

## Marcia Jeane Pauli, 80

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Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, Marcia Jeane Pauli, loving wife and mother of two, Tony (Kathi) and Teresa (Jeff), passed away at the age of 80.

Marcia, was born on May 31, 1941, in Kalispell to Alvin and Irene Dukleth where she grew up and graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended the University of Montana in Missoula and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. On Dec. 11, 1962, she married the love of her life, Roger Pauli; they celebrated nearly 59 years of marriage.

In 1998, she and Roger took an early retirement at age 56 and transitioned to a life of full time RVing, allowing them the freedom and opportunity to see the country and follow the warm weather, spending summers in Kalispell, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and winters in Florida, Arizona and California. They visited all of the 50 states, except Nebraska, and eight of 10 provinces during their journey.

Marcia was loving, kind and compassionate with a heart of gold. She was a perfect mother to Tony and Teresa, whom she truly loved and was very proud of. She adored her two grandsons, Dylan and Ethan Hanley (Teresa and Jeff), and when Tony introduced his wife Kathi and her two daughters (Haleigh and Magen), into the family, Marcia accepted them with the same love and affection as if they were her own.

She will be remembered for her quick wit, sense of humor, and



warm smile. Those close to her grew accustomed to her child-like qualities and unique

personality. Her use of "Dukisms" (upside right, for example) and "dog-wooding it" (answering a question even though she didn't really know the answer) are just a few of the things which endeared Marcia to everyone she met.

While small in stature, Marcia was strong and fearless. Whether bracing the foul weather while crossing the Straits of George on their sailboat, in small craft warnings, or dozing off on the back of a motorcycle at 100-plus mph, nothing seemed to phase her. When asked how she could do that on a motorcycle, she would say "Well, it was boring, there was nothing to look at." Her strength and fight also allowed her to survive stage 4 colon cancer as well as a double bypass heart surgery.

On any given fall Saturday, you would find Marcia watching college football and when asked who is playing, she simply answered "Oh, I don't know." It really didn't matter, she simply loved to watch. Each spring, her attention turned to college basketball proclaiming, "March Madness is my life," as she watched nearly every game. In recent years, her passion was hockey and the Vegas Golden Knights. It is certain that Marcia is cheering them on to victory from above with her beloved puppy, Bebe, at her side.

Marcia was preceded in death by her father Alvin, stepfather Alvis Taylor, mother Irene, and sister Karen.

She is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband Roger, son Tony, daughter Teresa, brother Dick, and a host of other family members and friends.

A celebration of Marcia's life will be held in the summer of 2022 in the Flathead Valley.



## Melinda 'Mindi' May Anderson Passons, 53

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On Saturday, May 1, 2021, Mindi passed away unexpectedly from complications related to acute promyelocytic leukemia, with which she was diagnosed only the previous day. Her loss has sent shock waves throughout the valley and across the world.

Mindi was humble and unassuming. She did not strive for recognition or court shallow associations. Instead, she quietly loved and served all those with whom she interacted. As a long-time volunteer with the Bigfork Fire Department and Quick Response Unit, she served the community as a firefighter and EMT. Professionally, she spent 20 years working in the Emergency Room at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. One of her great passions was photography, and she ran a successful business that brought her into the lives of many



local families. On a mission trip to Rwanda, she was so moved by the desperate state of

women in that country that she co-founded a sewing school to teach prostitutes life and vocational skills that allow them to support their families and be self-reliant. Her ongoing work has led to multiple campuses and the transformation of countless lives.

She was sensitive and caring, but also had a sharp sense of humor. She was approachable, but did not suffer nonsense. She was a fierce and loyal friend. She counseled, encouraged and mentored many girls and women in our community. Only after her passing has the amazing extent of her impact become apparent, as

social media has been flooded with the testimonies of those she has inspired.

Mindi was devoted to her husband, an outgoing, gregarious pastor, and her daughter, an active and beloved freshman at Bigfork High School, and was the silent foundation that has allowed them to flourish in their own pursuits.

Faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she can be held up as an example of what it really means to be a Christian — serving all without reserve, without judgment and without thought of reward. Her life will be celebrated in heaven as it is being celebrated here on earth. A native of Montana, Mindi has extensive family ties in the Flathead Valley.

She was preceded by her father, Allen D. Anderson and her grandparents Louis and Cleo Ray, and Leonard

and Margaret Anderson. She is survived by her loving husband Randy, precious daughter Avery, devoted mother Bette Baker, as well as her sisters Melissa (Larry) Robinson, Marcella Anderson (Anthony and Luc) and her brother Alan Anderson (Xander). Mindi is also survived by her niece Danielle Chatterton, nephews Devin Chatterton and Dustin Knutson, great-nieces Briella and Paislee and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Mindi's life will be held at Rebecca Farm on Saturday, May 15, at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations in her honor to the Mindi & CeCe Sewing School.

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

## Charles Roger 'Chuck' Patrick, 78

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Charles Roger "Chuck" Patrick, 78, passed away from Covid-19 Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at Community Hospital in Missoula. Montana has lost one of its finest men and he will be deeply missed.

Born on Nov. 13, 1942, in Havre to Russell and Ardys Patrick, Chuck began his life in the windswept Hi-Line farm country. On the farm he learned invaluable lessons of work and friendship and love and loss, including the death of his father in 1961, when Chuck was just 18 years old. After two years at Northern Montana College, it fell upon him to run the family farm and look after his widowed mother and two younger brothers. Those early experiences undoubtedly forged the character and skills he eventually applied to the tire business. Along with Jack Hasty in 1977, Chuck

established, grew and oversaw as its president, Tire-Rama, one of Montana's most successful and enduring homegrown businesses. It may have also helped that Chuck had 65 first cousins who all needed tires and service.

In 1963 he married Florene Lynch, with whom he shared the rest of his life and had three children, Rhonda, Randy and Tara. The couple made Great Falls their home for many years before moving to Billings and then Missoula, spending some winter months after retirement in Mesa, Arizona. While living in Billings, Chuck was active at American Lutheran Church and served as an usher there



for many years.

Everyone who had the good fortune to visit with Chuck believed he was one of them. Whether golfing and dining with the legendary Arnold Palmer at the Bay Hill Classic in Orlando, or having a drink with a tire buster from any one of Tire-Rama's 30 stores, Chuck's honesty, humility, gentle humor and intelligence always left one feeling they had encountered someone genuine and special. He was an avid golfer and fisherman and a skilled woodworker and handyman. Chuck rarely lost at a game of pinochle, Gin or Hearts. In the months before his passing, he had an idea to build a small cabin on a river or lake where he could fish and craft woodworking projects. He is there now.

The strength and honor Chuck lent this

world as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, farmer and Tire-Rama manager and president will be long remembered by those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Florene Patrick; brothers, Larry Patrick and Warren Patrick; daughters, Rhonda Steubs and Tara Patrick; and granddaughters, Taylor Steubs, and Riley and Natalie Laslovich.

He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Patrick; mother, Ardys Ewald; and son, Randall Patrick.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ruyard Depot Museum, 25 Fourth Avenue, Ruyard, MT 59540, or a charity of one's choice.

A memorial service to celebrate Chuck's life will be planned for a later date.



## Teresa Parada, 88

Teresa Parada, 88, of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 5, 2021, at Hidden Meadow Memory Care. A funeral Mass is pending.

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

## Paul William Parker, 65

Paul William Parker, 65, of Kalispell, died at his home Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021.

Private family services are being planned

for a later date.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Edward Albert Payne

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, Edward Albert Payne, loving father and friend to many, passed away in his home.

Edward was born at home on Sept. 27, 1930, in Whitefish. Ed put in a lifetime of hard work including farming, logging, and harvesting ice. He married Marie Storkson in 1951, they had four children. He remarried in 1966 to Patricia Sagen, becoming a stepfather to her four young children, and shortly thereafter they welcomed another son into the world together.

