

Richard 'Rick' Alan Bronson, 74

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Richard "Rick" Alan Bronson, of Somers, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior, on March 12, 2021. He was 74.

Rick was born on Oct. 15, 1946, in Ontario, Oregon, to Rosemary Carr and Eugene Bronson. Rick spent the first 10 years of his life on the family cattle ranch in Malheur City, Oregon. The family moved to Molalla, Oregon, before settling in Crescent City, California.

Rick attended Crescent City High School, and was drafted by the Army in 1964. Rick served honorably with sharp shooter designation. His assignments included Berlin, Germany, guarding the Berlin Wall, as well as various World War II prisoners, before finally being assigned to a presidential security detail.



After proudly serving his country, Rick returned to Crescent City and resumed his career as a truck driver for Snoozie Shavings.

He would later work for Joe Costa, Risberg, and Reddaway in Brookings, Oregon, before retiring with UPS Freight in Eugene, Oregon after 51 years of driving truck.

Rick was a race car driver at Redwood Acres Speedway in the '70s and '80s, but the true love of his life was his wife Beckie, whom he married in 1989, and had two kids with, Amanda and Nathan.

Rick was active in his church, loved his country, and was passionate about politics, and the direction of his country because of his experiences in the military. He spent his time traveling to places such as Hawaii, Alaska, the Caribbean, Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore. Rick also enjoyed boating, fishing, working his mini farm, raising bulls and alpaca, and spending time with his family and dogs. Later in life he migrated to the Flathead Valley, where he fell in love with the Montana way of life.

Rick is survived by his wife of 31 years, Beckie, of Somers; daughter, Amanda, of Portland; and son, Nathan and daughter-in-law Chelsea of Junction City, Oregon. He is also survived by sisters, Suzy Norris of

Glen Allen, Virginia, and Kathy Bronson-Colagrande and husband Federico, of Newport News, Virginia. Rick also had a close bond with his numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Rosemary and Eugene Bronson, and brother Pete Bronson.

A celebration of life will be held in Oregon at a time and place to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Rick's honor to the VA, or the American Diabetes Association.

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

Anna Marie (Havens) Brown, 69

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Anna Marie (Havens) Brown, 69

Anna Marie (Havens) Brown passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 in Kalispell after a long and arduous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

She was born Jan. 8, 1951 in Kalispell to Eugene and Beatrice (Nelson) Havens. Anna grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1969. She then attended the University of Montana.

In 1968 Anna met her future husband, Mark Brown. They fell in love and were married on March 21, 1970. Some said they were too young. But they didn't feel that way and, in spite of their youth, the marriage and their love for each other thrived until her death, nearly 51 years later. Their union produced much joy and three won-



derful boys. She was an amazing wife, an exceptional mother, and a great home-maker.

She loved her children and her grandchildren. In good health she was a high energy person, always upbeat and doing a project. Once during an eventful canoe trip on the Missouri River, their guide said: "My gosh, that girl has a heck of a motor in her." In ill health, she fought valiantly while never complaining of her pain and her declining physical abilities.

She loved crafts and decorating her home for every season and holiday. She worked as a floral designer for many years with her good friends at Butte Floral and met

many people in that community while working there. After many years living away, she was happy to move back home to Kalispell in 2009. She very much enjoyed the many summers she spent with her children at Bitterroot Lake, visiting with her many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Anna was a very positive and intelligent person. She was a voracious reader until Parkinson's took that away from her. Wherever she lived, she was the local library's best customer.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Beatrice Havens.

She is survived by her husband Mark, her three sons and their wives: Jeff and Barbara Brown of Butte; Jason and Amanda Brown of Meridian, Idaho; and

Rory and Sonya Brown of Kalispell; her five grandchildren, Teal and Meriah of Butte, Nathan and Crissa of Kalispell, and Clara of Meridian, Idaho; and her brother and his wife, Gary and Lynn Havens of Kalispell.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Heritage Place nursing facility in Kalispell for their outstanding care in Anna's final days and for the exceptional considerations given to her family members.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside committal service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021 at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 Main St. in Kalispell. Messages may be sent to mrbrown49@gmail.com.

Constance Brown, 72

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who passed on in delivery many years ago.



Heaven has another child come home to be with God and family who has passed from this earth. Constance Brown, 72 years of age, has passed away on Oct. 4, 2021, in St. Peter's Regional Hospital around 2:45 p.m. Constance has fought a long battle with health issues and finally found some rest and peace for her body and soul.

Constance was preceded in death by her mother Vertie Lee Brown, father Clarence W. Brown, and sisters Clarice Grant and Donna Lee Viegel. Connie was also preceded in death by a child, Sherry,

She leaves behind two remaining siblings,

brother Clarence W. Brown Jr. and sister Carrie McCalpin, along with many nieces and nephews and loved ones and friends.

