

## Jimmie Ray Fahlgren, 68

Polson-Jimmie Ray (Jim, Sasquatch, Big Jim) Fahlgren, 68, passed away on March 28, 2023, at his home in Polson, as the result of natural causes.

He was born March 20, 1955, in Columbus, Montana to Daniel and Marvel Fahlgren (Harris). He grew up in Polson and after graduating from Polson High School in 1973 he enlisted in the Navy. Upon enlisting, he attended Corpsman School, and graduated in Twentynine Palms, Calif. After returning from the Navy, he worked with Chub Pollmann at the Polson Golf Course as assistant superintendent groundskeeper. Shortly after, he moved to North Dakota and started work in the oil field as a roughneck. On March 31, 1979, he married Debbie Lynn McClanahan in Polson. Jim and Debbie traveled with the oil field until 1982, and then moved back to Polson to plant roots and raise their children.

Into the mid '80s Jim continued to work in the oil field, transitioning to a field mechanic in Alaska, where he made the best of the cold by catching halibut. Jim then went on to own and operate Finley Point Landscape and Irrigation from the late 80s until 1996 when he went to work for Western Waterworks.

Jim was a proud Papa of three grandchildren, a loving father, son, brother, and friend to



many. In his spare time, he enjoyed the outdoors, creating memories and spending time with his kids and grandchildren. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Jim is preceded in death by his father Daniel Fahlgren, brother Robert Fahlgren, sister Bonnie Fahlgren (Lamon) and stepfather Ralph Harris.

He is survived by his mother Marvel Harris, daughters Carrie Jo Fahlgren (Prewett) and Jessie Fahlgren and son Harlan Fahlgren (Jess Northrup, his favorite Broncos fan), and grandchildren Izayus Prewett, Cora Goodsell, and Connor Fahlgren. He is also survived by his brothers Jerry Fahlgren, Jeff Fahlgren and Ron Harris and his sisters Karen Fahlgren (Hewankorn), Marlene Fahlgren, and Nicole Harris; along with many nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life will be held at the Valley View Club House at high noon on July 29, 2023. All are welcome to attend. 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.

## Richard "Rick" Allen Faller, 72

Richard "Rick" Allen Faller, 72, of Columbia Falls, passed away May 15, 2023. He was born Oct. 12, 1950 in Armour, S.D. as one of nine children to the late Edward Allen Faller and Evelyn Marie Faller (Johnson).

Rick proudly served in the Army and was a veteran of the armed forces. After Rick's military service, he became a skilled welder who took special pride in his work. His business, Rick's Welding, was the result of that dedication to his craft. In his free time Rick enjoyed mowing his grass, putting around in his garage, woodworking, and working jigsaw puzzles with his wife Donna, and spending time with his family. He shared a very special bond with his granddaughter, Aurora. An avid bargain shopper, Rick was always up for a trip to any store. He was not afraid to bargain or negotiate, whether it be for produce or something from the hardware store.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Donna Jean Faller; son,



Jamie Faller and wife Courtney; son, Jason Faller; granddaughter, Aurora Faller; and five sisters. In addition to his parents,

Rick is preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Rick was a kind, caring, and helpful man. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A celebration of Richard Allen Faller's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Family and friends may begin to visit on Tuesday starting at 10 a.m. Inurnment to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, 2200 9th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. To send online condolences, please visit [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com).

### Edward Farrar, 75

Edward Vaughn Farrar of Libby, passed away March 29, 2023.

He was born Sept. 26, 1947, in Morgantown, West Virginia, to Charles and Iris Farrar. Edward was a brother, husband, father, grand- and great-grandfather, and a best friend.

Edward was a family man, handyman, and outdoorsman with many accomplishments. From 1970 he owned and operated taxidermy studios and schools in Virginia, Maine, and Montana, where he performed and taught others the art.

Edward loved spending time with his loving children, grand and great-grandchildren. You could always find him in the Montana mountains hunting, fishing, or just having a good time with his family and friends playing horseshoes and enjoying life.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Iris Farrar;



his best friend and wife Virginia Farrar; his sister Carol Farrar

Maschauer; family friend Troy Griggs; and son-in-law Mason Smith.

Edward is survived by his sons Eddie Farrar and David Farrar; daughters Annette Derrick and Colleen Green; grandchildren Ryan Farrar, Jake Sartori, Eliesha Merriam, Stuart Derrick, Josh and Chae Derrick, Gracie Sartori, Anna Farrar, Ginny Farrar, Dakota and Angelica Farrar, Trenton and Kayla Smith, and Hunter Farrar; his 20 great-grandchildren; and his best friend Richard Kunz.

Memorial and celebration of life dates and time shall be determined later on.

### Lucas William Felts, 16

Lucas William Felts, 16, of Hot Springs was born Nov. 8, 2006 in Kalispell to Vernon and Deanna Felts. He was taken to his Heavenly home on Friday, March 10, 2023 in the hospital surrounded by his family and friends following an auto accident.

Lucas was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. He loved his nieces and nephews, working with his brothers, the outdoors and hunting. Lucas' big smile touched many hearts during his short life.

Lucas is survived by



his parents, Vernon and Deanna of Hot Springs, sister Angelina (Kurt) Sarkinen

of Brush Prairie, WA, brother Andy (Kirsten) Felts of Vanderhoof, British Columbia, sister Janelle (Thomas) Ek of Kalispell, MT, sister Lori (Bob) Tapani of Kalispell, brother Aaron (Shanna) Felts of Dayton, sister Katie (Anthony) Ek of Brush Prairie, WA, brother Travis (Jessie) Felts of Proctor,

sister Lyndsey (Alex) Kuoppala of Vanderhoof, British Columbia, sister Trisha (Jade) Williamson of Moorcroft, WY, sister Melanie (Kyle) Dauphinais of Vanderhoof, British Columbia, brother Justin (Heather) Felts of Dayton, brother Jason (Maggie) Felts of Dayton, brother Jarod Felts of Hot Springs, Grandfather Claude Felts of Battle Ground, WA, 38 nieces and nephews and a multitude of relatives and Christian friends.

