the greatest stories and was

known for the funniest, most inappropriate sayings, none of which can be put in print.

Quite simply, Chad was larger than life, in his personality, his wicked sense of humor, his temper, and especially his love of his family. His wife was his rock, his daughter the light of his life, and his son a constant joy.

Chad was preceded in death by his twin sons, Wyatt and Cooper, and his father, Mick Morin. He is survived by his wife, MIAnne; children, Hudson and Kendal; his mother, Peggy; his sister, Brandi and her husband Tony Reiner; his brother, Kevin and his wife Hailey, and their children Tucker and Kenzie; his grandmother, Carolyn Tonkinson; step-mother, Kristyn Morin; and step-sister, Jill Lehr; his in-laws, Steve and Carol Wilcox, Layne and

Candy Wilcox, Lauri and Russ Olsen and their children Emily (Gavin and Marlo) Hailee and Lynsie, Marcus and Jolene Wilcox and their children Sierra and Taylor and his lifelong friend, BJ Nelson, his wife DesRee and family.

Chad's family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses who provided excellent care and support, especially his oncologist Dr. Ness, Lois at the infusion center and Amber with hospice.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's in KallsPELL, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Naomi Morris, 92



Naomi was born to James and Falby Witt on March 29, 1930 in Mannford, Oklahoma. She married her lifetime love, Elmer Morris on Nov. 20, 1948. They were together until his death in 2016. They enjoyed the outdoors,

fishing, hunting, and their family.

Naomi is survived by her daughter, Linda Sighting and husband Dave Sighting; as well as her son Dennis Morris and wife Chris Morris; multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Johnson-Gloschat funeral home is caring for Naomi and her family.

Donna Margaret (Nash) Morken, 78

Donna Margaret (Nash) Morken went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 5, 2022, due to pancreatic cancer.

Donna was born to Alvin and Margaret Nash July 29, 1943, in Great Falls. The third of five children.

The Nash's moved to Hungry Horse in 1946 in anticipation of Hungry Horse Dam being built, and Alvin was a carpenter.

While waiting for the dam construction to start, Alvin built the family a little cabin to live in which later turned into the Crooked Tree Motel.

Donna's early years in Hungry Horse were filled with adventure and being a tomboy — anything the boys would do, she would try.

Donna attended grade school in Hungry Horse except when her parents had to leave for winter employment. She attended two years in Washington and one year in California. She went from sixth grade in Hungry Horse to Columbia Falls Junior High for seventh and eighth grades, and Columbia Falls High School all four years. After high school she attended Evengel College in Springfield, Missouri. For one year.

She came home and went to work at the aluminum plant.

She met Phil Morken that fall in 1962 and became engaged Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1962, and they were married the next Aug. 24, 1963, by Pastor Bob Ross in Hungry Horse Assembly of God. To that union there were two children, a son Richard

Morken, and a daughter Wendy Morken (Hilliard).

Preceding her in death were her parents Alvin and Margaret Nash, and one brother Gary Nash, and various aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by two sisters and one brother, her two children Richard Morken (Denise) and Wendy (Morken) Hilliard (Zeph) and three grandchildren, Teners Morken, Richard's daughter, and Wendy's children Z.J. (Zephrey James) Hilliard and Starla (Hilliard) Barnes (Shannon); also 10 great-grandchildren.

Donna was a stay-at-home mom and loved her children dearly. She was active in their school



activities, being room mother, took care of the lunch program, and drove the

children to their school activities, ball games, etc. She also was very involved in the church, taught Sunday School class, and made sure the children made it to their church activities every week.

Living on the lake meant a lot of our children's friends were there to play, swim, boat, etc. Donna was in charge, plus preparing extra food, etc.

Donna went back to work in 1984 and eventually wound up at the Department of Natural Resources, State of Montana, and retired in 2003.

