

Dorothy and Herbert 'Smitty' Smith

We sadly announce the passing of our parents. Dorothy Smith, 85, died March 1, 2023, and Herbert "Smitty" Smith, 86, died March 11 2023. They shared a lifelong love for each other and their family. They were married almost 50 years.

They are survived by their children, Cindy, Sharon, Leroy, Emmy, LaDonna, Bill and Theresa. Also, nieces and nephews, Linda, Larry, Katie, Carla, Gene and Laura, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Dorothy in death are her parents,



Oscar and Evelyn; daughter, Melody; sons, Marty and Arvy; and grandson, Jake. Her sisters, Leona and Bertha. Brother, Carl; and sister-in-law, Faye. Half-brother, Cecil. Niece, Debbie; and nephew, Mackenzie.

Smitty was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dickie.

Private family services will be held at a later date.



DARBY – June M. (Duncan) Smith 98, of Darby passed away Monday, June 26, 2023 with her family at her bedside at the Remington Assisted Living home, in Hamilton. June was born Aug. 2, 1924 in Kila. She had a long and interesting life filled with family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter Darlene and husband Neal Ferguson of Renton, Washington and her son Steven and his wife Linda of Darby. She is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Roy N. Smith, her 2nd husband Larry Cummins and daughter Bonnie Lee Margadant of Altamont Springs, Florida. She is the last of her Duncan family.

A memorial service will be held at the Sapphire Lutheran Homes Chapel, 501 N. 10th St. on Aug. 2, 2023, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Paul Anderson officiating. A reception will follow at Daly-Leach Chapel Community Room, 1010 W. Main St. She will later be interred with Roy at a private service in Riverview Cemetery, in Hamilton.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Darby Bread Box, Darby Volunteer Fire Dept., or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be left for the family at www.dalyleachchapel.com

Larry Smith, 76

Larry Warren Smith passed away of natural causes April 19, 2023 in Kalispell. Larry was born March 20, 1947 in Louisville, Mississippi to Leon and Evelyn Smith. He grew up in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School in 1966.

Larry enlisted in the Navy in 1968. He was stationed aboard the USS Providence during the Vietnam War. Larry received many awards and medals including Navy Achievement, Navy Good Conduct, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, Southwest Asian Service, War on Terrorism, Kuwait and Saudi Lib of Kuwait, Cold War Victory, U.S. Communication, U.S. Navy Communication Service and Honorable

Discharge. Larry was very proud of his medals and serving his country. He was released from active duty in 1974 as an Electronic Tech E7. Larry was in the Naval Reserve from 1985-1993 with a tour of duty in Desert Storm.

Larry married Wanita Glover July 20, 1974 in Kalispell. To their union Leon was born in 1978. Larry and Wanita lived in several states, but Kalispell became their home.

In 1997 Larry was issued a U.S. patent for his invention of a machine for re-inking



ink jet cartridges, the beginnings of a successful business, Ribbon Works. He also kept busy with his laser art designs hobby creating different military plaques, fishing derby plaques and various other custom designs. Larry was instrumental in securing four DAV vans for the Kalispell area, driving veterans to and from appointments for many years. He was a member of the South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Department and attained the rank of assistant fire chief.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Evelyn; sister, Wanda Mills; and younger brother, James. He is survived by his wife Wanita of 48 years; son, Leon (Naomi) Havre; sisters, Lynn (John) Paasch

and Linda Smith of Bremerton WA, and Pam (David) Wilson of Havre; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m., April 26 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Larry's service will be held April 27 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St. Interment with full military honors to follow at the Conrad Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Larry's name can be made to the North Star School Foundation in Hingham, South Kalispell Volunteer Fire District, Trinity Lutheran Church or the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

You may leave a message of condolences for the family on Johnson-Gloschat web page.

Roger M. Smith, 87

Roger M. Smith, 87, loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend to many, passed away on Sept. 7, 2023, at Logan Health Medical Center after a brief illness.

He was born July 16, 1936, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was raised in Washington State in North Seattle. He attended Edmonds High School. While in school he was recruited to work for Morris Graves, a renowned painter/artist, caring for his home "Careladen" and tending to many exotic animals. In 2014 Roger attended his 60th High School reunion.

Faith was the cornerstone of his life and he continued his study of the Bible right up to his passing, sharing and discussing scripture with his sister Connie. A member of the Gospelaires, a Christian music group that performed and recorded in the Pacific



Northwest, he was proficient on many different instruments. He began working as a cable splicer for Pacific NW Bell and retired as a Project Engineer for Mid-State Consultants. The job entailed relocation periodically, and he left lifelong friends wherever he landed.

Model railroading was a lifelong hobby he shared with his father John and eventually many close friends in his local community. Until recently, the railroad group met weekly to swap stories and discuss all things train. Clint Anderson was one of those guys and a true friend. He shared his love of trains and was there to help Roger at a moment's notice.

Following his retire-

ment he drove a shuttle for train crews out of the Whitefish, Montana Station and then volunteered at a local rescue shelter for cats and dogs, a lifelong pet lover, he enjoyed caring for the cats and had a knack for winning over shy or feisty kitties. Listening to gospel and bluegrass on YouTube was a favorite pastime along with monitoring live cams from rail stations around the world.

He leaves behind the love of his life, wife Lois; his two sons, William "Dan" Smith (Kathy), and Larry Smith (Debra); sister, Connie Bethard (Bill); step-sons, Michael

and Daniel Tollefson. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Irene Smith; and his sister, Donna.

At this time there is no service planned, and the family asks remembrances to be made to local animal shelter or rescues, in his name. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Tony Ray Smith, 61

Tony Ray Smith, 61, born Feb. 1, 1962, and raised in Columbia Falls, passed into eternity Aug. 19, 2023, after his courageous battle with cancer.

Tony is survived by his three children, Jordan of Philadelphia; Trevor of Rapid City, South Dakota; and Sydney of Phoenix,

Arizona; his siblings, Tami Sue, Sherry, Terry, and sister-in-law, Taryn; his uncle and aunt, Bill and Linda Smith; three nieces; two nephews and



numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Betty Smith.

Tony was a physical educator, coach and athletic director. He taught in Rapid City for 33 years and ended his career in Rocklin, California.

Tony loved working

with his students. He loved the outdoors and was very athletic person. In life he was a compassionate, loving, giving person. His biggest joy was giving to others. He was loved by many family and friends.

A celebration of Tony's life will be scheduled at a later date.

William 'Bill' Smith, 81

William "Bill" Fredrick Smith, 81, of Swan Lake, passed away March 14, 2023 of natural causes.

He was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, but was a Montana man through and through, and spent his early days growing up in Sweet Grass. His parents Mary and George Smith ran a farm east of town and a bar, the Border Inn, in Sweetgrass where Bill would occasionally bartend and keep the peace.

