

OBITUARIES

Adrienne Hattel

A graveside service for Adrienne Hattel, 86, who died Dec. 11, 2019, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will immediately follow.

Ronald R. Hatten, 80

Ronald R. Hatten, 80, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia, and his two sons Allen Hatten and Ronald Hatten.

No services are being planned.

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

Barry Hatton, 74

Barry Hatton, 74, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, in Ajo, Arizona.

He is survived by his partner, Judi Hawley, of Ajo; and his son, Cody R. Hatton, of Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Albert T. Hawkins, 81

Albert T. Hawkins, 81, of Columbia Falls, died at his home on March 31, 2021, with family at his side. Arrangements have been made.

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

Jennifer L. Hayden, 48

Jennifer L. Hayden, 48, died Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at her residence in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka.

Sterling Lynn Hayes, 58

Sterling Lynn Hayes, 58, died April 23, 2021, at The HealthCenter.

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

Curtis Richard Hays, 66

Curtis Richard Hays, 66, of Bigfork, died April 3, 2021, at his home. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Winnefred Joyce Haug, 92

Winnefred Joyce Haug, 92, formerly of Hawley, Minnesota, passed away April 12, 2021, at Eventide on Eighth in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Joyce was born Jan. 20, 1929, in Kittson County, Minnesota, the youngest of five children born to William and Judith Williamson.

Joyce was active in 4-H during her youth and developed a fondness for sewing that would continue throughout her life.

She attended country schools through the eighth grade, and graduated from Lancaster High School in 1948 as salutatorian of her class. That fall she enrolled at Aaker's Business College in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and after completing her coursework took a job at the Grand Forks City Water Department. She later worked at the Office of Price Stabilization in Fargo.

In 1951 she met Gustav Haug during an evening with friends at Clyde's Barn Dance near Moorhead. A courtship ensued, and Gustav and Joyce were married June 6, 1953.

They farmed south of Hawley on the Andrias Heiberg homestead, first in partnership with Gustav's parents. They bought the farm in 1963 and continued dairy and grain farming until their retirement. In 1972 the Haug family received the Dairy Farm Family Award for Clay County.

Joyce was instrumental in reorganizing the Skree 4-H Club in 1965, and all four of the Haug



children — Arlen, Lynnette, Rodney and Wayne — were active in 4-H. Joyce served as

a project leader for many years.

She served as the treasurer of Skree Township for 49 years. Joyce also was very active with Gran Lutheran Church, where she served on the church council, was on the board of the women's auxiliary groups many times, and taught Sunday School and Bible School. In the late 1990s she was a board member of the Clay County Historical Society.

Joyce poured her heart and soul into raising her family, and made sure they had every opportunity to be involved in school and church activities, whether it was band, 4-H, FFA, class plays, declamation and other extracurriculars.

Sewing was a constant in her life. She made clothes for herself and her children, and later in life became a skilled quilter. Through the years she worked alongside her church circle members to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Once the kids were raised, she began weaving rugs on an antique loom she purchased, and she loved to exhibit all kinds of crafts and baked goods at the Clay County Fair, where she gathered many champion ribbons through the years.

The frugality she developed as a child during the

Great Depression would follow Joyce her entire life. She was a recycler and an upcycler decades before repurposing items became trendy. That's why quilting and rug making were so appealing: she could use all the scraps!

Joyce will be remembered as a hard worker, and a kind and caring wife and mother who always went the distance to provide for her family and serve her community and God.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Gustav, sisters Evelyn and May, and brother Jerald.

She is survived by a sister, Doris (Sigurd) Severinson, of Ulen, Minnesota; three sons, Arlen, of Hamden, Connecticut; Rodney (Sharon), of rural Hawley; and Wayne (Becky) of Moorhead; daughter Lynnette (Tim) Hintze of Whitefish; six grandchildren, Daniel, Christopher and Evan Haug, Stephanie Simon, Heather Hintze and Deanna Mackin, one great-granddaughter, Marlena Mackin, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 18, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Wright Funeral Home in Hawley. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 19, at 11 a.m. at Gran Lutheran Church, south of Hawley. Burial will follow at Gran Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent in Joyce's memory to Gran Lutheran Church, 10501 MN-32 S. Hawley, MN 56549.

Glen R. Hay, 94

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Glen R. Hay, 94, passed away at St. Luke's Care Center in Crosby, North Dakota, on May 15, 2021.

Glen was born Nov. 26, 1926, in Frazier Township, Divide County, North Dakota, as the third son of Sophia (Drygas) and Duncan Hay. He attended the Frazier Township School through eighth grade, then farmed with his father after his brothers joined the service during World War II. Glen learned to fly airplanes as a teenager and started an aerial crop spraying business in the 1960s that was later taken over by both his son and grandson.

Glen married Helen Thiel in 1951, and they made their home on his family farm where they raised their four children, Pat, Donna, Bob and Ardis. He passed the fiery temper of his youth to Bob and Donna, and his love for horses on to Ardis. Glen was also known to fly Pat to school, or neighboring women to town during winter months if they were in labor or needed groceries when roads were impassable.