Constance was truly a one of a kind. She was a devout Christian and practiced her religion and sought to teach others along her days on earth. She was generous to a fault, sometimes being

used by others along the way. She gave freely of herself to whoever needed some help, often-times perfect strangers. Constance had many talents sewing, cooking and craft making to name a few. She could take literally a tumbleweed, cut branches off and reattach it, and end up with a gorgeous Christmas tree complete with LED lights and ornaments. She could dance and won many competitions, often competing out of state as she glided across the floor with her dancing partner. Constance accidentally hit a deer one time and put it in her Subaru

trying to help it not get hit again, only to have it wake up and terrorize the inside of her car; and later explained to highway patrol why she had the deer inside to begin with.

Heaven will be a better place having her home again where she will be reunited with family once again. Those of us left behind will miss her and await our time as she did to return home. We ask you to rejoice with us and remember Constance as a beautiful lady, friend, loved one and sibling and valued member of this beautiful blue planet we call Earth and home.

Florene Brown, 75

Florene Brown, 75, died Nov. 28, 2021, at Logan Medical Health Center in Kalispell. There are no services

planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Timothy Brown, 75

Timothy Brown, 75, of Kila, died Nov. 15, 2021, at his home. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John W. Brown Jr., 93

John W. Brown Jr., 93, of Kalispell, died Saturday, May 29, 2021.

No services are being planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jimmy Brown

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Jimmy Norman Brown, 84, passed away peacefully on Oct. 20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his wife and children by his side. He died from breathing complications caused by mesothelioma.

Jim was born in Priest River Idaho on Jan. 30, 1937. His family moved to Gateway, Montana, shortly after where

Jim grew up, attending Eureka Schools. He was a family man, a reader and enjoyed the great outdoors, camping, fishing and hunting till the very last year of his life. He passed that love of the outdoors to his children and grandchildren. Jim was a Navy Veteran and a hard worker who pro-



his retirement, Jim and Peggy traveled as snowbirds and made lifelong friends wherever they went. They celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. From Rexford, Montana, through the Western states, Hawaii and Alaska, he was always a good neighbor, even if it was only in a campground. His toolbox, his wisdom and a helping hand was open to everyone.

Jim liked putting in his garage building and fixing things. Over the years he built toy boxes for all his great-grandchildren. In Pine Bay and Bouse, Arizona, the neighbors listened for the daily ringing of his brass bell, calling them to

He earned many commendations while serving in the Navy and especially in the Naval Reserves as a Chief for a SeaBee unit. A tradesman and sheet metal worker, he followed construction, choosing to work in Montana and Washington State. In

"Bear-Thirty"

He is survived by his wife Peggy and two children, Robin and Kent Brown. Kent and his wife, Sonja live only minutes away from Peggy in New Mexico and Robin is there with her mom. Some of the brightest spots of Jim's life were his four grandchildren: Rebecca Tafoya, Christina Holt, Kyle Brown and Sarah Christian. Each of them married and together they added eleven great grandchildren to the family and all live nearby.

Jimmy is also survived by his two sisters, Patty Stevens of Eureka, Montana, and Susan Reed of Whitefish, Montana as well as a good number

of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Velma Brown of Whitefish, Montana, three brothers, Lou, Steve and Danny Brown and a sister, Nancy Thuma. Memorial services will be held in the spring in Eureka, Montana, where

Jim grew up and where he still has many friends and family members. The memorial is delayed till spring in hopes that friends from Canada and those from out of state will be able to attend the celebration of Jim's life.

Gary Floyd Bruce, 76

Gary Floyd Bruce, 76, Plains, formerly of Whitefish, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021,

at his home. Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Plains is handling arrangements.

Alyce Lipe Bryant

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Born Alyce Claire Reed on Oct. 22, 1930, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Alyce died peacefully at home in Lakeland, Florida on Sept. 6, 2021.

She was a 1948 graduate of Tulsa Central High School and a proud Chi Omega at Oklahoma State University.

She was predeceased by her parents, Iva and Robert Reed; husbands

Gilbert (Gib) Lipe and Dr. Raymon W. Bryant; and grandson Jacob Brewer. She is survived by her daughters Susie Blanton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Lindy Brewer (John) of Hailey, Idaho, and Julie Dukke (Bill) of Lakeland, Florida; brother Michael Reed (Marilyn) of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; step-daughters Beth Bryant Findell and Natalie

Bryant; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ali will be remembered as the life of the party, a master joke teller, a loving mother and the one and only "Mimi."

No memorial services are planned at this time. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Thomas John 'Millar' Bryce, 100

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Thomas John "Millar" Bryce passed away in his sleep on Jan. 30, 2021 in Buffalo Hill Terrace, Kalispell.

Millar is survived by his stepsons, Pat (Jacquie) Smith, Mike (Fran) Smith, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, five nieces/nephews and three cousins. Millar's influences on their lives will never be forgotten.

