

Allan Bryan Cafferky, 78

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Allan Bryan Cafferky, 78, on Dec. 8, 2023. He was born on May 29, 1945, in Los Angeles, California. He was an alumnus of Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington.

His life was marked by a tireless dedication to his craft and a commitment to excellence. As a respiratory therapist and entrepreneur, he enjoyed a varied and successful career.

Deeply proud of his Irish heritage, he became a citizen of Ireland and could always be counted on to extol the virtues of the Irish people and the culture. As a licensed pilot, he held a deep, lifelong, passion for flying. He was known for being a prolific and romantic poet, gifting friends and



family with his heartfelt work.

A stalwart figure in his family, he was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Debbie, for 45 years. He carried a profound sense of pride in his four children, Wendy, Sean, Lindsay, and Rosanna; and his four grandchildren, Rylie, McKenna, Casey, and Ivy-Mae, were the lights of his later years.

His legacy is one of hard work and an enduring love and dedication to family.

At Allan's request, no celebration of life will be held.

May Allan find eternal peace, and may his legacy inspire strength and unity in those who mourn his passing.

Larry M. Calvert, 88

Larry M. Calvert, 88, passed away of natural causes June 8, 2023.

She was born Jan. 19, 1935, to Olga Woodcock Dawson and Walter Clifford Dawson in Helena.

She grew up in Great Falls, and attended grade school and high school there, graduating in 1953.

She attended the University of Montana, Missoula; the College of Great Falls; and Montana State University, Bozeman. She graduated from Montana State University in 1959.

She married Charles William (Bill) Calvert in 1955. They lived in Montana, Washington State, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico while Bill worked for Conoco as a seismographer.

In 1965 they moved to Eureka, where they both taught at the high school there. She taught high school English for 23 years, retiring in 1988.

After retirement she and Bill moved to the Creston area of the Flathead Valley.



Her husband, Bill, passed away in 2003.

In her youth she enjoyed summers riding horses on family ranches in Shonkin, and Boulder, Montana.

As an adult she enjoyed her family, traveling, working with Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County, her many pets and reading.

She is survived by her sons, Mark Calvert (Kelly), of Columbia Falls; Paul Calvert, of Rexford; her grandchildren, Brandon Calvert (Carmen), Dustin, Jason and Megan; one great-grandchild, Liam Calvert; in-laws, Mary and Lynn Carpenter and Patricia Calvert; cousins, nieces, nephews, and life-long friends, Paul and Francis Erler, and Bill Sanguine.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com

Paul Cannaday, 98

Paul Augustus Cannaday, 98, passed away Oct. 10, 2023, with family by his side. He was born in Roanoke, Virginia, to Paul and Mary (Blount) Cannaday on Dec. 24, 1924. He was raised at the Cannaday farm which later became the Roanoke Airport.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1943, attending boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. He also attended Ordinance School, and Naval Air Technical training. Paul's group left Cherry Point, North Carolina, to San Diego, California, in open-air box cars, enduring hot days, and cold nights. His 533rd Marine Air Group deployed from Hawaii on a converted aircraft carrier in March of 1944 to the Pacific Islands. He was an aviation ordnance and plane captain on an F6F Grumman Hellcat, serving on the Marshall Islands, Eniwetok, Okinawa, Guam, and Shima Islands.

While in basic training, he became good friends with Lee Marvin who would later become a famous Hollywood actor. They later lost touch after the war. Paul was honorably discharged Nov. 25, 1945, in Bainbridge, Maryland. Paul was a proud Marine. Semper Fi.

Returning home to Virginia, he started school in January 1946 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, better known today as Virginia Tech University. He was a



lifelong Turkey/Hokies fan. Paul attended a football game a few years ago with his cousin, experiencing their VT's FAN-tastic

tail-gate party and had a chance meeting with VT's head football coach.

After graduating in 1949 with a civil engineering degree under his belt, he headed west in his convertible to work for the Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam.

It was there he met Patrecia Barrow and the two were married in 1951. After construction of the dam, they moved for a brief time to Washington where Paul worked for the Handford Project. They moved back to the Flathead when Paul took a job in the engineering department at Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls, retiring from Atlantic Richfield, as the purchasing manager in 1982. Paul's many hobbies included raising Boxer dogs, and various outdoor activities.

Being a double amputee never stopped him from enjoying an active lifestyle of hunting, camping, and fishing. He especially liked Bass fishing and was a long-time member of the local Bass Club. He spent his

winters in Florida on Lake Kissimmee where he continued his love of bass fishing. Paul was an avid skier in his earlier years, hauling his kids and neighbor kids, every weekend to Big Mountain. He was regularly active in the Kalispell Ski Club when his son, Greg, was on the local ski team. He helped organize the races and gave lessons to young skiers.

