

## Alice R. Infelise



"For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?"

And what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless

tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountaintop, then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance."

On Death by Kahlil Gibran

Alice Ripley Infelise left this earth and danced her way to heaven on Jan. 2, 2023. She was the eldest child and only

daughter to Eva and Edward Ripley. Born Aug. 2, 1940 in Southern California, Alice raised five beautiful children, Danna Hannibal, Laura Labelle, Brian Frank, Kadidja Sierra, and Payson Infelise. Alice visited the Whitefish community often beginning in 2005, then settled here in 2019.

While living in Southern California, Alice was fortunate to be a midwife to many families, a competitive ice skater with her daughter Laura, and reigned her delight for dancing in her later

years.

In both Southern California and Whitefish, she was well-known as a "Dancing Queen" and a lover of dogs needing special care. She worked with her daughters Danna and Laura to foster dogs through Bark n' Bitches from 2011 through 2017. She continued her work at the Labelle Foundation in Southern California by fostering newborn and pregnant dogs as well as providing hospice care for senior chihuahuas until she left for Montana in 2019 where she was often found volunteering at the

Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force.

Alice is survived by her five children; her sons-in-law, Jaime Labelle and Thomas Sierra; her grandchildren, Cloe, Adam, Juliette, Sabrina, Jessica, Madeline, and Miles; her great-grandchildren, Edward, Maxime, Lucien, Daisy, and Frances; her brother Edward Ripley, his wife Karen and their daughter Eva, and innumerable other community members in both Southern California and Whitefish/Kalispell who she considered to be like family to

her.

A life celebration is being planned for summer 2023 in Whitefish and possibly Long Beach. For more information or to be placed on the mailing list, please email [celebrateAlice2023@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateAlice2023@gmail.com).

In lieu of flowers and to honor Alice, please consider donating in her name to the Labelle Foundation (<https://labellefoundation.org/> donate) and the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force (<http://flathead-spayneuter.org/contactdonate.html>).

## Patricia Lynn Ingvalson, 74



Patricia (Trish) Lynn Ingvalson, 74, passed away to go "hug and kiss," her husband, on Wednesday Sept. 27, 2023. She was surrounded by her son and loved ones.

She was born to Julian (Zip) and Elizabeth (Liz) Ciba on March 17, 1949, in Great Falls. She was one of four children who lived, "across the tracks," in Black Eagle, and was very proud of her upbringing. She would frequently sneak past the security guards at the gates of Smelter Hill to watch her childhood crush and future

husband, Larry, swim.

After completing grade school and most of high

school together they parted ways but reunited in Kalispell, Montana, where Trish was a school teacher. They would later marry in 1982. She was an astounding teacher of various grades who gave everything to her students and loved her job.

Gardening, recycling, writing letters, camp-

ing, and cooking were a few of Trish's numerous hobbies. The birth of her first grandson on Dec. 2, 2022, quickly became her favorite topic of conversation. She was everyone's best friend, had a heart of gold, with a social network that reached far beyond the Flathead Valley. She always had a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, and a contagious smile that came from her heart.

She was preceded in death by her father, Julian; mother, Elizabeth Ciba; husband, Larry; and niece, Emily Mohler.

She is survived by her son, Larry (wife Abbey); grandson, Logan; sister, Jan (husband Tom Mohler); brother, Gary (wife Helen Ciba); brother, Rob Ciba; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial Mass held for Patricia at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell, with burial to follow the service at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Jonah Watson Isles, 28

Jonah, our sweet boy whom we called "The Boy," passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 8, 2023. He has passed from the darkness of this world into the eternal light and the arms of Jesus Christ his savior.



and keep pressing onward. His faith in Jesus Christ kept him going when life

He was born in Peru, Illinois, on Nov. 22, 1994, to Jay, Sr., and Julie Isles. He attended Glacier High School in Kalispell, Montana, where he took extra classes his junior year to graduate a full school year early. An award-winning boxer, Jonah also played rugby for the championship team.

was difficult. He will be greatly missed and loved forever by family and many friends.

Surviving family members include his father, Jay W. Isles, Sr. of Kalispell; mother, Julie Isles (Carlson) of Geneva, Illinois; sister Holly Koenig (Matthew half sister, Katie Johnson (Mathew); half brother, Jay W. Isles, Jr.; niece and nephews, Addison, Benjamin, and Josiah Koenig; and several other half nieces and nephews; maternal grandparents, Clifford and Doris Carlson; uncles, aunts, cousins, and many beloved friends.

Later, he spent precious time with his sister Holly's growing family and attended classes at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Illinois. He enjoyed video games, frisbee golf with friends, hiking, fishing, skateboarding, and basketball. He had a great love for all animals, but especially unique animals. He always had a pet of some sort, whether a turtle, hedgehog, or

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He had such a tender heart. All who knew him were instantly drawn to his loving, caring nature. He was always willing to help others in any way he could, and, because of who he was, others were always willing to help him, too. His unique sense of humor was always welcomed, and his smile could instantly light up a room.

His constant struggle with mental illness was a challenge for him. He really underestimated his abilities, talents, and gifts that god gave him. He spent a lot of time reading his bible and praying to stay strong

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A viewing will be held at 10 a.m. with a funeral service at 11 a.m. with burial to follow at the Fairview Cemetery, on Oct. 27, at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home in Kalispell. Graveside service to follow at 12:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery.

There will be a celebration of life ceremony, to be determined in Illinois.

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.

## Jerome Wayne Iverson, 68

Jerome Wayne Iverson, 68, of Columbia Falls passed away Jan. 23,



2023. He was born Jan. 14, 1955, in Thief River, Minnesota to the late Gordon Iverson and Hilda Marie Iverson (Skretvedt).

Jerome was a kind gentleman with a huge heart, contagious laugh and sense of humor. He was a loving soul and always ready to extend a helping hand. Jerome was a true outdoorsman, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and skipping rocks on the river. He was a "jack-of-all-trades" and could repair anything with a motor. Jerome worked professionally with a variety of jobs including manufacturing homes, carpentry, heavy machine operator, tree trimming and road making at Talley Lake.

He loved the mountains and would traverse the mountainside like a billy goat.

Jerome is survived by wife of 40 years, Laurie M. Iverson; daughter, Dana Bearchild; son, Jerome John Iverson (Shannon); son, Joshua James Iverson; daughter, Antonia Iverson; son, Christopher Lee Iverson; 10 grandchildren; brother, Dave Iverson; sister, Gayle Skees (Dick); and brother, Dennis Iverson (Darla). In addition to his parents, Jerome is preceded in death by brother, Jack Iverson.

A celebration of Jerome Wayne Iverson's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Family and friends may begin to visit starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. To send online condolences, please visit [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com).