He was wonderfully smart and always had an entrepreneurial spirit. Bill was the first in his family to go to university, first for a year in Oklahoma, then finishing up at Montana State University studying agricultural economics.

He took a trip up to Calgary after graduating and by luck (of which he always had ample, perhaps due to his southern habit of starting every year with black-eyed peas) found both a job and a future wife, Patricia A. Smith



of Calgary, AB. When she went on an extended trip backpacking with friends

around Europe, he saved up to meet up with her there. They ended up getting married in Gibraltar in the late '60s.

They raised a beautiful family together in Calgary. She was an English teacher and he started a small business, AgWest, which became a large business, International Fertilizer Systems. He traveled extensively for work and pleasure, building fertilizer plants abroad, and passed that confidence and curiosity on to his children.

When they separated in 2002, Bill retired and headed back to the Swan Valley in Montana, where he settled into a quiet and comfortable retirement. He loved reading newspapers cover to cover, visiting

Glacier National Park, clam chowder on Fridays at the Pocketstone Cafe in Bigfork, and especially sitting on his patio in the summer watching a bonfire surrounded by family.

Anyone that spent time with Bill would agree that he could share a good story. Listening to his tales was always a treat: About his college days, water skiing while living in Oklahoma, his travels overseas while building his business, the numerous fishing trips he and his friends did in local lakes and streams and off the coasts of British Columbia or Belize ... the copious amounts of fish caught and oysters eaten; the stories got better, the fish bigger every year.

He died after a short and sudden decline with family around him. He was a strong, stubborn fighter that to the end talked as though he would live forever. He was a gifted storyteller with a smattering of southern customs from

his relatives down that way.

He is survived by many loving children: his son, Travis F. Smith is of Calgary, Alberta; his daughter Stacia Smith and her husband Justin Lang are of Huson; his daughter Nicole Smith is of Columbia Falls; and his daughter Virginia Smith, her partner Chris Albery and granddaughter Charlotte (Charli) are of Cochrane, Alberta.

He was always close to his cousins Craig Ihme of Coutts, Alberta; and Gina and Thomas Brennwald of Mannedorf, Switzerland. A surprising late addition to the family, thanks to 23-and-Me, is his daughter Jodi Trudeau of Portland, Oregon.

In accordance with his wishes, this summer a scattering of Bill's ashes will take place which will involve fireworks. Please contact Travis Smith at 604-408-5722 for timing and details. Cards may be sent to Stacia Smith at 16658 Leif Lane, Huson, MT 59846.

Gladys M. Sorrells, 98

Gladys was blessed with a lovely autumn day to meet her Lord and Savior in heaven. With her daughters holding her and praying over her, she peacefully left her earthly body of 98 yrs on Oct. 24, 2023.



(on hot summer days), and sipping ice tea while relaxing at the farm watching grand-kids

party bridge, and gathering with her City Brew Coffee friends rounded out her days.

She blessed her three grandchildren with a gift of being their most loving Nanny. She championed them with her unconditional love, wisdom, and was their tireless prayer warrior for all their needs. As great grands entered her world she would sit, smile, and marvel at all their loveliness and energy.

Later years of COVID, and isolation in her Assisted Living, required her to once again to go deep in her faith for strength. In October 2020, she joyfully came to share Janna and Mick's home. In 2022 all three packed up and were "Omaha Bound" to be closer to family. Her mantra when asked how she was doing was always the same, "Mighty fine, I don't have time for a bad day." We all need to practice that one.

Those charged with carrying forward her legacy of faith, joyful smile, and positive attitude include daughters, Janna Sullivan (Mick), Mary Jane Herr (Tommy); cherished grands, Wes Herr, Magen Stewart (Jay), Joe Sullivan (Dina); precious great-grands, Maddox Herr, Addison Stewart, Luke Sullivan and James Sullivan; brother, Bob Wisener; beloved nieces, nephews, and all her family by marriage.

Praises to Hospice House the Josie Harper Residence, 7415 Cedar St., Omaha, Nebraska, 68124 for the tender caring of Gladys and family. Please consider them for any kindness you might want to share in her memory.

A graveside Christian burial will be held at 1 p.m., on Nov. 11, 2023 at the Glenwood City Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to this intimate honoring of Gladys Sorrells.

This beautiful southern woman came into this world with a smile on her face and joy in her heart. Her life was full of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness, and self control. She lived with purpose, to give the fruit away to all who knew her.

After the end of World War II she met and married Jimmy Sorrells. They were a beautiful couple, inside and out. In Glenwood, Arkansas, they put down roots to love and raise two daughters. Family gatherings with aunts, uncles, cousins happened often. Razorback football, swimming in the Caddo River

grow, well it "filled them up."

Too early in their retirement years Jimmy was called to meet his savior. Gladys, with her great faith, prayed to find her new purpose and the right place to now call home. With courage she moved to Montana to be close to her daughter Janna and family. For the next 28 years she shared her smile and made many new friends. She was a cherished volunteer at Kalispell Regional Hospital and humbly accepted being voted volunteer of the year without mentioning it to her family. Mystery tours about the North West with a cherished travel group, bible study, lots of

Howard V. Spain Jr., 48

Howard "Howie" V. Spain Jr., 48 of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 13, 2023.



and Fred Bauer; and two brothers, Ken and Richard Spain. He is also survived by

grandmother, Shirley Spain; and grandmother, Angie McKay Peterson.

Aside from his love for cars he was known for his tough shell and heart of gold. He can be remembered by his jet black hair and signature hairstyle, dress shirts, and contagious smile. He was an amazing father, friend, and business owner. He had a way of making everyone feel like they were being

taken care of no matter how much he had going on. He had a positive impact on the community and will truly be missed.

Howie's graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 21, at C.E Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Howard, fondly known as Howie was born to Debbie and Howard Spain Sr. on Dec. 12, 1974, in Kalispell. At a young age he developed a fondness for cars. He was a talented mechanic who shared his love through his work.

He is survived by his parents, Debbie Spain

his daughter, Maurissa Spain.

He was welcomed in heaven by his son, Kaiden Spain; father, Howard Spain Sr.; grandfather, Clark Spain;

Hanna Spencer, 101

Hanna Spencer, 101, passed away on Sept. 23, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born on Jan. 15, 1922, in Copenhagen, Denmark, to Boris and Elsa Lehmann. She moved to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, when she was 5 years old; she spoke no English when she started school there.

The family moved to the Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, area where she continued through high school and followed her older sister Lilly into nurses training on Vancouver Island; when completed she became a registered nurse.

Hanna met the man she would marry (he was recovering in the hospital where she worked) he had been a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II. She married Lambert Charles Patrick Spencer on Oct. 3, 1947, in Coquitlam, British Columbia,



Canada.