Glen was so proud for his only son Bob, to become a third generation farmer on the homestead, and was able to begin a new chapter of his life as "Gramps" when his oldest grandchild was born. In his semi-retirement, he continued to give Grammy a hard time, and regularly flew back and forth from Kalispell to help on the farm. Gramps and Grammy also often traveled to Phoenix during the winter to see Pat's family and spend more time doing the things they loved.



of gentling horses with his quiet demeanor and steady presence. His family believes that Gramps could smell donuts from a mile away, and somehow always managed to find himself in Grammy or Carol's kitchens should donuts be in the works. Gramps was a stoic and private man who his family knew they could count on, which is just a small part of his legacy that will live on through his children and their families who greatly miss his sly smirk and the twinkle in his eye.

Glen is survived by his children, Pat (Jim) Walcker, Bob (Carol) Hay, Donna (Chuck) Pummill, and Ardis (Mike) Stewart; grandchildren, Gena (Lonnie) Stevens, John (Kimberly) Walcker, Allison Walcker, Adam (Janna) Pummill, Jamie (Brent) Overland, and Whitney (Mike) Montonye; bonus grandsons, Cliff Lynn and Lonnie Stevens; and great-grandchildren, Parker and Peyton Stevens, Jordan Kostek, Megan and Emma Hay, Reagan Walcker, Jaron Pummill, Sandee Sepulveda, Layken Lunde, Sophie, Addie and Clay Overland, Spencer Lynn, and Nash and Evan Montonye.

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Gramps also loved horses from the time he was young and had a way

While he was never one for long-winded or emotional sentiments, Gramps showed his family that he loved them with his time. His kids, grandkids, and even his older great-grandchildren will forever hold special memories of fishing with Gramps ... particularly memories of refusing to give up on cold days even when the fish would not bite, or when the boat's battery died on Flathead Lake and Gramps had to provide reassurance that they would not have to turn to cannibalism for

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, siblings (Markham Hay, Duncan Hay, and Gail Molsberry), wife (Helen), grandchildren Nikki (Pummill) Lynn, Clinton Hay, and AdriAnn Walcker, and great-granddaughter (Bella Lynn).

Funerals services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Vera Jean 'Connie' Heckathorn, 93

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After a long journey with dementia, Vera Jean "Connie" Heckathorn, 93, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2021, at The Springs Footsteps Memory Care in Whitefish. Her much loved daughter, Marti, was by her side.

Connie was born Jan. 6, 1928, in North Dakota to Leonard and Ellen (Sauer) Hensrud. At 16, she graduated from Nashua High School in eastern Montana and spent the summer working in Seattle on the rivet machine for Boeing during World War II, after which she attended the University of Montana Alexander Blewett III School of Law. Connie received her Bachelor of Arts and law degree here and was one of only four women to graduate from this astute school. During this time she also met Jake, her beloved husband of nearly 68 years, simply because their classroom seating arrangement was in alphabetical order.

After graduating from law school, Connie practiced law in Helena where she was the first assistant attorney general of the state. She later specialized in probate practice before taking a position with the GN District Accounting office. In 1951, she and Jake married before moving to Whitefish in 1954.



but her passion revolved around education and the library. She was a member

of Chapter D, PEO Sisterhood and a past state president of Montana PEO.

An avid reader, Connie channeled much of her energy into the Whitefish Library creating a volunteer program by which all the Flathead libraries have since modeled their programs after. She faithfully volunteered her own time for over four decades, served 10 years on the board, was a member of the endowment fund committee and co-chaired the Whitefish Community Center Project for a new public library and the O'Shaughnessy Center. These two buildings were built solely via donation.

A Past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star Vista Chapter no. 44, Connie served on the board of Rainbow Girls, and was actively involved while her daughter Marti was a member of the organization.

Connie was named the First Lady of Whitefish for 1981. Nominated by the Glacier Orchestra and Chorale where she spent many hours volunteering, Connie was also honored as the valleywide Volunteer of the Year by the United Way.

Whitefish Swim Team parents, and was instrumental in the revitalization of the Whitefish Central School auditorium.

Lest you think all she did was volunteer, you'd almost be right, and what a blessing her service was to the entire community. Beyond volunteerism, Connie enjoyed spending time with her husband, daughter, granddaughters, great-grandchildren, and friends ... not always in that order. She loved to walk, read, eat chocolate, travel, solve crossword puzzles, and care for her granddaughters. She will be most fondly remembered as a woman who was generous in her time, efforts and work ethic. Her daughter, Marti, will forever miss their morning phone conversations about anything and everything, especially their familiar but endearing banter when Connie would call her a smartass and Marti would respond, "It's better to be a smartass than a dumbass!"

Connie is survived by her daughter, Marti Bezdicek, of Spokane; grandchildren, Annie (Joe) Magnan of Williston, North Dakota, and Jamie Bezdicek of Spokane; great-grandchildren, Addisyn, Emmit, Allayna and Eli of Spokane, and Ava, Gage, and Ember of Williston.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband, Jake, and son, Jim.

A special thank you to the Footsteps Memory Care, Ladies! The compassion, care and love that you showed my mom during her stay was amazing. Thank you Dr. Laura Hunter for your care over the years and Frontier Hospice for your compassion during her last days.