Lucas was preceded in death by his paternal Grandmother Arlene

Felts.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 17 at Old Apostolic Lutheran Church 215 Blacktail Road Lakeside, with a viewing at 9 a.m. and funeral at 11 a.m. The burial will follow at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine. All are welcome. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.



## Signe Elenore Ueland Ferguson, 97

Signe Elenore Ueland Ferguson, 97, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2023.



Signe was born on Jan. 29, 1926, in Pomeroy Township, Minnesota. She was one of 10 children born to Norwegian immigrant parents, John and Alma Ueland. She was raised on the family farm in Wirt, Minnesota. She graduated high school in Grand Rapids, Minnesota in 1943. After graduation, she worked in a defense plant making bomb sights during World War II.

In 1945 she met and married Walter Harvey Ferguson. They had five boys: James, Ronald, Arden, Wayne and Kim. The family moved to Kalispell in 1955. She loved her boys and treated all their friends like family. Signe became a loving caregiver for Walter when he became disabled until he died in 1972.

She worked at the Devonshire Motel in housekeeping, and for 15 years as a laundry attendant at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she retired.

Signe was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings, Ernie, Kenny, Alf, Magda, Johnny, Lief, Norman, Finn and Rangvald (of Norway); her husband, Walter; and her three beloved sons, Kim, Ronald and James.

She leaves behind two sons, Arden and Wayne (Rhonda) Ferguson; 12 grandchildren, Stacie Martin, Mandy Broulette, Melissa Ferguson, Alecia Leonetti, Michelle (Brett) Scott, Lance (Brenna) Ferguson, Jocelyn Holloway, Carrie (Steve) Johnson, KayCee (Jason) Zielinski, Sarah (Dean) Shandy, Spencer Ferguson and Dustin Ferguson; 32 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

To honor this extraordinary mother and grandmother, the family will have an interment graveside service Saturday, May 13 at noon, at Conrad Cemetery with a gathering to follow at Smith Valley Grange. Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Steven Fetveit, 72

Steven Martin Fetveit, 72, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully after fighting a courageous battle with cancer, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Benefis Peace Hospice of Montana; Steven was surrounded by his loving family.

Steven was born in Kalispell on July 3, 1950, a son of Martin and Dorothy Fetveit. He attended local schools and graduated from Flathead High School with the class of 1968. A graduate of Montana State University, Steve began his career in broadcast journalism in 1972 at what was then Western Broadcasting's KCFW-TV in Kalispell.

Through the early years, his career path took him to KULR-TV in Billings, KECI-TV in Missoula and KOB1-TV in Medford, Oregon. Steve returned to KCFW-TV, Kalispell in 1987 as Station Manager and later



became the local/regional sales manager for the Eagle Communications stations in Missoula, Kalispell, Butte and Bozeman.

In 2006, Steve was honored by the "Greater Montana Foundation" and the "Montana Broadcasters Association" as Montana's "Television On-Air Broadcasters of the Year." In 2009, the Bonten Media Group awarded Steve a Bonnie Award as the company's "News Talent of the Year" for 2009. Steve served on the board of directors for the Montana Broadcaster's Association, including a year as the board's president.

Steve retired from NBC Montana in 2018 and was able to split time between the warmth of Arizona and his home in Montana, as well as enjoying the open road on his Harley Davidson. He made multiple motorcycle trips across the country, with his motorcycle gang who were like family to him. Steve was also an accomplished USTPA judge and announcer, known for his amazing voice and integrity. His riding was not limited to motorcycles either, Steven had multiple favorite horses such as Mini, Mugsy, and Harley, who helped him win many buckles and provided many fun times with his Team Penning Family. Steven never missed an opportunity to participate in his children's and grandchildren's activities.

Steven is survived by his wife, Samantha, whom he married in

1995, and six children — Tischel and her husband, Doric of Columbia Falls; Kimberly, of Clyde Park, Montana; Natalya and her husband, Aaron, of Great Falls; Chad and his wife Lindsay Jo, of Kalispell; Lindsay Rae, of Kalispell; and Michelle, of Los Angeles, California. He also leaves two brothers, Gary, and his wife Diane, of Kalispell; and Richard and his partner David of Omaha, Nebraska; as well as 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of Steven's life will take place on March 31 at 4:30 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge in Kalispell. Please bring your favorite stories of Steven's life to share as we remember an incredible man we all love and cherish. Steven will be greatly missed.

To add to the slideshow for the celebration of Steven's life, please email your photo to victoriabulls@gmail.com.

## Jean Frances Kowalski Fischer, 90

Jean Frances Kowalski Fischer, 90, exited stage left on Dec. 10, 2023. Five years to the date since her husband, Bill Fischer passed on Dec. 10, 2018.

She was born Feb. 4, 1933, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Pauline and Edward Kowalski and was always proud of her Polish heritage.

She was a beloved local personality in Polson for many years and performed on, "Showboat Round the Bend," and was one of the original Port Polson Players. She

served as an officer of the Jayceens, Soroptimists and the Red Hat Ladies, through the years.

In 1991, she married Bill Fischer and moved to his farm in Ferndale. After a courageous victory over cancer, she traveled with him across the country in an RV, building homes for Habitat for Humanity before settling in Kalispell.

They were married for 27 years until his passing.

To say she will be missed is not even close to what will actually be



felt. It is devastating to lose her but we are thankful that she is at peace now.

She is survived by her children, Lynn Welch, Bill (Crissy) Welch, and Jackie (John) Gootee; grandchildren, Alison and Georgia Gootee and Alex Welch; and her brothers, Chuck and Rich Kowalski.

The family would like to thank all the care-

givers at Logan Health and Brendan House who helped Mom in her final days. They treated her with caring kindness and we are forever grateful for that.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Beverly Jean Fisher, 93

Beverly "Bev" Jean Hanley Fisher, 93, went to be with our Lord and Savior on April 10, 2023, in Bigfork, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Walkerville on Sept. 24, 1929 to Lee and Louisa Hill Hanley.



and the Lighthouse Christian Home.

She was preceded in death by her mother

and father, Louisa Hill Hanley Benson and Lee Hanley, and her brother Don Hanley.