Using his engineering brain, he spent much of his time fixing and improving everything he owned. He designed horse trailers, house plans, and even designed a rubber and leather boot similar to the popular Sorel brand, long before those were ever developed. Paul was well known for writing his initials on almost everything he owned, usually with fluorescent orange paint. There was never any doubt who owned Paul's belongings.

In 2014 he participated in the Montana Big Sky Honor flight when he and fellow World War II veterans flew to Washington, D.C., where they were honored at a special dinner and visited the National Monuments, including the World War II and Marine Corp Memorial. The trip ended at Billings Airport with an emotional welcome home celebration honoring the attendees' military service in World War II.

His fortitude and strong independence defined his life. Few knew he was a double

amputee as he resumed his daily life and activities. At the age of 96, while renewing his driver's license, the examiner was hesitant to get in his car when she saw he had two artificial legs (Paul wore shorts all year long). With reassurance from Paul's son, Greg, she continued the exam and stated he was a better driver than most she had experienced.

He loved spending time with family, especially summers at the lake with all his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. He never missed any family member's birthday. Besides his love of football, he was a huge fan of tennis, watching every major tournament and sharing facts about every player in the world.

He is preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Patrecia L'Allier; son-in-law, Rod Campbell; and in-laws, Henry and Ruth Hewitt.

He is survived by his three children, Sheri Anderson (Don), Greg Cannaday (Marie), and Kirby Campbell-Rierson (Ron); he is also survived by his grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, Ian Anderson, (Courtney) and Raime of Spokane; Isaac Anderson (Dawn Ann), Slade and Trace of Kalispell; Elise Moodie (Phil), Annsyn and Audrey of Great Falls; Chad Campbell of Kalispell, Corey Campbell (Brittany), Keeley and Kyleigh of Missoula; and Kaleb Paul Cannaday of Kalispell.

Rose Card, 90

Rose Card, 90, passed away peacefully after a short illness on Dec. 22, 2022 with her daughter by her side.

She was born in Jersey City on April 21, 1932, one of six children born to Mary and William DeCarolis.

She had wonderful memories of growing up in the city with an abundance of Italian relatives. She met her soul mate, a Montana boy, Lewis D. Card while he was stationed in New Jersey.

Their beautiful love story began at the Jersey Shore on the Ashbury Park Boardwalk with an offer of popcorn. She received hundreds of love letters over the next four years after Louie shipped off to Korea.

They became engaged through the mail, and they eloped, riding a train to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where they were married. This city girl had the best stories of their honeymoon in a rugged family cabin in Trego.

They settled in Whitefish, later moving and raising their three children in Columbia Falls.

Rose enjoyed the best of Montana; golfing, skiing and hiking in Glacier Park.

She worked from time to time for Flathead County and took classes at Community College, but her passion was being a full-time wife and mother.

Later in life Louie's job gave them adventures in Kentucky, Illinois, Jamaica and then back to Whitefish.

In retirement they were snowbirds enjoying



Arizona and Mexico for many winters.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Louie; parents, Mary and William; in-laws, Lewis V. and Dorothy Card; brothers, Louie and Charlie; sisters, Vera and Josephine; and her daughter-in-law, Julie.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Lewis W. Card; Linda Lynn and Jeffrey Stevenson; William and Klara Card; five grandchildren, Lewis Allan and Andy Card; Tessa Stevenson Venetz; Kyle and Alex Card; her sister, Irene Popkin; five great-grandchildren, Addyson, Lewis Lee, Adriana Rose, August and Juliana. She also had two God children, Julia Canavan and Sarah Broussard.

She spent her last five years in Meridian, Idaho close to her daughter, Lynn. Here she continued to be an inspiration, taking a writing class and surprising her family and friends with her amusing and hilarious short stories and poetry.

She will be buried with her husband in Whitefish.

We will miss "the long arm of the mom", her beautiful smile and laugh and most of all, her unconditional love. Rest in Peace Mama in the arms of your beloved husband.

Services were under the direction of Accent Funeral Home and Cremation.

Donna L. Carie, 86

Donna Carie was born in Coeur d'Alene Idaho on Oct. 7, 1936, to Floyd and Mae Christopher. The family moved to Kalispell in 1947. Donna graduated from Flathead High School in 1954 and married Donald Carie in September 1955. She spent 50 years working in the insurance business. During her years in insurance, she earned the CPCU, CPIW and AIM insurance designations. She retired from the Service Office of Montana in 2003.

In Montana, She served on the Business Advisory Board of Flathead Valley Community College and on the board of directors, including chairman of the board of Immanuel Lutheran home. Donna was a charter member of the Friendship Club and active up to her death on March 23, 2023. These members were lifelong friends along with many long-time neighbors.