Millar was born in Saskatoon City, Saskatchewan, on July 24, 1920, to Anna Sophia Flodin and Thomas Millar Bryce. His growing up years were spent



in Austin, Texas. At age 15, his lumber mill career began when he and his brother Eric went

to work for their uncles Walter and Swan Flodin in the family sawmill near Granite Falls, Washington. During World War II he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a navigator. Thus began his love for flying.

Following World War II, Millar returned to Plains, Montana, as a

partner in the Flodin Lumber Company. In 1958 he married Gertrude Smith (deceased 2002) and legally adopted Pat and Mike. His tenure with the Flodin Lumber Company lasted until the mill was sold in 1986. Millar continued to consult in the lumber industry until his retirement.

During the following years Millar resided in Missoula, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Plains and Kalispell. His presence was felt wherever he went. His generosity, of self and resources, is best reflected in "for it is in giving that one receives." His love of Plains and

Montana in general was never ending. He had a deep passion for the lumber industry and all who were involved. He loved flying in the "big sky" and took every chance to crank up the airplane motor. His services were always available to his family and friends.

A tentative memorial service is planned for July 24 in Plains.

The family is requesting that memorials be directed to Penn Stohr Field, Plains Airport, Sanders County.

Brothers Mortuary and Crematory in Hamilton is caring for the family.

Norma Louise Duff Brzoznowski

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Norma Louise Duff Brzoznowski passed away Nov. 12, 2020, at ManorCare in Spokane, Washington at the age of 86 of natural causes.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet M. Gallegos, her son, Steven Brzoznowski (m. Kristin Goerisch), and her grandchildren, Marisa (m. Alejandro Acosta) and Javier Gallegos, and Stephanie and Shaina Goerisch. She joins her sons, Jerry Finch and Michael Brzoznowski in Heaven.

Norma was born and raised in Whitefish, Montana, the youngest



of four children born to Charles and Daisy Duff. As a small child, she caught herself on fire and was hospitalized for months while she underwent skin grafts. Her nurses nicknamed her 'PeeWee,' a name that stuck for life!

Norma played piano by ear, and growing up she played for the Whitefish Methodist Church. She aspired to become a concert pianist with the encouragement of her high school music teacher. But life had other plans; she became a young wife and mother. Norma raised her four children mostly on her own.

She went to work as a switchboard operator for the Great Northern Railway. Later, she attended business college which led to a long and rewarding secretarial/administrative office career. She worked on a top-secret missile proj-

ect while living in the Marshall Islands with her second husband and family. Norma retired from the Washington State DOR in Spokane in 1999 at age 65 with a combined almost 40 years of service with the railroad and state.

Norma loved family and enjoyed taking care of her home and garden. She loved animals, and always had pets. She enjoyed baking and started baking weeks ahead for Christmas. She loved clothes and shoes, and she shopped year round for Christmas and birthdays. Norma loved the Northwest's great outdoors and she

swam, boated, fished and camped. After many years away, Norma's cremains return home where a

graveside memorial will take place at Whitefish Cemetery on Aug. 6, 2021.

David J. Buck, 54

David J. Buck, 54, of Lakeside, died Thursday, April 15, 2021.

He is survived by his mother Lois Buck, and his daughter Kristina Buck.

A private service will be held a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Linda K. Buck, 70

Linda K. Buck, 70, of Kalispell, died on April 27, 2021, at her home.

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

Steven Lee Buck, 74

Steven Lee Buck, 74, of Hot Springs, died Saturday, June 5, 2021.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Day, and his two daughters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Cheryl Ann Buckham, 65

Cheryl Ann Buckham, 65, of Kalispell, died Oct. 10, 2021, in Kalispell.

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

Kelly (Dalton) Bugge, 50

Kelly (Dalton) Bugge, 50, of Kalispell, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2021.

She is survived by her parents, Tom and Susan Dalton; and her children, Andrew Dalton and Kristina Ferree.

Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

George F. Bulgar, 67

George F. Bulgar, 67, of Kalispell, died at Logan Health Medical Center Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021.

He is survived by his children, George, Laurie and Nicholaus.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Andrew J. Buller, 70

Andrew J. Buller, 70, of Goshen, Indiana, died 5:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at Goshen Hospital.

He was born Dec. 1, 1950, in Kalispell to Jeff and Priscilla (Mast) Buller.

