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Della Hallock, 89

Della passed in Glasgow, Montana, on Dec. 22, 2021.

She was born May 22, 1932, to Harry and Florence Reddick.

She is survived by one brother, Donnie (Linda) Reddick, of Bozeman.

In March 1948, she married the love of her life, Earl Hallock, son of Ken and Ethel (Bruch) Hallock. They had five children, Alvie, Milt, Craig, LynnAnn and Byron. Alvie passed in



They enjoyed majestic views, as well as the company who visited. Della always had coffee on, plus pie or her "famous" caramel rolls. They allowed boat docking and had Ashley Lake Uphol-stery.

2009.

In 1990, Della and Earl moved to beautiful Ashley Lake, Kalispell.

After Earl passed in 2002, Della continued to live at Ashley Lake in the summer. When she sold the property, she returned to Glasgow. Occasionally, Della visited Kalispell and enjoyed coffee and fellowship with many friends.

A celebration of life open house will be held at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. RSVP to Craig, 406-309-2464.

Richard 'Rick' Allen Halverson, 71

Richard "Rick" Allen Halverson passed away on Oct. 15, 2021, following a stroke. He was a long time resident of Kalispell and a celebration of his life will be held at the Arts and Technology Building at Flathead Valley Community College (noon to 2 p.m.) on July 16.

Rick was born July 16, 1950, in Wenatchee, Washington, to Perry Virgil Halverson and Hildegard Lucille (Miller) Halverson. He was their only child but he had eight half siblings from his parents previous marriages. Rick was raised in Great Falls from infancy through his sophomore year of high school. The family then moved back to Washington where Rick graduated high school, in 1968, and became the



youngest journeyman barber to license in Washington. Rick enlisted in the Navy in August 1970 (avoiding the Draft) and, ironically, was promptly sent to Vietnam as a "Brown Water Sailor" in the Mekong Delta. He served two years.

In 1971, he met and later married Diana Zimmerman. Together they raised three boys. He was very proud of his sons and his grandchildren. He loved them deeply!

Rick completed a bachelor's degree at Carroll College and a

master's degree from Montana State University in Dillon. He worked for many years at the Montana State School, in Boulder, for the developmentally disabled. He became a licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC) and then focused his work in mental health and substance abuse counseling

Following his divorce, Rick moved to the Flathead in 1985. He opened a private practice, Tamarack Counseling. He did contract services with the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, taught adjunct at Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) and Salish Kootenai College, and had a thriving counseling practice, in Kalispell, as a contractor with the Missoula Vet Center. In 1989 he met

his wife, Mary Jane "MJ" Fox and married in 1990.

He was hired full time at FVCC and taught in the Humanities & Social Sciences Division for over 20 years. He retired in 2015. He loved his work at the college and was a passionate professor!

He was predeceased, in September 2020, by his youngest son, Kevin Halverson.

He is survived by his wife, MJ Fox; his sons and wives, Aron and Carrie Smetana, Galen Pippa Halverson and Alayne Moody; his grandchildren, Sadie and Emma Smetana, Leo and Audrey Halverson; his former spouse, Diana Zimmerman; and many grieving friends in Montana and California.

Please join us July 16 to celebrate his life! A light lunch will be served.

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Billie Orphey Hamma

Whitefish Pilot

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Billie Hamma, 94 of Missoula, Montana passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 at St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula, Montana.

Billie Irene Jones (Orphey, White, Hamma) was born April 3, 1927, the oldest daughter of Jesse Frank and Ethel Jones. She had two older brothers, Jessie and Alva, and two younger sisters, Clarcy and Diane.

She lived most of her life in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School. At school, she was a member of the Whitefish Drum and Bugle Corps. She amassed a wealth of life lessons. Billie, along with her family played many different string instruments as her father made violins and fiddles. Her favorites were piano and accordion, but she was also learning mandolin and guitar.

Billie married Paul Orphey in 1947. They built a home on the west shore of Whitefish Lake, where they raised their three children: Carol Ann Orphey (Antrim), Judith Elaine Orphey (Newlon) and David Allen Orphey. Billie and Paul owned and operated a small engine repair shop in Whitefish for a number of years. When Paul was no longer able to work, Billie ran the business. Paul died in 1983.

She sold her beloved



lakeshore home, married Bob White and moved to Libby, Montana. Bob and Billie moved back to Missoula to be with family and to watch her two grandsons grow up. Following Bob's passing, Billie joined the City Clicker Clogging Dance group that traveled near and far to share their Senior Citizen talent. They clogged on a cruise ship, in Washington, D.C., at Mardi Gras and many other venues.

Billie was also active in the Senior Singles and Mixed Doubles bowling leagues. There she met Charles Hamma. They married and bought a house on Missoula's southside. Charlie passed in 2008. Billie remained there until 2021.

Billie was a resourceful, independent woman, a modern-day pioneer. From a young age, she would gather great quantities of huckleberries, cherries, plums, and other fruits to can and bake with and make jellies and jams. She grew a victory garden to support

the war effort and had an amazing green thumb for flowers. Growing up on Whitefish Lake was a dream for her, entertaining family with big picnics and bonfires. Fireworks on the Fourth of July was a tradition with townspeople gathering to watch fireworks over the water from their dock.

There was never a dull moment in her life with bears wandering in and out of her yard, deer, skunks, raccoons, and mountain lions all paying a visit.

Billie made beautifully decorated birthday, wedding, graduation, and other cakes. She was happy to teach anyone who asked how to make cakes and decorate them. She and her grandson Chris, together made his wedding cake when she was just a few days out of the hospital after surgery.

Billie always shared stories with her friends and family. She attended school in a boxcar one Whitefish winter when the school boiler broke down and a warm place to hold class was needed. One of her favorite stories was before the road was paved into Whitefish, the family made a road trip to Southern California in the family's Ford Model-A. She and her sister were settled in the rumble seat for the whole way.

Another of her many favorite stories was when lightning struck the lake, traveled thru the water pipes, and exploded in her kitchen sink, leading to the saying, "Don't stand over the pump in a lightning storm."

She always said, "The secret to a long fulling life is to not stop. Why sit around when there is so much to do." These were not just words. She could be found shoveling snow in her 90s, fixing a roof, changing a tire, gardening, fishing, playing with her dog Smokey, and just making people smile with her sparkling personality.

Cherishing her memory are her children, Judy (Rick) Newlon; David (Bobby) Orphey; sister, Diane Wiklund; three grandchildren, Chris (Melissa) Newlon; Michael (April) Newlon; Kenny Blondin; great grandson, Christopher Jack "C.J." Newlon; nieces, nephews extended family and friends.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse, and Ethel Jones; husbands, Paul Orphey, Robert White and Charles Hamma; sister, Clarcy Stidham; brothers, Jesse Harvey Jones, Alva Jones and daughters Lisa Irene Orphey (infancy) and Carol Ann Orphey (Antrim).

We shall miss you Mom, Billie, Grandma, and Friend.

A memorial gathering will be held with family and friends later this year. Online condolences

may be left at the Garden City Mortuary at gardencityfh.com, and passed on to the family.

Agnes Elizabeth Merritt Kenney Hames, 97

On Oct. 30, 2022, Agnes left her earthly home to join that great "cloud of witnesses" in glory.

Agnes was born on March 31, 1925, in Griffin, Georgia.

She was the youngest of seven siblings. She graduated as valedictorian of the 1942 Griffin High School class. Soon after graduation, she departed for a job in Washington, D.C., working for the war department. In October 1942, she married Richard H. Kenney with whom she had her two sons, Charles and William. After World War II she moved to Atlanta where she dedicated her life to raising her two sons.

Agnes was a lifetime member of the Baptist church, and she always said that Sunday was her favorite day of the week.

In 1971, she married Joseph Hames. They enjoyed several very happy and loving years together.

In 1998, she made the very adventurous move to Proctor, Montana, to be close to her son Charles and his family. She enjoyed many happy years with all of



her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who lovingly called her "MaMa." She was a faithful member of Meadowbrook Christian Fellowship.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, all siblings, son William Kenney, and grandson Jason Matthew Kenney.

She is survived by her son Charles Kenney (Carroll) of Proctor, granddaughter Pamela Applebee (Jim) of Bozeman, grandsons Keith Kenney (Sue) of Atlanta, Paul Kenney (Karen) of Atlanta, David Kenney (Sarah) of Billings, Mark Kenney (Angie) of Proctor, and John Kenney (Bobbie) of Canton, Georgia; great-grandchildren, Codi Dunn (Joe), Jase Applebee, CJ Kenney, Keith Applebee, Ellie Kenney, Gracie Kenney, Jason Kenney, Grant Kenney, Kit Kenney, Ariel Kenney, Bridger Kenney, Jasmine Kenney, David Kenney, Isabella Kenney, Courtney Kenney, Cara Kenney and Catherine Kenney.

We will never forget her lovely smile and her love for Jesus.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 5, at 1 p.m. at The Lake Funeral Home in Polson. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery and then a reception will follow at Meadowbrook Christian Fellowship in Proctor.

Brenda Jo Hamilton, 72

Brenda Jo Hamilton, 72, passed away peacefully in her home on Oct. 10, 2022, in Columbia Falls.

Brenda was born in Vandalia, Illinois, on April 7, 1950, to Patricia Thompson and Frank Krost. She was the second of seven children.

Brenda spent much of her childhood in Illinois and Wyoming. She enjoyed sunshine, warm weather, and being with her friends and family. She spent much of her work life in the hospital industry. Her smile, infectious laugh and caring spirit was evident to all she encountered. She loved to help others and talk about anything and everything.

Brenda had two children with Max McCoy, Brian McCoy on July 6, 1968, and Kimberly McCoy on July 9, 1971. She married her husband, Fred Hamilton, on Aug. 24, 1985 in Las Vegas. Together, they lived in the many places that the military sent them like California and New Mexico. They settled in Tacoma, Washington, for almost

20 years before becoming snowbirds. They eventually made Columbia Falls home in 2011.

In her retirement, she spent extended parts of her time in Yuma, Arizona, where she made many lifelong friends in her beloved sunshine. She loved Mexican food, hosting dances, and going for scenic car rides with her



husband and dog, Bear. She was a life member of the VFW Post 276 Auxiliary

in Whitefish.

Brenda has been reunited through death with her son, Brian McCoy of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and her parents, Patricia of Low, Arizona, and Frank of St. Elmo, Illinois; and Max McCoy of Jacksonville, Arkansas.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Hamilton, of Columbia Falls; her daughter, Kim Leger, of Bonney Lake, Washington; her stepdaughter, Christine Nelson of Corsicana, Texas; her siblings, Pam Winchester, Teri Schroeder, Defour grandchildren, Lauren Hansen and Jacob Leger of Bonney Lake, Washington, and Katie and Mollie McCoy of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Brenda will be cremated. A celebration of life will be held for family and friends on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. at the VFW Post 276 in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the VFW Post 276 Auxiliary.

Brenda, you will be very missed. We love you. — Fred and Bear

Online condolences may be submitted on Brenda's tribute page at www.austinfh.com

Robert A. Hamilton, 57

Robert A. Hamilton, 57, passed away peacefully at Logan Health Medical Center on Feb. 9, 2022, surrounded by family.

He had a very kind heart and he would do anything for anybody. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, camping and, most of all, he loved to fly.

He is survived by his wife Maria, daughter Amy and husband Tyler, mother and father Jim and Shirley Hamilton, sister Terry and her husband James Patrick, their children Samantha Starks and daughter Izzy, James Jr. and Lindsey Patrick and their children Parris,



Liam, Harvey and Hailey. The Lord took him way too soon, and he

will be truly missed. Services will be held on Feb. 22 at the First Nazarene Church of Kalispell, corner of West Evergreen and Whitefish Stage. Viewing will be at 10 a.m. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. with a reception dinner to follow.

If you would like to send flowers to the church, the address is 1295 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell.

Shirley Lee Hamilton, 78

Shirley Lee Hamilton, 78, died at the Buffalo Hill Retreat Center on Friday, April 9th, 2022, at 5:41 p.m. She was with her favorite nurse Courtney Harper. The two of them really made friends fast, mom just loved her! Momma was so well loved by all her family and friends like Gwen, Renee, Diane, Sonja, Gloria, Shelly, Pat, Marlene, Coleen, and Helena just to name a few ... but I was her best friend and she was mine!

Momma was the kind of person that would help anybody. I feel that Robert and I were very blessed with such wonderful parents who both loved the Lord very much! I can remember as a child growing up that we always moved around due to Daddy's type of work ... going from state to state. We went from house to house. I remember that no matter what house we lived in Momma always made it a home. Momma was always a kind and loving person to everyone, especially to us, Daddy, Robert, and me. Momma had the gift of gab she never knew a stranger! My Bubba (Robert) passed away two months ago! That's when Momma's health went downhill. We all truly believe that she died of a broken heart!



Oh precious Lord... now that Momma and Bubba are with you please take good care of them!

Momma is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jimmy Eugene Hamilton, who is serviced by her children, James and Terry, Gabi, and honorary daughter, Debra Hamilton, and honorary son Tim Thompson. She is survived by grandchildren, Jamey and Lyndsey, Samantha and Levi, Amy and Tyler; great-grandchildren, Parris, Liam, Harvey, John, Keagan, Izzy, and Hailey.

Momma was preceded in death by her son, Robert; her sisters, Arleen and Mayola; and her brothers, Harvey, J.W., Joe, Walley, and Max.

Her funeral will be held April 19 at the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Viewing is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service starts at 1 p.m., and a dinner will follow. Anyone who would like to bring a salad or dessert it would be greatly appreciated!
GOD BLESS EVERYONE, and MOMMA WE LOVE YOU TO HEAVEN AND BACK!

Phyllis Loree Applegate Hansberry, 88



On Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, Phyllis Loree Applegate Hansberry joined her son Randy in heaven for his birthday. Phyllis was born on Jan. 1, 1934, to Alta and Benjamin Applegate, becoming the second New Year's baby born in Muncie, Indiana, that day. At the age of 6, the family moved to Libby, Montana, with her parents and siblings, where she attended school. Benjamin was a minister for the Church of God, and she grew up raised in the Christian faith, developing a deep love of Jesus. At the age of 15, she attended a dance with a friend, and there she met the love of her life, Wesley Hansberry. She informed him that she was not allowed to date until she was 16, and on her 16th birthday, he arrived at her home with a locket filled with his picture and asked her if she would go out with him. Ten months later, they were married on Oct. 27, 1950.

The couple resided in Warland, Montana, for a brief period, and then moved north to Rexford to reside in the J. Neils Lumber camp for Wesley's job. In 1952, they greeted their daughter Connie and moved to the Hansberry Ranch in early 1953. Their son Gary was born in 1954, followed by daughter Cathy in 1955 and son Randy in 1958. In January of 1959, Wes and Phyllis lost their son Gary due to complications of spinal meningitis. Doctors told Phyllis that Gary's time on this earth was extended due to the loving and compassionate care that she and the family gave to him.

In addition to being a housewife, Phyllis kept the books for the Hansberry Ranch, and later for Wes Hansberry Logging when they began their own logging business. She was a rancher's wife through and through, assisting Wes however she was able, including driving tractor, throwing hay bales, and tending to the many calves over the years that graced her hallway to stay warm. After branding calves every year, she and her mother-in-law Helen cooked an amazing roast beef meal with all the trimmings for the family and the many friends that came to help. She was a wonderful cook and was always willing to teach her family new recipes, often letting her granddaughters make huge messes in her kitchen while making homemade milkshakes and cakes, all the while loving every minute of it.

