

John Hackenberg, 76

John Charles Hackenberg, long time resident of the Flathead Valley and Kila, died on July 13, 2023, at his residence in the El Dorado Ranch near San Felipe, Baja California Norte.

Born in Hinsdale, Illinois, on July 10, 1947, he graduated from Hinsdale Township High School in 1965. He attended Park University, Parkville, Missouri and the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota.

A caring person and natural storyteller, he lived an adventurous life including service in the US Navy during Vietnam, an independent contracting business insulating Montana houses, early experimentation in the Cannabis industry and the writing of a novel based on life experiences.

He was kind and curious, worked hard and told the truth. He helped others knowing that service is joy and he had a talent for reaching out to family and friends making daily calls that brightened their days and lives.

An outdoorsman and naturalist, he loved his North-South lifestyle, spring and summer in the Montana mountains, fall and winter in Mexico's Sonoran desert.

A "car and motorcycle guy" he drove BMW, Fiat, Volvo, Harley

Davidson, Yamaha and Toyota vehicles over the years.

He was a dog lover, having enjoyed large and small "best friends" for most of his life.

As a rock 'n' roll enthusiast with his nearly photographic memory,



catapult crew on USS Ticonderoga, an attack aircraft carrier, and made three deployments on Yankee Station off the coast of Vietnam.

Over time, like most of the country, he became disillusioned about the war and later suffered post service physical and mental effects of PTSD and Agent Orange from returning aircraft.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard G. Hackenberg in 1991; and his mother, Dorothy Christianson Hackenberg in 1993.

He is survived by his son, Darin Hackenberg and his daughter-in-law Mindy Cochran of Kalispell; his former wife, Cindy Hackenberg of Livingston; his sister, Marthe J. Hird (Charles) of Marshall, Missouri; his two brothers, Thomas J. Hackenberg (Susie) of Richmond, Virginia and Richard B. Hackenberg of Berkeley, California; and his dearest friend Helen Newsom of Mentone, California.

John's life will be celebrated at a Flathead Lake gathering of family and friends, August 25-27. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation be made to The Veterans of Foreign Wars.

he knew all the bands and songs of the 60's and 70's.

During 1966-1969, he served in the U.S. Navy as a member of the starboard

Gary Austin Hadlock, 80

Gary Austin Hadlock, 80 years old, died from cancer on April 26, 2023, in Billings at the Springs at Grand Park. Gary was born July 13, 1942, in Mesa, Arizona, to Paul Austin and Cleo (nee Ellsworth) Hadlock. He was the oldest of four siblings and lived in Arizona until he was 27.

Throughout his life, Gary enjoyed hunting and was a crack shot. He skipped classes in middle school to be a guide for adult hunters. In high school, he left school early to hunt deer he saw during lunch. He did not recommend this behavior to young people.

Gary went to summer church camp outside Phoenix where he unknowingly met his future wife, Judy. They wedded June 6, 1964, and married 46 years before her death in 2010. Gary's grandmother, Helen Hadlock, took him to church and shared the good news of Jesus Christ with him. He gleaned simple life lessons from her including how to care



sporting events and visiting extended family in Arizona. He retired

and moved with his wife to Columbus to be near their daughter, a resident at Special K Ranch. He and Judy were members of Park City Baptist Church. After her death, Gary joined the Beartooth Bible Church in Columbus.

He spent his retirement years volunteering to invest in the lives of children at the ABC 123 University Pre-school, giving the children's sermons, teaching Sunday school, helping at AWANA, and volunteering at Special K Ranch and Special Olympics. Gary regularly visited his granddaughter in Florida and made special memories with her when she visited Montana during the summer. Gary's generosity was felt in the Columbus and Park City communities.

for chickens.

A graduate from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor of science in forestry, Gary moved first to Ute Park, New Mexico, then to Helena, working as a logging systems expert. While in Helena, his son, James, was born in 1973. He moved his family to Kalispell that same year. He and Judy had their daughter, Deborah, born in 1975. Kalispell remained home for the next 32 years where he worked for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

Gary was well known in the region for his roads and bridges which gave Montanans access to the state's wilderness and timber resource. These roads and wilderness knowledge equipped him as fire boss for some of the largest fires in Montana's recorded history.

Home life centered at church where he served in various roles as Sunday school teacher, deacon and AWANA leader. Family trips included hunting on the Montana prairie, swim meets throughout Montana, attending University of Montana

Gary is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Judith Louise (nee Getsinger); and sisters, Judy Barnhart (nee Hadlock) and Cathy Hadlock. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Richard and Susan Peterson of Chino, AZ; his son and daughter-in-law, James (50) and Jill of Orlando, FL; daughter, Deborah Ruth (47); and granddaughter, Hannah (13).

He would want every reader to know he is in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A celebration of life memorial service is scheduled Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 4 p.m. at Beartooth Bible Church, Columbus, with a potluck to follow.

In lieu of flowers, consider giving to the ministry of Jim and Jill Hadlock, checks payable to The Jesus Film Project, Memo line: Account #0159170, 9305 Mustard Leaf Drive, Orlando, FL, 32827 (give.cru.org/0519170). Fifty percent of donations will be given to Gary's other favorite nonprofit ministries, Special K Ranch and Camp Promise at Big Sky Bible Camp, Bigfork.

Bill Hagerman, 87

Bill Hagerman, 87, of Kalispell, Montana passed away at his home looking at the mountains on March 27, 2023.

Bill was born Nov. 28, 1935, in Wells, Michigan to Percy and Marion Hagerman. He was raised on a farm in Minnesota then moved with the family to Montana in his early teens. There he met the love of his life, Muriel, who lived across the street; they were just kids playing softball and marbles together (Mom

always won). Bill and Muriel were married June 1, 1957, and recently celebrated

65 years together. In 1958, Bill joined his father-in-law Dick Savage in the Christmas tree business. They worked the business for 30 years.

Bill started Hagerman Drywall in the Flathead valley which he owned and operated for over 50



years.

In 1970 Bill and Muriel purchased land with a cabin in the North fork. Snowmobiling, huckleberry picking, fishing and hunting were favorite memories. In his later years Bill loved living at the farm on the Stillwater River with great views of Glacier Park and where his family loved to visit. He was a kind, honest and hard working man.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Percy and Marion, his

brother Donnie (Sis), and sisters Myra Finck (Arnold) and Bette Huggins (Bill). He is survived by his wife Muriel; daughters Shelly Hughbanks (Jim) and Lechia Maag (Bill), sons Cody (Lisa) and Jody; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Bill will be missed by all who knew him.

Services will be at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m.

Louis Brainerd Hahn, 81

Louis Brainerd Hahn, 81, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at Hot Springs Health and Rehab.



He was born on April 9, 1941 in Ronan the son of Ralph Kaiser and Elizabeth Grace (Horner) Hahn.

Louie was a professional tree trimmer, clearing trees from power lines most of his life. His last tree trimming job was training others at Mission Valley Power.