On April 24, 1976, he married Brenda S. (Tyson) Buller.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda, of Goshen; children, Krista Buller of Indianapolis and Heidi (Kevin) Gunn of Elkhart, Indiana, grandchildren, Lucille and Stella; siblings, Twila Buller of Ohio, Ellen (Larry) Wilson of Montana, Frieda (Ken) Kauffman of Montana, Sarah (Phil) Gunderson of Arizona, Lena Dresbach of Montana, and Lee (Lisa) Buller of Kalispell.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Andy graduated from Flathead Valley Community College in Montana. He was employed by Greencroft

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Inc. for 34-plus years and director of grounds, security and transportation for 24 years. He took great pride in his work at Greencroft, making sure the grounds were "top notch" and had great care and concern for the residents. Andy was a mentor and friend to many of his employees. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, affectionately called "Yo-Yo" by his granddaughters. For 24 years, he was a leader of the Elkhart County Lovable Llama 4-H Club. Andy loved to travel, large game hunting and meticulously cared for his yard. He was a member of River Oaks Church, Goshen.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Rieth Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements and online condolences may be sent at www.rrefh.com

Albert Joseph 'Al' Burghardt, 92



During the early morning hours of April 6, 2021, at the age of almost 93 years, Albert Joseph Burghardt, "Al," left our presence due to both advanced age and complications brought about by Parkinson's.

Al was surrounded with loved ones beside him to begin new adventures in his eternal home. At the time of his death he was residing in the assisted living section of Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

Al was born in Eugene, Oregon, in May 1928 and lived most of his youth in Oregon. His family moved to Glendale, California, in 1944 where Al finished high school. The family then moved to Victorville, California, when his father bought a ranch on which the family lived and worked. Al, a bonafide city boy, clad in his argyle sweater, learned to grow alfalfa, buck hay and unsuccessfully reduce the bloat of a cow. While there he and his brother enrolled in Cal Poly. Al loved to fly and the two brothers used a Stearman biplane to commute to school from the ranch. After hearing his stories, it is a miracle he made it to 92, given the fact that planes don't fly so well without fuel.

While attending Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Victorville, he happened to sit in the choir loft and there he spied his future bride, Anna Anthony. In fact, as Anna was actually a participant in the church choir, Al attempted to get closer in proximity by also joining the choir. This attempt was short lived as the choir director rather rudely requested that he find another hobby since he "couldn't carry a tune in a bucket."

next step in their romance. Al, who was always cautious in making big decisions, needed

reassurance that proposing was the right choice. He wisely sifted through his numerous sources and decided to get this pivotal advice from Jack, the local pig farmer. Having Jack's blessing, Al buried a ring in a piece of chocolate in a Valentine candy box in what he must have thought to be the most original idea ever. Of course, Anna said yes and they were married in November 1949.

Al and Anna are parents to eight children, two daughters and six sons. They started their family while in Victorville, continued in Redding, California, then more in Chico, California, and more again while living in Lake Tahoe, California. Apparently, they got along very well or were just slow to learn.

Al worked various jobs until he and his father purchased a lodge and boat rental business on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. Al and Anna worked as owners/managers there for 18 years before selling the resort. He then built a few spec homes before becoming a partner in TNT Materials, a concrete mix company, also in North Tahoe. From there he and Anna retired to Lakeside, Montana, and subsequently Bigfork.

ly play in the Burghardt scramble at the West Glacier Golf Course each reunion. He took it upon himself to zoom around in his golf cart to hurry up play, and was reported to have told one daughter-in-law that the A grade she earned in her college golf class was perhaps an unwarranted gift and she should get her money back for the course. Neither did he much enjoy when his young sons would hack about, land in a sand trap and giggle as they referred to it as "kitty litter."

Al will be remembered as a man who could never tell a joke without messing up the punchline unless it was rather inappropriate, stepped way out of his comfort zone to adventurously declare beige as his favorite color, earned the nickname of "sweetlips" for his blunt assessment of the facts, and whose frugality was legendary. He worked hard his entire life and expected the same from his family, provided many opportunities for his children to become college educated and enjoy the wonders of Lake Tahoe, and he created a rich and fulfilling life for Anna and himself.

Al achieved many successes and, as many do, also faced deep heartbreak. Under that no-nonsense exterior Al had a tender heart which was tested when, as a young father, he held and comforted his infant son, David, as that child took his last breath. Al was a "closet softy" and even avoided movies that were sad as they pulled too hard on his heartstrings. He could not bear to see any injustice or cruelty portrayed, even in fiction.

Al is survived by his wife of 71 and a half years, Anna, his children Gail (Bob) Oneal, Steve (Silvia Reynoso), Terri, Tom (Katie), Dan (Diane), Greg (Judy) and Jeff (Melissa). He is also survived by his sister, Margaret, grandchildren Matthew (Tracy) Douglas, Holly (Victor) Frasco, Justin (Stacey) Burghardt, Meghan (Josh) Singletary, Drew (Stephanie Rexus) Burghardt, Sammie Burghardt, Jon Burghardt, Alyssa (Jeff) Tkach, Alex (Mick) Cundith, and Amber (Jeff) Burkholder and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Bertha (McGuire), his brother Roland, his son David, and his grandson Russel.

The family is grateful to the Home Options hospice nurses and staff as well as the Buffalo Hill Assisted Living staff. They have been kind beyond measure and tender in their care. This challenging and heart-breaking time of watching our husband and father slip away has been tempered by the benevolence of their individual and collective hearts. They are heroes in the end of life care that all God's children deserve.

