

## Gerald 'Jerry' Dean Wabschall, 75

Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Dean Wabschall of Kalispell passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the age of 75.

Jerry was born to parents Archie and Verna Wabschall on Oct. 10, 1946, in Williston, North Dakota. He grew up as the second eldest of four and, after a move to Hood River, Oregon, attended Wy'east High School. In 1964 he graduated and joined the U.S. Army, serving honorably in Korea and Vietnam in the infantry and with the Special Forces.

In 1968 Jerry joined the Seattle Police Department and started a career that lasted almost 30 years, proudly serving the com-

munity in many roles that included patrol, patrol sergeant, detective, academy instructor and field training officer.

Jerry was a self-described "curmudgeon" on the outside was actually quite the Teddy bear. He loved the ocean and enjoyed cruising with his wife and family as often as he could. He wrote poetry, loved bulldogs, and was a card shark of the top order.



His unique quotes were many ... if asked how he was doing, well, he was "Finer the frog's fur!" or "I'm Pluggin!" and don't forget, "Whatever's fair in Mukilteo" — if anyone can explain that little jewel!

Jerry understood he was loved because of all the kindness shown him from his church family. And, in his words, "Some of that love was here on earth." Jerry's love for God was sincere and real.

Jerry is survived by his wife Carole, his sons Archie IV (and Jill), Scott Keller (and Mariah), Rob Keller (and Nora), his daughter, Roxanne, his sister Dawn, nine grandchildren; and three

great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Verna; his sister, Cathy; and his brother, Archie III.

A service will be held at the Aletheia Christian Fellowship at 330 N. Somers Road, Kalispell MT 59901, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 29. Immediately after the service there will be a gathering to celebrate his life and memory.

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

## Sara Ann 'Sally' Peabody Wagner, 91

Sara Ann "Sally" Peabody Wagner, 91, died March 30, 2022, at her home in Bigfork.

Born in 1930 in Washington, D.C., the youngest child of Dr. and Mrs. J. Winthrop Peabody, Sally graduated from Blessed Sacrament Grammar School in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington, D.C.

In 1949, having completed one semester at Rosemont College in Pennsylvania, Sally accepted a very romantic marriage proposal from 2nd Lt. William Francis Wagner. After a Catholic marriage by proxy, Sally joined Bill at the U.S. Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan, where they celebrated their nuptials. She was a devoted wife and proud mother of seven children, Christy, Gabriel, Susan, Katie, Tom, Joe and John. She returned to school later in life to complete her undergraduate degree (magna cum laude), two graduate degrees, and a teaching credential at California State University Northridge. For the next 20 years, she taught special education at Van Nuys High School in Los Angeles.

In April 1994, Sally and Bill retired to Bigfork where they indulged their lifelong passion for natural beauty by hiking the many trails in Glacier National Park, cross-country skiing and evening strolls along the River Walk. At their home in Bigfork, Sally and Bill hosted their beloved grandchildren with fun times: boating on Flathead Lake, inner tubing down the Flathead and Swan Rivers and hiking at Avalanche Lake and Logan's Pass at Glacier National Park. They were active members of St. John Paul II Catholic Church where Sally taught religious



education classes and participated in the Parish Prayer Line. When Bill passed away in 1996, Sally began volunteering at the Bigfork Art & Cultural Center, the Bigfork Center for Performing Arts and at

the local nursing home. An avid genealogist, she researched and compiled, as a gift for her children, an extensive family history. As a devoted member of the Bigfork PEO chapter, she gave lectures on learning history through genealogy. Sally was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, her youngest son, John, her sister, Naomi

Peabody, and brother, Dr. J. Winthrop Peabody Jr. She is survived by six children, 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, and many close nieces and nephews. Beloved by her family, she is dearly missed. Sally will be buried beside her husband at St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey in Valyermo, California.



## Marland "Fud" Walden, 92

Marland "Fud" Walden, 92, of Columbia Falls, passed away at Logan



Health Whitefish on July 4, 2022.

Marland was born on Sept. 22, 1929, to Will Lee Walden and Lenora Dell Walden (Milligan) in Ada, Oklahoma. In 1947 he joined the United States Army and in 1953 he was honorably discharged. He then moved to Montana and met and married Carol Collins.

He worked as an ironworker and welder for most of his life. He and his family also had a dairy farm and had a passion for beef cows, along with farming. Family and friends enjoyed Fud's storytelling about his life growing up.

Marland and his wife of 68 years, Carol,

had two sons and three daughters, Dennis, Bill, Joyce, Peggy and Heidi.

Marland was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Joyce Way, son Bill Walden, grandson Jason Kiser, and several of his siblings.

He is survived by his wife Carol, son Dennis Walden (Cindy), daughters Peggy Beck (Mark) and Heidi Walden; five grandchildren, Kjersti, Tyler, Brittany, Nicole and Michelle; and several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on July 16 at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life gathering immediately following funeral services at 363 Bralig Road, Columbia Falls — Beck residence.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Christopher Patrick Wallace, 55

Christopher Patrick Wallace passed away on April 16, 2022, at the age of 55.

Born on Oct. 7, 1966, in Pacifica California, Chris was the youngest of 11 children born to Harold and Nora Mae Wallace.

At age five, the Wallace family moved to Whitefish where Chris would develop his appreciation for Flathead Valley and its many outdoor pursuits. His love for hunting, fishing and exploration was often shared with close and extended family. Chris valued his family above all else.

Chris married Libby on June 26, 1993, and their family flourished with Katie and Justin. Tragically, Libby passed away in 2005. He later married Heidi on Sept. 21, 2013, and their family



grew again as 10-year-old Carson joined them.

Chris was a proud father and grandfa-

ther. Despite sometimes debilitating health challenges, he rarely missed a game, a performance, or a life event.

Chris was happiest when in the service of others and was often recognized as the first person to offer aid in a time of need. He was a thoughtful gift giver, a skilled chef, a talented craftsman, and a lover of Mopar, the sport of O-Mok-See, Coca Cola and of all God's creatures.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Nora-Mae Wallace, his wife Libby

Wallace, and his siblings Bob Wallace, David Wallace, Laurie Blake, Mike Wallace, and Terry Jean Athy.

He is survived by his wife Heidi Wallace, children Katie and Clint Jarvis, Justin Wallace and Carson Robison, grandchildren Kaisley and Kole Jarvis, and siblings Gary Wallace, Cherryll Wallace, Kathleen Chasteen, Jerry Wallace, and Debbie Spiller, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on May 3 at 11 a.m. Viewing at the same location will begin at 10 a.m. A reception celebrating Christopher's life will be held that afternoon at the Hampton Inn Kalispell at 3 p.m.



## Richard 'Dick,' 'Wally' Charles Wallace, 73

Richard "Dick," "Wally" Charles Wallace, 73, courageously fought a battle with heart disease but lost that battle on Aug. 26, 2022, in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1948, to Kenneth Francis and Lola Mabel (Miller) Wallace in Denver. After graduating high school, he went to college at Trinidad Junior College and on to Central Missouri State College.

He was a police officer for a time for the city of Littleton, Colorado, then went into banking which brought him to Montana. He lived in Great Falls then transferred to Kalispell where he worked for Wells Fargo for 30 years, six months, and nine days, if you asked him.

He served as a volunteer with several nonprofits over the years, including Flathead County Search and Rescue, United Way, and Energy Share of Montana. Later in life he worked for Walmart and enjoyed his time there as he would see people he hadn't seen in years, and was always so happy to reconnect. If you couldn't find him in the store, you just had to be quiet for a moment and you could hear the booming voice from the gentle giant anywhere in the store.

Dick fell in love and married Betty Burton in 1975 and they welcomed

granddaughters Maayana, Lolita, and Ivory; all of Kalispell; his son Jason's

family, Sarah Wallace, granddaughter Katlyn, and great-grandson Jayden of Great Falls.