She was a member and 30-year Sunday School teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. In 1990, after moving to Flathead Lake she transferred her membership to Eidsvold Lutheran Church and attended Christ the Lord Lutheran in Carefree, Arizona.

After retiring, she divided her between Montana and Arizona. In Arizona, Donna was active in the Desert Foothills Ladies Club, serving on the philanthropic committee and working at the Kiwanis



Flea Market.

She enjoyed playing bridge, but her most enjoyment came from

spending time with her grandchildren as they enjoyed the lake in Montana and pool in Arizona. She was the designated driving teacher thoroughly enjoying every moment. With her love of flowers, she taught them all how to "deadhead" and water. They took turns driving her between Montana and Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, sister and niece.

Donna is survived by her children Dana (Dan), Douglas and Debbie (Jeff); her grandchildren Carly (Ben), Caty, Leland (Morghen), Rainy, Nicholai (Ava), Creath (Kealy), Remington (Kate), Eli (Holly) and Ethan; five great-grandchildren; her nephews Scott (Jenn) and Kent (Juliana); niece Linda; and their children, Chad, Meghan, Joshua, Kassie, Melody and Brady.

There will be a visitation held for Donna from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with services to be held Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, burial to follow services at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Carol Carr, 88

Carol Carr, 88, was born June 25, 1934, to Herbert and Gyda Starr in Mitchell, South Dakota.

She attended Dakota Wesleyan University where she studied music and met Robley Carr whom she married and celebrated 67 years with. She taught music in Mitchell and also 5 years for the BIA. She was much loved with her positive attitude, great sense of humor and genuine interest in people which allowed her to move easily within various



social and community circles. She loved people, dogs, her family, friends, church, community and Montana. An avid reader, after retiring from 25 years with the Kalispell School district as a title I tutor, she volunteered at the city library for several years.

She also served on the Foster Care Review Board and was an active member of the United

Methodist Church, particularly championing and serving on the Day Care Center Advisory Board. Despite many health challenges, she maintained great faith and gratitude, and was known for her smile and sense of humor to those she worked with and to those who cared for her in her last years of life.

She was a true inspiration to everyone who knew her. She is survived by her husband, Robley; daughter, Lori (Jody Middleton); son, Thomas (Dianna); granddaughters,

Emilie and Katherine; two nieces; and brother-in-law.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30, at the United Methodist Church. Remembrances may be made to the United Methodist Day Care Center or the Samaritan House in Kalispell.

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

Bruce Carrell, 77



Bruce was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to John and Marie Carrell. He was the middle child, having a sister and a brother.

His youth was spent hunting and fishing with his brother Gene and his dad. He also worked in their large garden with his sister and mom getting ready for the canning season. Bruce attended college in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, where he majored in history.

After graduation he enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed at Fairchild in Spokane, Washington. He became a survival instructor where he trained air crew members during the Vietnam War. He also instructed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs Colorado. After being honorably discharged, he went to work in the telephone communications

industry. His telephone career lasted 30 years, 19 of those years were instructing at Alamon Telco Telephone School in Kalispell.

He had a snowplowing business in the McGregor Lake area where we live. People called him "The Mayor." After retirement he started doing what he really wanted to do full time. That was hunting, fishing and spending quality time on the property he and Cindy owned. It was all parked out. They were seldom apart from one another.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Cindy; daughter, Lisa and her husband Troy; and two grandchildren, Jordan and Alexis. He is also survived by his sister, Sharon and her husband Gary Thompson. Also surviving is his brother, Gene and his wife Bettiann Carrell.

Bruce and Cindy were married 46 years. He will truly be missed by family and friends.

Marilyn Mae (Claridge) Cartwright, 87

Marilyn Mae (Claridge) Cartwright, 87, passed away at her home on Aug. 23, 2023. She was born in Kalispell on Jan. 1, 1936, to parents Lance and Lula Claridge.

She grew up in the West Valley area where she attended Bald Rock School and later Flathead High School where she met Bob Cartwright. They were married on Feb. 23, 1952. Yes, if you do the math, she was 16. They had just celebrated 71 years of marriage.



Bob and Marilyn lived in the same house in town for 60 years. They both loved it when

the grandkids would stop by for a snack or to say hello. She always looked forward to spring when she could plant her flower beds. She thoroughly enjoyed bowling with her friends, playing bingo and keno, as well as traveling

with Bob.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her parents; her brother, Loren Claridge; her sister, Betty Miller; and her grandson, Weston Cartwright.

She is survived by her sisters, Evie Heuscher and Verdie Guerro; daughters, Julene and Kristi; and son, Bob (Karia); all of Kalispell; grandchildren, LeeAnn, Tanner, Nicole, Libby, and Dustin; great-grandchildren, Grayson and

Bentley.