After Phil retired they bought a place in Yuma, Arizona, and spent the next 18 years going there in the wintertime. They met a lot of great friends and enjoyed the warm weather, did lots of desert runs with friends and covered thousands of miles, enjoying the scenery and other interesting things. About six years ago Donna's back went bad and she could no longer stand the bouncing across the desert so that ended that, but we still enjoyed ourselves playing and singing in different music jams.

Donna was very friendly and a genuine lady and had hundreds of friends here in the Flathead where she and Phil have spent 53 of their married years on Echo Lake, plus she had many friends in Yuma.

This is her last goodbye on this earth, but if you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you will see her again on the other side.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Friday, April 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with funeral services at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with a reception at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home following the committal.

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.

Joseph Ralph (Hash) Morrison, 98

Joseph Ralph (Hash) Morrison, age 98, died in his sleep on Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Montana



Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 6, 1924, in Dixon, Montana, son of the late Clay and Ethel Morrison. He graduated from Dixon High School and served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in the Philippines during the closing years of World War II. Hash married Eugenia (Jeanie) Forster on Aug. 19, 1960. They lived and ranched near Arlee, Montana on Valley Creek Road. Hash had a great love for the ranching life, a true Montana cowboy.

Jesus Christ interrupted his life in 1972 and everything changed. He sold the ranch and eventually became the on-site caretaker for Big Sky Bible Camp in Bigfork, a volunteer position he did merely as an offering of worship for his savior. His vision and persistent effort was a significant force to enable the camp to go from being a seasonal camp open for five weeks in the summer to a year-round camp with full-time staff. While assisting a local surveyor, who was hired to locate the camp property boundaries, Hash discovered he greatly enjoyed that type of work. He continued working with Hersman Surveying on projects throughout the Flathead Valley.

At heart, Hash remained a true cowboy and spent more than 40 years volunteering with the U.S. Forest Service. His two favorite places to perform his volunteer "work" was at the Spotted Bear Ranger Station near Hungry Horse and at Schafer Meadows inside the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Hash was a fixture at Big Sky Bible Camp with his large mustache, cowboy hat and friendly greetings. He spent countless hours cutting and splitting firewood for the multiple wood stoves used at the camp.

Hash was preceded in death by his wife Jeanie, brothers Robert, Samuel, Gerald and sister Betty.

He is survived by sons John (Shelley) and Bill; grandsons Christopher (Amanda), Matthew and Scott; and numerous nieces and nephews; as

well as his coworker and sister-in-law Christ Nelson.

A graveside burial service at the Lone Pine Cemetery followed by a memorial service at New Life Church (Little Brown Church), both near Bigfork, will occur on

Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family requests memorials be directed to Big Sky Bible Camp in the name of Hash.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Douglas K. Morton, 78

Douglas K. Morton died peacefully Sept. 4, 2022, with his family nearby. He courageously battled Stage 4 cancer for five years.

Doug was born March 25, 1944, in Great Falls to Helen and Keith Morton. His childhood years were spent in Valier and Conrad and he graduated from Conrad High School in 1962. He spent years in Boy Scouts and was proud to become an Eagle Scout. Doug worked while in college and earned a degree in business from the University of Montana.

Each summer he worked construction jobs including time in Yellowstone and the Trego tunnel. He wanted to finish school debt free and always worked hard. He completed ROTC as he started U.M. Law School and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1969. From 1969 to 1972 he served in the U.S. Air Force as captain and judge advocate at Kincheloe Air Force Base, Michigan.

Doug and Patsi Ruder met in Missoula while attending the university. They were married in Columbia Falls on Sept. 2, 1967 and recently celebrated 55 years of marriage together. They raised two "favorite" daughters, Diane and Melissa, and the family moved to Kalispell in 1972. After spending a few years practicing law, Doug began a long-standing career in banking. Doug really liked being a banker because it provided opportunities to develop relationships while helping others achieve their goals.

