

Debbie Ann Kaber, 66

Debbie Ann Kaber passed away at home peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

Debbie was born on Oct. 27, 1955, in Eureka to Robert Hibbert and Lucy Rude. Debbie spent her early years in Kalispell, with summers in Utah with her dad. After graduating from Kearns High School, she moved back

to Kalispell and spent the rest of her life in the Flathead Valley. She met Claude Kaber and they were married in 1977. Debbie then spent her years chasing her four boys, Tyler, Justin, Tony, and Troy, all over the valley and the state watching them in their sports and activities. In her retirement, Debbie

regained her love for baking and became everyone's favorite cake maker and cookie decorator. Debbie loved baking and making special treats for her grandbabies and many friends and family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, Kaden, Makenna and Hailee, and loved having the kids over to

spend time with her. Debbie took a trip to Hawaii and fell in love, and when she came back she turned the deck into her tiki deck and spent countless hours enjoying her tiki deck.

Debbie was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Lucy and Lawrence Rude, and her father Robert Hibbert.

Debbie is survived by husband, Claude Kaber; sons, Tyler Kaber and his wife Tara, Justin Kaber and his wife Heidi, Tony Kaber, and Troy Kaber; grandchildren, Kaden Kaber, Makenna Kaber and Hailee Kaber; siblings, Jeff Hibbert and wife Tawnee, Bobbi Bewley and husband Marty, Larry Hibbert

and wife Charmayne and many aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Debbie was also survived by so many great friends who were her family as well.

Debbie will be missed by so many but we will remember her for her big heart, her love of her family, and her amazing cookies and cakes!

Marcia Kay Kapelke, 84

Marcia Kay Kapelke, 84, of Bigfork, went to her heavenly home on Sept. 24, 2022.

Marcia was born the youngest of three children to Albert and Margaret Berseth in Fargo, North Dakota, on Oct. 19, 1937.

Marcia graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1955, then earned her English and physical education degrees from the State School of Science in Wahpeton and University of North Dakota in 1959.

While working as a flight attendant for Northwest Airline, she met Bill Sandry and they married in 1961. The couple eventually settled in Great Falls to raise their four sons, David, Paul, Mark and Michael. Her nickname "Harsh," fondly received during her sons' school years, aptly describes both her quick humor and style of discipline.

She enjoyed both water and snow sports and was an avid bridge and cribbage player. After Bill passed, she traveled extensively to Europe and New York. In 1996, she moved to Plains, Montana, to be closer to family.

In Plains, Marcia met Keith Kapelke in 1999 and they married in 2001. Together they spent time in Montana and Arizona, along with



adventures in Alaska and beyond. In 2011, they moved to Bigfork and

enjoyed gardening, church activities, camping and spending time with family. Marcia was a faithful servant and follower of Jesus Christ her entire life and loved big family holiday celebrations.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Boyd and Albert Berseth; late husband, Bill Sandry; and siblings, Barbara Gregerson and Roger Berseth.

She is survived by husband, Keith Kapelke; sons, Dave (Tracy) Sandry, Paul (Christine) Sandry, Mark (Marcella) Sandry, and Mike (Sandi) Sandry; stepson, Matt Kapelke; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service to honor her life and glorify her Lord will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

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

James 'Jim' Allen Karlin, 69

With great sadness, and love in our hearts, we announce the passing of James "Jim" Allen Karlin, on March 5, 2022, at the Logan Health Medical Center, with his daughter, his only child, Kenzie Rae Holdorff, of Kalispell, by his side.

Jim was born Aug. 14, 1952, in Dickinson, North Dakota. Jim was number nine of 10 children. Jim spent just over 35 years working at Plywood Plant of Plum Creek in Columbia Falls, and later went on to spend several years driving city buses for Eagle Transit. Jim also worked part-time at the Daily Inter Lake, before retiring to care for



his bride of 46 years, and angel in heaven, Rita Claire Karlin.

Jim and Rita were married

on July 1, 1975, and were inseparable until Rita was called home on Feb. 21, 2021.

Being a father, and a grandfather was one of Jim's biggest joys in life. Very few were known to have crossed paths with Jim without hearing a story about his daughter, or one of his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Kenzie Holdorff

"Love Bug," and son-in-law, Timothy Holdorff, of Kalispell; along with three beloved grandchildren, who miss him dearly, Eric Hauser (10), of Minot, North Dakota, Eli Holdorff (7) and Abigail Holdorff "Lady Bug" (5), of Kalispell; as well as three sisters, Doreen Frankenhauser, Corliss Butzlaff and Carol Haag, and one brother, George Karlin; in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by both of his parents, Rudolph "Rudy" and Hedwig Karlin; and five siblings, Janette Nicklaus,

Gloria Clarke, Kathy Armstrong, Duane Karlin and Darrell Karlin.

Cremation has taken place. Those who knew and loved Jim and/or Rita are invited to attend memorial services on Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m., at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Memorial services will be in honor of both Jim and Rita.

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.

Barbara Dora (Schneider) Kasperson, 94

Barbara
Dora
(Schneider)
Kasperson
passed
away on
April 30,
2022, in
Raymond,



Alberta, at the age of 94.

She was predeceased by her sweetheart, Philip Kasperson, in 1998 after 47 years of marriage.

Surviving her are her children, Keith (LaVerne) Kasperson of Salem, Utah, Kim (Auburn) Hubbard of Lethbridge, Alberta, Phyllis (Carl) Pockrus of American Fork, Utah, and Kevin (Jessica) Kasperson of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren.

She was also predeceased by her parents, Hermann Paul Schneider and Margaret (Fromm) Schneider; her brother, Paul Schneider, and sisters, Margaret Wilde and Geraldine (Dye) Becker.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9 Keystone Terrace West, Lethbridge. An opportunity to meet the family will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the service at the same location.