He will also be sorely missed by his father-in-law, Jerry and his wife Kris DeWitt of Westminster, Maryland; stepsons and their families, Nikolas and Jennifer Caron, grandchildren Elliana and Lukas, Ryan and Kelsi Caron, grandchildren Isaac, Emera, and Layla, all of Kalispell; brother, Tim and Deb Wallace, honorary sister Sharlie and Rick Morel, all of Denver; the extended Miller, Wallace, Burton and DeWitt families and friends from all over.

Anyone who knew Dick knew he was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and a friend to so many. If he didn't have a family member or friend wherever we were, he made new friends. He always had a kind word and a big smile and whenever you would ask him how he was; he would say "finer than frog hair." It may take a while for us all to feel finer than frog hair, but strive to find happiness because that's what he would have wanted.



three children, Jason, Krista and Christopher. He lost Betty to cancer in 2002 and Jason to an arterial embolism in 2003.

Dick found love again with Kimberly DeWitt and they were married in 2014. They packed in a lifetime of love by traveling, camping, and enjoying time with their kids, grandkids, extended families and friends.

Losing Dick leaves a huge hole in the lives of his wife, Kimberly; his son's family, Christopher and Crystal Wallace, granddaughters Lannie and Carlee; his daughter's family, Krista and Juan Sattler,

We will say goodbye to this wonderful man. A viewing will be Thursday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, and a reception at the Woodland Park Pavilion.

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

### Linda Kay (Campbell) Walsten, 70

Linda Kay (Campbell) Walsten, 70, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, in Rollins with her family by her side.

Linda was born in Kalispell on Sept. 10, 1952, to James William Campbell and Mary "Phyllis" (Logan) Campbell. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1970. On Sept. 28, 1972, she married Craig Stanley Walsten. Linda loved spending time outdoors and hiking



husband, Craig Walsten; seven children, Tabitha (Artie) Granger, Rebekka (Jon) Johnston, Lucrecia Lobbestael, Sabrina (Shaun) Simonson, Monicka (Lee) er and father, Phyllis and James Campbell; granddaughter, Samone Hamilton; and her in-laws, Stanley and Doris Walsten; brother-in-law, Mark Walsten. There was private family visitation on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Public visitation will be at 10 a.m. today, Sept. 22, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of Lakeside. Services to fol-

low at 11 a.m. Graveside service will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

In lieu of contributions or flowers make your donations to: The Old Apostolic Lutheran Church; P.O. Box 854, Kalispell, MT 59903.

in Glacier Park with her friends and children.

Linda was a member of The Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of Lakeside.

Linda's faith was foremost in her life followed by her unconditional love for her family and friends.

She is survived by her

Granger, Vanessa Walsten (Ethan Hamilton) and Dominick Walsten; 30 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; as well as her sister, Kathy (Paul) Lykins; and many many loving friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her son, Benjamin Walsten; moth-

### Michael Edward Walter III, 14

Michael Edward Walter III was born in Kalispell on March 18, 2007, and took his life where he resided in New Britain, Connecticut, on Jan. 16, 2022.

He is survived by his parents Michael Walter Jr. and Tamara Walter, stepmother Heather

Walter; grandparents, Barbara Walter and Michael Walter Sr.; his brother Liam Eli Walter; his aunts, Cayanne Ramuten, Viola Mayfield, Delena Jones, Krystal Nixon and Amber Bonny; his uncles, Jeremiah Ramuten, Matthew Walter, Jacob Bonny and

Shane Harmon; his cousins and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Victor and Linda Nixon.

Michael was an honor roll student who loved science, music, photography, swimming, building

video games and cooking. He was very creative and had so much light to give! No words can express how much he will be missed.

Memorial services will be private. If you or anyone you know is thinking about suicide, please call 1-800-273-8255.



## Nicolette Rose Ward



On July 10, 2022, our sweet Nikki went home to be with her Lord.

Nicolette Rose Munski was born Oct. 5, 1951, to Walt and June Munski in Whitefish, Montana. She was raised there with her two sisters, Ginger and Darlene, and remained very close to them her entire life.

Nikki held her family close but also had a heart for the care of others. After high school, Nikki moved to Brainerd, Minnesota for three years

as a nanny to her nieces, Sandy and Debbie. She enjoyed and cherished children, and they were drawn to her kindness. Though she never had children of her own, she was a mother figure throughout her life to all four of her nieces, including Melissa and Samantha, as well as many others.

After returning to Montana, she completed her Nurse's Aid Certificate and went to work in nursing homes. She spent a great deal of this time caring for elders at the Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls. Nikki's gentle spirit and compassionate care blessed those she worked with in her caregiving career. Over the years, she also helped to care for several elder family members living with her mother.

In 1991, she married her husband, Elmer Ward. Together they loved to travel and spend time with family and friends, especially at the Munski cabin on Beaver Lake. Nikki and Elmer volunteered to host Bingo for senior citizens, providing companionship and fun for many years. They also helped in various capacities at the North Valley Food Bank, established and led by Nikki's mother, June Munski-Feenan. Nikki spent many hours driving others around, sharing meals and giving thoughtful little gifts to the children.

Nikki will be most remembered for her generous spirit and listening ear. Although most times she was quiet and unassuming, Nikki loved to share memories and

tell stories, keeping her family connected to history and relationships. Her kindness and loving presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her husband, Elmer Ward, passed away last year and she recently lost her baby sister, Darlene Benson, in March 2022. She is survived by her sister, Ginger (Dennis) Theissen; her nieces, Sandy (Jason) Anderson; Deborah (Guillermo) Northburg (Hurtado); Melissa (Jason) Ohs; and Samantha (Ron) Flink; her stepchildren, Ruby Durham; Rick (Karen) Ward; June (Darryl) Sasek; her nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren; her four grandnieces and four grandnephews; and two great-great grandnieces.

Nikki was a deeply devoted Christian woman and passed peacefully to her Glory. A celebration of her life and spirit will be held at a later date with details to follow.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in

Whitefish is caring for the family. Friends and family are encouraged to visit Nikki's tribute page to send condolences at [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com)

## 19 Oct 2022- online Hungry Horse News- Warner, Stanley H



Stanley H. Warner passed away Oct. 12, 2022, at the age of 91 years old. He was born in Great Falls to parents Stanley J. and Lyrra J. Warner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Eleanor; as well as his wife, Nancy. She died on Aug. 9, 2021.

He was married to his wife, Nancy Joan Warner, for over 68 years. Together they lived in Great Falls, Columbia Falls, West Glacier and Billings.

He is survived by sons Stanley J. (Genie) of El Dorado, Arkansas; Matthew (Donna) of Bozeman; daughters Wendy (Thomas) Pearson of Spokane, Washington; and Loralee (Joseph) Raatz of Mansfield, Texas; grandchildren Timothy (Vickie), Elizabeth (Jon), Stanley II, Jamie (Nick), Ben, Sam (Leah), Jenny, Joe (Amanda), and Lucas; great-grandchildren Hannah, Henry, Zoe, Asher, Andrew, Maverick, Alexis, Kylie, Savannah and William.

The last few months of his life he lived with his daughter, Wendy, in Spokane, then at Brookdale Nine Mile Memory Care Center.

Stanley was proud of being a truck driver most of his life and he loved being a grandpa.

No funeral services are planned. A memorial will be held at a later date.

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### Donald R. Weatherston, 55

Don was born to Dick and Donelda Weatherston on April 12, 1966. He was raised in Dillon, Montana, where he graduated high school in 1984. Don joined the Army National Guard and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom (O.I.F.). He served 20 years in the military and was very close to the people with whom he served. Don was married to Debbie (Wolf) Weatherston for 20-plus years; she passed away in

2014. They raised two children together, Alicia and Brett Weatherston. He remarried in 2015 to Elizabeth (Wyss) Weatherston. Don was an electrician and had a passion for water skiing and life at the lake. Don passed away on Feb. 1, 2022.

