

Maynard Billings Adams, 76

Maynard's family sends a special thank you to the 4th Ave. Group



On May 26, 2021, a loving and joyful soul left our lives. Maynard, born Feb. 16, 1945, touched many lives and his smile and loving heart will be missed. Maynard passed peacefully in Kalispell.

Maynard is survived by a large and loving family, sisters (Maurine Little, deceased) Don Little (David, Dean), Ruth Setzer (and family), Marvie (Buck) Kirkland, (Mike, Wendy), brothers, Charles (Dee) Adams (Troy, Damon, Ted, Paul), and Steve (Kitt) Adams (Ben, Whit), and their families, including numerous nieces and nephews. Maynard's family is planning a memorial to be held Saturday, July 17, at 1 p.m. in Proctor at CW & Dee Adams to honor Maynard's life. Cremation has taken place.

Home in Kalispell and all of the dedicated, loving, and caring crew that made a home for Maynard over the years. Their love and kindness will never be forgotten. For Maynard: "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord; For we walk by Faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and willing to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." — 2 Corinthians 5: 6-8

LeRoy Curtis Aasheim, 80

LeRoy Curtis Aasheim, 80, passed away at Logan Health (Kalispell Regional Medical Center) Nov. 5, 2021.

LeRoy was born June 9, 1941, (a twin) to Joseph Aasheim and Mabel (Ihla) Aasheim in Bottineau, North Dakota. LeRoy attended elementary schools in that area. He worked on his sister Jean's and brother-in-law Leo and Jean Zorn's farm then moved to Lewistown, where he worked on a farm also.

About age 18, he joined a construction crew as a lineman that installed telephone poles, line and telephones starting at Kadoka, South Dakota, then moved with the crew to Faith, South Dakota, with Wally and Lester.

LeRoy joined the Army May 7, 1959, and later received an honorable discharge. LeRoy moved to Kalispell in 1996 and worked at Orly's Supper Club with his twin brother Lester. He later worked for Bob Harvey Christmas Tree Lot plus at Bob's Ranch on Farm

to Market. LeRoy worked for Milwaukee Railroad during his stay in Renton, Washington. He also worked at C&C; Plywood, Plum Creek Lumber plus other farming jobs in Kalispell. Later in life he injured his back so he retired.

LeRoy liked Western music and learned and enjoyed playing the guitar. He also enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles. He was a kind and good man who enjoyed helping his neighbors and friends whenever he could. LeRoy believed in Jesus Christ who was his Lord and Savior.

LeRoy was proud that he quit drinking and that he had Millie Heister in his life. He and Millie took care of each other for over 50 years.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents,



Joseph and Mabel (Ihla) Aasheim, his twin brother Lester C. Aasheim Sr., brothers Wally Aasheim and wife Pat Aasheim, Jim Aasheim, Glenn Aasheim, sister Arlene and husband Vern Highness, stepbrother Jerome Allison, Millie Heister, his friend for over 50 years, and Bailey "Bales," who was part of the end of his life for 16 years.

LeRoy is survived by sister Jean Zorn. Jean's families are: Connie (Roger) Landsverk and families, Linda (Gerald) Lumley and families, Nancy (Ed) Koiford and families, Cindy (Gene) Putnum and families, Lori (Steve) Carbno and families. Note: These five nieces said they adored their Uncle LeRoy; sister Dorothy (Charles) Smith. Dorothy's families are: Jody (Ben) Fosythe, Chuck (Trista) and family, Jason Smith and Brandy Braddam, Andrea (Chris) Liebel and family; brother Clayton (Connie) Aasheim. Clayton's families are: Coy (Laura)

Aasheim and families, Chad (Christine) Aasheim and family, Cal and Monica and family; brother Bill (Terry) Aasheim. Bill's families are Pat Aasheim and family, Tangee (Dana) Sanderson and family, Jackie (Don) Ray and family, Chelsie (Jesus) Gaytan; sister-in-law Marilynn Aasheim. Marilynn's families are: Lois (Terry) Heckman and families, Lester Aasheim Jr. and Val Jaxson, Joyce (Darrel) Bosket and families; sister in-law Elaine (Jim) Aasheim and family.

Viewing will be Friday, Nov. 12, 5 to 6 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Services will be held at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Burial will be at C.E Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Hwy. 93 South at noon. All are welcome.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for LeRoy and his family.

Wanda Marie Adams, 60

Wanda Marie Adams was born in the Flathead Valley on Dec. 6, 1960, to Shirley Ann Hamond.

She went home to her Lord and Saviour on Feb. 5, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by her family and is now at peace.

Wanda was preceded in death by her mother.



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She is survived by her older brother Brian Hamond, younger sisters, Noma

Buzzard and Tyre Adams; nieces and nephews, Logan

Cassandra, Lacey, Casey, Curtis, Shasta, Sean and R.J.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, grandnieces and -nephews.

Wanda spent a portion of her childhood living in Spokane before returning to the Flathead Valley. Her biggest passion was creating art, which she loved to share with her

family and friends. She also loved fishing, camping, and making jewelry. She was a very outgoing, loving person who could make friends anywhere she went. She had a huge heart full of love for everyone, and shared her love for Jesus Christ whenever she possibly could.

Sherry Lynne Adler

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Sherry Lynne Adler passed away on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at Rising Mountains Assisted Living in Bigfork.

Sherry was born to parents Henry and Belle Adler, of Chicago, on Nov. 10, 1935. She grew up in a close-knit family which included her grandparents, Joseph and Sarah Weinig and her aunts and uncles, Albert and Myrtle Davis and Arthur and Rhoda Pastor. Sherry loved to reminisce about her happy childhood, baking bread with her grandmother and getting into mischief with her cousins Margie, Jimmy and

Anita. She loved the "victory garden" planted by her grandfather and playing hide and seek in the attic of the house on Drake Avenue in Chicago.