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Vera Jean (Connie) Heckathorn (Coit)

In 1964, Connie retired to raise a family. She not only enjoyed reading, hiking and traveling, but relished the time spent with her two children, Jimmy and Marti, strongly supporting them in their school and extracurricular activities. During this time, Connie served three terms on the Whitefish School board and was instrumental in helping create a new curriculum policy. As the children's independence grew, she re-entered the work force as a contract manager and house counsel at Crestwood Properties.

Connie started her six decades of volunteer service in the Flathead Valley back in 1954. Her service spanned various areas of community life,

In the spring of 1960, Connie put her law hat back on and served as the substitute city judge, an experience she enjoyed very much. Never one to shy away from a challenge, she helped cofound the Whitefish Community Foundation where she was also a board member. Her devotion to civic activities was endless and included: president of the Toastmistress Club, charter member of the Whitefish Jaycees, chairwoman of the first winter carnival ball, Girl Scout leader, AFS chairwoman, member of the Whitefish Hospital Guild, board of director of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, officer of the

At this time no services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North Valley Hospital, Whitefish Community Library, Whitefish Community Foundation, Shepherd's Hand, or a charity of your choosing.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Toni Heckel, 96

Toni Heckel, 96, of Kalispell passed away on Jan. 1, 2021, in Kalispell.

Toni was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 8, 1924. She moved to Denver with her parents as a youngster and attended public schools there. She studied art and music at Denver University.

In 1972 Toni moved to the Flathead Valley with her husband Bob and

children. Devoted to her husband, the love of her life, she enjoyed many adventures with him and shared his love of the outdoors and nature. A well-known artist in Kalispell, Toni was honored by Gov. Stan Stevens in 1991 when her artwork was displayed at the Governor's Mansion in Helena. Accompanied by her faithful friend Marge, Toni's dream of touring

Paris and other cities in Europe was fulfilled.

She enjoyed music, playing the piano, baking scrumptious pies, and spending time with friends and family. Toni participated in activities as a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

Toni's husband was her caregiver for many years while she was impaired due to

Alzheimer's.

Toni was preceded in death by her son, Michael.

Toni is survived by her husband Robert Heckel, children Pamela, Stephanie, Robert Jr., grandchild Destiny, and two great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held for immediate family.

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Scott Hedges, 73

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Born Charles Scott Hedges on July 8, 1947, to Charles and Lois Hedges in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Scott died June 13, 2021, at his home in Bigfork.

Scott graduated from Hometown High School in 1965, soon follow by a marriage with Diane Hess. The couple were blessed with their son, Brian Hedges.

Following another marriage, the new family moved to Montana in the early '80s. Scott later met Kathe Griswold on a blind date in 1997. They were wed on Dec. 7, 2001.

Anyone who knew Scott knew he was a storyteller. Scott had wonderful stories about his wonderful life. Scott was also a prankster and would do anything to get a laugh out of you. Scott was a kind, selfless, heartfelt man, who would



give you the wood from his house and the shirt from his back to help out.

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Scott was a jack-of-all-trades, ending his working day at Montana CAD until his retirement.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Lois, and his granddaughter, Racheal Hedges.

Scott is survived by his wife Kathe, sisters Jill (Steve) and Jayne, brother Skip of Indiana, son Brian Hedges (Heather), daughters Angela

Griswold and Amanda Buckley; granddaughters Abby Hedges (Keegan), Gabrielle Griswold, Savannah and Olivia Hedges, and Autumn Buckley; great-granddaughter Bella, and great-grandson Hendrix, and friends Richard and Sandi Kolden.

There will be a burial at 1 p.m. Sept. 11 at Swan River Cemetery on Swan River Road in Bigfork.

A celebration of life will follow at Dwight and Ann Lamn's home and business Montana CAD, 6955 Montana Highway 35, Bigfork, MT 59911. Please bring your own chair.

Instead of flowers, Scott would love for you to tell someone how much you care. Smile up at the mountains and remember the good times.

Patrick Edward Wakefield Heffernan, 64

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Patrick Edward Wakefield Heffernan, born Nov. 11, 1957, died Dec. 7, 2021.

With broken hearts we are devastated to announce the loss of a devoted husband of 40 years to Carol; a loving and unwaveringly dependable father to Heather and Holly; best friend to brother Will; brother to Jeannie; father-in-law to Danny, the son he always wanted; and the best fishing buddy to grandsons Miles and Brooks.

Patrick was a steward of the forest and friend that left an imprint on



everyone he met. We, as a family, thank you for your kind words, amazing

stories, and shoulders to lean on. We will celebrate this incredible man's life in August. If you are so inclined, donations in his honor can be sent to Log Jam or Family Forestry Expo.

The family plans to publish a full obituary at a later date.

Donna Lee Heffner, 71

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Donna Lee Heffner, of Dayton, Montana, was born on May 5, 1950, in Havre to Clifton Lee and Donna Beverly Matthews and died on Nov. 8, 2021, in Kalispell. Most of her growing up years were spent in Flathead County, graduating from Columbia Falls High in 1968.

She married Gerald Jerome Heffner on May 6, 1968, in Libby. From this union were born two sons, JSon and DJ.