Interment will follow at a later date in Kalispell.

A link to the service can be found at www.salmonandsons.ca.

Harriet Margaret Krall Karst, 81

Harriet Margaret Krall Karst, 81, passed on Sept. 12, 2022, at Benefis Peace Hospice House in Great Falls.

Harriet was born Dec. 9, 1940, in Lewistown to Joe Krall and Harriet McArdle Krall. Her father being a vo-ag teacher, the family moved often during her childhood. Harriet lived in Hingham, Moccasin, Jackson, Fort Benton, Dillon, Circle and Melstone. In 1953 the family moved to Kevin and in 1958 she graduated from North Toole County High School in Sunburst. Evelyn Gottfried Wolfer introduced Harriet to Billy Karst at a high school dance and they married Feb. 7, 1959, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst.

Bill and Harriet lived on the family farm for 10 years. During that time their daughters, Natalie Ann and Teresa Sue, were born. Bill took a job at the Farmer's Coop and the family moved to

Sunburst. Harriet worked at the Sunburst Post Office and the Port of Sweetgrass.

"Back in the day," Bill and Harriet enjoyed a good game of pinochle with family and friends. She belonged to the Sunburst Saddle Club, and enjoyed group rides, including a pack trip into Stanton Lake with her father and Teresa. The family took a vacation every summer to a different state or area. Their first camper was homemade by Bill, later traveling with their various campers and RVs. She especially enjoyed camping in Glacier National Park.

Harriet had a bright green thumb and had a beautiful garden on the farm and in town. Harriet enjoyed sewing, painting and crafting and was active in many local activities: Jayhawker's Ridge, Homemakers, Tupperware, quilting and birthday groups, and the Marias History Museum.

Harriet was preceded



Joe and Lucile Benjamin Karst; and brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Mary Karst Stevens.

Survivors include children, Natalie (Jeff Beasley) Karst and family of West Sacramento, California, and Teresa Karst of Kalispell; sister, Cora Lee (Ron) Copenhaver of Menifee, California; brothers and sisters-in-law, Rich and Margy Karst Johnson of Bynum, Joe and Betty Karst DeMartin and John Karst of Great Falls, and Herb and Carol Lynch Karst of Billings; nieces and nephews, Leza (Rob) Curtis of Rancho Cucamonga, California, Jim (Yvette) Stevens and Lisa Stevens Tecca of Sunburst, Melody (Gordon) Stevens Jacobs

in death by her parents, Joe and Harriet McArdle Krall; husband, Bill Karst; in-laws,

of Great Falls, Brian (Julia) DeMartin of Pflugerville, Texas, Barry (Lorrie) DeMartin of North Carolina, Kurt Johnson of Pendroy, Montana, Kevin (Leya) Johnson of Conrad, Kristin (Andy) Karst Piccioni of Billings, Kim (Ben) Karst Atkins of Nokesville, Virginia, and Jeff (Sara) Karst of Milwaukee; and dozens of friends in the Sunburst area.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your local animal shelter or to Marias Museum of History and Art, 1129 1st St. S., Shelby, MT 59474-2206.

Family will gather for a graveside service on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Sunburst Cemetery, followed by a memorial gathering at the Sunburst Community Hall in Sunburst at noon.

Condolences can be made to www.asperfh.com.

Jennifer Kathleen Kehoe, 70

Jennifer Kathleen Kehoe died at home in Kalispell on Feb. 18, 2022, with her husband Brook DeLange at her side.



Jennifer was born in Collingswood, New Jersey, and was raised in the Pine Barrens of southern New Jersey, surrounded by horse farms, and in Warren, Vermont.

She attended high school in Medford New Jersey, The Moore art school in Philadelphia and the University of Montana, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

It was the love of horses that drew her to an early career training thoroughbred race horses. She worked at major race tracks throughout the country.

After the death of her mother, she followed friends to Kalispell. She worked as a teacher, for the Forest Service, logging camps and outfitters as the camp cook. Her backcountry cooking skills were legendary. She also worked at Fred Meyer's, Kalispell Junior High School and Glacier High School.

Jennifer met Brook in the mid-'90s in the Montana backcountry working for an outfitter. She was the camp cook and Brook did a little bit of everything else. They had been together ever since. For years they spent time attending rock 'n' roll concerts throughout the West.

Jennifer was an ace at winning free concert tickets from local radio stations. Her knowledge of rock 'n' roll music was extensive. Jennifer enjoyed gardening, her cats, art and always horses, horses, horses.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Kehoe and Patricia Gallimore Kehoe.

Jennifer is survived by her brothers Pete Kehoe of the Florida Keys, and John Kehoe of Whitefish, sister Kelly Kehoe of Kalispell and niece Casey Kehoe Jones of Norfolk, Virginia.

Jennifer was quoted as saying that in her older years she wanted to be a cross between Granny Clampett and Katherine Hepburn. She was very proud of her Irish roots. She was smart and caring.

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Louella Dean Murry Keeney, 83

Louella Dean Murry Keeney went to her home in heaven on Feb. 17, 2022.



Louella was born on April 11, 1938, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, to Lysander Doni Hamilton and Ella Mae Hamilton (Spears). She had nine siblings.

On Sept. 10, 1955, Louella married the love of her life, Jimmy Wayne Murry, in Hughson, California. They had four children, Timothy, Rhonda, Kindal and Tamra. Jim and Louella pastored churches in California, Colorado and Oregon, before moving to Columbia Falls in 1983, where they started and pastored Flathead Christian Fellowship. There they formed a church band, mainly consisting of them and a few of their children, called One Accord. The songs they recorded together will be treasured for generations to come.

Jim Murry went to be with the Lord on Sept. 11, 1994. Louella eventually remarried in August 2009 to Roscoe Keeney, who passed away in 2014.

