

Sarah Marlene Brencchley Gage (Marlene), 91

Sarah Marlene Brencchley Gage (Marlene), 91, died peacefully on April 21, 2023 in Columbus.

Born on Aug. 5, 1931, in Wellsville, Utah, to Merrill Murray Brencchley and Agnes Ellen Glenn Brencchley, she spent much of her childhood and adolescent years in Green River, Wyoming. In 1948, much to her disappointment, her family moved to Parker/St. Anthony, Idaho to farm.

Upon graduating from high school, Marlene went to nursing school in Idaho Falls, Idaho. During her nursing training, two of the doctors she worked for offered to pay for her to go to medical school. It was during her time in nursing school that she met her sweetheart of 70 years, Delwyn Orin Gage. Married on Jan. 2, 1953, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, they traveled to Shelby, where Delwyn was employed.

Shortly after their move to Shelby, Delwyn went back to school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, to study accounting while Marlene worked at Utah Valley Hospital.

The first of their six children, Scott O Gage, was born while they lived in Provo.

Upon finishing school, they moved back to Shelby and added three more children to the Gage nest, Paul Delwyn Gage, Shelley Janice Gage and Jerri Ellen Gage.

After joining with an accountant in Cut Bank, Del and Marlene moved their young family a few miles west making Cut Bank their new home for the next 43 years. While living in Cut Bank, they added the last two children to their nest, Mark Robert Gage and Connie Christine Gage.

From 2002-2003, Nauvoo, Illinois became their new home as they served a Senior Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After completing their mission in 2003 and Marlene having had to put up with enough Cut Bank wind for a lifetime, they sold their home in Cut Bank and moved to Bigfork. In September 2022, they moved to Billings to be closer to

Marlene had a great love for things that start with "F"

— Faith, Flowers, Family, Friends, Freedom, the Flag, and our Founding Fathers.

She was a very active member in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints giving her time and talents to serve in various ways in the women's Relief Society organization. She loved reading and studying about church history so the opportunity to serve a church mission in Nauvoo, Illinois was one of the highlights of her life.

She radiated the light of the gospel in her life. She loved the Lord and knew the Lord loved her. Throughout her 91 year journey, Marlene walked with Faith in her every footstep. Marlene had a rock in her flower garden that said, "One is closer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth." She felt close to God in her flower gardens and loved her flowers. They brought her endless joy, comfort and peace.

Marlene loved sharing her flowers with others, whether it was by walking with them through her gardens or fixing beautiful floral bouquets for them to enjoy or sharing starts of her beautiful flowers with others. She especially loved her roses — the smells, the colors and the varieties. When Delwyn would bring her a fresh cut rose from her gardens, she would immediately smell it and get the biggest smile on her face. Because of her love for flowers, she worked at the Cut Bank Floral and Greenhouse for several years.

Besides her love of flowers, she had a great appreciation and love for the beautiful gifts and talents of people and God, such as *china, pottery, art, antiques, the majesty of the mountains, or the clear, blue water of the rivers and lakes*. Because of her love for beautiful things, Marlene opened up a retail store called "Something Special" to share beautiful things with others.



el to see the beauties of the world — some of her most memorable trips were to Mexico, Ireland and China. Marlene loved her family. She loved singing "I love you: A bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck." She was known by many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren as "grandma bushel and a peck."

Marlene was in Heaven when she could hold and rock one of the newborn babies. She loved watching her family grow and sharing in the successes and accomplishments of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was their greatest cheerleader.

The family reunion gatherings at Fairmont Hot Springs and Double Arrow or the family gatherings for temple marriages and sealings, birthdays and anniversaries were Heaven on Earth for her.

Marlene and Delwyn celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Jan. 2, 2023. Marlene had many good friends. She loved getting together for a good chat or laugh with friends, playing cards, gardening, or making ceramics or other crafts. While still in Cut Bank, she went to work for Dr. Wallace with one of her good traveling friends, Mabel Slezak.

Marlene loved her country — the United States of America. She deeply loved the Founding Fathers and their sacrifices to establish the freedoms we enjoy. When she listened to patriotic music or watched the stars and stripes blowing in the wind, it stirred her soul and brought tears to her eyes. She served on the Republican women's committee and supported Delwyn during his service as a senator in the Montana Legislature.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Delwyn Orin Gage of Billings; her six children, Scott O Gage (Shirley) of Cut Bank, Paul Delwyn Gage (Stacy) of High Point, North Carolina, Shelley Gage Larson of Cut Bank, Jerri Gage Swift (Robert) of Hamilton, Mark Robert Gage of Conrad, and

of Park City; one brother Ronald Glenn Brencchley (Alice) of Ashton, Idaho; along with 25 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Agnes Ellen Glenn Brencchley; her father, Merrill Murray Brencchley; and two brothers, Paul Glenn Brencchley and Richard Michael Brencchley.

Marlene's final words and thoughts upon the completion of her mortal journey would be her testimony of the Savior, Jesus Christ. He was the pre-mortal Jehovah, the creator of Heaven and Earth. He came to Earth born in humble circumstances to do His Father's will. He established His church and called His disciples. He was a healer and teacher, Savior and Redeemer. Marlene truly believed.

"Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

"Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life."

Funeral service for Marlene will be held 11 a.m., April 28 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints in Bigfork with visitation one hour prior to service. Burial will take place in Utah.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

The family deeply appreciates the loving service and care given to Marlene this past year by so many. Thank you to the doctors and nurses, Synergy, Comfort Keepers, the Stillwater staff, and the staff at Morning Star. You are all *Heaven sent*. Details for Marlene's funeral service can be found at jgfuneral-home.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Conrad Scholars for the Debbi Gage Memorial Scholarship at PO Box 787, Conrad, MT 59425 or to utahsmiles-foundation.org/donate.

Vernon Gallup, 92

Vernon Gallup was the greatest fly fisherman you've never heard of. He had a gift for catching trout in swift streams and releasing them for another day. That sixth sense let him out fish the anglers you have heard of.

Vernon Gallup died Nov. 28, 2023, after Alzheimer's disease erased that brilliance. He was 92.

The mild-mannered Labelle, Idaho native was born Sept. 22, 1931, to parents Ellis Strong Gallup and Rosa Love Gallup.

He raised chickens and pigs for 4-H competitions but traded farm life for prose, graduating in 1954 with a master's in English literature from the University of Idaho in Moscow.

He married his college sweetheart in 1953 and uprooted her to far-flung Ketchikan, Alaska after graduation to teach high school in the territory. Educating teenagers, he quickly learned, was not his passion.

He turned to accounting, taking over the books at Power City Electric in Spokane, a position that led him to commit one of the few acts of rebellion in his life. He and several colleagues abruptly quit



in 1967 to start a competing enterprise to electrify the Pacific Northwest. They formed

Wire Installation Contractors (WICO), which built high-voltage power lines as far north as Boundary Dam, along the Pend Oreille River, to the suburbs of Phoenix, Arizona.

He consulted the Saudi Arabian government on erecting their own electrical infrastructure.

The new job allowed a little leisure. If not working, Vern would be fishing. He took fledgling fishermen under his wing, including his son-in-law, to teach them a thing or two about which feathery flies to use and where to cast them for fish. He kept a rod and spare dry flies in the car, just in case.