Sherry moved with her parents to California after graduating high school and attended UCLA in Los Angeles. She married Daniel Newman on Dec. 20, 1956. They had one child, a daughter named Alisa, on April 28, 1959.

Sherry moved to Montana recently in 2020 to be with her family. She will be missed by all of her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kenneth 'Butch' Albertson, 67

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Kenneth "Butch" Albertson, 67, passed away peacefully on Oct. 7, 2021, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

A celebration of Butch's life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Havre with Tim Maroney officiating.

Butch's family has suggested memorial donations be made in his

name to Railroad Pagers, Friends of Beaver Creek Park, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit Butch's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for his family at <http://www.hollandandbonine.com>.

Joyce Broeder Admire, 78

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Joyce passed away March 12, 2021.

She was born in Kalispell to Fred and Hilda (Yurman) Broeder on Feb. 23, 1943. Though her mother died when Joyce was just 8, she was lucky enough to be raised by a second mother, Ruth (Crail) Broeder.

She was raised and attended grade school in Creston. After graduating from Flathead County High School in 1961, she went on to receive a teaching degree at Montana State University. Shortly after, she moved to the Portland area where she spent the rest of her life. She taught school there until the birth of her children. After that she substituted for several years along with various other jobs.

She had a very active and happy childhood with a love of the outdoors, gardening and swimming, which continued her entire life. She was a devoted Christian



and attended Willamette Christian with a very loving church family.

She always

made a trip back to Montana every summer with her kids to spend time with her family at the family cabin on Echo Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents and ex-husband Marvin Admire.

She is survived by her children, Sean (Jennifer), Melanie (Kent) Nelson, and Josh; and three granddaughters, Isabelle, August and Genevieve. She is also survived by siblings, Judy Allen, Linda Paulson, Debi Holguin and Fred Broeder, all of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held later this summer.

Dona G. Akamine, 89

Dona G. Akamine, 89, of Kalispell, died on July 22, 2021, at her home.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Benjamin Richard Alder, 95

Benjamin Richard Alder died June 27 in his favorite place in the world: Libby. At the age of 95 he was a father, husband, grandfather, veteran, and dear friend to all who knew him.

Originally from Ellensburg, Washington, Ben found his home on a quiet bend of the Kootenai River in Libby when he retired. As he used to say, he didn't need to go on vacation because he was on vacation every day.

Ben is remembered as a gentle giant with a sharp intellect and love of learning. His wife of 66 years, Shirley, described him as "good to the core."

As a high school student in Ellensburg, Ben played football and prepared tax returns seasonally. He had interest from a professional football team but stayed home to take care of his mother after his father died.

He later enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II, where he served in a tank battalion in China. His knack for estimating long distances that he'd learned on the family farm came in handy operating the tank gun.

After the war, Ben worked on the Alaska Highway construction and later worked as a mechanic at a service station in Ballard, Washington. There, he met his lifelong friend, Jerry Allen.

As a friend to the Allen family, Ben was introduced to Jerry's younger sister, Shirley. He sometimes had the chance to drive Shirley to school before work. Ben and Shirley eventually fell in love and married in 1954. Soon after, they had a son they named Jerry.

Ben spent 26 years as heavy equipment



mechanic for Everett Steel where he worked on large industrial equipment.



He loved problem solving, particularly the

logistics of moving heavy equipment from one place to another.

When he retired in 1992, he and Shirley decided to leave their home in Edmonds, Washington, and ventured east to Montana. In Libby, Ben fulfilled a longtime desire to live outside the city.

Ben was active in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and volunteered to work on several committees including Nordicfest. He spent his days reading just about anything he could get his hands on and working on projects around the house.

For his 70th birthday, his family put together a surprise party at a favorite local bar, Red Dog Saloon & Pizza. At least 40 people attended. It was enough of a crowd that some of the visitors pitched tents in Ben and Shirley's yard. At the party, he told his son in utter astonishment, "I can't believe all these people came for me."

Although he'd seen almost a century, Ben's age never restricted him. Ben would spend hours on his computer researching science and engineering and reading articles written by his granddaughter, Madison. He mowed the lawn and chopped down firewood right up until the end.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his son, Jerry; his daughter-in-law, Sally; and his granddaughter, Madison.

Angelina Regina Allen

Angelina Regina Allen, a longtime resident of Montana, passed away on July 24, 2021, in Colville, Washington.

Angelina was born on Nov. 1, 1941, to Mike and Elizabeth (Houlik) Hoerner in Columbia Falls. Angelina grew up in the Columbia Falls area where she met the love of her life Gary Allen dancing. They exchanged vows on Dec. 26, 1964, and fell in love with each other every day after in a new way. Angie and Gary started their family with a son, Frank, in 1965 and, shortly after, followed two girls, Tammy and Tina. When Gary retired from Hanford in 1994 they could not wait to go back to the mountains of Montana. You could always find the family at a campsite or outdoors somewhere just enjoying the nature.

Angie's favorite memories were when the three grandsons were little and she got to keep them for a couple weeks in the summer. They would go out and pick berries all day. Family reunions at camp-



grounds were always a family favorite. Gary and Angie loved to go on hikes to find huckle-

berries.

Angie was preceded in death by her loving husband Gary, and son Frank Allen, and parents.

She is survived by her sisters, Judy Moan of Puyallup, Washington, and Francis Whartenby of Missoula; daughters, Tammy Clark (Mike), and Tina Evans (Daryl), grandchildren, Shane Clark, Matthew Evans, and Mark Evans; seven great-grandchildren, with 2 on the way; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a host of extended family.