He and his brother Jay had their own country western band where they entertained in Washington, Oregon and Montana, playing for lots of events plus dances, with many followers wherever they played. He loved to entertain with his music. His last job was irrigating for our cousin Jack Horner, which he loved. He had to keep busy, couldn't be idle. There was one special song he would sing for the kids and that was: The Chocolate Ice Cream Cone, had the children feeling bad for the dog in the song.

Louie was preceded in death by two premature

Chris Ford, Columbia Falls. Grandchildren, Levi Brown, Luke Brown, Kerri Hahn, Jessie James Wilson, Audrey Hahn, Steel Hahn, Hunter Hahn, T. J. Hahn, Skyla Hahn, Michael Booth, Shelby Wood, Shyanne Sparkle; step-grandchildren, Mikayla, Sacha, Candise, Zacheri; three great-grandsons, Rev and Ranger Brown, Carter Louis Hahn; five step-great-grandchildren; very special family and friends, Jane Dutcher and her family including a special relationship with her son-in-law Matt Stickney and his daughter, Madison Stickney. Louie was the only grandfather Madison knew. Four siblings, Marion Franklin and (Mickie) Hahn Roy, Washington; Douglas Jerome Hahn, Ronan; Nyla Grace Rubia, Polson; Dora Ann Mannen, Shelby; and numerous nephews and nieces and lots of friends!

There will be a celebration of life this summer. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

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

older sisters; a nephew, Thomas Seibert who died from bone cancer; his father, Ralph Kaiser Hahn; mother, Elizabeth Grace Horner Hahn; a nephew, Henry Seibert; a brother, (Jay/RJ) Ralph James Hahn; sister, Anita Rae Hahn Seibert.

He is survived by his children, Debra Maria Hahn, Arlee; John Louis Hahn, Arlee and Cooke City; (Rocky) Ralph K. Hahn, Arlee; David Douglas Hahn, Amy Hahn Wood, Washington. Stepchildren, Carol Ann Tompkins, Washington; Rozi Hahn, Washington;

Mildred Louise Hamblen, 90

Mildred, known to all as Mili, was born in February 1932 and passed away peacefully Jan. 14, 2023, at home in Bigfork, surrounded by loved ones.

Mili was born in London, Kentucky to Edward and Eva Shelton with a larger than life personality. As the eldest of three, she was constantly keeping her younger sisters from too much Tomfoolery in their small town of Corbin, Kentucky.

After graduating early from high school, Mili went on to get degrees in education. First from the University of Kentucky and later a masters from Michigan State University. Both with honors. Her career as a teacher spanned 4 decades, 37 of those years as a business administration teacher at Lakeshore High School in Stevensville, Michigan. She made many lifelong friends with both students and peers during her tenure there.

Also in Stevensville, Mili met her one and only, Roy A. Hamblen, Jr. They were married in 1959 and spent 63 loving years together.

Mili and Roy chose to raise their family in nearby St. Joseph, Michigan. A small beachside community on the banks of Lake Michigan. They spent 34 happy years there, and when Mili retired in 1994 they decided a new adventure awaited them. They moved west, and settled in Bigfork,



Montana.

Mili fell in love. She immediately immersed herself in the com-

munity. Her larger than life personality served her well as she made friends easily and was kind and generous to all those she met. She dedicated herself to the community Lutheran church and volunteered at the bigfork cultural center. Fiercely competitive, she played bridge and tried to sway all her friends to follow her beloved sports teams...the UK wildcats, MSU Spartans and the Chicago Cubs.

Most of all, Mili loved her family, friends, neighbors, a great book, nature and a good old fashion time.

She is survived by her husband Roy A. Hamblen Jr.; son Roy A. Hamblen III; daughter Elizabeth Hamblen; daughter-in-law Carla Haas; and grandchild Sam Haas-Hamblen.

Mili was preceded in death by both her parents and sisters, Juanita Shelton and Stella Mae Anderson.

Memorials can be made to the Community United Methodist Church, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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.

James LeRoy Hamilton, 82

James "Jim" "Red" L. Hamilton passed away peacefully with family at his side in Kalispell on Feb. 20, 2023 after a long battle with dementia.

Jim was born on Feb. 25, 1940 in Spokane, Washington to parents Clark and Ruby

Hamilton. Jim was raised on the family farm with brothers Ron and Wayne in Rockford Washington, graduating from the first ever class at the new consolidated high school in Freeman Washington in 1958. Jim went on to earn a degree in building theory and practice from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington in 1963. While at WSU, Jim was part of the WSU fire department where he made a large number of lifelong friends and shared numerous activities and fond memories.

Jim met his first wife, Lana Orr, while at WSU

and they were married upon their graduation in the summer of 1963.

At the same time Jim started what would end up being a 33-year career working for the U.S. Forest Service as a contracting officer. Jim and Lana had two children together, Dean and Teresa, born in 1965 and 1966. Jim and Lana would move to many cities in Washington, Oregon and Washington D.C., as Jim followed his career in the Forest Service before eventually ending up in Missoula in 1977.

As an avid elk hunter and outdoor enthusiast, Jim had found his forever home. Jim spent many years enjoying all the Montana outdoors had to offer with family



and friends. He never quite figured out how to manage to take the entire hunting season off each year, but it was not for a lack of trying. Jim and Lana divorced in 1983.

Jim would go on to marry the love of his life, Judy Yawn Fitzpatrick, in 1987. Jim and Judy spent many wonderful years together in Missoula finishing up both their careers with the Forest Service and then retired to a home they built on the shores of Flathead Lake near Bigfork in 1995.

Jim and Judy embraced retirement together with each enjoying their favorite activities both individually and together. Jim continued to be an avid elk hunter and hiker, while Judy enjoyed being an active crafter and quilter in the Flathead Valley. Together Jim and Judy were active members of

their church, were volunteers at the Bigfork food bank for many years and also volunteered with the Bigfork Lions Club serving countless shakes and burgers to folks at the Flathead County Fair. During this time Jim and Judy earned many lifelong friendships in the Flathead, and enjoyed many joyous events with their collective family and friends at their house on Flathead Lake. Jim enjoyed his role as grandfather to 28 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Jim will be held Friday, March 31, 2023 at 1 p.m. at the Swan River Community Hall in Echo Lake. 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.

Jimmy Eugene Hamilton, 82

Jimmy Eugene Hamilton died at his home on Sept. 23, 2023, at 1 p.m. My husband James and I were with him. Daddy was born on Oct. 29, 1940, in Lodi, California.

He grew up mainly in Hughson, California. He worked in the peach orchards as a teen. That's where he met my mama.

He eventually became a millwright. In his line of work, he would travel from state to state, pulling an RV behind going to power plants, overhauling turbines and generators in them. My husband and brother eventually became millwrights, too. We all got to travel together on jobs. It was a lot of fun. We got to see a



lot of places.