Don was preceded in death by his first wife Debbie Weatherston, his father Richard Weatherston, and his grandparents.

Don is survived by his

wife Elizabeth, his children Alicia and Brett, grandchildren Jane, KayLynn and Kingston, his mother Donelda Conover, his brother and sister-in-law Bob and Pattie Weatherston, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will take place with close family and friends this spring.

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





## Ted Weaver, 80

Ted passed into God's loving arms on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, of natural causes.

Ted Stephen Weaver was born at the family residence in Tujunga, California, on March 21, 1942. Upon graduating from Upland High School in Southern California in 1960 he enlisted in the Army Airborne and served with the 82 Airborne division, 2nd 504 Airborne Battle Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 2nd 503 Airborne Combat Team at Sukaran, Okinawa.

He was honorably discharged in 1963 and secured a job with General Telephone soon after. During his 28 years with GTE he held positions as lineman, telephone installer-repairman, installation and maintenance supervisor and cable maintenance supervisor before accepting an early retirement offer. He founded and operated Desert Empire Telephone in Palm Springs, California, until his wife Yvonne was eligible for retirement. She retired in December of 1995 and they moved to Bigfork in January of 1996.

Ted was proud to be a Rotarian for more than 20 years and served as president of Desert Hot Springs Rotary Club from 1987 to 1988. He later became a charter member of the Bigfork



Rotary Club. He was on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Desert Hot Springs and was board president

for two years from 1988 through 1990. He joined the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department in 1998 and thoroughly enjoyed being a firefighter until health issues caused him to resign in 2002. In 2008 he was elected to the board of trustees for the Bigfork Fire District and served one three-year term before retiring to a more private life.

Ted loved the outdoors, especially in Montana. Some of his favorite activities were boating, canoeing, hiking and wildlife watching with his beloved wife, Yvonne.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; son, Joe Weaver; daughter, Lisa Weaver; sister, Dorothe Hansen; and many nieces and nephews. Ted wanted his family and friends to know that their love and friendship enriched his life for which he is eternally grateful. There will be no services, but a donation to your favorite charity would be greatly appreciated.

## Patrick James Webb, 61

Patrick James Webb, of Whitefish, died Aug. 10, 2022, in Nampa, Idaho, from complications of a stroke.

Pat was born June 21, 1961, in Seattle. He grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, and graduated from Jacksonville Episcopal High School. From an early age, he loved the outdoors, attending camp in North Carolina and going on many wilderness trips. Pat made his way back to the Pacific Northwest, settling in Whitefish. He resided there for almost 40 years with his wife, Sally. His affinity for the outdoors led him to work at various positions in

forestry, whitewater rafting, swift water rescue, and traffic management. He also worked in the entertainment industry as a grip on various movies and TV shows.

Pat enjoyed music and playing his many collected guitars. He was an avid Jacksonville Jaguars fan and enjoyed attending games with his dad. Pat loved animals, especially his pet cats. His family will remember his great laugh, gentle nature, and his love of adventure.

Pat is survived by his wife, Sally Aebischer of Whitefish, and his father Dr. Howard Warner Webb (Sherrie) of Jacksonville.

He was predeceased by

his mother Shirley Cox Webb, and his stepmother Carolyn Kirkland Webb.

He is also survived by his siblings, Daniel Warner Webb (Jayne) of Pittsfield, Vermont, Julia Webb Sullivan (Chris) of Decatur, Georgia, Heather Kenyon Oakley (Chris) of Jacksonville, Jerome George Kenyon, Jr. (Rhonda) of Jacksonville, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Those who would like to honor him with a memorial contribution are asked to contribute to American Whitewater at [www.americanwhitewater.org](http://www.americanwhitewater.org).



## Scott William Wendling

Scott William Wendling joined his Heavenly Father June 24, 2022. He passed following one of his many passions, riding his motorcycle with his friend through the majestic mountains of Idaho.

Scott was born Sept. 14, 1955, in Dayton, Ohio. He was the son of Jack and Kathleen Wendling, now deceased. And he was the apple of his big sister Sue's eye.

Scott spent his childhood in New Carlisle, Ohio. Upon graduation from high school, he and the family moved to Southern, Idaho, where he started pre-veterinary studies at Idaho State University. Scott finished his bachelor's

degree at The University of Idaho and pursued his lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian at Washington State University.

Scott and his wife, Eileen Bjornn were married in The Salt Lake City Temple just prior to him starting veterinary school. In 1985, after graduation Scott, Eileen and family chose Kalispell as their home and founded Ponderosa Veterinary Hospital. He was an asset to the field of veterinary medicine. In 2017, Scott and Eileen



retired and established permanent residency in Thompson Falls, Montana, their "happy" place.

As you probably know, Scott was an avid outdoorsman. Eileen and the kids want you to know that he was fortunate to take four "once in a lifetime" hunting trips! Scott became a pilot in his late 40s and even mastered aerobatics. He also fished, water skied, snow skied, enjoyed target shooting and showed horses in his youth.

Scott served the LDS church community and the community at large with Christlike love his entire life. He was always available to lend an ear and offer support.

In addition to Eileen, Scott is survived by his four children, Jacob his wife Jaime, Ab and husband Matt, Sara and husband Ryan, and his youngest son, Seth. Scott had 11 grandchildren who were the light of his life. Scott is also survived by siblings Mark, Sue and Ann.

All are welcome to remember and honor Scott at his funeral July 8 at 1 p.m., at the Kalispell Montana Stake Center, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, Scott would so appreciate donations to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints General Missionary Fund or Humanitarian Fund.

## Lilly Line Westerlund, 88

She came into the world Sept. 3, 1933, in Culbertson, Montana, and was raised in Whitefish on the family strawberry farm east of town. She married Les Westerlund of Columbia Falls and together they had four daughters, Susan, Gail, Patty and Kathy.

Lil was a homemaker and when her youngest started school she began selling Avon which she continued to do for the next 48 years.

She loved her girls, her family, the church, history, politics, Ronald Reagan, writing letters to the editor, her Avon customers and her home on O'Brien where she resided for 52 years. Between family, friends and customers, memories were made, especially those that her grand- and great-grandchildren remember her by.

Due to mobility and the onset of dementia she was moved to Brendan House in 2017 where she was cared for by the best of the best. New friends were made and her love of people

continued. Dementia may have taken her memories but it allowed her God-given spirit to shine brightly. The last few years she spent every day pleasantly confused, singing with the staff, flirting with the men and bringing joy to all who passed her way.

Lilly quietly slipped away on Sunday, June 12, 2022, with family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Susan, her parents Ed and Sarah (Culley) Line, her husband Les (she loved him too), all her brothers and sisters and two grandbabies.

She is survived by her daughters, Gail Hinrichs, Patty Mack and Kathy (Keith) Tellegan, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and longtime friends.

Services will be Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m. at St Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. in the parish hall. Please join us.



## Paula Jayne Wheeler, 76

Paula Jayne Wheeler, 76, passed into heaven and joined her husband, Floyd



her three children and numerous grandchildren.

The family is grateful to know that Paula is finally at peace.

Services have already been held for the family.

Wheeler, on Nov. 4, 2022.

Paula was born on Sept. 13, 1946, alongside her twin in Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Paula is survived by her two brothers,

## Coral Helland Whisenand, 89

Coral Helland Whisenand, beloved matriarch and wife, passed away peacefully at her home in Palm Desert, California, on Jan. 14, 2022. She was 89 years old.

Coral was born in Williston, North Dakota, on December 16, 1932, to her parents Tina and Lewis Helland.

In 1953 Coral married the love of her life, Fred Whisenand Jr. They were married for 69 years until her passing.