At this time no services are being held for Mrs. Angelina Regina Allen. Please visit the online memorial and sign her guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with her care.

David G. Allen, 82

David G. Allen, 82, of Lakeside, died Aug. 8, 2021, in Kalispell.

A graveside service will be held today, Sept. 11, at Bethel Cemetery, 395 N. Somers Road, Kalispell, at 10 a.m.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Cemetery is caring for the family.

John Paul Allen, 55

John Paul Allen, 55, of Kalispell, died on Sept. 15, 2021, at Heritage Place.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gary Raymond Allen, 85

Gary Raymond Allen, a longtime resident of Montana, passed away on April 9, 2021, in Colville, Washington.

Gary was born on April 14, 1935, to Frank Harry and Leona (Nevell) Allen in Kalispell. Gary grew up in the Columbia Falls area where he met the love of his life, Angie Hoerner. They exchanged vows on Dec. 26, 1964, and fell in love with each other every day after in a new way. Gary and Angie started their family with a son, Frank, in 1965 and shortly after followed



two girls, Tammy and Tina. Gary retired from Hanford in 1994 and could not wait to go

back to the mountains of Montana. You could always find the family at a campsite or outdoors somewhere just enjoying the nature.

Gary was an avid fisher, hunter and outdoorsman. His favorite places were Flathead, North Fork, Libby, the Yaak, St.

Regis and Clemy. Family reunions at campgrounds were always a family favorite. Gary loved to fish with his grandkids. Gary and Angie loved to go on hikes to find huckleberries.

Gary was preceded in death by his son Frank Allen, parents, and brothers Max and Ronnie Allen.

He is survived by his brother, Dennis Allen; loving wife, Angie Allen; daughters, Tammy Clark (Mike), and Tina Evans (Daryl); grandchildren, Shane Clark, Matthew

Evans, and Mark Evans; six great-grandchildren with two on the way, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a host of extended family.

At this time no services are being held for Mr. Gary Raymond Allen. Please visit the online memorial and sign his guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel in Colville has been entrusted with his care.

Jonathan Alper

Jonathan Alper passed away peacefully at the Retreat at Buffalo Hill on the morning of July 24, 2021, after a courageous and lengthy battle with head and neck cancer and its complications.

Born in New York City, Jon moved at a young age to California. He attended Chadwick Academy in Palos Verdes Peninsula and Reed College in Portland, Oregon. After a stint in the Army, Jon and a partner established a company, Marine Salvage and Dive. He was also one of the original founders of the triathlon, "Escape from Alcatraz." For about 17 years before retirement, Jon owned and managed a successful printing business in San Francisco. Then, retirement plans took him to Anacortes, Washington,



where he met the love of his life, Susie.

Jon always had a dream to be a cowboy and he loved the water and boating. He owned a tugboat in Anacortes



that he and Susie had enjoyed thoroughly. Susie was originally from Montana so they headed back to Montana to fulfill Jon's dreams. There they started a popular bed 'n' breakfast and were married on Oct. 16, 1993.

To Jon, organization and planning were key ingredients to contentment. Spreadsheets, labeled light switches, alphabetized files and

spice racks prevailed. His quick wit, great memory, and sarcastic jabs kept his loved ones and friends on their toes.

Jon was an avid online shopper. He was intrigued with every new gadget and device that was offered, much to Susie's chagrin. He ordered every health periodical and magazine but rarely paid attention to their advice. He distributed this information to his peers hoping they would practice healthy habits. Jon loved lively conversation and had an open-door policy. He wanted his family and friends to visit often, which they did. It was like a continuation of their cherished hosting memories from their B&B; days. Even family pets were welcome.

Jon is survived and will be greatly missed by

his loving wife, Susie; his children, Jonathan Jr. (Liz), Lyn, Christopher, and Libby (Levi); his grandchildren, Jesse (Dylan), Lucas, Kara, Derek, Mabry and Addie; all of Susie's siblings, nieces and nephews who referred to him as "Big Jon," and Riley, his four-legged constant companion.

Susie will be hosting an open-house memorial, catered by Desoto Grill, at the family home for friends and family on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rather than flowers, please help continue Jon's love of animals by making a donation to the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Arrangements are being handled by Darlington Cremation and Burial Services.

Dorothy Alstad, 97



Dorothy Alstad, 97, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully of natural causes on May 13, 2021, at her home of 67 years.

Dorothy was born in Kalispell on Jan. 13, 1924, to Albert and Dena Thorvilson. She attended Central School and Flathead County High School and graduated in 1941. After graduation she worked for Dr. Bugby and First National Bank. She married Orlando (Ole) Alstad on June 28, 1953, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They were married 34 years upon Ole's passing.

Dorothy spent her married life as a homemaker on the farm. She was a life member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir for 70 years and was a member and officer of Ladies Group and Circle. She also dedicated many hours quilting quilts for the needy. She was in a pinochle group and volunteered at Bethlehem

Lutheran Church and the Immanuel Lutheran Home for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Dena, husband Ole, brothers Oliver and Cecil Thorvilson, sister Florence Rose and grandsons Jordan and Clayton Alstad.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Ed) Benson, Ron Alstad, Carol Vish and Alan Alstad; grandchildren, Bobbi Bonner, David Benson (Roseé), Lori (Ward) Abernathy, Christy (Chris) Gross and Adam (Shay) Vish; 31 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a devoted, loving mother and friend to all.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 Main St., Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Special thanks to her daughter, Carol, for her endless care of our mother.

Darlington Funeral Home is caring for the family.

a 10-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

A celebration of new life will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish on Monday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be given to Stillwater Christian School or the charity of your choice.

her love of music, she was an active member with the Flathead Valley Community Concert Association. She sang in her church choir, and she shared her beautiful soprano voice by singing for weddings and other special occasions.