Daddy loves to paint. He started out painting animals. Then he

found his true love of painting. It was Christian art. He also loved to hunt, fish, play golf, and trains. Daddy loved his trains. Daddy would build a whole town for them. I think he loved trains because when he was a boy, he and his mama would ride from Hughson to Bakersfield, California.

Later, Daddy was inspired by the Lord to write tracks about Jesus.

Daddy almost made it to his 83rd birthday. Now

he can spend his birthday in Heaven with Jesus and his family and friends that went before him.

Daddy loved going to church every Sunday and going to coffee with his friends three days a week at McDonald's until he couldn't.

Daddy is survived by his daughter, Terry, and son-in-law James; his daughter-in-law, Gabi; his grandkids, Jamey and his wife, Lyndsey; Sami, Amy and her husband, Tyler; his great-grandkids, Parris, Liam John, Harvey, Keygan, Izzy and Hailey; and his, sister Hazel and her husband, Jack; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Daddy was preceded in death by his wife,

Shirley; his son Robert; his parents Lysander and Ellamae; and his brothers and sisters, Frank, Clyde, Raymond, Junior, and Hobert, Ethel, Wilma and Louella.

Dad's funeral will be held on Oct. 9 at the Kalispell Church of Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. The viewing will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The funeral starts at 1 p.m. A dinner will follow; anyone who would like to bring a dessert or salad, it would be greatly appreciated.

Daddy, we love you to Heaven and back. Give mom and Robert a big hug and kiss for me. You are going to be missed. God bless everyone.

Mark Alan Hamilton, 62

Mark A. Hamilton, 62, is finally at peace after a complicated battle with lung cancer. He passed away on Oct. 25, 2023, with his loyal companion Boone by his side.

He was born in Whitefish, on Aug. 7, 1961, to Howard and Elaine Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; in 2002 and 2016 respectively.

He is survived by sister, Brenda (Tom) Banning of Whitefish; brother, Mike (Judy) Hamilton; and sister, Julie Hamilton (Rich) Sproul of Columbia Falls. As well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He had family and friends that loved and cared about him, including a very close friendship with Brigitte Bernhardt. He was very active in the lives of her son Trace and daughter Tiga. He loved them as his own.

The family would like to thank his friend Trevor Kreider, for his



patience with Mark, giving him a helping hand and a place to land.

Mark grew up having fun fishing, swimming, boating and water skiing, snow skiing, snowmobiling, dirt biking, four wheeling and camping. Everything he did was full speed ahead. He would end up in the emergency room, but it never seemed to slow him down.

From day one Mark was always his own person and could also be his own worst enemy. He lived his life as he wanted, but if you needed help with anything, he would be there.

Rest in peace Mark. Mark has been cremated and there will not be any services.

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

Mary Ellen (Frost) Handford, 83

Mary Ellen (Frost) Handford was born on April 2, 1940, in Eureka to Orrin S. and Elsie M. Frost. She succumbed to a lengthy illness on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Care Center. She was 83 years of age.

She is one of eight children, three brothers and four sisters. She attended school at Roosevelt Grade School and Lincoln County High School, graduating in 1958. That summer, she worked in the main state office of F.A. Buttrey Co. in Havre, and later transferred to the office in Kalispell.

In 1959 she met her future husband, Jim Handford, and they were married in December of that year. In the early years, Mary was mostly a stay at home mom and

homemaker. She did some part-time work at the Flathead County Treasurer's office during tax season in the 1960s and in the late 70s she went back to full-time work at the county

Department of Motor Vehicles, where she worked for 23 years, retiring in 1999. Mary loved working with the public, and even though being a "tax collector" could be very stressful, her best reward was sending her most irate customer out the door with a smile on their face.

Mary was very much a family person. She loved



her children and grandchildren so much, and had a great bunch of nieces and nephews, calling each of them her "favorite" — she loved them all. She enjoyed working in her gardens, loved the flowers, attended many ball games and concerts, and she kept in touch with old friends. She had a quick wit and sense of humor, always a storyteller and had a smile for everyone.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings and their spouses, and husband James Henry, who left us in October of 2017; as well as three of her five children, James Brett in 1960, Orrin Henry in 1966 and Lisa Lynn in 1982.

She is survived by sons, Brad and wife Kim, and Hank and wife Christa; grandchild-

dren, Ashley and Brett Handford, and Alanna Ozegovich and husband Dustin; one step-granddaughter, Mallory Slaten; and many members of her extended family and special friends old and new.

So now Mary has gone down "Primrose Lane." Her remains have been cremated and a private burial will be arranged, with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home attending the family. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 4 p.m. at the Kalispell Eagles, 37 First St. West.

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

Lempi Hanson, 101

Lempi (Simonson) Hanson, 101, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, with family by her side.

Lempi was born in Hancock, Michigan on Dec. 25, 1921, to August and Alexandra Simonson. She married Harold Hanson in 1945 and they raised their family in Hancock. She was widowed in 1984 and she moved to Kalispell in 1992.

Lempi was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Her faith was foremost in her life, followed by her love for her family and friends. She was content with a simple life and was cherished by many.

Lempi was preceded in death by her husband Harold Hanson; their infant son Carl Hanson; her parents; and her

seven siblings.

She is survived by her children: Virginia Hanson, Barbara (Thomas) Sharp, Daniel Hanson, Alvin (Janice) Hanson, Carol (Michael) Granger, Susan (Norman) Erickson, and Mary Hanson; 22 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and dear friends.

There will be a visitation at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral service is at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church on Monday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m., with visitation starting at 10 a.m.

There will be a spring burial service in Hancock, Michigan.

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

Lorraine Kay (Rainy) Hanson, 58

On Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Lorraine "Rainy" Hanson left her home in Montana when she gained her angel wings after she succumbed to injuries received in an automobile accident on June 15, 2023.

She came into the world as an identical twin on March 11, 1965, to C. Arthur and Dorothy (Hagen) Hanson in Kalispell.

She grew up on the family farm northwest of Kalispell, along with her three sisters.

As a hard-working farm girl, she did all the typical farm things like changing irrigation pipe, driving grain truck, caring for animals, gardening and canning.

At a young age, a family friend started calling her Rain, which then became Rainy. She's been called that ever since.

She was baptized and confirmed at Stillwater Lutheran Church, attended West Valley Grade School, then graduated from Flathead High School in 1983.

As a youth she was a member of B & F Livestock and Pilot View 4-H Clubs, Stillwater Jr. Grange and Flathead FFA. She learned to sew, cook and can. She raised several market hogs, and participated in other



Montana NASDA Field Enumerator. She was married to Les Knudsen

for a short time.

She enjoyed exploring the back roads around Havre, her home of many years, and knew the locations of several old schools, churches and towns.

She liked antique stores, Hereford cattle, John Deere tractors, cats, gardening, yum-yum cake and the dollar store.

She loved spending time with her family, most of all her grandson Kaelyb.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Dorothy, and both sets of grandparents.