In 1960, Hanna, her husband and four children moved to Australia they all got home-sick and returned to the USA. Back in the Flathead Valley

again, following the catastrophic flood of 1964, Hanna assisted with giving immunizations to people of the community.

Later in 1964, the family decided to give Australia another try and stayed until 1967 when her husband Lambert Charles Patrick Spencer preceded her in death due to a heart attack. She moved back to Canada with four children, almost all teenagers, (that had

to be a scary time for her). They stayed with her parents for about a year at their farm in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada. Then she and the four ventured back to Kalispell to begin her life as a single parent. She took refresher courses while she worked taking care of two elderly sisters and managed to regain her RN status. She went to work in obstetrics at the hospitals in Kalispell and Whitefish over her long career in the Flathead Valley. She was involved in the deliveries of babies of many friends of her daughters'; and then also in the deliveries of the babies of those babies later on. During her work as an obstetrics nurse she flew by helicopter to remote locations in inclement weather (at times, blizzards) to help the delivering mothers.

Following her retire-

ment Hanna volunteered to teach cribbage to fifth-grade students to help with their math skills. Also, she volunteered to deliver meals to home-bound residents. She continued to deliver meals until she was 89 when she fell in her driveway while shoveling snow. She broke her hip and had to stop. She couldn't drive and had quite a long recuperation with the assistance of her daughter Karen.

Hanna is survived by her daughters, Jackie (Craig Cable) Spencer, Patsy (Don) Abney, Karen (Ron) Worley and her son Daniel (Julie) Spencer. Hanna is also survived by her 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

There will be a private memorial service in the future for family, as Hanna would have chosen if it was up to her.

William 'Bill' Aloyce Stacy, 82

William "Bill" Aloyce Stacy, 82 of Columbia Falls, passed away Aug. 6, 2023. He was born March 23, 1941 in Eureka, to the late James L. Stacy and Lilly F. Stacy (Armstrong).



(Michael); son, William L. Stacy (Linda); son, Kelly D. Stacy (Andrea); son, Steve Chaffee; four grandchildren, Cody, Lindsey, Brittney, and Jacob; eight great-grandchildren; and five siblings, James Jr., Donnie, Ron, Alan and Doreen.

In addition to his parents, Bill is preceded in death by wife, Audrey Ellen Stacy; and four siblings, Beryl, Jerry, Marlene and Dean.

Bill's celebration of life will be from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Nite Owl and Back Room Restaurant in Columbia Falls. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

He was an independent and outgoing person that had the "gift to gab." He talked to everyone and was a great storyteller. He was always willing to help a stranger in need. He could always make you feel welcome.

He is survived by his son, Bill Stacy; daughter, Shelly Hutchins

Geno Stahlberg, 81

Geno Stahlberg, known for his magnificent big white mustache, passed away Jan. 31 at Logan Health Medical Center after a battle with heart failure. He was born in Greenbush, Minnesota to Harold and Olga Stahlberg on Aug. 18, 1941. When he was 3 years old, he and his siblings rode the train to the Flathead Valley with their mother. He was raised on a farm with seven of his siblings: Muriel, Bud (Harold), Yvonne (Bunny), Wayne, Clark, Bryan and Gordon.



they had three children: Scott, Jill, and Chele. He began his career at Buttreys Foods as

a box boy and ended up with a transfer to Glendive as an assistant manager in the new store. From there, we went to Billings, where he worked as a manager and opened up two new stores. After six years in Billings, he transferred to Wenatchee, Washington to open a new store. After four years there, we came back home to the Flathead Valley, where he worked for two of his brothers, con-

structing roads in the woods. He finally ended up working for USF Reddaway delivering freight; through this job, he met many wonderful people, and everywhere we went, we would meet up with somebody he knew.

After retiring at the age of 67, he enjoyed spending time back out in the woods, camping and hunting with family and friends; he was also fond of playing cards, especially if he won, and he always enjoyed a good John Wayne movie. He loved his family most of all, and appreciated every opportunity that he had to spend time with them.

He was preceded in death by his mother

and father; and siblings, Muriel, Fern, Bud, Bunny, Wayne and Clark

He is survived by his wife, Lila; his children, Scott (Wendy), Jill (Dan Lyford), and Chele; six grandchildren, Travis, Ben, Josh (Kati) and Emma Stahlberg, and Kelsey and Kimi Lyford; and two brothers, Bryan and Gordon.

Geno will be missed by many.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family. Memorial is currently pending, and will most likely occur in late spring or early summer in hopes of better weather for family and friends traveling from out of state.

Mary 'Liz' Steele, 93

Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Steele, age 93, of Kalispell, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 22, 2023.

She was the youngest of nine children and was born June 14, 1930, near East Helena, to Wesley and Mary Jane Buck. "Mary Beth" as she was known to her family and friends, then moved with her family to Patrick Creek near Kalispell, and later Dayton.

In 1946, she married Jim Uhde, and they made their home in Rollins and had seven children together. They later divorced and she moved first to Missoula and then Great Falls holding various jobs to provide for her family. In 1973, she began what would become her career working in alterations in department stores. She moved back to Missoula where she opened her own alterations shop, "Liz Alterations" where she not only altered but also tailor-made clothing.

It was under this name that she made many new friends and was introduced to her future husband Leroy Steele. They were married on Dec. 4, 1976, in Missoula and spent many happy years there before relocating to their current home in Polson in 2004.

Over the years she was active in accordion, playing with several different bands and music



groups. She also enjoyed creating beautiful clothing for family, friends,

and clients, as well as participating in church functions, going on RV trips with Leroy, and loving on all the grandbabies. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Leroy Steele; her children by birth, Marilyn Hill, Wendy (Jens) Nelson, Scott Uhde, Kim Uhde, and Cheri (Richard) Tressel; her children by marriage, Cindy (Dave) Oparowski, and Doris (Bob) Skiles; as well as 37 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by four children, Robin Uhde, Tami Uhde, Debra Hobson, and Steve Steele.

Liz's celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. on Sept. 10, at Fellowship Baptist Church, 39098 Lakeview Dr., Polson. Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

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

Mark Oscar Steinke, 68

Mark Oscar Steinke, 68 years young, passed into the next realm unexpectedly at his ranch in Kalispell on Feb. 23, 2023.

Mark came into this world on May 27, 1954 in New Britain, Connecticut. The son of Oscar and Agnes Steinke, and brother of Adora Karounos.

Mark loved his family dearly, his wife, Larina; his sons, Matthew and Luke; grandchildren, Otto and Winslow, along with his family of friends.

He especially loved children and animals. He had a special connection with horses that



he passed on to his sons. He enjoyed spending time with his dear friends and jam-

min' to music. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, Glacier Park, the Rocky Mountains and Montana in general.

Mark will be missed by his family and everyone that he graced in this life. He had an immense presence which will be rivaled by none.

May his soul run free and his spirit live on forever.