As a member of the Fort Belknap Indian Tribe, she was interested in all of the arts of the Native Americans. She enjoyed growing fruit and collected everything.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and son



DJ, also sisters Linda Lee Matthews and Vicki Brown.

She is survived by

her son, JSon (Bonnie) Heffner of Idaho, grandchildren Cody and Kiera Heffner and Danielle and Kiley Heffner, and three great-grandchildren, her brother, William Matthews of Coram, sisters Juanita (Steve) Niswonger of Coram and Elizabeth (Larry) Anderson of Warland Creek, Montana.

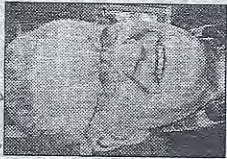
After a short illness she became another statistic in the genocide of 2021.

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William Hegg, 85

Montana's Famous Napkin and Western Artist, William F. Hegg, 85, passed April 21, 2021, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula after duking it out with multiple health challenges.

Bill was strong, determined, stubborn, protective of his family and afraid of nothing. His handshake and word meant something and left no doubt where he stood. He was born on a kitchen table at home in Kalispell to Herbert and Evelyn Hegg, lived a life of ranching, farming, building, mechanics, drafting and design, iron working, management and entrepreneurial aspirations, served in the Navy, loved outdoors, animals and dancing with Angie. He adored his horse Nugget who carried him many miles through the hills discovering old broken-down cabins and homesteads.

Black coffee in hand daily, he enjoyed sketching and carving, sharing his stories through his art from coast to coast on napkins still hanging in restaurants, hospitals, clinics, banks, stores and framed in people's homes. Even President George Bush Sr. has a carving of his. He will



linger in all of us as we carry on his legacy of expression whether gruff, passionate, kind or determined. He was soft inside.

Truly, art from the heart will be honored and live on in Bill's upcoming art shows/displays.

He is survived by his wife, Angie Hegg (married 60 years); daughters, Laura Williams (Tim), Kelly Crosby (Aaron) and Gina Hegg; sisters, Marilyn and Betty; grandchildren, (Selena, Alecia, Robbyn and Bryan); cousins, and very special friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bill's art fund, payable and mailed to William Hegg, 330 University Ave., Missoula, MT 59801.

A memorial celebration will be held June 19 at 1427 Three Mile Drive from 4 to 9 p.m.

For more information RSVP to 406-880-8289 or ginahegg@gmail.com. Lawn chairs and stories are welcome!

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29 Aug 2021
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Mary Kathryn 'Kathi' Gorton Heggen, 77

Kathi "Kate" Heggen, 77, of Marion, passed away on Jan. 18, 2021, in Kalispell with her life-long companion and husband of 56 years, Jerry, by her side.

She was born to Mary and Jim Gorton in Seattle on Sept. 12, 1943. Her family moved back to their family farm in Creston where she was raised with her sister and brothers. Kathi graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961.

After a short time working in Seattle after graduation, Kathi returned to Kalispell and was soon spotted driving her convertible by a shy local guy. After talking to her a few times, Kathi asked him when he was finally going to ask her on a date. Kathi and Jerry were married a year later at the ripe old ages of 20 and 19 and Jerry would often say that she had robbed



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the cradle. They loved, laughed and bickered together for the rest of Kathi's life and were best friends until the day she died.

Kathi had many interests throughout her life, including camping, huckleberry picking, horse-back riding, flower gardening and taking care of her many pets including cats, dogs, fish and birds. She was a very talented artist and very diverse. She used her gifts doing oil and watercolor paintings, ceramics, scrapbooking, stained glass, quilting and jewelry design. Any time she picked up a new hobby she attacked it with vigor and her latest passion leaves Jerry with thousands of jewelry parts and pieces that he is excited to sort through in the coming months.

Kathi's greatest passion, though, was raising and taking care of her two boys, Jed and Jim. It is impossible to describe the ferocity of her love with which she supported them. Though Kathi had not had the opportunity to attend college, she put education first from the moment the boys could understand what that meant. When they started wrestling, she was the number one fan and made sure that they had all the opportunities to compete throughout the nation. She was always there for them. She held great pride that both of her boys were recruited to wrestle and both graduated from Yale University.

Unfortunately, Kathi was stricken with MS throughout a good portion of her life. When diagnosed she was so stubborn she didn't even tell Jerry for the first several years because she didn't

want to burden him. It finally robbed her of her mobility but it never once took away her smile or attitude. She was not only the most loving person, she was the toughest and strongest as well.

Kathi leaves behind her husband Jerry, son Jared "Jed" and his wife Jennifer, son James "Jim," grandchildren Taylor, Slade, Lauren, Madeline and Quinn, as well as brothers, Bill and Tom.

She was predeceased by her parents, her brother Don, and sister Terry.

A celebration of Kathi's life will be planned when the weather warms up and friends and family can attend without wearing a mask. It will be a happy affair where everyone can laugh, share stories and talk about how much they miss her.

Naomi Kathryn Hegger, 58

Naomi Kathryn Hegger passed away peacefully in her home on July 22, 2021, in Somers, at the age of 58. Her heart stopped, but the love, kindness, devotion and joy she gave to others now lives on in their hearts. The glow from her spirit will be felt in her home and with her family and friends forever. She is a candle that cannot be blown out.