Ed had a passion for farming and took great pride in his gardens every year. He also loved the great outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting. When he was bored he would often let out a "ho-hum" and find something to tinker with in his shop. Ed had many connections in the valley and valued his friendships dearly, he spent much of his free time visiting friends. He was very sincere and



known for his kind and caring spirit.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents

Ralph and Helen Payne; siblings Mary King, Bob Payne, Dot Smith, Jean Elum; stepson Ted Sagen; and granddaughter Melissa Sagen.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Payne; sister Carol Diesen; children Larry Payne, Linda Sheffield, Mercedes (Helen) Finklestein, Clint Payne, Edwin Payne; stepchildren Daniel Sagen, Shelly Sagen-Adams, Wendy Sagen; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 2 p.m. A celebration of life will follow at the VFW in Whitefish at 3 p.m.

## Carolyn R. Palmquist, 81

Carolyn R. Palmquist, 81, of Lakeside died at her home on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Palmquist; and her children, Karen Dion and Lisa Littlefield.

No service is being planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Terri I. Parsons, 57

Terri I. Parsons, 57, of Kalispell, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2021.

She is survived by her husband Gail. Services will be

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



## Ralph Brian Peck, 74

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Brian Peck passed away at home with support from hospice on Nov. 7, 2021, after a short battle with cancer.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1947, into a New England family with roots dating back to the Mayflower.

He is survived by his spouse Linda of Columbia Falls, sister Marilyn (Bob) Meyers, brother Bruce, niece Lisa (Mike) Hiliadis and their children Bonnie (Drew) and Caleb (JoAnne), all of Massachusetts, as well as many cousins around the country. He also leaves behind his cats whom he loved to photograph and play with.

Brian dedicated his life to the protection of all animals wild and free, as well as domestic animals. His indefatigable enthusiasm, wide breadth of knowledge garnered from many years on the ground in the natural world, and his

irrepressible sense of humor were the hallmarks of his mission. Tolerance, mutual respect and caring were the heart of his message to everyone he met. Brian's big grin, and full bodied laugh never failed to bring laughter to everyone he encountered and befriended. He truly strove to connect people with nature in ways that were meaningful to them.

On a personal level, Brian was kind, funny, encouraging and helpful. He treasured his friend-



ships and loved his adopted state of Montana. Most people who met him as a stranger walked away as a friend after a

conversation with him.

He served in the Army stateside in the early 1970s and had a deep respect for all veterans, particularly those who saw active combat during a war. He is deeply loved and will be so missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

An informal celebration of Brian's inspirational "follow your heart" life will be held on Monday, Nov. 15, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls from 2 to 4 p.m. Please bring your stories to share about Brian. COVID precautions and masks are recommended — thank you!

Donations in his honor can be made to Swan View Coalition ([www.swanview.org](http://www.swanview.org)); or Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force ([www.flatheadspayneuter.org](http://www.flatheadspayneuter.org)) or Vital Ground Foundation ([www.vitalground.org](http://www.vitalground.org)) or Wolves of the Rockies (<https://www.wolvesoftherockies.org>) or <https://www.flatheadaudubon.org>

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Hazel Hunt Pederson, 84

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Hazel Hunt Pederson passed away at her home on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

She was born Oct. 17, 1936, in Troy, Idaho, to Mabel and Balt Hunt. She attended grade school and high school in Sandpoint, Idaho, where she was the valedictorian. She attended Eastern Washington college on a music scholarship playing the violin. After one year she transferred to the University of Idaho, working her way through college earning a Bachelor of Science Business degree. She married William "Bill" L. Pederson, Sept. 6, 1959. After first being married, they moved every two years because of Bill's job with the Forest Service. They lived in Kingston, Idaho, St. Regis, Montana and Livingston, Montana, then spent five years in Spotted Bear between the Great Bear and Bob Marshall wildernesses. They adopted Patti in 1964 and then Michael in 1966. In 1970 they moved to Bigfork where they have spent the rest of the time. After raising the children and they entered high school, Hazel took a "part time" job as a Realtor. This job turned into a full-time adventure where she excelled because of her personality and her honesty. She enjoyed the work and the people she encountered. She also designed and drew the plans for the house they built, and then excelled at the interior designing. Hazel spent countless hours planting and maintaining a wide variety of beautiful flowers in her yard. She also enjoyed skiing and traveling with her friends and family.

Hazel was a founding member of Chapter BH, Sisterhood of PEO. She was passionate about the PEO Scholarship Fund, helping local youth obtain a scholarship to help them get a college degree. Something she



would say was "Always do well in school, read a lot, have fun and be kind to

people and you will have a lot of friends and be happy."

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents. Her brother Bill was declared Missing in Action in November of 1966 in the Vietnam War.

She is survived by her loving husband Bill to whom she was married 62 years, her daughter Patti and son Mike. She also leaves behind granddaughter Tiffany Romero, her husband Mike and great-grandchildren Ben and Brayden; also, grandson Brian Welzenbach, and Brooke and great-grandchildren Ava, Brody and Carter.

Hazel's funeral service will be at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15. There will be a luncheon to follow the service.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks for contributions to "PEO Chapter BH Scholarship Fund." Checks can be sent to P.O. Box 438, Bigfork, MT 59911.



## Rosemary Pederson, 94

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Rosemary Pederson, 94, went home to be with her Lord Jesus Oct. 21, 2021. She was at her home with family near.

Rose was born July 27, 1927, in Seffner, Florida, to Howard and Katherine (Meurer) Keister, but raised in North Dakota, attending school in Valley City State Teachers School. She married her neighborhood sweetheart, Odean Pederson, in 1947 in Shelton, Washington, raising their three children in mostly Montana.

Rosemary was a faithful member of Faith Lutheran Church until their declining years. She was an accomplished and creative seamstress, cook

and homemaker. Her gift of hospitality was well known and enjoyed. She worked in Glasgow and Kalispell Penney's, especially enjoying fabrics, and later at Sears. She enjoyed her family times and several big reunions. At Bitterroot Lake once she did all meal planning, shopping, and meal prepping for 50 relatives.

She is survived by sister, Gertrude Drader, of McMinnville, Oregon, the last surviving sibling out of nine children; her three children, Bonnie Beardsley, Phillip known as Pete (Anita) Pederson, and Brad Pederson of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Rodney (Selene)

Beardsley of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Chad (Lacie) Beardsley of Denver, Heather (Bill) Sullivan of Kalispell, and Katie (Guy) Mellick of Billings; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at Faith Free Lutheran Church Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

Donations may be made to Faith Free Lutheran or Child Bridge.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [buffalohillfh.com](http://buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Marvin A. Pelky, 78

Marvin A. Pelky, 78, formerly of Kalispell, died April 28, 2021, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, due to cardiac arrest.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Pelky. No services are planned.

## Kip Pelto, 61

Kip Pelto, 61, of Kalispell, died on Aug. 10, 2021, at his home.

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

## Joy King-Pennington, 60

Joy King-Pennington, 60, died Oct. 1, 2021 at Renaissance Assisted Living in Kalispell. Services are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Fay Lee Pemble, 94

*PAS 26 Dec 2021*  
Fay Lee Pemble was born June 6, 1927, in Kalispell, the third of four children to Charles and Verna (Johnston) Pemble. He passed Dec. 19, 2021.

He started school in September 1933 at Deer Park. Fay joined 4-H and exhibited at the fair, including a heifer that a neighbor paid \$1 for and gave to him. He also showed her as a cow when he joined FFA at Flathead County High School. He served as FFA treasurer from 1943 to 1945. In FFA he had Ag Shop, which he excelled at, learning blacksmithing, welding, mechanics and carpentry.

Four days past his 16th birthday, he joined Glacier National Park Service and was stationed at Belly River. He couldn't boil water, so taught himself to cook, including baking bread, one loaf at a time.

After graduating in 1945, he was a smoke chaser at the head of Lake McDonald. Using canned salmon, he trapped and moved one grizzly and 23 black and brown bears.

He spent the next two years at Waterton Lake and learned how to run a boat, so as not to have to walk out 10 to 12 miles. He became the St. Mary dispatcher for three years. Then in 1950, he left the Park Service and married Dorothy "Dot" Vorell.