While Louella loved gardening, flowers and sparkly jewelry, she will always be remembered with a guitar in her hand, singing to

the Lord. Louella was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, mentor, and "aunt Lou" to so many. Louella's first love was always Jesus and her love for the Lord was evident in every piece of her life and to everyone she came in contact with.

Louella was preceded into death by her parents, Lysander and Ella Hamilton; husbands, Jim Murry and Roscoe Keeney; and siblings, Hobert, Ethel, Frank, Raymond, Lysander Jr., Wilma and Clyde.

Louella is survived by her children, Timothy (Sandy) Murry, Rhonda (Jim) Frederick, Kindal (Bonni) Murry, and Tamra (John) Tveit; loved and unofficially adopted Connie (Andy) Dormaier; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Jimmy and Hazel.

In her final moments, Louella was praising the Lord and telling her family to remember what she taught them about Jesus.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Louella's honor to Trinity Fellowship International, at P.O. Box 80, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, at Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls, with viewing at 12:30 p.m. followed by the service at 2 p.m.

Colleen Rhea Kelley, 62

On Oct. 20, 2022, Colleen Rhea Kelley, also known to her friends as "KK," died in a car accident outside of Polson.

Colleen was born on June 12, 1960, in Portland. She grew up in Missoula, attending Hellgate High School. As an adult she spent time in Vermont, California and the Washington, D.C., area. Returning to Montana, Colleen settled in Polson where she became a devoted employee of Delaney's Nursery and Landscaping for over 25 years. She loved her work and enjoyed finding her customers the perfect trees and shrubs for their property.

Energetic and competitive, kind and generous, Colleen was a great cook, cat lover and cut-throat cribbage player.

Colleen is survived by her father Richard H. Kelley, her mother Mary S. Kelley of Missoula, sister Mary Jean Martin



of Helena, nephews Harley Lysons of Helena, Jamie Kelley of Portland, niece

Devin Kelley of Pittsburgh, and several great-nieces and -nephews. She also leaves behind her kitty, Rikki, and a host of dear friends.

Colleen was preceded in death by her younger brother Robert Kelley who was surely there to greet her. Colleen will prepare the shrimp dip while Robert sets up the board for a fierce chess match!

Donations can be made in Colleen's name to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, or plant a tree in her memory.

A memorial is planned for the spring when the Flathead cherries are in bloom.

Jack 'Mick' Michael Kjelsrud, 71

Jack "Mick" Michael Kjelsrud passed away Oct. 4, 2022, at home.

He was born Dec. 22, 1950, in Great Falls to Melvin and Lois Kjelsrud. He was the youngest of three boys raised in Great Falls where he attended CM Russell High School. After completing high school, he served in the United States Navy stationed on the USS Shenandoah for four years.

Jack moved his family to Kalispell in 1975 where he worked for Peavey Thunderbird/WBC for a few years before working for Columbia Paint and Coating, now Sherwin Williams, where he retired after 30 years.

Jack was a good old Norwegian, always ready with a joke. In his younger years, he loved to waterski and camp with his family. He enjoyed



hunting and fishing with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, oldest brother Tom, and his middle daughter



Kristen.

He is survived by his brother Charles "Chuck" Kjelsrud, two daughters Michel "Shelly," her husband Micheal Huffield, and Karissa "Kari," her husband Jeff Gries, grandchildren Andrew, Casey and Taylor Jensen, Connor and Alyssa "Aly" Gries, five stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services will be announced at a later date.

LaVern Mae Kemp, 84

LaVern Mae Kemp passed peacefully surrounded by family on April 23, 2022.

She was born Memorial Day, May 30, 1937, in West Fargo, North Dakota, baptized on the Fourth of July and fully anticipated passing on a major holiday.

She was the fourth out of five children born to Herbert and Emelia (Lanf) Robertson. Her father worked in civil defense during the war and then in the construction industry. The family moved frequently and one year she enrolled in six different schools. It was a source of pride that she finally obtained her high school diploma through correspondence the same year her eldest child graduated from high school.

LaVern met her future husband, Emory, through her sister and his broth-

er. They married in 1957, becoming the last of the three Robertson sisters

to marry three Kemp brothers.

For 15 years they farmed 40 acres on Ashelot Bench outside of Great Falls, while Emory worked in the construction industry. Having vacationed in the Flathead Valley years prior, they longed for its beauty and opportunity and moved the family in 1971.

LaVern managed Columbia Falls Circle K on Nucleus Avenue for several years, then began her career in customer service at the Bank of Columbia Falls where she retired in 1997. Emory passed in 2001. LaVern was an



active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and enjoyed the Lutheran Women's Missionary League activities such as quilt making and ministering to the community. She helped with many funeral luncheons and was looking forward to being on the receiving end. She had a strong faith and firm belief that she would join Jesus and Emory in heaven.

She enjoyed crocheting, cross stitch, jigsaw puzzles and her daily paper's crossword puzzle. She was a voracious reader and serious card player.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emory O. Kemp.

She is survived by son Richard Kemp of Vacaville, California, and daughters Cynthia (Cal) Decker of Columbia Falls, Brenda (Bradford) McLamb of Kernersville,

North Carolina, and Gwen (Tim) Shay of Columbia Falls. She is survived by grandchildren, Lisa Ballard, Laura Shay, Brynn Kvamme, Aaron Shay, Kristen Kemp, Kacey Kemp and Sarah McLamb, and the recent addition of great-granddaughter Bailey Albright.

She was a caring mother and grandmother, and we will miss her loving, nurturing spirit and sense of humor.

Please consider memorials to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls.

A funeral will be held 1 p.m., Friday, April 29, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

640 Seventh St. W. in Columbia Falls. A graveside committal will follow at 3 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Brian McKenzie Kennedy, 67

Brian McKenzie Kennedy, 67, died Friday, July 22, 2022, in Glacier National Park in a climbing accident on Dusty Star Mountain.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Glacier Outdoor Center Parkview Pavillion in West Glacier.