Coral was an avid reader and traveler, a passionate golfer, and an amazing cook and entertainer. She will be remembered for her legendary parties and gatherings where the atmosphere was always warm and welcoming. Every holiday she cooked up a spectacular batch of lefse, a tribute to her Norwegian heritage. Through her love for bringing people together, Coral created a legacy of traditions and memories.

She had a great sense



of humor and her love for a good time was contagious. Like a hummingbird, Coral

stayed busy keeping a cozy, yet pristine, home, organizing golf tournaments at Whitefish Lake Golf Club, caring for the family's many dogs and cats, and later, regularly sharing funny stories and jokes she came across on the internet. Coral brought so much joy and comfort to the people in her life. She really had a way of making everyone she knew feel special. A dedicated mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Coral was so proud of her family, every single one of them.

Coral was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Tina Helland, her brother, Manfred Helland, and her son John Whisenand.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Whisenand

Jr.; her sisters, Sharon Jones and Noreen Schroeder of Sebring, Florida; and her sister-in-law, Donna Dugan of Huntington Beach, California. Coral is also survived by her children, Tracey Whisenand, daughter-in-law (John, deceased) of Whitefish Fritz Whisenand and his wife Theresa of Whitefish; Barbara DiBene and her husband Steve of Laguna Niguel, California; and Nancy Johns and her partner Randall Rogers of Minneapolis.

Coral Whisenand had many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Shawn Whisenand, his wife Bridgette and their two daughters, Alyssa and Macy of Whitefish; Paul Whisenand, his wife Sonja Spitzer and their two children, Beck and Nolan of Arvada, Colorado; Tom Whisenand of Minneapolis; David Whisenand and his wife Katie and their two children, Arthur and Benjamin of Bozeman;

Kate Vestal and her husband Trevor, and their two children, Dylan and Ledger of Williston, North Dakota; Joe DiBene of Flagstaff, Arizona; Andrew Whisenand of Westminster, Colorado; Erin Whisenand and her fiancé Joseph Brazzale of Wheatridge, Colorado; and Isabella and Madeline Johns of Minneapolis.

A private celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at The Club at Morningside, President's Room, 39033 Morningside Drive, Rancho Mirage, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to either the Rancho Mirage Public Library, <https://www.ranchoiragelibrary.org/donate/>, 71-700 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270; or to Haven of Hope, a shelter for the homeless, <https://thoh.org>, 1101 W 7th Ave., Denver, CO 80204.



## Donna Jean Whitaker, 81

Donna passed away Aug. 23, 2021, after a short stay in the ICU. She was born



April 16, 1940, in Havre to Albert and Myrtle Roberts. She lived her adult life in the Flathead Valley, where she worked as a cook, and later, a certified nurse assistant. She truly loved

the gruff war veterans that she cared for.

She was still, as many would remember her, a fun and spunky woman. She adored her great-grandchildren and was especially fond of babies.

She is survived by two sons, a daughter, and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Whitaker; and son, Ed Whitaker.

## Gerald C. White, 95

The Rev. Dr. Gerald Curtis John White, former associate pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Kalispell, passed away at his home near Winger, Minnesota, on Jan. 4, 2022, at the age of 95.

Gerald was born Sept. 18, 1926, near Winger. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet. When the war ended, he attended Concordia College in Moorhead and Luther Seminary, St. Paul. He was ordained at Bethel Lutheran Church, Winger, in 1953 on a call to White Earth, North Dakota.

He married Inez Hagen of Kindred, North Dakota, and following her death in 1956, earned a Master of Science in Chemistry degree at North Dakota State University in Fargo. Although invited to remain at NDSU, he felt called to Bethlehem Lutheran and served with the Rev. J.M. Grimsrud, senior pastor. The Rev. White's ministry focused on teaching the Scriptures and baptizing and confirming the youth of the congregation. One of the babies he baptized was Ladd Bjorneby, now a pastor himself in Idaho. During his tenure at



Bethlehem, Gerald met and later married Joyce Lorraine Aiton, daughter of Fred and Marie Aiton of Creston.

With a strong desire to become a seminary professor, the Rev. White resigned from Bethlehem in 1958 and earned his Master of Theology degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Following a summer interim pastorate at Fairview, Montana, the couple moved to Camrose, Alberta, where Gerald taught chemistry and Bible at Camrose Lutheran Junior College and where their first daughter, Stephanie, former youth leader and choir director at Bethlehem of Kalispell, was born. Their next move was to St. Louis to attend Concordia Seminary and complete a Th.D. in Old Testament and Semitic Languages degree and welcome a second daughter, Christine.

In 1962 he was called to Bruflat and Trinity Lutheran Churches in

Portland, North Dakota. While serving the parish, he also instituted a Lay School of Theology, and taught pastors in the Charis and Great Plains Schools of Theology. He also served as associate professor of chemistry and taught world religions at Mayville State University. While in Portland, three more daughters were born, Rebecca, JoAnn and Katherine.

In 1972, Gerald was called to Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead as education pastor. From there he moved to Rugby, North Dakota, to serve the Bethany and Berwick congregations, before returning to Minnesota in 1978 and accepting a call to the Faaberg/Norman/Ness parish at Rindal, Minnesota, where he served for 10 years before retiring and moving with his wife for her job at Dickinson State University, North Dakota. While there he served as interim pastor at the UCC church, and taught chemistry and world religions and supervised student teachers at DSU.

Four years later they returned to the family farm at Winger, and for the next 11 years, he served as visitation pas-

tor at Hope Lutheran in Fosston, followed by supply preaching at Calvary Lutheran in Winger and Immanuel Lutheran in Bejou for several years. After more than 60 years of church ministry, Gerald retired again to build a chapel on the home farm to house and preserve the contents of Sand Hill Lutheran Church which was being demolished. In this chapel he conducted several Norwegian language services, honoring the faith and heritage from the pioneers of the area.

Gerald, like the rest of the "Greatest Generation" of World War II, was a remarkable man and a faithful servant of God.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Joyce; his daughters, the Rev. Stephanie White, of Shelby, Montana; Christine (Dale) Lennon, of Bismarck, the Rev. Rebecca (Todd) Worner, of Starbuck, Minnesota; Dr. JoAnn (Ehsan) Khaleel, of San Diego; and Katherine White (Hiten Doshi), of Anaheim, California. He also leaves two foster sons, Cuong Le (Hang), of Andover, Minnesota, and Truc Le (Vy), of Kent, Washington; 17 grandchildren and eight-great grandchildren.

Blessed be his memory.



## Ken White, 60

Ken White, 60, passed away on March 4, 2022.

Kenneth Cole White was born May 16, 1961, in Roundup, Montana, to Chuck and Marian White. Ken's childhood was spent on the family ranch with his three siblings. The highlight of his youth was learning to ranch with his dad, an experience that would shape much of his future. During his college years in Powell, Wyoming, Ken played drums and sang in a Western band and met and fell in love with Gwen. They were married in 1983 in Kalispell, and together they settled in West Valley where they raised their girls and loved their life together. In recent years, they purchased their quaint log cabin on Ashley Lake where they confirmed that the size of the home has nothing to do with how much joy can be created. While his family always came first,



Ken also cherished the relationships he built during his career in real estate and his community service through the Daybreak Rotary Club, the West Valley School board, the Flathead Farm Mutual board, and in the ring at the annual 4-H/FFA livestock sale.

Ken was a man who never wasted a day in his life. He worked hard and played hard. He routinely went out of his way to help others, and he rarely met a problem he couldn't "MacGyver" a fix for. He loved openly and passionately. His family and music gave him the greatest joy. He worked so hard to create special moments and wonderful memories with his four grandchildren and the rest of his

family. He left us knowing how much he was loved.

Quite the welcoming party awaited him in heaven on March 4, including his parents, many beloved relatives, and his dog Waylon.