Wes and Phyllis belonged to the local square dance club in the mid-1970s, and Phyllis also loved bowling and participated in the local league. She belonged to CowBelles, and her love of the Lord led her to join Christian Women's Club through Stonecroft Ministries, even being the chairman for the Eureka

area for a while. Phyllis enjoyed playing piano, accompanying her children in Christmas programs at Glen Lake School, and even playing a duet with her granddaughter Pam for her piano recital. Phyllis loved to worship through music and sang in the choir at First Baptist Church for many years, as well as being a church leader by filling the role of Deaconess. She taught Vacation Bible School many times, using the opportunity to spread the joy of salvation to younger generations. She always led by example, showing love and kindness to all that she met.

Phyllis became well-known for her beautiful embroidery and intricately crocheted doilies, providing them for auctions for church bazaars, Christian Women's Club fundraiser auctions, and other charity fundraisers throughout the years. She was an avid supporter of the Louise Burke Breast Cancer Luncheon and gave these items to their fundraising auctions each year; as a breast cancer and colon cancer survivor herself, it was a cause very dear to her heart. Phyllis also made incredible peanut butter fudge and German chocolate cakes; these too were donated for fundraising and brought a handsome price. Her capabilities as a seamstress were unmatched; she made prom and ball dresses for her daughters, each of their wedding gowns, and dresses for her granddaughters over the years.

Phyllis always looked for an opportunity to serve her fellow man and be of assistance; she worked on county election boards for over 40 years and served as a board member of the Lincoln Electric Cooperative for over 20 years. It was during travel for these meetings that she was fortunate to have met several country singers, including June Carter Cash, Little Jimmy Dickens, and Willy Nelson. She also enjoyed participating in the local Red Hats Society and TOPS and made many special friends there.

Love and support of family were core values for Phyllis, and she strived to make her love known. Coming from a family of 10 children, she had the pleasure of having many nieces and nephews, each of whom she had a special fondness for and thought of like her own children. Her little sister Linda often spent time at her home, as she was close to the ages of Wes and Phyllis's own children. Wes and Phyllis opened their home to family and friends for the holidays, inviting them for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations,

as well as having dinner as a family as often as they could.

Phyllis loved to travel, and some of her fondest memories were taking trips with family members to visit other family in Indiana and Florida, trips to Canada and to the Northeast in the fall to see the foliage. Camping at the family's property on Warland Creek was a highlight every year, and she went for the last time at the age of 87, still sleeping in her own camper. Gathering around the fire, sharing meals with family, and making s'mores was always a favorite time for her. She often reminisced about these vacations and how wonderful it was to see new things but cherished her family's presence there most of all.

Throughout her life, Phyllis displayed strength, love, honesty and loyalty to her family and friends. Her love of Christ showed through all that she did, and she diligently worked to pass that love and knowledge to others. It was a privilege and honor for all who had the pleasure of meeting her. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband Charles Wesley Hansberry, sons Gary Wayne Hansberry and Randy Charles Hansberry, parents Benjamin Applegate and Alta Thomas Applegate, in-laws Earl and Helen Hansberry, siblings Teola Hazen, Edward Applegate, Eugene Applegate, Paul Applegate, Mary Johnson, Joseph Applegate, Joan Croucher, and Duane "Bud" Applegate.

Her survivors include her sister Linda Arnold, daughter Connie Barker (Gary), daughter Cathy Marvel (Bill), granddaughters Pamela Lemer, Kyla Ekholt, Nicole Cheff (Pat), Monica West, Anna Garza, Kelsi Hansberry, and grandson Timothy Hansberry, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, as well as many cherished nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

The family would like to extend our gratitude to the friends and family that came to visit Phyllis in her final months and for your friendship over the years. We also extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the employees of Edgewood Vista, where Phyllis spent the last months of her life. Our appreciation is beyond measure and your loving and compassionate care of our mother and grandmother will never be forgotten.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Eureka. Online memories and condolences may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Randall A. 'Curly' Hansen, 68



Randall A. "Curly" Hansen joined the International Space Station on July 5, 2022; enjoy the ride.

Randall was born on June 11, 1954, in Anaconda.

He attended St. Joseph catholic grade school and graduated from Anaconda Central in 1972. As a young fun teenager he worked as a box boy and ran with his buddies who his mother Anne labeled "That Bunch."

He worked for a short time at the Anaconda Smelter then went on to Montana State University where he realized he could not get a degree in skiing or the Haubrau. Randy went on to Billings and attended

Eastern where he got his teaching degree. His first teaching job was in Pray, Montana, where he taught one year, then accepted a job at Warm Springs in the children's unit and enjoyed working with James "Pork" McDonald whom he respected as a boss and, more importantly, a good friend.

In 1983 he took a teaching job in the Special Education Department at Flathead; he now was a "Brave"! In 2000 he joined the Social Studies Department where he was able to teach what he loved, history.

So many times after he retired he would run into past students and ask, "Don't you owe me a paper?"

Summer of 1985 everything changed when he met Tammy Iverson; boy, did they have fun! They were married August

1986. They would refer to each other as my first wife and last husband.

Randall enjoyed rafting, golfing, biking, fishing, hiking and all there is to do in this great state of Montana.

Randall is known for growing the best garlic in Montana.

Three enjoyable trips of a lifetime were floating

the Grand Canyon, hiking in Nepal with his hiking buddy Cooley Vaughn of Anaconda, and floating the mighty Chilkoten River in Canada with the White family of Somers.

Randall was diagnosed with colon cancer on April 20, 2021, and suffered a stroke on April 20, 2022. He fought a good fight, but the cancer was more powerful than his body could take and he went peacefully at home in Somers.

Randall was preceded in death by his parents, Anne J. Francisco/Hansen and Frank Hansen; brothers, Richard and Jerry Hansen; Uncle Mick and Auntie Kate Laslovich, and many aunts and uncles; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lois and Gene Iverson; and fur friends, Koskia and Jack the dog.

He is survived by his first and only wife, Tammy; sister, Kathy (Joe) Sebena of Bozeman; brother, Don (Julian) Hansen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sister, Debbie (Mead) Dana of Gilbert, Arizona; nephews, Nick and Jon Hansen and families of Denver, Corey Dunn and family of Englewood, Colorado, Eric Butts and family of Red Lodge, and JR Hansen and family of Butte; sister-in-law; Shirley Matthews, of Bozeman; nieces, Vicki Ehrsmann and family of Beaverton, Oregon, and Laura Gerona and family of San Francisco.

Thank you to all the friends and family who visited, sent cards, text messaged and provided food and whisky!

A big shout out to all the good guys at the "Snug" Slainte! "Banter is Love. Namaste."

A celebration of life for Randall will be Monday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. at Snowline Acres, Kalispell.

Harvey Antone Hanson, 95

Harvey Antone Hanson, 95, of Whitefish, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 30, 2022, with his son Gary and a close friend by his side.

He was born on March 15, 1927, in Leeds, North Dakota, to Howard and Bernie Gresdahl Hanson. The family moved to Eureka in the fall of 1937. He attended schools in Eureka, graduating Lincoln County High School in 1950.

Harvey worked many jobs and was well known and cared for in the community. Everyone always seemed quick to mention what a hard worker he was. Even after retirement he worked for Snowline Tree Company for nearly a decade with close buddies Tom Little, and owner and manager Clint DeLong. Though



he had a variety of jobs they were all in the timber industry. That kept him where he most

wanted to be, out in the woods in God's country. He worked all over the Tobacco and Flathead Valleys where he also played, picking huckleberries. Camping, fishing and hunting were his passion. His love for the woods and skills in the timber industry were passed on to his son Gary who continues to follow in his footsteps.

Harvey married his wife Mona Burk Hanson on Oct. 6, 1972. She was an avid fisherman and became his treasured camping partner for life.

They shared a passion for Montana's great outdoors. His family life was enriched by his union with Mona and the bond that his children Gary D. Hanson and Brenda Eanson Blizzard shared with Mona's children, Roger, Richard, Joani, Judy and Kelly.

Harvey was preceded in death by his daughter Sally Hanson, his wife Mona Burk Hanson, and daughter Kelly, along with eldest brother Stanley, and younger brothers Warren and Ray Eanson.

Survivors include his son Gary D. Hanson; daughter Brenda Hanson Elizzard (Roger), of Loon Lake, Washington; Roger Presnell (Arletta), of Eureka; Richard Presnell of Kalispell; Joani Young (Denny) of Kalispell; Judy

Klein of Tucson, Arizona; and many beloved nieces and nephews, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at Schnackenberg Funeral Home, 222 1st Avenue West in Eureka. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. The Tobacco Valley Cemetery will be Harvey's final destination. There he will be laid to rest and be reunited with his daughter Sally and wife Mona Burk Hanson. He will be missed. Rest in peace.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

LaMona Lee Hanson, 55

LaMona Lee Hanson, 55, passed away May 25, 2022, at her home in Kalispell.

A native of Kalispell, LaMona was born Nov. 25, 1966, to James and Ilene (Hinerman) Hanson at Kalispell General Hospital.

For the first year of her life, she was raised in Kalispell, then attended Edgerton up through kindergarten. LaMona was in third or fourth grade when the family moved to the ranch on KM Road in Whitefish, and she continued to attend all the way up until her graduation in 1985 from high school.

In her younger years she belonged to her local 4-H Club. She raised a Grand Champion hog and a Reserve Champion steer — winning these honors at the Northwest Montana Fair. She was very active with many high school activities and was a cheerleader for the Whitefish Bulldogs. Shortly after, she would attend college in Missoula and during the summer break of her last year she went to southern California. While there, an opportunity to learn manicuring nails was offered to her and she decided to stay and develop that into her own business, and she remained in southern California for several years.

She loved the warmth that California brought her, but loved her mother more and moved back to Kalispell to care for her and her father. She studied hard to become a pharmacy tech and was working for Logan Health Care Pharmacy Services during the time of her passing.

Outside of work, LaMona loved flowers and was very proud of

what she was growing. She grew garden vegetables in a raised garden on her deck with the help of her fluffy, friendly cat.



LaMona was preceded in death by her mother, Ilene Hinerman Hanson.

She is survived by her father, James, and many aunts, uncles and cousins and friends who all loved LaMona and will miss her very much.

"I will always love you, Honey," love, Dad.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 9, at 11 a.m. at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and burial services will be held at a later date at Glacier Memorial

Gardens.

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

Lloyd Samson Hanson

Lloyd Samson Hanson, a proud veteran of the Air Force, passed away on Sept. 4, 2022, of natural causes.



Sam was born in 1938 in Havre. He was born premature, weighing only 2 pounds. As there were no incubators in Havre in 1938, Sam began his life in a shoe box and was later moved to a dresser drawer. He showed such strength in surviving, his nurses started calling him Samson, which is where he got his middle name. Shortened to "Sam," this is how he was known throughout his life.

Sam grew up in San Diego where he married and started a family. Sam was a deputy marshal in San Diego for 14 years, as well as an entrepreneur, owning several businesses, including a hotel and several rental properties. In 1979, Sam and his wife Roberta decided California was no longer a place they wanted to raise their family and moved to Kalispell where they owned and operated

Valley Transfer until the early 2000s.

Sam was involved in the Boy Scouts of America for many years — a role that helped him pass on his love of the outdoors to his sons and daughter. He was also a lifetime member of the Elks and an upstanding member of the Kalispell community.

Sam was known for his great sense of humor and his many stories. He was the heart of his family and loved deeply. His friends and family will be sharing his stories for years to come.

Sam is survived by his wife of 55 years, Roberta Hanson, and his daughter Robin Marie Rasmussen, her husband Scott and their son, Sam's beloved grandson, Chance. He is also survived by his son, Christopher Robert Hanson, daughter-in-law Jami Hanson, his brother, Alfred (Spook) Hanson and his wife Toni, as well as his sister Bonnie Jean Dominguez.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric Lloyd Hanson, his parents Lloyd and Margaret Hanson, and grandparents Duncan and Emma McLean.

A service honoring the life of Sam will be held Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Delano 'Laney' Anthony Hanzel, 87

Delano "Laney" Anthony Hanzel, 87, died of natural causes Oct. 1, 2022, at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

He was born March 20, 1935, at his family home in Belt, Montana, the son of William and Margaret (Pejko) Hanzel. Laney graduated from Belt Valley High School, Class of 1953. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman, from where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, followed by a Master of Science in Fish and Wildlife Management degree (Go Cats Go!).

Laney met the love of his life, Betty Hill, when he was around 12 years old on the farms near Belt. They married on Dec. 27, 1958, shortly before he obtained his master's degree.

Laney was a Flathead Lake fisheries biologist from 1960 to 1993. He was born and raised a farm boy in Belt and got interested in fisheries in 1950 when he saw a man rowing around in a pond taking water samples. Laney was hooked, so to speak, and as a high school senior began working as a summer tech. He started college at Montana State College in 1953. During his time as an undergraduate he was part of one of the most ambitious projects of its time; the rehabilitation (fish removal) of the Marias River drainage upstream of what was going to be Tiber Dam. He remembered that he and fellow college students hauled hundreds of 50 pound sacks of pure rotenone from the trucks to planes and other vehicles and sleeping on them when they got tired. He was also an excellent photographer and chronicled that project. In fact, those that remember Laney knew that for his entire life, one photo was just

never enough.

In 1959 he completed his thesis titled "Distribution of the Cutthroat Trout in Montana." He decided to work for the then Montana Fish and Game and became the first fisheries management biologist for Flathead Lake. Imagine that - a kid that grew up on Belt Creek working on the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Great Lakes. He embraced the science of fisheries management and brought in a 32-foot wooden research vessel from the Pacific Coast which he named The Dolly Varden. He was certainly the father of hydro-acoustics use in fisheries management in Montana and was well known and respected in the Pacific Northwest for his work at Flathead Lake. Laney and The Dolly Varden were pretty conspicuous when they were out on the lake and anglers constantly radioed to find out where to fish for the kokanee. He took his work quite seriously, but made time to humor the Flathead Monster crowd by chronicling all the reported sightings back to 1889. In the office, he always had time for others, especially to help with computer issues.

Laney was a lifelong member of the Catholic church in Belt (altar boy), and in Kalispell at St. Matthew's for many, many years where he served in several facets, including lector and eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout), the Montana Army National Guard, the Knights of Columbus, the Flathead Lakers (board of directors), the Kalispell Elks Club, Toastmasters, and the North Flathead Yacht Club.

Out of all of Laney's



Hanzel, Gregg (Debora) Hanzel, and Beth (Mark) Pirrie; who in turn raised seven wonderful and loving grandchildren, Lane (MyKenzie) Hanzel, Gavin (Alysha) Pirrie, Olivia (Christian) Toscano, Ellie Hanzel, Grace Pirrie, Hanna Hanzel and Ganten Pirrie.

Laney's hobbies included sailing, hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, golfing, computers, photography, 5000, and cribbage (How did he always have an ace!)

Most of our memories include Papa Laney taking pictures of everything and everyone. If you needed a picture, Laney had it and was the Photoshop king! He was super tech savvy his whole life. He loved sailing and racing on the Yowza, and playing baseball in the backyard when the kids were little. Most Fridays you could find him at Norm's enjoying clam chowder and a root beer shake. He created "The Laney Special" ... "And six" and loved calling his grandchildren "Cookie" when they were grilling at Norm's. He was a great role model and a fantastic hunting camp cook! Laney taught his grandkids (and everyone else) almost everything there is to know about Flathead Lake, which made them grow to love and appreciate it more. It was one of Papa's favorite subjects to talk about. He was the world renowned Flathead

accomplishments, his and Betty's greatest joy was raising four exceptional and loving children, Gwenn (Mike) Hensler, Duane (Margaret)

Lake Monster expert sought out by many to be interviewed and can be found in many published articles and books. He proudly gathered and documented data for the best Halloween spreadsheet ever (spanning 34 years of data!). Laney loved dancing to polka songs and you had better be ready to dance or learn to polka if one was playing! He was a family favorite go-to for hot cocoa, lime jello, chocolate popcorn balls, his noodle soup, breakfast cinnamon rolls and cinnamon toast during grandchildren's visits. He would light up a room with his smile, caring eyes and facial expressions. Papa loved telling the story of how he met Nana and their love story was strong! He possessed a great sense of humor, and a contagious smile and laugh. He was proud of being from Belt and Papa never met a stranger. He always wanted everyone to feel loved and included and to walk away with a laugh. He loved his family selflessly.