He took over the family farm in Deer Park and continued to farm for over 50 years. He also worked simultaneously for 24 years at the Anaconda Aluminum Company plant.

Fay and several neighbors started and built the Bad Rock Fire station. He was the first to drive the new fire truck from



the dealer. It was equipped with only the siren, much to the glee of neighborhood kids.

When he neared retirement from the plant, he built a hay truck with the steering wheel on top of the cab, so winter feeding of cattle could be a one-man job. He and the truck were featured in the Montana Farm Show magazine.

He was preceded in death by Dorothy in December 1995, and later married Audrey Cline Boe. They moved to Kalispell after Fay sold the farm. He grew sweet peas and tomatoes there. He and Audrey took several great trips and cruises and delivered Meals on Wheels prior to her death in November 2014.

Fay moved to Buffalo Terrace and used his farming skills to grow some mean amaryllis each Christmas. This summer, after being hospitalized, he moved to Immanuel Skilled Care Center where he remained until his death.

He is survived by son David (Billie), daughter Dorann (Mike) Mullins, grandsons David (Julie) and Steven (Jessica), granddaughters Becky (Jake) and Laurie (Trevor), 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

If you wish, donations can be made to Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn St. Helena MT 59601, a food pantry, or charity of your choice.

A memorial celebration will be held in the summer of 2022.

## Joan E. (Ramlow) Pemble, 71

*PAS 6 Nov 2021*  
Joan Pemble died at her home in Caldwell, Idaho, on Oct. 31, 2021, from a malignant brain tumor. Joan was the oldest child of Russ and Mary Ellen Ramlow of Whitefish, born July 20, 1950. She graduated from Whitefish High School and from Whitworth College with a degree in elementary education. She taught for three years in South Carolina before marrying Ed Pemble and moving to southern California. Joan taught elementary school in Norwalk, California, for five years and obtained a master's degree in education from California State University in 1979.

In 1981 Joan moved with Ed to southern Idaho and substitute taught until her first son, Mark, was born in 1982. Her son Scott was born in 1984, followed by David in 1986 and John, who died in infancy, in 1989. Joan homeschooled her sons and provided special learning experiences for them, including educational travel. When her sons reached high school age Joan returned to full-time teaching at North Star Charter School, finally retiring in 2015. That year Joan was honored by the Boise area Rotary organization as the most influential teacher of a Rotary Scholarship recipient.

In addition to teaching, Joan volunteered in



children's education at various churches, at the Nampa, Idaho, public library,

and the Caldwell, Idaho, library board where she served as chair. She volunteered as an election judge for the Canyon County, Idaho, elections department. Joan participated in a book club with several friends for more than a decade, helping to select books to challenge her mind. Joan survived her brain tumor for more than seven years before it returned in the fall of 2020. As Joan knew that she would not survive the tumor again, her thoughts turned toward her next life in heaven, and she died in peace and confidence.

Joan's parents, her sons John and David, and her sister Judy (Ramlow) Neer passed away before her.

Her husband Ed, her sons Mark and Scott, and her brother Jim (Alma) Ramlow of Whitefish, survive her, along with nieces, nephews and cousins in Montana, North Dakota and Idaho.

Services will be held today, Nov. 6, in Nampa.

Joan's family suggests memorial gifts to India Evangelical Mission, Orphan Fund, at [www.indiaevangelical.org](http://www.indiaevangelical.org).

## John Pemberton, 84

*PAS 15 Dec 2021*  
John Pemberton, 84, of Columbia Falls, was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on Aug. 15, 1937, and died in Kalispell on Dec. 12, 2021.

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

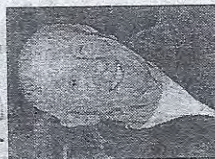
Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.





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## Milton Perlow, 94



Milton Perlow, 94, passed away on Jan. 25, 2021, at Rising Mountains in Bigfork.

Milt was born on June 21, 1926, in Chicago to Max and Anna (Gannes) Perlow. When Milt was 4 the family moved to Los Angeles. Following graduation from Hollywood High School, in 1944, Milt served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in World War II in the Philippines, Okinawa and the army of occupation in Japan. After discharge in 1946, Milt attended USC and followed graduation entered UC Irvine medical school graduating in 1956. He did his internship and residency at Los Angeles County Hospital.

Milt practiced anesthesiology for over 30 years in L.A. serving as chief of staff and assisting in the certification of several community hospitals. In 1959 he met Marjorie Johnson, an L.A. teacher. They were married in 1960 and have three children, Daniel (Patty), David and Leslie; and five grandchildren, Christine, David, Eden, Chase and Daniel. Milt has two children, Gale and Gordon, from a previous marriage.

In 1996 Milt and Marjorie retired to Bigfork. They both volunteered for 20 years at Kalispell

Regional Medical Center, Milt serving on the volunteer board and subsequently serving on the board of the hospital foundation.



While enjoying the Flathead they also were fond of their travels to Europe, Africa, Russia and South America. Summer or winter Milt could be found watching his grandkids at Little League, swim meets, dance etc. and just being Papa. He was an avid reader, loved golf and the driving range, as well as a fine poker hand.

The family wishes to thank Lakeview Care Center staff for their amazing care of Milt; and to Rising Mountains for their care in his final days. Also many thanks to Lee Darlington for all of his assistance and kindness at this time of bereavement.

No services are planned. As per Milt's wishes his ashes will be scattered in the Pacific this summer in Los Angeles.

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## Janet Lorene Pendergrass, 71



The world lost a shining light on June 19, 2021, as Janet Lorene Pendergrass passed away at her home in Powell, Wyoming, surrounded by family.

Most people only see the world as it is; Janet was the rare person who saw the world as it should be. She had a strong sense of justice, and was unafraid to speak up on behalf of all who needed help. Those who were lucky enough to be friends or family of Janet were repeatedly graced by her genuine kindness; one of her greatest joys was finding special gifts to mark occasions or celebrate achievements. She noted the beauty of the world around her, pursuing a lifelong love of painting

to capture that beauty; one of her paintings was given as a gift (naturally) to the Northern

Montana College, where it remains on display.

Janet never perceived life as a competition. She instead believed that everyone deserved success. She was a tireless advocate for anyone pursuing their dreams, and shared in their joy as they achieved them. She loved cooking for everyone at hunting camp every year. She was passionate about all living things, and especially drawn to horsemanship. For more than two decades, her constant

companion was Blaze, a beautiful thoroughbred and partner in everything from barrel riding to leisurely summer strolls. Though all who had the fortune to meet Janet will miss her presence here, we can all be comforted knowing she is now reunited with Blaze and riding into new, never-ending adventures.

Janet was born July 31, 1949, in Ontario, Oregon, to Chet and Dorothy Partin. She grew up in Idaho and Montana, eventually attending Northern Montana College in Havre and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental water quality. She worked as a water quality technician in Libby before retiring to spend more time with family. She spent most

of her adult years as a resident of the Flathead Valley.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Chet and Dorothy Partin.

She is survived by Mike Pendergrass, her husband of 54 years; by her children, April Caron (husband Dave), Spring Gibbs (husband Mike) and Mike Pendergrass (wife Catrina), all of Kalispell; by her sister Ruth Hines (husband John); and by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her legacy will continue as family and friends share the kindness, purpose and joy she instilled in them.

A memorial service is being planned for September in Kalispell.



## Deloras Peters, 86

PAT 15 Aug 2021

Deloras Peters, 86, was called home to her heavenly Father on Aug. 10, 2021.

Deloras Irene was born to Otis and Marie Black on June 19, 1935, in Colville, Washington. The family later moved to the Flathead Valley where she met and married Jerry Peters in the summer of 1953. Together they had five children.

Deloras was a collector of all things beautiful. She gave generously of her time and took great pleasure in giving gifts. She blessed so many with her kindhearted nature. She enjoyed keeping her hands and mind busy quilting and crocheting blankets, working on puzzles, and playing card games. Deloras was adored by her family and friends and will be deeply missed. Although she passed from this life, she entered into eternal life, and in that knowledge, there is great comfort.

