

Xennie Lee Kirkedahl, 32

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With deep sorrow we announce that, while in his home, Xennie Lee Kirkedahl, "Xen," 32, passed April 5, 2021.

Xennie was born Oct. 27, 1988, in Libby to Scott and Melani Kirkedahl. He attended grade school at Trego Elementary and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 2008.

Xennie was an amazingly loyal and loving son, grandson, brother, uncle, and friend. He enjoyed playing guitars and he also enjoyed collecting them. Xennie was employed at Stoltz Land and Lumber Company and remained there from April 2015 until his death.

Xen will be greatly missed by his parents, Scott Kirkedahl and Melani Kirkedahl; grandmothers, Joanne Shupert and Janice Reiben;



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Madilynn and Kaja Johnson; and his friend and his brother, Bryan Brain.

Xennie has now joined his younger brothers Randy and Tyler, and their grandfathers Jerry Shupert and Roger Bernhard.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Chapel of Praise, 79 Bissel Hollow Road, Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

sister, Ashley Kirkedahl, and her husband Jared Johnson; nieces, RayLee,

Mark Anthony Klein, 57

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On the morning of Sept. 1, 2021, Mark Klein went to be with the Lord. He passed away at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena after battling Covid-19, with his wife and daughter by his side. Mark was 57 years old.

Mark Klein was born in the town of Swan Lake, Montana, on Dec. 30, 1963. He was the eighth child of Ruth and Jack Klein. As a child Mark was always playing practical jokes on his brothers and sisters; whether it was with a fake bug or fake arm, he was always up to something silly. Even as a grandpa he still played practical jokes on the grandkids with a fake arm. As a kid, Mark enjoyed going fishing and snowmobiling with his dad and brothers. Even later as a grandpa, he was always looking for that perfect place to take the grandkids fishing.

Mark was a very devoted and loving husband. He met his wife Charlotte in Long Beach, California. One of their favorite things to do was to go for long drives out in the country, Mark always seemed to find a back road to go exploring on. They also enjoyed hiking to waterfalls throughout California, Idaho, Montana and Washington. Mark was a loving grandpa and had a big impact on the grandkids. Some of the grandkids' favorite memories are making birdhouses, going fishing, playing practical jokes

on one another, taking the boat out and trying to find where his stash of candy was hidden. As the grandkids grew older, they enjoyed just sitting around talking and with grandpa. Mark's love for Montana has transferred into the hearts of all the grandkids.

Mark's Christian faith was an essential part of his life. He spent a great deal of time praying and reading the Bible every morning before work and on most Saturday mornings you would find him sitting for hours in the living room reading his Bible. Over the years he enjoyed volunteering his time at church helping to run the AV equipment on Sunday mornings. Mark always looked forward to the small group Bible studies he and Charlotte were a part of. At every chance, he would share God's grace, love and mercy with others.

Mark is survived by his wife, Charlotte; his daughter, Amber; his son, Brad; his grandkids, Ayrton, Isaac, Alessandra, Lila and Archer; his sisters, Mary, Linda and Jackie; and his brothers, Terry and Andy.

He was preceded in death by both parents, Ruth and Jack; and his three brothers, David, Dan and Dick.

Services will be held at Life Point Church, East Helena, on Friday, Sept. 10, at 3:30 p.m.

Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Helena is caring for the family.

Marilyn Clare Knutson, 86

Marilyn Clare Knutson, 86, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1934, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Williston, North Dakota, to Truman and Myrtle (Jacobson) Jarland. She graduated as class valedictorian from Epping High School in 1951. Marilyn received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of Montana (then called Montana State University!) in Missoula, in 1956.



Marilyn married Orlyn Knutson in 1959 in Wheelock, North Dakota. In early grade school, Orlyn used to pull Marilyn's hair to get candy from her ... it was love at first bite. Marilyn worked at various office jobs until receiving her teaching certificate. The prime of her career was spent teaching business classes at Kalispell's Flathead Valley Community College from 1977 until she retired in

1988.

She loved to play golf, play cards, coach her grandchildren on the art of lefse making, cheer for the Dodgers and watch gymnastics and fastpitch softball.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, infant daughter Lori Jean, parents and sister (Elaine Garaas).

She is survived by her son, Neal, and wife, Robin, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Morgan Bengtson (Jeffrey) of Billings, Rebecca Knutson of Bozeman and Cole Knutson of Kalispell; niece, Gail Spoons (Ken)

and family; and nephew, Wayne Garaas (Gilda) and family.

A private family service has taken place. No formal services will be held, at her request.

Memorial contributions can be made in Marilyn's name to Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Marilyn's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Marilyn's tribute wall.

Carole Turner Koch, 85

Carole Turner Koch, 85, passed away on June 26, 2021, at her home in Columbia Falls.

Carole was born in Hepanto, Arkansas, on Jan. 31, 1936. She was born to Delbert and Louise Turner. Carole joined a family of two brothers and one sister. Later another girl was added to the family. Carole was raised and educated in Three Rivers, Michigan. There she developed her love of the outdoors. The Three Rivers Bible Church was her mentor and her guide during her growing up years.