She is survived by her son, J.C.; her grandson, Kaelyb, of Havre; her dad, Art Hanson; her sisters, Sandy (Greg) Evenson; her twin, Linnette Thorp, all of Kalispell; her sister, Connie (Todd) Evenson, of Gallatin Gateway; and her close friend, Will McMinn, of Gallatin Gateway; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and nephews.

projects.

In the fall of 1984, she and a friend left for Washington, D.C. to become nannies. She worked for eight years as a nanny serving several families. This included seeing much of the east coast as well as several foreign countries.

Her east coast adventures took her to Florida, where she had her only son, John

We admired her for her strength and courage to be independent, live life to the fullest, and do everything she did with her full heart.

In true Rainy fashion of being a giver, she was a registered organ donor. She received a Walk of Honor while in the hospital before being taken off life support. Even in death, it is comforting to know that she was able to help others.

Conrad Rorrer (J.C.).

When J.C. was 6 months old, she returned to Kalispell. After returning home, she enrolled in college and earned her RN degree.

She spent her days unselfishly giving of herself to take care of others while working in Sidney, Havre and Big Sandy.

Recently, she served as a traveling RN in numerous small Montana communities. Other jobs included working at Henny Penny's, flagging for Torgerson's and as a

Rainy's memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the 4-H Chuckwagon Building at the Great Northern Fairgrounds in Havre. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Memorials may be made in Rainy's name to Hill County 4-H, the Hi-Line Nurse's Honor Guard or the charity of your choice.

We have been together, we have been apart, but you will always be with us in our hearts.



Vickie Lee Hanson went to be with the Lord on her birthday, March 17, 2023. Vickie was born on March 17, 1960, to Myron and Mary Schelin in Forsyth, Montana.

She was raised in Eastern Montana and graduated from Forsyth High School in 1978. She met the love of her life, Stanley Hanson Jr. in high school and married on June 23, 1979 in Forsyth, Montana.

They moved around Eastern Montana before settling down in Columbia Falls in 1986, where they raised their three children.

Vickie dedicated her life to helping and caring for others. She was not only Mom to her children, but also to her grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with family, sharing old stories, photo journaling, shopping, and listening to music.

Vickie is preceded in death by her niece baby Crystal Schelin, her parents; Myron Schelin and Mary Neudick, and numerous grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Her step-father William "Bill" Neudick joined a few days later.

Vickie will be greatly missed by her husband of 43 years, Stanley Hanson Jr., siblings; Karon Schelin and family, Myron "Buddy" Schelin and family, her children; Dustin Hanson and wife Yvette, Devin Hanson, and Denae Hanson; grandchildren Kurtis Hanson, Ayren Heil, Toby Roy, Travin Hanson, and multiple other family members.

A memorial service will be held at Trailhead Church, 315 East Evergreen Drive, Evergreen, Montana Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 12 p.m.

Betty Mae Harvey, 92

Betty Mae (Monger) Harvey was born Feb. 17, 1931, and died at age 92 on April 17, 2023, in Manhattan, Montana.

She was born in Bozeman to Joe and Dorothy (Nelson) Monger, and grew up in Belgrade.

While teaching in Somers she met and married Bill Harvey in 1953. They had four children and lived in Thompson Falls, Judith Gap, Rudyard, Evergreen and Ronan before they retired to Lakeside.

Betty is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Elizabeth of Rota, Spain; Tom and Joan of Salt Lake City; and Neil and Laura Lee of Manhattan; and one brother, Jim Monger of Bozeman. Besides her



husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter Dorothy and brothers Ed and Bob Monger.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betty's honor to Lakeside Community Chapel, 236 Adams St. Lakeside, MT 59922 or PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization), c/o Margaret Ann Morris, Chapter ABPEO, PO Box 148, Big Arm, MT 59910.

A graveside service and reception in the Lakeside area are planned for this summer. To share memories go to www.dahlcares.com.

James Harvey, 80

On Oct. 27, 2023, James "Jim" Harvey, 80, went to be with our Lord. He passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife Shirley, by his side.

He was born March 8, 1943 in Winner, South Dakota, to Albert and Verle Harvey. His early years were spent exploring and occasionally landing in "mischief." At the age of 12, the family moved to Montana and Jim became a steadfast Montana boy for the rest of his years. He loved Montana's wilderness and spent every minute he could enjoying the outdoors.

He met his soul mate and eternal love Shirley in 1961, and they quickly became high school sweethearts. They were married in January 1965. Their love was extraordinary and continues to be an inspiration to everyone in their family. They were blessed with three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Jim had a quiet presence that exuded unconditional love, strength, support and fun. He was an exceptional husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa "Popz,"



and his family was his greatest joy. He shared his love of outdoors with all of them and proudly followed all their activities and sporting events. The role of Popz came so easy to him and he formed a very unique and special bond with his greats. They all loved Popz.

He had many hobbies and interests. He loved getting firewood, hunting, fishing, throwing axes, gardening, yard games, playing cards, barbecuing, cooking for family and friends and so much more. He maintained an immaculate yard that hosted many corn hole and croquet contests. His love of life and his youthful adventurous spirit brought so much brightness and laughter to his family, friends and even some strangers. He loved making up games (including his own rules) and could throw an epic garage party. Most family gatherings and all holidays involved a special

game created by Jim with Jim's rules passionately debated with his grandkids.

He received his education from Flathead High School, graduating in 1961 followed by four years serving in the United States Navy. After serving his country, Jim and Shirley returned to Columbia Falls and he followed his heart to the woods where he worked for 15 years as a logger. He loved and respected the forest and knew all trees. In 1983 a work accident prompted a career shift and he spent his remaining working years at the Plum Creek MDF Plant.

He was a deeply faithful man and looked to God to guide him through life. His dedication to our Lord provided him strength and shaped him to live his life full of integrity and honor. He welcomed Jesus and the final journey to glory.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shirley; daughter, Connie (Al); son, Russ (Tara; daughter, Laurie (Mark); five grandchildren, Justin (Becca), Jason (Kala), McKenna, Danielle (Tanner) and Tom (Emily); six

great-grandchildren, Olive, Ada, Josephine, River, Rylie and Beau; sister, Sharon Bristow; brother, Mike Harvey; sister-in-law, EJ Hoerner; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Verle Harvey; father and mother-in-law, Willie and Doris Hoerner; sister, Myrna; brother-in-laws, Dick Wang, Jerry Bristow, Danny Hoerner and Doug Hoerner.

Jim will be forever loved and dearly missed by each of us that were blessed to share in his life. Let your wings fly, we love you.

Donations to St. Richard's Parish, Columbia Falls, Montana or your choice of charity.

A vigil for Jim will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Columbia Mortuary. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at St. Richard Catholic Church with burial to follow at St. Richard Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Nancy Harvey, 89

Nancy Melissa Ettinger Harvey, 89, surrounded by family passed away on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, after a brief illness.