Those he left behind will miss him dearly including his wife, Gwen; daughter, Katie Pfennigs (Bobby); daughter, Mandy Pokorny (Ryan); grandchildren, Lea and Beau Pfennigs and Decker and Charlie Pokorny; sister, Lindy Anderson (Jerry); sister, Barb Graham (Steve), brother, Bob White (Laura); father-in-law, Ed Heiser (Donna); and many other family members and friends.

Ken's relationship with everyone was unique and genuine. He was recently described as someone who made those around him "feel invited." That couldn't be more true. If you knew

him, you felt invited to join in all the best parts of him: his family, his passions, his community. In that spirit, you are invited to help us celebrate Ken on Tuesday, April 5, at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building in Kalispell. Everyone who loved him is welcome to join us between 4 and 6 p.m. in your boots and jeans. Together we will remember this great man, honor a life well-lived, and send up a toast to our cowboy at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Kalispell Daybreak Foundation or the Samaritan House. The family has asked for favorite stories and photos of Ken to be sent to [ToastOurCowboy@gmail.com](mailto:ToastOurCowboy@gmail.com).

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

## Lyle Keith Whiteman, 76

Lyle passed away Nov. 6, 2022, in Kalispell.

He was born June 25, 1946, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, adopted to Wesley and Mary Whiteman of Cataldo, Idaho. Lyle grew up in Cataldo and graduated from Kellogg High School in 1964. Lyle attended and graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman with a degree in education in 1969. It was here he met the love of his life, Marcia Pfannsmith. They married Jan. 28, 1967. Shortly after graduating Lyle and Marcia moved to Brady, Montana, where Lyle started teaching and



coaching. After several years they moved to Havre for a teaching job and later settled in Bigfork where he finished his 41 years of a teaching/coaching career, all while raising a family.

Lyle faithfully served as a Gideon for over 40 years in the Kalispell camp. He was a devoted Bobcat fan and proud member of the Quarterback Club. He was known for his character, integrity, and goofy

sense of humor. His presence will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Lyle left behind his four children, Brenda Gortmaker (Bryan Gortmaker), Colleen Whiteman (Alejandro Reyez), Darryl Whiteman, and Andrew Whiteman (Terra Whiteman); and seven beautiful grandchildren, Libby (Patrick), Samantha, Allyson, Issac, Glorianna, Charlee and Cash.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wes and Mary Whitema, and his brother David Whiteman.

Lyle passed away of complications from a fall in his home. He had a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and is now with him for all eternity, smiling, full of joy, free from suffering and pain.

A service of remembrance will take place Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, The family would appreciate donations be sent in Lyle's honor to: Gideons International, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59901; 406-257-1316.



## Dorothy L. Whitney, 101

Our mother was a beautiful person. Dorothy passed away at home on Jan. 22, 2022, at the age of 101.

She was born in Denver and grew up in Des Moines, Iowa. It was there that Dorothy met and married a young country boy named Howard Whitney and they started their life

and family together on his Iowa farm. Howard entered the U.S. Border Patrol a few years later and his job took them to many locations across the United States before settling in



Whitefish. What a wonderful place to raise a family.

While working a full-time bookkeeping job at Home Lumber Company until retirement, Dorothy was an accomplished vegetable and flower gardener, seamstress, made beautiful ceramic creations and, above all else, a devoted

wife, mother and tireless homemaker.

Survivors include daughters Beverly Palmer, Sandra Shanks, Pamela Whitney and Mary Lidstrom; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dorothy was funny, endearing and a one of a kind lady. Thank you for being our lovely mother.

### Helen (Hesse) Whitney, 88

Helen (Hesse) Whitney died July 14, 2022, due to a liver tumor. She had a well-lived life of 88 1/2 years, living independently and driving until her last admission to the hospital in early July. She was able to spend her last few days at home which was her wish.

Hella Dorteia Hesse was born on a Sunday, Jan. 7, 1934 in Bruex, Sudetenland, the German part of the present Czech Republic. Her parents were Franz and Ruth (Musil) Hesse. She spent her childhood during World War II in Bruex. After the war, when the Germans were driven out of their homeland with only what they could carry, Helen and her mother, father, and younger brother, Herbert, ended up in a refugee camp in East Germany. Here Helen was able to continue her education, after having no school for almost two years because of the war. During this time she developed a love for books, and she continued to cherish books all her life.

To flee Communism, the family escaped across the Iron Curtain to West Germany, hidden in a hay wagon after paying off the farmer with some diamond earrings. They



Dorothy Hesse. She took the train from New York to Butte.

Helen's parents and

brother never did get their papers to come to America and ended up settling in Brazil, where they lived out their lives.

With the help of her sponsors in Butte, Helen enrolled at Montana State College, now MSU, in Bozeman. She lived with families earning her room and board and worked her way through college, graduating in 1955. There she met the love of her life, Wayne Whitney. Their marriage lasted almost 60 years until Wayne's passing in 2015.

Most of their married life was spent in Helena where Wayne had his architectural business, and Helen taught German at Helena High School for more than 25 years. Here they raised their three children, Joy, Mark and Frank.

They retired to her beloved Swan Lake to a house built by their son Mark, next to the cabin they built in 1956, which they started on their honeymoon.

settled in Usingen, near Frankfurt, where Helen received her secondary education. As "Displaced Persons" the family had a chance to emigrate to the United States. They acquired a sponsor in Butte, Montana, the Dr. Kroeze family. Helen's papers arrived separately from the rest of the family. It was decided that Helen should leave ahead of her family to be able to start college as it appeared it would only be a matter of weeks until her parents and brother would follow. So it came, that at the age of 17, Helen came to this country without her family, on a troop transporter loaded with many other refugees, across the Atlantic in the winter of 1951 with one suitcase "half full of books." Her parents told her to not talk to strangers on the trip and until the day she died she said she has yet to meet a stranger. She landed at Ellis Island where her name was "Americanized" to Helen

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and brother of Brazil and her husband Wayne. She is survived by her daughter Joy Corwin (Bob) of Great Falls, her son Mark Whitney of Bigfork, son Frank Whitney (Toni) of Bigfork, and grandchildren Tyler Corwin, Kevin Corwin, Bayleigh Saechao and Evan Whitney. She also leaves four great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces, and relatives in Germany.

She had an interesting life and has written down much of it for her family and friends to read.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a celebration of life and a graveside service at a later date.

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



## Larry Ralph Whitney, 85

Larry Ralph Whitney, born Aug. 30, 1936, to Ralph and Alice (Mock) Whitney of Ferndale, Montana, died Jan. 8, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell, not far from the now old Kalispell Hospital, where he was born.

Larry's first home was the original Ferndale School house. In 1941, Ralph and Alice moved Larry, his big brother Weston and baby sister, Sharon to Port Orchard, Washington, to join in preparations for the second World War. Larry grew up in Port Orchard and Bremerton, and graduated from Bremerton High School in 1955. He attended Olympic Community College in Bremerton for two years and then Central Washington University in Ellensburg, where he earned both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts in

Education degree.

Larry started teaching and coaching in Kittitas County, Washington, before moving his family to Gig Harbor, Washington, where he taught fourth and fifth grades until he retired. In the summers Larry shared his love for the outdoors with his family in the Olympic National Park where he worked as a park ranger.

After retirement, Larry came full circle back to Bigfork where he and Mary built their home on Carney Meadow near where his family's dairy farm once was.

He is survived by his wife Mary, sons Jeffrey Robert, Neal Ralph, and Daniel James, and grandchildren Patrick, Rachel, Alexandra, Jack and Riley.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. June 25 at the Bigfork United Methodist Church.

## Charles O. 'Chuck' Whitson, 88

Charles O. "Chuck" Whitson, 88, peacefully passed away at his home in St. Ignatius on Dec. 29, 2021, surrounded by family.

Chuck was born on April 9, 1933, to his parents Lewis and Willien Whitson. Chuck was the oldest of five children, spending his childhood in Seminole, Oklahoma, with his beloved grandparents Tom and Mimi King.