Naomi is survived by her husband Richard, children Roy and Grace, her mother Mary, and brother and sister Tim and Becky. She also has gained loving sisters and brothers from Richard in Sue, Jerrie, Cindy, Corey, Robert, Joe and Dennis as well as her "sister of the heart" Missy. Numerous nieces and nephews treasure her memory.

Naomi was born on Sept. 1, 1962, in Utah to Michael and Mary O'Brien. She met Richard in 2001 and they were married in 2004 in Santorini, Greece. Naomi fulfilled her longtime dream and became a flight attendant for Horizon Air. Bringing the same devotion she gave to her family to the skies, she excelled and gained continual recognition for her shining personality and caring touch. She was instantly recognizable in the skies and airports throughout the



U.S. and Canada. But her special passion was traveling with her family. Like a warm cup

of tea, with only the best crème, their adventures together were mixed in a loving brew. Her children remember her as both a loving and driven mom who supported their dreams and loved them dearly.

Naomi was accomplished at many things but loved her gardening. She often spent her time outside her home planting beautiful foliage and providing a sanctuary to the local native wildlife. Her love for animals led her to the jungles of South America and the African bush, where she held ocelots, monkeys, snakes, insects, rode horses and elephants and created broad smiles on the faces of all that she met.

A funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Aug. 10 at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Naomi's life. Naomi spread her care and love by volunteering at CASA for Kids in Flathead. Accordingly, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to CASA for Kids, P.O. Box 11195, Kalispell,

MT1759904 (or online at flatheadcasa.org/donate). The family would like to thank the nurses and other staff at Home

Options for their dedication and care of Naomi in her and her family's time of need.

Jack Heil, 82

PA 7 \$ Sept 2021

Jack L. Heil of Columbia Falls passed away peacefully in Montana due to natural causes on Aug. 31, 2021, at the age of 82.

Jack was predeceased by his father, Paul Heil, his mother Fern Burnside Heil, his brother Max Heil, sister-in-law Shirley Hummel Heil, brother-in-law Don Rothrock and a daughter-in-law.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Emily, who was by his side through thick and thin. They were together for 28 years, with 14 years as husband and wife. They were married on July 27, 2008, in Kalispell, which was the 14 year anniversary of their first date.

Jack is also survived by his siblings Myra Rothrock of Richland, Mavis and Del McNamara of Eureka, and Paul and Doris Heil of Columbia Falls, his children, Joe Heil and Jackie Gillan of Upper Batavia, Jack and Ronda Heil of Columbia Falls, Jeff and Junie Heil of Yakima, Washington, Jay Heil of Clinton, Angie Bessette of Missoula, and Chuck and Lisa Heil of Kalispell, and his stepchildren, Bud and Cindy Hartley of Kalispell, Lynda Greenland of Kalispell, Melva and Mark Herbold of Kalispell, Alvirda Skramstad of Whitefish, Calvin O'Donnell of Spokane, and Leslie and Amy O'Donnell of Kalispell, as well as numerous cousins, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jack Heil, also affectionately known as Ernie Morton Kuzenbaucher III by those who knew him well, was born on Sept. 6, 1938, in Walkerton, Indiana. He moved with his family to Kalispell when he was 10 years old. He joined the Marine Corps at 17 years old and served our coun-



try for two years. For close to 40 years, Jack was an employee of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company. He started on the pot lines but was later

promoted to iron worker. Jack became one of the best welders in the Flathead Valley and never hesitated to lend his skills to friends and family.

One of Jack's proudest affiliations was being a member of the North Valley Eagles, especially being a Bald Eagle for many years, raising money for various charities benefiting children. His fluffy white beard made him the perfect choice to play Santa for several of their holiday parties.

Some of Jack's favorite hobbies were hunting, including bow hunting, fishing, trap shooting and bowling. He even won the Flathead Mack Attack back in the 90s, with his son Joe as part of his team, and he was known for making the greatest smoked fish, which many considered better than candy. He loved living up the North Fork on his forested land where he could work in his shop and host family and friends on his shooting range.

Everybody who knew Jack thought of him as one of the sweetest people they ever met. He was famous for his storytelling and jokes, and was a friend to everybody he met. Jack will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

Jack's celebration of life will be held at the North Valley Eagles at 1640 9th St W. in Columbia Falls on Sept. 12 from noon to 3 p.m.

Mildred 'Millie' Marie Hellman Heister

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Millie Heister flew home to Jesus on Jan. 21, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Healthcare after sustaining a fall that caused a brain injury. God answered her prayer to pass peacefully in her sleep, pain free and on 1-21-21.

Millie Heister came into the world on Sept. 9, 1923, to James "Jim" Hellman and Mary Lorenze Hellman. She was born in Columbia Falls.

Raised in the Flathead Valley, she attended St. Matthew's Catholic School through her sophomore year and then graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended business school in secretarial sciences.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, receiving her First Communion and Confirmation. She was a devoted Catholic all of her life, belonging to both St. Matthew's Catholic Church and Risen Christ Parish.

