

# Jaqueline Dee (Czapla) Van Dyke, 74



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Jackie passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Nov. 20, 2020, from COVID-19.

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Jackie was born July 25, 1946, to Donna June (Olson) and Steve Chapla, who lived on Edwardsburg Road, Elkhart, Indiana. Jackie attended Elkhart schools and was very active in her high school choir. She spent her college summers working at different summer resorts, Katmai National Monument as a naturalist, skied in the Rockies, visited the New England coast, floated the Grand Canyon, and often went spelunking. She was the oldest of five. She attended Indiana University and received a degree in geology. Her brothers and sisters and parents spent much time traveling, camping and "rock hounding" for illusive gem stones.

Jackie and Benton met while working together at an engineering firm, and where soon married in March 1972. Jackie and Ben spent five years in Alaska and moved to Montana in '75-'76. They built a log home and started their family. Jackie's green thumb nurtured many plants along. Jackie sewed garments with perfect stitching and matching patterns — patches, button holes, buttons, pleats, anything, she could do. Jackie built wood projects, crown molding, picture frames, wooden Brio trains, modern marble games, shelves, cupboards and bluebird houses in the winter to put out in the spring. For 60 years Jackie cooked and baked delicious meals for her family. Often substituting different ingredients and later in her life specializing in gluten-free meals. Another accomplishment of hers was learning the fine art of silversmithing, making unique jewelry out of her collection of gem stones she had gathered over the years, often with her father.

Jackie had an insatiable desire to know the truth. She fought and won a battle with an employer in Alaska over gender equality. She searched and found truth in Christian theology. She researched news of the day and "quotes." She spent years looking for her grandfather's lost history, and this led to two trips to Poland. She wrote and published a biography of her father titled "Steve's story." She researched the records for the Martin family (Ben's side). The last research project was to read, listen and analyze the new current events. Jackie collected small turtles, marbles, music, children's books and toys, and musical instruments. Her biggest collection was precious gems, minerals, jewels, rocks, stones, fossils, boulders, handmade jewelry, sand and dirt. She collected sand from the West to the East Coast, including from Churchill Downs and other countries as well.

Jackie was a charter member of the Glacier Chorale, Mountain-Airs and sang in the Northridge Lutheran Church Choir. Jackie had perfect pitch and rhythm. She had a great appreciation for classical music and operas just as her grandfather Martin Olson did.

Jackie tested positive for COVID and spent the better part of three weeks fighting for her life. She succumbed to this horrible virus surrounded by her husband, three children, and son-in-law.

The immediate family held a small service at Northridge Lutheran church. They are planning to have a memorial service later in the spring or summer when extended family and friends will be able to gather; to be announced.

Memorials can be given to Lutheran World Hunger, in care of Northridge Lutheran Church.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Benton; her children, Thomas Martin, Jonas Michael, Elsa Marie Hoon and Nathaniel Ray Hoon; her grandchildren, Samson Jacob Hoon and Silas Reagan Bennett Hoon; her brothers and sisters, Dennis Chapla, Bryan Chapla, Lauretta Shiya and Donna Hardy; numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members.

## Recent Headlines

## Donald Earl Van Luven Jr., 84

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Judge Donald Earl

Van Luven Jr., 84, passed away peacefully at his home in Santee, California, on July 3, 2021, surrounded by his sons Adrian and Mark and grandchildren Ross and Dana. As per his wishes, he was cremated and will be scattered at sea along with his wife Ruth Ann's remains. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Ronald Reagan Library, 40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

Judge Van Luven was born in San Bernardino, California, in 1936. He graduated from San Bernardino High School 1954, and attended San Bernardino Valley College. Also, he and his beloved and surviving brother Ronald Van Luven honorably served in the United States Army. He then transferred to UC Berkeley and obtained his degree in English, after which he was accepted into UC Hastings College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1965.

Judge Van Luven then worked in private practice briefly before joining the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office as an assistant district attorney. In December 1974, he was appointed to the bench of the San Bernardino Municipal Court, by then Gov. Ronald Reagan. He sat on the bench of the Municipal Court until being elevated to the Superior Court by Governor George Deukmejian in 1986.