His passion for angling became something more as Vern saw the world and met other fishing enthusiasts. He reportedly out-fished master fisherman Ernest Schwiebert. He hitched rides on helicopters to access remote waterways. He gleaned favor from

English landowners to fish their private streams. When he and a fishing pal got tired of asking for permission, they bought 31 square miles of land in Argentina to fish the Arroyo Pescado (a spring creek) whenever they wanted.

He moved to Bigfork to be closer to wilder rivers. He returned to Yellowstone National Park year after year to fish the surrounding waters where he first learned.

Collecting rare fishing books was Vern's obsession. His treasured collection took up one bookcase at first but slowly amounted to a cavernous den and basement attached to his Bigfork cabin known as, "The Fly Fisherman's Library," one of the world's largest collections of books on fly fishing.

He invited angling enthusiasts to peruse 21,292 of his prized books, the last count taken in 2015. A first edition of Izaak Walton's, "The Compleat Angler," published in 1653, was the heart of his collection. He purchased it from another collector in 1978 for a cool \$4,370. It's now valued at more than \$200,000.

A portion of the books, including Walton's 17th

century literary classic, live on at Washington State University in "The Gallup Collection." Other books were gifted to Montana State University.

He was preceded in death by sisters and brothers, Grace Forsyth, Ellen Genta, Darrell Gallup, Pearl and Earl Gallup; son, Neil Gallup; and wife, Joan Gallup.

He is survived by two daughters, Corinne (Eric) Hensley and Michele Wheeler; two granddaughters, Kimberly (Mike) Berlin and Nicole Hensley; two great-granddaughters, and a wealth of books that WSU librarians are digitizing for future anglers to read.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Hennessey Funeral Home in Spokane with a burial to follow at Spokane Memorial Cemetery in Spokane, Washington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association. Many kind thanks to the help and care of Vern at Pine Ridge Alzheimer's Special Care Center and Horizon Hospice.

A celebration of life will occur in Rexburg, Idaho, in the summer of 2024.

Doris Garber, 84

Doris-Jean Garber, 84, Nov. 19, 2023 - Jan. 17, 1939.

She was born and raised in Modesto, California. She fell in love with the boy down the road, and at 16 she married Ed Garber.

Her first child, Kurt, was born at 18; then followed by daughter, Lucinda; and then son, Stan.

Doris and Ed eventually uprooted from Modesto and moved to Idaho, then Arizona

and eventually Alberta, Canada, where Ed was offered the position to manage Trus Joist

(roofing and trusses) Manufacturing Plant.

Many happy years as the kids were able to grow up on a ranch. She was gifted with horses and the ability to match bloodlines as they successfully bred and showed Morgan horses, and established quite a reputation for some of the finest bloodlines within the breed.

Then their passions changed. Together, with Ed, and the rest of the family they dedicated



Field Based in Hay River, Northwest Territories. Eventually this led to taking on the missionary work at a remote native Indian village in Fort Providence. Many wonderful adventures there working with

their lives to serving the Lord. This led them to become part of the Sub Artic Mission

the Slavey Indians.

Eventually their lives brought them to Kalispell where daughter Lucinda, and husband Mike, live.

With all the amazing things that Doris and Ed accomplished with their 68 years of marriage, one of the remarkable things that can be said of their lives is that all three kids grew up well adjusted, serving the Lord and they all love each other, especially their Mom.

Michelle Gentry, 64



Michelle Gentry, age 64, of Whitefish, Montana

passed away Jan. 9, 2023. She was born Jan. 2, 1959, in Meeker, Colorado to Anne Gentry (Watt) and the late J Gentry.

Michelle was a loving and giving soul with an amazing sense of humor. She had a passion for music, playing piano when she could and was known to sing at the occasional wedding as long as she could hide behind a curtain. Michelle worked with The Eagles and would frequently book bands to play at her bar

and restaurant. Her loving leadership allowed her to become a successful business owner, which included owning "Machallie G's" clothing and boot boutique in Kalispell, Montana, and most recently "Rancho Bar 7" restaurant and bar in Wickenburg, Arizona.

Some of her hobbies included dancing and shopping. Michelle was always the best dressed and loved to accessorize, but behind all her glamor was a heart that was

always open and willing to give to anyone in need. She was grounded in faith and had a strong relationship with God. Michelle's greatest passion of all, was being a mom. There was nothing more important to her than her daughter and creating everlasting memories with her. Her infectious laugh, unrelenting love and legacy will live on, especially on the restaurant's menu when you order Michelle's Spaghetti. If you are ever

in need of some guidance or intuition just ask yourself, "What would Michelle do?"

Michelle is survived by daughter, Savannah J Gentry; mother, Anne Gentry; sister, Janelle Gentry; brother, Kirk Gentry; numerous nieces and nephews; and friends that are considered family.

A celebration of Michelle's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, at Snowline Acres, 3315 U.S. Highway

93 South, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

If you wish to honor the memory of Michelle, the family requests that flowers be purchased through Forage and Floral and donations be given to A Ray of Hope in Kalispell, Montana, and Project Salt in Wickenburg, Arizona. To send online condolences, please visit www.austinfh.com.

Gordon "Duff" Gerrish, 92

Gordon "Duff" Gerrish, 92, passed away June 25, 2023 at his home in Marion with his wife, stepson, Marshall Noice, and grandson, Aaron Hove, caring for him.

He had been hit and seriously injured while driving his car south of Polson.

He was the son of Floyd P. and Liana Auren Gerrish, both deceased. His son, Jeffery preceded him in death.

His mother was a school teacher in Missoula and Plains, where Duff attended elementary schools and Graduated from the Missoula High School.

As a young man he lied about his age and joined the Montana Forest Service where he was detailed to trail blaze, lay telephone wires, do cloud seeding, fight fires and he spend three summers in a fire lookout.

He served in the U.S. Army stationed in France



Montana.

In this capacity he was able to include working in the local schools and with the Salish Kootenai College. He helped develop the Native American studies program at the University of Montana.

The honor blankets he was awarded for his work with the Native people were his greatest treasures and for which he was most proud.

His bachelor's and master's degrees were from the University of Montana and his Doctor of Philosophy was earned at the University of

in 1952-1954. Upon his completion of duty he returned to Montana as director of Clinical Psychology of Western Regional Mental Health of Western

Massachusetts.

After graduation his first assignment was chief psychologist of United Counseling Service at Bennington, Vermont from 1964-1970.

As he had been born in Deer Lodge, he always wished to make it his home in Montana which he did when he was appointed director of Clinical Psychology for the Western Region of Mental Health of Western Montana from which retired.

He can not be remembered without mentioning his breeding, training and showing his German Shepherd dogs. They often went with him when he was counseling patients in his office, especially when helping children, who were more willing to talk to a dog than to a doctor.

His work with communities included traveling to Montana prisons to counsel inmates. He attended every pueblo in

Arizona to recruit students to attend Kicking Horse Jobs Corp Center in Montana where Native Americans were taught skills that prepared them for employment.

He loved all people and dedicated his life to making theirs better. He helped children as well in starting the first pre school program in Montana.

He is honored and remembered for his tireless service to his beloved community, his commitment to country as a War Veteran, and his unparalleled devotion to all those in need of mental health care.

As a clinical psychologist he worked hand in hand with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and is survived by his numerous friends and extended family.

When greeting someone he never said, "Have a good day," his words were "Have a good life."

Russell Giesy, 72

Russell "R.D." Giesy, 72, passed away quietly at home in Whitefish, on July 17, after a nine year battle with lymphoma.