Millie lived a colorful life filled with adventures and travels with her sister Hellie. Her fondest memories are of her trips to Hawaii and playing bingo all over the Northwest. She lived in Washington, Idaho and Montana and was proud of being a Montana born native. Throughout her life she worked as an executive secretary wherever she lived. She retired from Flathead County Library in Kalispell where she served in that role for several decades. She loved being organized and was proud of the fact that she knew where



everything was in her home right up to the time she passed away. Millie was an avid reader, finishing five to seven books per week. She loved literature, words and numbers, which

brought her to enjoy Scrabble and bingo. In her 70s and 80s she danced in her home daily and worked hard at being physically fit. At age 97 she was still reading, and watching game shows daily. She connected with many friends on a daily basis by phone and encouraged others who were ill or lonely. She loved music, dancing, butterflies, all things that sparkled and her family and friends. Millie loved life and lived it with passion, grace, and gratitude for all things. She was proud of her Czechoslovakian heritage and considered herself of Gypsy decent.

Millie collected friends and admirers with her outgoing personality. She brought joy and sparkle to other peoples lives with her brightly colored attire. She brought a smile to just about everyone's face as she went about her life. She loved the Lord her God with all her heart and prayed to him daily, talking to him as he was her very best friend.

Millie is survived by

her son Lonnie and his wife Cindy of Greenacres, Washington; her daughter Sydney Johnsen and her husband Scott of Kuna, Idaho; her son Patrick Montgomery of Sheridan, Wyoming; her sister Helen "Hellie" Benson and her husband Larry of Boise, Idaho; her brother Philip Hellman and his wife Juliana of Kalispell; her "sister" cousin Betsy Clague of Masa, Arizona; and her beloved dog Sir Bailey Frederick.

She loved all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her many nieces and nephews. Her niece and kindred spirit, Lorraine "Raine" Hellman-Robertson, played a special part in Millie's life, taking her shopping and spending many special times with Millie. She also leaves hundreds of bingo buddies who shared the game of bingo.

She also leaves behind a host of friends who became her support system in her later years: her Thursday afternoon Scrabble partner Ethel of over 30 years; her friend Daniel Ertz of Tacoma, Washington, Robin Tucker and Lorinda Selinger — her bingo partners who faithfully made sure Millie was able to participate in weekly bingo in both Whitefish and Kalispell, and her special friend Suzie Morey-Menke who brought laughter and light to her life.

She is also survived by her friend of 48 years LeRoy Aasheim and longtime friend Sherry Stevens who shared two dogs with Millie, as well as Doug "Charlie" Houtz.

All three assisted Millie with daily living needs during her later years.

Millie was preceded in death by her mother and father Jim and Mary Hellman, her brother William "Willie" Hellman, her sister Henrietta Irish, her son Michael Montgomery, and her little dogs Binky and Fluffy.

Millie wanted to acknowledge her medical providers who cared for her — Dr. Jim Kiley, Dr. Andrew Palchak, Dr. Dennis Peterson, Dr. Roger Barth, and beloved medical provider Melanie Zander. She wanted to thank the Home Options Hospice staff and volunteers who lovingly cared for Millie and the amazing staff at Kalispell Regional Healthcare who took care of her at the end of her life. Millie was also grateful for the Meals On Wheels program and the drivers who visited her when they brought daily meals.

Her son Patrick says she was a good mom and her daughter Sydney remembers her as a very loving person. Son Lonnie remembers her as a walking encyclopedia and a best friend.

A celebration of Millie's life will be held today, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Parish in Evergreen. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery where Millie's cremated remains will be buried next to her parents and her son Michael. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Johnson-Gloschat is caring for the family.

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Gerald D. 'Jerry' Heitmann

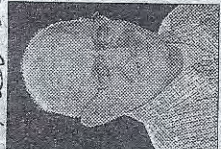
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A celebration of life for Gerald D. "Jerry" Heitmann, 82, who died Oct. 12, 2020, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell. A pie and coffee reception will follow.

Eugene Van Den Heivel, 91

Eugene Van Den Heivel, 91, died on Feb. 24, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Philip F. Hellman, 88

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County, California, and Lorraine (Steve) Hellman-Robertson of Kalispell; sister, Helen (Larry) Benson, of Boise, Idaho;

Philip F. Hellman, 88, passed away at Beehive Homes in Kalispell on Feb. 3, 2021, with his family by his side.

Phil was born on Feb. 9, 1932, in Kalispell to James and Mary (Lorenz) Hellman. Phil attended St. Matthew's grade school until the eighth grade and went on to graduate from Flathead County High School in 1951.

After graduation, Phil joined the U.S. Air Force where he was an instrument mechanic. After the Air Force he went to Montana State University in Bozeman to study forestry. He later worked for the U.S. Forest Service. After leaving the Forrest Service he went to work at the U.S. Geological Service in Menlo, California, where he made topographic maps from aerial photos. He met the love of his life, Juliana Bock; they married on June 11, 1966, in Kalispell.