She was born March 31, 1934, to Alfred and Helen (Putney) Ettinger in Atlanta, Georgia. Her parents divorced soon after, and Helen returned with infant Nancy to Missoula where she had been a secretary at Fort Missoula.

Raised as an only child of a single mother in the 1930s she felt the sting of being without a father or siblings. However, she found and made family wherever she could throughout her long life, including dear friends in grade school whom she would keep until the end.

In 1957 she married Dale G. Harvey, and they had three children, Russell, Andrew, and Renée. Nancy and Dale divorced in 1975 but the children's refusal to lose either parent kept the couple together for holidays, etc. After a few years, the two renewed their friendship and remained close until Dale's death in 2019. Regardless of marital status, she continued to be



a valued member of the Harvey family with Dale's seven siblings

and their spouses and offspring.

Before marrying, she studied art as an undergraduate at the Art Institute of Chicago and then the University of Montana, where she got her degree. After her divorce, she got a masters in human services from the College of Great Falls. She served as a librarian and art teacher at Flathead High School and then Cut Bank High School until she retired from teaching in 1994.

She spent her life devoted to the arts, in particular music, painting, and poetry. She had several poems appear in various periodicals, and she self-published a book of poetry and sketches titled, "The Bluffs."

She adored reading long books, especially if they featured cats, cozy mysteries or anything to do with JRR Tolkien, and her secret guilty pleasure was watching televised sports.

She was active in the Bigfork village and volunteered at the Bigfork Arts and Cultural Center, and sang in the choir of the Bigfork Community United Methodist Church. Other memberships included the American Association of University Women and The Red Hat Society.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Helen; her father, Alfred; her ex-husband, Dale; and her beautiful daughter, Renée.

She is survived by her sons, Russell (Tamara) Harvey and Andrew (Diane McMenamin) Harvey; as well as her grandchildren, Nicholas Harvey and Julia Harvey, who gave her much joy in her last 20 years.

She ever sought connection, community, and family. She was a precious soul to everyone around her.

We will always miss her.

Nancy's celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Bigfork Community United Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork. With a luncheon to follow.

Todd Harvey, 58

Todd Raymond Harvey, 58, of Monroe, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly in his home on July 17, 2023, his wife of 40 years by his side.

Todd is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Eslick) Harvey; his children Nicole Lewis, Josh Harvey (wife Miranda), Samantha Wilson (husband Billy), and Katelyne Harvey; his father, Glen Harvey, and stepmother Patti Harvey; brothers Wayne Harvey and Michael Harvey and sister Krista Harvey; and grandchildren Gavin Kiou, Aly Wilson, Alexis Kiou, Mary Jane Harvey,



Benning Harvey, Everly Harvey, Isabella Patterson, Carolyn Lewis, and Kaiden Lewis.

Todd is preceded in death by his mother, Penny Harvey, and brother Steve Harvey.

A Des Moines, Iowa native, Todd also claimed Bigfork home, where he met his wife and raised his family. Following his enlistment in the Iowa

National Guard, Todd worked for Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement and earned his bachelor's degree through Bellview University. In his spare time, he volunteered for the Iowa Firearms Coalition and Monroe Fire Department.

As a devoted son, husband, brother, father, cousin, and grandfather, Todd made it his point to put family first, loving and supporting each member. He would drop anything to help someone in need and had a lasting impact on everyone he met. He was dedicated to God and the church,

sharing the word of salvation with all around him. As a combat veteran who served three tours, Todd supported our military in any way possible. The saying 'God, Family, Country' fits his personality. He loved his grandchildren and was proud to be involved in their lives. Todd will be dearly missed. He may be gone but will live on forever in our hearts, minds, and heaven.

In lieu of flowers we are asking that you please make a donation to The American Legion, VFW, DAV, IFC or Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

Michael "Mike" Hascall, 74

A quiet unassuming man, Michael Hascall, 74 of Columbia Falls, quietly slipped into eternity with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in Kalispell, at the end of August 2023.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, and moved to Western Nebraska, shortly thereafter. Eventually the family moved to Oregon.

He graduated from Silverton Union high school and went on to study drafting at Chemeketa Community College and Oregon Institute of Technology, where he obtained his bachelor's degree.

He worked in the telecommunications industry his entire career. He met his first wife, Karon, while working in Wyoming. They adopted a daughter, Alicia. Karon passed away too young. Mike met Sue at church in Kalispell. They married and later added another daughter, Beth, to the family.

He welcomed full retirement from his

career at CenturyLink in Kalispell, spending time keeping the lawn up, doing genealogy, helping his wife with worship services at the West Glacier KOA and loving on his grandsons. Those five boys brought him great joy. Mike loved generously and was greatly loved. He also enjoyed cheering on the CFHS Wildcats.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rodney and Janet; his in-laws, and his first wife.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; daughter, Alicia (Travis) and grandsons, Hunter, Austin and Gunner; daughter, Beth (Ron) and grandsons, Ben and Matthew; his sister, Alice; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Mike was confident in his salvation and his eternal destination. We are positive he is safe in the arms of Jesus Christ.

A celebration of Mike's life was held in September 2023.

Holmes Player Haselden, Jr., 82

Holmes Player "Hap" Haselden, Jr., 82, passed away peacefully on Sept. 4, 2023. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on Feb. 28, 1941, to Terrence O'Neill and Holmes Player Haselden.

His early days were spent in Charleston and, in summer, at the family beach home on Sullivan's Island. He graduated from Charleston High School and continued his education at Wingate University and the University of South Carolina after which he began his career in the insurance industry which culminated in his presidency of Investors National Life Insurance Company in Columbia,



South Carolina.

Prior to moving to Columbia, he married Mary Ann Nunn, and they had

two children. After this marriage ended, he met Helen Hindersman, the love of his life, and they spent the next 33 years together as soul mates and life companions. Together they formed Player Financial, Inc., an insurance agency, and Palmetto Payroll Solutions, a payroll outsourcing company.

They enjoyed scuba diving, travel, fishing, running and hiking. It

was after a hiking trip in Glacier National Park that they decided to move to Whitefish, where they have resided the last 25 years.

Having retired upon this move, he stayed busy hiking, golfing, skiing, reading and traveling. He especially enjoyed spending time with his dogs, Kenzie and Kodi, and, currently, Annie and Dixie. Enjoying being with friends, he became known as the "social director" among those closest to him. He was a volunteer with the Special Olympics and at North Valley Hospital (now Logan Health) where he was the Thursday "cookie

man." He also served on the board of directors of North Valley Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by Helen Hindersman, soul mate; sons, Holmes P. (Trace) Haselden, III (Leighann) and Harold (Hal) Byers Haselden; and sisters, Katherine Haselden Chandler (Jim) and Hope Haselden Parker (Telfair).

In memory of Hap and honoring his love of animals, please consider donating to: All Mosta Ranch, PO Box 937, Marion, Montana 59925, (406) 270-7513.