The family would like to say a big thank you to Enhabit Hospice for their tender care of Marilyn. There will be a graveside service on Aug. 30, at 9 a.m. and a funeral service at the Adventure Church at 10:30 a.m.

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Robert Lewis Cartwright, 91

Robert L. Cartwright, 91, passed away peacefully in his home on July 25, 2023. He was born in Reed Point, on February 21, 1932. He was welcomed into the world by his parents Walter and Lucy Cartwright, and five half-siblings.

He along with his parents moved to Ashley Lake at four years old where he attended Ashley Creek School. During those early years, he spent many evenings peeling logs with his dad to build the family home.

He was introduced to Marilyn Claridge by a friend at Flathead High School. They were married in Kalispell, in 1952.

Prior to marriage, Bob had enlisted in the army.

After being discharged from the military he returned to the Flathead Valley. He was able to purchase property in the West Valley area where he moved his folks to be closer to town.

Some of his occupations included working for the Montana State Highway Department, Skyline Dairy and the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

He was most happy on his hill in West Valley, you could find him logging, cutting Christmas trees, boughs and firewood.

He was proud to call Montana home for 91 years, leaving behind a



legacy of six generations.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Julene, Bob (wife Karla) and Kristi; grandchild-

dren, LeeAnn, Tanner, Nicole, Libby (husband Ryan) and Dustin; great-grandchildren, Grayson and Bentley; many nieces, nephews and friends.

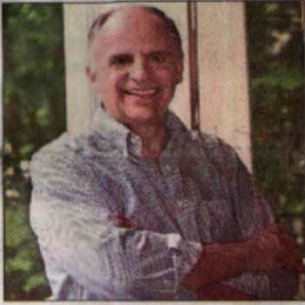
He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lucy; siblings, Ellen, Mary, Betty, Ernest and Bessie; and his grandson, Weston Cartwright.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A visitation will be held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday, July 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, with a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, at Adventure Church.

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Lawrence Casazza, 85



Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Casazza, a man of many talents and a love for adventure, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 at Merrill Gardens, First Hill in Seattle. Born and raised in East Aurora, New York, Larry attended Canisius High School and Canisius College before graduating from SUNY Medical School in 1964. He completed his pediatric residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, Maryland) in 1968 and earned a

Master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1969.

While in Baltimore, Larry met and married Ada Kroon who was working to complete her Master's in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. The energetic couple shared many adventures during the time that they were married. Larry and Ada had three children together: Christopher, Claire and Danielle.

Larry's career took him all over the world, starting with his service as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy in Taipei, Taiwan, where he ran a tropical medicine research lab. He then taught as a Professor of Public Health at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, before working for the World Bank in Latin America

and Asia in the mid-1970s. In 1978, inspired by providence and driven by the optimism of the times, Larry moved his family to Whitefish, Montana, where he set up the town's first private pediatric practice. In the early 2000s, Larry finished his career working for World Vision and other organizations, including a nonprofit organization that he formed, African Communities Against Malaria (ACAM), which allowed him to spend considerable time in Africa, a place he loved and where he developed a fondness for the people and cultures there.

Larry's thirst for adventure was evident in his personal life as well. He enjoyed running, hiking and riding his bike to work when the weather permitted. In Whitefish, Larry helped start a cross-country ski club.

In 2008, at the age of 70, he climbed to the top of Mount Kenya.

Larry is survived by his three children, Chris Casazza (Gwyneth Casazza) of Seattle, Washington, and Claire Casazza (Koy McKelvy) and Danielle Hurd (Derek Hurd), of Boise, Idaho, as well as two of his brothers, Daniel Casazza of Eureka, Montana, and Timothy Casazza of Erie, Pennsylvania; his sister Gertrude Weissenberger and his brother Michael Casazza preceded him in death. Larry will be remembered for his love of adventure, his dedication to public health, his love for his family and his strong Christian faith. His passing is a great loss to all who knew him, but his memory will live on through the many lives he touched.

Helen Caudill, 88

Helen Caudill passed away Feb. 26 at her home in Somers. She was 88 years young. She was a kind, giving, beautiful soul that will be missed terribly.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life, husband Norman; wonderful son, Norman Jr.; and a child Sherri who passed away in infancy. And also, her parents, Janoka and Mazie, and a great-granddaughter Kinsley. She is with



them all now along with so many other loved ones.

She is survived by her children, Rick and Cindy, Boyd and Stephanie, Linda, Lynn; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and also the many lives she touched.

A celebration of life is pending.

Thomas Coughlan, 71

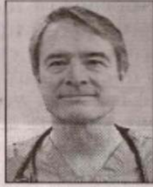
Thomas Vaughn Coughlan, physician, friend, and family man, died at home of natural causes on Oct. 24, 2022. He was 71.