Doug used his banking knowledge to complete a charter application for BankWest and later, with partners, started WestOne Bank, which is now called TrillWest Bank. Until recently he served as board chairman of both local branches. Additionally, Doug served as president of Montana Independent Bankers and was also appointed to the State Banking board. He spent years as a director of MountainWest AAA. He was a Kalispell Downtown Lions Club member, as well as Kalispell Jaycees.

He was an organizing founder of Flathead Industries and served as a board member for 49 years. He believed individuals served by Flathead Industries could experience better lives living and working within their own community. He supported education and youth development through scholarships at Flathead Valley Community College and camperships at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Doug was a founding member and active in Northridge Lutheran Church. He also served as a director of Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Doug's hobbies included collecting and restoring old Ford cars. He loved any swap meet and enjoyed judging at national car shows. He had many friends in the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club.

Doug loved his family. He felt fortunate that both daughters eventually returned to Kalispell to raise their families. He enjoyed watching the grandkids grow and attending their activities. Sunday family dinners were a highlight and special memories were made taking trips with the grandchildren.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents Helen Morton and Keith Morton, brother Robert Morton, and granddaughter Tessa Grace Engellant.

He is survived by his wife, Patsi; daughter Diane Stout and her husband Blake and their children Zach, Xander, Xavier and Zaden; and daughter Melissa Engellant and her husband Daren and their children Drew, Trey and Sam. Also surviving are his younger brothers Jack (Nancy), Don (Cathy) and Bob and their families.

A private family service is planned. Memorials may be made in Doug's memory to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or Flathead Valley Community College Foundation.



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LaVera Corrine (Mahoney) Morton, 89

LaVera Corrine (Mahoney) Morton went to be with her Lord and Savior Feb. 16, 2022, due to cardiac arrest.

She was born in Harlem, Montana, to John and Opal Mahoney May 24, 1932, and moved to the Swan River community in her teens where her father bought what is now the current Boese property, turning it into a commercial dairy. This property was later owned by the Shuter family, who also operated a dairy there. LaVera's father was a butcher and had a butcher shop on the property, cutting and supplying meat for the Echo Lake Store and the local area. She finished her schooling in the Bigfork School system and married Dee Morton on Oct. 23, 1948, sharing 73 years of married life. They spent their honeymoon in a hunting camp in the Southfork of the Flathead River which would lead to many summer trips in the backcountry of Northwest Montana over the years. They bought their farm in Lower

Valley in 1956, where all four kids were raised and she grew a huge garden every year. She spent many years working at the B&B food store in Kalispell and was instrumental in starting the local diabetic association, teaching many classes for newly diagnosed diabetics. She had been a diabetic since she was 20 years old. She also volunteered her time with the Flathead Election board as an election judge, and the Somers Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. When Dee retired from the Northwest Telephone Company in 1985, they sold the farm and built a new home at the mouth of Jim Creek in the Swan Valley. The ranch property, or Morton Meadows as



it was called, was formerly the property of Dee's uncle and they lived there for 21 years, eventually spending the winters in Arizona. The ranch was a place for huge friends and family gatherings, particularly Memorial Day weekends. They often brought over 100 people together and kept LaVera very busy. As life went by and the doctor visits to Kalispell became more frequent, they agreed to sell the ranch and move closer to family and medical care, buying a property near Bigfork where they have resided for the last 15 years. With Dee's huge garden, LaVera was kept busy canning and Dee supplied friends and family with the fruits of his labor.

LaVera was preceded in death by her sons John Paul and Gary Lee, daughter Tammy, grandson Sean Purcell, and brother Lavern

Mahoney. She is survived by husband Melvin Dee, sons Bill (Pam) Morton, Lanny "Punk" (Karen) Morton and daughter Pam Purcell (Dan), all of Bigfork; grandchildren, Tom Morton and Scott Graham of Boise, Idaho, Jeremy Coberley (Kim) of Columbia Falls, Jennifer Evanoff (Seth) of Kalispell, Jason Morton (Kay) Morton of Bigfork and Amy Campbell (Seth) of Bigfork. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held May 4 at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Bigfork, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at the Bigfork Community Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Montana Youth Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 104, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Jerry Albert Munson, 91

Jerry Albert Munson, 91, of Columbia Falls, passed away Dec. 1, 2021.