She lived and worked in Walkerville until a stranger called and asked her for a date. In typical Beverly fashion, she told the stranger that she didn't go on blind dates. To which the stranger responded in typical Stanley fashion, "That's good, because I'm not blind!" That "stranger," Stanley "Stan" M. Fisher, would become the love of her life, her husband for 70 years. Their commitment to each other would weather many storms and be a shining example of unconditional love.

She is survived by her devoted husband Stan Fisher, her brother Bruce Hanley; her son Gregg Fisher; her daughter Karen Ball; Paul Fisher (Millie); Brian Fisher (Stephanie); nine grandchildren, Kaelin, Derek, Audrey, Shane, Cody, Emily, Grant, Blake, Alexandra; and four great-grandchildren, Nolan, Cole, Eli, and Hayes. Bev's love, faith, compassion and smile will live on forever in our hearts and minds.

"There is absolutely nothing to fear about tomorrow for God is already there"...(Psalm 91.4)

Wherever she and Stan lived, Beverly was an active participant in the church, community and of course, politics. Beverly and Stan were one of six couples who founded the Klein United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. After raising four children, Bev became the chief clerk for the district judge in Humble, Texas. Upon Stan's retirement from Exxon, she and Stan returned to Montana and built a home in Bigfork. They traveled the world extensively and created great memories for both themselves and their children. Whenever they were in Bigfork, Bev volunteered at the Community United Methodist Church, Bigfork Art Center

The Fisher family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers from Logan Health Hospice for their tenderness and support during Beverly's final days.

Bev's celebration of life will be on April 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Bigfork United Community Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either The Sturge-Weber Foundation, 6105 S. Main St., Ste. 200, Aurora, CO 80016, www.sturge-weber.org, or Bigfork United Community Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

## Dennis Fisher, 72

Dennis Reed Fisher, 72, was born in Spokane, Washington, on Oct. 25, 1951.

His parents, Reed Tolman Fisher and Wanda Heilesen Fisher had grown up on farms. As soon as their dream property was available, the family moved to a farm outside of Deer Park, Washington.

He was the oldest boy and became a worker at a young age. His idea of driving the tractor or truck was unfulfilled as the next younger sibling grew tall enough to reach the pedals and he kept bucking bales. He attended school in Deer Park and had a love for sports. In high school he played football, basketball, and jumped and ran in track. He held the school record in the 800, then the 880, for years.

After graduating, he married his high school sweetheart, Jean Taylor. The Vietnam War was in progress, and, with a draft number of 17, he decided to enlist in the Navy. He postponed his enlistment to wait for the birth of Jenny. He was trained at boot camp in California, and attended school in Memphis, Tennessee. He was then trained in electronics fire control for A6 planes. He was stationed at Whidbey Island, Washington, and was on a cruise when



Craig was born. He received word of the birth by telegram on the USS Ranger.

He was later stationed in San Diego, California, where the death of

a newborn son, Chad, rocked his world. He and his family worked cleaning naval housing for inspection, saved this extra money, and made the leap to civilian life. After 8 years of service, Dennis extended his discharge date by a couple of weeks, and Brett was born, the last military benefit.

He took a job in a sawmill and worked there until applying for an apprenticeship as a lineman with Bonneville Power. His apprenticeship was done in Olympia, Washington, and Hot Springs, Montana. The family settled in Plains, Montana. By this time three children, Jennifer, Craig, and Brett, were growing and a fourth was on the way. Stephanie was born while they lived in a trailer waiting for a new house to be finished.

Dennis often traveled for his job and was gone Monday through Friday.

The crew headquartered out of Hot Springs, but after five years at Plains, the crew was moved to Kalispell. They bought a home in Columbia Falls and soon after, Mikaela was born. He resided there for 33 years until his death. Dennis had been on oxygen for many years and suffered from COPD and heart disease.

Nothing was better for Dennis than the opening of each hunting season. He loaded his own bullets and went to Kelly's Camp near Dillon, Montana. He took each of his children as they were old enough and could spin a hunting tale in detail. A few weeks ago he went hunting and shot an elk, his first in over 12 years. He got a buck this season too, with the help of his trusty hunting buddies, Jenny and Brett.

He loved the outdoors and would often fill a two cord truck with wood all alone, a testament to his hard working self. One thing Dennis was noted for, was his quick wit and teasing nature. When a child would leave for an activity before dinner and say, "Save some dessert for me." Dennis would answer, "We don't save dessert in this house."

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jean Taylor Fisher of Columbia Falls; children, Jennifer Sandstrom

and husband, Billy of Columbia Falls; Craig Fisher of Montana; Brett Fisher and wife, Natalie of Kalispell; Stephanie Kelsey and husband, Dustin of Collinsville, Oklahoma; Mikaela Rindlisbacher and husband, Logan of St. Anthony, Idaho. He loved his grandchildren; Carlie, McKenzie, Sage, Savannah, Drew, Reed, Brock, Elli, Evan, Noah, Copper, Iris, Asher, and Sophie; great-granddaughter, Reese, and an expected granddaughter. He is also survived by his older sister, LaDean Rentzschke; and two younger brothers, Garth and Farrell Fisher.

Services for Dennis will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, with a viewing to be held at 10 a.m., followed by the memorial at 11 a.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. A military tribute will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Dennis' family wishes to thank family, friends, and neighbors for all the loving kindness and support.

To send online condolences please visit Dennis' tribute page at [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com).

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.



## Alan K. Fitzsimmons, 66

Alan K. Fitzsimmons, 66, passed away May 1, 2023, at home surrounded by his family after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Mountain Home, Idaho to James G. Fitzsimmons and Carmen Elaine Ambrose Fitzsimmons Dec. 30, 1956. His family lived in northern California until his teen years. They moved to Ogden, Utah when he was 14. He graduated from Bonneville High School and attended Weber State University.

He married the love of his life, Lynn Gamble in 1980 in Ogden, Utah. They enjoyed many years of sailing, camping and riding horses. They had two children and Alan tried farming and ranching in addition to working full-time for Jetway Systems in Ogden and later Ramp International in Salt Lake City.

After a family vacation to Montana, they moved to Kalispell.

Alan worked as a mechanical engineer for Semitool and Applied Materials and made many lifelong friends.