Deloras was preceded in death by her siblings Robert Black, Lester Black and Della Beller, her husband Jerry Peters, and her son Rollie Peters.

Deloras is survived by her son Fred Peters of Olney, daughter Mary Peters Nicholls of Olney, son Joe and his wife Lynda Peters of Columbia Falls, daughter



Donna Andrews of Whitefish, and daughter Phyllis Friske of Columbia

Falls. Grandchildren include Brad and Tessa Peters of Columbia Falls, Chad and Tory Graham of Kalispell, Jason and Lauren Johnston of Alaska, Jake and Tasha Gall of Kalispell, Ken and Taira Massey of Tennessee, Nick and Sarah Rosenbaum of Columbia Falls, Kelly and Joyce Sandefer of Butte, Nick and Erica Friske of Columbia Falls, Lincoln and Hannah Meehan of Kalispell, Haileah Peters and Steven TenBerge of Kalispell, and Alex Peters of Columbia Falls, as well as 22 great-grandchildren and her special caregiver, Renae Fredrickson of Olney.

The funeral will be held Wednesday Aug. 25, at 11 a.m. The service will be officiated by Pastor Matthew Nelson at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at 640 7th St W Columbia Falls, Montana. Interment at Fairview Cemetery and lunch will follow.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Cloyd Rex Peterson

PAT 8 Dec 2021

Dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, brother and son, Cloyd Rex Peterson, passed peacefully into the arms of his beloved wife Ann on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021.

Kindness, hard work, and selfless giving were the defining features of his life, and are the heart of his legacy.

He is deeply loved. His presence will be deeply missed, and his life forever celebrated.

Cloyd and Ann Peterson were devoted ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and faithful members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Together, their united efforts to love and serve their family and community through quiet acts of kindness will continue to have profound



impact on all who knew them.

Cloyd is survived by sons Rick (Lisa

Peterson) and Randy (Jodi Peterson) and daughters Suzanne (Patrick Barlow) and Shannon (Paul Clawson), 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Gary, and beloved wife Ann.

There will be no formal memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, you are invited to honor Cloyd and Ann by contributing to the Humanitarian Aid fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



## Jerry Allen Peterson, 82

Jerry Allen Peterson, 82, of Montana, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021, in Polson.



Jerry was born in Sault Ste.

Marie, Michigan, to Erv and Mary (Flynn) Peterson on June 1, 1939. He was a graduate of Bradley High School, South Dakota, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southernaire, South Dakota, in 1962. He worked his way through college as a smokejumper fighting forest fires in the Northwest. He served in the Air Force from 1962 to 1966. He married Phyllis Ann Bjerke on June 28, 1963, on Otis Airbase, Massachusetts.

Jerry worked as a computer analyst for Control Data Corporation for 33 years. Jerry traveled throughout the U.S. and abroad for his work. He enjoyed his work connections at Kirtland Air Force Base, Sandia and Los Alamos Labs, and NASA. He was an active volunteer firefighter, first responder, NRA and Polson Shooters Association member, and a community volunteer.

Jerry was an avid

hunter and fishman. He enjoyed camping with friends and family throughout the United States. Jerry loved exploring back roads and scuba diving. Jerry had a special place in his heart for his grandson Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Willie, and many friends and family.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Phyllis; daughter, Elizabeth Peterson and her husband, Don Butterfield; grandson, Tyler Butterfield; sister, Jeanne Tucker and her husband, Gene T.; and numerous nieces, cousins and friends.

Family, friends and others whose life Jerry has touched are invited to the celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, at the Polson Senior Citizen Center. Come enjoy a light lunch, fun pictures, reminiscence, and share stories.

If desired, friends and family may make memorial contributions to a charity of choice.

The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful help of neighbors, friends and family.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lake-funeralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lake-funeralhomeandcremation.com). Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.



## Lois Caroline Peterson, 93

Lois Caroline Peterson, 93, passed away Jan. 24, 2021, at The Springs in Whitefish.

Lois was born in East Orange New Jersey, on Aug. 1, 1927, to Frederick and Bertha (Drake) Kammerer. She was raised in East Orange and then moved to Oakhurst, New Jersey, and then for 59 years in Lincroft, New Jersey.

Lois married the love of her life, Arnold Peterson, in March of 1951 at Roosevelt Methodist Church in Newark, New Jersey. They were married 69 years.

She was a member of Red Bank Methodist Church in New Jersey for many years.

Lois attended Oberlin Conservatory of music and graduated from Drake secretarial school. She then worked for Stout and O'Hagan Law Office in her early years of marriage. Lois loved to volunteer at the Family and Children services, American Red Cross, and was a 20-year volunteer at Riverview Medical Center in New Jersey with 4,000 hours. She loved music, played the flute, piano, organ and spent many hours entertaining others playing the organ or piano. Her greatest joys were her granddaughter and great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded



in death by her parents Frederick and Bertha Kammerer, and brother Richard Kammerer.

She is survived by her loving husband, Arnold Peterson, of Whitefish; daughters, Nancy MacDonald of Kalispell, and Barbara (Jack) Foley of Whitefish; granddaughter, Christine (John) Nelson of Whitefish; and great-grandchildren, John and Autumn; nieces and nephews, Craig Kammerer of Watchung, New Jersey, nephew Steve Kammerer of Atlanta, and Georgia and Kathleen (Robert) Schumacher of Fulong, Pennsylvania.

She will always be remembered for her caring spirit. She was a friend to many and was loved by all that knew her.

A private family service will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish with burial at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Red Cross in Lois's name.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Tiffany Ann Petersen, 51

Tiffany Ann Petersen, 51, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021.

She is survived by her daughter Tessa McCollam.

A private service will be held at a later date.

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



## Ruth Alice (Ballard) Pettyjohn, 97

*P A 7 13 Apr 2021*  
Ruth Alice (Ballard) Pettyjohn passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at her home.

Ruth was born in Belgrade, Montana, to Charles and Jennie Ballard on Nov. 29, 1923.

She graduated from Belgrade High School in 1942. During World War II she worked as a lathe operator at a machine shop in Bozeman making valves for submarines.

She attended Bible College in Lemmon, South Dakota and International Bible College in Saskatchewan where she met her future husband Lorne Pettyjohn. They married in June 1948 in Bozeman. In 1959 they moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded



in death by her husband Lorne Pettyjohn.

She is survived by her son Robin and his

wife Andi Pettyjohn of Phoenix, daughter Patsy and her husband Chuck Trujillo of Auburn, Washington, son Malcolm and his wife Gayla Pettyjohn of Kalispell, and daughter Diane and her husband Gary Fetveit of Kalispell. She also had eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family will have a celebration of life at a later date.

Ethen spoke best with his smile. Like a sunrise coming out of the darkest part of night, his face would begin to crest with a grin that turned into the brilliance of a smile that lit up a room. His passing has hit us like a hurricane, the darkness is intense, and the storm is furious. Yet, each day since his passing has had rainbows of promise. Rainbows that remind us that the storm is passing; that God is good and restoring, rebuilding, and resurrecting it all in the power of love.

Ethen, your memory will forever be carried in our hearts. We will take your lessons on love, friendship, compassion and peace. The lessons you so willingly shared, and try our best to do the same. May you rest in peace our sweet Ethen, and may you know how much you are loved.

Ethen was the son every parent dreams of having. The kind of grandson every grandparent is proud to have, and the brother that everyone needs. I've will forever miss her road trips listening to music with him. Mathew will always remember their adventures together on their vacations, especially those on the family ranch in California, and Sage's trampoline feels empty without her big brother jumping on it with her. Ethen will cherish the friendly skirmishes of chess that

## Ethen Samuel Phelps

*P A 5 22 Sept 2021*  
Ethen Samuel Phelps left this world Sept. 19, 2021, in a similar way in which he arrived — quietly, surrounded in love by his family. While his arrival brought smiles and laughter, his passing has brought great sorrow and pain. His presence was so powerfully life giving and his absence is so powerfully heartbreaking.