At the age of 18, Carole went to Western Michigan University. There she obtained the first and most important of her degrees. She strug-



gled to find enough money, working and taking all the odd jobs she could. In the summers she worked on the South American cruise ship that sailed the Great Lakes. Carole would go on to obtain more degrees and attend four more universities.

Carole married and divorced Tom Logan and produced her two children, Eric Logan and Alicia Logan. Her children were a joy to her and gave her four grandchildren.

Carole taught the hearing impaired in both Michigan and Nevada for a total of 31 years.

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Carole married Andrew Koch Jr. and they resided in the Columbia Falls area for many years. Together they built and sold five homes. In the retirement years, they traveled the world over, and Carole took in the outdoors in many forms. She and Andrew were known for their vegetable garden and beautiful yard. They were active in Columbia Falls, St. Richard's, the Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club and Glacier View Golf Course.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather Smitty, her brothers Harold and Bill, and her dear sister, Jessie; also her beloved aunt, Zona Pryor. One of the sad elements of her life was the passing of

her family before they reached their older years.

She is survived by her children, Eric and Alicia; her sister and best friend, Helen, and Roger, her brother-in-law of 60 years; also her grandchildren, Alexa, Jennifer, Ryan and Alex. She is also survived by a treasured niece, Julie McHugh, and her family; also nephews, nieces, and many people in the large Koch family.

Memorial services will be held on July 20 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Carole will be laid to rest with her husband at a later date at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Herbert W. Koenig, 92

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Herb Koenig went to meet his Lord and Savior peacefully the morning of Nov. 27, 2021. His work here is done.



crops and livestock, they began to concentrate on raising certified seed potatoes.

and was always willing to share with others.

Herb also served on various community boards and committees: Conservation District, Farm Co-op board, and County Land Planning.

Herb was born on Feb. 28, 1929. He was the third of four children. He and his siblings grew up on the family farm north of Kalispell. It was there he learned the value of hard work, which he carried through until the end. He started school at age 5, going to Prairie View School, a one room schoolhouse less than a mile north of the farm. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1946. This was also the same year that he actively began farming. He rented a piece of ground north of the family farm.

This was Herb's passion. By 1970, they were planting up to 340 acres per year and got away from raising livestock. This continued until the last potato crop was sold in 1996. In 1994, Herb was tapped by VOCA to mentor Polish potato farmers in increasing production. This was right down his alley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his three siblings and wife, Vonnice.

He is survived by his children, Dan Koenig, Paul Koenig, and Janet (Rory) Schwalk; grandchildren, Kayla Adams, Danielle and Joshua Schwalk. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

In 1950, he started to farm in partnership with his brother, Bob. A few years later, they were farming the family farm after the death of their father. The brothers built the farm, buying land and, utilizing a variety of

In the fall of 1957, he met the love of his life, Vonnice. They were married the following spring and were inseparable until her passing in 2020. They were committed members of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was an Elder for many years. They were founding members of The Church at Creston, Lutheran. He spent many hours studying the Word

Herb and family request that any memorials be made to Flathead Industries, P.O. Box 1916, Kalispell MT 59903.

There will be a public viewing Friday, Dec. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The memorial service will be held Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at The Church at Creston, Lutheran.

Mable A. Koestler, 92

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committee for many years. She also participated with the Moose Lodge, volunteered



at the local library along with census taking and the election board duties. She supported her family in all their endeavors.

She is survived by her husband, daughters, granddaughters Kendra and Alisa, great-grandson Urijah, and sisters Helen Gummer and Rae Howard, as well as nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Pkwy., Whitefish, MT 59937. Services are pending.

Mable went to be with our Lord, peacefully Jan. 1, 2021, at home at The Springs in Whitefish, with her loving husband, Marlin, by her side. Mable was born Aug. 5, 1928, in Libby to Harry and Wanda Parks. Growing up, her family lived in small towns stretching from North Dakota to Idaho.

On Sept. 15, 1950, she joined forces with Marlin and was by his side in Anchorage, Alaska, while he was stationed there in the Army.

During their 70 years together they raised three daughters, Ronda Koestler, Cindy (Ray) Thornton, and Lory (David) Williams. Mable was a stay-at-home mom, busy taking care of her family and sewing beautiful clothes for her girls. She was active in the Christ Lutheran Church, heading the altar care

M. Glenn Kolodejchuk, 59

M. Glenn Kolodejchuk was escorted by angels on a rainbow straight to heaven on Oct. 18, 2021.

Glenn was born minutes after the famous astronaut John Glenn was circling Earth for the first time ever in history to Isadore and Eileen Kolodejchuk. The local newspaper called him the "Astronaut Baby."

