

## Kris Donald 'Animal' Zeier, 65

Kris Donald "Animal" Zeier, 65, of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 1, 2022.

He was born May 11, 1957, in Anaconda to Roberta Barnhart (Mitchell) and Donald Zeier.

Kris was an outdoorsman. He loved fishing, hunting and camping. Kris was also a collector of guns. He had a passion for the baseball and softball diamond, where he umpired for many years throughout the valley. Kris was a man of faith.

Kris is survived by his mother, Roberta Barnhart; stepmother Eufemia Zeier; brother, Scott Zeier (Vickie); step-sisters, Gayle Barnhart Reeves and Vicki Barnhart Eggen (Roger); numerous nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and -nephews; and numerous cous-



ins.

In addition to his father, Kris was preceded in death by step-father,

Oren Barnhart; stepsister, Verlaine Barnhart VanAtta; maternal grandparents, Robert and Berta Mitchell; and paternal grandparents, Ed and Fran Zeier.

A celebration of Kris Donald "Animal" Zeier's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, at Journey Church, 5091 U.S. 2, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Inurnment to follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery, 2200 9th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

## Linda Zimet

Professional triathlete, avid skier, mountaineer, business owner, mother and incredibly kind person, Linda Zimet passed on Nov. 8, 2022, surrounded by loved ones after a sudden battle with brain cancer. Linda lived life to the fullest, rarely divulging details of her travels and accomplishments. She completed the Kona Ironman Triathlon in 1985 and 1987. She was also on the Olympic committee responsible for integrating the triathlon into the Olympics.

Born June 20, 1955, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, she attended the University of Colorado-Boulder, graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stout and completed her master's degree in business from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. A small business owner, Linda was incredibly successful as managing partner of the family-owned real estate company.

Linda's true passion was mountaineering around the world with her late husband

Andrew Zimet. The love of her life, Andy brought Linda to Whitefish in 2003 initiating an incredible 12-year adventure, which spanned the globe. From the depths of oceans to the summit of Kilimanjaro, their shared love of extreme adventure took them to many remote locations, including areas of Tibet, Patagonia, Italy, Mongolia and Antarctica. She loved experiencing everything the world had to offer and especially enjoyed time with her friends, family and beloved grandchildren.

Linda is survived by brothers Doug and Craig Farmer, by her children Adam (Amanda) and Josh (Geraldyn) Helgesen, and grandchildren Gage, Seaver, Weston and Liv Helgesen.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Base Lodge of Whitefish Mountain Resort.



## Raymond Zimmerman, 96

Friday, Feb. 19, 2022, our Dad peacefully left this earth to join his beautiful wife, mother, father and sister in heaven.

He was born Aug. 17, 1925, the second of four children.

Farming truly was his life. Dad was raised, worked, and later raised his family along with his wife, Helen, on the family farm in Creston most of his entire life. He never shied away from hard work. Still there were good, funny and interest-

ing stories told from this lifetime on the farm. He also served on Flathead County Noxious Weed & Equity Supply boards, along with selling fire insurance part time.

When time allowed, some of his favorite pastimes were huckleberry picking, hiking, fishing, learning to fly a plane, and he was always ready for a Sunday afternoon picnic. Dad was also a very talented woodworker. If anyone needed something built, he could

do it. Yet, he was happiest on his tractor on the farm.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife Helen, father Valentine, mother Alice, and sister Evelyn Mattheisen.

He is survived by his sister Jean Grainger (Farley), brother Allen Zimmerman (Nancy), daughter Aleta Hall (Bill), son Ron Zimmerman (Kelley), and daughter Jani Dryden (Ron), six grandchildren, Andrea Hall, Tyler

Hall (Stephanie) Kerah Harmon (John), Kadie Chambers (Weston), Kyren Zimmerman, Kasidy Zimmerman and April Randall (Jason), 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

We will miss you, Dad. Now you can rest in eternal peace.

Special thanks to Buffalo Hill Terrace staff.

Service will be held Friday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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## Nancy Jane McKeen Zintek

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Nancy Jane McKeen Zintek 92, of Missoula, Montana passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 17, 2022 just 18 days shy of her 93rd birthday.