A Catholic Mass and a memorial will be held at a later date this summer in hopes it will be a safer time for friends and family to gather. Al's ashes will be interred at Bigfork Community Cemetery at that time.

We ask that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Immanuel Foundation, either online at <https://immanuelfoundation.org/our-work/> or by check to 40 Claremont St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Bigfork Fire Department, 810 Grand Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Albert Joseph Burghardt, 92 (Cont)

Al loved sports. He played basketball and baseball in his youth and became an avid golfer, especially after retirement while in Montana and when spending winters in Lake Havasu, Arizona. He and Anna gained many good friends through their golf activities and have been grateful for each of those associations. He took his golf game seriously and was very proud to have had a single digit handicap, his seven holes-in-one and especially to have made up the word "Fosh," created seemingly in the moment when he missed a shot while simultaneously noticing his wife was within earshot. He was less than proud when watching his fami-

Not being one to give up easily, Al would often visit the Victorville Drug Store where Anna was a "soda jerk." That was when World War II shortages necessitated that a chocolate shake be made with ice milk rather than ice cream. Anna, who was a tad smitten herself, found a way to be sure that Al's shakes somehow contained real ice cream and kept him coming back for more. As their love bloomed, marriage seemed to be the

Al leaves behind a legacy of being a faithful, absolutely devoted husband, a father who provided the tools to his children for building successful lives, a grandfather and great-grandfather who could tease and laugh with the little ones, an outgoing friend to many and, most importantly of all, a good and decent man who remained strong in his faith of God.

Until we meet again, may your heaven be full of light, laughter, and well groomed greens. P.S., avoid the kitty litter and don't hold up play.

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

Ethan Burlingham, 58

With a heavy heart; Ethan Burlingham went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, in Elko, Nevada.

Ethan Burlingham was born Jan. 4, 1963.

Ethan leaves behind his loving wife, Suzi; and children, Ethan (Sandy) of Montana, Travis of Salt Lake City, Shannon of Elko, Gabriel of Elko, Jason (Ashley) of Elko, and Steven (Jessica) of Elko; his sister, Ferrial, of Montana; nieces and nephews, Virginia, Acey (Meghan), Marion, Cora, Mason and Trace, all from Montana; grandchildren, Kodi and Donovan of Montana, Rowdy, Michael and Jaden from Elko, and many friends.

Ethan was preceded in death by his mother Virginia, brother Floyd, son Dusty, grandparents Blanche and Dean Tasso, brother-in-law David, and nephew Michael.

Ethan was born in



California and moved to Eureka, Montana, the summer before his seventh

grade year. Ethan lived in Montana, raising his family until moving to Elko in 2006 where he met his wife in 2010, married her in 2012, and settled down to raise their kids.

Ethan was working at the Kinross-Bald Mountain. He was a person that loved to work on cars, and could sit for hours with the ones he loved. He was always the life of the party and happy to be alive. Ethan always was a safe place for those that knew him. Ethan was always there to lend a helping hand.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Albert Joseph Burghardt

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A memorial Mass for Albert Joseph Burghardt, 92, who died April 6, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, with interment at Bigfork Community Cemetery, and a reception to follow at the Bigfork Inn.

Alicia Faye Bump, 30

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Alicia was born on Feb. 5, 1990, in Kalispell to Michael S. Bump and Penny L. Bump.



Alicia Faye Bump, 30, passed away unexpectedly from a serious illness in Kalispell on Nov. 23, 2020.

Alicia grew up in several places, as her father was a member of the Armed Forces. Those included Rota, Spain, Norfolk, Virginia, Jacksonville, Florida, Oak Harbor, Washington, and Anacortes, Washington. During school, she participated in various sports including volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She also enjoyed singing in the school choir. Alicia attended college at Skagit Valley College, pursuing a nursing degree until an illness forced her to change degree fields to elementary education in hopes of becoming a kindergarten teacher. She married her husband, Aaron Isaacson, and had two beautiful children. They later divorced and a few years later, Alicia had her third child. She worked in several vocations that included a preschool teacher and in various sales positions. She was a devoted and loving mother who often said

her goal was to always make her children know that they were loved and to make them laugh often. Alicia was a loving granddaughter, daughter, mother, sister and friend to many. People who knew her best, remember her beautiful smile, kind eyes, and fun-loving spirit. She was feisty, but kind and generous and loved her children with her whole heart.

Alicia is survived by her three children, Kale and Abigail Isaacson of Kalispell, and Kasey Murphy-Bump of Anacortes, brother Jordan Bump of Sedro Woolley, Washington, father Michael Bump and mother Penny Bump of Kalispell, grandfather Lloyd Coleman from Kalispell, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother Lynnette F. Coleman, paternal grandmother Sharon Roberts, and paternal grandfather Charles Bump.