He was born June 1, 1955, in Lander, Wyoming, to Bruce McKenzie and Betty (Green) Kennedy. He moved to Greybull soon after and graduated in 1973 from Greybull High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and track. He graduated in 1977 with a degree in journalism from the University of Wyoming, where he was a member of the ATO fraternity and edited the Branding Iron student newspaper.

He worked at the Sheridan Press in Sheridan, Wyoming, after college and then in 1978 moved to Columbia Falls, to own and edit the Hungry Horse News and, later, the Whitefish Pilot. He won numerous state and national awards during his newspaper career, which satisfied his desire to write, photograph and produce. But it was the beautiful Flathead Valley and



Glacier Park that fulfilled his desire to be in the mountains, which began with his child-

hood in the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. He was always happiest in the mountains.

He appreciated the physical and mental challenges that Glacier National Park and surrounding mountains provided, whether it was in winter skiing in the back country or at ski resorts, where his perfectly executed turns and form made people stop to watch, or in the summer when he could camp, fish and climb.

It was in climbing and mountaineering that Brian excelled. Before his accident, he had climbed almost every named peak in Glacier Park, once winning a Glacier Mountaineering Society award for scaling all of Glacier's 10,000-foot mountains in less than two years. He had made 230 summits in the park out of 234 on the Glacier Mountaineering Society's list of peaks. He was awarded the group's J. Gordon Edwards Lifetime

Achievement Award in 2009 for expertise in alpinism and mountaineering.

He also climbed the highest peaks in the West: Rainier, Hood, Granite, Gannett, Borah, Humphreys, and many other mountains in Montana, Canada and abroad. And in 2015 he summited Denali, the highest peak in North America, with three other Glacier Mountaineering Society members on a self-guided trip. It was his proudest climbing achievement.

He particularly enjoyed climbing with his friend, Jack Beard, who also died in the July 21-22 climbing accident. They shared friendship and a mutual respect of mountaineering and Glacier.

He joined the Glacier Mountaineering Society in 1982 and served on its board. He also was editor of the GMS Journal for 14 years from 2001 to 2014, where he used his photography and writing skills to pass along the love of climbing shared by GMS members. He was considered a climbing hero and mentor, and was respected for his humility despite his many achievements.

Brian enjoyed reading newspapers daily, sports of all kinds, music, history, photography, his family, dogs, ping-pong parties, working outside at his home, IPA and breweries. He had recently volunteered with the Upper Flathead Neighborhood Association.

He married Carol Pollock in 1982 and they had three children, all of whom were born in the Flathead Valley. They were later divorced.

Brian is survived by his three children, James McKenzie Kennedy of Cave Junction, Oregon, Justin Taber Kennedy of Windsor, California, and Christina Lynn Kennedy of Billings; four grandchildren, Sophie, Rollo, Rumi and Ava Kennedy; girlfriend, Denise Davies; siblings, Ann (Bill) Kennedy Turner of Gillette, Wyoming, and Bob (Jeanna) Kennedy of Cody, Wyoming; an aunt and four cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1992 and his mother in October.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Upper Flathead Valley Neighborhood Association or Citizens for a Better Flathead.

John Edward Kennedy Jr., 83



A wonderful husband, fantastic dad, amazing Papa and legendary Uncle Eddie Bear, John Edward "Ed" Kennedy Jr., passed away Jan. 25, 2022, at the age of 83. Ed was a kind man with a gentle soul who impacted every life he touched.

Ed was born in Oklahoma City on Jan. 17, 1939, to John and Mary Kennedy. The family, with older sister Nancy, lived in Purcell, Oklahoma, before moving to Colorado Springs where Ed graduated from Palmer High School in 1957. Ed excelled in sports — football, baseball, basketball, tennis and golf. Along with his 1956 State Championship football team, Ed was inducted into the Colorado High School Hall of Fame. Ed earned his pharmacy degree at Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, making him a third-generation pharmacist. His passion for the outdoors led him to Alaska for work where he lived for the next 10 years.

Luckily for Ed, a beautician named Charlotte "Char" Mendenhall worked at a salon in the first pharmacy he worked at in Fairbanks. Char would cash her checks at the pharmacy and, although not required, would write down her address and phone number on each check. Ed took the hint and they ended up married on May 10, 1962. Rarely spending any time apart, Char was still at his side when he passed 59 years later.

Daughters Lisa (deceased) and Shelly and son John "Tre" were born between 1963 and 1968. The family later moved to Colorado where Ed was director of pharmacy at Penrose Hospital. Finally, Ed was drawn to Kalispell for work and outdoor activities. Ed

owned and worked at many pharmacies in Kalispell. While he owned Medical Arts Pharmacy, he designed and opened the first "drive-through" pharmacy in Montana. Through his friendship with Doug Wise, Ed designed, built and owned Sykes Pharmacy.

Ed was always active in the community; he coached youth baseball from 1966 to 1982, was a Cub Scout leader; president of the St. Matthew's School Association, sang and played the bass in the church choir and was active in the Knights of Columbus. In 1984, Ed and family received the Montana Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award.

In 1986 Ed was elected mayor of Kalispell and served in that capacity until 1990. In 1988 he was chosen as one of six mayors to represent the United States on a goodwill mission to Moscow, Russia. Later, Ed was chosen to give the keynote speech in Washington, D.C., when 28 Russian mayors returned the visit. In 1990 Ed was elected to the Montana State Senate. Not surprising to anyone that knew him, Ed was simply too nice for politics, and he retired from public service having never lost a race.