David R. Stephenson, 80

David R. Stephenson, 80, passed away on April 16, 2023, in the home he'd lived in for 42 years, surrounded by love, and somewhat surprised that he still had never won the Powerball.

He died the same way he had lived his whole life — ferociously believing in miracles, even when grumbling about the realities of the world.

Dave was born July 11, 1942, in Libby, to Johanna (June) Ludvikson Stephenson and James Stephenson. He spent his childhood years splashing in the frigid waters of Pipe Creek and playing baseball and basketball. Although a basketball scholarship to college in Havre and graduate school at the University of Montana took him away for a number of years, he returned to Lincoln County for good in 1974; first as principal at Troy High School, and then eventually as the principal at Libby Middle School.

He met his wife, Carole Anne, while attending Northern, and they were married in Simms in 1966. He and Carole Anne built a loving and beautiful community of lifelong friends in Troy and Libby, and grew their children, and oh-so-many veggies and flowers in the gardens of their Libby home. His long afterschool career as a basketball referee allowed him to catch up often with friends in other Montana towns and kept him in shape to run in 20 consecutive Bloomsday races. After



Sen. Jon Tester won reelection by a close margin. Dave was also a board

member of the CARD Clinic and former chairman of the CARD Foundation in Libby. An active Mason in the Libby Masonic Lodge #85, he was devoted to raising money for the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Spokane.

A softy at heart, he always swore he'd never let a cat into the house, but his was always the lap each family cat slept on. And while he was irrepressibly proud of both his Norwegian heritage and his graceful hook shot, he was ultimately proudest of his wife, kids and grandkids, who all miss him terribly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved twin brothers, Chuck and Jim Racicot.

He is survived by his wife Carole Anne; his son Brent (Krista) Stephenson of Boise, Idaho; his daughter Heather Stephenson (Donnie Fowler) of San Francisco; his sister Linda (Gene) Braley of Libby; his grandchildren, Quinn and Crosby Stephenson, and Cleo and Iris Fowler; and numerous loved in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at The Libby United Methodist Church on April 28 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the CARD Clinic in Libby or the Shriner's Children's hospital in Spokane.

retiring, Dave worked in his woodshop, traveled and pattered around the garden, usually enjoying a glass of zinfandel on the tree swing after a day of digging holes.

Dave loved the outdoors, was a dedicated hunter and fisherman, and was a lifelong Democrat — back when it was more common to be all of those things at once. He was proud to chair the Lincoln County Democrats in 2018 when

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911 West 5th Avenue
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214 E. 3rd Street
Libby, MT 59923
Arrangements are under the care of the Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Lisa Ann Sterzl, 63

Look to the sky and you will see another beautiful star. Lisa Ann Sterzl, 63, was called to the heavens Aug. 12, 2023.

She is survived by her loving husband, Terry Bartlett; four children, Derek Heft, Carly Dumond, Chase Hermann

and Ryder Hermann; and four grandchildren, Kane Hermann, Kage Hermann, Finnley Hermann and Salem Hermann.



She was born in Stockton, California on Nov. 13, 1959, and travelled her way to Coram, where she settled and raised her family. She was a shining light to all who knew her and a vibrant personality you could never forget.

A celebration of Lisa's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 26, at the family's home, 439 First Ave. S., Martin City.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

David Deuth Stewart, 83

David Deuth Stewart, 83 of Whitefish, died on June 21, 2023. He was born in Mitchell, South Dakota, on September 18, 1939, to Dr. Robert Stewart and Marjorie Deuth Stewart.



years.

In 1989 the family moved to Whitefish when David retired.

The family moved to Whitefish in 1940 where he lived until the age of 13. He graduated from high school in Alexis, Illinois, and from the University of Iowa in 1961.



In retirement he continued his travels around the world and

enjoyed hiking, golf and tennis.

After serving in Vietnam as an interpreter, having attended the Army Language School to learn Vietnamese, he earned his MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Arizona, and began a career in international business.

As a devout Catholic, he served as a lector for many years. He engaged in various civic activities, leading the renovation of the Whitefish Depot and serving as chair of the organization that built the O'Shaughnessy Center and the Whitefish Library, co-founder and president of the Whitefish Community Foundation, and board member of Samaritan House. He was divorced in 1994.

His first job was with the US Agency for International Development in Seoul, South Korea. He then joined the international department of Bankers Trust Co. in New York City, where he traveled extensively in the Middle East and Africa.

His two sons, Michael and Andrew, survive David.

While living in New York he married Barbara Boyd and had two sons, Michael and Andrew.

He was preceded in death by his younger sister Jan, who passed away in 2004.

In 1973, he joined Fleet Financial Group in Providence, Rhode Island. He traveled the world for many years, and managed Fleet's overseas office in Cairo, Egypt for two years and the office in London, England for six

A mass of Christian burial will be held a 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, at St. Charles Borromeo church in Whitefish. Inurnment to follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, he requested that a contribution be made to Samaritan House.

Lydia Stewart, 76

In memory of Lydia M. Stewart, age 76 of Helena, Nov. 14, 1946 – Aug. 31, 2023.

Lydia M. Stewart passed away Aug. 31, 2023. Lydia Mary Martin was born Nov. 14, 1946, and spent the first two years of her life in a foundling home and was later adopted by William and Mabel Martin. She was raised in Brooklyn and Bronx, New York, with her sister, and best friend, Eileen Joiner, along with her brothers Albert Widor, and Joey Martin.

She met the love of her life, Ron, in 1965. A blue-eyed, dreamy airman, raising three young children on his own. That won her heart over, and they married shortly after their first meeting. Lydia embraced wholeheartedly the role of wife and mom. Together, Ron, Lydia and the children traveled the country in the Air Force. Lydia's favorite place to be stationed was Tarague Beach, Yido Guam, because of the white sands, beautiful coral reefs and shells she could collect. During their time in the service Ron spent five remote tours away from his family and Lydia "held down the fort" with their children. She ran a tight ship, keeping everything in order. Her children learned how to



make a bed with tight, military corners, and would proudly show a quarter bounce. She was proud to hold the title of Air Force wife

and would still be traveling East, West, North and South had Ron not retired after serving 21 years; settling down in the Big Sky Country of Montana.

Lydia loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart and wanted to be surrounded by children her entire life. She is survived by children Ronald Stewart Jr., (Kate), Traverse City, Michigan; Mary Roxbury, Houston Texas; Lori Schroeder, (Shawn), Helena; Dorothy Stewart, Kalispell; Skye Stewart, Helena; and Brandon Stewart, Helena; and grandchildren Chris Meek, Niki Roxbury, Grayson and Shay Schroeder, and Isabella and Benjamin Meyers.

Ron and Lydia were foster parents and guardians for over 40 years and adopted two of their foster children Brandon and Skye. They were proud to have been selected as Montana's Foster Parents

of the Year and went on to focus on the care of special needs children for the last 25 years of fostering.