He was born December 16, 1950, in Missoula, to Russell and Ruth Giesy, unexpectedly, as they were traveling from their home in Whitefish to Corvallis. Ruth said it was a sign from the beginning that he was going to be difficult.

He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1969, and that fall, enrolled at Western Tech in Denver, Colorado, earning a certificate as an Electronics Technician.

On May 3, 1972, he reported to duty with the Army, and was deployed to Bamberg, Germany. He earned the National Defense Service Medal and Marksman M16 recognition. He was honorably discharged in September of 1973 and continued his commitment serving in the Army Reserves.

Upon returning home to Whitefish, he worked for the Forest Service and other local businesses beginning his career with BNSF in 1976.

He rose through the ranks, and in 1999, earned his engineer's certificate. After 37 years of service, he hung up his lantern and retired on September 29, 2013.

In April of 2001, he married Lee Ann Schwegel and gained a son, Tevis. That December, their son Kieven was born, and his family was complete.

He was preceded in death by a niece,



Marissa Giesy; parents, Russell and Ruth Giesy; and his best friend, Ben Sagen.

He leaves behind his wife, Lee Ann;

sons, Tevis and Kieven; bonus daughter, Braya; brother, Roger and wife Karen Giesy; all of Whitefish. Along with numerous extended family members and friends.

He believed in walking to the beat of his own drum and doing things his way, in his own time. He could be stubborn as a mule and drove us crazy at times, but he was also generous to a fault.

He was not afraid to show emotion, loved deeply, and lived hard. We feel certain that he is wreaking havoc in heaven, together with Ben, as they did here on earth.

Memorial services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. on August 19, at the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

Turtle, thank you for loving us, you will forever be in our hearts. Our memories of our life with you will help fill the void in our family that your leaving left. We will always love you.

To send online condolences to R.D. please visit his tribute page at www.austinflh.com. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Robert E. Giles, 68

Robert E. Giles, 68, of Kalispell passed away peacefully on Jan. 6, 2023, from ALS with his family surrounding him.

Rob was born on Aug. 29, 1954, in San Bernadino, California to Kenneth Giles and Gail Filipelli. He graduated from San Goronio High School. While living in California Rob raced motocross professionally, was the mountain manager of Snow Valley Ski Resort and drove a county snow plow truck in Lake Tahoe. He also became a licensed electrician before moving to Montana.

Upon moving to Montana in the early 80s, a letter left on the windshield of his truck by Sassy, kept him in Montana the remainder of his life. They were married in 1985. They established Rob Giles Electric together in 1990.

Rob found his greatest pleasure in spending time with his family and friends.

He was a man of deep faith and truly loved his Canvas church family. The sentimental words and items found in his very worn bible after he passed have brought lots of joyful tears to his family. He lived life always up for any adventure. His winters were always filled with collecting vertical feet on Big Mountain with his family, who he taught to ski. Cody always loved skiing with his Papa Rob. His love of hunting with Jamie and friends was very important to him and only changed over the years from sleeping in wall tents to hunting his favorite ranch in Fort Benton



with Jamie and Barrett. He was always up for a hike with Sassy and Jenny's family wherever they asked him to go. After beating cancer in 2002, he bought a mountain bike. His mountain bikes kept getting more expensive but so did his love of putting his helmet on and riding with Sassy. He was an incredible horseman and passed that love onto Jenny and Sassy and then eventually to Bailey. In his spare time he mowed his ridiculously beautiful lawn.

With his wife Sassy by his side they traveled to Israel, Egypt, Italy, Germany, Austria, Spain and his most favorite islands in Hawaii and Bora Bora. Together they were Spartan race enthusiasts competing both locally and in Washougal, Washington.

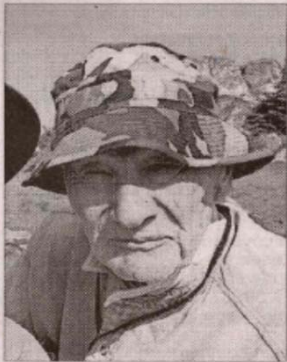
Rob was preceded in death by his dad Ken;

brother Danny; and his stepdad Fred.

He is survived by his wife Sassy; son Jamie (Angie) of Kalispell; daughter Jenny (Tyler) of Bigfork; his grandkids who were his pride and joy — Cody, Bailey and Barrett; mom Gail Filipelli; mother-in-law Hilda; siblings Tom, Shelley and Aaron; numerous other family members and friends; special friends Dewayne and Jeannette. He leaves behind his faithful dog Boris and his cat Boo who was a stray that he turned into a house cat.

A Celebration of his life will be Saturday Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. at Canvas Church in Kalispell. All are welcome and we invite everyone to join us at the church following the service for a Mexican (his favorite) lunch and fellowship.

Edwin Gilk, 95



Ed Gilk, 95, died from natural causes on Dec. 23, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents and twin brothers. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara; a daughter Catherine, a son Tim and his wife Deb, of Columbia Falls, and the loves of his life, a granddaughter, Samantha (Justin), and a grandson, John.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. In lieu of cards, flowers or memorials, Ed requested that you play a round of golf, go fishing, hike your favorite trail, or watch your garden and/or flowers grow, read a book or waste a perfectly good day doing absolutely nothing!

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Barry Landon Gillette, 2

Barry Landon Gillette, 2, was born on Nov. 12, 2020 at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah to Cameron and Annie Gillette, and passed away on Feb. 22, 2023 in Kalispell.



Wash.; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Barry was born with CHAOS, a rare condition. He required care in both Salt Lake and Kalispell children's hospitals.

He was a bright beacon of light and will be greatly missed.

Barry is survived by his parents, Cameron and Annie Gillette; three brothers, Ari, Max and Rye; and one sister, Ellie, all of Somers

Grandparents Mark and Tina Gillette of Bigfork, and Roger and Stacy Foley of Yacolt,

A viewing will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 with the funeral to follow at 11 a.m. at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. Burial will follow at the Bethel Cemetery in Somers. All are welcome.

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

Debra Gillman, 70

On May 15, 2023, Debbie Gillman lost her battle with ovarian cancer. She passed away at home with her husband Rod by her side.



the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family Christmas program.

Debbie was born and grew up in Orange County, California, back when it was a truly nice place to live. At age 21, she became a bartender and for over 17 years worked at various locations in Southern California, primarily in the Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley area. On a hot summer evening a man wandered into the Swizzle Stick bar in Huntington Beach to get a cold beer and listen to some country music. Debbie served him that drink and that began a 38-year friendship, 34 years as husband and wife.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Rod; sister, Michelle; brother, Rick; cousins, Linda and Gail; daughter, Brittany; step-son, Greg (Maria); step-daughter, Alissa (Scott); grandchildren, Jenna, Hailey, Parker, Raegan, Lila, Trent; and great-grandson, Xavier.

Debbie has requested that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the "Friends of Smith Valley Fire Department" 3496 U.S. 2 West, Kalispell MT 59901. Debbie was so appreciative of the professional and caring service the EMS team provided her on so many occasions during her illness.

After many years of fishing trips to the eastern High Sierra and the Flathead Valley, Rod and Debbie became permanent residents of Montana in 2000. For several years Debbie was the semi-official Christmas present buyer for the families the Kalispell Lions Club would "adopt" through

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Justin Michael Gipe, 42

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Justin Michael Gipe on April 20, 2023.

Justin was born on February 21, 1981, to his mother Mary Fleming-Olsen and adopted father Ted Stahlberg. From an early age, his infectious laughter, sense of humor and joyful smile lit up the room he entered. He had a larger-than-life personality and with that excelled in theater, drama, and speech.

