

Shirley Pace

Shirley A. Pace, passed away Aug. 13, 2023, peacefully in her home.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Pace.

She loved her career in Nursing as an RN working for the Columbia Falls V.A. home, and volunteering.

She will be missed by

family and friends; her faithful dog, Angie; her nephew, Tim Wilde, and great-niece Cassandra Wilde; best-friend, Tracey Park; the family of Jake McCormick; and many others.

Memorial services will be held at 4:15 p.m. on Sept. 13, at the Backroom in Columbia Falls.

Evelyn Pacheco, 89

Evelyn Marie Pacheco, 89, passed away on Dec. 11, 2023, in Whitefish. She was born Evelyn Marie Desy on April 13, 1934, in Lewistown, to Archie Desy and Ann (Hodik) Desy.

As a child, her father worked for the Montana Highway Department, and she grew up with her sister, Betty Ann Simonich, amongst a large extended family in the Lewistown area. Evelyn Street in Lewistown is named after her grandmother (her



namesake) and many other Lewistown streets are named after prominent family

members.

During her senior year she moved to Butte, Montana, to attend Butte Central Girl's High School where she graduated in 1952.

After graduation, while working for a brokerage

company, she attended a dance where she met her husband John E. Pacheco. They were married in November of 1953, and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary before her passing.

In 1958, the recently married Pacheco's moved to Whitefish with their firstborn son. In total they had four children; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was active in the Catholic church, the Moose Lodge, and other

community organizations. Later in life, she was a fixture of downtown Whitefish working for the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, Boards 'N Brass gift shop, and later the Toggery.

A funeral service will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Friends are encouraged to visit austinh.com/tributes to leave notes of condolences for the family and stories of her life.

Margaret Pack, 89

Margaret Pack passed peacefully into eternity on Jan. 25, 2023.

Margaret Alice Cooper was born in Wheatland, Wyoming to Jim and Alice Cooper on March 30, 1933. It was in Wheatland, during her senior year of high school, that she met a new boy in town, Ronnie Pack, at a church youth group. After graduation from high school, Margaret and Ronnie were married. One year later, their first daughter Deborah was born. That same year they moved to Kalispell, sight unseen. They recognized Kalispell as the perfect place to put down roots and made it their home. In short succession, two more girls were born, Holly and Vonnie. Margaret was a stay-at-home mom to her three girls and was the in-home bookkeeper for several years for their construction business, Pack & Co. Margaret loved the scenery of Montana, especially Glacier National Park. She became an avid hiker and ventured several



backpacking trips. One of her favorite hikes was a 7-day, 70-mile backpacking trip through the Bob Marshall Wilderness with friends. Another memorable trip for her was backpacking through Brown's Pass in Glacier. In her senior years, she joined a hiking group of like-minded women and hiked and re-hiked many of the trails in Glacier and Waterton National Park in Canada. The Flathead Valley offered outdoor adventures that she enjoyed with her family including skiing at Big Mountain, golfing at Buffalo Hills Golf course, and spending Sunday afternoons at the Mahugh/Pack cabin on Echo Lake. Margaret and Ronnie were empty nesters by the age of 41; at which time they began their travels. A few of Margaret's favorite trips were riding with Ronnie on a motorcycle through

the Austrian Alps, a sailing adventure through the Tonga Islands and a cruise through the Norwegian fjords. Margaret was a member of Central Christian Church where she was a Sunday School teacher for many years and a faithful servant. Ronnie passed away in 2012.

Margaret is survived by her daughters: Deborah Pack-Patton and her husband Bruce of Vancouver, Washington; Holly Pepe and her husband Ralph of Post Falls, Idaho; Vonnie Gardner and her husband Brian of Kalispell; her grandchildren Chad Fattou, Lindsay Pepe Baird, Stacey Gardner Sundt, Eric Gardner, Taylor Gardner and 12 great-grandchildren.

Margaret's family would like to thank the staff at the Immanuel Lutheran Communities for their exceptional care.

A service will be held at the Buffalo Hill Terrace Chapel, 40 Clairmont St., Kalispell at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023.