Laney has been reunited through death with the love of his life, Betty Hanzel; and his treasured daughter, Gwenn Hensler; his mother, father, and brother Don Hanzel.

A rosary service will be held at 11:30 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m. and a reception to follow in the church hall on today, Oct. 7, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 601 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT. The burial service will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead Lakers, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, or the Glacier Symphony.

Johanna Louise 'Jan' Hardesty, 66

Johanna Louise "Jan" Hardesty, 66, passed away April 2, 2022, in Spokane, Washington. She was born March 16, 1956 in Battle Creek, Michigan, the daughter of Maynard Claire Bowers and Mary Joan Sweet as Janet Louise Bowers.



Michael Anthony of Battle Creek, Michigan; David Anthony of East Leroy, Michigan,

and sister Peggy Pierce of Sun City Center, Florida and numerous Bowers and Sweet cousins.

After her parents' divorce and her mother's re-marriage, she was adopted at the age of 25 by her step-father Paul Lawton Anthony, and took the name Johanna Louise Anthony at that time.

She was united in marriage to Richard Lee Hardesty on June, 11, 1989, at the old amphitheater in Apgar, Glacier National Park.

Johanna was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Columbia Falls, Montana, Matt Nelson, Pastor. She was still a member at her passing.

Johanna is survived by her husband of 33 years, Richard; nephew Jared Bowers of Great Falls, niece Erin Bowers of Kalispell; her brothers Donald Anthony of Jerome, Michigan;

She is preceded in death by her father, Paul Anthony; mother, Mary Joan Sweet Bowers Anthony, her brother Maynard Claire Bowers, Jr. and her birth father, Maynard Claire Bowers.

Although her remains were cremated as was her wish, funeral services will be held May 7, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 640 Seventh Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Pastor Matt Nelson officiating. Family and friends may begin to visit on May 7 at 1 p.m.

Flowers for the funeral may be sent to the church. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

A. 'Doc' Harkins

"Doc" Harkins passed May 19, 2022.

He was born Dec. 13, 1940, in Orange County, California, and was raised in Golden, Colorado, with his younger brother, Dennis. Both brothers attended Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch in Texas.

Doc enlisted in the U.S. Army and was active from 1958 to 1961 and served in missile silo facilities. His favorite post was in Alaska. Doc attended Metropolitan State College and pursued surgical technician and law enforcement careers. Doc "scrubbed in" on some of the first kidney transplants performed. While in school, Doc was an ambulance attendant and volunteer sheriff's Jeep Patrol / Search and Rescue unit member. Doc was appointed deputy sheriff in Colorado in 1970 and transferred to Flathead County Sheriff's Office in 1975 and retired in 2002. Doc was an instructor at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy and Kalispell Police Commissioner.

Doc held many distinguished offices in Masonry and its appendant bodies. Doc was Grand Master of Montana in 2003, Past Supreme



Guardian Council for Job's Daughters and recipient of Rose Croix (33rd degree) Scottish Rite.



Doc was a true rarity; a stranger to none,

loved by many, friend to most — and an all-around nice guy.

Doc is survived by his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. All proudly continue the name Harkins.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Haven Hospice: www.beyourhaven.org. These folks provide exceptional care and comfort to him and helped his entire family navigate through a tough time.

An outdoor service is planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 23 at Fairview Cemetery. Hats are encouraged.

Doc's personal hats and assorted T-shirts and mementos are available for a requested donation for a local family. Please give generously in memory of Doc!

Hazel Harness, 94

Funeral service for Hazel Harness, 94 year old lifetime Flathead County Resident who passed away quietly at her home in Kila on Sunday the 10th of April, will be held Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel in Kalispell with Reverend Mike Mattocks officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home chapel on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in The Glacier Memorial Gardens with



graveside services to follow the funeral. There will be a reception and lunch following

the graveside service at the Smith Valley Grange. Donations in Hazel's memory may be made to the N.W. Montana Veteran's Food Pantry at 1349 U.S. Hwy 2 E. in Kalispell, Montana 59901. Online condolences may be made at www.jgfuneralhome.com or www.harnessfuneralhome.com.

Leland Wayne Harness, 81

Leland Wayne Harness completed his work as a warrior of God on May 13, 2022.

Wayne was born July 2, 1940, to Albert and Myrtle (Rost) Harness in Kalispell. He was raised in Ferndale and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1958. Wayne married Marjorie Corson on March 31, 1960, in Billings where he attended electronics school. Wayne and Margie returned to the Bigfork area to raise their three girls, Laurie Harness Lewis, Lisa Harness Moellenkamp and Lana Harness Weeks, in Woods Bay.

Wayne's education and work experience led him to establish Wayne Electronics in Bigfork where he repaired a wide variety of televisions, radios, stereos, VCRs, and anything else that plugged in or required a battery.

After Margie's death in 1988, Wayne married Janet Boon Nov. 16, 1991, and later purchased a home in Ferndale just a mile north of where he was raised.

Serving the community was very important to Wayne. He was a member of the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department for almost 20 years. He also

served in the Swan Mission Search & Rescue, which gave him an honorary lifetime membership when he tried to retire after almost 40 years of service.

Music was a very important part of Wayne's life. In high school he played guitar at a few local dances in the Vagabond Trio. At home with his family you often found him playing his guitar and singing to his girls. Later years you could always find his guitar in the camper to bring out to play for the grandkids. This all prepared him for the many years he played guitar on the worship team at Swan Chapel. Wayne did not have musical training therefore he did not read music. It always frustrated his family when he could hear a song and sit down at the piano and play it or play it on his harmonica or one of the girls' instruments when they struggled to learn how to play.

Wayne joins in heaven his parents Albert and Myrtle (Rost) Harness, first wife Marjorie Corson Harness, and grandson



Tyler Wayne Broneske. He will be greatly missed by his wife Janet Boon Harness, daughters Laurie (Dave) Lewis, Lisa (Joel) Moellenkamp, and Lana (Scott) Weeks, stepson Jake Anderson; grandchildren, Justin Broneske (Julie Kollman), Joshwa (Annie) Moellenkamp, Carly Moellenkamp, Kamea, Zoey and Tyler Anderson; great-grandchildren, Camdyn Broneske, Ethan Getz, and Gunner Lewis; brother Keith (Sylvia) Harness, sister Elaine Stevens, and a lifetime of many other friends and family members.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m. at

the Swan Chapel, 22376 Montana Hwy. 83, Swan Lake, Montana.

Earl Gene 'Babe' Harriman, 71

Babe passed away March 3, 2022, with his family by his side.

He was born Feb. 23, 1951, to Richard, Earl Harriman and Ellen Claudine Allen Harriman in Conrad, Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Faye and Carol.

He is survived by his wife, Taomo "Tammie" of 44 1/2 years; one sister, Patricia Harriman Sylvia, two aunts, Una Moog and Judy Sindon; his seven children, Ronda Heil (Jack), Dustin Harriman, Ray Harriman (Karina), Kallie Corrigeux (Randy), Ron Crawley (Marian), Heidi Thomas (Mark), and Samantha Shultz; grandchildren, Jennifer Nelson, Micheal Mattheisen (Ben), Amanda Bouma (Joel), Kennedy "Petunia" Brown, Breanna Thomas, Jayden Thomas, Isabel Marie Harriman, Tehya Rae Harriman, Quinnton Harriman and Maisy Weckwerth; great-grandchildren, Austin Nelson (Stacie), Jayden Nelson and Alexis Nelson; and great-great-grandchildren, Scarlet, Micheal and Paisley.

He will also be greatly missed by many cousins,



ins, nieces and nephews, many friends, and friends that became his family.

After returning home

from the military (Army), Babe worked for Coca Cola Bottling Company in Kalispell (service tech department) for 11 years. He received his master's in robotics in 1981. Babe had to take early retirement due to injuries.

He also built and repaired clocks and fine jewelry.

In 2006 he built, with his wife Tammie, Railline Tavern in Marion. He had so many amazing rides, runs and fun with everyone!

Babe saw many adventures, making friends and memories. His passions were many, but his most cherished and rewarding were his Harley (Old Blue), family and friends.

As to Babe's wishes, there will be a gathering at The Railline Tavern, 266 Pleasant Valley Road in Marion, at 2 p.m. June 11.

Gilbert Mather Harrison, 77

Gilbert Mather Harrison came to a peaceful end of his more than 77 years on March 28, 2022, at his home in Whitefish. Although Gil was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, his heart and soul quickly became transplanted to the Mountains of the Northwest.

Gil moved with his family to Whitefish at age 7, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1962. His passion for skiing began so early that he couldn't recall not being able to ski! He raced for the Whitefish Ski Team throughout high school, and repeatedly earned his berth on the Junior National Ski Team, despite breaking his leg twice during that time.

During his college years, Gil raced with the UC Boulder Ski Team, under the guidance of great coaches, including Bob Beattie. He subsequently graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in Chinese and oriental philosophy.

From that point on, Gil's life became more about the experience than the career. Over the years, he was employed in the restaurant industry, then spent time with the Forest Service, immersed in silviculture, timber management and fire suppression, as well as honing his card-playing skills. He practiced auto and equipment mechanics throughout the years, keeping his own farm machinery and cars in good working order.

Whenever Gil found himself near a ski hill, he spent his winters as a ski patrolman, serving with patrols on Big Mountain, Snowbowl out of Missoula, and Antelope Butte, Wyoming.

During the '70s, Gil developed a love of ranching while working on his Aunt Mary's ranch in the mountains west of Sheridan, Wyoming, where he had moved with his sister Jane and brother-in-law, Steve Kohler. While in Wyoming, he reconnected with his former schoolmate, Ruth Zander, and they subsequently married. They moved back to Montana



during the 1980s, where they spent the next 20 years managing Gil's moth-

er's hay ranch in Lost Prairie. Their two sons, David and Michael, were born during that time, bringing immeasurable joy to their lives. In addition to caring for the farm, Gil worked for Montana Academy, where he developed lasting bonds with many of the teenagers who enrolled there. He also reconnected with the ski community, volunteering with Big Mountain Ski Club to teach the next generation of skiers, including his own two boys.

Gil remained a passionate academic throughout his life, throwing himself wholeheartedly into an eclectic pursuit of knowledge. After retiring from hay farming, he took further courses in Mandarin Chinese, studied his own family's genealogy (tracing some of his ancestry back to the 1400s), continued consulting the Book of I Ching (which, according to his brother John, he had memorized), and pursued his interest in meditation and martial arts, most recently Tai Chi.

Gil was preceded in death by his father, John S. Harrison; his mother, Ann Schwartz; his stepfather, Stephen Schwartz and his brother-in-law, Steve Kohler.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his sons, David and Michael; his sisters, Peri (Tim) Shea and Jane Kohler; his brother, John L. (Bunny) Harrison, and stepsisters, Anne Collins and Georgie Pakradooni, as well as a myriad of nieces, nephews and in-laws, dear friends and ski buddies, all of whom will remember Gil fondly and miss him dearly.

At Gil's request, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of sending flowers, those who wish to commemorate Gil's life may either plant a tree in Gil's honor or submit a donation to our nonprofit Big Mountain Ski Club, P.O. Box 1614, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Les C. Hart, 78

Les C. Hart, 78, passed away at home on June 22, 2022, in Kalispell. Nancy, his wife of 42 years, was by his side.



Van den Bergh Foods. He finally retired in 2008 from Bigelow Tea Company, where he was the director of manufacturing.



Through the years, his employees had great respect for him and his ability to lead as well as mentor.

Les was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on May 19, 1944. Growing up in Fargo, Les enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing football and hockey. His family had a lake cabin where many summers were spent on the water.

He graduated from North Dakota State University in 1967, and he enlisted in the Air Force the following year. Les attended pilot school and other courses to become proficient flying T-37s, KC-135s, and HH-53 helicopters. He was extremely proud to serve his country in the elite air rescue group known as the Jolly Green Giants while in Vietnam. Captain Les Hart earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses and four Air Medals, and is credited with saving 21 lives. He left the Air Force in 1972 while stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana, continuing his service as a helicopter instructor pilot. Les then went on to have a successful career in food manufacturing, working diligently for companies

Survivors include his wife Nancy, their children Mason (Kathy) Hart of Texas, Ryan (Londa) Hart of Montana, and Alison (Steve) Brodet of Massachusetts. Les was blessed with seven grandchildren: Dylan and Ava Hart; Greydon, Lauryn and Madelyn Hart; Jack and Ayla Brodet. Other survivors include his older brother, Gary (Karen) Hart of Minnesota, and niece and nephews Michele Pundsack, Walter Clarke, John Palmquist, and Michael Hart.

Les loved and was loved, by his many friends and family. His goodwill and laughter will be missed by many. Those who knew him best can attest to both.

No services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Montana Wildlife Federation at montanawildlife.org.

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William 'Bill' Stanley Hart

William "Bill" Stanley Hart passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2021, with his oldest son Randy at his side; Pop was 87 years old.

Dad was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta ("Eh"). When he was younger, he loved to play hockey and he always followed the Flames. He moved to central Illinois with his family as a teen.

Dad met Mom, (Myrtle Jones) in 1955 and they were married on Jan. 20, 1956. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1959 where they lived most of their lives working and raising their family. Dad worked at Plum Creek for 42-plus years.

Dad loved to camp and fish; Echo Lake was his favorite spot. Pop was an incredible craftsman; a master at tying flies and he could build virtually anything out of wood! After retirement, Dad and Mom spent several years along the Oregon coastline. When they were home, dad was always in his shop

teaching his grandchildren how to create and build.

Dad was preceded in death by his wife Myrt, daughter Cheryl, parents, Clyde and Sarah; brother, Richard, and sister Barbara.

Dad is survived by his sister, Colleen Sokol and her husband Dave; and his sons and their wives, Randy and Tami, Clyde and Diane, and Todd and Gayle. Dad was crazy about his grandchildren, Shawn, Audrey, Gibby, Carrie, Brittney, Sarah, Jessica, Olivia, Tyler and Cameron; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be held later in the summer of 2022 when more family members can attend. Both Dad and Mom will be interred at Woodland Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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

Judy D. Hartford, 84

Judy D. Hartford passed away on July 24, 2022, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell after a long illness.

She was born in Pocatello, Idaho, to Helen and Hank Harshner. She grew up and graduated high school in Lima, Montana, and obtained an Associate in English degree at Flathead Valley Community College.

She met her husband Russ while attending University of Montana in Missoula in 1956, and they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this June. Judy was a lifetime member of Ada Chapter 17, Order of the Eastern Star where she spent many years as the pianist.

Judy was a woman of many talents: she was the organist for both the Calvary Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches for over 40 years. She worked as the librarian at Evergreen Junior High for approximately 25 years. Her favorite memories revolved around helping generations of children develop a love of reading. After retiring from the job at Evergreen, she started J's Photos and took group and individual photographs of local sports teams, senior portraits, family portraits and weddings. She was also an accomplished seamstress, sewing for her family, local school programs, also Cub to Eagle Scouts and Brownie to Girl Scouts. She spent thousands of hours crocheting and knitting blankets for the Linus Project, which provides blankets to local foster children from the NICU to high school aged children.