Ed fished, hunted and trapped wherever he lived. Ed amused family and friends with stories of his many adventures, running traplines in Alaska, bird-hunting in Oklahoma, fishing in Colorado and eventually discovering Montana, where he was able to do it all. Ed loved the family "ranch" near Essex,

where he hunted elk, trapped muskrat and fly-fished for cutthroat, all while sharing his passion with his children and grandchildren.

Above all else, his passion was bass fishing. From his first "big-un" caught in Oklahoma to his last caught at Lake Mary Ronan, Ed always searched out the best bass lakes around. Ed relished fishing bass tournaments, first with his son Tre' and later with grandchildren. He qualified multiple times for the Montana State team, competing against the best on lakes in Montana, Washington, Oregon and Arizona. One year, Ed won the Montana Big Bass Championship, which allowed him to fish the Big Bass World Championship at Table Rock Lake. Ed eagerly shared his fishing expertise with his kids, nephews and grandchildren. He loved hosting youth fishing tournaments at his house on Echo Lake. All of his kids, grandkids, nephews and nieces have a story of fishing with Papa or Uncle Eddie Bear. Ed and Char lived on Echo Lake for many years and for the last 10 years spent their summers at Camp Tuffit on Lake Mary Ronan, not surprisingly, both great bass fishing lakes.

For the last 30 years of his life, Ed's greatest joy was his grandchildren. Known only as Papa, he created unbreakable bonds with each of them, Dillon, Sarah, Norah, Nouf, Rayan, Rueger, Eddy (John Edward Kennedy IV) C.J., Valarie and Kelsie. Papa would attend every event possible, but especially sports. Papa was each of their biggest fans and never missed a chance to tell them how proud he was, and with him, you knew it came from the

heart and he meant it.

Ed was greeted in heaven by his daughter Lisa, whose death was the greatest tragedy of his life, sister Nancy and nephew Norman.

Ed is survived by his wife Charlotte, daughter Shelly and Eddy Fox, son Tre' and wife LeAnn, grandchildren Sarah, Norah, Nouf and Rayan Rashoodi, Dillon and Rueger Baier, Eddy and C.J. Kennedy, sister-in-law Diane Hartung, and nephews Rick and Ron Hartung, brother-in-law John Mendenhall, and nieces Mandy Smith Gaudin and Julie Lowery.

Through his kindness and love, Ed touched the heart of every person he met. The family will host a celebration of life at Camp Tuffit on Lake Mary Ronan on July 30 at 3 p.m.

Don King Jr.

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Don King Jr., formerly of Whitefish, passed away suddenly due to natural causes in Great Falls on Dec. 6, 2021. Don was born March 23, 1948 in Whitefish to Don Sr. and Barbara Mason King. His growing-up years were filled with outdoor activities with friends and family; sports and scouting. Don achieved his Eagle Scout in 1964 and attended the Boy Scout Jamboree that summer in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. After grad-

uation from Whitefish High School in 1966, Don spent the summer working for the U.S. Forest Service. He attended Montana State University that fall and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967. Over the years Don continued his military service with Montana National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves.

Don married Leila Ann Luce in 1970. They later divorced. Don graduated from Flathead Valley Community College in

1972 with an Associate of Science degree in land surveying. Don held many interesting positions during his working years and he had many self-thought skills and hobbies.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister Peggy. Surviving Don are his daughters Louann LaSalle (Logan), Havre and Karen Kenfield (Shane), Chester; granddaughters Joslin Knightstep (Raymond) Great Falls; Alissa

Schwerdtfeger (Tyler) and great-granddaughters Stevi Marie and Libby Lou Schwerdtfeger, Havre. Also surviving Don are siblings Scott King and Michelle McDowell; nephews Jeff King, Kelly McDowell and Kevin McDowell and niece Jeannie Stevens.

No local services are planned. Memorials may be made to Stumptown Historical Society or Wounded Warrior Project of Montana.

Justin Ronald King, 35

Justin Ronald King, 35, passed away on April 3, 2022, at Logan Health after having a major stroke.

He was born on August 5, 1986, in Palm Springs, California.

Justin and his mother Kimberly Luke moved to Whitefish when he was 2 years old. There, Kimberly met Tary King. They fell in love, got married and Tary adopted Justin. Justin first went to school in Columbia Falls and then Whitefish until

he was 17. He then got his G.E.D. from Bridge Academy in 2005. At 18 he moved to Sunset Beach, California, and began working for his uncle Kevin Luke as an audiovisual technician. There, he quickly learned how to run sound and visual services for shows and concerts. He took those skills to the big Island of Hawaii where he worked for a year before moving back to Montana to be with his family. Back home he waited tables



at Apple-Bee's and the Lodge at Whitefish Lake. During his free time he

enjoyed getting outside to snowboard, longboard, or surf. He also enjoyed concerts, camping, rafting, and watching 49er games.

Justin was preceded in death by his mother Kimberly Luke and grandfather Jim King.

He is survived by his father Tary King, brother Jeremy King, uncle Kevin Luke and grandparents Ron and Donna Luke, and Sharon Carr.

His service will take place this summer at his family's place on Blanchard Lake in Whitefish.

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

Rosie Mae Swisher King, 96

Rosie Mae Swisher King passed away April 16, 2022, four days before her 97th birthday.

She was born April 20, 1925, in Kalispell to Emery and Myrtle Swisher, the oldest of five children.

Rosie grew up on the family homestead at Niarada, Montana and attended the one-room Sullivan Creek School. She graduated from Lonepine High School in 1941 at age 16. Later in life, Rosie served as the Lonepine School Alumni Secretary where she kept detailed records of former students and their addresses. She was an integral part of organizing many alumni banquets.

Rosie valued hard work her entire life. She began working as a 12-year-old at the Niarada Store and went on to diverse jobs ranging from apple picker to waitress to working the Tool Room at Boeing's Seattle factory during World War II. She was known to send money home to help her family and even paid for her sister Ruth's prom dress. Like the other "Rosies," she received a pink slip when the war ended, but was always rightfully proud of this work.