Glenn is survived by his wife Kelli, and four sons, Chase, Cody, Damon and Logan, along with two grandchildren, Zoey (Chase) and Tanner (Cody) — these kids are his pride and joy! — three brothers and three sisters that helped love and raise him into the outstanding, true to the core, human being he was on earth, Allen, Arlen, Ann, Ardell, Ryan and Annette; including many nieces and nephews that have all been a very big part of Glenn's life.

Glenn ... a stellar husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, boss, co-worker, coach, grandpa and friend, a truly special man, was absolutely

loved by everyone he encountered in life! He worked all his life in the timber industry. It did not stop there; he was a man of many talents. He had a vision and could build anything and fix everything.

Glenn was passionate about life! He experienced oodles of epic adventures with friends and family. His interests were endless ... hunting, fishing, snowcatting, boating, wood cutting, cars, music, laughing and making people laugh, tinkering in his garage 'till wee hours in the morning and sharing all that he knew with his four boys. Glenn's greatest passion was following his boys in schooling and sports. Glenn loved immensely, had a million-dollar smile and infectious personality; he will forever live on in our hearts and be sore-



ly missed. *PAG 26 Oct 2021*
 Until we meet again, Glenn Kolodejchuk ... we love you forever and find solace in knowing that God only takes the best of the best.

Glenn's celebration of

life will be held at the Kalispell Fairgrounds Expo building on Nov. 20 starting at 2 p.m. There are many stories to be shared. Please come and honor our beloved Glenn Kolodejchuk.

Dolores Anne (Moore) Kolar, 91

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 Dolores Anne (Moore) Kolar passed peacefully on April 19, 2021.

A resilient and sensitive woman, she was born May 15, 1929, in Bozeman to Claude and Grace Moore, one of 10 children. She grew up in Bozeman, graduating from Gallatin County High School. She then moved to Great Falls where she met her husband, John Joseph Kolar. The two married there on July 23, 1949.

Soon after, they and daughter Sandi moved to the Kolar family ranch east of Stanford. Daughters Karen and Merri, also born in a Great Falls hospital, joined the family who remained at the ranch until about 1967 when they moved in to town. John sold crop hail insurance. In 1972, Dolores, an accomplished seamstress, opened a women's clothing store, Kolar's of Stanford, which she sold five years later.

For many decades, the family vacationed and recreated at Echo Lake. In about 1976, the couple learned of a home for sale there, which they bought and enjoyed many retirement years together. John died on July 1, 1996, and Dolores continued to enjoy her



Echo Lake home until moving to Buffalo Hill Terrace several years

ago. A very creative and artistic woman, she loved Christmas, and never tired of visits from family and friends.

She was preceded in death by all her siblings, Vivian (Moore) Dent, Glen Moore, Alice (Moore) VanTeylingen, John (Jack) Moore, Claude Moore, Benjamin Moore, Bonnie (Moore) Ehl, Patricia Lou (Moore) Stole and Jerry Moore.

She is survived by daughter Sandi and her husband Steve Smith of Columbia Falls, and granddaughters Leah Breidinger of Kalispell, and Jenna Smith of Great Falls; daughter Karen Kolar and husband Jerry Brobst of Bigfork; and daughter Merri and husband Paul Oakley of Los Angeles.

The family suggests memorials be made to an animal shelter of the donor's choosing.

A memorial service for the family will be planned for this summer.

Robert Joe 'Bob' Komenda, 62

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Robert Joe "Bob" Komenda passed away suddenly at his home in Marion on Nov. 22, 2021.

Bob was born March 1, 1959, in Whitefish to Donald and Merle (Kinniburgh) Komenda. Bob grew up in Swan Lake and Marion. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1977.

After high school, Bob worked for a tire shop, and then for the Montana Department of Transportation; following that, he drove the Kila High School bus route for District 5. After serving as a school bus driver, Bob returned to work for the MDT, and retired in 2019.

Bob is survived by his wife, Julie (Woods) Komenda, of 40 wonderful years, of Marion. He is also survived by his sons, Jason Glenn and wife Lindsey of Kalispell, Brandon Ray of Marion, and Shane



Hudson and Cooper, and one granddaughter, Blake. He is also survived by his brother, Ricky D. Komenda and wife Charlotte, and brother Brad Komenda and wife Laili of Marion; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Donald Komenda.

Bob loved his family immensely. Throughout his life, Bob loved to hunt, camp, and fish. He also loved to go for drives watching wildlife, jumping on his four-wheeler to gather firewood, and clean up his

Michael and wife Sabrina of Kalispell; as well as grandsons, Hunter, Kaiden, Nathan,

property. He cherished talking hunting with his brothers, sons, and with other family and friends.

Bob was known for his sense of humor, and in his younger years for being one to jump passionately into the middle of any situation where his power and might were needed! Neighbors appreciated his quick and friendly wave and smile whenever they passed by. Bob was a beautiful man and will be greatly missed.

Per discussions with Bob, he did not want to "coop" people up to mourn his death. Instead, he enjoyed the idea of his friends and family gathering for a celebration of his life, humor and love; and to get an opportunity to share "Bob Stories" outdoors. A celebration of life is being planned for late spring 2022.