During his lengthy



tenure on the bench of the Superior Court, Judge Van Luven served in every courthouse in the County of San



Bernardino. He presided over the criminal courts, family law courts and the juvenile courts during his time on the bench.

He was very patriotic and deeply proud, but not of the many accolades he received, but by the small changes he made to make America better. He loved to tell the story of through hard work and self determination he was able to turn his life around from being a young thug, leading him to implement a work toward release program for inmates who otherwise were unproductive just sitting in jail. This was a novel concept in that period of time.

His closing years found him in Montana where he enjoyed his time with his wife and grandkids, continued to win championships in skeet and trap shooting, and supported the Republican party proudly. Upon his treatment needs for lung cancer, he returned to California, "right back where we started from" as the song goes. A great man has left us. Amen.

## Gregory S. Vanvoast, 85

Gregory S. Vanvoast, 85, of Helena, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021.

Simple Cremation

Montana has assisted the family. Simple Cremation Montana in Helena has assisted the family.

## Mary Katheryn Valentine, 42

Mary Katheryn Valentine, 42, of Columbia Falls, died on Feb. 26, 2021, at her home.

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

## Diane R. Veltum, 68

Diane R. Veltum, 68, of Kalispell died Nov. 3, 2021 at her home.

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

## Donna May Vessie, 88

Donna May Vessie, 88, are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Renee' (Blodgett) Vetovec, 64

Renee' (Blodgett) Vetovec, 64, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021.

She is survived by her spouse Dan Cummings, and her two sons Jimmy and Billy.

Services are being planned.

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

## Myrtle J. (Solsten) Veile, 96

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Our dear sweet momma was gently swept up by God's angels and taken home on the evening of June 4, 2021, with her daughter by her side and her sons with her in loving spirit.

Myrtle was born March 22, 1925 on the farm in rural Cooperstown, North Dakota to Marit and Martin Solsten who were immigrants from Norway. Her first language was Norwegian and it wasn't until she started school that she learned English. Two sisters and one brother completed her family. She graduated from Cooperstown High School in 1943 and went to Wisconsin with a girlfriend to work at a garment factory. She returned to North Dakota and worked in a restaurant where she met her future husband, Donald. He had just returned from fighting in WWII where he served in Normandy and was awarded three Purple Hearts, one bronze star and other service medals. They married on a very cold, stormy winter day in Valley City, North Dakota on December 15, 1951.

From their marriage four children were born. Mom and Dad settled in Whitefish in 1958 and spent the rest of their lives there. Mom was a lifelong homemaker and Sunday school teacher, and she enjoyed quilting, cooking, and baking (including lefse-making and other Norwegian treats). She was a devout Lutheran and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish for 60+ years. After retirement Mom and Dad



traveled for many winters to Arizona in their fifth wheel trailer.

She enjoyed many dinners with family and friends as well as card-playing for pots of pennies and nickels. She made many quilts and blankets for the needy and also baby bolster pillows for the hospital newborns. Taking care of her family was her main priority in life. She moved to Arizona in 2018 to be near her daughter and resided at The Villas of Green Valley Assisted Living.

Survivors include her daughter, Mavis Graves (Bruce) of Green Valley, Arizona, and sons Keith Veile (Bonnie) of Billings, Montana, Dennis Veile (Barb) of Reno, Nevada, and Dale Veile of Columbia Falls, Montana; sisters Olga Jacobson of Fargo, North Dakota, Ragnhild Frey of Mott, North Dakota, and brother Melvin (Diane) Solsten of Rugby, North Dakota; and sister-in-law Norma Ashland of Cooperstown, North Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, her husband Don (2015), and daughters-in-law Petra and Mindy.

As she was sometimes called at The Villas, our mamacita, Chiquita or just plain momma, will be missed tremendously by her loving family and everyone who knew her. Many thanks go to her Montana friends who kept in touch with her, including Linda G., Cindy G., Rose N. and all

of her Circle friends at Christ Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held in Whitefish at a later date. Memorials can be made in her name to Christ Lutheran Church or Shepherd's Hand Clinic, both in Whitefish. God looked around His garden

And found an empty place.

He then looked down upon the earth

And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you

And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful

He always takes the best.

He saw the road was getting rough

And the hills were hard to climb,

So He closed your weary eyelids

And whispered "Peace be thine".