Chuck attended high school in Seminole, an athletic standout in football, track and field and basketball. His yearbook motto read "He's tall, but he's not in the clouds."

Chuck was inducted in the basketball Hall of Fame for Seminole High School in 2006. After graduation, Chuck attended the University of Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship. During this time, many young men were being drafted into the armed forces. Despite being protected from the draft due to his university status, Chuck believed that joining the military was the right thing to do, so on Jan. 15, 1953, Chuck enlisted in the Army. He served for three years in active combat in Korea as a gun master, where he earned three separate medals of commendation. After he was honorably discharged, he followed his mother to Montana. He enrolled at the University of Montana and walked on the University of Montana

men's basketball team and played one season.

Chuck soon discovered that law enforcement was his calling in life, so he attended academies in both Montana and Minnesota, graduating in 1961.

He was a Montana Highway patrolman for 27 years, retiring with the rank of sergeant. Under Chuck's leadership, his detachment of patrolmen won the prestigious "Colonel's Trophy," an award given to the highest performing MHP unit in Montana.

Not willing to leave a life of public service, Chuck was elected as the Lake County Justice of the Peace and served three consecutive terms. He was highly regarded as a tough but fair judge, and, in his tenure, married over 200 couples. For years after he stepped down from the bench, people would seek Chuck out to thank him and tell him that their interactions with his court had forced them to straighten out their lives. After retiring from the court,



Chuck found he was not quite ready for retired life and ran for Lake County commissioner, where he served another six years.

A devoted public servant, Chuck was a member of the Polson Order of Elks, the Masonic Lodge, and the Shriners. Chuck was instrumental in the organization and fundraising for the East-West Shrine football game each year. He was quite proud of reaching 50 years of service with the Masons. He was always the first to offer assistance to anyone needing help with fundraising and organization or good old-fashioned hard labor.

Chuck was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting, fly fishing and had a brief stint raising llamas. In his down time, he loved watching his old Westerns. Chuck was a diehard supporter of the Montana Grizzly football team. He was always ready with a smile and a bit of "walking around money" for the grandkids or for anyone who needed a hand.

Chuck married his first wife Diane in 1953 and their marriage produced two daughters, Wendy and Brenda. He married the love of his life, Maxine Brander, in 1995. He introduced Maxine to the game of golf, and they enjoyed many golfing vacations and adventures together.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Maxine;

his daughters, Wendy Whitson-Holzinger and Brenda Carroll; sisters, Patricia Hansen and Barbara (John) Daniels; grandchildren, Jamie (Norman) Newell and their children Libby, Tori and Aiden; Austin Holzinger, Zannie (Daniel) Williams and their children Catelyn and Zachary; Nick Carroll (Ashley), and Haley Carroll (Wyatt); stepchildren, Shelly Brander (Dan), her children Lukas and Elizabeth Lorentz, Stacey Brander (Kurt) and their sons Flint and Ross McPherson, and Jeff (Jennifer) Brander and their daughters Afton and Sydney Brander; nephew, Don Whitson and several other nieces and nephews; and his special dog, Sally.

The family is eternally grateful for the help given by Partners in Home Health Hospice Services, with special thanks to Kathy Fink.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Don and Ray Whitson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his name to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane.

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

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.shrider-thompson.com](http://www.shrider-thompson.com).

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



## Glenden Philip Wicklund

Glenden Philip Wicklund passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born in Havre, Montana, on November 25, 1943, to Philip and Vivian Wicklund, and was the youngest of three children. Glen grew up on a farm north of Joplin, Montana before relocating to Bigfork in his teens. He joined the Air Force in 1963 but found that military life was not for him and was honorably discharged roughly two years later. In his youth, Glen liked fast cars and loved to go dancing. He enjoyed going camping and fishing with his family and friends nearly every available weekend. Also, Glen loved making homemade cherry wine using Flathead cherries. He worked for Plum Creek Lumber for several years. Needing a change in his life, Glen went to truck driving school. He drove trucks for many years for his good friend Clark, before starting his own trucking company. He was never afraid of helping out someone that was in need. All his life he was an avid dumpster diver, gathering things to repair and sell. In his retirement



years, Glen liked to tinker and fix things for others along with other odds and end jobs to stay busy.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister Virginia Ramsfield; his brother Marvin Wicklund; and his former spouse Vicki (Buckallew) York.

Glen is survived by his three children: Kimberley Hyde of Bolivar, Missouri; Kelly and wife Rebecca Wicklund of Fair Play, Missouri; and Corey and wife Alyssa Wicklund of Nixa, Missouri.

Glen was blessed with 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., on May 4 at 11 a.m. with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Graveside services will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

There will be a memorial at the Rainbow Bar on May 7 from 2 pm to 4 p.m.

### Jeannette Beatrice Wicklund, 81



Jeannette Beatrice Wicklund was born to Ellis Wicklund and Maribelle Brist in Salt Lake City on Wednesday, June 11, 1941, and passed away, age 81, at home in Polson on Monday, July 11, 2022.

She was a loving mother of four sons and one daughter and was immersed in connecting with all people and taking care of them if they needed help. She had a talent for creative writing and earned a GED, an associate degree from Edmonds Community College and later graduated from the University of Washington in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. She went on to work in real estate management until retiring in her early 70s.

Jeannette's parents, Ellis, and Maribelle, lived for a time in Eugene, Oregon, and Metaline

Falls, Washington, and one snowy day in December 1948, packed up their children and left for Kalispell where a job awaited Ellis at the nearby Hungry Horse Dam, which was under construction at that time. Aug. 16, 1950, was a sad day for Jeannette as she lost her father when Ellis suffered a fatal fall on the job. Five years later in 1955, Jeannette's mother Maribelle and Thomas Brist fell in love and were married shortly after. Joan, the last of her five siblings, was born in 1957.

Jeannette was blessed with a large family that she loved, and they loved her back. She married a friend and fellow classmate, H. William "Bill" Hinrichsen from Flathead County High School in Kalispell, where they attended school until they eloped and married

in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1958. Gregory was born in 1958, Michael was born in 1960, Richard was born in 1962 and Steven in 1964. In the early 1970s Jeannette remarried and two more children joined the family — Marc, who was a year older than Gregory, and Lynda, who was the same age as Richard. Jeannette raised her children with patience and love while meeting challenges along the way with dignity. She was a wonderful cook, read stories to her kids, such as "Mrs. Wiggins and the Cabbage Patch," and took the family on many trips, seeing the natural beauty of many states in the USA as well

as abroad. She loved sculpting, potted flower gardening — especially nasturtiums, playing board games such as Scrabble, and watching movies.

Jeannette worked hard to keep family all together and had a heart for the Lord. She had so many friends, including best friend and sculptor, Pam Summers, and she always made time to connect with and visit extended family, friends and colleagues. She was especially fond of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Being so very close to her sister Ellen Wicklund, Ellen took care of her for many months until she passed. In her final years, new friends and the community at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson brought her great joy, love and laughter. She loved her

cats Amber, Zorro and Buddy.

Jeannette suffered a fate no parent should have to endure when she lost two children, Steven in 1993 and Lynda in 2018. She was a caretaker to both in their final days.

Jeannette was preceded in death by her parents Ellis Wicklund, Maribelle Brist, Thomas Brist; brother, Harvey Wicklund, sister, Phyllis Wicklund; son, Steven Hinrichsen, daughter, Lynda Rygmyr, and former husband, Jerry Wetle.

She is survived by her brother, Roger Wicklund; sister-in-law, Judy Wicklund; sisters, Ellen Wicklund, Joan Morse and brother-in-law, Denny Morse; sons, Gregory Hinrichsen, Michael Hinrichsen and Richard Hinrichsen, son-in-law, David Rygmyr,

daughter-in-law, Vivian Hinrichsen, grandchildren, Ryan, Sierra, Corey, Christian, Lars, Emily, Eric, Maily, and Mischa; many nephews and nieces, and five great-grandchildren; as well as so many friends that Jeannette considered extended family.