Justin passed his love of music, movies, and trivia to his brother and sister. Almost every family gathering ended in a game night. Justin loved deeply and wore his heart on his sleeve. He always wanted to make people happy and to smile.

Justin is preceded in death by his father Gary Gipe; grandparents Howard and Rosemary Gipe and maternal grandfather Robert Fleming.

He is survived by his mother Mary Fleming-Olsen and husband Wyatt; adopted father Ted Stahlberg; adopted child Danielle; grandmother Patricia Fleming, grandparents Gerald and Hattie Stahlberg; grandmother Sandi Gipe; brother- and sister-in-law Luke and Sarah Stahlberg and their children; sister Maggie Stahlberg and her son; uncle Walter Gipe, uncle



Thomas Stahlberg; aunt Susan Austin and family, aunt Yvette Davis

and family; uncle Jeff Fleming and family, uncle Patrick Fleming and family and numerous cousins and friends.

His passing has left an immense hole in our lives and his light will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a local animal shelter. Justin loved his fur babies.

Finally, if you or someone you know struggles with alcoholism and addiction, please reach out and seek help.

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

Rosemary Glessing, 90

Rosemary Glessing, 90, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 20, 2023, after a lengthy illness in Baltimore.

She was born April 6, 1933, to European immigrants in Chicago and raised on a farm in Winter, Wisconsin.

She married Herbert Glessing on June 12, 1954, after she graduated from the Holy Family Nursing School in Manitowoc, Wisconsin in 1953.

The couple ventured to Sitka, Alaska and she worked for the USPHS in hospitals there for two years before start-



ing their family in Kalispell.

She worked as a registered nurse in community health and the Head Start program for 20 years as a health nurse/coordinator.

She was an active member of the St. Anns Roman Catholic church in Somers, the Mountain View Birthday Club and the Red Hat Society.

She loved nature, animals, traveling, and maintaining a beautiful

yard and flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Glessing; parents, Joseph and Alice Van Mullem; and her oldest brother, Edmond Van Mullem.

She is survived by her two children, Julie Baum in Pennsylvania, and Bruce Glessing in Maryland; siblings, Geraldine Hall in Texas, Albert Van Mullem/Christine of Wisconsin, and Joseph Van Mullem of Montana.

Other family members include son-in-law, Jesse Baum; four grandchildren, Jamal Winkler/

Hillary Jennell Winkler, Tyler Baum/ Melinda, Victoria Hess/ Tim. Also two great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Storey and Jameson Baum, a sister in law in Wisconsin and many nieces and nephews.

Her beautiful smile, pure heart and love for all she knew will be treasured and missed.

Many thanks to her friends and family.

A small memorial service will be held at the Chapel at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Baltimore at 10 a.m. on Dec. 15, 2023.

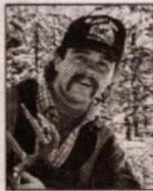
Gregory Goodnough, 64

Gregory K. Goodnough, of Kalispell, passed away on Nov. 27, 2023. He was 64 years young.

He was born on March 5, 1959 in Minnehaha, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norma and Francis Goodnough.

He is survived by his daughters, Trista



Schaeffer and her husband Ben Schaeffer, Brianna Davis and fiancé Kevin Whitman.

He had six loving grandchildren ranging in age from 2-14. He was loved by his many

siblings; Carol, Ron and wife Linda, Gary and wife Kay, Norman and wife Mary, David and wife Barbie, and Mari and husband Larry. He also had many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

He touched a lot of lives during his time on Earth.

He was a man of the outdoors. He loved

to hunt, fish, ride his motorcycle, and enjoy everything nature had to offer.

A celebration of Gregory's life will be held later in the Spring of 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to any of our local animal shelters, as his love for his dogs was unmeasured.

Carol Ann Gordon, 80

Carol Ann Gordon, nee Wandesforde, died unexpectedly in her sleep on April 16, 2023, in Washington, D.C., at the age of 80. She was born March 24, 1943, in Seattle to Harold Wandesforde and Anna Henderson Tait. She grew up in the Magnolia neighborhood. After two years of college studying early childhood education at the University of Washington she moved with her parents to Las Vegas, Nevada.

She began working in the family business of title insurance and met her first husband, Harry Lattin. They moved to Kalispell in 1971 and were married for nearly 25 years. They had two children, Brandon Hayes-Lattin and Brent Lattin. She loved being their mother, being Cub Scout den mother and leading a Great Works reading club.

Later in life she met and married John Gordon, and moved to Missoula. Together they enjoyed many adventures traveling to Scotland and Italy and to NASCAR races. She started a second career working for an accounting firm as the office manager and was known for her persuasive abilities with clients. She also joined PEO where she met many friends while doing good works for the community. And of course she loved the Griz.

After the death of John Gordon in 2011, Carol moved to Washington, D.C.



Carol simply adored all of her grandchildren, going by the names of Grandma G and Gammie. Carol also loved her cats.

A mere three weeks ago her family celebrated her 80th birthday with friends and family.

Carol is survived by her sister, Barbara Ford, of Boise, Idaho; her son and his wife, Brandon Hayes-Lattin and Courtney Hayes-Lattin, of Portland, Oregon; her other son, Brent Lattin and his wife, Nicole Harkin, of Washington, D.C.; and her grandchildren, Madison Hayes-Lattin, Bridger Hayes-Lattin, Oskar Lattin and Otis Lattin. She is also survived by her step-daughters Cheryl Burnham, Jacquie Finholm and Tiffany Gordon Lewis as well as her step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many "adopted" grandchildren.

Those who knew her, relished her sparkle, which you felt anytime you were with her. Her loss will leave a gaping hole in many lives.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Humane Rescue Alliance of the District of Columbia. www.humanerescuealliance.org. Carol requested no funeral service, however, a celebration of life party will be held in the future.

Bryan James Goulet, 64

Bryan was born an outdoor adventurer from the get-go in Plentywood, Montana. Starting as a kid with his friend Monty and a sack of sandwiches going fishing for the day, to hunting late enough to miss Thanksgiving with Dave or Julie. Grouse, deer, elk, bear you name it, he hunted it. He loved to ice fish and always came home with a mess of perch to fry up. He witnessed bear wrestling, was an avid wrestler himself, and even won a barstool race or two. He married and had three children and two grandchildren. He knew most people in the valley



and greeted them with a smile and a handshake usually followed by a joke.

Always had a faithful dog by his side, disliked cats but loved everyone he had in the house.

Bryan will always be remembered for his love and goofy antics like making a ghost deer costume for Halloween. A wake is planned for memorial day weekend with details to come.

Bryan was born May 29, 1958. He passed away Jan. 3, 2023.

Bryan J. Goulet, 64

In loving memory of Bryan J. Goulet who was born on May 29, 1958, and died on Jan. 3, 2023.

Bryan J. Goulet, a cherished member of the Flathead Valley community since he was 6, was born in Plentywood, Montana, in 1958.

He is now reunited with his father Raymond (1964); mother Genevieve (1978); sisters Valerie (1953) and Raenell (2021); and his beloved wife Julie (2019), who predeceased him.