Ethen was so richly good. He was like a coin, he could be the strong, secure big brother one moment and the compliant, loving son who willingly emptied the dishwasher for his mom the next. He could be intently focused on a game of chess and then move immediately at the request of his father to joyfully feed the dogs. He could sit quietly on the outskirts of a conversation, and then land the most clever comment with perfect timing and delivery. Ethen was comfortable drawing in his room, and confident to lead his younger siblings on an adventure. He wasn't afraid to admit that he didn't know how to do something, and courageous enough to step up, learn and try.

Ethen was a peacemaker and catalyst who was able to live with joy in two different homes with two different sets of parents. He never made anyone feel less than, judged or compared. He loved with a profound gentleness and reassuring acceptance. He was the best, and brought out the best in all of us, multiplying goodness and love wherever he went.



the two shared.

Ethen's goodness was felt by his friends as well as his fami-

ly. He was not driven to be popular, or focused on image. He looked for those who were in need and found the same kind of goodness in others that he, himself had. Ethen was a tremendous teammate that enjoyed every sport he played, but truly loved basketball. He didn't need the spotlight, but gave his all to help others succeed.

Ethen was a kind and sensitive boy, who was growing into a strong and competent man.

While he was developing skills in such things as carpentry, fly fishing, cooking and golf, he also retained the aware, compassionate, intuitive side of the artist. He not only saw the detailed lines and shading of life, he could capture them with his pencil. Ethen did not miss the amazing wonder and glory of the world we find ourselves in. He saw it and could help us all see it too. Our lives are forever changed!



## Fredrica 'Freddie' Phelps, 71

Fredrica "Freddie" Phelps, 71, formerly of Trego, died March 2, 2021.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Jerry's Saloon in Fortine.

## Byron Paul Phillips, 73

Byron Paul Phillips, 73, was born Sept. 12, 1948, to Ellis Bradley Phillips and Isabel Shipman Phillips. He joined brother Greg (age 2) and was followed two years later by brother Dale.

He was raised in Libby and attended Libby High School where he played basketball and football. He also played Legion Baseball and enjoyed skiing. He graduated in 1966 and attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, for a short time. After leaving PLU he joined the Army. He attended basic infantry training and airborne school and was sent to Vietnam with the 1-50 Mechanized Battalion, 173 Airborne Brigade. He was in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

He returned home to Libby and married Linda Finlayson on Sept. 12, 1970. On Sept. 22, 1975, they welcomed a son, Kenneth James, to the family, followed by a daughter, Lisa Lee, on July 23, 1977. He was extremely proud of the military service of both of his children and now his oldest grandson.

Byron loved anything outdoors or sports related. He fished, golfed, and was an avid skier since he was a small child. He played volleyball, basketball, and was a standout softball pitcher who competed in



softball tournaments both locally and regionally. He also coached his son and daughter's Little League teams and loved being a member of the Logger Football chain gang for nearly 30 years.

After retiring he enjoyed helping friends with building projects, taking road trips with various friends and painting crosses with other VFW members.

He loved his six grandchildren. He cherished his time watching them play sports and was proud of all of their accomplishments.

He was preceded in death by his parents Brad and Isabel Phillips, and older brother Greg Phillips.

Byron is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda; children, Kenneth Phillips (Gina) and Lisa Phillips; grandchildren, Darius, Siane, Latasha (Lisa); Matthew, Lincoln and Harper (Kenneth and Gina); brother, Dale Phillips; sister-in-law, Carol Phillips (Greg); sister-in-law, June Upchurch; stepbrother, Jeff Gruber; nieces and nephews, Paul, Tyler and Miesha (Dale); Mark, Jance, Jeremy (Carol and Greg) and April (June).

Services will be held on Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers or gifts please make donations to Turner Mountain at P.O. Box 210, Libby, MT 59923.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Colleen April Phillips, 78

Colleen April Phillips, 78, of Kalispell, died on May 13, 2021, at Edgewood Vista.

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

## Kenneth D. Phillips, Sr.

On Feb. 15, 2021 Kenneth D. Phillips, Sr. passed away in Mount Airy, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen and his parents Art and Audrey Phillips.

He is survived by his son Kenneth D. Phillips, Jr., daughter-in-law Mariza, granddaughter Kristina Phillips, brother Robert Phillips and many nieces and nephews.

## Lois Lorraine (Hanson) Phillips, 93

On Friday, June 18, 2021, Lois Lorraine (Hanson) Phillips went to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, at the age of 93.

Lois was born in Spokane on May 15, 1928, to Hilmer and Mae Lillian Hanson. Later that year, her family moved to Kalispell. After her mother died of tuberculosis in 1933, Lois lived with foster parents Charles and Anna Bates of Kalispell. Lois attended Creston School, Kalispell West Side School, and graduated in the Flathead High School Class of 1946. She then went on to graduate from Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis with a major in Christian education.

In May of 1953, Lois married the love of her life, David Phillips of Kalispell. They had known each other as children and David often commented that when he returned from the Army, he was "pleasantly surprised at how she'd grown up." Lois and David spent their working years back and forth between Fairbanks, Alaska, and Kalispell. They welcomed and raised three children, Martha, Jonathan and Joy. They returned to settle in Kalispell permanently when they retired in 1993.

Lois served the Lord



faithfully in her local church family, both at

University Park Bible Church in Fairbanks and Central Bible Church in Kalispell. She was active in Sunday School, Bible studies, AWANA, the Missions Committee, and filled in on the piano and organ when needed. She loved music, her family, and most of all, her Savior.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband David, and great-grandchildren Hannah and Keira Rodgers.

She is survived by her three children, Martha Oursland (husband Bill), Jonathan Phillips, and Joy Gregory (husband Dale), seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and five half siblings.

A celebration of Lois' life will be held at noon, Tuesday, June 29, at Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Bible Church's missions program.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.



## Myrtis E. Phillips, 83

Myrtis E. Phillips, 83, of Whitefish, died of natural causes on Aug. 20, 2021 at North Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Robert and daughters, Tara and Bobbette.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Amy Picard, 43

Amy Picard, 43, of Bigfork, died Nov. 2, 2021.

She is survived by her mother Claudette

Olstad.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Mary-Bye Pickering, 80

*PA 5 20 Nov 2021*  
Mary-Bye Pickering passed away on Oct. 6, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. But that is not the important date to remember. The most important one is the day Mary-Bye was born on May 20, 1941. As she liked to tell us ... she was born in an elevator going up in Rising Sun, Maryland. She brought joy, happiness and light to everyone that she came into contact with.

Mary-Bye was preceded in death by her parents Hiram and Margaret Driggs.

She is survived by her two daughters, Whitney Normile and Ashley Pickering, as well as Whitney's husband Patrick and their two children Micah and Samantha, and Ashley's partner Scott Thompson. Mary-Bye also leaves behind her two brothers, Wally Driggs and wife JoAnn, and Skip Driggs and wife Pam and many other cousins, nieces, nephews and family that loved her.

Mary-Bye was raised in Maryland and graduated from Ramapo High School (Franklin Lakes, New Jersey) in 1959. She went on to finishing school at St. Mary's Seminary Junior College (St. Mary's City, Maryland, 1960-'61) and then received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Maryland General Hospital in 1963. After moving back to



Maryland she met John Wayne Pickering in 1968 at the

Conowingo Inn. They were married on Dec. 20th of 1969 and remained married for 20 years. She settled in Kalispell in August of 1981.

Mary-Bye always had a smile for everyone. She lived life with enjoyment and willingness to serve others. Mary-Bye loved her church family and dedicated many years to teaching, singing, and serving her Lord and Savior. She was also extremely involved in her community, serving as executive officer of the Flathead Building Association for many years. She was extremely dedicated to the valley and enjoyed the opportunity she had to advance the interests of the building industry and Montanans everywhere. Upon retirement in 2003, Mary-Bye moved to Seattle to be close to her grandchildren. She was greatly loved by everyone who knew her.

Her celebration of life will be 1 p.m. today, Saturday, Nov. 20, at Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow at Buffalo Hill Golf Course at 2 pm.