Norah Grace Dooley Korn

Norah Grace Dooley Korn was born to Alma Lucile and John Loran Dooley on Dec. 14, 1932, in the small town of Creede, Colorado, and passed away Nov. 17, 2021, at her home in Kalispell.

Creede was located a few miles east of the Continental Divide at 8800 feet in elevation. The principal commerce centered on mining in hard rock underground tunnels for silver and gold that had attracted both German and Irish immigrants. So here was an extremely friendly Irish lass full of energy, vitality, humor and a bit of rascality within what might be termed a hard working and exhausting culture. Her presence while growing up was so notable to the residents that, years later when she married in 1958, literally the whole town showed up to celebrate her wedding and especially her reception. They all remembered and wanted once again to be involved in the fun and action of this special, exuberant youth. Even those still living today often remember and smile.

Norah's father died when she was age 2 so she and her two older

brothers all grew up helping their mother do the chores to support the family. They helped raise and butcher chickens and rabbits, take the milk cow back and forth to pasture, process milk and butter for sale, haul water by the barrel in a one-horse cart from the community well to their \$15 dollar home up the hill, and cut and split wood and haul coal for heat. Any avenue of work was acceptable and necessary, like hiring out to work on a local dude ranch or recreation business or help in maintenance and cleaning the vacation homes of the affluent Denver mining crowd. Waitressing to the hunting and fishing crowd at the small hotel restaurant for good tips was also a big part of life as she grew older.

After high school she and several girlfriends ventured to Denver. Norah began employment as a nanny and household servant to several well established Denver businessmen's families and began employment as a switchboard operator at the telephone company with her eyes always riveted to the "job of a lifetime" as a stewardess for United Airlines. She

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easily passed the requirements, but only by relaxing her knees to get under the maximum height allowed. A few years later she transferred from San Francisco to Seattle on a whim to explore horizons and one day was assigned to work a red-eye flight from Seattle to Chicago and met and later married a passenger on that night flight. That's another story.

Norah, with Jim, moved back to the Flathead to live and raise their family in a small mountain town rather than a big metropolitan city. Her Irish spunk fit right in as she raised her four children and gave every room in the house her special touch. She encouraged all activity and joined in to the delight of her children. She eventually taught the Montgomery Ward Charm School for young girls using the experience from her modeling jobs in Seattle, and worked occasionally in retail women's clothing. Everyone sought her fun-loving and uplifting personality. She was invited to join the P.E.O. Sisterhood, which she enjoyed thoroughly. As time moved on she used her natural

talent in visual ability and color sense to paint a great quantity of art work in floral paintings, landscapes, and many tote painted household objects. What has not been sold becomes a cherished legacy to her family.

She leaves behind in this life her husband of more than 63 years, James H. Korn, four children and spouses, Kevin James Korn, Jeffrey John Korn, and twin daughters, Kristy Ann Wolf and Kerry Kathleen Douge, the memories of nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many fond nieces and nephews to take on, with in the providence of God, what her life in Christ promises.

Services will be held Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 605 South Main Street in Kalispell, followed by interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, 641 Conrad Drive, Kalispell, and reception in the Hollensteiner Room at the Northwest Montana History and Central School Museum, 124 Second Avenue East, Kalispell.

Darlington Burial Services is helping the family.

Debra 'Debbie' Kay Krantz, 66

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"Debbie"
Kay
Krantz, our
beloved
daughter,
sister, aunt
and cous-
in, passed



away at Logan Health in Kalispell on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, due to Covid-19, at the age of 66. She made the journey to be with our beloved mother.

Debbie was born on July 12, 1955, to Alven and Kathleen (Tennant) Krantz in Havre. A couple months later the family moved back to the Flathead Valley. Debbie attended schools throughout the Flathead and Mission Valleys, starting in Fortine, Whitefish, Kalispell, Polson and graduating from Flathead High in 1974. As a youngster, she enjoyed camping trips with her family and friends. She was very outgoing and it was easy for her to make friends. Debbie grew up with two sisters and a brother and was a very loving and unselfish sibling.

She always put others before herself. After she graduated high school in the '70s she started cooking at Smitty's on top of Underpass Hill, as well as tending bar at a couple of the local establishments. In 1980, she moved to the Tri-Cities where her older sister, Teri, lived and continued her career in the restaurant business. In the later '80s she moved back to Kalispell and worked at El Rancho for a period before going to work at Perkins on top of Underpass Hill, which

later became Finnegan's. We were told by some of the waitresses there that "Debbie was the best."

She was there for 28 years before retiring. In the summer of 2018, she moved to Condon near her brother and sister-in-law. While there, she enjoyed watching the wildlife, seeing herds of elk and a few bears for the first time. She really enjoyed a black bear we saw on the way to Kalispell one day, as we watched for a while. She also had a couple experiences with both a black bear and a young grizzly trying to get into her "bear proof" garbage can which held up. It was at night, but she could see them under her porch light.