A private family memorial service was held in November 2020.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at the following location, Darlington Cremation and Burial, 3408 Hwy. 2 East Kalispell, MT 59901; or at info@darlingtonfunerals.com

Vera June Burk, 94

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In the early hours of Aug. 15, 2021, Vera June Burk went to join her boys in heaven.

Vera was born on June 26, 1927, in Hot Springs to Richard Taylor and Ludie Evans. Vera spent her childhood in her birthplace and graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1946. Vera was the eldest child of Richard and enjoyed her youth with her sister and four brothers.

Vera met Albert Burk soon after graduation and they were married on Dec. 20, 1947. Vera and Al relocated to Olney where they had three children together, Steve, Stan and Patsy. Vera spent her career working at the Colonial Manor, caring compassionately for the elderly that lived there. She retired in the mid-'90's.

Vera moved into the Whitefish Manor Apartments in 2001 where she made many great friends and created a whole other family. The time she spent there was probably her favorite time in life. She enjoyed playing games and attending gatherings. She was a member of the Ladies of



the Moose and enjoyed participating in all the activities.

Vera was preceded in death by her father and mother, her husband Al Burk and her two sons Steve Burk and Stan Burk, as well as brothers Robert Taylor, Walter Taylor, Richard Taylor, Bill Taylor and sister Mary Crouch.

Vera is survived by her daughter Patsy (Ron) Anderson, grandkids Andy Anderson, Lena (Ben) Havron, Ryan (Jenny) Burk and Eric (Laci) Burk. She is also survived by her son's widow Roxanne Burk and close friend and sister-in-law Norma Burk. Vera is also survived by five great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Friday the 20th of August at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Vera's family.

Kathryn Bump, 78

Kathryn Bump, 78, died on Jan. 29, 2021, in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her children Fran Ivers, Rhonda Miller, Brenda Ownes and Malcolm Ivers.

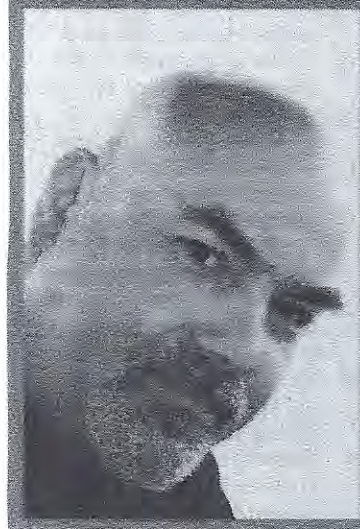
A rosary will be recited at St. Richard Catholic Church at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Remembering Dr. Patrick J. Burns

July 31, 1953 - November 4, 2019

Please join us in honoring his life as a Doctor
and avid adventurer.



Sunday, September 19th 2021
@ 1pm
North Forty Resort
Snowberry Center
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Columbia Falls, MT 59912
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William 'Bill' Burns, 75

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William "Bill" Burns, a resident of Whitefish, formerly of Haverhill, Massachusetts, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, in Kalispell, at the age of 75 years.

Bill was born and raised in Somerville, Massachusetts, and moved to Haverhill where he remained for the majority of his adult life. He moved to Whitefish in 2012 and started his painting business, Whitefish Painting Solutions. His bucket truck was a familiar sight around the valley.

Bill suffered a traumatic brain injury in October 2017 and gave



a valiant effort to live a full life.

He will be sadly missed by his longtime friend,

Andrea Bryant, and new friends that he made in the community during his short stay here.

An open house, in Bill's honor, will be held at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Ave., W., Columbia Falls on Friday, Sept. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Bill's family.

Stephen Wade Burroughs, 64

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Stephen Wade Burroughs, 64, of Columbia Falls, passed away on March 30, 2021, at his home.

Stephen was born on Feb. 14, 1957, in Stevensville, Texas.

He is survived by his parents Wade and

Sondra Burroughs and Loretta Carter, sisters Teri Rosecrans and Teresa Short, and brother John Gibson.

Services are currently pending at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gregory Scott Burow, 45

Gregory Scott Burow, 45, died on February 10, 2021, at his home in Kalispell.

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

Clarice F. Bush, 92

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Clarice lived to be 92 years old. Born March 20, 1929, Clarice passed away May 30, 2021.

She was a beloved wife for 74 years to retired Col. William H. Bush, who passed away earlier this year. The pain and loss of her husband caused a rapid decline for Clarice. Julia Bush Swanson is her daughter and she will be continuing the family cherry business, along with Clarice's grandson Jeffrey Bush. Dan Bush, her son, passed away a few years ago due to severe COPD.



Clarice was cared for amazingly by her granddaughter, Monica Bush.

She was surrounded with love and will be dearly missed. Clarice was a fixture in the Flathead Valley for more than 60 years and many people knew her as the cherry lady, she even once had a visit from Sir Paul McCartney at her cherry stand in Lakeside.