Jerry was born Nov. 4, 1930, to Joseph Munson and Edith Martin Munson in Baker, Montana. He grew up in Saco, graduating in 1948.

Jerry attended Carroll College in Helena, later enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving as a military policeman. He returned to Carroll, graduating in 1958.

He began his teaching and coaching career in Browning and later taught and coached in both Scooby and Cut Bank before moving to Columbia Falls. He also worked seasonally as a ranger in Glacier Park.

Jerry married Margaret Annette DesRosier on June 17, 1961, in Browning. They were together 44 years until her passing in March of 2005.

Jerry is survived by his five children, daughter Jill and sons



Joe, Erik, Keith (Kelly) and Kurt (Sylvie Nelson); and seven grandchildren, Alex (Emily Cross), Maisy (Austin Andrade), Mallory, Gisele, Jonathan, Chase and Ian. He is also survived by his sisters JoAnn Munson Glenn and Zella Smeak, one sister-in-law, two brothers-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Interment will follow at St. Richard Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment, the CFHS Academic Endowment, Meals on Wheels or any veteran's organization.

Marilyn Phyllis (Jelleff) Nylander Murer, 85

Marilyn Phyllis (Jelleff) Nylander Murer, 85, went home to heaven Aug. 5, 2022. She was a committed Christian and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Marilyn was born March 9, 1937, the only child of Roderick "Rod" R. Jelleff and Maybelle B. Shaffroth and a granddaughter of Willis S. and Evalyn Jelleff. Grandparents home-stayed Cedar Island on Flathead Lake and resided there until their 14-year-old son Fancher drowned there.

Marilyn graduated from Bigfork schools in 1955 and eventually worked there as book-keeper, clerk, secretary and librarian for 30 years, retiring in 1983.

She was then employed at Kalispell Credit Bureau under five different managements.

Aug. 31, 2000, she married Loyal S. "Pinky" Murer who survives her at Rising Mountains Assisted Living. She felt so very blessed to have had two husbands so dear to her heart. Retirement years were spent keeping books for Bigfork Food Pantry. She also enjoyed belonging to Bigfork Patterning Pottery Ceramic Group. Marilyn was an avid reader, loved camping, cribbage, family gatherings for holidays, making lefse and klube or potato dumplings. She sang in church choir, taught Sunday School and led Bible studies. She also enjoyed picnics

in Glacier Park and boat trips on Flathead Lake.

Survivors include special nephew, James W. Holman and family, special niece Sharon Kinman and families, Randy W. Holman and family; stepdaughter Kayleen (Steve) Kennedy of Nashville, Tennessee; John (Debbie) Murer and Keith L. (Connie) Murer; stepgrandchildren, Galen Kennedy, Ryan Murer, Elise Erickson, Cy Murer, Michaela Goodson, Mackenna Parks, Mae Kinlie, McCall Murer and Lexi Murer; step-great-grandchildren, Faney Murer, Bryce, Brendan and Brody Erickson, Everly and Cyrus Goodson, and Justin Kennedy; aunt, Audrey Jelleff, and fami-

lies; and cousins, John H. Langlot, Gordon Langlot and Ethan Langlot of Spokane, Joyce Polish, Ann Cottle and Linda DeLong of Missoula.

With God's help, she survived multiple bouts with cancer including the loss of her left leg to bone cancer in 1952. She did manage, through these and other health issues, joint replacements, etc., to live out her years; but God gets the glory!

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's. 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.

Karla Jo Murray, 65



Karla Jo Murray, 65, passed away on Jan. 17, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell after a short, brave battle with pneumonia. Her family will remember her humor, strong faith and love for them.