ClaraEllen passed away peacefully at Logan Health Medical Center on Sept. 27, 2021, after

ClaraEllen Collins Anderson, 90

two daughters, Jeri Ellen and SueEllyn.

As a family of four, they enjoyed many camping adventures and outings to Glacier National Park. Unfortunately, it was cut short with Jerry's passing in 1971.

As the girls grew older, she returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher. She was also involved as a leader with

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schools.

ClaraEllen met the love of her life, Jerome "Jerry" Anderson, and they were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Aug. 8, 1964. Their world was made complete when they were given the gifts of their

ClaraEllen Collins was born on Jan. 18, 1931, in Somers to Harold and Helen (Seidemann) Collins. She was educated in Somers, Roundup and Kalispell. She graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a degree in education and one of the joys of her life was teaching third grade at Russell and Hedges elementary

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Donald Henry Anderson

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On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, outlaw Donald Henry Anderson passed away peacefully with his two daughters at his side.

Don grew up in Norwalk, California, with his parents Roscoe Henry Anderson Jr. and Barbara June Doyon; and siblings, brother Larry Anderson and sister Louise Anderson.

Don had a passion for the outdoors, Harleys, freedom from the law,

and Seagram's 7. He took tremendous pride in raising his two daughters and their beloved pets. Don will always be remembered for his extreme sense of character, love of his family and pets, and his undeniable outlaw spirit. He is survived by



his Lucky Lady No. 14, Jeanine, of Missoula; his daughters, Tanya June Anderson and Tina Marie Anderson; and his grandchildren, Nadine Jade Sherry, Felicity Shante Dixon, Tenaya Marie Dixon, Kaiden "Kyote" Hoffman, and Skyler Ryedell Hoffman.

Per Don's wishes, a graveside service will be held at Bigfork Community Cemetery, Monday, Dec. 13, at 11

a.m., followed by a gathering at The Sitting Duck from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 406-752-0336.

Family and friends are invited to sign Don's online guest book at <https://www.buffalohillfh.com/obituary/Donald-Henry-Anderson>

Flowers will be handled by Bigfork Village Florist, 406-837-4282.

Ivan Jacob Anderson, 44

Ivan Jacob Anderson, 44, of Kalispell, died on Sept. 13, 2021, at his home.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lisa Rae Anderson, 58

Lisa Rae Anderson, 58, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died on Feb. 2, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Mark Joel Anderson, 64

Mark Joel Anderson, 64, of Kalispell, died Nov. 11, 2021, at his home.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Larry Anderson, 70

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Larry Anderson passed away on Aug. 5, 2021, at his home in Lakeside.

Larry was born to Ervin and Jean Anderson on March 15, 1951, in San Francisco, the youngest of three sons.

He spent his youth exploring the streets of San Francisco. As a young teen he moved with his family to Kelso, Washington, where he developed his love for nature. As an adult he bought a farm in Toledo, Washington, where he proudly raised a herd of cattle and was involved with the Washington Backcountry Horsemen. Larry was a hard worker and spent his entire career as an electrician for Longview Fibre. At the age of 55 he retired



and moved with his wife Marguerite (deceased) to Lakeside where he put down roots and made lifelong friends.

Larry was a very loving dad and grandfather. His family included his children John Anderson and Jill Anderson of Kelso, grandchildren Madison Mitchell, Donnia Reed and Jacob Anderson, and brothers Jeremiah Anderson (wife Margaret) and David Anderson (deceased).

Larry shared the last 10 years of his life with his partner and best friend Teresa DeStefano and lovingly embraced

her family, Ursula, Chauncey, Rylin and Jasper Wilde. Larry also regarded dear friends Kabir Howaida and Dennis Wasley as family.

Larry was quick to make a friend, lend a helping hand, joke around, and share a story. He was a master of smalltalk, an environmental advocate, an animal "whisperer," a lifelong learner, and a student of alternative medicine. He was as stubborn as he was loved.

Every Tuesday Larry could be found at the Tamarack in Lakeside sharing a beer and conversation with friends. Please join us at the Tamarack on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m. for a beer, a toast, and a story.

He will be missed.

Robert E. Anderson, 98

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7 Apr 2021

Robert E. Anderson died on the morning of Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at his home in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by Shirley Anderson, his beloved wife of 73 years, who passed away on Jan. 6. He declared that the only mistake she ever made was to die before he did. Encouraged by her (and us) to write his own obituary, he penned the following:

"On the morning of Nov. 28, 1922, an excited Swedish immigrant announced the arrival of his first son, Robert, into a family of four daughters born of a mother whose parents both immigrated from Sweden. They were to have one more daughter. Both parents and all five sibling sisters pre-deceased "Bob," although he is survived by many nieces and nephews.

His early life was spent in Denver where he graduated from East High School in 1940. His good memories from there include football and a cappella choir. He enrolled in engineering school at Colorado A & M, during which time he received his private license through the CPT program offered at the school. His education was interrupted by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. From Dec. 8 until his transfer to Reserve status at the end of World War II he served in the Marine Corps, retiring from active duty as a captain. During that time he



was a dive bomber pilot, flying 94 missions against the Japanese in the Pacific. At the end of the war, he was part of a new Marine dive bomber squad-

ron preparing for the invasion of Japan.

He returned to his Alma Mater, now Colorado State University, when released from the military and graduated in 1948 in light construction and marketing, a new major in the Department of Engineering. During the last year of school, he met the love of his life, Shirley, running her own restaurant in the Big Thompson Canyon of Colorado. He quickly seized on the opportunity to capture such culinary skill, and they were married in September of 1948. His mother immediately taught this new daughter in law the intricacies of Swedish cooking to enhance her already acquired Bohemian skills.