Debbie was preceded in death by our mother, Kathy, and a baby brother who passed at birth.

Debbie is survived by her father, Alven Krantz, sisters Teri (Rex Grigg), Brenda Krantz (George), brother Rick Krantz (Debbi), nephews Ben Krantz (Rachel), Tyler Krantz, Ryan Krantz, Austane Belmaggio, Zach Zeller, Ari Blubaugh, nieces, Tammy Zeller, Cassie Kiern, Tisha Zeller and Kenzi and Summer Krantz, as well as several cousins and close friends.

Cremation was Debbie's wish and that took place at Buffalo Hill. She was adamant that she did not want a service of any kind due to Covid-19.

Any memorial contributions should be directed to the Flathead Animal Shelter, or a charity of your choice per Debbie's request.

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Carl Chappell 'Chappy' Krauthoff, 63

Carl Chappell "Chappy" Krauthoff, loving husband, father, brother and friend, was called home by our Lord on Sept. 10, 2021. In the early morning hours, not 40 minutes before he passed, Chappy sent a beautiful and loving message to his "bride" Gail as his final statement. His ongoing struggle with various medical issues over the recent years only pronounced his unwavering faith in the Lord and allowed him to move through life with radiance and a smile.

He is survived by his bride of 30 years, Gail; Felix, his beloved therapy cat; daughter, Dacia "DJ" Krauthoff (Jennifer) of Boston; grandchildren, including Kalea, Emerson and Felix Krauthoff of Boston, and Dulce (Nikki) Krauthoff of Wisconsin; former daughter-in-law, Carrie Moline and granddaughter Georgeanne

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Moline of Tucson, Arizona; his half brother Phil Krauthoff (Judith Travers) of Bethlehem, Connecticut; stepgrand and great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews; Gail's mother Carolyn Siler, of Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, who loved Chappy as her own; brother-in-law, Kenneth Siler, (Idonna) of Greensboro, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews of the Siler family.

Chappy was born to Louis and Tabitha (Tibbs) Krauthoff at Nantucket Cottage Hospital on Aug. 9, 1958, Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. He was an educated man and a lifelong student with multiple degrees and time spent abroad studying at the University of Oxford. His early academics were



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focused on oceanography, but he then went on to earn a master's in real estate appraising and degrees in real estate law and asset protection.

He was an avid surfer, like his older brother Paul, and a passionate and highly accomplished golfer. Chappy began winning golf tournaments at the young age of 8 and carried several club titles from various golf clubs around the country.

In his lifetime he loved our Lord and studying his Bible and was subsequently ordained as a pastor in 2014. Chappy carried a lifelong dream to construct a large compound where all members of our family could live and work together and still have their own homes and personal space.

Chappy was preceded in death by both of his parents, his half brother, Rob Dumper (Janet) of Oakland, California;

his half brother, Paul Krauthoff, of Monadnock, New Hampshire; Gail's father, Walter M. Siler; sister, Vivian Leonard of Greensboro, North Carolina; and brothers, Robert L. Siler and James A. Siler, of Pleasant Garden, North Carolina.

A celebration of life/memorial service will be held at the Plains CMA Church at 5th and 2nd on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 3 p.m., with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please donate and support the many missions and mission trips in our local churches. ShortTerm Mission Trips (STMT) has been and continues to be the focus of our tithes and donations for the past several years.

Chappy will be greatly missed by all who knew him and those who are in Christ will see him again.

John Louis Kranzler, 88

John Louis Kranzler, 88, of Libby, died at Logan Health Medical Center on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Sharon, Eric, Jeff, and Michael.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jean Robert Kriz, 85

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Jean Robert Kriz was born in Wagner, South Dakota, on March 2, 1936, to Emil and Adella Kriz. The oldest of five kids, Jean grew up on a farm northeast of Geddes, South Dakota, where he excelled at high school sports and graduated from high school.

Married to Mary Ellen Phillips on April 20, 1958, Jean was soon drafted into the Army and served a tour in the Signal Corps during peacetime South Korea. Baseball was huge in the military then and Jean had many fond memories playing competitive baseball for his Division.

Jean and Mary started



their family on a farm northeast of Geddes, South Dakota, one mile away from his grandfather's homestead. When they sold the farm around 1972, Jean

and Mary moved their family to Northwest Montana, eventually settling in Columbia Falls. Jean worked as an outfitter guiding hunters in the Bob Marshall Wilderness; guiding horseback rides in Glacier National Park;

worked on a ranch in Princeton, Idaho; ran heavy equipment in Alaska, finally settling as a heavy equipment operator at the Stoltz Lumber Company until he retired. In 2009, Jean and Mary moved to Mesa, Arizona, to be closer to their daughters and granddaughter.

Jean was very hard-working and self-reliant as many farmers are. He missed being a farmer his entire adult life after leaving his farm.