Bette Merle (Young) Haugan, 95

Bette Merle (Young) Haugan, 95, passed away on Nov. 18, 2023, at her residence with family at her side.

She was a truly devoted and beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great "Ama."

She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Mark and Carla Haugan, Marla and Kim Elliott, Rodger and Lisa Haugan, and Chris and Sue Haugan; six grandchildren, Geoff, Shawna, Kasey (spouse MariCarmen), Bryce, Anders and Annika; and three great-grandchildren, Jessa, Jasper and Alina.

She was preceded in death by her spouse of 70 years, Kenneth "Ken" Paul Haugan; and her parents, Vivian and Marlyn Young.

She was born in Wolf Point on May 24, 1928, to Vivian and Marlyn Young. She grew up on a ranch in Granville, North Dakota, where she developed a deep love for horses and dogs.

She became a lab technician at Minot State College where she met her husband, Ken. They were married in 1950, and began their family a couple years later.

Over the years Bette, Ken and family resided in North Dakota, Texas, Alberta (Calgary), Oklahoma (Tulsa), making their final home in Kalispell in 1993.

She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, Sons of Norway, local Doll Clubs and the American Doll Society. She shared her love of her antique doll collection at several National Doll conventions. She enjoyed volunteering at local hospitals in Calgary and Kalispell.



She and Ken enjoyed many outdoor activities including skiing and camping with family often in the Seeley Swan and Glacier areas.

She loved their involvement with The Sons of Norway, often helping with lefsa making, bake sales and the annual lutefisk dinner. She continued her love of "feeding" family and friends and anyone who came to visit well into her later years.

She was an avid supporter of all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities (basketball, track, soccer, art, band, science fairs, choir, golf etc.).

The family wishes to thank Dr. Habel for his many years of compassion, care and support, as well as care provided by Wellife Assisted Living, Brendan House TCU, and most recently Expressions/Prestige and many devoted in-home caregivers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army/Northwest Division or the charity of choice.

A small private family gathering will be held in the spring.

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

Lowell Vian Havener Jr., 93

Lowell Vian Havener, Jr. passed away peacefully from natural causes on Jan. 31, 2023, at Rising Mountains Assisted Living in Bigfork with his granddaughter by his side. He was 93.



ments. Later while visiting Glenna's brother in Bigfork, Lowell found

Lowell was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Oct. 27, 1929, to Lowell Vian Havener and Ruby Belle Clarkson. The Haveners later moved to Southern California, where Lowell met his forever love Glenna Belle Baldwin in high school in Ontario, California. Lowell and Glenna attended Chaffey Community College in California, where Lowell majored in Commercial Art. The two were married shortly thereafter in 1950 and remained so until Glenna's death in 2019.

Lowell was an artist and his extraordinary talent led him to a career as a commercial artist and illustrator for leading companies in the aerospace industry. During his career, he worked on government contracts providing designs for weapons and equipment to the United States Military. Lowell's work took him to various parts of the country, including Manhattan Beach, California; Ontario, California; Orlando, Florida; Riverside, California; and Santa Barbara, California. Lowell and Glenna later settled in Twin Falls, Idaho in 1963 where they opened a camera and audio store and Lowell occasionally did professional photography. They raised their two daughters there and stayed 20 years until an opportunity came to sell the store and retire. They then embarked on a new adventure, traveling by motor-home through Nevada, Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington and especially enjoyed visiting historic monu-

a hilltop site on Swan River Road. The site had a stunning 360-degree view. Lowell purchased the lot in 1984 and began construction on Lowell and Glenna's dream home. Lowell also opened a custom picture frame shop in the home's basement. Lowell took great pride in designing and constructing the Bigfork home, which he worked to perfect over the years.

Lowell had an uncanny knack at finding a joke to share in almost any situation and keeping his friends and family laughing. Lowell maintained an extensive record and movie collection, as well as an audiovisual equipment collection. He enjoyed creating and tinkering with his audiovisual equipment. He loved good Mexican food, a fine Scotch and sweets, especially ice cream.

Lowell is survived by his two daughters, Aris Lynn Running and Glenna June McKeaver; granddaughter Jamie Greene Miller; grandson Jon Running; and nephew Michael Didio. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Lowell's family is forever grateful to his wonderful Montana friends that became his family and supported and cared for him over the years.

Lowell will never be forgotten. Gone in sight, not in our hearts.

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.

Mark Heider, 69



Mark Steven Heider, 69, of McCall, Idaho, passed away peacefully on Nov. 16, 2023, after a courageous fight with

cancer and illness. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Nov. 9, 1954, he was the youngest child of Melvin and Agnes Heider.

After graduating from DeLaSalle in 1972, Mark went on to study the electrical trade, along with two of his brothers. He quickly found not only an interest but a true love for his work, becoming a Master Electrician at just 24. Over his 45-year career, he earned the nickname "Sparky" as his work took him from

the grain elevators of Minneapolis to the mountains of Montana and the backcountry of Idaho.

At 27, Mark married his longtime friend Joan (Galvin) and soon had two children, proudly taking on the role of husband and father. Together, Mark and Joan set out to raise their family in a quieter place and landed in Whitefish, Montana where they spent 28 years. Their home brimmed with guests from near and far ready for the next adven-

ture with Mark as the tour guide.

Known to be kind and silly, Mark always welcomed children with an open heart and maybe even a tootsie roll. In 2018, Mark and Joan moved to McCall, Idaho, to be near their first grandchildren. Welcoming five grandchildren in all, becoming "Grandpa Mark" was perhaps the greatest honor of his life.

Mark's curious nature and faith carried him through his battle with long-term illness. Despite the challenges he faced for many years he remained optimistic and a pillar of strength to the end. Now in peace, Mark leaves behind his wife, Joan; children, Edward (Megan), and Rose (Zach); grandchildren; sister, Nancy (Dan) Riens; and many nieces, nephews,

in-laws, and dear friends.

A celebration of Mark's life will take place during the warmer months of 2024 in McCall, Idaho. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share stories, jokes, and honor Mark. Celebration details are available at eventcreate.com/e/markheider

Gary Heinrichson, 74

On Dec. 12, 2022, Gary "Heine" Heinrichson passed away at the Brendan House. Gary was born July 1, 1948 to Charles and Vera Heinrichson. He was baptised into the Lutheran Church Dec. 29, 1948. Upon his death Gary was 74.

He attended Flathead High School graduating in the Class of 1966. In the spring of 1968, Gary enlisted into the Marine Corps. He served most of his duty on the Island of Okinawa during the

Vietnam War.

Returning to the valley after his service Gary held several different jobs. His longest employment was groundskeeper at the Conrad Cemetery for 32 years. He was also a member of the Eagles.