Besides raising her family, Lydia held many jobs between all the moves required as a military family. She was best known for being a wonderful short order cook, doughnut maker for Dunkin' Donuts, CNA, and beautician, and her favorite was being a paraprofessional working with special needs children at East Evergreen Elementary School.

Lydia was such a loving, generous, amazingly tough spiffire, full of life, and entered a room like no other. You knew she was present. She spent many years battling non-alcohol-related cirrhosis of the liver, lupus, polio and of recent Alzheimer's. However, that didn't slow her down. A 4'8", feisty pistol, Lydia had a love for driving big trucks and often carried step stools to climb into them. I'm sure all in Helena, including buildings and curbs, knew Nana was on the road! She also had a passion for collecting diamond rings, Fiestaware, Precious Moments dolls, you know the ones whose eyes would follow you, and well anything collectible she didn't want

to miss out on. We're positive she created and belonged to the truck of the month club. Lydia was well known for her craftiness and had an entire room filled with scrapbooking and quilling. She would spend hours working on one tiny, beautifully, twined quill flower that would be used for handcrafted cards and pictures.

We would like to send a sincere thank you to Lydia's medical team at St. Peter's Hospital, Leslie Wilson and Robert McVeigh, who provided care with such dignity and compassion. We are very grateful to the St. Peter's Hospice team that provided our family with compassion and guidance through this experience. This care allowed Lydia to be comforted in her home surrounded by her loving family.

Lydia is preceded in death by her parents, William and Mabel Martin; sister Eileen Joiner; brother Albert Widor; and son Brandon Stewart.

Viewing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison.

Betty Mae Stoick, 91

Betty Mae Stoick, 91, passed away Aug. 20, 2023, from complications after a fall. She was born April 12, 1932, in Long Beach, California, to Dick and Ethel Cooper.

She grew up in Missoula where she met husband Jerry in high school. Ten years later they were raising five children, three boys and two girls. Betty had a big job for about 30 years (actually more like 50) raising her family and helping run Stoick Drug for 36 years.

The family lived in Sandpoint, Idaho and Kalispell, partaking in the great outdoors including boating, skiing, golfing, and attending her kids sporting events.

She enjoyed the time she and Jerry spent in Green Valley, Arizona, a little golfing, napping, and entertaining spending time with old and new friends. She loved to travel with daughters Carol and Judy for fun girl's getaway trips in addition to traveling to almost every continent with Jerry.

She loved feeding and watching birds as long as they kept their distance. The bird book was always near. She



did some fishing but was kind of freaked out when she hooked one.

She was a great volunteer and really enjoyed being involved in many service organizations. She was a fantastic cook, especially the lasagna, and her turkey crepes were to die for. She was a member of a bridge club most of her life.

She endured a fair amount of tragedy in her life but always rallied, making her family love her even more.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Gary and Greg; and husband, Jerry.

She is survived by daughters, Judy Stoick (Mike Hawe); Carol (Fred) Lechner; and son, David (Tracy); her sister, Patsy Kreitzberg; and brother, Jack Cooper; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Please join us for a celebration of life from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 10, at the Buffalo Hills Golf Club.

Winnifred Storli, 93

Winnifred Storli, 93, longtime Kalispell resident died peacefully on September 13, 2023. She was born to Ronald James Stewart and Violet Maude (Roberts) Stewart on Dec. 27, 1929 in Galle, Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

Winnifred left Sri Lanka in May of 1958, with her children Christopher and Patrica Ann. They set sail from the port of Galle on a Norwegian cargo ship, the Fernsea, which took passengers, travelling through the Suez Canal and arriving in the city of New York. It was on this journey that she and her children met Per Karl Storli, first mate, who would later become Captain Per Storli.

She immigrated to Canada joining her brother Hugh, and his children, Michael and Beverley. For many years she worked in Canada as an educator. In 1963, she and the children moved to England where she obtained a master's degree in special education from the University of Manchester.

Per and Winnifred remained in touch throughout the years from when they first met and in 1965, Captain Per and Winnifred were married in Manchester. In 1967, Per retired from his



merchant mariner career, and in 1968 they moved to Kalispell, living with Per's Uncle Sig and

Uncle Alf at the family business, the Blue and White Motel. Soon thereafter Per and Winnifred welcomed son Grimm.

Throughout her life, she was a tireless champion for those who sometimes did not have a voice and needed an advocate. She worked in the school system as an educator and along side Per, running their beloved Blue and White Motel. She lived a full and wonderful life and was never happier than in the wide open beautiful Montana countryside.

She is lovingly remembered and survived by her sister, Barbara Webster (Australia) and Diana Thiedeman (England); her son, Christopher Van Twest; daughter, Patricia Ann Van Twest; son, Per Grimm Storli; and stepson, Trond Storli; grandson, Buckthorne Measure; great-grandson, Rhett Measure; and great-granddaughter, Maggie Measure; as well as numerous relatives around the globe.

Earl Strand, 94

Earl Strand, 94, passed away on March 6, 2023. Earl Strand danced through the gates of Heaven, where he reunited with Elaine, to continue on.

Earl, a good and honest man, was already ready to assist others and especially the elderly ladies. Earl was born on March 12, 1928, in a small town in North Dakota. In 1946 Earl enlisted in the Army/Air forces. He was stationed in Japan and discharged in 1949. He returned to Westby and finished high school and met Elaine and they were married two years later. They were married 70 years before Elaine's passing. They have three children, Tim, Teri and Todd.

They ran a hardware store in Westby, and when he had an opportunity to work at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls they relocated in 1965.

For 60 years they continued with many hours of dancing, square dance,



round, ballroom and teaching in the basement of their home.

When he retired to start a Mr. Fix It business ... it was not a money-maker, but he loved helping others.

He is the last of his family but is survived by children Tim and Verna of Boise, Teri and Wayne Beatty, and Todd of Kalispell; as well as nine grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

His memorial service will be 11 a.m. May 6, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. I wish to thank his doctors, the VA, Prestige Assisted Living, Expressions and Hestia Hospice Advantage Group who all gave my dad such wonderful care.

He will be missed greatly by all.

Alyce Streich, 73

On April 7, 2023, Good Friday, Alyce Marie Streich, surrounded by the love of her family and held by the strength and grace of her youngest daughter, entered the light dancing in her husband's arms and returned home. The heroine of her own myth, she taught us all how to live.

Born to James and Alyce (Gleeson) Hickey in Rockeville Center, New York, on Sept. 25, 1949, (according to the New York DMV 1948) she began a 73-year-long adventure that packed several lifetimes into just one and left an indelible impact on those lucky enough to know her fearlessness, biting sharp sense of humor, spunk, tasteful "tacky classy" sense of style, and the profound wisdom of her fiercely independent, private vibrant old soul.

