

ANNIVERSARY



CHARLIE AND SUSAN Abell of Whitefish celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 9. The couple were married in 1963 in Salmon, Idaho.

Whitefish couple celebrate 50 years

Charlie and Susan Abell of Whitefish recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were next-door neighbors and their first date was at the Rainbow Dance in 1954 in Whitefish. The couple were

married March 9, 1963, in Salmon, Idaho.

The Abells have spent all but two years of their married life in Whitefish. Charlie was employed by Whitefish Credit Union for 44 years. Susan worked for

the Whitefish Clinic for 40 years.

Their children are Tarn Abell and wife MaryBeth of Colorado Springs, Colo., with children, Sam and Lynn; and Koel Abell and wife Lazette of Whitefish.



The Albrights were married June 7, 1958, in Butte.



Herb and Bette Albright

Albrights note 55 years of marriage

Herb and Bette Albright celebrated their 55th anniversary June 7.

They were high school sweethearts and were married June 7, 1958, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Butte.

They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1966 where Herb and Dale Howell established Valley Glass. In later years, Herb also opened stores in Polson and Helena. Bette was a teacher at Evergreen School

for 25 years. They both retired in 1994.

They enjoy golfing, traveling to Grizzly games, volunteering for Meals on Wheels and attending their grandchildren's sports activities.

They have three children, Cindy and Nick Jones, Keith (deceased) and Marci, and Neil (deceased); and five grandchildren, Beau and Taylor Albright, Knute Albright, and Emily and Austin Jones.

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MICHAEL AND ANN MARIE Allen, shown at left on their wedding day, Aug. 17, 1963, in Whitefish, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

C. Falls couple celebrate 50 years

Michael and Ann Marie Allen of Columbia Falls recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their cabin on Bitterroot Lake in Marion.

The celebration was hosted by their daughters and their spouses, Robin and Duane Barnhart of Spokane, and Brooke and Scott Cates of Canby, Ore. Also attending were their five grandchildren, Michael and Molly Ann Barnhart, and Coby, Jace and Cianne Cates.

The couple met on a blind date in Whitefish in 1962 and were married on Aug. 17, 1963, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. They moved to Milwaukee, where Mike was attending dental school at Marquette University. Upon receiving his dentistry degree, he was commissioned in the Public Health Service and assigned to the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

Their daughter Robin

was born in New London and, after two years, the family returned to Montana. Mike and Ann chose Columbia Falls to establish a dental practice and a home, and their second daughter, Brooke, was born in Whitefish.

Mike practiced dentistry for 34 years, retiring in 2001. When Mike is not fishing, he and Ann enjoy traveling to Spokane and Canby to watch their grandchildren compete in sports.

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BILL AND JOYCE Astle, shown at left on their wedding day July 13, 1963, at St. Helena Cathedral, celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer.

Couple celebrate 50 years together

Bill and Joyce Dickert Astle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 13.

They met on a blind date in Helena when Bill was a student at Carroll College and working at Safeway and Joyce was an X-ray technician at St. Peter's Hospital.

They were married July 13, 1963, at St. Helena Cathedral. They spent the first 11 years of married life in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.

While attending American University Law School, Bill worked as a U.S. Capitol policeman, Senate detail. Joyce worked as an X-ray technician in Arlington, Va. After graduation, Bill worked for the Fairfax County Attorney's office and in private practice.

Their three children were born in Arlington. In 1974, the family moved to Kalispell where Bill worked with his brother, Dave, in the firm of Astle and Astle. Bill currently

works in the Astle Law Firm. Joyce enjoyed 15 years working at McDonald's of Kalispell.

Their three children are Jennifer English and Steve, William Astle and Tanya, and Denise Cox and Jandy. Their five grandchildren are Madeline and Abby English of Missoula, Fynn and Gus Cox and William Astle of Kalispell.

The couple will celebrate their anniversary in West Glacier with family.

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MYRON AND LYNNE Boyle of Kalispell, shown at left on their wedding day Aug. 3, 1963, celebrated their 50th anniversary this month.