Judy was proud of the many family mem-



bers who served in the military. This included her husband Russ, daughter

Diane, son Bill, grandchildren Joliene and Rick Lindholm, nephews Alan and Kurt Kieckbusch and Bryce Hartford.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Hank Harshner.

She is survived by her husband Russ of Kalispell, sisters Claudia (Corkey) Boake of Pearland, Texas, and Margie (Doc-deceased) Kieckbusch of League City, Texas, daughters Lori Hartford of Billings, and Diane (Brandy Dowling-deceased) of Portland, and son Bill (Teresa) Hartford of Kalispell. Judy spent many hours doting and bragging about her grand and great-grandchildren! Grandchildren include Joliene Lindholm of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, Rick (Stephanie) Lindholm of Kernersville, North Carolina, Logan Phillip of Portland, Sean Hartford of Bozeman and Nate Hartford of Boise, Idaho. Great-grandchildren are Meika, RayLynn and Opal Lindholm of Kernersville, North Carolina. Judy is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Judy's life for family and friends will be held on Sept. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on LaSalle Road in Evergreen, Montana.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you make a donation in Judy's name to the Evergreen Junior High Library.

Jeremiah Kenneth Hartle, 46

Jeremiah Kenneth Hartle, 46, returned home to his Lord and Savior on Nov. 17, 2022, after a nearly five-year battle with cancer.

Jeremy was born in Escondido, California, on Jan. 1, 1976, to Ken and Debbie Hartle.



The following year, the family moved to the Flathead Valley, where Jeremy would spend the rest of his life.

He attended West Valley School, continued to Flathead High School, graduating in 1994, and attended University of Montana in Missoula.

Jeremy owned and operated Heritage Hearths and Cast Works with his father, Ken Hartle.

Jeremy married Karen Mooney on June 6, 2003. They enjoyed a wonderful life together and raised a beautiful family.

Jeremy is survived by his wife, Karen, and his children, Makenna (19), John (15), Matti

(15), and Emily (12); his father, Ken, and mother, Debbie; and his brother, Matt, and his wife, Laurell, and their children, Oliver (15) and Annie (12).

Jeremy's family was the center of his world, and his spiritual life with Pastor Scavo at Stillwater Church provided him much comfort and solace in his final years. Though his battle with cancer was long and extraordinarily difficult, it was a challenge he readily accepted to have more time with his family.

The family would like to thank Lois Gross and Dr. Ness at Logan Health Medical center for their excellent and compassionate care.

Jeremy was deeply loved and cherished by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be held at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 29th at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Seattle Children's Hospital.

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Richard Michael "Mike" Hartman

Richard Michael "Mike" Hartman, age 67, of Columbia Falls passed away June 30, 2022. He was born July 11, 1954 in Kalispell to Shirley Ann Winn (Kellet) of Bryan, Texas and the late Richard E. Hartman.

Mike was a hard worker and served our nation in the Navy and Coast Guard. He worked for the aluminum plant for a brief period of time in Columbia Falls. Some of Mike's hobbies included gun collecting, reloading ammo, hunting, fishing, camping, and "going for a drive." He was involved in national events as a Boy Scout and later would become a scout master. Mike was an outgoing person that always had a story to tell. Mike leaves behind a legacy of honesty, integrity, and a great love for his fellow man. He never met a stranger and was a friend to many. Mike is survived by his wife of 39 years, Jennifer J. Wells; daughter, Katie Hartman; son, Matthew Hartman; sisters: Dianne Cardinal, Roberta Robinson, and Stacy Berry; mother, Shirley Ann Winn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Richard Michael Hartman's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Family and friends may begin to visit Wednesday starting at 10:30 a.m. Inurnment to follow at St. Richard Catholic Cemetery. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

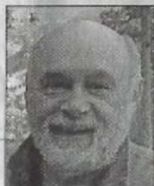
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Richard 'Rick' A. Hawk, 69

Rick Hawk passed away from a snowmobile accident on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022.

Rick was born in Kalispell on March 30, 1952, to Dick and Duane Hawk. His dad worked for the railroad, therefore the family lived in several small railroad towns.

He wrestled while attending Flathead High School and wrestled in the AAU National Championship while attending Flathead Valley Community College. He was an active member of Flathead Search and



Rescue. Rick married Sandra Dootson in January 1975, and they spent their first seven

months together in North Pole, Alaska. Rick worked as a police officer, fireman and medic for the city of North Pole and put together their first ambulance. Upon returning to Kalispell, Rick went to work for the Flathead County Sheriff's Office. After 14 years with the

sheriff's office, Rick retired and became a private investigator, retiring in 2017. To stay active, he became a process server and bailiff.

Rick was an avid outdoorsman; he loved spending his time hunting, trapping, gathering wood for the winter months or just exploring a mountain road. His latest passion was flint knapping arrowheads.

Rick is survived by his wife Sandie, sons Justin and Michael, wife Lori, his grandchildren, Stephanie, Kimmie, Nicholas, Kenzie,

Paige and Kaleb, and two great-grandchildren, Madison and Kennedy, and his two brothers, Bruce, wife Toni and William George, wife Katina.

We miss him so very much, but Rick died doing something he loved.

A celebration of life is being planned for some time in August.

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

Kimberly Hebert, 61

Kimberly Hebert, 61, of Hungry Horse died unexpectedly on April 30, 2022. Her family and the local community are shocked and deeply saddened by her passing.

Kimberly was born on Aug. 25, 1960, to Donald and Virginia Ewbank in La Jolla, California. She spent her youth surfing, horseback riding, and running track for Mesa Verde High School.

Kimberly obtained her real estate license at 18 years old, and her appraisal license shortly afterward. In 1992 Kimberly moved her husband and two small children to the Flathead Valley so that they could have a safe and wonderful childhood.

Since then, Kimberly served the Flathead Valley for over 35 years. While her expertise was as a Realtor and appraiser, Kimberly was a woman of endless skills and talents that were demonstrated in her many volunteer, work, and other professional opportunities she explored. Throughout everything she did, she never had clients or employers, but soon to be friends. Years later, you would often see her playing racquetball, hiking or rafting with people who had started out as clients. This was because she was genuine, compassionate, and always put their best interests before her own.

Kimberly always took pride in her community and was eager to find new ways to give back and get involved. Back in the days of "Big Mountain," she enjoyed volunteering on the ski hill and teaching ski lessons. She was also always passionate about the theater. She gave time to the O'Shaughnessy Center and believed that the arts are important aspects of our community. When she wasn't working/volunteering, she enjoyed skiing, hiking, traveling, learning, spending time with her family, and making everyone smile. Over the



decades she played pivotal roles in our local school boards, youth ath-

letics, church communities, local boards and chambers, hiking groups and so many other wonderful causes.

Kimberly is survived by her son Casey Hebert (32), daughter Cassandra Buckley (29), grandson Cormac Buckley (1.5), and expectant granddaughter.

It is impossible to convey the amazing life of friendships, experiences and contributions that Kimberly made here in the Flathead Valley. But to boil it down, she loved her family and community above all else.

Anyone who knew Kimberly knew that she was incredibly kind-hearted and brought a ray of sunshine with her wherever she went. She had an immense passion for her work and was always a source of positivity. Kimberly's family and friends will miss her more than words can say. She would go out of her way to put a smile on a stranger's face or lift up a friend in need. She spread sunshine wherever she went and, without her, we will all have to work a little harder at spreading sunshine around the community. She wouldn't want to just be "remembered," she would want for her memory to live on through acts of love and kindness every day.

There will be a memorial service held in her honor at 10 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church on May 28. Those who wish to send flowers or other acts of kindness, please send them to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish on May 28. If you cannot attend, but wish to share a story about her or contribute in another way, please send a note to her email montanakimberly@gmail.com.

Henry John Hebing, 66

In December of 1978, Henry arrived in Whitefish after a harrowing drive across Eastern Montana on roads, he said, were snow packed and icy for 500 miles, to find work as a carpenter and ski Big Mountain.

On Sunday, April 10, 2022, the last day of the season, after taking what must have been some glorious turns on what is said to be the one of the best days ever on the hill, Henry took his final run and was found lying in the snow after suffering an apparent heart attack.

We are devastated by our loss, but take great comfort in knowing he was in the mountains doing what he truly loved and had been doing in Whitefish for nearly 45 years.

Skiing was one part of Henry's life; the other that defined him was his reputation as a master carpenter and a great man to have on the job site. As his brother-in-law said after hearing of his death, "When the other guys were done, Hank was just getting started." He loved to work his trade, evident in the many homes around the valley that benefited from his expertise. His garage shop overflows with wood of all species and dimensions that he just couldn't bear to see tossed in the dumpster. Thrifty and honest, it would be hard to find a nicer guy. Everyone loved Henry.

In 1987, after writing her phone number on a wall stud in a home under-construction on Stillwater Road, Henry met Judy Wolf. They were married in 1989 and along with daughter Emily, made a family. The years that followed were filled with softball, basketball, volleyball and track. Henry cheered Emily from the bleachers and was without fail, someone she could rely on, love and trust. As life went on and grandchildren were added to the family, he checked for photos daily and what a twinkle he had in those blue eyes when seeing what Sebi and Leo were up to. How he laughed and delighted in those boys.



Henry was born Jan. 9, 1956, and grew up in Minnetonka, Minnesota, big broth-

er to six siblings whose parents, John and Jacoba Hebing, emigrated to the U.S. from the Netherlands in 1955.

He is preceded in death by his father, John; brother, John; and brother-in-law, Rich Wolf.

Henry is survived by his wife, Judy; daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Adrian Mejia; and beloved grandsons, Sebi and Leo. He will be deeply missed by his mother, Cobi; and siblings, Al (Kris) Hebing, Marlene (Todd) Johnson, Betty (Jim) Pennington, Mary (Gale) Strommer and Tony (Bretta) Hebing; along with many nephews, nieces and extended family on the Hebing side of the family, in and around the Twin Cities. Judy's siblings loved and mourn Henry, including Jo (Randy) Clyne, Mike (DeeAnn) Wolf, Dan Wolf, Tony (Cindy) Wolf, and Mary Wolf, along with nieces and nephews whose trips to Montana included hiking, fishing, and trying to keep up with their uncle.

A reception in Henry's honor will be held on May 7, from 1-5 p.m. at the home Henry built at 19 Idaho Avenue in Whitefish. Bring your memories and we'll share our tears at the loss of this lovely man. A funeral Mass will be held in Minnesota at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Minnetonka on Excelsior Boulevard on Tuesday, May 24, with visitation at 10 a.m., Mass at 11 a.m.

A quote from naturalist John Muir will serve as a final tribute.

"Climb the mountains and get their glad tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds blow their freshness into you and the storms their energy. While cares drop off like leaves of Autumn."

To send online condolences, please visit www.austinfh.com.

Donald Eugene Hedman, 87

Donald Eugene Hedman, best known best as "Gene," passed away May 23, 2022. Gene spent almost all of his 87 years in the Flathead Valley. He was born on Sept. 28, 1934, in Whitefish, and was one of seven children to Edena and Vern Hedman.



After graduating from Whitefish High School in 1952, Gene joined the army and served in Korea from 1953 to 1956. After the service, he drove a logging truck and worked at the aluminum plant, all while studying by correspondence to earn his law degree. He practiced law for more than 40 years, spending most of his career at the corner of Central Avenue and Second Street in Whitefish at the firm Hedman, Hileman &

Lacosta. Gene was active in the Winter Carnival, serving as Prime Minister in 1971, and was a member of the Lion's Club and

a board member for the North Valley Hospital.

Perhaps more remarkable than his law practice and civic engagements were Gene's many additional pursuits. He was a prolific and dedicated hobbyist, throwing considerable energy into a wide range of passions, including music and jazz guitar, leather braiding, boat racing, pool, archery,

bowling, golf and photography. He also loved building, fixing and creating in his garage workshop. Later in his life, he spent many happy days camping with his loving spouse Lenore Jorgensen, family and friends, and he learned to love the sunshine in Arizona, spending winters in Quartzsite after retiring from his law practice.

Gene is survived by his wife Lenore, with whom he shared a profound love and deep commitment for more than 35 years. Gene and Lenore spent the last few years of his life in Helena.

Gene is also survived by his brother Allan Hedman and his wife Vernice, his son Dale Hedman and his wife Annette, his daughter

Gina Merrill and her husband Austin, his stepdaughter Nancy Emmert and her husband John, and stepson Cal Jorgensen. He is also survived by many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

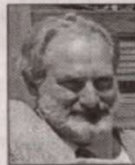
Gene was preceded in death by his parents Edena and Vern Hedman, his daughter Deborah Hedman, son Douglas Hedman and his wife Kathy, and siblings Carol Hedman Newbury, Cleave Hedman, Joyce Hedman Emmert, Wayne Hedman, and Barbara Kopyy.

There are no services planned at this time.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Gene.

Patrick Edward Wakefield Heffernan, 64

Patrick was born Nov. 11, 1957, in Cyprus and from the tender age of 6 attended boarding schools in England, rejoining the family wherever it was stationed for holidays.



This upbringing gave Patrick self-reliance, resilience, and an interest in aviation. At school, he was a notable sportsman, playing cricket and rugby and joining the Royal Air Force cadets.

Patrick acquired his lifelong love of fishing in Ethiopia, where he caught giant Nile perch on quarter inch washing line from a small boat in crocodile-infested Lake Chamo and spearfished for catfish with local tribesmen.

Graduating from Forestry College in Cumbria, Patrick began his career in Scotland

and Wales. However, in 1982 he toured the USA, Mexico and Belize before heading

north to Montana where he met Carol. Carol said she crossed an ocean searching for a heart of gold and found Patrick, a man that we could all love and trust. Patrick and Carol were married in Wales in 1983 before returning to the Hungry Horse area. Daughter Heather was born in 1984, followed by Holly in 1986, with the family home in Martin City purchased soon after.

Patrick was highly accomplished, both as forester and family man, with renowned integrity

and an unparalleled ability to slow down and enjoy life. Always there to strum a song on his guitar, catch up with friends and enjoy a good meal, he is remembered for the aphorism, "Illegitimi non carborundum"!

Patrick passed away Dec. 7, 2021, at the wheel of his Kenworth but, in true Patrick style, made sure that it was safely parked and out of gear first.

He is survived by wife Carol, daughters Heather (Dan) and Holly, grandsons Miles and Brooks, sister Jeannie and brother William.

The family invites all to celebrate this wonderful man's life Saturday, Aug. 27, at 11 a.m. at Stoltze Land & Lumber, 600 Halfmoon Road, Columbia Falls.

Tom Heikens, 90

My beloved Tom left my life to go to a better place during the early morning hours on Feb 8, 2022.

He was born to John and Anna Heikens in 1931 in Glasgow, Montana. He enjoyed life on the farm and his cousins to spend fun times with.

The family moved to Kalispell during the war, and later to Ferndale. He attended high school in Bigfork where classmates were very close. They moved to the present place near Creston in 1949.

Tom and some of his friends enjoyed going to dances at Smith Valley Grange, and it was there a girl named Joyce decided he was a special person that she needed in her life. Tom and Joyce were united in marriage in 1954.

In December of 1954 he was called into the Army and ended up in Germany where



Joyce joined him later. They called it their European honeymoon.

After returning home they decided it was time to start

a family and were so blessed to have two sons, Randy and Jerry, and a daughter Jill.

Tom was a true farmer. It was his life. And he could fix any piece of machinery that broke, which was often.

He was a truly wonderful husband and father.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna, and sister Helen Zimmerman.

He is survived by his wife Joyce, sons Randy and wife Maria, and Jerry, and daughter Jill and husband Todd, and grandsons Ray, Scott and Nick.

Konnor Robert Heindl, 19

Konnor Heindl, 19, passed away on Aug. 17, 2022.