Bryan's memory will live on in the hearts of his three children, Tyler, Josh, and Kayla (Jay Daniels); grandsons Caleb and Keenan; sisters Annette Haugan (Dale) and his twin, Teresa (Carson); brothers Duane (Barb) and Charlie (Peggy); and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A devoted father and grandfather, Bryan's love for his family was matched only by his passion for the great outdoors. He treasured



camping, hunting, and fishing, always striving to bag his deer, elk, and

bear each year. A true Montanan, Bryan was skilled in cooking and canning, utilizing most of the animal.

Beginning his career at Valley Motors while still in high school; Bryan dedicated his professional life to serving the valley as a parts man and supervisor. Bryan always had a genuine solid handshake when he met people. With his warm personality and sense of humor, he enjoyed engaging with clients and sharing a good laugh.

In celebration of Bryan's life, his family welcomes you to a memorial service on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Moose Lodge, 2158 US Highway 2 E., Kalispell, Montana, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Laurel Grady, 59

Laurel Diane Grady, 59, of Whitefish, passed away at Logan Health on Oct. 31, 2023, Halloween evening, a holiday that she loved. With her brother and a good friend by her side and her house open for treats and fun, she took her last breath and joined the fun, finally released from the insidious cancer that invaded her body over the past years.

Shel was born to Judith B. Grady and Robert J. Grady on May 10, 1964 in Klamath Falls, Oregon, joining her brother Dave. After a short stint at Kingsley Field Air Force Base housing, the family moved to Northern California in the heydays of the '60s. She attended schools in Stockton and Redding before the big move to Whitefish in 1981 where she attended Whitefish High School her senior year and graduated with the class of 1982.

Her college years were spent in Missoula at the University of Montana and later at the University of Minnesota, graduating in English in 1988 while working at a few Minneapolis eateries. She moved back to Whitefish in 1989 and



Sports, travel, and the outdoors were a big part of Laurel's life and relaxation.

She was always ready to try different adventures when she wasn't watching and cheering for her favorite San Francisco team, (Niners, Giants, and Warriors) or winning the football pools at the BierStube and around town.

Skiing on the mountain or backcountry was always a passion of hers. She was fast and good, the only "waiting" she did was in the lift line for her family or friends to catch up. Throughout the years, Laurel regularly hiked, fished, rafted and ran, completing the 28k Rut Mountain Run at Big Sky in 2016. Always looking for new challenges, she enjoyed surfing, skydiving, wake surfing and paragliding at various times in her life.

Her numerous travel itineraries included several trips to Mexico, South America and Europe, where she attended classes in the wine region of Beaune, France during

continued working in the food business and on the Big Mountain while perfecting her powder turns.

Never one to rest for long, she made her way to Seattle in the '90s at the urging of some good friends where she worked and played for several years, including jobs at the very cool Five Spot, a trendy import trading company, and for a ski lift design and installation firm.

But Montana called her back again, and this time she was focused on a career in physical therapy. She moved to Missoula and gained admission to the PT program, later graduating with a master's degree in May 2001. She then returned to Whitefish and worked with a few local therapists before working with Scott Ruta at Whitefish Physical Therapy and staffing the lead PT position at North Valley Hospital, which was her final job.

She was very engaged in her job at the hospital and became a leader and advocate for the staff and patients she met there. She took pride in helping many patients improve their condition so they left more whole than when they arrived. She developed close-knit and supportive relationships with many of her co-workers, who became some of her best friends. The friends she met through work, school, community, sports, and a shared love of the outdoors, she kept very dear to her throughout the years. They gave her the endless support and love she needed.

college. Her brother Dave tricked her into doing big miles biking in France, Italy and Austria in 1989. In 2003, she went to Ecuador on a medical mission with her father, Bob, a very special trip for both of them. A trip to Ireland in 2016 was also a memorable highlight for her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judy in 2013.

She is survived and loved by her father, Bob; brother, Dave (Linda); nieces, Madison and Cassidy; her aunt, Joanne Bury; and her uncles, Mike (Lou), Randy, and Steve Kioukis (Linda).

Her family and friends would like to thank the palliative care physicians and the amazing staff nurses at Logan Health who took such great care of her and made her as comfortable as possible during her final days. Laurel's friends, and there are so many of you, were so engaged and supportive and we know it made a big difference with her comfort and care.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in her memory to Whitefish Legacy Partners where it will be applied to a memorial bench along the Whitefish Trail, a place where friends and family can go to visit, remember and reflect.

A celebration of Laurel's life will take place from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Bierstube on Big Mountain.

Keep Laurel in your heart and cherish your time with her.

Steven Lloyd Graham, 66

To his sons, Steve Graham was renowned for his good looks, athleticism, charm and supreme manliness. Truly godlike among mortals, this fine figure of a man was an idol to children of all ages and the ultimate authority on all things mechanical and Monty Python-related. To those who loved him, he will forever simply be "the greatest."

Steve was born at Kalispell General Hospital on June 18, 1957 to Lucille (PeeWee) and Keith Graham, the kids. In a life's journey that spanned nearly all 50 states and multiple continents, this man lived a life worth remembering. From stock car racing and white-water kayaking, to saddle bronc riding, a brief attempt at hang gliding, and playing bluegrass banjo, he wasn't afraid to try anything. He grew up reading great books, fishing and hiking in Glacier Park and later in life found his retirement bliss kayaking and hiking with our mom, family and friends, and teaching his grandchildren to fish off our family dock at the Ashley Lake cabin.

Raised a proud Evergreen Wolverine, Steve grew up tough and learned fast. He excelled in high school football and track at Flathead High School, with college scholarships offered in both. He opted for track at Montana State University, then promptly



carpenter, tribal college teacher, coach, school board member and cowboy. He was a jack of all trades and a master of many. For the last nearly 30 years before

retirement, he and his a corn seed distribution business in the Central Basin of Washington state. There, Steve and Barb, and their boys lived a wonderful country life in the farming community of Warden and made great friends. His sons learned to ride horses, wrestle, and move irrigation pipe ... a lot.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother Dave, brother-in-law Charlie Thorne, Uncle Harry Burnell, and no-brother-good-in-law, Ken White. He is survived by his beautiful Graham sisters, Maureen Watkins, Nora Thorne, Marcie (Louis) Krutsch, and Margie (Richard) Strack and their wonderful children and grandchildren. He also leaves behind his in-law siblings, Lindy and Jerry Anderson, Bob and Laura White, Gwen White, and all their kids and grandkids. The core of his family was his wife

of 41 years, Barb, and his sons. Cooper and his wife Brittany of Moses Lake, Washington, are the parents of Vincent, 7, Sebastian, 4, Lucian, 1, and Baby Girl due in December. Spencer and his wife Jenni of Covington, Washington, are the parents of Nyla, 1.

To his family and friends, Steve is irreplaceable. He was the life of any gathering, generous, caring and fun. He was a beloved and loyal husband and friend and a cherished brother. He grandfather, uncle, great uncle and cousin. There will never be another man like the one that was lost in the early hours of Friday, Sept. 29, 2023. It was raining in the Flathead Valley that night, which was fitting for the loss of one of its favored sons.

Our family would like to thank the neurosurgical team and entire ICU and palliative care staff at Logan Hospital in Kalispell for their incredible skill and compassionate care. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

A memorial celebration will be held in the spring in Kalispell. Details will be shared as they evolve.

A memory page is available on the website of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the public school scholarship fund of your choice.

dropped out of college ... because he was Steve. He married his love, Barb White, in Kalispell in 1981, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in business from the University of Montana in 1986.