## Steven Gary Phillips, 72

Steven Gary Phillips, 72, of St. Ignatius, died at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell on

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Janet 'Janie' Lynne (French) Pine, 77

*PA 6 26 Sept 2021*  
Janet "Janie" Lynne (French) Pine, 77, of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 17, 2021, at The Lodge at Buffalo Hill Terrace after a 14-year battle with dementia.

Janie was born May 31, 1944 to Homer and Faire (Voran) French in Hutchinson, Kansas. Raised in Pretty Prairie, Kansas, Janie would go on to continue her education at Kansas State University receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Janie would marry the love of her life, Stan Pine, in 1965 and the two would share a wonderful 55 years together and raise a beautiful family.

As she finished her college education, Janie and Stan traveled across Europe and England for three months mostly by train-hopping from country to country. Janie had a passion for teaching young minds as her career in education developed. She would teach elementary school in Enterprise, Kansas, for one year; in Denver for three years; and Chapter One in Kalispell for several more years. Her real passion was raising her family and spending time with friends. She was an avid participant within the local community, becoming the secretary for Glacier National Park Volunteer Associates; a hospice volunteer; a Make-A-Wish volunteer; and sang in the choir and Christmas programs



at Canvas Church for 25 years.

Janie wasn't limited to her career as she could often

be found out kayaking, skiing, hiking, backpacking and biking the great outdoors. She would continue to travel the world again with Stan, trekking across Europe, Africa, Israel and Australia.

Janie was preceded in death by her father, Homer French; mother, Faire (Voran) French; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Mary Kay French; brother, Steve French; and grandson, Tanner Pine.

She is survived by her husband, Stan Pine; daughter, Stephanie Girardot and her husband David; son, Travis Pine; and grandchildren, Gabrielle, Trinity and Olivia Pine, and Abigail, Colter and Dawson Girardot.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. at Canvas Church. Memorials are suggested to be contributed to Hope Pregnancy Ministries, Immanuel Lutheran Communities and Canvas Church.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Anica Mae Pitt, 44

Anica Mae Pitt, 44, of Kalispell, died on Nov. 25, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

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



## Charles Eugene Plummer, 95

PA 6 9 Jan 2022

After a weekend surrounded by loved ones, on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, handheld by his daughter Kim, and sleeping nearby his wife, Charles Eugene Plummer passed peacefully into eternity.

Chuck, as he was known to most, was born Sept. 5, 1926, in Missoula to Charles Plummer and Olive Price. The oldest of three, Chuck grew up on property along the Bitterroot River outside of Lolo, Montana, with his brother, Ted, and sister, Gail. His early years were spent adventuring with his siblings — hunting, fishing, camping, and raising animals. Growing up, Chuck and Ted worked together alongside their father, at different times harvesting ice from Plummer's Slough behind their house, haying for the neighbor, or running telephone wire for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1944, at 17 years old, Chuck enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during World War II on the USS Rowan in both Hawaii and Japan. He turned 18 on the Gearing-class destroyer at sea in Japan, before returning home and being honorably discharged in June 1946.

Sometime after returning from the war, Chuck earned his high school diploma in Missoula and then began working at a meat shop in Stevensville called Livergood's. As a budding meat cutter, he began to develop the craft that eventually became his lifelong career. Across the street was a diner named Smiley's where he frequently went for lunch. In 1949, Chuck met Sylvia Fern Mitchell, a waitress, who was "prettier than a palomino in the moonlight" according to him. Married on May 28,

1950, at a little church in Stevensville, Chuck and Sylvia began their 71-year marriage, marked by love, loss, family, hard work, and

adventure. In July 1951 their firstborn, William "Bill" Russell was born in Missoula. The young family moved briefly to Helena, where Chuck worked at a grocery store meat counter, before moving to Kalispell where their second child, Patricia "Patty" Ann was born in July 1953 and Chuck worked on a crew building the Hungry Horse Dam. After moving to Bozeman to work for Montana Fish and Game at a fish hatchery, their third child, Sylvia "Kim" was born in December 1959. In 1960 the growing family moved back to Kalispell, where Chuck and Sylvia would purchase 40 acres of land along Church Slough, fed by the Flathead River, for their 10-year anniversary. Their fourth child, Wesley "Wes" Greg was born April 1962. For the next couple of years, Chuck worked at the nearby aluminum plant, before starting as a meat cutter at Sykes Market.

Falling closely behind their incredible marriage, raising four children and traveling the world, Chuck and Sylvia's most notable achievement was opening Lower Valley Meat Processing in 1974 out of their three-car



garage. As it grew into a premier meat processing plant, Chuck never really retired, greeting customers with his signature smile and heartfelt wave until November 2020, when he would be reunited with Sylvia at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork; well-loved and well cared for by the compassionate nurses and staff.

It should be noted that Chuck was a man of many talents. He and Sylvia maintained a large garden and orchard, as well as raised bees for honey. They enjoyed cooking and canning, sharing with anyone who would indulge their gifts. They were talented dancers and loved traveling, visiting all 50 states and 19 countries. Their favorite pastimes, camping and fishing, took them to Wrangell, Alaska, several times, as well as Lake Mary Ronan most summers of their marriage. More than anything, Chuck delighted in his family, never passing up the opportunity to share a bowl of ice cream or rum and coke together. He will

be missed dearly, though his legacy of hard work and having fun remains.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Olive Plummer; brothers-in-law, Glen Derrickson, Larry Mitchell, Jim Mitchell and George Mainwaring; sister-in-law, Virginia Mitchell; children, Bill Plummer and Patty Perry.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; siblings, Ted (Joyce) Plummer and Gail Derrickson; daughter, Kim (Joe) Lavadure; son, Wes (Sue) Plummer; grandson, Jeremy (Janell) Plummer and their kids Sam, Ione and Sadie; granddaughter, Amy (Eric) Gardner and their kids Walter, Charlie, Norman, Stanley and Clyde; grandson, Grant (Jaima) Hughes; and granddaughter, Patty Hughes.

The Plummer family would like to thank the community for the outpouring of support they have received and will announce when funeral plans are finalized, which are being made for spring. If you would like to send Sylvia a card, you may address it to her at Lake View Care Center, 1050 Grand Drive, Bigfork, Montana, 59911.



## John Poling, 79

PAG 29 Oct 2021

John Poling passed away Oct. 24 2021, at St. John's Hansen Cottage in Billings under the loving care of the staff there.

John was born to Delmer and Irene Poling May 30, 1942. He was raised in Glasgow with siblings Carol, Neil and Dan, attending schools and graduating from high school there.

John married Anita Wokal in 1963 and daughter Laurie was born to this union. He had many jobs in his young life and came to his true calling, flying airplanes, when he went to work for his father-in-law at Wokal Flying Service. He was an awesome pilot, beloved by the Glasgow community for his dedication, whether it was air ambulance or a trip for business or pleasure. He talked fondly of these years.

After his divorce, John moved to Billings and was one of the first employees of Big Sky Airlines, where he worked for 20 years. He met Vida Nichols while working there and they were married in 1979.

When John and Vida lived in Kalispell he flew part time for Semitool and loved flying the Falcon 50. While living in Everett, Washington, he followed his passion for providing affordable housing by helping construct homes for Habitat for Humanity as a dedicated volunteer for several years.

John grew in his Christian faith through fellowship at Faith



Chapel and the Walk to Emmaus. He was a wonderful friend and loved time with fam-

ily and friends, whether it was golfing, time on the lake sailing, fixing up old houses and cars, or playing cards. He had a great sense of humor, was an incredible cook and loved to host people at home. He and Vida enjoyed travel to much of the U.S., Europe, Canada and Mexico with family and friends. At home, his cats Claire and Mattie were beloved companions.

John is survived by his wife Vida, daughter Laurie Belcher (Blaine), grandsons Brian and Kyle Belcher (Cassie) and great-granddaughter Kallianne, siblings Carol Carter, Neil Poling (Peggy) and Dan Poling (Karen), numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. at Faith Chapel; use Broadwater entrance.

Service livestream: <https://boxcast.tv/view/john-poling-memorial-qli-lew4bjqhogbkzmjnj>

The broadcast is scheduled to begin 15 minutes before the service (at 12:45 p.m.) on Oct. 30.