Jean enjoyed trap shooting, ice skating, welding, building things, watching baseball and football, and figuring out how things worked. He

loved taking videos and acquired hundreds of hours of videos over the years. One of Jean's biggest joys was becoming a grandfather to Jordyn in 2003 and over the years, being able to be close and participate in her life.

Jean passed away on April 24, 2021, and is survived by his wife, Mary; sisters, Connie (John) Smith, Laura (Dave) Batchelor, Joan (Marlin) Fredericksen, and Patricia (Tim) Baumberger; son, Phillip (Joanne Morrow) Kriz, daughters Mary (Dave) Harris, Marla (Kevin) Role, and granddaughter Jordyn Role whom he loved dearly.

Mary Ellen Kriz, 85

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Mary Ellen Kriz was born in Geddes, South Dakota, on March 15, 1936, to Albert and Mary Phillips (Bennett). The middle of three kids, Mary grew up in Geddes where she graduated from high school.

Mary then went on to get a nursing degree in Mitchell, South Dakota, to become a registered nurse.

Married to Jean Kriz on April 20, 1958, they started their family on a farm northeast of Geddes, one mile away



from Jean's grandfather's homestead. When they sold their farm around 1972, Jean

and Mary moved their family first to Pickstown, South Dakota, then to Bigfork, Montana, then to Princeton, Idaho, then to Belt, Montana, and eventually settled in Columbia Falls.

Mary used RN to work in the health industry,

and she retired from North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Mary spent over 20 years with North Valley Hospital, and she retired as their director of Human Resources.

In 2009, Jean and Mary moved to Mesa, Arizona, to be closer to their daughters and granddaughter.

Mary was the stability for her family; she was selfless and an excellent mother. In retirement, she enjoyed sewing and made many beautiful quilts and decorative pil-

lows as presents to her family and close friends.

One of Mary's biggest joys was becoming a grandmother to Jordyn in 2003 and over the years being able to be close and participate in her life.

Mary passed away on Oct. 9, 2021, and is survived by her sister Betty King and brother Mel Phillips, son Phillip (Joanne Morrow) Kriz, daughters Mary (Dave) Harris, and Marla (Kevin) Role, and granddaughter Jordyn Role whom she loved dearly.

Harry John Fredrick Kreamer, 69

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24 Apr 2021
Harry John Fredrick Kreamer, 69, of Missoula, died unexpectedly in his home on April 10, 2021, of a heart attack.

He was born in Worthington, Minnesota, on Nov. 27, 1951, to Harold and Helen Kreamer. When he was four the family moved to Elgin, IL where his younger brother was born. He attended Larkin High School before moving to Madison, WI. He continued to live and work in Wisconsin until moving to Pensacola, Florida, in 1987, where he attended Pensacola Bible Institute.

He eventually moved to Montana in '91, working multiple jobs to provide for his family.

He loved poetry and writing, often writing poems for his kids. He



loved cooking, talking to people, baseball, his country, and was an avid reader,

who loved the Word of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sharon.

He is survived by his five daughters, Katrina, Hannah, Abigail (Patrick), Grace, and Verity; his grandkids, Jordy, Rowan, Isaiah and Tobin; his brother Jim (Kathy); and several nieces and nephews.

He will be missed dearly.

There is no service planned at this time. You can send condolences to Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies.

The Wagner/Olson family now included five children. Roslyn was a real community leader. She attended school board meetings and advocated for all the canyon children. Community service included organizing countless potlucks and pinochle parties at the town hall. She helped organize the area's first United Way campaign. In the early '60s, Roslyn finally got the chance to satisfy her lingering wanderlust. She accompanied her airline-hostess stepdaughter on an

Roslyn is survived by her five children and their spouses, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Her five children are Deborah Castro of Fairfax, Virginia, Darlene Wagner of Hungry Horse, Douglas Wagner of Hungry Horse, Darrell Olson of Columbia Falls, and Deelynn Olson of Hungry Horse.

A graveside memorial was held on May 7 at Glacier Memorial Gardens. We are thankful for the lives that you gave us and your example of a life well-lived.

Roslyn D. Kristoffersen

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Our beloved and dynamic mother, Roslyn D. Kristoffersen, died of natural causes on May 1, 2021, in Kalispell.

She was born in February 1930, as the fourth and youngest child, to parents Theodore and Florence Stevens in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to working at her family's restaurant, she sang in chorus and played on the girls' basketball team in high school.

Roslyn moved to Montana as a young woman in the early 1950s and had been in love with the state ever since. For more than two decades, our family owned and operated the Hungry Horse Motel in Hungry Horse. Roslyn and Harry Wagner first bought the motel after running a hunting camp in British Columbia and living in Whitefish during the off-season. After welcoming three babies into the world, they moved away from the very rustic camp life and settled in Montana's Flathead Valley.

Roslyn married Arthur Olson after the death of her first husband. Art owned an independent excavating business and managed to build the first swimming pool in Hungry Horse. The pool was a huge attraction, drawing many tourists to the motel. A generation of children from the surrounding area learned to swim at that pool.



unforgettable trip around the world. In 1977, Roslyn sold the motel and moved to

Kalispell.

