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Albertus, Roy and Barbara

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70TH ANNIVERSARY



Roy and Barbara Albertus

Roy and Barbara Albertus were married May 26, 1949, in Coquille, Oregon.

They met as children. Roy teases Barbara by reminding her that when she was 10 she threw apples at him just to get his attention. They remained friends during their youth, rekindling their relationship after Roy returned from service as an Air Force bomber pilot during World War II.

Roy credits his mother for suggesting that he make a phone call to Barbara initiating their courtship.

Hard work and family defined their life from the beginning starting with building their first house on a "stump" ranch in Oregon. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1961 and have called Kalispell home ever since. Roy's career moved them around the country in multi-year stints but they always returned home.

They stay busy with Roy working in his wood shop and Barbara in the house. They are grateful to have spent their lives together and consider themselves fortunate to still have their spouse to greet each day.

Their six children will congregate this summer to celebrate their parents' 70th anniversary and 83 years of friendship.

Bergeson, Almo and Virginia

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70TH ANNIVERSARY

Almo and Virginia Bergeson

Almo and Virginia "Ginnie" Bergeson have been blessed with 70 years of marriage today, Dec. 22, 2019.

They celebrated with a small family luncheon in Kalispell on Dec 12.

The Bergesons made their home in Columbia Falls over the past 30 years and are members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.



COLBERT ANNIVERSARY

Colin and Pat (LaValley) Colbert will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 8, 2019.

To celebrate this milestone, they are taking a cruise to the Mexican Riviera.

Colin served in the U.S. Army and upon his return, married Pat in Saginaw, Michigan, at Calvary Episcopal Church. After they married, they lived in Bay City/Essexville, Michigan, where they raised their two daughters Kellie and Corrie.

In August, 2004, Colin retired from Consumer Energy and Pat retired from banking and they moved to Whitefish to be with their daughters and grandchildren, Brenden and Loden Cahill and Corrie's husband, Neil Stuber.

Pat and Colin are also fortunate to spend part of the winter each year in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

David and Mary Conklin

David "Dave" and Mary (Guerra) Conklin are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married in Moscow, Idaho, Nov. 22, 1969. It was in Moscow that their daughter Dacia was born.

Dave's career with the state of Montana, including the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, took the family to many areas of the state, including Missoula, Helena, Billings, Kalispell and Miles City, where their son Christopher was born.

While in Helena, Mary worked for the Lewis & Clark Library and Legislative Council.

In Kalispell, where the couple retired, Mary received her associate's



degree from Flathead Valley Community College and later joined the faculty. In 2004 Dave began working for a software company. They spent the next 10 years in Hawaii and California before retiring and returning to Kalispell. The couple will gather at a family dinner with daughter Dacia and husband Randy English

of Helena and grandson Justin; son Chris of St. Paul, Minnesota, and granddaughter Isabelle. Also included are special friends and relatives, including Dave's sisters Rita Reeve and Lori Gray of Washington state and Mary's sister Tecla of Idaho.

Cards and well wishes may be sent to 965 Ranch Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Ron and Sharon DeMeester

Ron and Sharon DeMeester of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary with a special day and dinner at Whitefish Lake Restaurant.

The couple were married Aug. 7, 1964, at Fort Sherman Historic Chapel on the North Idaho College campus. They met in 1962 while attending that college. Both grew up in

Spokane. Ron graduated from Gonzaga Prep and Sharon graduated from Central Valley High School.

They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1977. Ron worked as a school psychologist for the Evergreen School District. Sharon worked as a special education teacher for Kila co-op and Columbia Falls School

District. Ron and Sharon started Paper Chase Copy Center in 1984 and sold it in 2009. After retirement, they have enjoyed travel (New Zealand) and attending classic boat shows with their 1952 Chris Craft racing runabout.

Their children are Talbert J. "T.J." DeMeester of Missoula and Kris D. DeMeester of Kalispell.



Lois and John Hammett

Lois and John Hammett will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on May 22, in the community where they courted and married in 1954.

John, a native of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Lois Nathe, who had recently moved to the valley from Sauk Centre, Minnesota, enjoyed a lively courtship that included dancing, skiing and scenic drives. The couple was married at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell, where they have lived ever since.



Dick and Matt Hammett of Kalispell, Jane Hammett of Missoula, and Lisa McKeon of Columbia Falls, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. It has been their joy to watch their family grow up in the Flathead Valley. Their marriage has been marked by devotion to their faith and family.

In celebration of their anniversary, the couple plans to savor a picnic, stories and laughs, together with their family, amid the mountains they love.

Lois and John have cherished the experiences of hosting many dinner parties, hiking in Glacier



National Park, traveling, and celebrating life with their friends over the decades.

The Hammetts have six children, Jeff, Mike,

ANNIVERSARY Ronald and Katherine Hopkins

The children of Ronald J. and Katherine M. (Wilson) Hopkins wish to honor their parents and celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple met at the Western Montana College of Education in Dillon.