Karla was born on March 18, 1956, to Allen and Bette Murray in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She joined her sisters Sandra, Barbara and Debbie and loved being referred to as our baby sister. She was raised with her sisters in Security, Colorado. When she was 5 years old she was infected with encephalitis from a mosquito bite, which caused brain damage. In spite of that obstacle, she grew into an amazing person. She graduated from high school and lived in group homes and eventually lived on her own.

Throughout her life she was immensely brave and faced difficult life challenges head on and there were many, being developmentally disabled. Her independence, determination and ability to function in a complicated world was impressive. She was a smart cookie in her own way and a loving soul. Throughout the years Karla participated in Special Olympics, earning over 150 medals, of which she was so proud. Karla worked at Taco Bell for 12 years and Red Lobster for five while living in Colorado. She took her jobs very seriously and had a great work ethic. She vacationed with her family at Flathead Lake for years and then visited when her parents owned Sunset Resort in Bigfork and following. She lived in Colorado Springs until 2017 when she moved

with her sister Barbara and Bruce to Columbia Falls.

She was an avid fan

of the Denver Broncos and had all kinds of Bronco paraphernalia and clothing and enjoyed it all. She never forgot family birthdays; she would mail a birthday card a week or so ahead of time, so it got there in time and would write on the outside of the envelope "do not open until the date" and always wrote a nice letter with it. Love, Karla Murray. She had a sense of humor and you could hear her chuckle at herself after making funny comments. She would help out in the kitchen at Trinity Lutheran Camp on Flathead Lake and stay in a cabin with her niece Melanie. She loved Camp and all the kids called her Aunt Karla. She was so happy there. She loved eating at Bojangles once a week or more with her sister Barbara and going to the Columbia Falls Senior Center for old country music on Fridays.

In 2019 she was in a car accident with her sister Barbara, and a huge void was felt in her life after losing Barbara. As a result she lived at the Brendan House, where she made many friends and enjoyed living. She loved all the activities, games and friends she made, whether it was other residents or any staff. She could be seen playing Dominoes or Yahtzee for hours with her friends. Despite Karla's many health issues, she touched the lives of those around her by being positive

and her infectious joyful spirit was a gift to all of her care providers, staff from all departments at Brendan House, friends and family members. She was a real trooper while being locked down for 20 months at Brendan House due to Covid. All her life she enjoyed Word Find and Crossword books, she completed many many books and said that was the only thing that got her through the lockdown.

Karla was preceded in death by her parents Allen and Bette (Long) Murray, sister Barbara Allison and brother-in-law Dale Gifford.

Karla is survived by her sisters Sandra Rivera and Debbie Gifford, favorite brothers-in-law Bruce Allison and Tino Rivera, numerous nieces, nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews, cousins and, in particular, Becky Long, whom she shared a very special bond with, her entire life. She visited Becky several times wherever she was living. San Francisco, Massachusetts, or the high desert of Joshua Tree, and Becky made sure Karla had the time of her life, with her son Dashiell, by her side. Very few people really knew Karla and if you were lucky enough to, you know what a very special person Karla was.

Rest in peace, Karla. Knowing she is at peace in a new world of freedom from our everyday toils is gratifying. You will be so missed "baby sister" Karla.

A memorial service is planned for this summer celebrating Karla.

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

Mark Kerrick Murray, 65

Mark Kerrick Murray passed away Tuesday May 3, 2022 in Kalispell. Mark (or "Murray"/"Mur" to his friends) lived life on his own terms. He was often the loudest and funniest in the room and always had a story to tell. He never took things too seriously and usually found a way to get a laugh out of you. He maintained friendships for over 50 years with the Billings kids he grew up with, his co-workers at Burlington Northern Railroad and with his community at Lost Prairie.

Murray was born Dec. 27, 1956, in Missoula to Jim and Joanne Murray and was their second child and only boy. In 1986, Murray joined the Navy where he was a mechanic on the USS Ranger during the Gulf



War.