Gary suffered a stroke 17 years ago, which left him with many medical challenges. His sister, Debra was a dedicated caregiver and friend that helped him face these challenges. Gary enjoyed

his music collection and keeping up with many sports, especially football. He shared his knowledge and love of the game with his cousin Linda Rowlette and good friend Gary Diegel.

Gary goes to heaven to join his parents,



Charles and Vera Heinrichson; and his brother, Gene. He is leaving behind his sisters, Renae Walker of Salmon, Idaho, and Debra Bloomfield of Kalispell. He will be missed by his family and friends.

A special thank you to life long friends Gary and Jerry Diegel, whose love and support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the staff of the Forest pod at the Brendan House.

Velma Fay Heinrichson, 95

Velma (Seney) Heinrichson, our loving mother, went home to be with her Lord on Jan. 25, 2023.

Born in Minot, North Dakota to Ben and Dena Seney. In 1939 they moved to a farm in Lower Valley, Kalispell.

Velma attended Demarsville grade school and graduated from Flathead High School. After high school Velma worked at Kalispell Mercantile and later on worked many years at the Motor Vehicle Dept. in Kalispell.

She met and married LeRoy Heinrichson and they enjoyed 52 years together. They had 3 daughters: Randi, Patti and Linda.

Mom was very committed to her family and devoted to her faith in Jesus Christ. She shared His love with all who knew her.



The Lord was her strength, joy and peace. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible school and was a 4H leader for years.

Velma liked to cook and host dinners and they always had a house full of company, either visiting or playing cards or hosting Bible studies.

After dad and mom retired they moved to Condon, Montana where they spent many wonderful years enjoying an abundance of wildlife, hunting, fishing and the beauty of God's creation. During the winters they turned into snow birds and would spend many months in Mesa, Arizona. They had many adventures together, traveling and sightseeing.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband LeRoy; daughter Randi; sisters, Viola Sundgren and Geneva Lockhart; brother Lavern Seney; and Velma's twin sister Vera Ripplinger.

Survived by daughters Patti (George) Everett and Linda Rowlette; grandchildren Amy (Jim) Flammond, Jon (Wendy) Everett, Desarae (Steve) Parker, Shawna (Nick) Geranios;

many great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandsons; nephews; nieces; and loving friends.

Celebration of life will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Feb. 25 and 11 a.m., reception to follow. 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.

Shirley Heldstab, 87

Shirley Ann Keehr Heldstab, 87, passed away on July 4, 2023 in Kalispell.

She was born to Jesse and Maggie Keehr in Wauchope, Saskatchewan, on May 10, 1936.

The Keehr's immigrated to Bemidji, Minnesota, when the four kids (Juanita, Bert, Fred, and Shirley) were young.

Shirley and her high school sweetheart, Guy, married shortly after graduation, in 1954.

Vicky came along in 1956 and Mom asked Dad to get us out of this 40 degree Minnesota weather. Guy found the Flathead Valley on the way to California and moved Shirley and Vicky out here on the train.

In 1957 they welcomed son, Lance and then Mitch in 1959; having three children in three years, Shirley found those days filled with diapers and dinners, the kids remember a youth filled with dinner parties, camping and good friends raising kids together.

After the kids were grown, Shirley found herself branching out into a variety of positions in the community; Teacher's Aide, Checker at the B&B; her stint at the Park Merc clothing store, Barmaid at Rex's and The Columbia Bar.

You'd often find her on the golf course, softball field, or bowling alley, but Shirley's real



passion was in cards. Running local poker tables, playing with fam-

ily and friends, and in her later years she found a challenge that suited her, bridge. She cherished her days meeting friends to play bridge.

Sadly, her mind started to falter, and in March of 2023 she suffered a stroke. She finished her life being cared for at Immanuel Lutheran Home visited frequently by Guy, the kids, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Maggie; father Jesse; and sister, Juanita.

She will be remembered by Guy, her husband of 69 years; Vicky and her kids Guy (Ciara), Karissa, Lance (Patty Jo) and their kids Amy (Tom) and Arin, Mitch (Leigh) and their kids Jesse (Randilyn) and Lindsey; lots of great-grandkids; brothers, Bert (Marilyn) and Fred; brother-in-law, Dale; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home who cared for Mom at the end.

Shirley's memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on July 21, at Columbia Mortuary. To send online condolences please visit www.columbiamortuary.com

Judith Lillie Heleva, 74

Judith Heleva, 74, of Corvallis, Montana, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Jan. 11, 2023.

Judith was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to Lillie and Stanley Heleva and raised with siblings Carol, Lydia, and Stach. She lived in Pennsylvania until 1992, when she traveled across the country with her three girls and former husband, Jim Ponaski, to relocate to Kalispell.

Judith graduated from Lycoming College and went to work as an elementary school teacher for 19 years before homeschooling her daughters. She continued being involved in education as a teacher, homeschool coordinator, admissions director and student when completing her master's in family therapy later in life.

Judith was a kind, generous soul and known for her joyful heart. Her loved ones knew her as "Judy Joy" and "Mama Joy." She enjoyed walks by the river, bowling, playing with her grandkids, cooking, camping, biking, and traveling. Her adventurous spirit took



her to many places, including a cross-continental bike tour in

1981, a missions trip in Africa, backpacking in Venezuela, and trips with her daughters to Mexico and France.

She is survived by her three daughters, Melanie Joy Knight, Emily Joy Heleva-Ponaski, and Angela Joy Boyce; two sons-in-law, Bradley Knight and Jordan Boyce; six grandsons, Kai, Eli, Brer, Liam, Finnlee, and Llewyn; and furry companion, Willow.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Bitterroot Health, Daly Leech Chapel and the Ravalli County Sheriffs for their support and compassionate care. Deep gratitude to Bitterroot Hospice for supporting her as she made the transition. Per Judith's wishes, her family will celebrate her life privately this spring at Ross Creek Cedars. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at judy-joy1030@gmail.com.

Janet Henneford, 84

Janet Henneford, 84, quietly passed from this life to life everlasting on April 10, 2023.

Janet was born on Sept. 22, 1938, in Lewistown, to Earl Manning Armstrong and Clarice Illsley Armstrong. Following high school she attended Montana State College (now University) majoring in medical technology. She was a cheerleader for the Montana State Bobcats football team and went to the one and only Aluminum bowl in Little Rock, Arkansas where the final score was 0-0. It was a rainy day and she lost her shoes in the mud when making a cheerleader

jump.

She met Gene, her future husband that first year in school, 1956. Gene needed a date for the annual winter fraternity dance. He was given a list of freshman girls at the Delta Gamma sorority. Reading in alphabetical order, Anderson was not available but Janet Armstrong was. That led to many dates and finally love resulting in marriage in 1960.

They were blessed with three children, Leslie, Cheryl and Steve. Janet was very much at home in the kitchen,



and it was her delight to prepare meals and set a beautiful table as a way of expressing her love for family and friends. Billings was home from 1970 until 2016 when she and Gene moved to their summer home on Flathead Lake. The "Lake Place" allowed Janet to share her cooking, and especially her baking skills, with her daughters and granddaughters.