On Sept. 14, 1969, the two were married in the Methodist Church in Charlo, surrounded by family and friends. After a honeymoon on Flathead Lake and finishing college, the couple settled in Conrad, Montana, where they began their teaching work, and later, their family. With the start of Ron's 32-year career at D.A. Davidson, they chose to put down roots in Kalispell raising their children, building successful careers and lasting friendships.



Through the years, Ron and Kay's love of community has shown in their volunteer efforts with the Shriners, Lakeside Community Library and Lakeside Community Club.

They divide their time between Lakeside, Chandler, Arizona, and wherever their grandchildren are.

Their children and spouses, Ryan and Natalie, Kristin and David, and Lindsay and Brent, along with Ron and Kay's seven grandchildren, celebrated the anniversary with a trip to Maui this summer. In Maui, the couple renewed their vows seaside and exchanged rings hand-crafted by Ron.

65TH ANNIVERSARY Ralph and Joanne Johnson

Ralph and Joanne Johnson are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with their children and extended family at their home.

They were married Nov. 22, 1954, in Salt Lake City.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1961. Ralph being hired by the school system as a teacher and coach.

Their children are Todd (Sherry) of Ephrata, Washington, Cory





(Rachel) of Stevensville, Kyle (Mary) Columbia Falls, and Paige (Don) of Ogden, Utah.

They have 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

30TH ANNIVERSARY David and Charlene Madieros

David and Charlene Madieros of Kalispell celebrated their 30th anniversary March 27. They will celebrate with a European cruise in June.

The couple were married in Lake Tahoe, California. They have owned and operated, Dmm Electra Systems, a local electrical contracting business, for the last 35 years. Their children are daughter Emily Madieros of Missoula, and son Matthew Madieros and wife Rachelle of Kalispell.



60TH ANNIVERSARY



Bill and Nancy McGunagle

Bill and Nancy McGunagle recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently with family at a chili feed at their ranch home near Bigfork, an event made lively by shared memories, laughter and a special blessing provided by Nancy's brother, retired YWAM missionary and YouTube evangelist Jerry Praetzel of Rollins.

Nancy Praetzel of Petaluma, California, and Bill McGunagle of Cleveland, Ohio, met one summer evening at South Lake Tahoe and were married there in November of 1959.

The couple, eventual founders of Mack

WallBed Systems of California and Hawaii, enjoys retirement from the family business by staying active in the Flathead. Multi-skilled, Bill is happiest at his drawing board creating house and interior designs for others, while Nancy, through membership in the National Catholic Reporter community, remains a writer activist for transparency and reform in the church. The McGunagles share an interest in politics and local environmental concerns. They are the proud parents of eight children, and have 21 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

50TH ANNIVERSARY Mike and Rita Rasmussen

Mike and Rita Rasmussen celebrated 50 years of marriage on Sept. 6, 2019, with myriad of family and friends (civilian and prior military) at the Mission View Terrace Commons in Lakeside. Steven Weiss from the Lakeside YWAM Base officiated over the renewal of their wedding vows.

Guests enjoyed a Vista Linda catered buffet dinner, music and dance with the Ashley Creek Ramblers.

Married in the Canyonville, Oregon, Methodist Church, the Rasmussens had members from the original ceremony present for their anniversary celebration. Jerry Deal, brother of the bride, escorted Rita down the aisle in 1969 and raised the official toast, 50 years later. Mike's sisters, Marla Jo Hardy, a bridesmaid, and Marcie Rasmussen-Neiman, a candle lighter, traveled from Bend, Oregon and Robert Olson, a groomsman, who became Mike's first friend while both were age 3, traveled from Kennewick, Washington, with wife Candy.

Out-of-town visitors included daughter Michelle Niles and granddaughter Celena from Bozeman; daughter Crystal Rasmussen and grandkids Kieran, Reagan and Shai from



Salem, Oregon; brother-in-law Jason Hardy from Bend, Oregon; Jean Baker, Rita's sister, and husband Al from Aloha, Oregon; cousin Heather Allen from Roseburg, Oregon; nieces and nephews from Pasco, Washington, Manhattan, Montana, and Thompson Falls; plus special Marine Corps friend, Kim Harders, from Prescott Valley, Arizona.

50TH ANNIVERSARY Joe and Sue Smith

Joe and Sue Smith of Columbia Falls celebrated their 50th anniversary at a picnic at Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park with their three sons and daughters-in-law and their families.

The couple were married Aug. 20, 1969, in Columbia Falls.

Their children are Ronn and Deanna Smith of Fayetteville, Arkansas and grandsons Gavin, Meyer and Roman; Ryan and Staci Smith of Columbia Falls



and grandson Reiss; and Cory and Qian Smith of Kalispell.

50TH ANNIVERSARY **Al and Lu Sorensen**

Al and Lu Sorensen recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple were married Aug. 16, 1969, in Seattle. They have resided in Kalispell since 1979. Their children are Natalie Sorensen, husband Matt, and their son Luke; and PJ Sorensen, wife Margo and their children Jon and Bethany, all of Kalispell. The family wishes them congratulations on their 50 years together.