Memorials are requested to Billings Walk to Emmaus, St. John's United, or Habitat for Humanity, in lieu of flowers.

## Wanda Marie Poore, 81

PAG 19 May 2021

Wanda passed away peacefully on April 15, 2021, in her hometown of Kalispell.

She was born to Richard "Dick" and Naomi Savage in 1939. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1958 and married (the late) Patrick M. Reynolds that same year and had three children. After living in Texas, California and Oregon, Wanda made her way back home to Kalispell in 1969 where she firmly planted her roots for the remainder of her life. She met her husband, Robert "Bob" Poore and they married in 1971 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. She worked for Kalispell Public Schools' Food Service program for most of her career and saw generations of kids go through the lunch line at the Kalispell Junior High and Flathead High School.

Everyone who met Wanda will remember her for her lively and honest personality and her quick wit. Her family and friends will fondly recall her laugh, her love for gag gifts, funny stunts and shenanigans including toying with the many telemarketers who tried but failed to scam her; she always found a way to toy with them. She had a great love of music and her children have memories of her dancing around the house to her favorite songs, while snapping her little fingers to the beat. She loved a good drum riff and guitar melody. Wanda was "old school" and believed in sending letters the



old-fashioned way. She was an amazing writer. She wrote poetry and was

often asked by friends and family to create poems for special occasions, many of which have been saved by her children and grandchildren to hold near and dear to their hearts. She was a wonderful and giving wife, mother, and grandmother. She never quit mothering her kids, even in their 50s and 60s. She would remind them to check the oil, their antifreeze before winter, and wear their seatbelts. Her legacy will live on through the telling of good jokes, belly laughs, and the love of music.

Wanda is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Bob "Jingles" Poore, of Kalispell; her three children, Mike Reynolds (Kim), Richard Reynolds, and Rhonda Heston (David); three grandchildren, Sarah Calhoun, Chelsi Benson, and Dustan Reynolds, and two great-grandchildren, Xaiden and Ava, all of Alaska; two sisters, Muriel Hagerman (Bill) and Sally DePue (Cliff); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on May 22 at noon, followed by a lunch reception at the Village Greens Clubhouse. Friends are welcome to attend both the graveside service and the reception.

## Patricia T. Popkins, 85

Patricia T. Popkins, 85, of Bigfork, died Dec. 22, 2021, in Bigfork.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Nezat. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 1 at Shining Mountains Church in Kalispell.

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



## Calvin Lewis Potts, 33

PA7 4 July 2021

We are so very heart-broken to announce the passing of Calvin Lewis Potts on June 20, 2021, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Calvin was born in Dillon, Montana, on Aug. 21, 1987, to Ronald and Charlotte (Unger) Potts. During his early childhood, Calvin moved with his family to several areas in Montana, Canada and Idaho. During his early teen years Calvin and his family settled in the Boise, Idaho, area where he would later join the military.

Calvin joined the Army in 2004 where he was proud to serve as a combat engineer. He was deployed to Iraq twice, once in 2006 and again in 2011. He was honorably discharged in 2012 after returning from his second deployment. The work Calvin was able to accomplish and the bonds he gained while serving in the Army were extremely impactful in his life and he would often speak of the bonds of brotherhood he felt with his fellow soldiers and the pride he had in being a soldier. Calvin never considered himself a hero, but his family and friends knew otherwise.

Calvin loved being in the woods and mountains, so after leaving the military he moved back to his home state of Montana in Bigfork. He began working on his degree in forestry at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. Calvin received his associate's degree in 2019. Anyone close to Calvin knew how hard he worked to accomplish his goal of getting that



degree and he proudly wore his famous ear to ear smile after graduation.

He was a restless soul and was always

looking for jobs that would take him somewhere extraordinary and that would satisfy his need for adventure. He worked climbing cell towers for a while and would often send breathtaking photos of himself clipped to a cell tower hundreds of feet in the air. Calvin also spent a summer as a wildland firefighter, another as a forestry technician with the Forest Service in Bigfork and in Arizona, and then cleared Forest Service trails in the Scapegoat Wilderness.

Calvin was a loyal friend, and his best qualities were his big heart and ear to ear smile. He had a soft spot for animals, more than once rescuing a baby squirrel from a fallen tree and nursing it back to health. Calvin also loved to spend time with his horse, Clover.

He will be missed dearly but we find comfort in knowing that he is finally free of the battles that he fought on this earth with PTSD. Calvin is now with his mother Charlotte, whom he so dearly loved, in heaven and in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Calvin was preceded in death by his mother Charlotte (Unger) Potts,

grandfather Harry Potts, and uncle Dallas Potts.

Calvin is survived by his father Ronald Potts, his brother Jordan Potts and wife Kellin and children Deborah, Laban, Deban, Frayja, and Ragnar, his sister Dana (Potts) Allard and her husband AJ and children Kaylen, Amber, Drew, Charlotte, Josiah, and Winston, his grandmother Marianna Potts, his grandparents Herman and Irene Unger, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Although Calvin leaves behind many family and friends who are going to miss his big smile, "unique" singing voice, and one of a kind laugh, we are also left with the thoughts of what Calvin's life could have been had he been able to free himself from the wounds he carried. Please help us honor Calvin's memory by remembering and praying for the men and women in the military who have fallen victim to and are currently battling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Calvin, we love and miss you, but we honor you with all of the memories you gave us and the love you so openly shared with everyone around you. We will see you again; until then, rest in the arms of the Lord.

Much love, your family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to The Wounded Warrior Project in Calvin's name, or cards can be sent to "Potts Family" c/o Dana Allard, P.O. Box 971, Superior, Montana 59872.



## Phyllis (Main) Potuzak, 89

*P44 14 Apr 2021*  
Phyllis (Main) Potuzak, 89, of Kalispell, passed away April 7, 2021, in the comfort of her home in Village Greens.

Phyllis was born March 30, 1932/ in Harlem/ Montana/ to Kenneth and Thelma Main. The family moved to Kalispell when she was in the eighth grade. She graduated from Flathead County High School. She was working in Essex, serving railroad employees when she met Richard Potuzak. They married Nov. 18, 1950.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; and her four children, Patti Helseth (Jim), Steven (Carol), Debi Coziahr (John) and Rick (Erline); brother, Earl

(Joann); sisters, Helen, Fran Ruby (Howard) Barb Smith and Linda Byers (Mickey); sister-in-law, Sherryl Main; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Ted, and two sisters Shirley and Carrie.

The family would like to thank Frontier Hospice for care received to make her final days comfortable.

There will be no funeral service as per her request. There will be a graveside service for immediate family only.

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

## Melvin Powell

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A celebration of life and potluck for Melvin Powell, 80, who died Nov. 6, 2020, will be held Saturday, July 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 1304 Seventh Ave. W., Kalispell. Guests are asked to also bring a lawn chair.

## Jean Marie Price, 96

It is with profound sadness and much love that we announce the passing of the matriarch of the Price Family, Jean Marie Price, 96, of natural causes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, with her son John by her side.

Jean's sister, nephew, nieces, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends were all able to voice their love and memories to her before she spread her wings. Jean was loved by so many and a strong supporter of those she cared about.

Her family was her everything, but in her spare time she was also very passionate about reading books, completing puzzles, bird watching, tending to her vegetable and flower gardens and always seemed content to be outside "pulling those darn weeds."



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Jean was born to Victor and Margaret George on Jan. 8, 1925, in Columbus, Montana.

She was raised on the George Family Ranch in Roscoe, Montana, and attended both universities in Bozeman and Missoula, graduating with a teaching degree. Her teaching career spanned 30 years in both Eastern and Western Montana.

In 1949 Jean and John "Jack," "Johnny" Price were united in marriage and she would also embrace two daughters, Toby and Trudy, as her own for her entire life. Jack, Jean and the girls made their home in Trego where their son John and twins Mike and Michele were born, making them a family of seven.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Margaret George; husband, Jack; sisters, Pat George and Betty Randall; her twins, Mike and Michele; grandsons, Randy Cook and Dustin Price; and sons-in-law, Ray Siefke and Al Elliott.