He had career paths encompassing multiple trades and disciplines. The scope of his working life is too long to fit into anything short of a novel, but it included things like lumberjack, Culligan Man, director of a group home on the Fort Belknap Reservation, mechanic,

Ellen Imogene Gravning, 96

Ellen Imogene Gravning, 96, passed away on April 15, 2023, at her residence at Providence St. Joseph Assisted Living in Polson.

Ellen was born on Oct. 2, 1926, to Swedish immigrants, Hans and Helga (Lindblad) Hoglund, in Los Angeles, when there were still orange groves in the downtown area. She had one older brother, Ed. She spent her childhood there, graduating from high school in 1944.

After graduation, Ellen went to work for the Goodyear Rubber Company making bullet-proof fuel tanks for B17 Flying Fortresses and P-38 Lightnings. When World War II ended, she entered the cadet nursing program and graduated as a registered nurse. She first worked at Good Samaritan Hospital and then later as an industrial nurse at North American Aviation where she met several legendary test pilots like Bob Hoover and Chuck Yeager.

In 1951, Ellen met her husband, Vernon, at a USO dance. They were married on May 10, 1952, in her parents' backyard. She gave birth to their first son, Jon, in June 1953 while Vernon was deployed to Korea. After completing his tour of duty in Korea, the family moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where their second son, James, joined the



family in September 1955, and Ellen became a full-time mother and homemaker.

The family moved back to Los Angeles in 1956 and then to Fair Oaks, California, in 1959 where they spent the next 45 years. In 2005 Ellen and Vernon moved to Seattle to be near their younger son, and then in 2013 moved to Polson to be near their older son.

Ellen loved animals and owned dogs all her life. She was an avid gardener of vegetables and flowers. She had a wonderful smile, was kind and generous and always put the needs of others ahead of her own. She will be dearly missed by all that knew her well.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, brother Ed, sister-in-law Lilly, nephew Steven and her husband of 64 years, Vernon.

Ellen is survived by her two sons and their wives, Jon (Jean) Gravning of Polson and James (Kirsten) Gravning of Seattle, and her devoted dog, Lucy.

Ellen requested no services to take place. Messages of condolences may be shared online at www.lakefuneralhome-andcremation.com.

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

G Joan "Joanne" Gregory, 81

Joan Hedlund Betts Gregory passed away on June 20 from ongoing health problems, just shy of her 82nd birthday. She was born in July of 1941 to Gladys and Carl Hedlund at the Old Thornton Hospital in Missoula (now Community Hospital).

She attended Bonner Grade School, Missoula County High School and the University of Montana where she was an Alpha Phi. She went to work at the Northern Forest Fire Lab in Missoula where she met Russ Betts. They married, had two children, Derek and Shannon, and our best guess is they moved 13 times in 12 years for Russ' job.

Some of the places they lived were Carson City, Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Canyon, Klamath Falls, Bend, Pendleton and Lakeview, Oregon.

Joan always found a job after each move and worked for either the Forest Service, BLM, a bank or a private company. Her final job was a contracting officer for the BLM in Portland and she retired in 2002 after 32 years of federal service. Among the honors she received for her outstanding contributions over the years was a Certificate of Merit as a Federal Employee of the Year Candidate in 1989 and a Certificate of Honor for Meritorious Service in 2002.

After her retirement Joan bought a home in beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and a home on the Clark Fork River near Plains, which she shared with her beloved partner, Norm Anderson, formerly of Cut Bank. They enjoyed many happy years together and especially loved traveling to Missoula to support their beloved Griz foot-



ball team.

Joan is survived by Norm and his sons Mark, Cory and Erick and families; her son, Derek (Sherrie, children Tanner and

Mackenzie); her daughter, Shannon (Dan, children Rachel and Connor); her sister, Carole (Bart, children Kristen and Trent and their families); step-daughter, Melissa (Lauren and Aidan); sister-in-law, Camille (Byron and family); cousin, Jayme (Ted and family); and precious family in LaGrande, Oregon, Norway and Sweden. Russ Betts preceded her in death, as did her second husband Skip Gregory.

Joan had a lilting and exuberant joy about her. She loved to go out for a "bite to eat" at her favorite places. She loved to laugh and listen to music and dance. She had a never-ending smile, hug, kiss, "Cheers," or "Skol" for all those she met. She had wit and charm, and she always had something to say to everyone she met. She was a doer, even if the doing was weeding or picking up pine needles. She loved watching everything in nature around her.

Her laughter, giggles, kisses and commentary will truly be missed by her family, extended family, friends, neighbors, waiters and caretakers; all of whom are practically family. Go to www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com/ for further information.

Donald Ervin Grell, 88

Donald Ervin Grell, 88, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2023.

Born on Nov. 19, 1934, in Hutchinson, Minn., to William H. and Lucille A. (Lasky) Grell, he grew up in New Germany, Minn. After graduating from Norwood-Young America High School, he earned a BA in business administration from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minn., in 1956. He met Jean L. Stueve who attended St. Catherine University, and they were married June 8, 1957, in St. Cloud, Minn.

As a banker, he first worked at the First State Bank of New Germany (1956-1960), Norwest Bank of Minneapolis (1960 - 1976), and finally as vice president at Wells Fargo Bank in Kalispell (1976 to 1990). Don also had a hospitality career as co-owner/manager of the Days Inn Kalispell from 1990 to



Kalispell.

Don and Jean's family grew through the years to include daughters Lois, Diane, Carol and Nancy and son Brian. Don was active in his local church and community throughout his life. He served on the St. Matthew's Parish Council, as a director with the Flathead Association for Catholic Education (FACE), and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. Don loved to participate in sports, especially pheasant and duck hunting, fishing, handball, bowling and golf and to follow many professional sports. He enjoyed traveling and

2000. After retirement, he and Jean spent the winter months in Phoenix and summers in

organized amazing family vacations in the family station wagon as well as many US and overseas trips. He will be remembered for his fine and sometimes pointed sense of humor, as a hard worker, great father, husband, friend, and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Don was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean Grell; daughters, Lois Hendrickson (Joel), Diane Mueller, Carol Morris (Tim), Nancy Cesario (Vincent); and son, Brian Grell (Kylene); brother, Douglas R. Grell (Marilyn); grandchildren, Caroline (Garrett), Anders (Annie), Tyler (Jen), Nathan (Elizabeth), Casey, Monica (Tucker), Cameron (Baylee), Eddy and Margaret; along with five great-grandchildren.

In his honor, a prayer vigil will be held

Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Friday, April 14 at 11 a.m. (streaming on YouTube, St. Matthew's Parish Kalispell). Following the service will be an interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens and a reception at St. Matthew's Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Flathead Association for Catholic Education (FACE) through St. Matthew's Parish or Gonzaga University School of Law.

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.

Tammy Jean Griep, 55

Tammy Jean Griep, 55, passed away Feb. 1, 2023. She was born March 13, 1967, to Fred and Helen Griep of Kalispell. She joined a family of six sisters and one brother.

Tammy loved music, art and sports. She won many medals and ribbons that she treasured from Montana Special Olympics.

Tammy had affection for Disney movies and always loved to dress up like a princess. She loved singing, dancing and songs from "The Sound of Music." She loved jewelry and was fond of making and wearing beaded necklaces and bracelets. Tammy also treasured her collections of stuffed animals, music boxes, stickers and coloring books. She absolutely adored pink: her first choice for clothes, fingernail polish and even her bedroom. She knew what she wanted and would do anything for a Diet Coke.