During a trip to San Jose, California, in 1983, Roslyn experienced Western line dancing for the first time. She had always loved dancing, ever since tap lessons at 4 years old. From the 1980s and well into the eighth decade of her life, Roslyn found a new and true calling. She began teaching dance in the Flathead Valley. She taught all kinds of dance: waltz, jitterbug, two-step, cha-cha, polka, schottische, salsa, hip-hop and Western line dancing. Roslyn had an incredible memory for dance steps and an innate grace.

At the age of 50 years, Roslyn met Arvid "Chris" Kristoffersen, an acclaimed artist from Norway.

They married and spent the next 40 years devoted to each other and their independent creative passions. Approaching her ninth decade of life, Roslyn began to slow down. Her husband passed away in September of 2020. With her own health declining, this brave and vibrant woman was ready to join her loved ones in heaven.

David Frank Kropp, 70

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David Frank Kropp, born Nov. 9, 1950, in Tuxedo, New York, passed

from complications of Covid-19 on Nov. 4, 2021. He was

the son of Frank Andrew Kropp and Bernice Smith.

David worked on the farm and butcher house from an early age. David

enlisted in the military and received his GED in

the military. He was sent to the 1st infantry division in Vietnam where

he cleared the roads of explosives. He was honorably discharged in

November 1970, where he returned home to Pine Bush, New York.

David worked in Colorado, Florida, Missouri and Arkansas as a carpenter and roof-

er. He is survived by brothers Donald Kropp, Steven Kropp, Timothy Kropp and John Kropp, and sisters Beverly

Brown and Cathy Deckard. David had one daughter Jessica Bernice Kropp, one grandson Jaden Sky Kropp, one granddaughter Krystlin Snow Kropp and one great-grandson Jericho Kropp.

David is also survived by his significant other, Pamela Rose Barnes, of 11 years plus, and ex-wife Devina Kropp.

David was preceded in death by his late wife, Sharon Hanrahan.

David enjoyed hunting, fishing and just being outdoors.

David will be cremated and sent home to Arkansas.



Anatoly Y. Kubai, 53

Anatoly Y. Kubai, 53, of Kalispell, died March 25, 2021, at Advanced Care Hospital of Montana in Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Michael Kuchenbrod, 57

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On Aug. 21, 2021, Michael Kuchenbrod, beloved son, brother and uncle, passed away at the age of 57.

Mike was born on June 19, 1964, in Whitefish to his loving parents Ron and Pat Kuchenbrod. Growing up in Whitefish, he and his sisters had a fun-filled childhood and could often be found outside playing games with neighborhood and school friends. Mike almost always had a ball in his hand, as he loved baseball, basketball and golf. He was a gifted high school athlete and excelled in basketball and golf. His mom, dad and three sisters were his biggest supporters and were always happy to hang in the gym cheering for him and the Bulldogs. He was also a scholar, and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1982. He was known as "Kuch" by all who loved him.

After high school, Mike

earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Montana State University, and his Master of Business Administration degree from USC. He had a 27-year career with ITT and Xylem, which included president and general manager of Koni, president of China/India Operations and finally president of Xylem's Water Solutions. Mike's career took him to live all over the world including the Netherlands, Germany, China and Sweden. In 2008, while Mike was working for ITT in China, his company donated supplies to a group of school-aged children in the impoverished county of Yi. He personally visited the school and was

quoted as saying, "It will be a day I remember forever, and a day that I felt very proud to be associated with ITT." Mike was a successful businessman, but more importantly he was a kind and generous man.

Family and friends were everything to Mike. Although his job took him all over the world, he never missed coming home for Christmas to be with his family in Whitefish. His nieces and nephews adored him and he loved hearing about all of their activities and accomplishments. He made his home in Orange County, California, and had many close friends that became his second family. Mike's immediate family has enjoyed hearing stories that these and other friends have shared, and are touched by how much he was loved.

Mike leaves behind his devoted parents Ron

and Pat Kuchenbrod, three adoring sisters, Karen Umbaugh, Janet Espeseth and Krista Schulz, and two brothers-in-law that were his brothers, Doug Umbaugh and Scott Espeseth. He also leaves behind his beloved nieces and nephews, Kelly (Charlie) Adams and Julie (Dylan) Lemmons; Marlow, Allie and Lauren Schulz; and Millie, Ty and Griffin Espeseth.

We will miss his quick wit, his teasing and infectious laugh, the heart-to-heart chats and debates, the laughs, and of course the rounds of golf. We are proud of him for all that he accomplished and are grateful that he was ours. He made us all better. He was an intelligent, talented, generous and kind man. He was deeply loved and will be terribly missed.

His family is planning a private celebration in Whitefish at a later date.