Kalispell couple celebrate 50 years

Myron and Lynne (Ray) Boyle of Kalispell were given a trip to Golden, Colo., for their 50th anniversary by the families of their three children and a niece and nephew who met them there.

The couple were married at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Aug. 3, 1963. They made their

home in Billings, where Myron worked at the Exxon Refinery.

After retiring they spent four years traveling, seeing all of the capitals of the 50 states before moving to Kalispell.

They have two sons, Steven and Merri of Arlington, Texas, and Shane and Kirsten of

Havre; one daughter, Sharon, and Michael Boswell, of Terre Haute, Ind.; a special niece, Scarlette, and Thomas Osman of Lincoln; and special nephew, Robert, and Gloria Laird, of Santa Rosa, Calif. They have 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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HARRY AND NANCY Brown, shown at left on their wedding day June 21, 1958, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary recently.

Whitefish couple celebrate 55 years

Harry and Nancy Brown recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

They were married June 21, 1958, in Summit, N.J., shortly after they both graduated from Penn State.

The Browns lived in several states prior to finding the "Last Best Place" in Whitefish on a ski trip in 1971. Under the leadership of Tim Grattan, and along with several others, they developed Lion Mountain on the west side of Whitefish Lake.

Harry and Nancy relo-

cated from Chicago to Whitefish in 1978, together with their three children, Bonnie, Chuck and Sallie. Chuck and Sallie both graduated from Whitefish High School, and all three graduated from the University of Montana. Each of the Browns' children was active in sports in high school and college.

Bonnie's daughter, Emily (Hammett) Nichols is married to Brendan and lives in Kalispell. Bonnie and her son, David Hammett, also live in Kalispell. Chuck and his wife,

Julie, live in Whitefish with their three children, Ryan, Kellie and Lauren. Sallie and her husband, Bob Foley, also live in Whitefish with their two children, Amanda and Sean.

Harry is on the advisory council of the Whitefish Community Foundation.

The Browns, who are serving as Whitefish Winter Carnival's King Ullr LIV and Queen of the Snows for 2013, say they are blessed to have their entire family living in this wonderful area.

50TH ANNIVERSARY



MARY AND STEVE Cheman, shown at left on their wedding day, Dec. 1, 1962, celebrated their 50th anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell. (Submitted photos)

Couple celebrate by renewing vows

Steve and Mary Cheman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell on Dec. 1, followed by a dinner at their home.

They had previously marked the milestone on Oct. 6 at Fairmont Hot Springs, attended by all their children, other

family members and friends.

The couple were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Eden, N.Y., on Dec. 1, 1962. They moved to Montana in 1979. Steve worked in water systems, and Mary was employed by the Mountain Brook and Cayuse Prairie schools. They are both retired.

Their children are Bill and Eileen Cheman of Butte, Dr. Peggy and John Lowney, also of Butte, Jill Cheman of Kalispell, Cheryl Cheman of Whitehall, Joyceann and Bob Owen of Florence, and Christopher Cheman, also of Florence. They have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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JOHN AND WANDA Christian were married May 18, 1963, in Nederland, Texas. They celebrate their 50th anniversary Saturday.

Couple celebrate 50 years together

John and Wanda Christian will celebrate their 50th anniversary May 18.

An open house, hosted by the couple's children, Luwanna and Baron Jen-

sen, and Randy and Terri Christian, will be held at the Evergreen Fire Hall, 2236 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 18. No gifts please.

John and Wanda were married in 1963 in Nederland, Texas. They have two children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



THE DRISCOLLS on their wedding day, Oct. 31, 1953.



WILLIAM AND JEAN Driscoll recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Whitefish couple celebrate 60 years

William P. and Jean E. Driscoll of Whitefish recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

They were married Oct. 31, 1953 in San Francisco.