He was a devoted father — teaching his kids



to hunt and fish. He took both of his kids on an unforgettable hunting trip to Africa.

He was an avid fisherman and loved fly fishing and rafting on the North Fork of the Flathead River and boating and fishing on Flathead Lake. He couldn't wait until the ice was thick enough to ice fish on Lake Mary Ronan and Bitterroot Lakes. He loved hunting for deer, elk and antelope. He loved goose hunting with his friends and family. He enjoyed pheasant hunting with all of his Brittany spaniels over the years. His newest Brittany puppy, Rylee, will miss him very much.

He loved baseball and softball and coached both of his kids' teams until they started high school.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lynn; his children, Jake (Rachael) Fitzsimmons, Erin (Aaron) Oberlitner; grandchildren, Allie, Beau and Cailin Fitzsimmons and Jaycie and Blayke Oberlitner;

his sister, Tami (Pete) Harlow; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Alan's wishes were for a "celebration of life party" to be held in his honor. No sadness, no tears. Please join us at Brannigans Pub, 101 E. Center St., Kalispell on May 13, 2023, from 5-9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Flathead Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited or Pheasants Forever.

Donations for the Walleye Chapter can be mailed to: Flathead Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited, 175 Hutton Ranch Road, Suite 103, # 806, Kalispell, MT 59901

Donations for Pheasants Forever can be mailed to: Flathead Valley Pheasants Forever, 355 Cedar Mill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901

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## Jean Anne Flink, 90

Jean Anne Flink, 90, a longtime Butte resident living in Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Sept. 3, 2023, with her children at her side.

She was born on April 26, 1933, in Sauk Center, Minnesota, to Walter and Ramona (Kost) Schriver.

Her family moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she attended elementary school. The family moved to Missoula, where she graduated high school and attended the University of Montana. She had a joyful childhood, spending time with friends and her two brothers and two sisters.

She met the love of her life, Ken Flink, in Missoula, and in 1954, they married and started their family. They built a house in Orchard Homes and welcomed four children. In 1962, the family moved to Butte, where Ken started an office



products company.

Ken and Jean welcomed two more children and were busy running a

business and raising six children. She loved being a mother and homemaker. She was meticulous about the condition of her home. Everything had a place, and everything was in its place.

She enjoyed traveling, camping, and attending her children's events and activities. She loved to play card games and was a life master in bridge. She had many dear friends in the Butte bridge community. She loved sports and especially enjoyed hockey, basketball, and the Green Bay Packers.

Of her innumerable blessings and joys,

her happiest place was holding, cuddling, and cooing a baby. She was the proud matriarch of eighteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Jean is survived by her children, Mary Kay and (Carl) Byrne and their children, Jeanette Forrey (Matt), Melissa Hansen (Mike), and Karla Byrne (Tereka); John and Jennifer Flink and their children, Stephen Flink, Chelsey (Phil) Pappas, Evan Flink, and Jack Flink; Tom and Dianne Flink and their children, Matthew Flink, Jami Pineda (Dakota), and Drew Flink; Ron and Pam Flink and son, Nathan Flink (Whitney); and Jim and Cec Flink and their children, Tyler Regan (Kristie), Riley Regan, Kayla Flink (Johnny), and Alex Flink; daughter-in-law, Barbara Flink and

her children, Mike Flink (Suzanne), Brent Flink (Tanya), and Amanda Noyes (Amy); and her sister, Joyce (John) Stevens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; her son, Mike; grandsons, Kenny Byrne and Jason Flink; parents, Walter and Ramona Schriver; brothers, Dick and David Schriver; and sister, Marilynn Schaff.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 16, at St Patrick's Church in Butte, followed by a reception. The family suggests memorials to Our Lady of the Rockies.

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## Alice Foder, 82



1940 - 2023

Mrs. Alice Foder of Lethbridge, beloved wife of Mr. Al Foder, passed away at St. Michael's Palliative Care Unit, on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, at the age of 82 years.

Alice was born March 20, 1940 in Foremost, Alberta, Canada, to Betty and Stan Degenstein.

Truly a gift from heaven. She spent her childhood and teenage years in Foremost, received all her education and graduation accomplishment.

During this time, she was always active in all sports events, including curling, basketball, cheerleading and dancing. She loved to attend all the Community Events, dances with friends of Stan and Betty, her favorite was to Polka, she went to the weekly movie at the Foremost Theatre, worked part-time in the telephone office, assisted Stan in his farm machinery, car dealerships and school bus operation.

Her appearance was important to her, keeping

up with fashion, particularly shoes kept her "in front of the curve." That desire never left her.

After graduation, she moved on to Lethbridge, enrolled in a business college which enabled her to gain employment at AGT Business office, where she worked for three years.

Then it happened, she met Al in February of 1959, and they were married in August of 1959. A short courtship followed by a marriage of 64 years. The two of them became one, then came the boys, D'Arcy, Mark, Jeff, and David. The journey of parenting was well under way, she then joined Sorority to meet and make new

friends, develop new relationships which she did immediately, many, many new names and faces became a happy part of her then whirlwind busy lifestyle, she loved and cherished every moment of it, always looking to Tuesdays Sorority meetings. (possibly just to get out of the house).

Alice had a natural gift of design color coordination accepting only perfection, she took pride in her homemaking and her home surroundings, details were always evaluated by her keen eye. Over the years home improvements were a consistent part of her, the construction of new homes, each with the

latest of exterior design and interior innovations. Her final creation in Whitefish, remains as her thoughts and driven talents ... Her legacy to her family... A family shoulder to shoulder developing what became a large family-owned and operated business throughout Canada and the United States.

She leaves us with sorrow to mourn, pride to reflect on. Husband Al, Sons D'Arcy, (Paris) Mark, Bonnie (Tori, Keaton) Jeff, David, Fonda (Dalyce, Blake, Bryce, Lauren) and two Great Grand Children, Brooks and McKenna.

Alice has requested a private family service.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the many, many doctors for her care and attention the last 10 years, AHS Cancer Care Radiation Oncology, Dr. Walley Temple MD, FRCS Calgary AB., Dr. Justin Chau Calgary AB., Dr. Desiree Hao Calgary AB., Dr. Eugene Plotnyk CRH Lethbridge AB., Dr. Naji Saleh CRH Lethbridge AB., Dr. Dionne Walsh and the Palliative Care team and the entire staff at Saint Michael's Health Centre, your dedication to care is extraordinary.