Konnor Robert Heindl was born April 20, 2003, at 5:02 a.m. in Grand Coulee, Washington, spending his early childhood in Electric City. When Konnor was 4 years old, we moved to Spokane where he attended elementary through his freshman year of high school. He had many adventures, meeting some of his best friends where he was able to experience many firsts and lasts ... Konnor and his family moved here to Columbia Falls October 2018. Konnor attended Columbia Falls High School where he made many friends that I am sure would have stuck by his side for a lifetime. In high school Konnor took mostly AP classes. He was also in Varsity Speech and Debate where he lettered in Extemporaneous and Lincoln Douglas. He and his teammates not only went to State, but were state champions twice! In 2021 Konnor graduated high school. He had recently moved out on his own and started working at the Party Store in Kalispell.

We watched him turn from a child into a man almost overnight. Konnor had many hobbies, but a few of them stood out, like his love of animals of all kinds, especially fish. This had almost become an obsession at times, having many fish tanks at one time. Konnor also enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was camping, hiking, swimming or motor biking. Anytime



he had the chance, he wanted to be outside. He also had a passion for music, constantly

looking for new music to share with everyone around him.

Konnor lit up the room and his smile was contagious. Everything about him was extraordinary! He was the rock to so many people because of his strength. At only 19 years old his story here on Earth was short but his strength, smile and love will live here with so many, forever.

Konnor is survived by his mom, dad, little brother, grandma, uncle and cousins, along with many other loving family members. We are going to miss him and think of him every day. As much as it hurts for us now, we know that he is with our heavenly Father. He is right where he is supposed to be.

We love you and will miss you so much, Kon!

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." — Revelation 21:4 KJV

As Konnor had many who loved him, a celebration of life gathering is being planned for our community. Details will follow soon.

Condolences for Konnor's family may be submitted on Konnor's tribute page, online at www.columbiamortuary.com.

Evonne Helean, 69

Evonne Marsai Helean, 69, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022 at her home in Somers after a courageous battle with cancer. Evonne was born on Aug. 20, 1953 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Her parents were Ken and Betty Sharp.

Evonne and her family moved around a lot as a child. She graduated high school in Milton Freewater, Oregon in 1971 and married John Leonetti in 1974. They resided in Walla Walla, Washington where she did secretarial work. She made lifelong friends at her work there. Evonne became a mother to Angela when she married John and also went on to



have her first-born son, Jason, in 1977. This is where she discovered her true calling.

While she continued to work, it was motherhood that brought her the greatest joy. She went on to have her daughter, Jeana, in 1980. Evonne loved being a mother, family meant everything to her and she loved to have family gatherings. She moved to Montana in 1989. Evonne eventually found her soul mate. She married the love of her life, Phil Helean, on Oct. 10, 2002.

Evonne had a great career at Youth Court Services. The job required her to travel around Montana transporting juveniles. She really loved road trips. Eventually she became the office administrator. She made more lifelong friends there and went on to retire in 2017.

Evonne was a true outdoorsman. She had a love for fishing and camping. Her favorite thing was to gather the whole family for a campout and sit around the campfire into the night playing games and laughing. She was always in control of the campfire stoker and made sure to keep the fire hot.

Evonne was preceded in death by her mother Betty Sharp and her father Ken Sharp.

Evonne is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 20 years, Phil Helean; her children Jason and (Sandra) Leonetti, Jeana and (Brandon) Baldauf, and Angela and (Corbin) Anderson; grandchildren Tanner Leonetti, Kyler Baldauf, Gavin Baldauf, Alexis Lee, Augusta Cahill, Ashley Ferguson, and Abby Ferguson; and brother Randy and (Susan) Hunt.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at the Kalispell VFW.

Patricia 'Patti' Wickham Hellman

Patricia "Patti" Wickham Hellman passed away on May 31, 2022 of natural causes.



Patti and Don began their family with daughter, Susan. Three years later they welcomed daughter, Jill.

Patti was born in Missoula to George (Spud) and Violet (Rathbun) Wickham on Sept. 30, 1936, joining her beloved sister, Phyllis. Patti was loved and adored by her family and had many happy stories about her childhood in the Bitterroot Valley.

Patti was proud to be a fourth-generation Montanan. Her paternal grandfather, George Wickham II, lived with the family for a number of years. He told her many stories about his Montana pioneer adventures. This created a love of history and her heritage that was with her the rest of her life. She continuously investigated her family ancestry.

After graduation from Stevensville High School, she attended teaching college at Western Montana (Dillon). During the summer break from college, she experienced fun and adventure working at the Swift Current Chalet in Many Glacier. It was an experience she never forgot.

Upon graduation from College she worked for the Bigfork School District teaching elementary school.

It was in Bigfork that she became acquainted with a young man. He was dating her next door neighbor, but he was obviously quite anxious to meet the pretty young teacher next door. He made his intent obvious by revving his engine very loudly in the middle of the night when he dropped the neighbor girl off. Soon Patti was dating the young man with the loud tailpipes.

It was a whirlwind romance and Patti married Don Hellman on April 18, 1959.

Don began his career at the Kalispell Police department and Patti eventually began her career at the Flathead High School Library. She was always there for kids who needed an adult to talk to. She saw and encouraged the best in all young people, including her daughters and their friends.

In 1972 Patti and Don bought a cabin on Flathead Lake. This was their destination during the beautiful Montana summers.

As Patti and Don's careers began to wind down, Don built their new home around parts of the original cabin on Flathead Lake with the eye of a master craftsman. Patti applied her artistic skills to make magical touches that charmed all who visited. Patti and Don loved having all their friends, their daughter's friends, and finally their grandchildren's friends visit. Everyone was made to feel that they were welcome and invited to "have a beer."

They also began taking long winter breaks and going to visit Don's Mom in Quartzsite, Arizona. They fell in love with the Quartzsite area and very much enjoyed spending their winters there.

Each fall as the Montana days would grow shorter and colder they would excitedly pack for their winter in Quartzsite. Patti truly loved the beauty of the desert, especially long walks with Don and their dogs (Chief 1 and later, Chief 2).

Every evening at 5 o'clock Patti put out food to feed the wild rabbits, quail and doves.

Patti was a lifelong voracious reader and spent many hours at both of her homes enjoying a variety of books, specifically true crime novels.

Patti was a devoted fan of football and was an especially enthusiastic fan for the Seattle Seahawks and Montana Grizzlies - Go Griz!

Any trip to town would take a great deal more time than anticipated because of the many conversations Patti would have with both strangers and acquaintances alike. She was very interested in learning about other people's lives.

In later years, Patti took on care for Don, who had developed dementia. She learned about the disease and did all she could to ensure the best quality of life in his remaining years.

Susan and Jill and the grandchildren were truly blessed by the love that Patti showed them. She was never judgmental. She simply wanted to support her family in any way she could.

Patti had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed laughing with anyone and everyone. In her last years she enjoyed talking with all of her caregivers every day. A special thank you to the staff of Buffalo Hills Terrace and The Retreat for the wonderful care and kindness that Patti received.

Patti is survived by her daughter, Susan Matter (Jim) who reside in Italy and Lakeside, and her daughter, Jill Kaufman (Mark) who reside in Lakeside and Quartzsite, Arizona.

"Did I tell you, baby You are the joy of my life." — Chris Stapleton

Patti was truly the joy of all our lives.

There will be a memorial cruise on the Far West on July 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. to celebrate Patti and Don's life. Please RSVP at flatheadlake15@gmail.com.

Joanne Jeanine Stillman Hender, 60

Joanne Jeanine Stillman Hender, 60, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, reunited with her heavenly Father, parents and siblings who have gone on before, on Sept. 1, 2022, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

Joanne was born March 16, 1962, in Kalispell to Theron Jackson Stillman and Maybelle Elaine Munter Stillman. Joanne grew up and attended schools in Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead High School. She also graduated from LDS Business College in Salt Lake City.

On Aug. 25, 1990, she married John Arthur Hender Sr. in Salt Lake City. They were later sealed in the Jordan River Temple on Sept. 24, 2010. Joanne and John met in Salt Lake and seven years ago made their home in Idaho Falls, Idaho. While living in Utah, Joanne worked as a mortgage underwriter, mortgage loan processor, etc. She worked until her health prevented it. She was a true woman of strength battling Type one diabetes for over 48 years.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed sewing and played piano. She was an avid reader. Her favorite authors were John Grisham and Anita Stansfield. She loves her Scriptures and the manuals that came with them. Later in life she loved playing 15 games at a time of "Words With Friends" with John because she liked to keep her mind active.

Her best friend was her niece, Kandice, known as "Buddy."

The world was a better place because Joanne was in it. There are relatively few individuals who have such a loud impact in such a quiet way.

"There aren't enough words in the world to describe how wonderful she is. Everywhere she went she looked for people she could help. Where Joanne is, is where happiness was. She was a gift from heaven. You didn't have to be anybody special, she just loved you. I bet she's up in heaven making everybody smile." — Jane Keller Kump,

cherished friend.

"As much as she pushed through just to keep breathing the air of life, she always got outside herself to try to make others' days easier and her infectious smile would light up others' faces and make them smile too.

"I got the best wife anyone could ever dream of having; she held nothing back. She has been my girl from the day we met; from when I first walked up and started talking to her she said, "I knew you were trouble." We were together from then on; we just hit it off.

"So here we are 30 years or so later saying, "I will see you in a minute." As we think of her and feel of her sweet spirit, she will be making us smile, not through a bunch of pain, but without it there. Can you imagine how liberating it must feel for a person who has been riddled with disease for almost 50 years to be free of broken bones, Type one diabetes, osteoporosis, gastroparesis, sinus surgeries, cataracts, migraine headaches, dialysis, heart surgeries, endless diagnostic procedures, and the relentless pain of debilitating, insomnia-producing neuropathy, along with high blood pressures, night sweats and a body that was just done a long time ago, and would have been were it not for a heroic effort that people could witness — if they're lucky — once in a lifetime and not in a movie.

"I could never be more proud than to have you as my girl, so so selfless, so cute, so so smart, so witty, so loyal, so loving, so compassionate, my Joanne, Fonzie loves you and I love you, Baby. — John A. Hender Sr."

"Joanne was my Buddy. She and I did everything together. I can remember a time that sticks out in my mind so clearly to this day when I went to her office for a Halloween party one year and she was dressed up as a mummy and I was dressed up as a doctor. We had a blast! We bobbed for apples and played games. I was always included in her office stuff when she

was working. I would help her make copies of different things, etc. We had a bond like no other, she meant the world to me." — Kandice Morrison "Buddy"

"I remember as kids Joanne loved to play school with anyone who would play it with her and she also loved to prepare Family Home Evening lessons for her family. Joanne loved anything to do with paper, office, teaching and handouts! She was the best at that!" — Melanie Morrison

"Joanne could listen to my boring meandering stories like they were the greatest telling of tales ever. Made you feel like it mattered. If it mattered to you, it mattered to her. With her quick wit she could fire off zingers with the best of 'em." — Bill Stillman

"For a Christmas present to family members for Christmas of 1985 Joanne wrote a "Life Story of her Mother Maybelle Elaine Munter Stillman." This life story was a labor of love for Joanne and showed her love for her mother and her family." — Ted and Claudia Stillman

"Whenever Joanne needed us to move her from one location to another she was always located on the third floor. One time she wanted to move from one side of the third floor to the other side of the third floor. The two sides of that third floor did not interconnect. We had to go down the three flights of stairs, cross over on the ground floor and back up to the third floor. This was when all of our children were young; Jennifer was maybe 12. I looked up at the scene before me and saw all of our seven children with a lamp shade or a box or a wall picture or a lamp, anything they could carry going down one side and back up to the other side like a little army. I cannot remember why the move but Joanne needed it done." — Gary Stillman

"Jeanine's favorite memory was when we had the family Christmas party at her house. Then Joanne took us around on a treasure hunt to look at

all of the different lights in her neighborhood. The coolest was a display of different nativities in her neighbor's house. This was when all of our children were young, Jennifer was maybe 12." — Jeanine Stillman

"We remember taking summer vacations to Kalispell to see mom. Joanne was always taking our sons at the time for rides in the wagon, playing games, and watching cartoons. We went to drive-in movies, and Joanne and Mel were always keeping the kids busy in the back of mom's station wagon. They always had a great time with Joanne in Montana. — Larry Stillman

"Years ago when Joanne was Young Women's president, she and Mel brought the sweetest group of Young Women up to do baptisms for the dead in the Idaho Falls Temple. They stayed here with us. I just remembered how the girls loved her and looked up to her, how she interacted with them. They knew she loved them and wanted the very best for them! She was teaching by example how to be

dedicated and loyal to what she believed was right! Whatever she did, she gave it all she had!" — Kathy Stillman.

Joanne is survived by her loving husband, John Hender, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; her dog, Fonzi Hender; siblings, Ted (Claudia) Stillman of Highland, Utah, Gary (Jeanine) Stillman of Salt Lake City, Melanie Morrison of Herriman, Utah, Larry (Loydene) Stillman of Bluffdale, Utah, and Tim Stillman of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Danny, Vicky, Ronnie, Bobby, and her sweet niece Jennifer.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Sand Creek 2nd Ward, 2545 Mesa Street, with Bishop Andrew Trane officiating. Burial took place in Fielding Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Snake River Animal Shelter or the GoFundMe fundraiser.

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Peggy Ann (Gillis) Hennessey

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Peggy Ann (Gillis) Hennessey (84), of Coupeville, Washington, a treasured wife, mother, aunt, nana, great-grandmother, and friend passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family.

Peggy was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, and graduated from high school in 1955 in Hanover, Massachusetts. She then moved to El Toro Marine Base in California to join her father, Master

Sergeant John Gillis. Peggy worked at several different jobs at the Base, and began to model and compete in beauty pageants. She was crowned Miss Orange County, was third runner-up for Miss California in Santa Cruz, was a finalist in Miss TV 1956, and was accepted to participate in the Miss America Pageant.

In 1957, Peggy married John S. Petersen and moved to Helmville, Montana to help her father-in-law work his sheep ranch. In 1960, Peggy gave birth to her son, while John attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Shortly thereafter, they moved to St. Louis, Missouri so he could complete dental school, and Peggy gave birth to her two daughters. In 1966, they moved to Whitefish, Montana where John began his dentistry prac-

tice. Peggy had many careers, including being Personnel Director at Big Mountain Ski Resort, and an insurance salesperson for many years, restaurant manager, and teaching English to non-English speaking children.

In 1980, Peggy married Ralph N. Hennessey and lived in Whitefish and Kalispell, Montana. She loved the outdoors, gardening, and family get-togethers. In 2007, Peggy and Ralph moved to Coupeville, Washington (Whidbey Island). Peggy was a devoted church member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Coupeville where she participated in Church outreach programs; Works of Mercy, and Women of Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Peggy was the former President, as well as a 15-year member, of the Coupeville Garden Club, which also includ-

ed volunteering for the gardening-after-school program for elementary children. Many will have fond memories of seeing Peggy with the Garden Club, adorning the town of Coupeville with beautiful potted plants, as well as placing Christmas wreaths at St. Mary's Church.

Peggy was a great artist, who thoroughly enjoyed sketching and painting. She also enjoyed reading, crabbing, pedaling her player-piano, her Irish heritage and listening to Irish and bagpipe music, the Coupeville Shifty Sailors singing group, beach walks looking for sea glass and agates. She was an excellent homemaker and cook, and enjoyed family visits and cooking her "famous chicken tacos". Peggy loved visiting with and serving others who were ill, or less fortunate,

often providing those in need with generous gifts of kindness, love, and support. She was very proud of her three children and enjoyed their visits immensely. Peggy's happy personality, infectious laugh, adventurous spirit, and generous and loving heart, are among the things that will truly be missed.