Tom was born on February 16, 1951, at the Merced, California, Army base to Jean Beno Coughlan and Eugene "Red" Coughlan. He was the second of three children. He grew up in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He attended undergraduate school at the University of Iowa where he ran track. He went to medical school at the University of Iowa. He specialized in internal medicine. He began practicing medicine in Madison, Wisconsin, at the Dean Clinic. It was there he met Dr. Barbara Gutschenritter. They fell in love, married, and welcomed their son Ryan. They celebrated 40 years of marriage together.

In 1987, Tom and Barbara moved to Kalispell where Tom practiced medicine with Drs. Al and Louise Swanberg in internal medicine. In 1989, he joined Dr. Bernadette Van Belois, and Dr. Roger Diegel and formed the Tamarack Clinic. Tom loved his patients and was committed to providing the highest quality care as they faced health concerns in their adult lives. He subsequently went on to obtain board certification in geriatric medicine and palliative medicine as well. Tom was most proud of initiating the hospice program in Kalispell.

Tom relished the role of Ryan's father. He loved family camping and biking vacations and taught Ryan to ski, and to canoe on Flathead Lake. Every spring break, they camped and



biked in Moab, Utah.

Tom was an outdoor enthusiast, and cherished

outdoor adventures with friends, especially his closest friend, Don Scharfe. Don introduced Tom to long-distance road biking and mountain biking. Together they rode the 135-mile Highline Hammer each summer; they biked the Ratpod every year. They rode one of Levi Leipheimer's favorite routes in Santa Rosa, California. They also hiked and climbed, summiting most of the peaks of Glacier National Park and also Mount Rainier.

After retiring in 2013, Tom's greatest joy was taking his grandsons, Adlai and Atikiss, biking, skiing, hiking, and canoeing on Flathead Lake while showering them with love. He was so proud of the father Ryan had become.

Tom will be remembered for his keen intellect, his sharp wit, his athletic abilities and his unflinching love for his family.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Jean and Red, and by his brother Charlie.

Tom is survived by his wife and life companion, Barbara; his son Ryan; his grandson Adlai and stepgrandson Atikiss; his sister and brother-in-law Nora and Scott Bergen; brothers and sisters-in-law of the Gutschenritter family; and nieces, nephews of the Coughlan and Gutschenritter families.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held Aug. 24, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell.

Cheryl 'Cheri' Cave, 74

Cheri Cave was born on April 12, 1948, to Howard and Marion Benson in Whitefish. She attended Whitefish schools and through various activities she met and married Richard (Butch) Lowitz. They lived in Columbia Falls and had two children, Doug and Melissa. Soon after their divorce, she relocated to Kalispell where she worked as a waitress in her parents' restaurant in Evergreen, Frosty's.

Over time, she met and married Steve Cave and it was during this time that she began working at Kalispell Floral as a florist. She discovered that working with flowers and creating beautiful arrangements was some-



thing she enjoyed and had a great talent for. Over the course of more than 20 years there, she made many lasting friendships with her co-workers and customers.

She worked at various other jobs after leaving the floral business but it wasn't until she became a CNA that she found her true calling. She loved taking care of people and was very generous with her time and wonderful baking skills. She was always baking some sort of sweet treat to share with the people in her

life and will always be remembered for her sour cream sugar cookies which was her mother's recipe.

Cheri loved dogs as well and always had a companion of some kind. Most recently she had Ozzie, or Cupcake as she affectionately called him, a little Yorkie and Riley, a mixed breed dog with high energy and lots of love to share.

Cheri passed away on Friday, March 17, 2023, from complications of dementia, with her loved ones by her side.

She is survived by her husband Steve Cave of Evergreen; her son Doug Lowitz of Kalispell; her daughter Melissa Nolan and husband Scott

of Columbia Falls; her grandson Logan Nolan and wife Samantha of Kalispell; her two great-granddaughters Piper and Paisley Nolan of Kalispell; brothers Robert/Bob, Ken (Karen), Terry (Connie) and Gerry (Jennifer) Benson; various other nieces and nephews, friends and loved ones.

A viewing will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Graveside interment will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

William Marcel Cenis, 82

William Marcel "Bill" Cenis of Plains, Montana, 82, died in the hospital at Helena on Nov. 10, 2022.

Bill was born on Feb. 19, 1940, in Spokane, Washington. He was the youngest son of Edward F. and Hazel T. (Noble) Cenis. Bill had two brothers, Ted and Tom, and a sister, Marylu, all of whom predeceased him.

As a child, Bill lived mostly in Spokane but traveled to and spent time in the Red Lodge - Bearcreek area, where his father maintained business ties. Skip, as he was known by his peers, graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane in 1958.