Margaret Kucharski, 82

Margaret Kucharski, 82, of Columbia Falls, died on Feb. 25, 2021, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

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

Frank Werner Kuehl, 72

Frank Werner Kuehl, 72, of Columbia Falls, died on Nov. 26, 2021, at his home.

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

Rachel Louise (Hartsoch) Kump, 88

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Rachel Louise (Hartsoch) Kump, 88 years of age, passed away May 15, 2021.

Rachel is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, John Kump; and her children, Alice (Zane) Voigt (Halliday, North Dakota) and Jim (Sheri) Kump (Apple Valley, Minnesota), her three grandchildren, Andy (Alaina Buchwald) Kump (Deerfield Beach, Florida), Katie (Bill Skelton) Kump (Melbourne, Australia) and Rachel Voigt (Halliday); her sister, Darlene Donath (Missoula), sisters-in-law, Grace Hartsoch (Polson), Helen Alessandrelli (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Donna (Ron) Puckett (Richmond, Virginia), Francis Goetz (Friendswood, Texas) and Jean Thomas (Friendswood, Texas); brother-in-law, Don King



(Jacksonville, North Carolina); and countless other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rachel was born June 1932 in Ray, North Dakota, the 14th of 17 children to Alfred Hartsoch. Alfred's first wife, Lottie, blessed him with 11 children. He later married Rachel's mom, Alice Smalley. Her family left Ray in 1936 and settled in the West Valley of Kalispell. She attended school at Sparks, Baldrock, Prospect Park (now West Valley) and graduated from Flathead County High School. While in high school, she worked at the Cherry Warehouse. After high school she worked at

Flathead County Hospital and, while there, decided to become a nurse. She went to nursing school at Columbus in Great Falls and became a registered nurse.

She met John in 1957 and became a Navy wife in 1958. Being in the Navy, they made their homes in San Diego (four different times totaling 20 years), Long Beach, California, San Francisco, Boston, Great Falls, and two years in Yokosuka, Japan. During those travels she worked at San Diego University Hospital and Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. In 1977 John retired from the Navy and they returned to the Kalispell area. Rachel then went on to continue her nursing career at Bigfork Convalescent Center until she retired in 1997. Rachel enjoyed camping and traveling

to see her family that is spread across the county. She visited every state except Nebraska. She just loved everyone she met and never had a cross word to say. She was the best mom her children could have hoped for and provided the most loving environment there could be.

There will be a visitation held for Rachel on Thursday, May 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. with rosary to be said at 6 p.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Services will follow Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with a luncheon to be held at the church following the burial.

Bob Kun

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Bob Kun of Kalispell died peacefully at home Monday, June 7, 2021.



daughter.

A memorial service will be held later this summer at The Church at Creston - Lutheran LCMS.

Arrangements are under the care of Darlington Cremation and Burial Service.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn, and

Kelly W. Kvigne, 67

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We are sad to announce the death of Lt. Col. (Ret.) USMC Kelly Kvigne at his home in Kalispell on June 16, 2021, from complications of an auto accident in 2019.

He was born to Kermit S. Kvigne and Dorothy (Thoring) Kvigne in Crosby, North Dakota, on June 27, 1953.

He was preceded in death by his father Kermit, ex-wife Judy Loucks, and brother-in-law Larry Trusty.

He is survived by his mother Dorothy Kvigne, brother Kerry Kvigne and sister Cindy Trusty, son Thomas Kvigne, daughter Chelsey Kvigne, nieces and nephews Kelley (Trusty) Kennedy, Kevin Trusty, Steve Kvigne and Tracy (Kvigne) Kelly, great-nieces Mikenzie Trusty, Hallie Kennedy, and great-nephew Braden Kennedy.

Family and friends were especially important to Kelly; he had great relationships with everyone, and he will be greatly missed. Kelly was a big tease and a big flirt. He liked to compliment everyone to make their day better. Kelly loved sports and excelled in baseball, basketball and football. He played on the Whitefish High School basketball team and helped lead the Bulldogs to a state championship victory in 1970. After high school, he went to Eastern Montana College in Billings on a baseball scholarship before transferring to Western Washington University where he earned a bachelor's degree. He later went on to earn a master's degree



from San Diego University. He continued to run and ran in several marathons. While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, he logged 2,000

miles.

Kelly was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in 1976. During his career he served proudly around the world and was deployed to combat on multiple occasions, including Desert Storm, the Liberation of Kuwait, Somalia (commonly known as the Black Hawk Down Incident or the Battle of Mogadishu), and later in Iraq as a civilian private contractor. He received several decorations, medals, badges, citations and campaign ribbons, including the Kuwait Liberation Medal. While working as a civilian defense contractor, he guarded Saddam Hussein, Chemical Ali, and Anthrax Annie.

Kelly loved the Marine Corps and, after serving 22 years, Kelly retired in 1998 as lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps. USMC-11. Despite suffering from PTSD, he made several lifelong friends and loved meeting new people.

A celebration of life will be held at the Whitefish VFW on July 9 at 1 p.m. with full military honor guard.