In 1989, Murray retired from the Navy and became a mechanic with BNR, staying there for over 30 years. While this was his career, it wasn't his true passion. He didn't work to live, he worked to skydive. He spent over 30 years making jumps and even got some family members to join him. You'd be hard pressed to name a drop zone he didn't jump at. Skydiving gave him countless memories, amazing adventures and numerous friends!

Mark was preceded in death by both of his parents.

He is survived by

his three sisters, Sandy, Stacy and Stephanie, four nieces, Torian, Kylie, Jessica and Sara, two nephews, Samuel and Jacob, and two grandnieces, Abigail and Madison, as well as his former wife, Brenda Butler, her children, Carson Butler, Lindsey (Brett) Carter, and grandchildren Noah and Lily Carter. He is also survived by numerous friends that turned into family.

The family would like to acknowledge all his friends and neighbors for their kindness, their generosity, and the impact they made on Murray throughout his life. He loved his community, and will be missed.

Blue skies, Murray. A memorial service will be held in August where he will take his last jump.

Janett Musgrove, 68, and PC Musgrove, 75

"And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms." Maya Angelou

Janett Marie Musgrove, Feb. 24, 1954 – March 31, 2022, and P.C. Musgrove, Dec. 18, 1946 – April 7, 2022, followed each other into eternity a week apart, after being married for 38 years.

In the mid-'70s, Jan and P.C. splashed into the Flathead Valley with the first wave of hippies, and met through mutual friends at the Glory Days Emporium. At the time, P.C. owned the Emporium, and Jan worked inside it at Kip's Deli.

In 1984, P.C. and Jan were married on a cliff in Hawaii. In attendance were their three children, a witness and a pastor. Over the years, they would return to the Hawaiian Islands many times. In Hawaii, P.C. enjoyed scuba diving, and Jan played slack key guitar and enjoyed whale watching.

Back in Montana, Jan and P.C. created a beautiful homestead, aptly named "Musgrovia," where they hosted children's birthday parties, Easter egg hunts, Fourth of July celebrations, weddings and numerous potlucks. A favorite pastime was sitting by the waterfalls in the sun, saying hello to the deer.

Both Jan and P.C. were well known for their love and sense of humor. Jan's laugh-



ter was unforgettable. She always had a bear hug and a smile ready for you. P.C.'s sense of humor, and his ability to sound like Donald Duck, made family and friends laugh. Their constant love and support made them wonderful parents, and devoted friends.

Jan and P.C. were self-employed. Their work ethic, business sense and wit produced deep friendships with their clients. Jan owned and operated Jan-Co Accounting. She loved getting out of her office, visiting clients with a six pack of Miller Light, or taking them on Flathead Lake for a boat ride. Helping people succeed was her purpose, and she always went above and beyond what was expected.

P.C. was affectionately called, "The Landman." His passion for the uniqueness and beauty of the Flathead Valley led him to promote improved zoning and planning. It also led him into many terse meetings with armed citizens. He considered his efforts to support planning and zoning to be his legacy, and was saddened by the resistance that met

him. Furthermore, he served as president of the Montana Realtors Association, and had a great run for Flathead County commissioner. Later he would be heard saying, "I've never been so happy to lose."

P.C. and Jan are survived by their three children, Tiffany Musgrove, and her husband, Scott Smith, of Kalispell; Josh Musgrove and his wife, Jenny, Loftus of New Orleans; and Kari Vasend and her husband, Reed Vasend, of Fosston, Minnesota. They are also survived by their two grandsons, Jude and Waylon Musgrove, of New Orleans.

Jan and P.C.'s passage to the sandy beaches of eternity will be celebrated with a potluck Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m., at Musgrovia. Everyone who loved them is welcome. Put a flower in your hair, slip into your flip flops, and sport a Hawaiian shirt if you'd like. So many good memories and good people to share them with.

Jan's mother, Frances May Mallet, passed away two weeks before her daughter, March 19, 2022. She will be celebrated this fall in Hygiene, Colorado.

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