Memorial services for Jan will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and a luncheon will follow.

Send donations in honor of Jan Wicklund to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 409 4th Ave. E., Polson MT 59960.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com).

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



## Lee Morris Wight

Lee Morris Wight of Bigfork passed away at home in the quiet, early morning hours of Friday, June 3, 2022. Two of his daughters, Debra Carr and Judith Nicoll, were at his side along with his wife Florence.

Lee was born to Lewis Wight and Ruby Adams in December 1931, the fourth and last of their children, in Brigham City, Utah. Lee spent his childhood in Brigham City. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout and took great pride in his grandsons who also earned their Eagle badges. At Box Elder High, Lee was recognized as an accomplished athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball. He was a member of the glee club. He served as student body president of Box Elder High, Class of 1950.

Lee married his high school sweetheart,

Florence Harper, in September of 1950. He began his college studies at Utah State University and Northwestern University where he earned his DDS degree in 1955. After serving two years in the Air Force, Lee settled his family in Pocatello, Idaho, and began his career as a dentist. Lee decided that his real interest was in orthodontics so the family relocated to southern California where he practiced until his retirement.

Lee was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many leadership roles there, often with the youth. He was a gifted public speaker and often provided vocal solos in his fine baritone voice.

After his retirement, Lee and Florence served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints at the Chicago temple. While living in Bigfork, Lee was active with several groups that worked to preserve the health and quality of Flathead Lake.

Lee enjoyed hunting and fishing, spending time boating on the lake. During his time in the Air Force, he caught the flying bug and became a private pilot, a pastime he enjoyed for many years as he flew between California and Montana. He always loved music and thoroughly enjoyed making up lyrics and tunes for his grandchildren - those little songs are some of their special memories of Grandpa Lee. He never quite gave



up his interest in dentistry and orthodontics: the grandchildren knew Grandpa Lee would always ask to check their teeth.

Lee is survived by his wife, Florence Wight; and their children, LeAnn Whiting of Spokane, Dennis Wight of Mesa, Arizona, Brain Wight of Boise, Idaho, Debra Carr of Pullman, Washington, and Judith Nicoll of Sandy, Utah. Lee and Florence have 17 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements will be through Darlington Mortuary, Kalispell. Viewing will be at Darlington Mortuary Thursday, June 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, June 10, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bigfork.

## Raenell Ann Wiherski

Raenell Ann Wiherski passed away at home Dec. 14, 2021, in Libby at the age of 65.

She was born on May 8, 1956, to Raymond and Genevieve Goulet in Scobey, Montana.

Raenell was a loving, stubborn, down to earth Montana girl! She was fond of animals, nature, and long drives in the woods. She absolutely loved her cats and took in several strays.

Raenell worked as a baker for well over 30 years. She always talked about the goodies she made at Christmas time. She had a great love for Christmas with the lights and movies and would always decorate early. She believed in angels and felt that they were always looking out for her and her family.

Raenell is survived by her loving partner of 22 years, Martin Krebs;



daughters, Andrea (Tim) Stocklin and Cathy

(Jonathan) Bruce; grandchildren, Connor Hagemo, Parker and Peyton Stocklin; brothers, Duane (Barb), Charlie (Peggy) and Bryan Goulet; sisters, Annette (Dale) Haugen and Teresa (Carson) Goulet; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Raenell's life will be announced at a later date and will take place this summer.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).



## Virginia 'Ginni' Lee Nye Wilber, 83

Virginia "Ginni" Lee Nye Wilber, 83, was born Aug. 19, 1938, in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Virginia's family moved to Chagrin Falls, Ohio in 1951. Upon graduating in 1956 she pursued nursing and then married her high school sweetheart Ronald Wilber. They wed Aug. 17, 1958. This is

when their life adventure began. Together they built their first home. She worked at the local elementary and raised her two children. Virginia and Ronald remained in Chagrin Falls until 1974. At that time they packed up their son David, daughter Kathleen and the family cat and relocated to Kila where they built another home. It was during this time she fished as often as she could and volunteered at Kalispell Regional Hospital. After their children were grown, they



While in Colorado, she discovered a love for creating art through

stained glass and pottery. Their adventure continued in 1998 with a move to Centerfield, Utah. In 2001, they moved back to the Flathead Valley to spend time with their granddaughters, Ellie and Olivia, and to enjoy their retirement.

Virginia loved spending time with her family, many friends and watching wildlife from her back porch. She enjoyed hunting, fishing and bridge all throughout her life. After twelve years without Ronnie, Virginia passed away June 6, 2022, and is

were on the move again. This time to Gypsum, Colorado, and built yet another house.

now reunited with him. We will miss her zest for life as she was happy on the go.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

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

## Laura S. Williams, 62

Laura S. Williams, 62, of Kalispell, went to be with our Lord on Jan. 1, 2022, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 27, 1959, in DuBois, Pennsylvania. She moved herself and her two daughters to Kalispell in July '96 where she made a new and wonderful life with them.

Laura enjoyed lis-

tening to her Christian books. She loved cooking, riding her horse Coyote, dancing and putting her puzzles together while drinking her coffee. Her greatest enjoyment in life was to spend all of the time she could with her children and her grandchildren.

She was such an amazing mother, grandmother and great-grand-

mother. She would do anything for the ones she loved. She has such a loving and caring soul. She truly was one of a kind. She will always be missed.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents James and Betty Williams, and her grandson Timothy Kutch.

She is survived by her children Daniel A. Kutch

Jr. and his four children, Mandain S. Kutch, and Sarah and husband Steve Sanford and their four children and one great-granddaughter, all of Kalispell.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Mortuary is caring for the family.



## Marilyn Ruth Wilhelm, 85

Marilyn Ruth Wilhelm, 85, passed away Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at The Springs.



Marilyn was born on Sept. 29, 1936, in Athens, Ohio, to Mary and Elton Frost.

She met her husband, Bud Wilhelm, in Chicago where they both worked for the airlines and had 62 wonderful years. Together they raised four daughters.

Marilyn helped her mother-in-law, Louise Wilhelm, teach kindergarten in Whitefish and continued teaching after Louise retired. She

was a charter member of Whitefish Christian Church and also was an active member in her PEO Chapter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and sisters, mother and father-in-law, and daughter Tracie.

She is survived by her husband, Bud, daughters Vicki (Nelson), Kelley (Joe) and Kimberly (Travis), grandchildren Bethany (Travis), Zach (Samantha), Sarah, Nathaniel, Jessica (Wyndam), Griffin, Amanda, Eli and great-granddaughter Chloe.

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

## William 'Bud' Wilhelm, 84

William "Bud"

Wilhelm, 84, passed away from a broken heart and Alzheimer's at The Springs Memory Care on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Bud was born on March 9, 1938, in Oceanside, California, to Etsel "Bill" and Louise Wilhelm.

Bud graduated from Whitefish High School and attended the University of Montana. He met his wife, Marilyn Frost, in Chicago where they both worked for the airlines. They were married for 62 wonderful years. Together they raised four daughters.

Bud opened the Wilhelm Insurance Agency in Whitefish and provided years of service to members of the community. He could be seen golfing, bowling and driving around town in his green Thunderbird,



commonly referred to as "Bud's Bird."

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister

Carolyn, mother and father-in-law, daughter Tracie and wife Marilyn who passed on Jan. 23, 2022, just 46 days prior to Bud's passing.

He is survived by sister Iris (George), daughters Vicki (Nelson), Kelley (Joe) and Kimberly (Travis), grandchildren Bethany (Travis), Zachary, (Samantha), Sarah, Nathaniel, Jessica (Wyndam), Griffin, Amanda and Eli, great-granddaughter Chloe, and several nieces and nephews.