Clarice was a driven, talented, intelligent woman. She was always there to help someone in need and she met hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world in her time selling the famous Flathead cherries. She sold cherries to children in the early '60s who are now grandparents themselves and are now bringing their grandchildren to buy these amazing cherries that Clarice, Bill, Dan, Julia, Jeff, Monica and many others, spanning generations, put blood,

sweat and tears into. Clarice was the creator of the cherry business and hopefully we can honor her memory, along with Bill's and Dan's and have one of the best cherry seasons that Jubilee Orchards has ever seen. You will be dearly missed, rest in peace.

Clarice's funeral will be held at noon on June 25 in Missoula at the Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 W. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59808. It is open to anyone that would like to come.

Carol Lietz Buzzell, 82

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Carol Lietz Buzzell was born in Scoby, Montana, on Sept 5, 1938, to Otto and Florence Lietz, one of eight children, including brothers Donald, David and Glenn Lietz, and sisters Connie Micken, Avis Endreson, Eileene Lyons and Virginia Strowbridge.

Carol Buzzell passed away on July 23, 2021, with her children by her side in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Keith Buzzell, son Danny Buzzell, grandson Caleb Buzzell, great-grandson Wyatt Bothun, and mother Florence Lietz, father Otto Lietz, brothers David and Glenn Lietz, and sister Connie Micken.

She is survived by son Rick Buzzell of Kalispell (wife Linda), daughter Dawn Martin of Rathdrum, Idaho,

(husband Gary), daughter Lynette Skinner of Tacoma, Washington (husband Todd), and daughter-in-law Leanne Buzzell of Columbia Falls; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Carol will be remembered for her kind, loving, giving spirit and tenacious belief and personal relationship with the Lord. If Carol were writing her own obituary she might add ... Go Trump!

Services will be held at Canvas Church in Kalispell on Aug. 7 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the church. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family

Richard Allan Buzzard, 62

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Richard Allan Buzzard went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 in Columbia Falls, at the age of 62.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Jan Buzzard.

He is survived by his mother, Delores Buzzard; his brother, Dennis Buzzard; his children, Chrystal Buzzard, Casey Buzzard, Shasta Buzzard and Richard "R.J." Buzzard; and his grandchildren, Christian Buzzard and Ava Buzzard.

Richard was born Aug. 8, 1959, in the town of Marion, Indiana. He grew up loving baseball, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, camping, riding dirt bikes, bonfires and road trips.

Richard graduated from Flathead High School.

He worked as a telephone contractor until he got hired on with the



telephone company in Chiloquin, Oregon. In 1989 he was transferred back

home to the Flathead Valley where he continued to work 20+ years. He was baptized in 1990 at Riverside Alliance.

There will be a graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell on Saturday, Sept. 11, at noon, with a gathering to follow at his close friend Ken Wiles' home at 680 Martini Lane in Columbia Falls. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Harvey 'Punk' Button, 72

Harvey "Punk" Button, 72, of Kalispell, died on Oct. 6, 2021, at Heritage Place.

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

Cheri Truman Butts, 65

Cheri Truman Butts of Eureka passed away on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, at Logan Health.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1956, to Frank and Nellie Triplett Truman. She was the last born of six children.

Cheri had the kindest heart and bravest spirit of anyone. She spent over 30 years in the Mountain View Manor after she was diagnosed with MS and surgery for a brain tumor. Her disabilities didn't dampen her spirit. She always had stories to tell and jokes to share. When she was well she loved spending time with her husband David and son Davy fishing and camping. She was a great little homemaker, raising a huge garden and canning everything that could be canned.

Probably the thing most people remember about Cheri is her horses. She raised her faithful buddy Star from the time she was 10 years

old. After that you could find her on some race track somewhere, where she helped her uncles with their race horses. She finally got her own race horses and trained them herself.

Cheri is survived by her husband David and son Davy Butts of Rexford, and granddaughter MacKenzie Nelson. She is also survived by her sister Barbara Cook of Eureka, brother Bud Truman of Deer Lodge, and sister Charlotte "Sharkie" Truman Kraus (Tom) of Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her father Frank Truman, mother Nellie Darling, dad Don Darling, and sisters Shirley Kauffman and Delores Truman.

She is also survived by her family and caregivers at Mountain View Manor.

Her brother-in-law, Dennis Butts, passed the same day that Cheri did.

A service will be held in the summer.

Ronald Byram, 88

Ronald Byram, 88, of Bigfork, died Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

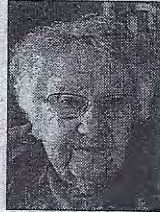
He is survived by his children, Pam Capagli and Don Byram.