His working life as a production engineer with U.S. Gypsum Company was cut short when he reported collusion and fraud between the Federal Housing Authority and a major national builder of homes. No longer welcome in the building industry, a couple of courses in finance

at Northwestern and Harvard launched his new career as a controller of a 30-plant service industry in Denver. After retiring in 1982 to a ranch in Montana, the bankruptcy of his former employer two years later left him without retirement income. The purchase of a computer allowed the startup of an accounting company, soon to have 15 commercial clients. He and Shirley moved to Kalispell in 1990 where, because of age and travel, he gradually reduced the client number to three. He thanks those three companies for continuing with his services long after he felt he was very good.

He loved God, his church, his country, his family, his friends and life. He claimed never to have had a bad day, except those days when a younger friend or contemporary died. Just some days were not as great as others. In earlier years he was an avid fly fisherman and a regular elk hunter. At 75 he took up golf. He attributes his longevity to All Bran each morning and 1 and 1/2 ounces of gin each afternoon to brighten up an otherwise dull persona.

Any complaints about this being too long should be taken up with my wife (my kids) who could have written this. I wrote it myself in response to her (their) request. Thank you, Lord, for a great ride here on earth, and I'm eagerly awaiting the next

chapter. Hope to see you all there.

His bucket list was very short:

A. Fly fish the waters of New Zealand

B. Play poker with Vladimir Putin.

Those of us who encouraged him to pen this are also grateful to have his memoirs, including "Slow But Deadly; WWII memoirs of an SBD Dive Bomber Pilot." We are also comforted by the list of his favorite hymns and memories of his beautiful tenor voice, which never left him.

Bob is survived by children, Karen Mercaldo, Nels Anderson, Kris Anderson (Sharon Pound); grandchildren, Dominic Mercaldo, (Laura) Gianna DiGiovanni (Craig), Nate Anderson, Kelsey Carson; and great-granddaughters, Indiana and Sage Mercaldo and newborn Gemma DiGiovanni. Countless nieces and nephews across the country will be missing their last, living uncle. Kris and Sharon's godchildren and their parents, the Burky family were also adopted by Bob and Shirley as their own, along with many in the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran.

Plans for a summer memorial for Bob and Shirley will be forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, gifts to Immanuel Lutheran Foundation acknowledge the wonderful care they provided to them both.

Shirley Anderson, 95

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9 Jan 2021

Shirley Anderson, born Shirley Ann Denter on April 5, 1925, to Max and Ruby Denter, died peacefully after bidding farewell to her family, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, of complications from a hip fracture.



community to this day. She also led a major effort to develop a neighborhood

Shirley grew up in the mountains of Colorado. After spending the war years in Hanford, Washington, she returned home temporarily to run the family cafe and single gas pump in Big Thompson Canyon. There she met Bob, who had served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a fighter pilot in the Pacific theatre, when he and his fishing buddies pulled up for gas and "all the steak you can eat." Shirley cooked, and by the end of the meal Bob had somewhat proposed. He needed a few weeks to think about it. Shirley advised him that if he thought too much she might be gone. Three weeks later they were married.

When Bob signed on with the U.S. surveying crew working in Montana, the new couple said goodbye to their families and headed for the Big Sky Country. They lived in a small cabin on Rattlesnake Creek in Missoula where their two oldest children, Karen and Nels, were born. While Bob traveled, Shirley was isolated with two babies, pregnant with the third and missing her family. She strongly encouraged her husband to take an offer of a partnership with her brother-in-law Ted Andersen in a Firestone store in Enumclaw, Washington. There, the last baby, Kristin, was born.

plan for the Helena Flats area where she and Bob maintained a home that remains in the family. Her courage, determination and unwavering commitments to her husband, family, church, community and action have enriched our lives. She was truly a "force of nature."

Throughout their married lives, one thread remained essential. One of Bob's two "requests" for their marriage was that she be educated and baptized in the Lutheran church. The other was that she learn to make lutefisk for an annual Christmas Eve dinner. She successfully fulfilled both. Their church family has always been incredibly important to them. For 30 years they have been beloved members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. For the last five years they have enjoyed living in their own apartment at Immanuel Lutheran's Buffalo Hill Terrace. Bob was 98 in November and Shirley celebrated her 95th birthday in April. They also enjoyed a Zoom celebration of the 73rd wedding anniversary in September.

After five years, Bob joined the U.S. Gypsum Company in Pilot Rock, Oregon. Karen and Nels started school in the two story old schoolhouse, and Kris was home with mom. Shirley had a giant garden, fruit trees, canning and cooking and laundry but she also had a plan. When Kris was old enough, she would go back to college and get her teaching degree. It took a while, but she succeeded.

Bob had been asked by his father, who started Silver State Laundry and Dry Cleaning in Denver, to take his place. The move opened up some amazing opportunities for Shirley. She started taking night classes at CU in Boulder. By the time her youngest was in junior high Shirley had graduated with a teaching degree. She taught fifth/sixth grade for 20 years, inspiring many students, retiring with recognition and appreciation. Bob and Shirley moved back to Montana in 1982 completing a circle of love and living.

Shirley loved her family unconditionally and was a constant inspiration. While "retired," she created a park out of an empty lot in St. Regis that is enjoyed by the

Shirley is survived by her loving husband Bob Anderson, children Karen Mercaldo, Nels Anderson, Kris Anderson (Sharon Pound), grandchildren Dominic Mercaldo, (Laura) Gianna DiGiovanni (Craig) Nate Anderson, Kelsey Carson, and great-grandchildren Indiana and Sage Mercaldo, and another great-granddaughter on the way. Countless nieces and nephews across the country will be missing their last, living aunt. Kris and Sharon's grandchildren and their parents, the Burky family have also been adopted by Bob and Shirley as their own, along with many in the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran.