He attended Gonzaga University, where he met Patricia Somes. They married in 1960.

Journalism was Bill's favored field, working first at Spokane Valley Press as an ad salesman. But advertising was his business for years in Seattle and in Spokane and culminated with his last 18 years as director for a chain of seven retail stores owned by Drug Fair Northwest in Kalispell. That opportunity precipitated the move of the family to Montana. While at Drug Fair, the possibility arose to publish a newspaper. Patricia worked for an accountant who had the means and he joined with Bill, who had the heart and expertise, to create "The Bigfork Eagle." Later, when the partnership began to unravel, Bill



moved on to start the "Mountain Standard Times," and eventually sold it to a Midwest newspaper chain. When Drug Fair closed doors, Bill was able to work full-time as writer, editor, publisher - all the parts of journalism he loved and at which he excelled, in several areas of Montana. At one time, he was Editor of the Clark Fork Valley Press in Plains, where he resided most recently. In another venture, Bill and his son Torrey worked together publishing a national fishing newsletter, "Streamlines." The newspaper episode ended with retirement. Bill had been publishing three papers from the Red Lodge area: Carbon County News, Stillwater County News in Columbus and the Big Horn County News. That last position allowed Bill and Pat to live in Bearcreek, where his parents had lived in their youth and started the family into which Bill was born. Bill was active in the small, yet vital community that meant so much to him.

Bill was the father of four sons, all of whom played hockey in Spokane, beginning when they were very young. When not coaching, he helped administer the youth league. Moving to Montana, hockey was

replaced by soccer, basketball, football, camping, hunting and fishing.

Bill was enthusiastic about every bit of it and always the father his boys and many of their friends could count on. It would be accurate to say the most meaningful titles one could use for Bill would be father, husband and fisherman.

Bill's sons all are men of whom he was proud. The example Bill set took hold and they display the best of honest, hard-working Montana values. Christopher Edward of Clinton, Montana, the first son, and married to Sharla Nelson, has two daughters, Rande and Sidonie, and a son, Marcel. Mark William of Easton, Washington, the next son, has a son William and daughter Alena, and his wife Lisa Evans-Cenis added two daughters, Morgan and Korbryn. Ian Robert of Bigfork, third born, married Rebecca Wolf and they have three daughters, Bryttne, JenaRae, Lila Lee, and one son, Nicholas. Youngest son, Torrey Marcel of Minot, North Dakota, predeceased Bill by 13 months. He left wife Jacqueline Reeves and two daughters, Kyra and Karli. There are seven great-grandchildren from this group, one predeceased.

Bill is survived by family already mentioned, with the exception of son Torrey. He is also survived by wife Patricia Somes Cenis, at home in

Plains. He is survived by nieces and nephews and their families in Spokane, as well as many in-laws in the family of wife Patricia, also in Spokane.

For over ten years prior to retirement in 2007, Bill worked on a family history, centered primarily on his family of immigrant coal mine workers. He sent and received letters back and forth to France, Belgium and Italy. This was before common use of computers as we know them now. With that start and more ability to use today's technology, Bill wrote his book entitled "From Belgium to Bearcreek," and gifted every family member with one. The book begins with a quote from famed fisherman and minister, Henry VanDyke:

What you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to someone else. But what you are will be yours forever.

Rest in peace, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend and master of Lilly, who misses you, too.

If you wish to make a memorial donation, please do so to your favorite charity.

The Cenis family plans to have a celebration of Bill's life sometime in summer, 2023.

Simple Cremation Montana has been in charge of arrangements.

Myrna Chamberlin, 80

Myrna lived! Her calling as a nurse, her family, her love for creativity, and the outdoors, all marked how she spent her life.

She born in Livingston but moved to the small town of Ramsay in 1953, with her mother, Agnes Evelyn; her father, A.D. Chamberlin; and her two brothers, Albert and Bob. It was there she spent her early life.

She attended Butte High and graduated in 1961. At the age of 14 she began her work in the field of nursing at St. James Hospital in Butte, as a nurse's aide under the direction of the nuns.

She attended Carroll College in Helena for her undergraduate degree and completed her masters in nursing at MSU in Bozeman in 1967.

She met Bill Yunck in graduate school, and



they were married in 1966. Together they had two children, Tami and Billy. The family

moved to Whitefish, in 1986. Myrna and Bill divorced in 1991.

She was passionate about nursing and continued her career after her children were born, and throughout her life all over Montana.

She worked at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, St Vincent's in Billings, Cut Bank Hospital, North Valley Hospital in Whitefish and Kalispell Regional Hospital.

During her life Myrna worked in pediatrics, geriatrics, administration and as a professor of nursing at Flathead

Valley Community College as a satellite campus for MSU.