Peggy's family would like to send a special "Thank You" to Dr. C.J. Kuan, whose selflessness, compassion, and unwavering commitment was greatly appreciated during her extended days of care.

Peggy was preceded in death by parents John F. Gillis and Florence (Neal) Severin; brother Jack Gillis, half-brothers Dick Severin and Tommy Gillis; and stepson Shawn Hennessey. Peggy is survived by her husband Ralph N.

Hennessey of Coupeville, Washington, and his daughters Chris and Heidi of Montana; son John (Sandra) Petersen of Coupeville, Washington; daughters Christine (Chip) Von Heeder of Kalispell, Montana, and JoAnna (Mark) Armendariz of Santa Clarita, California; grandchildren Iain (Yuki), Jordan (Kaitlin), Ivey (Parhum), Aubrey, Aleah, Zane, Chans, and Tristin; as well as great-grandchildren Phoenix, Iris, Indigo, Isla, and Islay.

There will be a Celebration of Life at Peggy's "Happy-Place" at a beach in Coupeville, Washington this summer, which will be announced at a later time. Family and friends will be notified.

Mary Helen Hendrix

Mary died peacefully after a long struggle with COPD in Oklahoma City Aug. 2, 2022.

Mary was born in Aurora CO in 1948 to U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. William Hendrix and Helen Kelly Hendrix. Mary and her brothers John and Bill lived in the states and Japan. Mary graduated from Oklahoma City's Bishop McGuinness High School in 1967. She later received three degrees with a Master of Science in Speech Pathology from the University of Oklahoma.

Mary practiced and



lived with her husband, Tom Graff, for several years in Northwestern Montana.

She later lived and worked in Philomath and Tyth Valley, Oregon, then retired in Wickenburg, Arizona.

She will be loved and treasured by her two adult children Eve and Ben Graff, grandson Carter, brothers John and Bill Hendrix, numerous family members and countless friends.

Louise Herbold, 87

Louise Herbold was born Feb. 18, 1935 in Everett, Washington. She passed away peacefully at her home in Kalispell on Dec. 11, 2022. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1940. She was educated in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1953 and worked at Hillstead's Department Store, a job she thoroughly enjoyed. Louise married Leonard Herbold in July of '53 at St. Matthews and they were together until his passing in 2003.

Louise and Leonard raised their nine children in the Helena Flats area, all of whom attended Helena Flats School. As the children became older, Louise took a job at nearby C&C; Plywood Plant/Plumb creek in Evergreen. Not only was she one of the first women to work on the plywood production side of the plant, she actually started by pulling "fishtail" off the "green chain", which was, and still is, a very physically demanding job.

Louise and Leonard were very devoted to their Catholic faith and were involved in the establishment of Risen Christ Parish in Evergreen and served on the Parish Council. She was also a member of the Catholic women's group, Daughters of Isabella. Louise loved to say her daily rosary which was one of her most cherished prayers.

Louise loved meeting new people and could strike up a conversation with just about anyone and within a short time could discover that there was someone they both knew! Louise enjoyed taking drives, family gatherings, riding her lawn mower, and baking and sharing apple pies.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents,



Vern and Mary; her husband Leonard; her children: Faith Ann, Jennifer, and Lori Lea; grandchildren, Joshua and Anthony; and siblings:



Mary Ellen, Bill, and Sunny Vern.

Louise is survived by her children: Mark (Melva), Kathy (Rick Thompson), Bernie (Dan Martin), Sister Mary Jessica, John (Jody), and Chris (CC). Louise is also survived by her brother George (Clara); her 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren!

Rosary will be said at Risen Christ Parish on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held Friday, Dec. 16, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Risen Christ Parish and followed by interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with reception at Risen Christ to follow.

Donations in Louise's name may be sent to: Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George at St. Francis Convent, 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002-9020.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral home is caring for Louise and her family.



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Livingston, MT — Alvin Dallas Hering, 77 went to be with Jesus Aug. 3, 2022, in Billings, following heart surgery on July 7. He was Born Feb. 28, 1945, in Glasgow, the son of Alden K. Hering and Margaret F. Hering (Lacock).

Alvin (Al) graduated from Kalispell High School, Class of 1964. Following graduation, he took an apprenticeship at the Buttreys' bakery in Great Falls. He married the love of his life, Aleta L. Fisher in 1966. They celebrated 56 years of marriage in December. His baking career moved them to Glendive, Billings, Glasgow and Havre. They settled in Livingston for the last 40 years, where they loved to camp fish and enjoy all things outdoors.

Alvin loved so much to be in his shop, whether he was making wood projects, wood cars, wrapping Christmas present (year-round) or restoring something.

But what he enjoyed most of all was having friends or family visiting and having a beverage in his shop. Alvin was such a happy spark in the lives of all who met him, such a character in so many fun ways.

He was always willing to help anyone in need, he never let things get him down, he always had a smile and never met a stranger.

Alvin will be greatly missed by his wife Aleta Hering; his three daughters Dawn Storoe, Sherie Kipp and Penny Meighen; his son-in-law Stephen Meighen; grandchildren, Rachael Vaughn, Justin Griffin, Lydia Meighen and Bae Meighen; great-grandchildren, Tannyn, Alyssa and Olivia; and his three brothers LeRoy Hering, Terry (Alma) Hering and Tony Hering, Many wonderful aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews

There will be a small gathering in Billings Aug. 20th

Thomas James 'Tom' Hewitt, 74

Thomas James "Tom" Hewitt, 74, passed away Jan. 7, 2022, at his home in Polson.



Tom was born to James Olin and Betty Ann (Wooster) Hewitt in Gillette, Wyoming, on April 6, 1947.

Tom married Deana Tilton in Kalispell in 1970. Tom was very proud to be a Navy veteran.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents James O. Hewitt and Betty A. Gerrity, Richard Hewitt, and Jimmy Gerrity.

Tom is survived by his

wife Deana Hewitt, daughter Patricia Morehouse (Matt), granddaughter Madeleine Morehouse of South Carolina, daughter Daishia Brosten (Kyle), grandson Ethan Brosten of Kalispell, brother Gary Hewitt (Denise) of Kalispell, sister Laurie Dasonville (Brad) of Glendale, Arizona, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no public service at this time. Family will do a celebration of Tom's life at a later time.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.



Wilson Asbury Higgs

Dr. Wilson Asbury Higgs passed away on Jan. 9, 2022.

He was born on January 5, 1938, in Charles Town, West Virginia. He was raised on an apple orchard in Nelson County, Virginia, attending school until 11th grade (the highest grade his county offered). He paid his own way through college by washing dishes, attending the University of Richmond where he met his wife, Charlotte. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. We are not sure Wilson ever washed another dish in his life since he said he had washed a lifetime of dishes in college.

From a young age, Wilson had a curious and eager mind. Learning and education were his ticket to see the world. After medical school, he spent three years in the Air Force as a flight surgeon based in Anchorage, Alaska, where he developed his love for the fresh mountain air. Once he finished his ENT residency in Pennsylvania, he and Charlotte headed to Kalispell with their three children.

Wilson found a great deal of satisfaction in his profession. He was involved in the medical community in many ways, but his greatest love was caring for patients. Outside of work, he enjoyed the beauty of Montana — hiking, backpacking, skiing, and being at the cabin on the lake. He also had a passion for

music. Many hours were spent listening to classical music. For nearly 30 years he sang with the Glacier Symphony Chorale. He might skip dinner, but he would never skip a chorale practice if he could help it.

Many will remember Wilson for his kind, gentle spirit and his witty sense of humor. He often had a twinkle in his eye that seemed to say he was just about to let the cat out of the bag. He was full of pithy sayings that were always just right for the moment and usually brought a smile to someone's day. Even to the end, he was a bright spot for many of the staff who cared for him and loved him at Buffalo Hill Retreat & Terrace during his struggle with Parkinson's. He never let his physical decline dampen his attitude. He was an inspiration of aging with grace for those of us who knew him during this time.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Charlotte; three children David Higgs, Steven Higgs, and Kathryn Miller; a niece, Donna Kelley; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at the Buffalo Hill Terrace Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m. Masks are required by the facility for anyone who is not a Buffalo Hill Terrace or Villas resident. Please allow extra time for check-in at the front desk.

Leona Lois (Jacobson) Hileman, 94

Our beloved mother, Leona L. Hileman, joined our father, Harry Hileman, in heaven on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

She was born May 29, 1928, in Leola, South Dakota, to Leslie and Ella Jacobson. Shortly after her birth, her family moved to Circle, Montana, where they lived until Nov. 11, 1936, at which time they moved and settled in the Bissell community. It was there, where she learned her amazing work ethics, farming and ranching in the bitter cold or the extreme hot days, depending on the season.

Mom attended Bissell School grades one to eight. One of mom's shared childhood memories was that she walked uphill to and from school (5 miles) in subzero weather. We are not sure how she managed to walk uphill both ways but it's her story and she stuck to it. Ha Ha! She furthered her education at Whitefish High School for grades nine to 11 and



then graduated from Flathead County High School with the Class of 1946.

On Aug. 2, 1949, she married Harry Hileman. Together, they had three children.

Mom was well known for her devotion to the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railway. She began her career in the late 1940s with the railroad and retired in 1990. She was very proud to have worked for the railroad, as were they to have had such a devoted employee. In fact, when she retired, she was given the very first Burlington Northern employee jacket made. She wore it with great pride.

Mom always put her family first and foremost. Mom loved family outings and get-togethers, whether it be spending time at the cabin, fishing on the river, traveling,

hiking, camping; it didn't matter. All that mattered was being together and sharing time as a family. She truly loved being a wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma. She will be terribly missed by all.

Leona is survived by her three daughters, Kay Hileman, Debra Rauk and Vicki Hileman; brothers, Norman Jacobson of Missoula and Allen Jacobson of Columbia Falls; sister, Elaine Thacker, of Fairborn, Ohio; brother-in-law, Ronald Hulme, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tracie (Darryle) Norton of Riverview, Florida, Randan Zinke of Vancouver, Washington, Erika (Jeff Cadry) Rauk of Big Sky, and Tanner Rauk of Missoula; great-grandchildren, Taryn Reid, Tevin Groshelle, Isaac and Isabelle Zinke, Stella, Auggie and John Rauk, and Forest Cadry; great-great-grandchildren, Sophia Reid and Miya Groshelle; and numerous

nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by who she called "her adopted daughter," Toni Stachon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harry Hileman, and additional beloved family members.

The family extends their heartfelt appreciation to all of the nurses, CNAs, doctors and administrators for the wonderful care Mom received while at Prestige Assisted Living, Logan Health Care and Immanuel Lutheran Home; also, to the staff, especially Amy, at Loyal Care who cared for our Mom for the past 3-plus years.

A private family service will be held at a later date. A celebration of our Mom's life will be held for all family and friends in the summer of 2023.

Leona's family has been cared for by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Forest 'Rusty' Rodger Hill Jr.

Forest "Rusty" Rodger Hill Jr., known as "Big Red," of Olney, passed away on April 8, 2022, peacefully in his sleep. After a long struggle with MS, surviving Covid and also sepsis nine times, he can finally rest.

He was an avid hunter, worked as a tree planter for many years, and volunteered on the board of the Olney Fire Department. He loved his community and will be sorely missed.

He looked like a tough cookie, but he had a gentle heart and the soul of a bear!

He spent his last days



at home laughing, joking, and pulling pranks.

He is survived by his

wife Sandy, son Parker, daughter Maggie, brother Sean, sister Sandy, nephew Lance, six stepchildren, and 21 grandchildren.

His graveside service is on Thursday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, followed by a program at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, address 6330 U.S. 93, Whitefish.

Parker Vaughn Hill

Parker Vaughn Hill, of Olney, passed away Sept 15 in the early morning, coming home from work, in a car accident.

Parker graduated from Whitefish Independent School in 2016 and received an Honorary Scholarship to FVCC for Most Improved. He worked at Casey's as a cook and aspired to be a great chef.

Like his father, Parker loved the outdoors; he took long hikes, camped, and fished, with his cherished dog, Sadie.

He was a kind friend and quick to defend anyone he thought had been wronged. He may have looked scrappy but he certainly could hold his



own. He was preceded by both his parents, Rusty (2022) and Ruth

(2008).

He is survived by his sister Maggie; stepmother Sandy; uncle Sean; aunt Sandy; cousins and stepsiblings, and lots of nieces and nephews.

Parker's time with us was short but he positively impacted the lives of many.

His graveside service is on Sept 21, at 3 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery (please bring a lawn chair). A memorial will be held at Casey's in October with day and time TBA.

Charlotte Hillstead, 91

The family of Charlotte Hillstead — Feb. 28, 1930, to Jan. 9, 2022 — desire to share the event of her peaceful passing. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Graduated from Sheridan High School in 1948, she retired from U.S. West in

1976. Charlotte and Bill Hillstead operated clothing stores together in Kalispell and Spokane.

She was preceded in death by parents Charles and Dollie McCalla of Sheridan Wyoming, husband Virgil Walter of Kalispell, sisters Doris Hall of Sheridan and Evelyn Kimbrell of Denver, and twin broth-

er Charles McCalla of Sheridan.

She is survived by children Bill Hillstead and Nancy Nelson of Vancouver, Washington, and Janice Hurley (Earnie David Hurley M.D.) of Cheney, Washington, and many grand- and great-grandchildren, whom she adored. She loved danc-

ing and was a member of Vancouver Emblem Club.

We are not planning an in-person gathering, rather, we wish for everyone to honor her in the way that most touches your hearts. Please direct any memorial tributes to the local charity of your choosing.

Jeanne Eleanor (Keith) Hobbs, 81

Jeanne Eleanor (Keith) Hobbs, 81, made her way to heaven March 2, 2022.

She was born Feb. 15, 1941, to Lowell W. and Eugenia Clayton Himmler in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1960 she married William D. Keagy. They were stationed in Guam where she fondly remembered snorkeling for seashells.

Later in Washington, D.C., she started in the secretarial pool and worked her way up to deputy chief of the Personnel and Counseling Branch of the Voice of America.

Jeanne married Bob W. Jackson in 1969. They loved working on their home and time at the sea-



shore. In 1980 they packed up the family and moved to Montana.

In 1986 she found her true passion as a Realtor and worked in the Flathead Valley for 29 years retiring as a broker in 2015.

Jeanne married Harry "Mike" Keith in 1990 and they spent many happy years together until he passed away in 2012.

In 2017 she met the final love of her life, Marvin Hobbs, at a Senior Center dance. They loved dancing at the Eagles and were inseparable until Marvin passed

away last fall.

Jeanne lived a full and adventurous life. She was artistic, hardworking and pursued her passions with an endless supply of energy. She studied at the College of Fashion Design, took photography classes and spent many hours in her dark room. Her love of photography stayed with her whole life as she chronicled the lives of her family. She raised llamas and was an avid gardener and seamstress.

Jeanne is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Mark) Jones, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jordan Jones and Jeanne Jones of Kalispell and William "Jared" Jones of

Bozeman; Bob Jackson's daughter, Caroline (Jim) Wilson of Missoula; Mike Keith's children, Harry "Butch" Keith, Robert "Bob" Keith and Teresa "Terry" Keith of Kalispell; Marvin Hobbs children, Colleen Hobbs of Kalispell, Julie Rauscher of Spearfish, South Dakota, and James Hobbs of Everett, Washington; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on March 15 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home at 11 a.m.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to hospice.

Myrna Jean (Ripke) Hocking

Myrna Jean (Ripke) Hocking passed away July 21, 2022, at her home in Bigfork.

Myrna married the love of her life, Jim, Nov. 12, 1959. They had four kids, James, Vicki, Kevin and Janine. She brought Jim to the Flathead Valley early in their marriage to visit her family and immediately knew they wanted to retire there. In 1991 they made that dream a reality and

retired in Bigfork. Myrna was back in her beloved Montana at last!