As the third of six children, Alyce filled her childhood home with laughter, and practical jokes, and served as the instigator, guide, sibling mentor and protector, and was the focal point of many family dinner conversations. She forged her own reverent path through adolescence and an education knuckle-marked by St. Dominic's nuns, and lengthy false confessionals stall visits that eventually led her to apply her linguistic talents and make a convincing argument for a "west of



the next phases of her life. Alyce encouraged her children to follow their own

wandering stars, while also fulfilling her own passion by becoming a BSN, RN. Nursing was her calling, and she was a beloved nurse, volunteering her time frequently.

Of all her many adventures, and roles, one of her greatest was that of "Mingo" to her grandchildren. It was Mingo who taught us who we are, and opened our souls to believe in the whom we have yet to become. To dance in the rain, and sing as loud as we can, to speak up for what we believe, to chase wonder, to stay up late looking for northern lights, and shooting stars, to seek out the best of life moments, and to forgive when we fall to our own humanity. She will be deeply missed by many, and we are all better humans for having known her.

She is survived by her three children, Erica Mortensen; Christopher Streich; and Jenny Streich; their spouses, Ian Mortensen, Cheryl Benedict, and Jason Roberton; her grandchildren, Zoe, Izaak, Kate, and Emily; her beloved siblings, James Hickey, Terrence Hickey, and Maureen Shannon.

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Montana knew her soul. The Montana of the '70s, and her never-ending zest for adventure ultimately led Alyce to the love of her life, a smoke-jumping ski patrolman, Eldon Streich. She somehow understood the Mumble King, and he somehow knew just how to keep pace with her playful, fearless style. Together they created a life, and three children joined them.

Their love was more than enough to carry Alyce, not by choice, but by sheer tenacity, determination, perseverance, and grit through a solo-handed adventure where she carried their family alone, through

She is now with Eldon Streich (husband); Alyce Hickey (mother); James Hickey (father); Michael Hickey (brother); and Sharon Streich (sister-in-law).

Please join us as we celebrate her life on April 22 in Columbia Falls.

A Catholic Mass will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., at St. Richards Catholic Church, 1210 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. (doors open at 12 p.m.), at Cedar Creek Lodge and Convention Center, 930 Second Ave. W., Columbia Falls.

Donations may be made in remembrance to: Shepherd's Hand Free Clinic, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Stanley Stroisch, 71

Stanley Stroisch, 71, passed away on Feb. 21, 2023 at his home in Kalispell.

Stan was born on May 26, 1951, in Kalispell to George and Cleo Stroisch and was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Tom, Rita and Edward; and his grandson, Aiden.

Stan will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Leslie Gibson; his son, Trevor; grandchildren, Zane and Natalie; siblings, David, Tressa, Mary and Janet; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to mention.

Stan was a rock for his family and friends and would drop whatever he was doing to help out a friend, neighbor, co-worker or a stranger. He worked hard and played even harder; enjoying every outdoor adventure Montana (and tropical the fertile crescent of education" refinement at Carrol College and into adulthood under the wide-open spaces of Montana.

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islands) had to offer.

As one of the most respected electrical contrac-

tors in the valley, he has left many contractors (friends) sorely missing his enthusiasm, hard work ethic and humor. They were extended family to Stan.

We were lucky to have him in our lives and he will be missed by all whose lives he touched! God bless Stan!

A celebration of life will be at Glacier International Lodge, March 25, 2023, from 2-5 p.m. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

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Trever Landon Stroisch, 38

Trever Landon Stroisch, 38, of Kalispell, took the hands of his Savior Jesus Christ on April 25, 2023, to join his



father, Stan Stroisch and son Aiden Stroisch in Heaven, together again.

Trever was born on March 27, 1985, in Seattle, to Stan and Joni Stroisch

He grew up here in the Flathead Valley, where he graduated from Flathead High School in 2003.

Then in 2005 he joined the Air Force and moved himself and his wife to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska. There they started their family. This was the beginning of his medical career. Upon returning to Kalispell and continuing with building his family. He enrolled and received his nursing degree then on to Kalispell Regional Medical Center to further his skills as a caring, compassionate RN. After several years as an RN, he then had the opportunity to work next to his dad at Stroisch Electric. There Trev received his journeyman in electrical and worked

next to his father for many years.

When not at work he loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing hiking and kayaking down any white water here in Kalispell, such a courageous and fearless man. He will be deeply missed.

Trever was preceded in death by his father Stanley Stroisch, son Aiden Stroisch, and grandparents Vern and Sharon Bunyea.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Long Stroisch; son, Zane Stroisch; daughter, Natalie Stroisch; mother, Joni Bunyea; sisters, Grace Elliston and Ashley Richards all of Kalispell; and numerous family members.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on May 20, 2023, at Bible Baptist Church 64 Dove Lane Kalispell. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers or gifts, we instead ask for donations to be made to the Nate Chute Foundation for Suicide Prevention. P.O. Box 245 Whitefish, MT 59937, or made online @ natechutefoundation.org.

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

Eugene "Hoosier" T. Strowbridge, Jr.
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Eugene "Hoosier" T. Strowbridge, Jr., age 87, of Martin City passed away Oct. 20, 2023. He was born June 27, 1936 in Bemidji, Minn. to the late Eugene "Pete" T. Strowbridge, Sr. and Fay Strowbridge (Lee).

Hoosier was a loving husband, father, papa and brother; a quiet man of faith. One of his greatest pleasures in life was spending time with his family, especially in the great outdoors. He was the second oldest of 13 children and did his best to be there for all of his siblings. He maintained a special relationship with each one.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a long-time member of Canyon Community Church where he dedicated his time and talents to many projects over the years. He was a proud timber worker who dedicated many years of service to Plum Creek. He enjoyed woodworking and creating gifts for family and friends. He loved old time country music. Johnny Cash and Hank Williams, Sr. could often be heard playing in the background of whatever he was doing.

He was proud of the time he served in the Army in Germany. He was known for his easy-going personality and attitude. He never met a stranger, just a friend he hadn't met before.

Hoosier is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy S. Strowbridge; children: Melody Ward (Gerald), Pam Klein (Kevin), and Eugene "Bud" Strowbridge (Peggy); eight grandchildren: Natasha, Thomas, Catharine, Whitney, Benjamin, Chace, Kaiden "Mary" and Seth; 11 great-grandchildren; siblings: Alice Riley (Jim), Judi Green, Fred Strowbridge, Randy Strowbridge (Deb), and Jim Strowbridge (Jody); brother-in-law: Butch Weikel; and sisters-in-law: Brenda Strowbridge and Virginia Strowbridge; and several nieces, nephews and long-time family friends. In addition to his parents, Hoosier is preceded in death by grandson, TC Strowbridge, daughter-in-law, Theresa Strowbridge; and siblings: Annie Riley, Ken Strowbridge, Lois Ward, Larry Strowbridge, Billy Strowbridge, Linda Weikel, and Little Johnny.