With her sweet spirit, hugs and also her spunky replies, Tammy's greatest achievement in life was the lasting impression she made on people by saying "hi" to everyone.

Many great memories were made on family trips to Kintla Lake, Glacier Park, Ashley



Lake and the South Fork. Those trips taught Tammy an appreciation for fishing and elk bugling. She enjoyed visiting Snappy's Sports Center, Pine Grove Pond, Lawrence Park and Woodland Park.

She grew up attending Easthaven Baptist Church and then Christian Center, now called Canvas Church. She knew Jesus in a personal way: she raised her arms, sang and worshipped the Lord. Tammy also attended the special needs group at Trinity Lutheran and Bible camp with Flathead Industries Staff.

Tammy, who had Down's syndrome, was one of the first people to be integrated into a standard classroom in Kalispell. This would not have been possible without our Mom being her advocate. When our mom passed away 20 years ago, Tammy was accepted and placed by a miracle into a Flathead Industries Group Home. We are so appreciative of her group home leaders, staff, Senior Day workers, case managers and specialists;

for all of their unfailing, tireless love for her. It took a lot of brainstorming to keep her healthy and happy given her medical challenges.

May we all have faith, hope and unconditional love like Tammy.

Tammy is preceded in death by our parents and her brother, Ron.

She is survived by her sisters: Mary Jo (Tony Wheeler), Joyce Tucker (Clint Weyrauch), Janice Griep, Ronda (Kevin Neitzling), Colleen (Alan Nolan), Theresa (Brad Emple); along with many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

A special thank you to Flathead Industries staff and group home personnel for caring for our sister, especially Kim and Raejon.

A memorial celebration will be held on Friday, Feb. 17, at 2:30 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home 525 Main Street, Kalispell, with Randy Passons officiating.

Reception to follow services.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to Flathead Industries, PO Box 1926 Kalispell, MT 59903, or Special Olympics of Montana, 710 First Ave. N. Great Falls, Mt 59401.

Donald D. "Curley" Grimlie, 89

Donald D. "Curley" Grimlie passed away March 8, 2023, at his home, due to natural causes.

Curley was born on May 5, 1933, on the family farm near Estelline, SD to Hjalmer and Alice (Christianson) Grimlie. The family later moved to a farm near Astoria, SD where he attended school, graduating from Astoria High School in 1951. Curley then moved to Brookings, SD where he attended South Dakota State University majoring in civil engineering.

Curley served in the Army from January 13, 1954, to January 12, 1956, as a Paratrooper and Field Artillery Operations and Intelligence Specialist.

Following his discharge from the Army, he worked for more than 50 years in the oilfields. His

work with numerous major oil companies including Halliburton (23 years) included supervising drilling and completion of geothermal wells in southern CA, oil and gas wells in most of the western states and offshore in TX and LA. He also worked in remote regions in Peru, Ecuador and Venezuela, managing drilling and completion of oil wells. Curley spent the last 6 years of his career as an Independent Petroleum Consultant working in the Bakken Oilfield.

Curley was very active in the Kalispell Noon Lions Club. For several years he served as Treasurer and later as Chairman of the Rifle Raffle fundraiser and was on the Lions Park and Eyeglasses com-



mittees. He enjoyed fly fishing, traveling, telling "oilfield" stories and besting his wife in their daily cribbage games. He looked forward to picking huckleberries and blackberries with friends every summer. As his health declined, he was the "berry guard" at the pick-up while his wife and friends picked.

Curley was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Blaine and Roger; daughter Patricia; son-in-law Rodney Patik; sister-in-law Maryls Grimlie, brother-in-law Linden Nelson and nephew Mark Nelson.

He is survived by his wife Terry; sister, Wanda Nelson; brother, Terry Grimlie; son Mike (Sindy); daughters Toni Patik and Catherine (Brian) Gillespie; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grand-

children and several nieces and great nephews.

Services will be held on March 25, 11 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church, with a reception to follow directly after the service. A Committal service with Military Honors will be held at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Kalispell Lions, P. O. Box 321, Kalispell, MT 59903 or a charity of your choice. The family would also like to extend our gratitude to the ENHABIT Hospice staff for their loving and dedicated care.

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.

Kathleen 'Kathy' Laura Gris , 88

Kathleen "Kathy" Laura Gris , age 88, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sept. 14, 2023. She was born May 27, 1935, the seventh child, of Roman and Ida Muskat, in Springfield Corners, Wisconsin.

Kathy grew up on the Wisconsin family farm and graduated from high school in 1953. A year later she traveled to Montana's Glacier National Park, worked at the Many Glacier Hotel, and met the love of her life Cal Gris . They married in 1956 and began their life together in Minnesota, with seven children arriving over the next years. In 1973, they left their family home in Stanchfield, Minnesota, and fulfilled their dream of moving back to where they fell in love. They happily settled their family in Columbia Falls where their eighth



child would soon arrive. Here, they were self-employed operating Cal and

Kathy's Carwash and the Green Thumb Nursery for 25 years.

Kathy was grounded in her faith. Very early in her marriage, she and Cal attended a rally by Fr. Patrick Peyton, who coined the phrase "The family that prays together, stays together." His message inspired them to commit to saying the rosary every day. They prayed the rosary without fail for the entirety of their marriage.

Kathy loved her family and friends, and especially enjoyed visits from her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who affectionately called

her "Oma." She enjoyed cross-country skiing, dancing to polka music, Octoberfest, jigsaw puzzles, reading and gardening. Her love for gardening expanded beyond her family home, beautifying many public spaces in the Columbia Falls community. She also had a passion for volunteering at St. Richard Parish and especially enjoyed visiting homebound parishioners. We all appreciated Kathy's very funny sense of humor, which she was able to hold on to during her last days.

Kathy is survived by her husband of 67 years, Calvin "Cal" D. Gris ; children: Kevin Gris  (Jenny), Kim Keil (Jeff), Perry Gris , Teresa Thompson (Jim), Marie Birky (Mike), Colleen Konopatzke (Steve), Paul Gris , and Monte Gris  (Tiana); 22 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren;

and her sister, Rose Marcou.

In addition to her parents, Kathy is preceded in death by siblings: Sr. Monica Muskat, Larry Muskat, Ray Muskat, Joe Muskat, and Zita Pretasky; grandsons: Kyle Konopatzke and Braydon Birky; and grandson-in-law, Tony Harrah.

An evening rosary vigil for Kathy Gris  will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, at St. Richard Catholic Church, 1210 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Interment to follow at St. Richard Cemetery. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.

Carolyn Marie Grisez, 92

Carolyn Marie (Clawson) Grisez, 92, of Kalispell, passed peacefully into Heaven on Feb. 23, 2023, while visiting Lafayette, Indiana.

Carolyn was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Asheville, North Carolina, the only child of J. Ernest and Helen C. (Gillespie) Clawson. Her early childhood years were spent in various locations as her father was a farm manager and teacher, moving from place to place, first to the Clawson family farm in Okeana, Ohio.

She started school in Spartansburg, then Union City and Fortville, Indiana, before living on a Michigan farm. She was involved in 4-H. Back to Indiana for junior high in Bunker Hill, Clymers and finally Logansport, where she graduated from high school in 1949.

She attended Indiana Girls State. Her freshman year of college was spent at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, transferring then to St. Luke's School of Nursing in Chicago for three years including summer sessions, graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1953. Many lifetime friends were made during those years.