We are grateful to have lived our lives under the influence of such an amazing, passionate woman. She will live in all our hearts forever. Before she passed on, she told Kris she could see herself cuddling into a huge, fluffy white cloud, floating around with a great joy and a tremendous peace. Godspeed Mom.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Immanuel Foundation by going to ImmanuelFoundation.org, select the "Make My Gift" button and select the "I would like to dedicate this donation" box which will allow you to enter Shirley's name.

SueEllyn Anderson, 51

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SueEllyn Anderson passed unexpectedly on Sept. 28, 2021, from natural causes. SueEllyn was born Aug. 13, 1970, to Jerome "Jerry" and Clara Ellen (Collins) Anderson.

SueEllyn attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1989. She then attended Flathead Valley Community College where she earned her Associate of Arts degree.

She worked for Glacier Bank in the construction department. When the building boom slowed, looking for a new challenge, she transferred to Glacier Bancorp with the ERM Team, a position she loved. She was with Glacier Bank and Bancorp for 27 years.

SueEllyn's commitment to the Flathead Valley was evident in her



countless hours she volunteered in the community. She gave much of her heart to serve

others and make her community better. She served a term on the planning board and was active with Flathead County Republican Women, serving a term as president.

Her love for kids led her to work with AWANA and as a Sunday school teacher for several years.

SueEllyn also took an active role in helping at Stillwater Christian School with the science fairs and the annual track and field day. To her niece's classmates she was "Auntie Suey."

One of her passions was to chair the annual Operation Christmas Child project, which she and her niece, Emma, coordinated through their church. The two were quite the team as they made costumed appearances to encourage people to purchase and pack shoe boxes with gifts for children who otherwise would not receive any Christmas gifts at all.

In 2008, SueEllyn traveled with her sister, Jeri, to China for her niece's adoption. SueEllyn loved China and made two more trips with the local Chamber of Commerce.

SueEllyn has left a big void for her many friends and relatives; her zest for life was evident. Her constant smiles and enthusiasm, as well as her concern for others will be

so missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jerry; her mother, ClaraEllen; her grandparents, Harold C. and Helen (Seideman) Collins, Evelyn Anderson; and her uncle, Cliff Collins.

SueEllyn is survived by her sister Jeri, and her niece Emma Luise. She is also survived by numerous aunts and cousins.

A celebration of new life will be held on Monday, Oct. 4, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish at 11 a.m., with a reception/lunch following.

Memorials may be made to Stillwater Christian School or the charity of your choice.

Wayne Joseph Anderson, 81

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Wayne Joseph Anderson of Rollins took his last flight on July 25, 2021, at the age of 81.

Born on June 25, 1940, to Reverend Oscar and Nina Olson Anderson in Fort Dodge, Iowa, Wayne was the second oldest of four children – David Anderson (who passed in 2000), Lois and Roselyn. His mother died during childbirth and his father married Ing Nesheim when he was 2 years old.

True to his Viking heritage, Wayne was an avid adventurer and voyager. After graduating Janesville Senior High School in Wisconsin and enrolling at St. Olaf College in 1958, he left the institution for a year to explore and guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area along the Minnesota/Canadian border. Upon his return to college, Wayne enrolled in ROTC, setting his sights on becoming a pilot in the United States Air Force. He also excelled on both the college wrestling and tennis teams. Following graduation, he married Anne-Esse, whom he met in college, and together had two sons, Sig and Eric. Wayne rose to become a captain in the U.S. Air Force, achieving his childhood dream of becoming a pilot. During the Vietnam War, he flew



served his country and was often seen wearing his Vietnam Veteran baseball cap.

After the war, Wayne worked for Northwest Airlines piloting commercial airplanes, including the 727, DC-10, 757 and 747-400. He also became an instructor and check-ride pilot, helping other pilots to hone their flying skills. He retired as a captain on the 747-400 in 2000 after 32 years of service yet continued to explore the wild blue yonder and most of the globe. Along the way he also inspired both of his sons to become pilots.

In the second half of his life, Wayne set out on his own into the mountains and lakes of the West. In 1988, he married Velora LaMunyon and became father and grandfather to her three children, Ginnette, Mike and Ann, and their families. They lived in Hawaii, Seattle,

multiple types of cargo jets, including the C-141 and was granted secret security clearance. He was incredibly proud of having

then later in Arizona and on Flathead Lake in Montana. Together, they enjoyed hiking in Glacier National Park, sailing the oceans with friends and created a video production company called WAVE Productions. In 2014, he lost Velora to cancer.

Optimistic and outgoing, Wayne possessed a true knack for meeting and connecting with people, recognizing the best in everyone. He enjoyed playing guitar around a campfire, golfing, boating, fishing, and good wine. He became an active supporter and volunteer of the Flathead Lake Biological Station.

Wayne was always quick to offer effusive compliments and made everyone feel valued. He was an accomplished pilot, a witty storyteller and a lover of the people and the land that surrounded him. He remained curious, active and handsome until the very end.

He leaves behind his sisters, Lois Anderson and Roselyn Albers who both reside in Minnesota, Roselyn's daughters Kristen Simonds (spouse Shane) and Rachel Ahrens (Josh Perez), along with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Sigurd Anderson (spouse

Kelly) of San Francisco and their children Boden and Elsa; Eric Anderson (spouse Debra) of Minneapolis and their children Hayden, Lyndy and Nolan; Ginnette Kearney (spouse Wynn) of Seeley Lake, MT and their children Nichole Cummings (spouse Corey), Mellisa Boettcher, Brandon Boettcher (spouse Christy) and their daughter Harper Jean, Rochfort Kearney, Robert Kearney; Mike Sinclair (spouse Linda) of Auburn, Washington, and their children Colby Alred (wife Cami) and their daughter Madison, Stephanie Anderson (spouse Ryan) and their children Logan and Oakley, Christopher Sinclair, Sidney Sinclair and Ryan Sinclair; Ann Damon (spouse Clay) of Spokane and their children Austin Damon (spouse Alicia), Laina Hojnacki (spouse Tyler), Maxwell Damon and Jake Damon.