An evening viewing for Eugene "Hoosier" T. Strowbridge, Jr. will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 at the funeral home. Family and friends may begin to visit on Saturday starting at 1:30 p.m. Interment to follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery, 2200 9th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Meal to follow at Canyon Community Church Ed Building in Coram. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Montana Veteran's Home Activities Department, Canyon Community Church, Montana Alzheimer's Association or the charity of their choice.

Karyl Kim Struck, 67

Karyl Kim Struck, 67 of Kalispell, went to heaven on July 12, 2023.

She was born June 19, 1956 in Denver, Colorado, to Donald Ross and Marva Bybee.

She worked in the medical field for over 30 years.

She loved playing the piano at her church, spending time with her family and taking care of her dogs.

She was known to always lend a helping hand to those in need. She lit up any room she entered and our Gigi, mother, best friend and Kk, will be dearly missed.

She is preceded by her husband, Darwin Struck; and her sister, Debra Lynn Ross.

She is survived by her daughter, Stacy Purcell (Sean Purcell); her two granddaughters, Alexis and Victoria Purcell; sisters, Karen Aguilera and Linda Wood.

An intimate memorial service will be held at a later date. Contact Stacy Purcell for further information.

In remembrance, The Purcell family is



accepting donations to the National Scleroderma Foundation.

His Eye is on the Sparrow- Matthew 6:25-27

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” (Matthew 6:25)

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:26) “Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” (Matthew 6:27)

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Shirley Jane (Winleleemann) (Bruns) Struck, 88

Shirley Jane (Winkelman) (Bruns) Struck, 88, of Kalispell, passed away at Brendan House on March 3, 2023. Shirley was born on March 18, 1934 in Redwood County, Minnesota. She was the eldest of five children born to Arnold and Mary Winkelman.

She grew up a farm girl and lived through trying times after the depression. In her late teens, she met farmhand, Harlan Bruns, who worked at a neighboring farm. They were married on Aug. 26, 1954 and had three children, Debra, Mandy and Byron.

After several years of being a homemaker and raising children in a small rural town, the family moved to Litchfield, Minnesota. There she had opportunities to work and was employed by



Fingerhut and Land O' Lakes. After several visits to Glacier Park, the family moved to

Kalispell in June 1971. The move was a difficult change as she left her immediate family in Minnesota.

On Nov. 24, 1973, she married Emil (Bud) Struck. They worked together building Midwestern Homes and several homes as Glacier Builders. In the early 1980s they started and operated Glacier Potato. Shirley worked for Immanuel Lutheran Home for many years and at Stampede Meats until 2020.

Shirley was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church since 1974, near-

ly 50 years. She always had her Bible nearby and read devotionals and inspirational stories. She enjoyed sewing, baking, growing flowers and watching birds.

She is survived by daughters, Debra (Gary) Struck, Kalispell; Mandy Foster (Jeff-deceased) Anchorage, AK; and son, Byron (Cindy) Bruns, Reno, NV.

Grandchildren, Stephen (Joni) Struck, Stacy (Eric) Struck, Bradley (Amanda) Foster, Dawson (Niki) Foster, Madison and Michaela Bruns, David (Laura) Bruns. Great-grandchildren, Laci Struck, Ameyla and Madelyn Foster and David Bruns II. Brothers, Gerald (Beverly) Winkelman, Raymond, MN; Delbert (Caril) Winkelman, Hutchinson, MN; Allen Winkelman,

Clarksville, MD. Sister, Linda (Tom) Lloyd, Apple Valley, MN. She is also survived by cousins, several nephews and a niece.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting a donation in her name to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff at Brendan House for caring for Shirley during her past two years.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 20 from 10-11 a.m. The service to be held at 11 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Conrad Memorial Cemetery after the service. Reception to follow. Arrangements are in the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Rick Alan Sullivan, 60

Rick Alan Sullivan, 60, of Kalispell, passed away on May 21, 2023 at Logan Health Medical Center. Rick was born on Oct. 19, 1962 in Great Falls to Richard G. and Alvina (Rardon) Sullivan.



parents Richard and Alvina Sullivan, Annie Desonia, children Elisha

Rick attended school at CMR High School and went on to attend Vo-Tech Welding in Helena.

He was an artist and worked in a bronze foundry most of his life.

Rick loved the outdoors, anything artistic, being Mr. fix it, creativity, and he loved being with his daughters, grandchildren and dog Gunner.

Rick was preceded in death by Tim Sullivan, Veronica and Jacob Shock, William and Pearl Rardon.

He is survived by his

Hankinson, Mariah Sullivan, Shontae Sullivan and Hunter Tenley, grandchildren Bryor, Brookie, Brynn Hankinson, Emersyn and Koe Sullivan, Brayton Kosinski and Ava Tenley. Brother Rob and Dori Sullivan, and Miles and Emily Sullivan, Corey Natalie Sullivan.

No services are planned at this time. Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Tracy Alan Sunde, 78

Tracy Alan Sunde passed away peacefully on Nov. 1, 2023, at 78 years old, in Turlock, California, surrounded by his loving family.

Tracy was born to William (Fritz) and Ruth Sunde in Kalispell on Aug. 30, 1945.

He married Patricia Louise Smith on June 10, 1967, in Kalispell. They were married until she passed away on Aug. 23,



2013. He taught at Helmar High School for 36 years.

He is survived by his son, Lance (Faith) Sunde of Turlock; two grandchildren, Kassey (Tim) Govea of Escalon and Lance Andrew (Stewart Smith) Sunde of Seattle,

Washington; three great-granddaughters, Alaina, Chelsea, and Kailee Trace (due March 2024) Govea; and sister, Connie (Glen) Kao of Kalispell; and brother, William (Resi) Sunde of Copperas Cove, Texas.

A visitation will be held from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, at Allen Mortuary. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14,

also at Allen Mortuary, with a burial to follow at Lakewood Memorial Park with Military Honors. There will be a celebration of life after, details to follow at the service.

The full obituary can be found on Allen Mortuary's website at <https://www.allenmortuary.com/obituary/tracy-alan-sunde/>.

Bill Sutton, 72



along the rugged and remote coastline. He married the love of his life, Cindra, in 1980 at

Morris Chapel on the University of the Pacific campus in Stockton, California.

His passion for botany and horticulture drove Bill's career and eventually led him and Cindra to Montana where they have resided for the past 28 years. Bill worked as a territory sales representative for Bailey Nurseries. His work allowed him to do what he loved and cultivate decades-long relationships throughout the beautiful northwest and Canada. During his years in the Flathead

Valley, he served on multiple school boards and was instrumental in the establishment of Glacier High School.