Myrna loved spending time with family and friends and her beloved husband Jim. Her Bigfork girlfriends were affectionately called "The Grannies." They faithfully got together each



week for lunch and shenanigans. Myrna was full of wisecracks and had a great sense of humor.

She was known to never go out unless she was dressed up, her hair done and wearing her signature red lipstick. She loved shopping, a good burger and cheap beer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, after 49 years of marriage.

She is survived by

siblings Terry Ripke and Diane Fullerton, as well as her four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She deeply missed Jim every day after his passing and is finally back in the arms of the love of her life.

Rest in peace, Momma. We love and miss you everyday. Boots & Saddles.

A memorial will be held Saturday, Sept. 3.

Genevieve 'Genny' Regina Hoerner, 99

Genevieve "Genny" Regina Hoerner, 99, passed away on Aug. 17, 2022, at her home in Columbia Falls.

Genevieve was born to Michael and Katherine (Heier) Fetch on April 16, 1923, in Beulah, North Dakota. She met her husband Michael Hoerner while living in North Dakota; they eventually moved to Montana. They had five children, Gerald, Lucille, Diane, Donna and Darlene.

The couple lived in a mud hut with their children during the early years. They also survived the Flood of 1964 in Columbia Falls. She was a waitress most of her life, working at various places around town such as Pine's Café and Paul Bunyan.



Genny was a collector of all, including angels, lawn ornaments, knickknacks and antiques. Her home was beautiful on the inside and outside, including her fake flowers in her garden.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, dancing, singing and country music. She also prayed every day. Most of all, she was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

Genny was preceded in death by her parents, husband Michael Hoerner, and daughters Donna Okness and Darlene Seivers.

She is survived by her children, Gerald

Hoerner (Linda), Lucille Role (Ron), and Diane Konecky; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews, and her close friend Leona.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the BeeHive Homes for taking such good care of Genny.

A viewing and visitation will be held on Monday, Aug 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at St. Richard Catholic Church with a graveside committal to follow at St. Richard Catholic Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Brandon Wayne Hoffenbacker, 35

Brandon Wayne Hoffenbacker, 35, born April 10, 1987, passed away Sept. 10, 2022, due to complications from colon cancer.

Brandon was born in Bozeman to Bill and Holly Hoffenbacker. Brandon was the oldest of five children. Brandon cherished his family. He was always there for advice, support or just a listening ear. Brandon touched the lives of everyone he came in touch with. He never judged anyone and found the positive in everyone. One of his favorite joys was taking his niece, Kaina Jean, and nephew, Brooks Chesley, for a ride in his red pick-up truck. They held a special place in his heart. Brandon had numerous friends, too many to mention, but he cherished all of their friendships. Brandon loved the outdoors. His favorite spot was Thompson River, where he spent countless days at hunting camp with friends and family. It was his dream to have a place of his own on Thompson River for friends and family to enjoy.

Brandon excelled at all sports he participated in, which were many. At the young age of 5, he traveled with the Butte youth wrestling club to California, where he took first place in his divi-



sion. He was a state champion for the Flathead Braves wrestling team. He also enjoyed baseball, from Tee ball to PeeWee, and later played for the Kalispell Lakers. He was one of the first freshmen to start on the Flathead Braves varsity football team. He earned numerous awards during his sporting career. Upon graduating from Flathead, he joined the Montana State Bobcats football team. Regardless of his achievements, he never bragged or considered himself above anyone.

In November 2016, Brandon joined his father Bill in running the family business, Hoffenbacker's Discount Floors and More. He took great pride in his work and strived to please everyone. A few years later his sister Lyndsey joined the family business. He was so proud of how quickly she learned the business and would joke how she kept everyone in line, especially Bill.

Brandon was proud of all his siblings. His advice and wisdom helped all of them achieve their goals. He would brag about his

sister Maci for being independent and her first year of golf where she won just about every tournament she was in. He had great respect for his brothers Dustin and Colton Hoffenbacker for being hard working and amazing fathers.

Brandon is survived by his parents Bill and Holly Hoffenbacker, brothers Dustin Hoffenbacker (wife Kendrik Hoffenbacker and niece Kaina Jean) and Colton Hoffenbacker (wife Hillary Hoffenbacker and nephew Brooks Chesley), and sisters Lyndsey Hoffenbacker and Maci Hoffenbacker; and his furry companions Blue and Willow; they never left his side. They will be lost without him; and his numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. There are far too many to list, but Brandon would want each and everyone of them to know how he loved and appreciated all of you. We'll miss your bear hugs and "mom meatloaf now," but you are forever in our hearts and souls. We hope you're hunting, fishing and enjoying the things you love. Rest in peace our "gentle giant" and continue to spread love.

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

Cynthia 'Cindy' (Waller) Hohman, 57

Cynthia "Cindy" (Waller) Hohman, 57, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus, surrounded by family at home on Aug. 6, 2022, after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

Cindy was born to Marvin Waller and Carol (Freeman) Kinsley in Edmonds, Washington, on March 8, 1965, shortly before moving to Montana. She went to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1977 with her family. She graduated from West Valley High School in 1983.

Family was the most

important thing to Cindy and she worked hard to raise her five children. She loved to crochet, spend time with her grandchildren, family gatherings and she loved to travel. She always dreamed of visiting Hawaii with all of her family. Everyone who met her will remember her contagious smile and gentle soul.

Cindy was married to



George Hohman III for 13 years, until her passing.

Cindy was preceded in death by her father Marvin Waller, and step-father Patrick Kinsley.

She is survived by her husband George Hohman III, her sons, Brandon Waller and Michael Stovall, and her daughters, Brittney Cook, Audrey Gudschinsky and Brianna Waller, all of Alaska. She leaves behind seven grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Carol Kinsley, of Kalispell; as well as her sisters, Pamela Waller

of Kalispell, Janice (Ed) Pennington of Kingman, Arizona; her brother, Ronald Waller, of Fort Mohave, Arizona; her aunt, Fay Freeman, of Kalispell; uncles, Jerry (Deb) Waller of Dillon, Montana, and Richard Waller of Dillon; nephews, Brian Waller, Quade Waller, Curtis Nickle, Travis Clevenger and Josh Clevenger; and nieces, Julie Wiese and Jeana Clevenger.

She was loved deeply by all and will be greatly missed. Until we see you again.

Bonnie Jean (Gilroy) Holler, 77

Bonnie Jean (Gilroy) Holler, 77, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 24, 2022.

She is survived by her sister Trudy and Cliff Eckley, her daughter Donna Campbell, her son John Holler, her son James and Yvette Holler, her daughter Rena and Larry Shockey, her sister Janet and Bob Porteous, her 10 grandchildren Nicholas Campbell, Jessica Holler, Dallas Andrews, Clayton Holler, Justin Andrews, Courtney Holler, Gabrielle Shockey, Cheyenne Shockey, Celeste Shockey, and Grayson Shockey, and her four-great-grandchildren Veronika Holler, Lavontae Andrews, Rein Shockey and Elias Holler.

Bonnie was born in Jordan, Montana, on Sept. 24, 1944, to Bruce

and Jean Gilroy. She was raised in Jordan.

Bonnie was married to Joe Holler on June 7, 1964, in Kalispell. They spent 49 years together.

Bonnie was a devout Christian who loved her Lord, Jesus Christ. Through good times and bad times she never lost sight of that. Now she will spend the rest of eternity with her Lord, Jesus Christ, in heaven.

Bonnie loved many things, but all had to do with family. As a mom she was involved with Boy Scouts of America, baseball, football, hunting, fishing, camping, picking huckleberries, gardening, sewing and woodworking.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at First Baptist Church in Whitefish. Lunch will be served after the service.

Linda F. (Beck) Holliday, 72

Linda F. (Beck) Holliday, 72, of Kalispell, passed away July 11, 2022.

She was born May 11, 1950 in Baker, Montana, to Thomas and Lydia (Singer) Beck and raised in Miles City.

Linda was all about family, in which she was bountiful. One of eight children, there was always plenty of hustle and bustle around the Beck household. Later in life Linda would meet her love Gary "Doc" Holliday and, in Butte, in 1985 they married. Throughout their 37 years together Linda's



talents of home life professionally, as well, and clean houses, while her off time was always more fun.

Growing a beautiful garden was a favorite leisure for her, and finding the hottest Keno machine for when she really wanted to pick up the pace,

family would only get bigger as they had six wonderful children together.

She would use the talents of home life professionally, as well, and clean houses, while her off time was always more fun.

though nothing held a candle to the time she would spend with her family. She knew the importance of giving back and would make donations to veterans associations and St. Jude's.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Lydia; brother, Ray Beck; sister, Sandy Beck; and brother-in-law, Dick Lundstrom.

She is survived by her siblings, Rita (Delbert) Hawkins, Tom and Randy Beck, Noreen "Wendy" (Wayne) Witte, and Merideth and Rich Tuttle;

son, Michael Steppe, stepchildren, Denny Holliday, Brian Holliday, Steve Holliday, LeeAnn Holliday and John Holliday; grandchildren, Lacey Adeyanju, Jody Hadley and Rachael North; great-grandchildren, Bridger Nichols, Ava Adeyanju, Easton and Debby North; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Ronald E. Holton, 94

Ronald E. Holton, age 94, of Kalispell, passed away on Sept. 25, 2022, at Logan Health Care.

Ronald was born on Nov. 23, 1927, to Ralph and Ruth (Schrader) Holton in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Ronald retired from Plum Creek as an MDF supervisor.

He is survived by his wife Peggy Holton; children Steve Holton, Gary Holton and Debby

Cowley; stepdaughters Heather Kucek and Ann Cheff; nine grandchildren and two + great-grandchildren.

No services are planned.

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

Robert William 'RW' Holst, 81

Robert William "RW" Holst, 81, passed away peacefully at home in Bigfork on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, after a battle with cancer.

A lifelong Flathead Valley resident, he was born to Ray and Helen Holst in Redding, California, on Jan. 20, 1941. Ray was employed there for a short stint in the shipyards. They returned home to Montana shortly after his birth where he attended grade school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1959. He then attended Montana State University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business. He was a lifelong Bobcat supporter and sports enthusiast.

RW and a friend journeyed to Alaska where he worked on an oil rig for a year and a half before returning to Montana. His father Ray purchased B&B; Beverage on Center Street in Kalispell in 1962. He then went to work with Ray and his brother, Dallas. From that warehouse they successfully sold Olympia beer and other brands for many years until they sold the business in 1982. He then sold real estate for a short time and was briefly a representative for Seagram's. He spent the remaining years enjoying his farm in Bigfork. He was married to Winona Lee Hall, and later Diane Stevens, until her death in 1992.

His greatest passions were farming and all things outdoors. He made countless horseback trips into the Bob Marshall, barely missing a year through his adult life. Summer fishing trips, fall elk hunting,



great adventures which he enjoyed with many friends. In later

years, he spent time going south to Mexico, Arizona and a few trips to Hawaii. He was probably happiest, however, on his farm in Bigfork.

He was a great storyteller and had many adventures to share with friends and family. One of his greatest adventures, although not necessarily on purpose, was narrowly surviving a wild ride with one of his friends through Meadow Creek Gorge, in the days before rafting equipment was made for such attempts. Another time, when he was in college, he won a bet by walking 60 miles in under 13 hours. He and his comrades did this because they read about a girl Scout troop doing it. He said it was an excruciating experience in his red wing boots, and only later learning that the girl Scouts did it over several weeks, a few miles at a time.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Helen, and his brother Dallas.

He is survived by his sister Sandy (Harry) Haroldson, sister-in-law Ann Holst, daughter Heather Raye Holst (Noah Harrell) of Fairfield, Montana, son Bo (Lisa) Holst of Bigfork, stepchildren Ginny Eacker, Julie (Pat) Meeker, Lynn (Marcy) Hall, and grandchildren Axel and Bailey Bladholm and Aly Meeker.

RW you will be missed!

John Michel 'Mike' Horn, 79

John Michel "Mike" Horn, the son of John and Ruth Horn, was born Sept. 13, 1942, in Kalispell. Mike was raised where he died, on the family farm north of Kalispell along the Stillwater River. After a short battle with cancer, he passed away on May 8, 2022, in his home surrounded by family.

Mike attended Kuhn's school, a one room school house south of Whitefish, for eight years and later graduated from Flathead County High School. After a short stint in the National Guard, he earned a degree in electrical engineering from Montana State University in 1964. Mike was married while attending MSU. After receiving his degree, he went to work for the Navy Electronics Lab in San Diego, designing radio communications networks across the Pacific. In the late '60s, he was also employed by the Martin Marietta Corporation in Denver, doing work on the Skylab project.

In the mid-'80s Mike was swept up in the home-computing revolution; he consulted for many firms during this time. He was an early adopter and expert in the new technology. His work in the digital revolution culminated in the sale of an internet technology patent.

In the late '80s, he returned to the Flathead. For years he sold real estate and print advertising, earning accolades in both. By the late '90s he began to sell antiques and books, eventually building a thriving online business. Mike never retired; he continued to work his book business until his death. During those later years, he also served on the Flathead County Planning board.

Mike reared his children in San Diego, where he was involved with his sons in Boy Scouts, having served as Scoutmaster for several years. He was a family man and enjoyed taking his boys camping. He was an active member of Stillwater Lutheran Church, the same church where he was confirmed as a youth. In his spare time, he loved to write and share poetry and read and collect books. His poetry and his library of books are evidence of his keen intellect and thirst for knowledge.

Mike Horn is survived

by his three sons and their wives, Paul and Angela of Vacaville, California, Brant and Tonya of Whitefish, and Erik and Julie of Bozeman;

eight grandsons, John, Weston, Landon, Joel, Ryan, Eli, Noah and Ivan; as well as his great-grandson, Ezekiel. He is also survived by his sisters, Karen Berosik of Whitefish and Christine Horn of West Palm Beach, Florida; and brother Martin Horn of Crystal, Minnesota.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruth Horn, and his siblings, Kenny, Randy, Eric and Synvia Horn.

A memorial service will be held at Stillwater Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m., with Pastor Craig Scavo officiating. Stillwater Lutheran is located

at 1401 Church Drive, Kalispell. The services will be live streamed on the Stillwater Church YouTube channel.

Memorials may be offered in Mike's name to Stillwater Lutheran Church.



Jack Edward Horstman, 65

Jack Edward Horstman, 65, passed peacefully Aug. 25, 2022.



Jack was born Feb. 20, 1957, in Kalispell to Forrest "Frosty"

and Shirley (Wisherd) Horstman, joining sister Vicki, with siblings Kim, Dawn and Brett soon to follow.

In 1977, Jack joined his father in the family trucking business, Horstman Trucking. They hauled bulk cement for lifelong family friends, Delbert and Gary Wilken of McElroy and Wilken.

Jack married Hope S. Nesten Jan. 31, 1981, divorcing after 30 years. To this union they were blessed with loves of their lives, their three amazing children, Travis Matthew, Justin Leigh and Shannon Ann.

In 2010, Jack moved to Washington and spent the next 12 years on Lummi Island. Fishing and woodworking took up a majority of his time. He will continue to live on through his beautiful creations and those who loved him dearly.

Jack was preceded in death by his father Frosty in 2007, sister Dawn in 2012, and brother Brett in 2013.

Jack is survived by his children, Travis (Rachel), Justin (Amber) and Shannon (Sam); his grandchildren, Jason,

Brody and Arianna; his mother, Shirley; sisters, Vicki (Wayne) Wray and Kim (Frank) Ortenzioc along with numerous other family members.

The family will have a celebration of his life next summer at a date to be announced.