At Wayne's request, friends and family will gather on the shores of Flathead Lake this fall to reflect and celebrate his life.

To honor his love of Flathead Lake and the surrounding community, the family asks that any donations be made to the Flathead Lake Bio Station (Polson).

Ralph Albert Ammondson, 94

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Ralph Albert Ammondson, 94, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2021, from natural causes.

Ralph was born in Decorah, Iowa, on Oct. 27, 1926. He was the second of four boys, Clayton, Ralph, Lester and Curtis, born to Gladys and John Ammondson. The family moved to Fairfield, Montana, where Ralph attended school and graduated from Fairfield High School in 1944. Ralph attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he played football. While there he met and married, Shirley Ann Black on April 21, 1945. Ralph joined the Army and was stationed in Japan when their first child, Leslie Jo, was born. After being honorably discharged, Ralph accepted a job at the Fairfield Times Newspaper that began a long printing career.

Leslie Jo was followed by son Randall John and daughter Barbara Jane.

In 1956, the family moved to Columbia Falls where Ralph worked for the Hungry Horse News. In 1969, Ralph, Shirley and Barbara moved to Missoula and Ralph became an accomplished offset printer. He continued that career in Missoula and Eugene, Oregon, until his retirement in 1995. During his time in Eugene, he attended Lane Community College and became a licensed massage therapist.

Ralph and Shirley moved back to the



Flathead in 1999 and settled in Whitefish. They were married for 61 years until her death in 2007.

During his younger years Ralph enjoyed

fly fishing and camping, moving into RVing in later life and always taking care of others throughout his life. After he sold his RV, he enjoyed socializing with all of his friends and family in Whitefish and Columbia Falls over a coffee, an IPA or a Grizzly football game.

Ralph is survived by one brother, Lester, of Missoula; daughter, Leslie Darling, of Columbia Falls, grandsons, Kenny (Tanna), Kevin and Kyle

(Melinda); son, Randall (Joyce) Ammondson, of Peoria, Illinois, granddaughter, Cyndi (Dan Haupt); and daughter, Barbra (Bruce) McEvoy, Whitefish, granddaughter, Heather (Eric Vezina); five great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The family suggests

memorials to the VFW or the Moose Lodge in Whitefish or the Eagles in Columbia Falls where he had active memberships.

Please join for a "happy hour tour" on May 24 to celebrate Ralph's life at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish at 4:30 p.m. and the VFW in Whitefish at 6 p.m.

Barbara Ann Ames, 91

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Barbara Ann Ames, 91, our loving mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Jan. 8, 2021.

Barbara was born to Jesse James and Clara Magdalen Fishbeck in Whittlesey, Wisconsin, on March 6, 1929. She was the youngest of six siblings and attended high school in Merrill, Wisconsin, where she met James Lindahl. The couple wed in 1947 after he returned from World War II. They moved to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where they raised four children. The family enjoyed country living on their small farm until James passed away unexpectedly. Barbara married Glen Ames in 1966 and they packed up the family and moved to Montana. Here they ranched and raised two more children.

Barbara was an avid gardener and loved getting her hands dirty. She enjoyed canning, baking, sewing and knitting. She loved to make ice cream and butter, and artfully decorated, intricate cakes. Ever the hostess, Barbara enjoyed gatherings of friends and family, and made sure that nobody ever left her home without a full belly. Choruses of laughter followed her



closely, as did her beloved dogs. She was never one to turn away a stray.

After retiring from ranching, they moved to Kalispell and owned the Kalispell motel.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husbands, James Lindahl in 1965, and Glen Ames in 2007.

She is survived by her sons, John (Linda) Lindahl of Bozeman, Roger (Kathy Hyde) Lindahl of Marion, Bruce (Judy) Lindahl of Kalispell, Todd (Cheryl) Ames of Billings and Eric Ames of Kalispell, and daughter Cynthia (Clay) Cloud of Kalispell, 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Communities for their wonderful care of our mother.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Until then, raise a glass of rum and coke in memory of Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Immanuel Lutheran Communities.

Michael John Arace, 77

Michael John Arace, 77, of Kalispell died Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Arrangements are being made.

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

Donna Lou Arbuckle, 82

Donna Lou Arbuckle, 82, of Columbia Falls, died at Logan Health Medical Center on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

Plans are being made for a celebration of her life. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Gloria Ann (Christiansen) Angst, 77

PAY 27 Nov 2021
Gloria Ann (Christiansen) Angst, 77, of Bigfork, slipped the surly bonds of earth on Nov. 22, 2021, in the presence of family and friends.

Born on Oct. 2, 1944, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, Gloria brought boundless love and light into the world. She was raised on a farm near Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, by her parents, Alvin and Mae (Erickson) Christiansen along with her brothers, Gregg and Gary.

On Sept. 25, 1993, Gloria married Donald Angst. At that time, they lived in Naples, Florida — but soon discovered and fell in love with Bigfork. Gloria and Don made Bigfork their year-round home, where Gloria quickly acclimated to the Western lifestyle and made countless friends. Very special among them were her Saddle Pals — the women who loved horses and embraced adventure.

Gloria's faith was strong, her love knew no bounds, and her passions ran deep. Worshipping at her local community church, Gloria made personal connections with people from all walks of life. She was a gracious soul with a huge heart — a kind spirit

who was always willing to lend a helping hand. Believing in giving back to the community, Gloria enjoyed her volunteer work at the local food bank. She was also involved in the P.E.O. Sisterhood. And she had a special place in her heart for her furry, four-legged friends.