Later in her life Myrna met John Feldt. They were to become life partners and enjoyed many, many, happy years together.

She enjoyed biking and rode the TOSRV (tour of the Swan River Valley) five times, bike toured in Vermont and Ireland, biked the San Juan Islands and rode Seattle to Portland.

Sea kayaking was also a much-loved activity. She frequented all of Flathead Valley's local lakes on her kayak as well as venturing to the Missouri River and the San Juan Islands.

She had many adventures skiing, hiking and camping. She excelled at arranging flowers, dancing, cooking, painting and playing with children.

She loved making costumes and dressing up on Halloween. She also delighted in going out to eat, having parties and spending time with her friends and family. Myrna will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her partner John Feldt; her brothers, Albert and Bob Chamberlin; her daughter, Tami Yunck; her son, Billy Yunck. Her three grandchildren, her nieces, a nephew, cousins and a large community of friends.

Myrna's celebration of life will be held in the fall. Date, location and time to be announced. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services are caring for Myrna's family. To send online condolences please visit Myrna's tribute page at www.austinh.com.

Nola K. Chandler, 64

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June 5, 1958-May 9, 2023.

With love and sorrow in our Landstrom/Chandler hearts, we inform you that Nola Kay Chandler passed away at her home on May 9, 2023. She died of natural causes, which included heart rhythm problems from Parkinson's disease, aneurysm or stroke.

Nola was a sister, an aunt, a friend and a soulmate. To say, "Nola was physically and mentally strong" is an understatement, but it will have to do. Nola was the confident big sister who knew what to do and how to do it right. Above all, Nola was living art and she lived like she painted — in broad, colorful strokes with landscape colors, with light and with laughter. Nola demonstrated how to live well by vivacious example. While she composed a life of beauty at home, in the backcountry and working and traveling the world, she influenced us all for the better.

Nola played daily on trails and in the mountains — on foot, skis and bike, with grace and power. Summers were spent hiking and backpacking in Montana's vast array of national forests, parks and wilderness areas, with occasional forays into other western states and prov-



the best home-made breads, cookies, jams and produce in Northwest

Montana. To watch Nola in her kitchen with light streaming through the windows, French cafe music on the radio, sourdough bread baking in the oven and a glass of red wine on the counter, was to see total and complete contentment.

Nola was a confident, experienced nurse for over 40 years and had a career of impeccable service. For Nola, nursing was a career that allowed her to pursue her love for the outdoors — hiking, biking, skiing and working all over the world — from Kenya and Tanzania to Antarctica for work with Dave, and skiing across Finland with friends, and a lot of other places she was grateful to respect and enjoy.

Born in Corvallis, Oregon in 1958 and raised in Bozeman, Nola graduated from Bozeman High School in 1976 and nursing school in 1980. She grappled with Parkinson's disease for several years but refused to let it define her. Through pure strength and determination, she maintained her love for life.

inces. Winters saw Nola pursuing her life-long love of nordic skiing.

She had presence and natural beauty prone to irresistible hilarity and shrieks of laughter that will echo in our memories forever. Dave recalls his first encounter with Nola was not visual, but through hearing her laugh rising up to him one winter day as she skied under the chairlift he was riding at Montana Snowbowl near Missoula. Not long after that incident, he met the beautiful woman who possessed that laugh and with whom he spent the following 32 years.

Nola and Dave were married in June 1996 and moved to Kalispell in 1999. They designed and built their home on an oxbow off the Stillwater River that Nola shaped with her gardens and filled with her art. She was delighted at the sights and sounds of the slough with a special affinity for blue herons, great horned owls and families of red fox that made their homes there.

Nola found great satisfaction in her life with Dave and was a partner whose love was unconditional. She nurtured their relationship with wisdom, commitment, love, humor and some of

Nola was beautiful without trying, creative, adventuresome, kind, intentional, dynamic and opinionated in the best ways. Her niece wrote, "Nola is like poetry — to the point and very, very deep. We love her forever."

Nola was preceded in death by her mom, Nancy Chandler (2020); her dad, Dan Chandler (2006); and her brother-in-law, Scott Graber (2019). She is survived by her husband, Dave Landstrom (Kalispell); stepson, Jeremy Stouffer (Bobi); siblings, Allen (Carolyn), Chris (Barb), Peter (Michelle), Chandler; siblings, Doug (Sonja), Nyla (Steve) and Nedra; stepmother, MaryKen Chandler; her aunt, Patsy; and her dear cousins, nieces, nephews and treasured friends.

Arrangements for a celebration of Nola's life are in the works now. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, please consider donations to Foys to Blacktail Trails or Rails to Trails — two organizations Nola loved.