Jean is lovingly survived by her sister, Mary Ellen (Art) Diercks, of Moorhead, Minnesota; son, John (Kathy) Price II, of Missoula; daughters, Toby Elliott of Lake Havasu, Arizona, and Trudy Siefke of Libby; son-in-law, Ben Cluka, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren with another one on the way.

"But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." —

Isaiah 40:31

There will be a celebration of her life following her interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell when the weather warms, the flowers bloom and the birds come home. The date yet to be determined.

Memorials and donations in Jean's honor can be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be left at [cremationsocietyoftherockies.com](http://cremationsocietyoftherockies.com).



## John Daniel Price II, 68

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Our rock, John Daniel Price II, 68, logged his final run and reunited with his son, Dustin and all those that passed before him on Nov. 8, 2021. With family by his side, his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ welcomed him with open arms due to complications following his long, hard-fought and courageous battle against Covid-19.

"You can hang your hat on John 3:16!" were words often heard throughout his two-month battle. His faith was strong, as was his love for all his family and friends.

To know him was to love him and he reciprocated that love to all that knew him ... often in the form of "John Bear" hugs or at other times, just a simple phone call to check in. He was one of the good guys and had a notorious wit about him that was infectious and, at times humorous ... some would say!

"JDP II" was born in Kalispell on a snowy Nov. 17, 1952, to "Jack" and Jean Price. They brought him home to a cozy log cabin to two eagerly awaiting sisters, Toby and Trudy, in Trego. He was later blessed with twin siblings, Mike and Michele. It was there that his life began, and he grew up wrangling cows, riding horses, and tending to all things that came with living on the ranch. He learned at an early age that "if you want to eat, you've got to work" and this work ethic stuck with him throughout his life.

concert. He truly enjoyed every moment and was an amazing father.

Corrin blessed "Papa John" with his first two grandchildren, Shawn and RaeAnne Miller, and Dustin and Cody later added to the "Papa John" legacy with Payton, Cooper and Remi. John's children and grandchildren were his pride and joy and afforded him the opportunity to put that big heart of his and unparalleled wit to work.

Driving was his passion and he spent his 40-plus year career driving for Kalispell Feed and Grain, Equity Supply, USF Reddaway, Custom Transport (FedEx) and, most recently, Matheson Trucking where he made his final run in early September prior to falling ill.

When he wasn't driv-



ing, he filled his time with family and friends. He had a phenomenal voice and spent many of his years as a member of the church choir and quartet at Central Bible Church where he was able to showcase his talent and love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through song. He spent his time hunting for that elusive prize deer or elk, floating down the Clark Fork River with Kathy, or casting lines into any body of water and he was always the last one standing with a line in that water.

John is survived by and will be forever remembered by the love of his life, Kathy Price, of Missoula, daughter Corrin (Randy) Miller, son Cody (Melissa) Price, daughter DeAne Price, daughter-in-law Marea Price, sisters Trudy Siefke and Toby Elliott, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Butch and Cindy Broenneke, brother-in-law Ben Cluka, granddaugh-

ters RaeAnne Miller, Payton and Remi Price, grandsons Shawn Miller and Cooper Price and many other loving family members.

John was preceded in death by his son Dustin Price, parents John "Jack" and Jean Price, brother and sister Mike and Michele Price, brothers-in-law Ray Siefke, Al Elliott and Mike Chamberlain, best friend Chuck Noteboom and his final driving partner Tony Collins.

Fall was John's favorite time of year ... so we will lay his ashes to rest and celebrate his life as the tamarack's turn in the fall of 2022 in Kalispell. Details will be forthcoming.

Donations can be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation at [www.garysinisefoundation.org/](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org/) donate, or any veteran or first responder organization of your choice in memory of our rock, John D. Price II.

He, Jean and the twins moved to Rudyard, Montana, so Jean could further her teaching career. They would return to Trego each summer to work the ranch and reconnect with family and friends. He was quite the athlete and track star and graduated from Moore High School in Moore, Montana.

He married Debora LaRose (Standley) in 1973 and they welcomed their daughter Corrin in 1974. Their marriage later dissolved.

Following their dissolution, Kathy met her "Knight in Shining Armor" and they married Oct. 2, 1976. Married for just over 45 years, they made Kalispell their home and welcomed three children to the world ... Cody, DeAne and Dustin. They loved going for rides in Dad's "big rig" and he seldom missed a sporting event, play or choir



## Judith 'Judy' Sybil Price

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Judith "Judy" Sybil Price passed away March 6, 2021, in Arizona. Judy was one of 13 children born to William and Helene Meyer on the family farm in Quebec. Judy attended Magill University in Montreal where she worked for Bell Telephone Company. She transferred to the Bell Company in Berkeley, California, where she met and married Paul Price in 1961. The couple then moved to Whitefish where they raised their children, Shawn and Monique.



es, including North Valley Hospital. After Paul retired from the railroad, he and

Price and Dillon Pulse; two great-grandchildren; five siblings; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Doctors Without Borders by visiting: <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>.

Judy was very active in her community, teaching skiing to dozens of kids over the years, giving French lessons, and serving in Jaycees (four years as state treasurer). She worked as an accountant for various business-

Judy enjoyed many years of traveling the country in their motor home to visit family and old friends (often making new friends while serving as camp hosts). Judy will be remembered for her strong will, her ever-positive nature and her gung-ho spirit, even through trying times.

Judy is survived by Paul, her husband of 60 years; her son, Shawn (Wendy) Price, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Monique Price-Pulse, of Denver; grandsons, Wyatt

## Asa A. Pronovost, 77

Asa A. Pronovost, 77, of Plains died May 23, 2021, at The HealthCenter.

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

## Vera Prichard, 80

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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Vera Prichard, 80, of Columbia Falls on Aug. 9, 2021. Vera was surrounded by her family and passed peacefully at her home.



Vera was an avid gardener who enjoyed bowling, reading, houseplants and camping.

Our mother, Vera, was the strongest woman to ever walk this earth and our family was blessed to have her as the head of our family.

In 1958, she married Forrest and the two were inseparable from that time on. Vera is survived by Forrest, daughter Robin (Richard) Coffin, son Scott (Yvonne) Prichard, daughter Jodi Prichard, 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Dixie LaValley.

Vera and the family were active members of the Rocky Mountain Riders Saddle Club for many years enjoying o-mok-sees and trail riding.

Her ashes will be laid to rest Saturday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. during a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery. An open house, potluck will follow at the family home.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Rebecca 'Becky' Ann Price, 73

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Rebecca "Becky" Ann Price, 73, of Coram, passed away on Jan. 3, 2021, after an eight-month battle with aggressive ovarian cancer. She passed away at home with her husband, Steve, at her side.



eral nieces and nephews.

Becky loved the outdoors and spent much of the

Becky was born on March 4, 1947, in Augusta, Arkansas, to R.T. and Mary Matthews (Bellas). She was the fifth of five siblings.

She is predeceased by her parents and her sister, Ellen.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Steve; her children, Jeff, of Long Beach, California, and Trisha, of Mount Juliet, Tennessee; her sister, Carolyn Jacks, of Sherwood, Arkansas; her brothers, Richard (Margie) Matthews of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and Larry (Linda) Matthews of Yuma, Arizona. She is also survived by five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and sev-

year hiking the trails of Glacier National Park, especially the Highline Trail and the Iceberg Lake Trail which were two of her favorites.

Becky told friends and family that she "couldn't wait to get her new body in heaven so that she could go hiking." Becky was also a member of the Canyon Baptist Church.

At this time, there are no services scheduled.

The family asks that donations be made in memory of Becky to Canyon Baptist Church, Home Options Hospice Services, or St. Jude's.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Robin Putnam, 77

Robin Putnam, 77, of Bigfork, died at Hidden Meadows Memory Care in Columbia Falls on Friday June 18th, 2021.

Private services are being planned for a later date. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Shirley Putnam, 92

Shirley Putnam, 92, of Kalispell, died July 20, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

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