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



## Lorraine S. (Hatcher) Wingard, 85

Lorraine S. (Hatcher) Wingard, 85, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles J. Wingard.

Born May 8, 1936, in Orofino, Idaho, to Paul and Oda (Bonner) Hatcher, Lorri met Chuck while working for the U.S. Forest Service in Orofino. After marrying, they lived for short periods in Billings, Juneau, Alaska, and Missoula before settling in Kalispell. Following Chuck's death in 2007,



she moved to Eugene, Oregon, in 2012 to be closer to her children.

Lorri enjoyed

camping and traveling with her husband and researching her family's history.

She is survived by her children, Shelley Mehner, Joseph Wingard and Russell Wingard, as well as two grandchildren, Austin Mehner and Taryn Mehner.

## Sharon 'Lanell' Windham, 65

Lanell Windham, 65, passed away on Sunday, June 19, 2022, in Kalispell, with her husband, Greg, by her side.

Born in 1956, to Lindell and Lenora Anderson in Lebanon, Missouri, Lanell was an Army brat, spending her childhood in Missouri, Kansas, Washington, Kentucky and Connecticut. She attended Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, for two years before transferring to Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, where she would meet a Grizzly Adams lookalike named Greg and fall in love.

She married Greg Windham on Aug. 22, 1980, and moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where they would spend the first 13 years of their life together. She loved her time in



Fort Worth and particularly their church family at Broadway Baptist Church, many of

whom would be lifelong friends. Her time in Fort Worth also brought the births of her three sons, Ryan, 36, Matthew, 32, and Michael, 31.

In 1993, Lanell allowed Greg to follow his mountain dreams and move the family to Butte, Montana. In her six years in Butte, she worked as a paralegal while also opening a quilting store. She loved watching her boys play hockey and learn to ski.

In 1999, they moved to Kalispell. Her 23 years in Kalispell are filled with

memories of watching her boys grow up, her so many great friends, boat days on Flathead Lake, countless ski days with Greg and her girls ski trips. Lanell loved to quilt, run, ski and play, but her true calling came in 2015 with the birth of her first grandchild. Lanell was born to be "Gram." And the last seven years have been spent with many trips back and forth to Texas to teach her three grandbabies, Henry, 7, Will, 5, and Molly Lanell, 2, how to live at 100 miles per hour.

Her last winter was a whirlwind, which was par for the course for Lanell. While fighting cancer with all her heart and strength, she still found the energy to watch her middle son,

Matt, get married to Sam at Whitefish Lake, ski with her grandkids and travel with Greg to Mexico, Florida and Texas.

Lanell is survived by her husband of 42 years, Greg, her sons Ryan (Trisha), Matt (Samantha) and Michael; three grandchildren, Henry, Will and Molly; her parents, Lindell and Lenora; brothers, John (Gina) and Tim (Inga); and her beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are being planned by the family.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to "Save a Sister" via the Logan Health Foundation to support breast cancer screening and education for Flathead Valley women.



## Roberta 'Bobbi' Lucille Wilkinson Wisdom, 84

Roberta "Bobbi" Lucille Wilkinson Wisdom, 84, of Kalispell, passed away on Nov. 11, 2022, after a long fight with cancer and osteoporosis.

Bobbi was born on May 11, 1938, to Robert and Sis Wilkinson in Trenton, North Dakota. After Bobbi graduated from Williston High School, she went on to study education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She belonged to the sorority Theta Sigma Upsilon where she made many lifelong friends.

After graduating with a degree in education, she started her first job as a teacher in Long Beach, California, the

beginning of a long, rewarding life loving to help young boys and girls grow up to be wonderful men and women. She loved teaching and she touched many hearts and minds. Many students remember her fondly and stayed in touch throughout the years. Bobbi was a stranger to no one, freely talking with friends, students, and anyone she came in contact with. There were no "quick" trips to the mall with Bobbi as she seemed to know everyone.

In late 1957, Bobbi met the love of her life,



Thomas Wayne Wisdom, in Greeley, Colorado. Tom and Bobbi were married in August 1959 in Williston, North Dakota. Tom and Bobbi went on to adopt two children, Todd and Taira. They moved to Kalispell in February 1974 and never left this beautiful place. Bobbi began teaching seventh and eighth grade in Lakeside in the fall of 1974.

In 2003, Bobbi retired from Somers School and spent her time loving her family and gardening. Bobbi never met a flower she didn't like. Bobbi, her daughter Taira, and son-in-law Jon, spent many hours and days in their gardens bringing color and happiness to the

neighborhood.

Bobbi was predeceased by her husband Tom, her brother Larry, her father Robert, and her mother Sis.

She is survived by her son Todd, her daughter Taira (Jon), her grandchildren Ryan, Kathryn and Logan, and great-grandchild Dean.

Services and a celebration of Bobbi's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

## Kimble Earl Woodring, 60

Kimble Earl Woodring, 60, was born on June 8, 1961, at General Rose Hospital in Denver to Earl and Louise Woodring and died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Logan Health.

Kim was only a few years old when Earl and Louise packed up their family and moved from Colorado to Montana, so Montana is all he knew. He attended Boorman School and Flathead High School. Kim was a natural-born equipment operator and was adept at all types of equipment, but the brush tractor he ran for the past several years was his favorite. He and his brother, Eric, were partners in Woodring

Brothers Excavating and worked well together.

Kim was devoted to his family and loved spending time with them. Whether it was calling Matthew to let him know "Gold Rush" was about to start, to going hunting or fishing with Steph, he enjoyed them and loved them. Kim was a grill master and grilled for his entire family at the lake and at his home. Kim was outgoing and would take the family up to Kooacanusa for Fun Days and stay so they could all have fun. Kim was always



present if you needed him for anything, i.e., putting in a new sewer pipe, a drainfield, helping put out a fire that was smoldering for days — he showed up and that speaks volumes. Kim loved to go south during the winter months and had so much fun just traveling.

Kim is survived by Heather Woodring, son, Matthew (Angie) Woodring and their daughter, Kora, daughter, Stephanie (Cody) Woodring, brother Trace Woodring, brother Eric (Kami) Woodring, sister, Sue (Jim) Cameron, Lisa (and Jack) Lytle whom he spent the last two and a half years enjoying, nephews Parker

Cameron, Story Cameron, Cable Cameron, Hayden Woodring and niece, Grace Woodring. Kim had many great friends and acquaintances and we are not sure he ever knew a stranger.

Kim was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Louise Woodring; and his oldest brother, Mike.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Smith Valley Grange Hall.

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## Nadine (Lorentzen) Wynne, 83

Nadine Wynne was born Jan. 9, 1939, to Tom and Veryl Lorentzen in Hamilton, Montana. She was the fourth of five children.

She passed away in Kalispell on June 23, 2022.

Nadine grew up and attended schools in Darby. She then proceeded on to Northern Montana College in Havre. There, she met and married Tom Wynne in Havre where they settled and proceeded to raise their family. She owned and operated TNT T-shirts in the Havre Mall for many years and enjoyed all the fantastic people of the Hi-Line she met. After Tom's retirement from the railroad they relocated to Kalispell and eventually Sun City West, Arizona. She traveled to Hawaii, Europe and Ireland and enjoyed these trips immensely with her daughter Zoanne and daughter-in-law Kristen.

Her passions were sewing, cooking, card games with the ladies and, later in life, golf.



She was a girl of the mountains and loved her time back in them after raising her

family. She always had a kind word and smile on her face. She was a nice person and fantastic mother.

She is survived by all of her children, Zoanne (Bob), Tom Jr. (Sue), Tim (Kristen), and Mike (Stephanie), and nine wonderful grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings Archie, Pauline and Larry.

The family would like to thank the staff at Buffalo Hill Terrace and The Lodge in Kalispell for the outstanding care of our mother. At this time no services are planned. A small family gathering will happen later this fall in the Bitterroot Mountains, her forever home.