He enjoyed making up little songs to sing to everyone. He also loved his cats; they would follow him everywhere he went. He had a special talent for woodworking and would make many things out of recycled wood. Philip was a member of St. Charles Church for many years. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Juliana Hellman; daughters, Janet Hellman (Roger Leeser) of Orange

County, California, and Lorraine (Steve) Hellman-Robertson of Kalispell; sister, Helen (Larry) Benson, of Boise, Idaho; Daniel (Allison) Moulton of Kalispell; special nephew, Lonnie (Cindy) Heister of Spokane; and many other nieces and nephews; and his three grandchildren, Megan and Autumn Moulton, and Justin Leeser. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Mary Hellman, his brother William Hellman, his sisters Henrietta (Etta) Irish and Millie Heister, and his grandson Jake Leeser. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Buffalo Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 10 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial and military honors will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. 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.

Dan L. Hendrick, 95

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Dan L. Hendrick, 95, passed away on July 18, 2021, at The HealthCenter.

Dan was born July 28, 1925, to Loyd and Clara Hendrick, in Albion, Nebraska. He joined a sister Marjorie at the family home.

In 1930 the family moved to Beaver City, Nebraska. He attended grade and high school in Beaver City, graduating from high school in 1942. World War II was in progress and he, along with a close friend, joined the Merchant Marines; they were sent to the South Pacific. He witnessed the war first hand while his fleet delivered supplies to the front lines. He was at sea when the news came the war had ended. He said the Marines were beyond happy to know they soon would be returning to their homes in the USA; many were not so lucky.

After the war he returned to Nebraska and

attended Nebraska Tech, graduating in 1948. He met and married Margie Lou Eicher. They moved to Boulder, Colorado. There they raised their three children, Blake, Dan and Jana. Dan enjoyed many happy events with his children and was always very proud of their achievements.

After his divorce he married Alma "Ruth" Dowd and they moved to Columbia Falls. He bought and developed the 150-acre Hoot Owl Ranch, go-kart track, batting range, mini-golf and a campground. Ruth passed away in 1988.

In 1991 he met and married Arlene Logan. Together they had many busy, happy years. They enjoyed fun times with their grandchildren who spent many summers

with them. They had a great group of friends and neighbors to go camping, fishing, dancing, traveling, card playing, backcountry horse trips and lots of business ventures that were successful and exciting. Life was good and in later years Dan started doing beautiful art projects, the results he shared with family and friends. He always had a project in the works.

He was an inspiration to all who met him. He lived his life to the fullest and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed but our lives were enriched to know him and call him husband, dad, grandpa and friend.

Dan was preceded by his parents Loyd and Clara Hendrick, and son Blake Hendrick.

He is survived by his wife Arlene, son Dan Hendrick, wife Sue, of Niwot, Colorado, daughter Jana McCarter of

Kerrville, Texas; stepchildren, Dawn Jacobson, husband Dan of Whitefish, Chad Olson, wife Kristi of Antelope, Montana, and Scott Olson of Lewistown; grandchildren, Kara Lamb, Travis Hendrick, Kelly Skidmore, Jake McCarter, Jennifer Castro and Matt Hendrick; step-grandchildren, Nathan Bartz, Garrett Melton, Thane Melton, Erin Dell, Alexa Olson, Ashley Olson, Taylor Olson, Risa Hedges, Trevor Erickson, Andrew Erickson and Chelsea Clark; many great-grandchildren, and loved by all.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, July 23, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

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

Donald Leroy Hendrickson, 87

On Memorial Day, our proud Army veteran went home for his face to face with the Lord. What a glorious day for him.



Don was born on May 3, 1934, to Harris and Elizabeth Hendrickson in Plentywood, Montana, and raised on Medicine Lake. Don loved being a Montanan.

He married Betty Nygard 67 years ago and that's where the true journey began. They both started out working for Montana Dakota Utilities and Don continued there, becoming an electrical engineer and retiring after 39 years. They had two children, Dave and Robin, who contributed many gray hairs to both parents growing up. Don was not a man who carried pride around with him and he was always willing to help others, no matter what their circumstance or status in life were. His involvement as a Boy Scout leader was a passion and the kids loved learning from him. This was the start of his love for helping people.

Being a Mason was also very important to him, as were his brother Masons. Don was an avid model plane flyer and just as avid at wrecking them. The Old Coots flying club

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was a big part of his weeks and the members were good friends. Don lived the best life, full of honesty and integrity, and is now home with family and friends rejoicing with our Lord and Savior, probably flying model airplanes with him.

Don is survived by his wife Betty, his son Dave Hendrickson, his daughter Robin and husband Guy Shanks; his grandchildren, Justin Foster and wife Kieran, Samantha Harlow and husband Nathan, and Charlotte Milchman; his great-grandchildren, Brantley, Lincoln and Hadlee Grace; his two sisters, Marilyn Austreim and husband Bob, and Deb Sandstrom and husband Ward.

Home waiting for him are his mom and dad, Harris and Elizabeth, also his three brothers Hank, Arlo, and Tim

All memorials will go to the unfunded sports at Bigfork High School.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on June 11 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, with a reception. Urn burial will follow at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the Army National Guard and the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

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.

James R. Henry, 83

James R. Henry, 83, of Kalispell, died on Aug. 12, 2021, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bill Hensleigh, 74

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William "Bill" Hensleigh was born appropriately on April 1, 1947, in Kalispell and passed away Oct. 5, 2021, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Bill attended St. Matthew's Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1965. Our brother Bill was not only a ferocious reader but also very athletic. He started with Pee Wee baseball and continued an intense pingpong rivalry with his brothers and neighborhood friends. Bill played varsity basketball and tennis at Flathead High and was a state champion in tennis. Bill was very proud to have gone to Gonzaga University on a tennis scholarship.