She was born Nancy Jane Auchmoody on April 3, 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri to Jean Ellsworth and Bonnie Auchmoody. Nancy graduated from high school in Colorado Springs, Colorado then obtained her college degree in fashion merchandising from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Her career as a fashion buyer allowed her to enjoy frequent trips to New York City and Chicago.

Nancy married Ray McKeen in 1964 and moved to Whitefish, Montana which was a wonderful place to raise her three children from a prior marriage. Nancy and her children were



grateful for the love and acceptance of the McKeen family. She worked for many years in the Whitefish School System and remembered fondly her time as the school secretary for Whitefish High School.

After Ray's passing, she married William (Bill) Zintek in 1990. She and Bill could often be found outdoors, fishing or camping. They traveled extensively around the United States as part

of the AirStream Club Community followed by many years wintering in Yuma, Arizona.

They moved to Missoula in 1990 where they built their forever home on their property located just off of Flynn Lane in west Missoula. When completed the street was named after them and is now known as Zintek Place.

After Bill's passing on March 11, 2011, Nancy became a resident of The Springs. During her eleven years there, she made loving and heartfelt friends with other residents along with the caregivers who enriched her life. Since her family all lived out of state, many of her friends and caregivers became family to her. Klairaine, Mandy, Waldina, Michelle, MeriBeth, Tyler and Sarah, along with many others, were so dear to

her. The family would like to thank the staff of The Springs for the kindness and love extended to Nancy during her time there.

Nancy was an active member and belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Missoula. She also was a lifelong member of the Alpha Phi Sorority and P.E.O.

Nancy and Bill's blended family include four children: Stuart "Alan" (Susan) McKeen, Patty Zintek Melvin, Jennifer (James) Coyle, and Cliff McKeen. They were also blessed with nine cherished grandchildren: Skylar (Reyna) McKeen, Starlin McKeen, Dylan (Lindsay) Givens, Chad (Megan) Melvin, Eric (Sarina) Melvin, Briana (Aaron) Jones, Terry (Macee) Coyle, Emily McKeen and David McKeen along with nine

treasured great-grandchildren with one more on the way.

Nancy is survived by her lifelong best friend and dear sister Betty Asmus. Along with Betty's family, Nancy is also survived by many extended McKeen family members and a whole host of dear friends.

Nancy was truly one of a kind and an incredible woman, wife and mother. Many will remember her for the love she so generously offered. She wore a smile and never complained about the pain she was in and rarely said an unkind word.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to so many special friends of Nancy for their love and kindness over the years. She felt blessed by those who touched her life.

Her last days were spent at Hillside Nursing

and Rehabilitation Center after a short hospital stay. The family is so appreciative, and no words can express our

thanks to the caregivers that extended their love to "Miss Nancy" along with our family. We will be forever grateful.

In lieu of a service to honor Nancy's memory, the family asks you to extend an act of kindness to a stranger. These acts of kindness will bless others and celebrate a life well-lived.

Arrangements under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory, Missoula, Montana.

## William M. 'Bill' Zizz, 73

William M. "Bill" Zizz, 73, of Kalispell, passed away on Oct. 12, 2022, at his home after a long battle with COPD, with his family by his side.

William was born on Oct. 13, 1948, in Shelton, Washington, to Zane and Eileen (Drake) Zizz.

Bill grew up in Eastern Washington. He attended Flathead Valley Community College and went on to Montana State University where he received his bachelor's degree in soil science. Bill went on to work for the Ag Research Center in Havre. He then went on to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service until his retirement in 2004.

He spent four years in the Air Force. Bill married Linda Holcomb in Kalispell in 1969. They celebrated 53 years together.

Bill volunteered his time and knowledge to the Hunters Education Program for 25 years, and also was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmastime for five years.

Bill loved to hunt, fish and spend time with family and friends.



Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; children Michelle Zizz of Kalispell, Heather Wicks of Columbia Falls, and Christopher Zizz of Helena; siblings, Jim (Joan) Zizz of Colorado, David Zizz of Arizona, Carol Zizz and Anne Zizz, both of California; grandchildren, Zachary Zizz of Helena, Will Wicks of Columbia Falls, Ashley Myers (Andrew) of Illinois, Zoe Zizz of Forsyth, Montana, Ana Wicks and Emily Wicks, both of Columbia Falls, and one great-granddaughter, Marie Myers, of Illinois.

Family requests that memorials be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Salvation Army, or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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.

### Hazel Irene Zuehlsdorff, 94

Hazel Irene Mulford fought her battle and won Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, 2022. She stands in the presence of Jesus, her blessed Redeemer.

She was born to Vincent Thomas Rice and Viola Belva Greenwell Rice on Feb. 19, 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri.

She grew up with her sister Evelyn, and twin brothers, Harry and Larry, in the Kansas City suburb of Miriam, Kansas. Until her final days she gave thanksgiving for neighbors there who took her to church as a little girl for many years.

In 1945 she graduated from Shawnee Mission high school, in Shawnee, Kansas. She immediately began a career in retail sales as a clerk at the John Taylor department store in Kansas City just before it was purchased by Macy's. That fall she moved to San Francisco to share an apartment with her much loved maternal grandmother. She took positions as a clerk in the acclaimed City of Paris Department store, first in the toy department where she assisted Santa, then in the Hanky and Glove department where she won favor with the CEO and was picked to be trained as a buyer, before



love interrupted her plans.

Hazel attended WS Christian church in San

Francisco and was united with Christ in Christian baptism on her 18th birthday, Feb. 19, 1946.

She lived forward, always depending on HIS word, His love and His forgiveness, and staying connected to the body of believers.

While attending the church in San Francisco she was introduced to a young man who was also from Kansas City. A romance ensued ending a retail career and culminating in an engagement and wedding the following spring. On March 28, 1947 John L "Jack" Mulford and Hazel were united in marriage. Their romance lasted 71 1/2 years.

They added three children to their family; Irene in 1948, Tom in 1951, and Mark in 1953. The family moved often following opportunities. Irene noted that she went to nine schools in nine years and lived in even more houses. Hazel never complained about moving and looked at each move as an adventure

to be embraced, making it easy and fun for her children as well. They migrated from Kansas to California to Washington and in the winter of 1962 to Lakeside, Montana, where Jack took a management position at Bell Manufacturing Company where they produced RV campers and trailers. Hazel remained super mom and wife and was active in Lakeside Chapel and spent much time in prayer for her children.

In 1970, Jack and Hazel returned to Missouri to be close to his aging parents. During that time they started their own topper manufacturing and RV repair business. Hazel was delighted to once again be "selling" even if it wasn't high-end ladies fashions. In 1973, heartbreak hit when their youngest son, Mark, was killed while serving in the Navy in Guam.

In 1977 they returned to Montana where grandchildren were being added to the family. They settled, then retired in the Somers area.

Hazel was a faithful, humble, loving wife who set an example for many young women. She enjoyed loving on her family, serving in her church, sewing and gardening. Her second family was the body at Kalispell

Christian Church, renamed Family Life Christian Church, where they served and helped build for over 40 years.

Hazel was preceded in death by her son, Mark; her dear husband, Jack; her sister; her parents; her beloved parent-in-laws; and a granddaughter, Abigail.

She is survived by her son, Tom (Nila) Mulford of Billings; her daughter, Irene (Gordon) Zuehlsdorff of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Wendy (Andrew) Brown, Christine (Ryan) Osler, Susan (Eric) Brenco — all of Kalispell/Somers, Luke (Lindsey) Mulford, Mark Mulford, John (Mariel) Mulford of Billings, Erin Wolfe, Annie (Jon) Tommerup of Helena; 17 great-grandchildren; brothers Harry Gutridge and Larry (Joyce) Gutridge; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m. at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foys Lake Road, Kalispell. Lunch will be served afterward.

In lieu of flowers, please consider gifts to Lighthouse Christian Home in Kalispell, Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch in St. Ignatius or Lakeside QRU.