Visit [www.mbfunerals.com](http://www.mbfunerals.com) to send a condolence.

## Barbara Ellen (Peterson) Foley, 67

Barbara Ellen (Peterson) Foley gracefully passed away in her



Whitefish home after her courageous three-year battle with cancer. She left this earth with her husband and their daughter by her side, to be reunited with her parents and to begin her eternal life in Heaven.

Barbara was born April 28, 1956 to Arnold and Lois Peterson. She and her older sister Nancy were raised in Lincroft, New Jersey. Barbara graduated from Middletown Township High school and then went on to dental trade school. Shortly after she began her career as a dental assistant. In 1982, after becoming a mother, she started her own cleaning business, giving her the ability to be a full-time mom.

In 1991, Barbara met John T. Foley "Jack" and they were married on July 20. Barbara and Jack raised their daughter in Howell, New Jersey. They remained in their Howell home until moving to Whitefish to be near their daughter, who had moved there, married and had two children. Barbara adored her grandchildren and in 2020 moved to Whitefish to be near them. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she loved to spend time with them.

Barbara was a devout Christian, a wonderful wife, a loving mother and grandmother, and an amazing friend. She touched the lives of everyone she met and was loved by so many. She will always be remembered for her kindness and compassion for others. Although she is gone, she will never be forgotten. The love she shared will continue to live on through her family and friends.

She is predeceased by her mother, Lois C. Peterson; her father, Arnold C. Peterson; and her sister, Nancy C. MacDonald.

She is survived by her husband, John T. Foley "Jack"; daughter, Christine Nelson "Chrissy"; son-in-law, John M. Nelson, grandson, John C. Nelson and granddaughter, Autumn L. Nelson.

Memorial and Funeral services celebrating the life of Barbara will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Whitefish, followed by a procession to the Graveside service at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls for family and friends on Monday, June 12, 2023. Barbara donated and prayed for the children at St. Jude's Children's Hospital and donations are requested in lieu of flowers. For more information please text Christine Nelson at 406-471-1593.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Barb's family.



## Anastasia M. Follett, 95

Anastasia M. Follett, 95, passed away Oct. 25, 2023 at her home in Whitefish with family by her side. Please join us for an open house to celebrate Anastasia on Nov. 11 from 1-3 p.m. at the family home, 2488 E Lakeshore Drive in Whitefish.

Anastasia was born on Feb. 11, 1928 to Anastasia and Nicholas Herriges in Whitefish and was raised with eight brothers and two sisters. Anastasia was the oldest girl in this large family and always joked that she raised the 3 youngest siblings.

After graduating from Whitefish High School, Anastasia worked at Lacy Photography, where Marion Lacy taught her and she excelled at the art of hand tinting black and white photographs into beautiful color images.

In 1949, Anastasia married Doug Follett and soon arrived the first of four daughters. Her focus then was raising "the girls".

The family spent several years living in Columbia Falls, where Doug taught American history at the high school, before deciding to build their home on Whitefish Lake.

When their youngest daughter began 1st grade at Muldown Elementary, Anastasia decided to go



with her, and worked as a teachers aide for several years. For a couple of seasons, Anastasia experienced the Big Mountain life while working at the lift ticket office. She eventually became the receptionist at Whitefish Medical Clinic and worked there for many years until retirement. During this time, Anastasia also served several terms on the Whitefish School Board.

Tashe, as her family called her, had many interests. She was an artist, seamstress (taught her Home Ec teacher how to sew), quilter, gardener, and avid reader. Her 15ft hand braided rug is a thing of beauty and a family treasure.

Though Anastasia spent most of her 95 years in Whitefish, she loved to travel. She enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Japan, and Mexico with her brothers and sisters. She also enjoyed the yearly Herriges family reunions, that could easily number over 50 attendees. She was proud of her family for establishing

the Herriges Memorial Scholarship for WHS graduates, in honor of their parents who came to Whitefish in the early 1920s.

In later years, she and Doug spent winters in Florence, Arizona, soaking up the sunshine and the desert with friends. Summers at their home on Whitefish lake were always filled with sounds of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and friends.

In 2016 (at age 88), Anastasia and Doug were the driving force to create a family orchard. She stood by the Greek proverb, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit."

Above all, Anastasia was an extraordinary mother, kind, gentle, and always the soft spoken advocate for her children and grandchildren. There was nothing more reassuring than her beautiful smile to say that you were safe and supported.

Anastasia is preceded in death by her daughter, Lynn Stocking; infant sons Gregg and Douglas; brothers Edgar, Allen, Norbert, Pat, Jim, Mark, and sister Caroline Fisher.

She is survived by her husband Doug; daughters Jen Follett McCaw (Bill), Audrey McNally (Michael), Karen Follett

(Hal Bennett); son-in-law Tom Stocking; grandchildren Geoff, Sarah, Sydney, Riley, Austyn; great grandchildren Sebastian, Benedict, Alex, Noah, Thea, Sienna, Georgiana, Elijah; sister Mary Bullman; brothers Rol and Dan Herriges; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

You too, my mother, read my rhymes

For love of unforgotten times,

And you may chance to hear once more

The little feet along the floor.

- Robert Lewis Stevenson

In this family, with every baby that is rocked to sleep, we know you'll be right there. Thanks for everything Mom, we love you.

### Leone Foster, 95

Leone Foster, 95, was born in 1928 in Whitman, North Dakota. She was the third child born to Martha and Louie Lorenson.

Her family moved around a lot all through her childhood, and ended up settling in Kalispell area. It was there she met the love of her life, Eddie Foster.

They were married in 1946. From this union four children were born.

When they retired they became snowbirds for about 15 years. They loved getting away all winter.

She passed away a couple weeks after celebrating her 95th birthday.

She had many talents, she loved to bake, garden, sew, make jewelry, being a wife, mom and grandma.

She sewed bags to go on walkers, she made and donated over 3,000. She also made cuddle quilts and donated them to many agency's including the emergency room at the local hospital. She made over 1,000 cuddle quilts. She drove school bus for 15 years.