Gloria will be missed beyond measure by her husband, Don; daughter, Bridget Stack; brother, Gregg Christiansen; grandchildren, Jazlyn (Blake) Shipman, Katie (Blake) Adams and Savannah Stack; stepchildren, Jeff (Stephanie) Angst and Pam (Kent Jones) Angst; step-grandchildren, Joseph Quass, Spencer (Carla) Jones and Samantha Jones; and so many dear friends that she collected throughout her life.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Gary Christiansen.

Funeral services for family and friends will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Bigfork. A luncheon will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Bigfork Food Bank, or Bethel Chapel in Bigfork.

Robert Herman Arends, 82

Robert Herman Arends, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 11, 2021, at Logan Health.

He is survived by his sons Rick Arends and Robert Arends.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Ed Askelson, 62

PAY 29 Jan 2022
Ed Askelson joined his Lord and heavenly family on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021.

Ed was born to Ed and Eileen Askelson in Plentywood, Montana, on July 15, 1958. While in the Big Sky State, Ed was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. Those wilderness excursions often resulted in a chilly upper lip and Ed never parted with the robust, protective mustache he grew in those cold, craggy mountains.

In 1983, Ed accepted the two-for-one deal of a lifetime when he married the love of his life, Robin Gail, and got a free daughter thrown in — Jessica Elise.

In 1985, Ed, Robin and Jessica moved to Texas. Just one year later, they welcomed future-Aggie doctor and all-around poultry enthusiast Tyler Edward.

Ed loved iced tea without sugar, elaborate breakfast tacos, Aggie football, and pursuing excellence in real estate. He joined Prudential Owens Realty, now Berkshire Hathaway, in 1995.

When he wasn't helping people secure their dream homes, Ed enjoyed spending time



with his family, his friends, and his somewhat dramatic dogs.

He was a history buff who devoured books of all kinds. He had a special affection for fantasy novels including J.R.R. Tolkien's epic "Lord Of The Rings." As for music, we're not saying Ed ever liked The Bee Gees, but we're not saying that Ed didn't ever like The Bee Gees either.

Ed loved the Lord, and his Glad Tidings Church Community, with all his heart. He enjoyed closing his eyes tightly to meditate during a service, not to be confused with napping, which Ed also liked, but never actually had the time to do.

If you look up "Dad Joke" in the dictionary, there's a photo of Ed Askelson, mid-chuckle, reveling in his own clever wit. This is how he will be remembered and celebrated by those who survive him: Robin, Tyler, Jess, and his sisters Kim, Karen and Jan.

James 'Jim' Richard Atkins, Sr., 62

James "Jim" Richard Atkins, Sr., 62, of Lakeside, passed into the arms of Jesus on Nov. 15, 2021, due to complications from Covid-19.

Jim was born to Mary Irene and Clarence McClure on Dec. 20, 1958, in Butte. Jim was later adopted and raised by Sidney Atkins. In 1974, his family moved to Hamilton where he met his future wife, Jamie, and graduated from high school in 1978. He was active in wrestling and football in high school, where he was known as "Apples." After graduation, he went on to barber school in Missoula.

Upon completing barber school, he and Jamie opened the Hair Shrink in St. Ignatius and Ronan. He formed many friendships while cutting hair over the past 30-plus years.

Jim and Jamie were blessed with three children, Dustin, Shannon and Jim Jr. The things that brought Dad the



most joy were his grandchildren, riding his motorcycle, and finding any reason to crack

a joke. He and Jamie took many trips on the Harley, and many nights after work, they would ride around the lake. We took many family vacations, most notably to Disneyland and Edmonton, Alberta. We still have the photos he took on his phone at weddings and family gatherings. His acquaintances knew how personable he was.

He is loved and missed dearly by so many. His trust was securely in Jesus right to the end. We are comforted with the assurance that we will be united with him in the glory of the Lord one day soon.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother Irene, his father Clarence,

stepfather Sidney, and daughter-in-law Marissa.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie Atkins; sister, Rhonda (Renne) Earhart; children, Dustin (Kelli) Atkins, Shannon (Brandon) Nissen, and Jim Atkins; and grandchildren, Austin (Abigail), Andrew, Levi, Declan, Oliver and Brayden.

The funeral service

will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at The Lake Funeral Home in Polson.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneral-homeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Harold David Avery

On Dec. 10, 2020, the world lost a good man.

Harold David Avery was born in Whitefish to Harold W. and Mary Hunt Avery, joining an older brother, Bruce.

His family always called him David, but he would earn many names over his lifetime: Dad, Grandpa, Uncle Dave, and said more than once, call him whatever you would like, "just don't call him late for dinner."

He would spend most of his growing up years in Whitefish, then he and his mother would move to Spokane. As a teenager and he would go on to graduate from Rogers High School. After his school years, Harold enlisted in the United States Navy. He would humbly speak little of his service years, although he was proud to have served his country. His adulthood would bring laborers work and the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) as their training director. He would have a lifelong career with the union and be honored later in his career by the naming of a training center after him located in



Montana, sharing stories with his family and friends. His brother and he had a special bond and they both enjoyed being closer to one another in their later years.

Harold always loved dogs, and greatly enjoyed the companionship of his four-legged friends. When his beloved Puppies met his end, he, after a few months, made the announcement he was going to the shelter to adopt a dog, a small dog; he missed having one in the house. He came home with a 100-pound moose of a dog; when asked why he would choose that big guy, the dog came with a story and after he heard it he said, "I had to take him, who else would have him?"

and he would move to Libby to be near his brother. His remaining years were spent enjoying the beauty of his beloved