Following graduation, Bill married Lisa Derosier and traveled in Europe prior to starting his career as an English teacher and tennis coach in Soap Lake, Washington, for 15 years. He also was a member of the Army Reserve for 12 years. From this marriage three children were born, Heath, Garth (Jessica) and Devon Plette (Scott) who survive him. Four grandchildren also survive him, Morgan and Brayden Hensleigh and Luke and Max Plette.

Bill returned to the Flathead Valley in 1986 and was very active in St. Matthew's Church where you could frequently find him at daily Mass or just praying in the sanctuary. His commitment to prayer ultimately saved St. Matthew's from burning to the ground in May 2019 when he was there, smelled smoke and called the fire department.

Bill married Bonita



Stampley in August of 1992 and the two supported one another through life's ups

and downs. Bonita survives him at the family home in Kalispell.

Many will recall reading Bill's letters in the Daily Inter Lake, notorious for six syllable words, making us use a dictionary to understand his vocabulary! Bill could be found daily drinking coffee at Sykes Market while writing hundreds of letters to friends and family.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Helen Hensleigh.

He has four surviving siblings, Jim (Jennifer) of Fort Collins, Colorado, Sheila Hobbs of Medford, Oregon, Tom (Mitzi) of Kalispell, and Mary Kay Thane (Mark) of Missoula. We will miss receiving our countless poems and letters.

As Bill said hundreds of rosaries for others, he'd like to know we will do the same for him and his family. A rosary service will be held at Johnson-Gloschat Mortuary (525 S. Main St., Kalispell) chapel at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. We look forward to celebrating Bill's life with a funeral Mass at St. Matthew's Church, 601 1st Ave. W., Kalispell, on Friday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow at the VFW located at 330 1st Ave. West.

In lieu of flowers, family request memorials be sent to the Warming Center, P.O. Box 7142, Kalispell MT 59904 for the support of mental health.

Billie 'Bill' W. Henson, 82

Billie "Bill" W. Henson, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 9, 2021, at Logan Health Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife Jo Ann, and children Cory, Michael, William and Teresa.

A service will be held 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, at Columbia Bible Baptist Church, 196 Veterans Dr.

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

MEMORIALS

Thelma Herbst

A celebration of life for Thelma Herbst, 95, who died Nov. 22, 2020, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the church.

Richard Eugene Herbold, 76

Richard Eugene Herbold passed away on Feb. 27, 2021, in Kalispell. He was born in Lewistown on Sept. 1, 1944, the 10th of 12 children born to William Herbold and Mary Langevin Herbold.

At an early age, his family moved to Kalispell where he attended grades one through eight at St. Matthew's School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1963.

As a member of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe, he had an appreciation for all of creation. He was a man of the land. Some occupations included, the timber industry, working for Glacier Dairy, and shuttle transportation for PTI.

Richard lived a life full of love and adventure,



from family camping trips at Spotted Bear, to sitting atop a camel in Egypt, getting lost in

a huckleberry patch, or enjoying coffee with the gang. He was an amazing friend, brother, dad and papa. He is now dancing among the stars.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary Herbold, and siblings Bill Herbold, Leonard Herbold, Swede Herbold, Joan Herbold, Jack Herbold and Karen Emerson.

Richard is survived by his children, Kendra Williams and Brent Herbold; grandchildren, Dalton and Kylee

Meredith and Coleena Herbold; siblings, Mervin Herbold (Bonnie), Billie Bonner (Jerry), Bea Swan, Janet Rose (Gary) and June O'Connor; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held on March 11 at 11 a.m., at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen, followed by a potluck at the community room in the VFW in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wings, P.O. 7852, Kalispell, MT or a charity of your choice.

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.

Nancy Edith Herman, 58

Nancy Edith Herman, 58, passed away at Logan Health Medical Center on Aug. 8, 2021.

Nancy was born in Chicago on Sept. 18, 1962, to Albert and Janet (Russell) Greenberg.

Nancy was raised in Bangor, Michigan, where she attended Bangor High School. Family was everything to Nancy. She cherished time with her children and grandchildren more than anything.

Nancy was preceded in death by her sister Shirley Llinas, her father Albert Greenberg and her grandson Walter Stawiariski.

She is survived by her husband Charles Herman, mother Janet Greenberg of Corinth, Mississippi, children Tiffany and JJ Riley of Jacksonville, Arkansas, Crystal and Dan Clark of Kalispell, Adam and Candace Lost-Bear of Kalispell, Christopher and Alyssa Stawiariski of Kalispell,



Oliver Riley, Ezra, Jubal, Gideon, Boaz and Rhema Clark, Abigail, Selah, Aliyah, Rebekah and Baby Stawiariski and Jasmine Lost-Bear, brothers James and John Allard and Albert Greenberg Jr., and sisters Dorothy Thompson, Joann Piner and Janet Arredondo,

Nancy will be cremated and she will be laid to rest under a tree at her request.

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aged 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.