She was preceded in death by husband, Eddie

Foster; daughter-in-law, LaVera Foster; son-in-law, Mike Cochran; and grandchildren, Ashley and Dustin Foster.

She is survived by Ron and Susan Foster, their children and their families. Karen Cochran, her children and their families. Steve and Jeane Foster, their children and their families. Dave and Brooke Foster, their children and their families.

For the last seven years she lived at Prestige Assisted Living she is survived by all that loved and took care of her there.

She requested no services be had. Family honored her wish, she has been cremated and her ashes will be spread at later date.

### William Wesley Foultnr, 87

William Wesley Foultnr, 87, of Kalispell, passed away at his home on July 20, 2023.

He was born in 1935 to Lyle and Ruth Foultnr and raised in Clyde, Ohio.

He left to join the Navy serving from 1953-1957.

Serving as an electrician aboard several navy vessels during the Korean war, he received several medals for his service.

He worked as a master carpenter for 50 years, as well as raising cattle.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, gardening, as well as farm and ranch life.

He is survived by his wife B. Lee Foultnr;



his two children, William R. Foultnr Jr.; and his daughter, Terri Wilson; he also has five grandchildren and eight

great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to, North Western Montana Veterans Food Pantry, or the Flathead Food Bank, either would be appreciated.

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



## Wallace 'Wally' J. Fowler

Wallace "Wally" J. Fowler, 88, peacefully passed away on March 22, 2023, after a brief illness with cancer in Wenatchee, Washington.

Born, baptized, and raised in Kalispell, Wally confirmed his faith at Trinity Lutheran Church, graduated from Flathead Valley High School, served in the Montana National Guard, and made many lifelong friends.

Wally often said the best things that happened to him were being born to a Christian mother and

marrying Lucille Maier.

Wally and Lucille's loving union flourished with three children: Paul, Janet and David. The family moved to Wenatchee, Washington, in 1969, where Lucille preceded Wally in death in 2021 after 66 years of marriage.

Wally pursued many different careers during his work history, start-



ing in the china department at the Kalispell Mercantile, regional sales for the

Missoula Mercantile, and owner of the Sportsman Surplus. Many fondly remember Wally during his lengthy retail ownership and management career and volunteer service in Wenatchee.

Passionate about reading and playing cards, he also played pool, bowled and

golfed.

Wally "Grampie" holds a special place in the hearts of his children and their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, loved ones as family, family members in North Dakota and Montana, and his beloved church family at St. Paul's Lutheran, Wenatchee.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's at 11 a.m. on May 13. Donations to remember Wally's life can be made to Trinity Lutheran School, 495 5th Ave. WN, Kalispell, 59901.

## Melissa Fox, 41



Melissa "Missy" Fox went peacefully to Heaven after a long illness on June 3, 2023. Missy is survived by her mother,

Katie (Fox) Chamberlain, her stepfather Dale Torgrimson, and her brother Andrew Fox along with her late father, Tim Fox and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish, Montana on July 28, 2023, at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon served at the church. For more information or to leave a tribute visit: <https://www.flintofts.com/obituaries>.

com/obituaries.

Memorial gifts can be given to the Nate Chute Foundation. Missy was a friend and classmate of Nate's. Memorial gifts in Missy's name can be made in two ways:

Checks can be sent to: Nate Chute Foundation PO Box 245 Whitefish, MT 59937 Online at [www.nate-chutefoundation.org](http://www.nate-chutefoundation.org)

We ask that anyone making a donation put Missy's name in the comment or memo section.

## Darlene A. Frahm, 86

In loving memory of Darlene A. Frahm 1937-2023.

The family of Darlene Frahm, 86, announce her passing on Nov. 16, 2023, in Columbia Falls.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1937, in Evanston, Illinois. She was the older of two daughters born to Charles and Marian Mote. Her sister Sheryll was a precious sister and loving friend.

Darlene credited her public-school education in Evanston, a multi-ethnic community, for shaping her belief that, "we are all God's children." In high school she enjoyed student government, music and drama. She felt honored to be "chosen" by her peers all four years for homecoming court and she earned a scholarship that allowed her to pay for her college education.

She attended Iowa State University graduating in 1959 with a BS degree, majoring in English and minoring in philosophy and religion. She was president of Kappa Alpha Theta, and active in music, drama, and dance. She received many awards but was most proud of being "tapped" for a National Honor Society that recognized her contributions to her community.

In her sophomore year at ISU Darlene met Lyle Frahm, the captain of the ISU basketball team, and they married in the summer of 1959. In the early years of their marriage, Darlene taught elementary school. When the daughters Jenny, Katie and Beth were born Darlene embraced her most valued role, that of wife and stay home mom.



under her arm." She loved sewing, crafting, decorating her homes and gifts. She was

a member of too many organizations to list. Noteworthy and cherished was her 54-year membership with PEO.

Lyle and Darlene took great pride in their loving marriage which lasted over 64 years. Together they had three daughters who in turn gave them five wonderful grandchildren. Darlene, "Nana" or "Nan" celebrated her grandchildren's lives and was proud of them all. She was excited to welcome her first great-granddaughter at Christmas and to participate in her grandson's summer wedding. Her family knows she is with us and that she will be present in all their future blessings.

"I have had a wonderful life filled with more blessings than I can count and certainly more than I deserved: a wonderful family comprised of three precious daughters, Jenny, Kate and Beth; their faithful and supportive husbands, John, Scott and Dave; five grandchildren, Sean, Natalie, Ben, Josie and Justin, who made me happier and prouder than words could ever express. And, finally, I am eternally grateful for Lyle, 'a husband unlike any other.' I thank him for his decency, his generosity, his good nature and his "undying love for me." Most of all, I thank Lyle for never changing from the down-to-earth 'boy' I met more than 70 years

Over the years Darlene and Lyle called Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Washington, Oregon, and Montana home. They formed enduring friendships within their many beloved church communities and always sang in the choir, in the early years with a daughter in their arms. When they moved to Columbia Falls in 2003, they attended Epworth United Methodist and later Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Darlene, a voracious reader with an ever-growing library, always traveled with, "a book tucked

ago, the only boy to ever kiss me good night on a first date." — Darlene Frahm

Loved ones left behind, Lyle Frahm, Sheryl Molinari, John and Jenny Byrne, Katie Frahm and Scott Wallberg, Dave and Beth Windauer; grandchildren, Sean and Natalie Byrne, Ben, Josie and Justin Windauer.

A memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 27, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

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



## Linda Franchini, 78

Linda Joyce Franchini, 78, passed away Dec. 11, 2023, at St. Petersburg General Hospital in Florida. She was born and raised in Orange County, California. She graduated from UCLA with a master's degree in library science. Her parents were Charles and Consuela Wiechhart.

She is survived by her husband, Julius "Joe" Franchini; both are longtime residents of Flathead Valley with homes at Lake Blaine and Polebridge in North Fork.

She worked many years as a kitchen designer for Home Depot in Kalispell. She was an active participant in philanthropic activities with the Franchini Family Charitable Foundations. She was instrumental in yearly gifting to Columbia Falls Food Bank, the Bob Marshall

Wilderness Foundation, Intermountain Home for Children and Farming for the Future. Also, she was an avid gardener whose plantings were a spectacle to enjoy. She often offered other people compliments and a helping hand.

As a result of her marriage, she embraced seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was very self-sufficient and resourceful, a loving individual who enjoyed music and dancing. She enjoyed being in the company of animals and children. She had a beautiful smile and charming spirit. She will be long remembered by all who knew her. RIP my Love.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Breast Cancer Center of Tampa General Hospital (TGH) Foundation.

## Ronald Grant Fredenberg, 77

Ronald Grant Fredenberg, 77, passed away at home, surrounded by his family.

He was born May 2, 1946, to Orville G. Fredenberg and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Motichka.

Ron married Sandra Daley on Nov. 14, 1966, and divorced Sandra on Nov. 9, 1973. Ron and Sandra had one son, Daniel Jay Fredenberg. He then married Marilyn Tipton on July 2, 1975, then divorced Marilyn on Jan. 1, 1984.

Ron found his match and married Elizabeth "Lizzy" Syth, the love of his life, on Nov. 15, 1986. They raised their children together.

He graduated from Flathead High School. He went to college in Havre and was drafted and chose to go with the U.S. Army on Aug. 7, 1968 to March 9, 1970.

He worked for S&S Manufacturer and Albertson Bakery. He then found his passion and went to work at the Kalispell Police department December 1970, was promoted to detective and retired April 1993. He owned his business from 1994 to 2006.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, softball and bowling. Ron bowled 300 in Kalispell. He went to state bowling in Billings and bowled 89. He even bought a new bowling ball but it didn't help his score.

He enjoyed Tuesday morning breakfast with Bill Polin, Gary Haven, and his brother-in-law, Hank Olson, and whoever else joined them.

His favorite daytime soap was "Young and the Restless;" from 11



a.m. to 12 p.m. you did not interrupt while he was watching his soap. He would not answer the phone, doctors appointments

were made at 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. He's been watching this program for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by both parents, Orville and Betty; sister, Mary Ruth Olson; mother-in-law, Evelyn; father-in-law, Leon Syth; his son, Daniel Jay Fredenberg.

He is survived by his Lizzy of 37 years; children, Tim Rambo (Tammy), Las Vegas; Ronda Heil (Jack), Columbia Falls; Dawn Phillips (Roger), Boise, Idaho; Sarah Gardner (Todd), and Robert Ridgway, both from Kalispell; sister-in-law, Leona Tilton (Richie); Lana DeGrio; Laura Ingram; brother-in-law, Hank Olson; Leon Syth, and many nieces and nephews. Ron was blessed with 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Ron loved his family very much.

We would like to thank 911, KPD and Adam Mills at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home for all their help.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Eagles ballroom in Kalispell. Please come and join us and tell your stories.



## David Michael Fredericks, 66



David Michael Fredericks, 66, of Whitefish, passed away Aug. 14, 2023. He was born June 27, 1957, in

Humboldt, California, to Ronald Fredericks and Avis Fredericks (Hanson).

David was a man of many passions and talents, and his journey through life was nothing short of extraordinary. An avid fly fisherman, David's connection to the natural world was profound. The serene rivers and lakes were his sanctuaries. His love for fishing was intertwined with his travels, as he explored the far corners of the world in

search of new fishing adventures and cultural experiences. David's heart was also dedicated to education and mentorship. He taught high school English for many years and coached high school football. Outside of teaching, David was a builder and a master craftsman. David was an avid reader and founded his own book club. He will always be remembered by his grandson's hockey community for the connections made, time, energy and travel-

ing they shared.

David is survived by wife of 32 years, Kim Elizabeth Fredericks; children: Allyson Van Randall, Shane Safir (Manny), and Dylan Safir; four grandchildren: Maci, Kai, Finn, and Maximo; parents: Ronald and Avis Fredericks; sister, Gaye Lockwood (Joel); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at a later date. To send online condolences, please visit [www.austin-fh.com](http://www.austin-fh.com).

## Lorraine Frost, 70

Lorraine S. Frost, RN, 70, of Ronan, passed into the arms of Jesus, on Oct. 21, 2023. Lorraine or Raine, as she was known to family and friends, was born May 9, 1953.

Growing up in Central California, she was a true child of the '60s and '70s and lived her life with the motto of, "just laugh and dance, even if it's raining."

After her 1971 high school graduation from Monterey Bay Academy, her zeal for learning moved her on to the sunshine and sand of Loma Linda University where she was accepted into a 2 year pilot nursing program. She graduated with her nursing degree in 1973 and began what would become a lifelong passion for healing both the body and spirit of broken people.

Professionally Lorraine was a licensed hospital administrator, held multiple specialty certifications in ER/trauma and obstetrics/NICU. She was a published author; having written a self-tutorial book for families of HIV/Aids patients, and she was one of the first in the United States to author an online Certified Nurse Aide training course. When she became certified in homeopathic medicine, she seamlessly incorporated that knowledge into her medical care. Throughout her 50-year nursing career, Lorraine was a frequent guest instructor at Salish Kootenai College, Ronan High School, and countless workshops, across the United States and as a missionary to India.