In broke our hearts to lose you

But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you

The day God called you home.

Rest in well-deserved peace, Momma.

We all love you and will see you again in heaven someday.

## MEMORIALS

### Myrtle Veile

A memorial service for Myrtle Veile, 96, who died June 4, 2021, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Pkwy., Whitefish.

## Randy Vial, 63

Randy Vial, 63, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021.

He is survived by his mother Bernie Tingle, and his children Tim Vial and Chance Walter.

No services are being planned.

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

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard M. and Ethel M. Vierzba (Detroit Lakes).

Rick was born on April 14, 1946, in Brainerd, Minnesota, and attended grades K-3 in Brainerd Elementary. When his father joined the Minnesota State Highway Patrol, his family moved to Detroit Lakes where he attended Holy Rosary Elementary School, Holmes Junior High and Detroit Lakes Senior High, from which he graduated in 1964. He attended Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minnesota, until 1970 where he graduated with

Rick enjoyed spending time with his family and friends talking about life, the joy of being alive and living lives with purpose by following God's will. He spent many wonderful days searching for elk, deer, moose and bear in the mountains of Montana, the forests of Minnesota, Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alaska, as well as many memorable fishing trips to Minnesota, Alaska, Ontario, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. He always said that hunting was not about the animals being hunted, but rather it was about the hunt itself and the time spent with friends and family.

## Rick Vierzba, 74

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Rick's marvelous adventure ended when he was chosen to join his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in heaven on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Rick's greatest joys in life were his salvation in Christ, the birth of his children and the opportunities that he was given to teach others the practical application of the Gospel for their everyday lives. As he taught Biblical lessons to others he often said, 'Implication without application is a waste of time and God's plan for our lives.' He always considered his time serving as a missionary in Russia to be the best days of his life when he traveled throughout the country preaching and teaching God's word to the Scripture-starved Russian people shortly after the wall against the world came down.

He leaves his ministry partner, Judy Ann Vierzba (spouse); and four children, Jessica Jayne Vierzba, granddaughter Zoe (Fort Collins, Colorado); Katrina Marie Vierzba (Homer, Alaska); Joshua James Vierzba, grandchildren Nia and Ella (Kalispell), and Jacob Andrew Vierzba (Bridget), granddaughter Shayda (Kalispell); his brother Thomas M. Vierzba (Monument, Colorado); Sheri M. Berg (Detroit Lakes, Minnesota) and Peggy J. Vierzba (Fargo, North Dakota).



degrees in speech, English and theater with a short time away from school serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam

conflict era. He later attended North Central University and earned degrees in psychology and pastoral ministry (1994) and a master's in finance from Bryn Mawr University, Pennsylvania, in 1980.

From 1970 until 1994 he owned National Business Advisors, a business consulting and arbitration firm with offices in Minneapolis, and Helena. He also served as the CEO/owner of American Brokerage Corporation, an insurance and investment management firm based in Minneapolis and Helena. In 1994 his life changed forever when he became the senior pastor of the Detroit Lakes Assembly of God church where he served until 1997. In 1998 he returned to Kalispell and founded Montana Appraisal Services, LLC, a real estate appraisal company that serves Flathead, Lake and Lincoln counties.

## Candi Little Vincent, 65

Candi Little Vincent, 65, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side on Jan. 11, 2021.

She was born May 16, 1955, in Indianapolis, the daughter of Dr. William J. and Marge (Mackey) Little. Candi graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell with the Class of 1973. Following high school she attended the University of Montana where she earned a Bachelor in Secondary Business Education degree and met the love of her life, Jerold Vincent.

Their journey together took them from Missoula to Riverton, Wyoming, Evanston, Wyoming, The Woodlands, Texas, and finally to Newman Lake, Washington. Candi made many lifelong friends wherever she lived that will miss her quick wit and sense of humor. Candi loved working with children, especially those with special needs. Kids loved her and she truly loved them back, helping and teaching them. She never met a stranger, unless it was at her sons' multiple wrestling tournaments where she wouldn't be afraid to throw punches if need be.