Everyone who knew Bill knew he was the ultimate gentleman. In many ways, Bill seemed larger than life. He made everyone he met feel welcome and respected. His ability to build up those around him and tell a tall tale won him many a friend and ally over the course of his life. Everything he did, he put his whole heart into it. His main goal in life was to create an environment in which his family could thrive. He woke early to prepare a full breakfast every single morning, never missed a game or concert, and always looked forward to coming home to his loving wife after a

long business trip.

Toward the end of his life, Bill enjoyed the simple pleasures of being a granddad, supporting his loved one's passions, and sipping a whiskey while looking over Flathead Lake and holding Cindra's hand.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years Cindra; his son Parker Sutton (Katie); his daughter Patrice MacMillan (Josh); and his two grandsons, Brooks and Cooper MacMillan. He is also survived by his sister Karen (David) Ethier.

Bill's family will be hosting a celebration of life service in Belgrade this summer, where we will drink whiskey, smoke cigars and celebrate Bill exactly how he would have wanted.

William "Bill" Robert Sutton, 72, passed away in Kalispell, on April 17, 2023. Even as he battled health issues for the last few years, he told us, "Every day is a gift," and he lived every day as such.

Bill was born Sept. 18, 1950, in Modesto, California, to Bob and Marie Sutton. He graduated from Davis High School as a multisport athlete and with deadly accuracy from a duck blind. He then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in botany from Humboldt State. During Bill's time in northern California, he spent his days biking out to the coast and many a night sleeping in his tent listening to the waves crash. In the morning he would pull on his wet suit and dive for abalone

Jack Svendsen, 76

Jack Svendsen was born June 28, 1946 in Froid, Montana and died at his winter home in Phoenix, Arizona on Dec. 25, 2022 with his family by his side. Jack was employed as a banker in Montana for over 50 years and loved his job. After retirement, he was proud to serve as director of Eagle Bank in Polson. He spent his summers at their summer home on Lake Mary Ronan. Jack was married to Judy Mossestad on Sept. 10, 1966 and his daughter, Jody was born in July of 1975. He is survived by his wife,



Judy, his daughter, Jody Hayes (Josh) and two grandsons, Judson and Jonah. All of whom he was very proud of.

A memorial service will be held at Messinger Mortuary on Pinnacle Peak in Scottsdale on Jan. 2 with burial following in the spring in Polson.

Michael John Sward, 70

Mike Sward, 70, passed away Oct. 4, 2023, at Logan Health Medical Center



in Kalispell. A beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and mentor to many.

Mike was born April 8, 1953, in Kalispell to Elwyn "Art" and Doris Sward. His adventurous side enjoyed anything involving the outdoors. Along with his parents and brothers, scouting was central to Mike's early years. His father was the Troop 48 Scoutmaster, and his mother was a Cub Scout Pack 48 Den Leader.

Mike and all his brothers became Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in scouting.

A superb athlete, he was the starting offensive center for the 1971 Flathead High School state championship football team. He later became state champion again, placing first in the discus event, breaking the school record set by his brother, Scott. Graduating in 1972, Mike went on to



study criminal justice at Dawson Community College. In 1974, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Corporal Sward was honorably discharged in 1976. He felt honored to serve his country. Prior to leaving active duty, he was offered a position with the Ronan Police Department pending successful graduation from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy.

Just after graduation, Mike and MaryAnne Miller were married in 1977, at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake, Montana. Together, Mike and MaryAnne had two wonderful children, Laurell and Brook. They enjoyed camping, hiking, crafts, and many other family outings together.

Law enforcement was Mike's dream. His career spanned twenty-nine years, the last 27 with the Flathead County Sheriff's Department. He served in multiple positions includ-

ing deputy, detective, and SWAT team Captain and Sharpshooter, and Drug Task Force. Concurrently, Mike served with the Army Reserves and later, the Army National Guard. During his time with the Guard, he competed on the unit's pistol team. From 1979 to 1982, he won eleven shooting medals at international law enforcement competitions. In 1987, his team won first place in the Army-wide shooting competition at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In 2007, he was hired by DynCorp to train Iraqi police in Anbar Province. He was instrumental in mentoring former Iraqi soldiers to uphold the rule of law while respecting civil rights.

Mike and Debra Smith-Benkelman were married in Fort Benning Georgia in 2007. Mike and Debra were passionate about traveling the world throughout Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean. They were avid backpackers, and most of all loved traveling and camping in their RV with all their many grandchildren throughout the U.S.

He was preceded in

death by his father, Elwyn "Art" Sward; mother, Doris Sward; brothers, Bob, and Scott Sward.

He is survived by his former spouse, MaryAnne Miller; daughter, Laurell (Matt) Hartle; son, Brook (Ashley) Sward; wife, Debra Sward; children, Merisa (Pat) Murray, Brandon Benkelman, Brent (Valarie) Benkelman; grandchildren, Oliver and Annie Hartle, Tanyon and Torren Murray, Dacia and Blake Benkelman, Kaven and Kamden Benkelman. He is also survived by his youngest brother, Tom (Toot) Sward; and sisters-in-law, Toni Sward and Barb Sward, along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

We will no longer see Mike, but we will remember his infectious laugh.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Charles 'Chuck' Sweetser, 64

Charles "Chuck" Sweetser passed away May 18, 2023, of natural causes. He was born June 12, 1958, in Roundup and raised in Helena, the youngest of four children.

Chuck had a peaceful personality and lived a quiet simple life. His sister V. Diane and he shared great lifetime adventures. He was a good photographer and loved to cook, sharing the results with friends and neighbors.

He was devoted to his dad and mom, participating with them in their apartment business and their move to Canyon Ferry Ranch.

Chuck enjoyed hunting and fishing. Some of his best memories were with his dad and family friend Orville George on elk hunting trips in the Bitterroot.

Cliff Fawcett of Roundup and Randy Reisland of Kalispell were his buddies. Camping, music, cowboy movies and books on cooking were favorites.

The last 25 years were

mostly spent in Kalispell after the passing of his dad. His mom's home became a refuge and a place for family to gather. As his mom's health declined in the last couple of years of her life, Chuck's care and steadfast love for her gave him purpose and meaning. Her death in April of 2022 was devastating; he was lost without her.

Our youngest brother, Charles Erving Sweetser will not be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Rose (Vittorie) Sweetser; and brother, Gregory Sweetser.

Survivors are sister, Linda (Bob) Heffernan of Kalispell; sister, V. Diane Sweetser of Scottsdale Arizona; nieces and nephews, Haley Hunthausen; Austin Martell; John, Luke (Unique), Shea (Kelsey), Will (Kortney) and Mattea Heffernan.

A graveside service will be held at St. Mary's-Turner Cemetery in Missoula, May 31 at 11 a.m.