She was an accomplished musician with a love for writing music, singing, playing the piano, violin and accordion. Her happiest place on earth was the beach and in her garden. She would tell anyone willing to



listen that above all, her greatest accomplishments were her children, Brenda and Jason;

her greatest joys were her grandbabies, Tayler Ann, Jarrett, Daleray, Jesse, Jaslyn and Gavin.

Her truest comfort came from her personal walk, with her best friend, Jesus. Her love for Him showed in every endeavor. And when she did fall, she trusted that He would be there to pick her up and love her anyway. In her journal Raine wrote, "He is in control of time, all time. I am a child of God, and I am not afraid. When it is time, I am going to take a short nap and when I wake up, I expect to see each of you there." Her family and friends take comfort in knowing that she is at peace and resting, until her Jesus wakes her up, and reunites her with all those she loved and treasured.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Ronan.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to one of Raine's heart projects, Ronan High School / LF-C.N.A. Memorial Fund, 421 Andrew St. North West, Ronan, Montana 59864; or GV SDA Church - Women's Ministries/SAFE Harbor 36334 Mud Creek Lane, Ronan, Montana 59864.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com).

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



## Sherry Frost, 93

Sherry Dean Frost, 93, passed away due to natural causes on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Sherry was born Dec. 7, 1929 in Eureka, to Ray and Ann (Crowley) Eberth. She grew up in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1948. After graduating from high school, she married Frank Frost of Eureka on June 3, 1948. They raised their family of four children in Eureka.

In 1977, Sherry and Frank moved to Kalispell. Sherry worked in the laundry department at Kalispell Regional Hospital for 10 years. Besides her job at KRH, Sherry loved being a homemaker, attending to her yard, reading and taking care of her dogs.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Frank, sister Gloria Westgaard

Davis, and brother Ray (Bub) Eberth.

She is survived by her children: Ann Klimas, Havre, Montana; Steve (Rayleen) Frost, Fairfield, Montana; Angie Toner, Kalispell, and Karen (Paul) Klug, Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by two sisters-in-law: Mary Ellen (Frost) Handford, Kalispell, and Julie (Shaw) Eberth, Richland, Washington, and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral Services will be held at St. Matthews Catholic Church on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at noon. A reception to follow at the church. Burial of ashes will be at a later date at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Memorial donations can be made to Brendan House in Kalispell, who took such great care of our mother; or to the donors choosing.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Donna B. Fry, 90

**+** Donna (Bork) (Craver) Fry, passed away on Dec. 21, 2022 in Kalispell at 90 years old. Her cremated remains will be interred at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Butte, Montana. Memorial services will be held in Kalispell and in Butte in late summer 2023, date to be announced.

Donna was born in Amsterdam, New York to John and Ethel Bork on Sep. 29, 1932. As a child, she moved with her family to Butte, where she graduated from Butte High School in 1950.

She was married in 1952 to Bob Craver, a minister of the United Methodist Church and had four sons: Nathan, Daniel, Kevin and Alan. They were married for nearly 41 years until Bob's death in 1993.

After her family,



Donna's greatest loves were music, travel, and pets. Singing in church both as a soloist and in church choirs was a passion of hers, starting as a soprano, then an alto, and finally as a part of the tenor section. She also loved to play the auto-harp. She enjoyed traveling and did so extensively around the USA, later visiting Israel, Egypt and Australia. You could always find pets in her home, from dogs and cats to lizards and mice (and even a rat!). She began a pet therapy program where she would take a dog or a cat from the local shelter to the nursing home once a week.

Donna was very

involved in the life of the churches which Pastor Bob served in California, Nevada and Montana, especially in music and advocating for those with special needs. While serving at Geneva Avenue UMC in San Francisco, California, they began a school where she taught life skills to developmentally disabled adults. They later started a similar school, where Donna taught for many years, at Mountain View UMC in Butte.

After Bob's passing, a mutual friend reintroduced Donna to Harry Fry, with whom she had graduated high school and they were married in 1995. They spent 12 happy years together in Kalispell until Harry's death in 2007.

Donna is survived by her children Nathan (Yosifah Rose) of

Petaluma, California; Daniel, of Kalispell; Alan (Tamara) of Victorville, California; stepson Ron (Susan) Fry of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; stepdaughter Valerie (Chuck) Pizzitola of Hebron, Illinois. She is also lovingly missed by four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; brothers Dick Bork of Santee, California, Bob Bork (Connie) of Salem, Oregon; sisters Judy (Darrell) Scott and Linda Knievel of Butte.

Also preceding her in death were her son Kevin (1996) and her brother Bill Bork (2022).

In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree in her memory or donating to the Special Olympics, Alzheimer's Association, or your local animal rescue.

## Alan John Fuzesy, 70

Alan "Big Al" Fuzesy peacefully left this Earth on Jan. 10, 2023, surrounded by the love of his daughters after a two year journey through pancreatic cancer. Alan J. Fuzesy was born in Great Falls to Alexander and Betty Fuzesy. His youth was spent on the Hi-Line, changing the course of history in Harlem, Montana. After marrying Mindy, they moved to the Flathead Valley to build their life.

Big Al was larger than life. Fast cars, airplanes and love for everyone. Some may remember him as the owner of O'Piccolo's in Whitefish in the mid 80s-90s. Or maybe you knew him



from the Fun Seekers Corvette Club. You probably ran into him boating or skiing on Whitefish Lake. Maybe you even got a chance to see the lake from his parasail. Whatever it was, we know you left with a new friend and a happy heart. Alan's friends and family have a million stories about his generosity, kindness, and warmth. We've heard over and over again: "He would give anyone the shirt off his back."

Alan is preceded in

death by his parents Al and Betty. He is survived by his younger brothers Kim and Kirk; sister Alyson; daughters Brianne, Erin, and Stacia; grandsons Luke, Cole, and Ben; nieces and nephews; and an infinite number of dear friends.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, Alan wished you this: Take a moment to hold your dear ones close and raise a glass in his memory wherever you are. A celebration of life is expected for the upcoming beautiful Whitefish summer, Alan's favorite time of year.

Darlington's is caring for Alan's family.