No services are being planned.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Frances I. Byrne, 91

PAS 12 May 2021



Frances "Frankie" Byrne passed away on May 9, 2021, at her home near Kalispell. Even though a failing heart took her from this world, her loving heart touched all who knew her.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1930, in Havre to James and Della (Manary) Doyle. She lived in Dodson, Montana, until age 5 when her family moved to a farm near Whitefish. Frankie attended schools in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1948. After high school, she worked at the bowling alley where she met Dick Byrne, the man who would win her heart. They were married on May 6, 1951, and lived together with their four children in their home at Lake Blaine until Dick's death in 1971.

Frankie spent most of her life as a homemaker, but also worked as a cook at the Lake Blaine

Resort, served hot lunches for Helena Flats School and Cayuse Prairie School, was a housekeeper at hotels in Kalispell, and sewed dog collars for Aspen Manufacturing. She served on the school board for Cayuse Prairie for several years and was a member of the Century Club, a local civic organization.

Frankie enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, sewing, reading, crocheting, oil painting, playing pinochle and crossword puzzles. She loved watching the hummingbirds that came to drink from the feeder she hung outside her window every summer. She planted a vegetable garden every year and her flowerbeds were always filled with a variety of beautiful

blooms. She was an excellent cook and her delicious holiday meals were topped off with the most amazing apple and pumpkin pies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Della; husband, Dick; son, Gary; brothers, David, James and William Doyle; sisters, Stella Holyck, Theresa Gano, Betty Ahrens, Mary Mecchi and Agnes Palmer; and great-granddaughter, Alia Byrne-Amaya.

She is survived by her children, Douglas Byrne (Liz) of Kalispell, Sandy Ramstead (John) of Great Falls, and Kathy Bolt (Ed) of Columbia Falls; her brother, Leonard Doyle, of Whitefish; and sister, Patsy Chamberlain, of Great Falls; grandchildren, Ryan Byrne (Jamy), Chris Ramstead (Nicole), Courtney Ramstead, Rachel Tozer (Chris), Rose Doepker (Tim), and

Jacob Byrne (Mahala); great-grandchildren, Samuel Byrne-Amaya, Gabriel Byrne-Amaya, Jordyn Ramstead, Henry Ramstead, Jenson Tozer and Sullivan Doepker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a devoted mother who sacrificed so much for her children. Her passing leaves a hole in all our hearts. We love you, Mom. Please watch over us until we are together again.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 14, at 1 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Kalispell. A celebration of life will take place this summer at a time to be determined later.

The family would like to thank everyone at Home Options Hospice for their compassionate care.

William 'Bill' Byrne

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William "Bill" Byrne passed away peacefully on Aug. 13, 2021, in Bozeman, with his family by his side.

Bill was born on Dec. 20, 1926, to James and Margaret (Douhan) Byrne. He was raised on the family farm in Creston with his two sisters Francis "Mickey" and Margaret "Dottie" and cousin John Brady. Growing up and working on the family farm, Bill attended Cayuse Prairie Grade School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1944. He was active in FFA serving in various elected positions including Chapter President. Following high school, Bill served an unprecedented two years as Montana State FFA President. In the early years after high school, Bill had two interests besides farming and FFA — elk hunting and flying. The former remained a lifelong passion.



local FFA chapter receiving multiple state and national awards. Bill never

forgot

Alaska. In 1989, Bill and Dorothy traveled to Alaska for an extended visit. They also traveled to Eastern Montana and the Dakotas to see the Badlands and myriad antique tractor museums. Bill was proud of his Irish-Catholic heritage and was active in St. Anthony's Parish in Missoula. In May 1993, he finally made the pilgrimage to Ireland with Dottie and their cousins where they traced family roots and toured the "Emerald Isle." During the last decades of his life, William enjoyed caring for his lawn and shoveling the snow for the neighbors on his block. To the end, he was a dedicated Lady Griz basketball fan.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, wife Dorothy of 42 years, and six siblings.

He is survived by his sons Edward and Charles, daughter Marianne (Colton) Schumacher, and five grandchildren.

Bill found love and married Dorothy F. Passler in 1961. They spent a year on the farm before departing on the adventure of their lives by moving to Anchorage, Alaska. In Anchorage, Bill worked for the city as a heavy equipment operator. Their weekends and vacations were spent hiking, camping, fishing for salmon, hunting moose, digging clams, and spending time at their cabins on Big Lake. Everything changed in 1964. First, the 9.2 Earthquake on March 27, and then starting a family in November with the adoption of their first child, Ed. Two years later, in 1966, they welcomed the arrival of their second son, Charles. By 1969, Bill moved the family back to Montana and settled in Missoula where they were blessed with a daughter, Marianne, in 1970. Bill worked the next 18 years as a large equipment operator for the Montana Department of Transportation. His job was to work on the highway striping crew during warmer weather and to plow snow and put down sand in the winter months. He retired in 1989. He was active with the Teamsters Union and remained active

Funeral services will be held at noon on Sept. 16 at Saint Anthony's Parish in Missoula.

Burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls on Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. A wake will follow at the family farm at 628 Lake Blaine Road.

Condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.