Robert Staples Howard, 97

Robert "Bob" Howard, Howard Publications newspaper founder, died Feb. 11, 2022, at home in Palm Desert, California, after a long battle with Parkinson's. Bob had an illustrious career buying, selling and publishing daily and weekly newspapers including the Daily Inter Lake. He amassed 18 dailies under the Howard Publications banner with some 2,000 employees and nearly a half million circulation.

The son of (Capt.) Earl Eaton Howard and Helen (Staples) Howard, the publishers of a small weekly in Wheaton, Minnesota, Bob was born Oct. 23, 1924, the third of three children. The family had an Army heritage with Earl serving in World War I and Bob and his brother Col. Thomas Howard in World War II. Thomas was a staff officer for General Patton through Africa, Italy and Germany. Bob left the University of Minnesota becoming a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, flying bombers as a navigator and nose gunner in the South Pacific. He earned a Purple Heart after being shot down in the Battle of Leyte.

After the war Bob returned to University where he met and married Lillian Irene Crabtree. They moved home soon after to relieve his widowed mother of publishing the Wheaton

Gazette. Thus began his long career of buying and selling papers, making eight moves in different states across the U.S. His management acumen was

noticed by the owners of the Scripps League of Seattle who hired Bob to manage their group of dailies. He later sold Scripps his papers in Kalispell, Montana, and Pocatello, Idaho, going back out on his own by purchasing a paper in Chester, Pennsylvania, where he founded Howard Publications, collecting dailies, cable companies and television stations.

During their many moves Lil and Bob had four children, Thomas, Andrea, William and David. Tom and Bill published newspapers in Wyoming and Idaho in their early years. Later Tom and David founded Howard Energy, diversifying the family holdings into oil and gas exploration and further into pharmaceuticals. Bill and Andrea's husband, Jack Palmer, remained running the newspapers until they were sold to Lee Enterprises in 2002 ending the families three generations of publishing but beginning an era of



philanthropy. Much of his fortune was returned, mostly anonymously, through his foundation to the various communities where he lived and published. The list of his gifts is extensive; nothing grandiose or flashy but targeted and needs fulfilling at the community level, all given quietly and modestly.

Both Lillian and Tom died in Montana, Lillian

of a brain hemorrhage in 2008 at 86 and Tom of esophageal cancer in 2019. Bob spent his final 12 years with a new love, Peggy Jacobs, in Palm Springs, California, and his Lakeside, Montana, summer home.

He is survived by Peggy Jacobs, his three remaining children and spouses, 17 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Ryan L. How, 35

Ryan became one with The Great Spirit after a tragic accident on Dec. 1, 2021.

While growing up in Whitefish, Ryan was truly a force of nature. When he decided to do something, he simply did it. Most of the other kids in the neighborhood gravitated to his endless energy and leadership and ended up hanging out at the family home near Whitefish City Beach. Skateboarding, fishing, swimming, sledging, diving off cliffs, video games and the garage band he instigated were some of the many activities they enjoyed together.

Ryan became the consummate prankster, often to the chagrin of the Whitefish School system. The improbable circumstance of glue in the shop class light fixtures comes to mind. Ryan was well liked by everyone, and finished his high school years with, among other things, a top two percentile grade in reading comprehension among all graduating seniors in the nation.

Youth sports played a big factor in Ryan's life. At different times he played and excelled in soccer, baseball, basketball and youth football. In later years he was a fearless, gonzo snowboarder. He also loved fishing, floating rivers,

and camping with family and friends, particularly up the North Fork of the Flathead River.

A little over 10 years ago Ryan suffered a traumatic brain injury. Though the injury affected his cognitive abilities, it did nothing to diminish his energy level and zest for life. After the injury, his favorite pastime, aside from hanging out with family, was to hop on a Greyhound bus and travel. He particularly liked the Carolinas, Tennessee, Florida, Texas and Nevada. He called home every day.

Ryan filled every room to the edges, and to those who loved him, his absence creates a vacuum that is partially filled with fond and colorful memories.

Ryan is survived by his father Jake How, mother Corrie Besaw and husband Dave, brother Charlie How and wife Jess, all in Whitefish, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He had a special relationship with his niece Aeva How and nephew Parker How, of Whitefish.

A private memorial service has already been held with another planned for this summer.

Those wishing to honor his life can make donations to the Brain Injury Alliance of Montana.

Kathleen Mary (Welder) Huff, 81

Kathleen Mary (Welder) Huff, age 81, of Kalispell, passed away after her battle with breast cancer Jan. 1, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Kathleen was born on Nov. 29, 1940, in Minot, North Dakota, to Jacob and Kay (Fischer) Welder.

Kathleen worked for Bowling for 30 years and

was able to retire in the mid-1980s. In her spare time, she rode her ATV all over, going on long car rides to the bison range, dancing, and spending time on the water fishing. Kathleen loved to bake cookies, cupcakes and bread, and candy for her friends or anyone who helped out, which was her way of

saying thank you.

Kathleen is preceded in death by her parents Jacob and Kay, and many friends who loved her.

She is survived by her sons Terry Patrick Walsh and Scott Kelly Walsh, granddaughter Katie P. Walsh, and brother Harry Fischer.

There will be no services, and per her wishes,

Kathleen will be spread at Flathead River in the summer of 2022. Family and friends are invited to pay respects at 336 Batavia Lane in Kalispell. Friends are encouraged to visit buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sibyl Myrna Kegel Hughes



March 1942 - November 2021
Havre, Montana;
Mojave, California;
Whitefish, Montana.

Early, on a Sunday morning Sibyl was granted her well-earned wings and reunited with her loved ones gone before.

Sibyl was born to Charles W. Kegel and

Doris Kegel of Havre, Montana. She attended school in Havre, graduating in 1960. She went on to work as a legal secretary while attending college at NMC. During her college days, she met and married the handsome J.D. and the two were married May 1963 in Havre, Montana

and shortly after moved to Mojave, California. Sharing 59 years united together. To this union came four children. She loved her kids and all children but Josh, Jake, Jack, Garrett, Caylan, Gabby, Reid, Cole and Annaka were her most beloved!

She was preceded in

death by her parents, Charles and Doris Kegel, sister Helen Kegel Voigt and brother-in-law, Michael G. Voigt.

Sibyl leaves behind her husband J.D. Hughes of Whitefish, Montana; Jay (Patty) Hughes of Lancaster, California; Grant (Sandy) Hughes of Palmdale, California;

Leann Hughes of Whitefish, Montana; Coleen (Ross) Pickel Whitefish, Montana; her nine grandchildren. A Celebration of Sibyl's life will take on July 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Whitefish Methodist Church.

Mary Louise Alphin Hurley, 91

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Mary Louise Alphin Hurley,



our loving mother, devoted wife, and friend to all whose lives she touched, on Feb. 25, 2022.

She left us in her 91st year surrounded by friends and family at her residence in Montana. She was the adored wife of Homer Hurley of 65 years, beloved mother of Richard Hurley, Katie Hurley and David Hurley, and proud grandmother of Andy Mackey, Jared Mackey, Anna Mackey and Willem Hurley.

Born in Virginia, Mary Lou lived a full life. After finishing university in Virginia, Mary Lou taught high school English and later moved to a farm in Montana via North Carolina. Mary

Lou had an adventurous and spirited soul. The move to Montana was engendered by several family cross-country treks with trailer in tow. As a freshly minted Montanan, Mary Lou encouraged her children to participate in skiing, 4-H, and gave them an appreciation of life on the farm. After her kids graduated university, she and her husband spent several years volunteering for the Episcopal Church, teaching high school English in different cities in Honduras. She and Homer loved to travel. Over the years they traveled to six continents and well over 50 countries.

Mary Lou will be honored at All Saints Episcopal Church on March 7, 2022. The funeral will begin at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the Hurley family.

Lewis Lester Hutton

Lewis Lester Hutton wonderful father, husband, brother, and friend to all went home to the arms of Jesus and a happy place after much suffering from cancer. He died at Logan Health Center with family and friends by his side on March 2, 2022.

Lewis was born in Havre on Jan. 1, 1939, to Lester David Hutton and Ruth Elizabeth Hutton. He had two sisters Loraine Jones and Sharon Hutton. When Lewis was three the family moved to the Flathead Valley where the family farmed north of Kalispell. Lewis attended Pine Grove School through eighth grade and graduated from Flathead High School in 1957. During his high school years and through 4-H programs he won several state and national tractor driving awards, winning a trip to compete in Washington D.C.

Lewis married Bonnie

Halvorson in 1961 and from that marriage, Robin, Randy, Jaime, and Michelle were born.

He gained a second son, Jay Halvorson, through that marriage. They later divorced. In 1982, he met and married Michaelena (Mickey) Bibey after a three-month courtship. They lived at Echo Lake until moving to Kalispell to help his folks on the farm.

Lewis was a logger, self-loading truck driver, farmer, and had a wood yard later in life. You could always find him at his shop rebuilding something. He had a tractor collection that he was fixing up, rebuilding a truck or a skidder. He could fix anything and was an excellent mechanic. When the weather was nice he was haying, which



he loved. Lewie logged in Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell and was a head usher.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents Ruth and Lester Hutton, and sister Sharon Hutton.

He is survived by his wife Mickey of 39 years; sister Loraine (Rodger) Jones of Kalispell; children Robin (Jill) Hutton of Sheridan, Wyoming; Randy (Kristie) Hutton of Billings; Jaime (Rhonda) Hutton of Mooresville, North Carolina; Michelle Hutton of Somers; and stepsons Jay (Virginia)

Halvorson, John (Deena) Stein, and Paul Stein, and girlfriend Santana Cahallero all of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and six nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Brian Lee. A reception will follow at Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Cheryl A. Hyland

Cheryl Ann Hyland, 78, died peacefully on Sept. 21, 2022, at The Springs in Whitefish accompanied by two of her close friends.

Cheryl was born in Bismarck, North Dakota, on Dec. 10, 1942, the daughter of Rose Schmidt Hyland and James A Hyland. She grew up in Bismarck attending both primary and secondary schools, graduating from Bismarck High School in 1961. Music was a large part of her life as she played the clarinet in both the high school orchestra and band as well as majorette for the high school marching band, the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Bismarck Elks band. She married Daniel Fricke after graduation and spent the majority of the next 19 years on the west coast.

Cheryl's love for music continued as she studied voice in Portland and had the opportunity to participate in several productions by the Portland School of Opera & Related Arts: Hansel & Gretel, Don Carlos, The Magic Flute and the Così Fan Tutti; she also sang in numerous operas with the Portland Opera chorus.

Cheryl loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking, camping, skiing, canoeing, tennis and jogging as well as entertaining, gardening, symphony concerts, live theatre productions, writing, reading and travel. In later years her interests branched into the study of natural health, and energy healing.

Her work career began with NERCO, a subsidiary company of Pacific Power & Light, where she began as a secretary in 1977, then moving into the scheduling of NERCO's newly acquired corporate aircraft and additionally managing their commercial travel. In 1982 she moved to Sheridan, Wyoming where she assumed a variety of administrative responsibilities in the newly built administrative office facility for NERCO's mining operations throughout Wyoming and southern Montana. When the Sheridan office closed in 1985, she returned to Portland where she went to work as the Public Affairs Director for the International Trade Institute located at Portland State University.

Cheryl went back to school in 1986 and obtained her degree in Interpersonal Communication from Marylhurst University in 1987 drawing upon her past work history and challenging college class credits with her prior level on the job knowledge equivalent to subjects taught at the university. A combination of challenged credits and coursework, she obtained her degree in one year though she doesn't recommend doing it.

It was at the International Trade Institute that she met her soul mate and the love of her life, John Otis. Cheryl organized many international events for the Institute and pub-

lished the monthly U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service Newsletter. Both she and John hosted many international guests in their home during her tenure there. When the administration of Portland State University decided to no longer host the Institute, John and Cheryl moved to Puerto Rico where John had a year's contract with the University of Puerto Rico and then on to Taos, New Mexico where they spent the next 14 years.

While John developed the Taos Business Alliance for Economic Development, Cheryl became involved in a variety of volunteer projects. She was instrumental in bringing the Junior Achievement Program into the school system of Northern New Mexico, serving on the Mayoral-appointed Youth and Family Center Board, played a major role in helping to organize the annual Taos Food Taos Food Distribution Program, and sat on the board of Humane Society. She worked at the Taos Community Foundation as it was being formed and helped to organize their community-wide Tango in Taos, an annual fundraising event for over 50 nonprofit organizations. She also monitored several large government grants for creating a safe fire boundary between private and public land in the Taos Canyon. She additionally spear-headed the annual Taos Canyon Cleanup of a 14 mile stretch of highway from the City of Taos to the Taos County border.

Missing the green and the water, they moved to Whitefish, Montana in the fall of 2008 where they set up residence until John's passing in 2012. Deciding to maintain her residence in Whitefish after John's death, she became involved in the community library where she served on both the Whitefish Library Association Board and the mayoral-appointed Whitefish Community Library Board of Trustees.

Survivors include three daughters and a son: Lisa Fricke Yost (Ron) of West Linn, Oregon; Dawn Fricke O'Connor (Dean) of Altoona, Iowa; Jonathan Fricke (Amy) of Bellevue, Washington; and Kim Fricke McDonald (Craig) of Dallas, Texas. Grandchildren are Colin Yost, Tessa Yost, Tyler O'Connor, Tanner O'Connor, Carson Fricke, Kaden McDonald and Keller McDonald.

She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Tamera Lane Fricke; and husband John Otis.

Please join us as we celebrate Cheryl's life Sunday Oct. 9, 2022, 2 p.m. at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, 1380 Wisconsin Avenue, Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Whitefish Library Association, whitefishlibraryassociation.org.

Harry James Hyatt, 84

Harry James Hyatt passed away on Jan. 5, 2022, on his way to see his beloved MSU Bobcats play in the National Championship.

He was born in Havre Sept. 20, 1937, to Maurine Atkinson Hyatt and Norris James Hyatt. Harry was raised in Havre where he enjoyed spending time outdoors, playing sports and growing up with his cousins.

He graduated from Havre High School in 1955 and attended Montana State University where he played football and was proud to be a Sigma Chi member. While at university Harry met Jane Erva Shope of Helena. They were married in Helena on Sept. 13, 1958. Harry graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering degree from Montana State University



and they moved to Tucson, Arizona, in 1959. Harry received a master's degree from the University of Arizona in 1961. They had two children, Karen and Christopher, who were both born in Orange, Texas. Harry worked for DuPont where he started his career in plastics. Harry's career continued to evolve, which provided the family opportunities to travel globally and live in many places, including the Chicago area (Morris and Kildeer), Omaha, Nebraska, Dallas, Houston, South Africa and Germany. His most beloved place was the Flathead Valley where they purchased a cherry orchard on Flathead Lake

in 1980. After retiring, the Flathead Valley became his permanent home.

His love of sports continued through his life. He spent countless hours cheering on his grandchildren (Audrey, William and Charlie) at their soccer games and ski races. At the age of 83, he was still on the slopes skiing with family. He was a super MSU football fan and, since his retirement, he attended almost every home game.

In 2012, Harry fell in love with Suzanne Faubert and they were married on Jan. 13, 2013, in Bigfork. Together, they amassed many friends, celebrated any and every event, traveled the country in their RV, and cherished the time they had together.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jane; his

aunt, Edith Atkinson Wylie; and his sister, Helene "Norrine" Hyatt Harwood.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Hyatt; his daughter, Karen Hyatt, of Chicago; his son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Jennifer Hyatt, of Whitefish; and three grandchildren, Audrey, William and Charlie Hyatt; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held later this year.

The family kindly requests any memorials be sent to Montana State University Foundation directed to The College of Engineering or Bobcat Athletics. (1501 South 11th Ave. Bozeman MT 59715) 800-457-1696 or gifts@msuaf.org