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She loved her family and friends so much. She always made sure others were doing well before worrying about herself and was always there to pick someone up or give a compliment to them when they were down. Everyone knew where she stood on a topic, and she was not afraid to share that with whomever cared to listen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Marge, and her brother Greg.

Candi is survived by her husband, Jerold; three sons, Joe (Justine) Vincent of Great Falls, Ryan (Brittney) Vincent of Cody, Wyoming, and Shawn (Erica) Vincent of Belgrade; and five grandchildren, Brodie Vincent, Zachary Vincent, Emily Vincent, Dane Vincent and Grady Vincent, with number six on the way. She is also survived by her brother Jeff (Paula) Little of Kalispell, and sister Cheri Heinecke of Tacoma, Washington.

Candi will be buried at a date yet to be decided this summer in Riverton, Wyoming, when a celebration of her life with her many family and friends can be held.

## Opal L. Vivian, 67

Opal L. Vivian, 67, died at Logan Health Center in Kalispell on Aug. 7, 2021.

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

## DAYLE VONDAL

### memorial

BORN 6-14-1936 • DIED 12-20-2020

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 11AM • True Life Church • 600 7<sup>th</sup> St W, Whitefish.

All friends & family are invited to memorial. Potluck reception following at the Senior Citizens Center, 121 E. 2nd St, Whitefish  
Feel free to wear your favorite Griz or patriotic attire.

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## Ivan Vondrich, 68

Ivan Vondrich, 68, died at his home in Columbia Falls on Feb. 5, 2021.

He is survived by his three children, Jan Vondrich, Samantha Vondrich and Charlotte Vondrich-Willcut.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

# Michael Truby 'Mike' Voisin, 24

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Michael Truby "Mike" Voisin, Second Lieutenant - U.S. Army; July 26, 1996-Jan. 23, 2021.

Michael was a Montana native who lived and loved life to the very fullest. He skied, snowmobiled, rafted the rivers, hiked and camped in the mountains that he loved.



Montana was truly his home. Michael graduated from Whitefish High School with honors in 2015. He was captain of his football team and Homecoming king his senior year. The summer after graduation he volunteered his time for 10 weeks at an orphanage in Ghana — a journey he took solely on his own.



He was in the ROTC program at Montana State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering degree on May 8, 2020, and was commissioned into the U.S. Army the following day as second lieutenant. While in the ROTC pro-

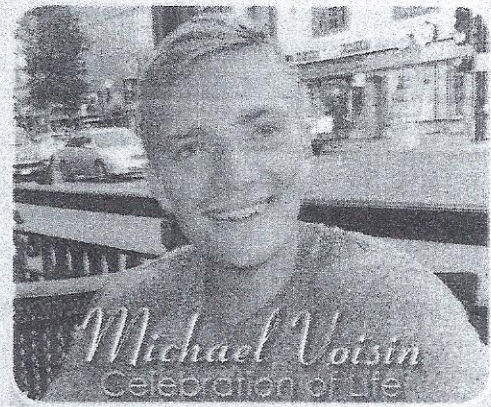
gram, he was chosen for and completed Sapper School. Michael earned the distinguished honor of being in the top 10% of Cadets nationwide. He completed his initial Infantry training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

A service with full military honors was held at the National Guard Armory Feb. 2.

Michael's family includes father Michael Truby "Truby" Voisin, his mother Kristin Voisin, sisters Kelsey Koch of Eugene, Oregon, and Maggie Voisin of Park City, Utah, brother Tucker Voisin of Sandy, Utah, paternal grandmother Suzanne Wickham of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and maternal grandmother Susie Moore of Whitefish, aunts, uncles, cousins and so many friends who loved him and whose lives he touched. A beautiful life.

A celebration of Michael's life is being planned in a couple of months when friends and family can gather and share memories, and will be announced.

There will be a scholarship set up in Michael's name for ROTC at MSU. For those wishing to make a contribution, all donations will go to the scholarship fund.



A gathering with friends, family and the community to celebrate the wonderful life of Michael Voisin.

**Sunday June 13, 2021**  
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

SCHEDULE: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Tribute Speeches  
Live Music, small bites, drinks, beer and wine.

LOCATION:  
Big Mountain Ranch 1876 Voerman Road,  
Whitefish, MT 59937  
Dress Code: Informal • Save the date!

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