Their children, Michael and Marilyn Driscoll of Kalispell, Kathi and Mark Cronrath of Davenport, Wash., Donna

and Doug Bost of Spokane, Brian and Dawn Driscoll of Whitefish, Bill and Mary Driscoll of St. Marie, Mont., and Elaine and Jim Kennedy of Bloomington, Ind., joined them for a nice dinner and fun, family weekend together.

The couple have 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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C. Falls couple married for 60 years

Don and Florence (Almond) Dvorak of Columbia Falls celebrated their 60th anniversary with family and friends at an open house Aug. 10. The occasion was hosted by their daughters, Dawn, Terry and Joy.

The couple were married Aug. 12, 1953, in Glendive.

Their children are Craig and Sandra Dvorak of Grand Junction, Colo., Dawn and Dan Boutwell of Calgary, Alberta, Terry and David Laudenklos of Broken Arrow, Okla., Joy and Scott Whitehead of Jordan, Minn., and the late Jim Dvorak. They have nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



DON AND Florence Dvorak celebrated their 60th anniversary Aug. 12.



The Earlys on their wedding day



Jim and Marge Early

Couple celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Jim and Marge Early will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 13. The couple were married June 13, 1953, in Englewood, Colo.

They will celebrate the

occasion with a trip in July to Hawaii where their children were raised.

They have two children, Rick Early and wife Julie, and Cathy DeCaro and husband

Jim; four grandchildren, James Early, Samantha Cramer and husband Ryan, Miya and Conner DeCaro; and one great-grandson, Henry Cramer.



PETER AND MARY Erenfeld of Whitefish are celebrating 50 years of marriage this week. They were married in Evanston, Ill., on Dec. 30, 1963.

Couple celebrate 50 years together

Peter and Mary Erenfeld of Whitefish are celebrating 50 years of marriage this week.

They were married in Evanston, Ill., on Dec. 30, 1963. The couple met at the University of Arizona while skydiving.

Peter was born in Minot, N.D. He joined the Marines after attending college and flew an A4 Skyhawk jet and the O-1 Bird Dog in Vietnam. Mary Rae was born in Chicago.

After getting married, the couple transferred to many cities with the Marines. They started their family while in the service and finally settled down in Portland, where they raised their three children.

Peter and Mary built a marketing/manufacturing company, which they sold years later to enjoy retirement in Whitefish.

They have enjoyed fishing, camping, golfing,

painting, playing cards with friends and traveling.

Their children are Romney Walker of Portland, Peter Erenfeld Jr. of Bandon, Ore., and Paul and Holly Erenfeld of Portland. They have five grandchildren, Bella, Nolan, Lyvia, Poppy and Luke.

They credit their long marriage to their faith in God, loyalty to each other and always being able to laugh.

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Couple celebrate 50 years together

Wayne and Sharon Finney were feted by friends and family at a 50th wedding anniversary party at the Mission Bay Clubhouse on July 20.

They were married in Silver City, N.M., where Wayne was a smokejumper. They departed there for Texas, and he attended Air Force pilot training as a member of the Montana Air National Guard. After earning his wings, the couple, along with their daughter, Shannon, who was born at Reese Air Force Base, moved to Great Falls where Wayne was employed as an air technician with the Guard. Their son Jay was born in Great Falls.

Sharon was kept busy raising the children and doing volunteer work with the Crisis Center and Great Falls Junior League. She became president of the Montana PTA and served on the national board of directors.

After Wayne retired from the Guard, the couple moved to the Flathead Valley and opened the Osprey Inn Bed & Breakfast on Somers Bay. They enjoyed this endeavor for 13 years and were also licensed real estate brokers. They retired to Polson in 2004 and are enjoying their retirement by traveling and birding.

The anniversary party was attended by their two adult children, Shannon



WAYNE AND SHARON Finney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 20. The Polson couple were married in Silver City, N.M.

and husband Todd of Spanish Fort, Ala., and Jay and wife Patty of Seattle, along with their children Olivia and Jim Finney. Sharon's sister, Pat Colberg and husband Maury of Billings, and Wayne's brothers, Dwight and wife Conchita, and Gordon and wife Kathy of Missoula, were also in attendance.