That October she married her high school sweetheart, Arthur S. Grisez. They made their first home in West Lafayette where Art started on the Purdue University Police Department. After their first child, Karen Sue,



at Art's parents' cabin on Swan Lake until Carolyn and Art eventually built

their own cabin at the other end of the lake. This cabin was enjoyed by four generations with card and board games, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, rock skipping and campfires.

Carolyn moved up the ranks in her nursing career at Home and St. Elizabeth Hospitals in Lafayette, eventually taking on the role of a supervisor in nursing service administration. She declined an offer to become director of nurses at "St E" so that she and Art could move to Kalispell in 1979.

Now a full-time nurse at Kalispell Regional Hospital, she worked more in patient care, most notably the newly established back rehab and education program designed primarily for the logging industry.

Retiring after 44 years of nursing in 1997, she had formed a wide circle of influence among her colleagues, patients, and those she helped train and mentor in nursing. She then moved on to volunteer work as an active member of Northridge Lutheran Church, a literacy volunteer, as well as volunteering at the Flathead Food Bank and Touch of Grace Clinic.

was born in 1955, they moved to Lafayette where they raised their family. Karen was joined by brothers Arthur David in 1956 and Timothy James in 1958.

Carolyn worked part-time in nursing while volunteering in various capacities - Girl Scout leader and camp nurse for Karen's scouting activities, room mother and PTA volunteer, and active member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Husband Art's activities of rebuilding and flying airplanes and scuba diving instruction with a dive shop in the basement kept the whole family busy.

Summer vacations were spent near Kalispell

Carolyn is survived by her children, Karen Zanol (Tim) of Wenatchee, Washington; Art Grisez of Lafayette, Indiana; and Tim Grisez of Kingston, Washington; three grandchildren; five great-grandsons and brother-in-law David N. Grisez (Sharon) of Logansport, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband Art after only seven months apart, parents, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held on April 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St, Kalispell.

Condolences may be shared at www.jgfuneral-home.com.

Mark Leslie Gronley, 64

Mark Leslie Gronley joined his parents, Stan and Barbara Gronley in heaven on March 6, 2023. Mark was born on May 24, 1958, in Ballard, Washington. The Gronley family was originally from Montana and returned to the state in 1967.

Mark enjoyed fishing and hunting gophers every day on his grandparents land with his dog, Peppy. When Mark was only 12 years old, he shot his first bull elk in the Swan, and his picture and story of the hunt made the newspaper. He spent his teenage years running around Montana with his best friends Doug Pelton and Carl "Toad" Phillips. Mark was especially close to his mom, Barbara.

Mark married Kim Smith on July 21, 1979, and was married to her for 27 years. The two of them had four children together. Mark lived every day to its fullest, always with a smile on his face. He was a genuinely kind and enjoyable person to be around. Mark loved taking his



family camping at Spotted Bear, and Tally and Bitterroot Lakes. He patiently helped his

four children untangle fishing poles. Mark joined his kids on their ski trips throughout high school.

Mark married Ronette Haegele in 2014 in Las Vegas, and spent a great part of their years together, "out west;" four-wheeling, hunting, fishing, and spending time with family. They had an adventurous life together; they spent their time traveling, hiking, taking a cruise, and they particularly loved their frequent trips back to Vegas.

Mark was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer. Mark could be found with his group of friends called the "fearsome foursome," golfing at Buffalo Hills Golf Course. He got the hole-in-one at the Grizzly Classic at Eagle Bend in 2020. Mark enjoyed his trips to Alaska, hunting and catching salmon and

halibut. Mark had a great joy for life and having fun with his friends and family.

Mark loved to tell the story of the day he went hunting by himself in Eastern Montana, when he sat down to eat a candy bar and ended up shooting an elk. Mark hiked back the 2 miles to his truck, only to realize that he had dropped his truck keys where he got his candy out and had to hike the 2 miles back to retrieve his keys.

Mark worked for Northwestern Energy in Kalispell for 36 years, starting as a meter reader right out of school, and retiring as the district manager. Mark was actively involved in the community, serving on the Smith Valley School Board, the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and was a member of the Rotary breakfast club for over 10 years.

Mark was tough until the end, from surviving being shot in the arm as a young adult, and then, courageously facing his

pancreatic cancer diagnosis in February 2023. He was able to spend his final days surrounded by his wife and children at his home.

Mark is survived by his wife, Ronette Gronley; his children, Kyle (Cadence) Gronley of Alaska, David Gronley of Kalispell, Alex (Matt) Neill of Whitefish, Angela Gronley of Kalispell; his siblings, Kristi (Brian) Carroll of Marion, Jodi (Lisa) Mott of Helena; his stepchildren, Heather (Andy) Fors and their children Carl and Meg of Polson, Nicklaus Haegele of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Ziggy, Sophia, Madison, Juniper, Alden, and Mila; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and aunts and uncles.

He will be missed and loved, always.

Mark loved the Lord's Prayer; Matthew 6:9-13.

Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 9215, Kalispell, MT 59904. A celebration of life will be held this summer. His memorial may be found at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Donald L. Groves, 91

Donald L. Groves, 91, passed away on Oct. 13, 2023, at his home in Kalispell. He was born on April 3, 1932, in Polson to Louis and Mary Groves.

Don attended Polson schools, worked hard on the family farm and married the love of his life, Alice Elverud, in 1954. Together they raised their family and farmed for many years near Polson. During some of this time, he also worked at a lumber mill in Seeley Lake and at the Dupuis lumber mill in Polson. -



After their children were grown, they farmed in the summers and enjoyed spending their winters as snowbirds in Arizona and Nevada for decades. They moved to Kalispell in more recent years to be closer to family.

He is survived by his beloved and dedicated wife of 69 years, Alice; son, Forrest

Groves (and Colleen); daughter, Dianne Lynn (and Robert); numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Lou McAlpin and Joyce Pickel, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Mary Groves; his sisters, Shirley Myers and Doris Dupuis; his brother, Gary Groves; and his son, Richard Groves.

A graveside service

will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, at the Lakeview Cemetery, Polson. A celebration of life reception will follow at the Red Lion Home Conference Center, 209 Ridgewater Drive, Polson.

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 is caring for the family.

Rodney 'Rod' Gustine, 69

Rodney "Rod" Gustine passed away from cancer and headed off to greener pastures on Christmas day.

Rod was born on July 9, 1953, in Helena, Montana to Bob and Peg Gustine. Rod was born and raised in Helena and throughout his life lived in several Montana towns. He was definitely a "jack-of-all-trades" when it came to his work history, from working in the lumber industry to being a glazier and a little bit of everything in between. Rod loved going for rides in the mountains with his gold mining equipment, sitting around the campfire drinking a cold beer with friends and family and he never missed a trip to "hunting camp!"

Rod was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Rick; and his most cherished baby, Jason William. Rod is survived by his son, Jamie (Angie); grandson,



Barrett; his daughter, Jenny (Tyler); and his grandkids Cody and Bailey.

He is also survived by his brothers: Randy, Ron (Gayle), Rusty (Teresa); his sister, Robin (Joe); and numerous nieces and nephews. Rod was everybody's favorite uncle!

There will be no services scheduled but there will be one hell of a party in the Big Hole over the Fourth of July to celebrate Rod's life and everybody is invited.

We would like to thank Parker Adventist Hospital and the Denver Hospice for their exceptional care and compassion during this difficult time.

Memorials in Rod's name can be made to the Denver Hospice, 8289 E. Lowry Blvd. Denver, CO 80230.