Rosie married Tom King in Polson on August 16, 1947, after selling a pig in town. The pair

honeymooned in the romantic Yaak where they visited her Aunt Gladys and Uncle Jack Coup. The couple set-up housekeeping on Tom's Lonepine ranch in a two-room house. From this union, five children were born — redefining work. Tom and Rosie worked together at irrigating, haying and all things ranching. Rosie had a deep appreciation for cattle and enjoyed looking at a field of them grazing. After her children were raised, Rosie worked at the Sanders County Hospital in Hot Springs and the Hot Springs Schools.

While work was a dominant part of her life, Rosie found time to enjoy other activities. Rosie was active in Saddle Club and Home Extension Club for many years. It was in Saddle Club where she learned to square dance on horseback. Tom and Rosie loved community dances at Garcon Gulch, the Niarada Hall, and Boisverts among others. Rosie's favorite way to relax was by reading. She made time for it every day and especially enjoyed reading her way through the local library.

After Tom's passing in 1980, Rosie maintained the ranch for several years then moved into Hot Springs in 1986. At this home, Rosie dedicat-

ed countless hours, bent at the waist, working in her garden. She grew fabulous tomatoes, beans, corn, cucumbers, zucchini and more. Her spectacular irises are well remembered. She shared her abundant crops freely and canned garden produce prolifically. Life in town also grew many treasured friendships and sprouted memorable conversations. She will be remembered mostly for her ambition, generosity, loyalty, and sharp wit.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents, four siblings, daughter Linda and grandson Larry.

She is loved and survived by her daughter Betty (Wayne) Stickel of Lonepine, son Mike (Deb) King of Lonepine, son Leo King of Hot Springs, and son Clancy (Katharine) King of Kalispell; her dear cousin Coral Cummings of Libby; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, her extended family and countless numbers of "good ol' friends."

A memorial will be held at the Lonepine Community Hall at noon on Saturday, April 30. Internment will be at Lonepine Cemetery and a potluck reception will follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lonepine Community Hall and the Ronald McDonald House.

Louis M. Kis, 95

Louis M. Kis (known as Lou, Louie, Grizzly Lou and at least a few names not fit to print) peacefully passed away while sleeping in the early morning hours on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. For 95 years Lou was a force of nature. Through sheer determination, character, selflessness and hard work he created a great, colorful and impactful life and enriched the lives of his family, friends and community.



a trap and release went FUBAR and he had to kill the bear with the last shot in his .357 after it chewed on his leg. Lou

received the 2018 Outstanding Service Award from the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association.

Lou loved the outdoors and used every excuse to be in the woods patrolling, hiking, hunting, fishing and, much to his children's dismay, cutting wood for them to split and stack. He was also an acclaimed photographer who sold countless wildlife and scenic prints, annual calendars and postcards. His other big love was pie – preferably huckleberry. More than anything he just wanted to be out fishing with Eileen on a secluded lake in float tubes.

Lou's parents, Ernest Kis and Mabel Kis Montgomery, and siblings Francis, Eleanor, Martin, Alvin, Willie and Betty preceded him in death.

He lived at the Montana Veterans Home for the last five years where he received wonderful and loving care.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen, daughters Monika and her partner Gary, and Angela, and son Michael and wife Amy. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Ethan, Sean, and Emily Schulze, and Taylor Richard, and Roan Judice. He is also survived by sisters Hazel Lenoir and Julie Montgomery.

Family and friends will honor Lou with a graveside service at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 10 a.m. Friday, March 4, with military honors, followed by a church service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. with a luncheon. Donations can be made to the Montana Veterans Home at P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 in memory of Louis M. Kis.

married and moved to Polson, then to Butte where she died of heart failure. Their daughter, Sharron Anderson, lived in Spokane where she recently died. Lou met his second wife in Butte. They soon moved to Kalispell and built a house on Foy's Lake.

Lou said the third time was a charm when he married Eileen Stuebe Schulze in 1979. Together they raised her three children. Despite occasionally destroying one of her houseplants by playing football in the house with the kids, Lou was an excellent father and mentor. Even he had to grudgingly admit — the kids turned out

alright and that he was proud of them.

Lou loved the Flathead Valley where he lived almost all of his life and to which he dedicated his life through 34 years of public service as the captain of the Montana Fish & Game Region 1. Lou's service accidentally became big news appearing in the NY Times, Outdoor Life, and even the tabloids when he ended up wrestling a grizzly bear when

Mary 'Marian' Dunne Kinney, 88

Our beloved mom, Marian Kinney, joined our father Daniel Kinney in heaven on Oct. 22, 2022.



One of her last grandkids, Charlie, was born five months later and helped fill

She was born to Charles and Alice Dunne in Butte on June 18, 1934. She joined brothers Joe Lowney and John "Jack" Dunne, and sister Alice Jean (Kingsbury). On Mom's 6th birthday little brother Charles "Chuck" was born. They lived in Butte and Anaconda. She worked as a butcher, and at the prison in Deer Lodge, along with her father.

She met Dan Kinney in Deer Lodge and they wed June 19, 1954. They lived in many places, as Dad was a railroader. They had five children, Dan Jr. Debra, Teresa, Sharon and Steven.

They moved the family out of a trailer into the home of their dreams at the base of Mount Jumbo in Missoula the summer of 1968. Mom was very involved in our grade school years. She was a Den mother, Girl Scout leader and PTA member. She was a wonderful mother and homemaker, having a very large garden and raspberry patch. She canned everything she could for a large family. And she was quite popular for her raspberry liquor.

We always had the biggest Christmas trees. Christmas was very special for us kids.

She and Dad played cribbage for as long as we can remember, keeping "score" for years.