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

Vern Alan Childers, 78

Vern Alan Childers, amazing husband, dad, grandpa and friend, went to his heavenly home on June 1, 2023, in Kalispell surrounded by his beloved family.

Vern was born Aug. 15, 1944 in Shelby to Riley and Nell Childers. He was raised in Shelby, Galata and Bigfork. He graduated from Bigfork High School and was an avid supporter of the Vikes and Vals.

He married the love of his life, Marla Graber and celebrated 57 years of marriage. He is the proud dad of five children, Suzanne, Debora, Catherine, Cheryl and Bret; and the proud grandpa of Ellie, Julia, Seth, Jaclyn, Hanna, Lauren, Mattie and Audrey. His family gave him the greatest joy.

Vern loved spending time with family and friends, fishing, hunting, camping and singing songs from his father's book of favorites, "Sing along with Riley." He loved playing cribbage, Tripoley, 5000 — any

game with family and friends. He loved the outdoors his entire life. He was always quick with a joke; laughing and making others laugh seemed to be a life goal. Vern knew no stranger.

He earned his degree at Mount San Antonio College in California and went on to spend his "first" 25-year career working for the Montana Department of Corrections at the Swan River Youth Forest Camp in Condon. His "second" career he spent with over 30 years as a volunteer fireman for the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department and 14 of those years as the fire chief. He was also a member of the local Jaycees.

He was an incredible human, giving and taking care of people his whole life. He's a wonderful example of servant leadership. He was silly and goofy and full of love and



his passing has been a gut punch. This took us all by surprise. For those of you who didn't have an opportunity to visit him in the hospital, please know that he knows he was loved by you all. We made sure of that. Above all, Vern loved his family and friends and we loved him back. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the remarkable life of our dad, husband, grandpa, brother, uncle, cousin, friend. We have no doubt that you have all laughed with him. Please bring your stories — your "Vern-isms."

We know he had an incredible welcoming party in heaven, including his father, Riley Childers; his mother, Nell Childers; his brother, Gordon Childers; and many other beloved family members and friends.

Those he left behind miss him immensely including his wife, Marla of Bigfork; daughter, Suzanne, and granddaughter, Mattie Childers of Bigfork; daughter, Debora (Gregg) Hanzel

of Kalispell, granddaughters, Ellie (Charleston, S.C.) and Hanna (Gilbert, A.Z.); daughter, Catherine (Tom) Adolph of Bigfork, grandson, Seth (Bozeman) and granddaughter, Lauren (Kalispell); daughter, Cheryl Saunders of Bigfork and granddaughters, Julia (Charleston, S.C.) and Jaclyn (Bigfork); and son, Bret (Sara) Childers and granddaughter, Audrey of Columbia Falls. He is also dearly missed by his sister, Donna (Jack) Ganiere of Bigfork; his brother, Cecil Childers of Evansville, Wyoming; numerous beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The celebration begins at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 10 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Fellowship will follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Bigfork Fire Department or a charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shelly Stack Christiaens, 60

Shelly Stack Christiaens, 60, passed peacefully into the loving arms of our Lord on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023.

She was born April 8, 1963, in Great Falls to Tom and Judy Stack. The family moved to Butte before settling in Kalispell in 1973.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1981, and later began her collegiate years at Western Montana College in Dillon. She then transferred to Northern Montana College in Havre to pursue a nursing degree. There, Shelly met her future husband and best friend, Brian.

Brian and Shelly mar-

ried in January 1985, and welcomed their first child, Chase, in January 1986. They then moved to Great Falls where they welcomed two more children, Brooke in April 1987, and Brady in February 1993.

She had many talents and gifts. She was an exceptional nurse, dedicating 37 years to caring for patients at the Columbus Hospital and Benefis Health System. She loved baking, sewing, crafting and decorating, earning her the nickname "Montana Martha," and relished in sharing her talents with those around her, whether it be a tasty treat, a hand-made gift, or her spec-

acular Christmas light display. But Shelly loved nothing more than spending time with family and watching her children and grandchildren grow.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Brian; children, Chase (Elizabeth) Christiaens, Brooke (Zach Kraft) Christiaens and Brady Christiaens; beloved grandchildren, Bennett, Olivia, Madelyn, Elliott and Grace; mother, Judy Stack; sister, Stacey (Dave) Mohl; pups, Wayne and Max; and many more cherished family members.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tom Stack; and her grandparents, William and Iva

Waldenberg, and Harold and Maybelle Stack.

The Christiaens family would like to express their utmost gratitude to Shelly's medical team at Benefis, particularly Dr. Tang and Aubrey Edwards, R.N.

In lieu of flowers, the Christiaens family asks that you consider donating to the Benefis Sletten Cancer Institute or the Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center in Shelly's honor.

Condolences for the family may be shared online at www.OConnorFuneralHome.com.