After a day playing in and on the lake, everyone could always anticipate a savory meal at dinnertime. Because everything always tasted so yummy, she was given the nickname Nummies.

Janet was an extraordinary lady. She had integrity. She did not seek attention or extravagance. She was humble, kind and selfless. She always put others needs first and was very generous.

She lived the scripture Matthew 22:37-39, "Love the Lord and love your neighbor as yourself."

Janet is survived by her husband, Gene, of nearly 63 years; daughters, Leslie (Jon) and Cheryl, son, Steve (Jeanine); grandchildren, Charlie, Grant, Kayla, Tanner, Elise, Conner and Dylan; great-grandchildren, Maple, Wilder and Ivy.

Lois Henry, 92

Lois Lavonne Henry, 92 of Missoula, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at her home at Grizzly Peak from pancreatic cancer.

She was born on Jan. 2, 1931, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Joseph and Clara Keough. She grew up in the Rapid City to Nemo area where her father worked for the forest service cutting trees. She went to school in Nemo, and high school in Rapid City. After high school she went into the nursing program at St. John's McNamara hospital where she earned her three-year degree as a registered nurse.

On May 30, 1953, she married Otis V. Henry at the Evangelical Free Church in Rapid City, South Dakota. They lived in Rapid City, until 1966 when they moved to Winslow, Arizona. They lived there until 1968 when they moved to Kalispell. In 1998 they moved to Missoula to be closer to their new twin grandsons.

During their stay in the various cities Lois worked at the hospital's and doctors offices when she could while raising five kids. Her career in the nursing field was very fulfilling for her to work in. Before moving to Missoula, she worked for the Flathead County Home Health department.



After moving to Missoula, she volunteered at the Community Hospital, for over 20 years, until the Covid-19 pandemic happened. There she would help patients navigate to the various departments in the complex. She loved doing this because she was able to talk with so many different people and hear something about them. Mom never met a stranger, but somebody new to welcome into her circle of acquaintances.

She was involved in many different organizations when her children were growing up. She was a boy scout den leader for her four sons, a leader with campfire girls with her daughter. She was very active with the Sunday school program at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. She was a member of the Kalispell Lioness Club. She hosted many pinochle parties with her friends and enjoyed playing games with her kids when they started getting older. Lois and Otis were also part of a mixed bowling team that bowled every Sunday evening in Kalispell. They both won

trophies that they displayed in their home for everybody to see.

She was very popular with the neighborhood kids who would come over to the Henry home to play with their kids because she would always offer them a Coke and some cookies.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis; daughter, Sherilyn; sons, Scott and Kevin.

She is survived by her son, Randy (Melissa) Henry of Power, Montana; daughter-in-law, Jackie Henry of Eagle Point, Oregon; son, Rodney (Darci) Henry of Stevensville, Montana; daughter-in-law, Tammy Henry of Spokane, Washington; and daughter, Teresa Manlove of Lolo, Montana; and by 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 3, at the Western Montana Veterans Cemetery, 1911 Tower St., Missoula, Montana 59804. Otis and Lois will be interned into the Veteran's wall at this time. The Reverend Gordon Dexter from Faith Baptist Church will be officiating the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home, Missoula.

Robert Hensler, 86

Bob Hensler, 86, died in Libby on April 6, 2023, at the Libby Care Center from complications of pulmonary fibrosis.

Bob was born in West Bend, Wisconsin on June 28, 1936, and graduated from high school there. After graduation, he attended the University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point, received his undergraduate degree in forestry from Michigan and master's in wildlife biology from University of Michigan.

During college he married his high school sweetheart Patricia Klein. Bob started his professional career with the Montana Fish and Game as it was known then in Malta. With a growing and expanding family Bob went to work for the U.S. Forest Service and worked at various places in Montana and North



Dakota.

Bob's last position was with the Flathead National Forest in Kalispell.

While in Kalispell all five of his children graduated from Flathead High School. It was at this time that his wife Pat was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away after 34 years of marriage.

After retirement he met and married the second love of his life, Paula Darko, from Libby. Paula and Bob have made their home there since their marriage in 1994.

Bob was always active in the community. He was a member of the National Wildlife Federation, Montana, Wildlife Federation

and Flathead Wildlife. He belonged to Lions, coached youth baseball, and served with Habitat for Humanity and Ducks Unlimited for over 30 years. His most passionate service was on the Board of the Northwest Community Health Center in Libby and ushered the center through the building of the new clinic and its two expansions.

Bob passed away in Libby and the Libby Care Center with his wife Paula holding his hand. He is survived by his wife, Paula; his five children, Janet Suchon (Russ), Peter, Michael, Steven (Karen) and Barbara Van Fleet (Jeff); brothers Tom and Paul; granddaughter Stacia Lugo and grandson Hunter Hensler; great-grandchildren Olivia and Leo and many nieces and nephews. He

was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Lorraine; his first wife Patricia; sister Mary; and daughters-in-law, Gwenn and Sheryl.

Bob's life was an adventure and he carried all with him on that adventure. It was honest and well lived. He was loved by many and will be missed by more.

A memorial service will be held in early June in Libby and will be announced when plans are finalized. Memorials can be directed to the Northwest CHC Voucher Program in Libby or Kootenai Pets for Life in Libby. Arrangements are under the care of the Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Harold Herington, 90

Harold Claude Herington, 90, passed away on May 25, 2023, at his home in Kalispell.

Claude as he was more commonly known, was born in Rice County, Minnesota on April 12, 1933. The only child of Harold E. (3/13/1905 - 06/1987) and Helen Catherine (Pittman) (11/04/1901 - 01/18/1978) Herington.

In his youth he spent summers with his grandpa, Robert Pittman; aunt, Mayme; and uncle, Henry; on the family farm in Kilkenny, Minnesota.

The son of a railroad man, he moved frequently and so attended schools in Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota. After high school he attended the Minnesota School of Business.

On completing his classes he secured a job with Cargill, Inc. and moved to Portland, Oregon, where he became the regional traffic manager.

He was the recipient of several awards including "Person of the Year in Transportation" by the Transportation Club of Portland and an award for outstanding and devoted service from

the Kalispell Kiwanis Club.

On March 16, 1974, Claude was united in marriage to Dorothy Alma Nordtome (8/28/1925 - 03/09/2017) and in retirement they settled in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his wife and both parents.

He is survived by two maternal cousins and their families.

He grew up during the Great Depression and WWII era. His character was formed from those days of neighbor helping neighbor, and anyone in need. He had a strong love of country and a moral conviction about civility and firm but fair justice for those in leadership.

He had an amazing memory of dates and events. He was a wonderful friend and neighbor, even to cats, feeding all that would stray by.

Fitness was a priority as he and Dorothy would walk 5-7 miles daily enjoying the many hiking trails of Glacier National Park.

A private burial will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Columbia Mortuary.