She was an avid bowler, enjoying that time with good friends.

In 1995, when she was 60, Dad passed away.

a void. She moved to Kalispell where Debbie and Sharon lived in 2007. She beat cancer in 2008. She loved to go rummage saleing and out to lunch. She and Debbie took several Mother's Day trips along the Western coast.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Daniel, and all of her siblings.

She is survived by her children, Daniel, Debbie Llewellyn (Bill), Teresa Simmons (Dave), Sharon Hagel (Mike) and Steven (Tracy); grandchildren, Morgan Kinney (Kathryn), Miles Kinney, Alaina Dunne (Heath), Matthew Gilbertson (Caroline), Justin Gilbertson (Jordan), Breanna Scott (Dwight), Layaka Mann (Bill), Arlista Ramos (Jay), Micajah Jenkins (Shane), Ezra Llewellyn, Rachel Brown (Justin), Hannah and Emily Simmons, Charlie Hagel (Melissa), Erin Hagel, Joshua and Chelsea Kinney; and great-grandkids, Juniper Chelsea, Robbie, Domnik, Braden, Austin, Danya, Gharrett, Benjamin, Oscar, Cynthia, Jazel, Emree, Kinsley, Jace, Soren, Rory and Casper.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mary's name to Enhabit Hospice, or Flathead County Animal Shelter.

Joan Klingsheim, 89

Joan Klingsheim, 89, of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 8, 2022.

Born Sept. 19, 1932, in Spencer, Iowa, to Donald Mincer and Mary Barbara Barnett, Joan enjoyed a long life of adventure, living in many spectacular locations across the United

States, including Iowa, Minnesota, California, Colorado, Idaho and Montana, as well as France. She married her lifelong love, Gilbert Klingsheim, 69 years ago on Jan. 7, 1953, in Minneapolis and had seven beautiful children over the first 15 years of their marriage.

As newlyweds, Joan and Gilbert moved to Chatelaillon-Plage, France, and shortly after she gave birth to their first daughter, Brenda Heller, in LaRochelle, France. Joan's next five children Bobbi Miller, Barbara Klingsheim (deceased 1958), Bradley Klingsheim, and Brian Klingsheim (deceased 2000) were all born in

Minneapolis. The family moved to Southern California in 1965 and the last two children (identical twins) were born in 1967, Joan Lawson and Janet Spesock.

For the last 19 years, Joan has called Kalispell home. Joan loved the outdoors, including boating

and motorcycle riding with her son, Bradley, up until her final days with us. She was beloved by friends and family in every place she called home.

Joan joins her beloved children Barbara and Brian, and is survived by her husband Gilbert (91) and their other five children, Brenda, Bobbi (John), Bradley, Joan (Tony) and Janet (Jeff); as well as six grandchildren, Barbara Alexander (48), David Alexander (44) (Summer), Gavin Spesock (34) (Amanda), Garrett Spesock (27), Olivia Spesock (19), and Makena Lawson (13); four great-grandchildren, Kai Alexander

(24), Kelsey Alexander (23), Harper Spesock (8), and Adeline Spesock (6); and one great-great-grandson, Hayden Alexander (2).

Joan left a long legacy of love and adventure and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Private services were requested.

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

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Janice A. "Jan" Knudson, 75, passed away Monday, July 18, 2022 at her home in Florence from diabetes.

Jan was born May 14, 1947 in Bozeman to Bud and Louise Ward.

She graduated from high school and attended college for two years.

Jan was married to Chuck Knudson on June 11, 1994. She owned a pizza business for a period of time, was a manager of a cookie store, a paraeducator and a loving mother and wife. Jan enjoyed traveling, motorcycles, swimming, sewing and scrap booking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Louise Ward and her oldest son, Ike Treat. She is survived by her husband, Chuck of Florence; a son Hal Treat of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Brandy Adair of Florence and Jennifer McKay of California.

A Celebration of Jan's life was held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville. The family suggests that any memorial donations may be made in Jan's name to either the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.whitesittfuneralhome.com.

Arlan Harvey Kohl, 84

Arlan Harvey Kohl, 84, died May 31, 2022, in Kalispell.

Arlan was born July, 29, 1937, in Sisseton, South Dakota, to Harvey and Clara Kohl of rural Claire City, South Dakota.

Arlan went to a rural one room country school and graduated from Sisseton South Dakota High School in 1955. He graduated with a degree in forestry and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army from Montana State University (now UM) in 1960. Arlan served seven years in the U.S. Army Reserves, achieving the rank of captain.

He married Carole Reich right after graduation from college and they moved to Coos Bay, Oregon. Arlan worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a forester in Coos Bay and Roseburg, Oregon, and Folsom, California. In 1968 he was selected by the BLM to attend the University of Michigan and obtained a master's degree in public administration and natural resource management. Arlan and Carole's son Michael was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1969 while Arlan was going to the university. He next worked in the BLM Washington, D.C., office in the Division of Recreation and the Alaska Pipeline Office. In 1973 he and his family moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where for the next 14 years he worked on the Department of the Interior's staff administering the Federal Right-of-Way permit for



the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. He retired in 1987 and moved to Kalispell.



Arlan was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church-

Missouri Synod. He served in many positions, but his favorite was missions and he made eight trips to Mexico with church mission teams and four trips to Minot, North Dakota, to work on homes damaged by the flood in 2011. Locally, he volunteered to work on Habitat for Humanity houses and worked helping to prepare food for the Kalispell Community Kitchen for over 20 years.

Arlan was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Gene Kohl. He is survived by his wife Carole, his son Michael of Kalispell, his sister Connie and husband Sam Rudolph of Sisseton, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell on June 10 at noon.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Camp or Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141-8557.

Darlington Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jeff A. Kruckenberg, 60

Jeff Kruckenberg passed away on July 3, 2022, from a tragic accident.

He was born May 20, 1962.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Lisa; two sons, Jerrid (Ashley) Kruckenberg, and Tanner Kruckenberg (fiancee Amanda Anderson); his mother, Lila Kruckenberg; and sister, Rhonda Gibbs



(husband John Gibbs). Jeff will forever live in our hearts and memories.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date with close friends and family.

Patricia Leigh Kuchenbrod

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Our beloved mother, grandmother, and wife, Patricia Leigh Kuchenbrod passed away in her home surrounded by her family on Feb. 15, 2022 after a nine-year battle with cancer.

She had many names from all different parts of her life; she was Patty to her husband Ron and to her Helena friends. Pat to the people in the Whitefish community, Mom to her children Karen, Janet, Mike, and Krista; but Grandma Pat was undoubtedly her favorite title from her grandchildren Kelly, Marlow, Julie, Allie, Millie, Lauren, Ty, and Griffin. We teased her and called her "Perfect Pat", because she always had everything done just



Pat went on to college at Montana State University. She was there for one year then met the love of her life Ron Kuchenbrod. They were married in Helena in 1959, and their beautiful 62-year marriage began.

After marrying, Pat and Ron moved to Whitefish in 1959. They did everything together,

to explore and make mistakes, she loved us when we did make mistakes, and she celebrated with us when we had success.

In 1975, Pat began her 25-year banking career. Hidden behind the perfect "stay at home Mom" was an incredible business woman with an innate sense of the financial world. She was known and loved by many in the Whitefish community as an exceptional banking woman. She took her gentle kind "mom" demeanor to work and once again served and cared for people in the community.

She retired in 2000 and returned to her roots in her home — this time pouring all of her love into her eight grandchildren

helping her in the kitchen. This precious time with our entire family will forever be remembered and cherished.

For 62 years, it has always been Ron and Pat together. They traveled the state in support of their kids and grandkids, watching basketball, track, soccer, volleyball, concerts, plays, dance shows, and graduations. On rare occasions when Pat didn't cook, they enjoyed going to dinner at their favorite places: Spencer's and the Whitefish Lake Restaurant.

Many good people and friends in the Whitefish community shared and witnessed their love for each other. Helen and Dick Gustafson are those

behind her loving husband Ron Kuchenbrod and her brother John Marlow, additionally her children Karen Umbaugh (Doug), Janet Espeseth (Scott), and Krista Schulz and her grandchildren Kelly Adams (Charlie) and Julie Lemmons (Dylan), Marlow, Allie and Lauren Schulz, and Millie, Ty and Griffin Espeseth. We will miss her immensely, but are happy to know she is now pain-free and in a much better place. We are grateful she cared for us

and taught us all how to live well. Now it is her turn to be taken care of by the most loving caregiver of all.

The family is extremely grateful to all of the health care providers that helped Pat during her courageous battle. There will be a private celebration of life at a later date. Donations may be made in her name to Wings Regional Cancer Support @ PO Box 7852 Kalispell, MT 59904.

Christ 'Squeak' Raymond Kuntz 82

Christ "Squeak" Raymond Kuntz 82, passed away peacefully in Libby on Saturday, June 25, 2022, surrounded by family. Born on July 5, 1939, Ray passed a few weeks before his 83rd birthday.

Ray is survived by his wife of nearly 25 years, Linda Kuntz. Prior to his marriage to Linda, he was married to Sharon Gossen from December 24, 1964, until her death in 1992.

Born in Dickinson, North Dakota, Ray graduated from high school in Medora, North Dakota, in 1957 before moving with his family to Circle, Montana, where he worked on a local farm. Ray enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1959 as a machinist's mate and proudly served until his honorable discharge in 1963. Following his military service, Ray lived and worked in Alaska and Washington before utilizing the skills he acquired during his naval service at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydroelec-

tric dams in Chamberlin, South Dakota and Fort Peck, Montana, eventually retiring as the mechanical foreman at the Libby Dam.

Following his retirement, Ray and Linda remained residents of Libby, often spending the winters in Yuma, Arizona. Ray remained active, working on his many beloved vehicles, spending time in his garage fixing things for family and friends, and working around the house. Ray and Linda also traveled extensively, both throughout the United States and internationally. Proud of his heritage, he and Linda made visits to Germany, to explore his German roots. They also traveled to Finland to see Linda's relatives and took a ship through the Panama Canal.

Ray was known for his strong connection to his family and his love of good conversation, whether with an old friend or someone he just met. Ray had a lifelong

passion for cars. He was an excellent polka dancer and waltzer, and also enjoyed skiing, camping, golf, and spending time boating and fishing on Lake Koochanusa. Ray was supportive of Linda while she played violin with the Glacier Symphony and other ensembles, and was a regular presence at

her many rehearsals and concerts. In turn, Linda supported Ray's joy for Nascar racing. Ray's good spirit and sense of humor remained intact through many late-in-life medical challenges, right up to his passing. Dearly loved by his family and countless friends, Ray will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Monica Kuntz; brothers Len, Harvey and Perry Kuntz; brother-in-



law Dale Dean and sister-in-law Paula Kuntz.

Ray is survived by two children, son Wade and daughter D'Lon; Wade's wife Courtney, and their dog Teddy; D'Lon's husband Mike; two grandsons, Quinton and Ezra; two stepchildren Kelli (John Harrison) Sather and Joel (Carmin) Sather; four stepgrandchildren, Kira (Lane) Luscher, Molli, Gavin and Riley; three sisters, Toots (Rudy) Haynie, Bonnie (Bill) Gardiner and Sandy Dean and sisters-in-law Kathy Kuntz and Patsy Kuntz.

A memorial service celebrating Ray's life will be held sometime in early fall. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family asks that a donation be made to America's VetDogs (vetdogs.org), or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.