Ruby P. Palmer (Stratton), 91

Ruby P. Palmer (Stratton) was born Sept. 24, 1931 to Elmer and Fannie (Dickson) Stratton in Coffee Creek.

Ruby was raised in the Sweet Grass Hills in Whitlash.

She married Arnold Stene in 1948, and they later divorced. Ruby and Arnold had three children, Ron Stene, Sonja (Stene) Lentz, and Maynard Stene.

Ruby then met and married Michael Plamer in 1982 from Plains.

She worked as a CNA in hospitals for 37 years, in Shelby, Kalispell, Hot Springs and Plains where she retired.

After retiring she moved to Kalispell.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers Elmer,

Gene and Don Stratton; three stepsisters; husband Michael Palmer; son Maynard; and daughter Sonja; Bill Bowles and Ty Miller.

Ruby is survived by her son Ron; and six grandchildren Jon, Valerie, Riina, Jennifer, Jeremy Lentz and Will Bowels; and great-grandchildren Hayden, Abyss, Marvel and Izzie.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m on Friday March 10, 2023 at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. 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.

Amanda Helene Paredes, 43

Amanda Helene Paredes, 43, born Aug. 3, 1979, died June 22, 2023.

A very bright light has moved on from our world.

Born in Texas and raised in Southern California, she graduated from Huntington Beach High School, then pursued her education at the University of Hawaii and Long Beach State.

With a childlike wonder, she embraced life while excelling in a diverse range of careers. Always endearing herself to her coworkers, many who became lifelong friends.

Surrounded by a loving and supportive family, she leaves behind cherished memories.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Saenz Paredes; her grandparents; and her cousin, Amy Houser.

She loved to travel, always coming up with new and unique adventures.

Her appreciation for music was always present, she knew the lyrics



to songs spanning from George Strait to Snoop Dogg.

Her quick wit

allowed her to seamlessly insert hilarious lines from movies like "Talladega Nights" into everyday conversations.

She shared many river rafting expeditions with her loyal companion of over a decade, Lucy her border collie mix.

She had a mischievous sense of humor and had a talent for pranks. She could orchestrate elaborate schemes like releasing hundreds of crickets into someone's car in the middle of the night.

Her absence will be deeply felt.

No services are planned, but she requested any memorial be made to one of the local shelters.

William Parson, 85

William Joseph "Bill" Parson, Sr., 85, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023.

Bill was born Nov. 23, 1937, in Binghamton, New York to Albert E. and Lillian L. (Roy) Parson. After high school Bill attended the New York State Ranger School - State University College of Forestry Syracuse University. Soon thereafter he jumped on a westbound train matriculating at the University of Idaho, graduating with a degree in forestry.

Bill then joined the United States Marine Corps in 1961, becoming a Naval aviator piloting his beloved A-4 Skyhawk and serving nearly six years in active duty which included a nine-month tour in Vietnam where Bill spent several harried nights in the jungle after his surveillance plane crashed during a mission into the side of a mountain due to severe weather during monsoon season. Bill was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1966, achieving many flight qualifications including flight instructor at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and weapons handler and nuclear weapons carrier. His military awards include Air



Medal with Gold Star, Vietnamese Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following his military service Bill headed west yet again putting his degree to direct use working for 30 years in the forestry business in Montana beginning with Burlington Northern Railroad and ending his distinguished civilian career as director of resources for the Rocky Mountain Region with what evolved into BN Timberlands and then Plum Creek Timber Company (now present-day Weyerhaeuser). Upon Bill's retirement in 1995 he was awarded "The Grandfather of Environmental Forestry" distinction for leading efforts in resource innovation, repurposing production waste byproducts, and meeting the increasing demands in responsible forestry.

Bill's love of flying and airplanes followed him into civilian life; completing the complicated blueprint build of

a tail drag airplane from scratch in 1980 while living in Bozeman; and building a designed for kit construction high wing, strut braced Avid Flyer completed in 1993. He fearlessly piloted these experimental homebuilt aircraft well into his later years in both the Gallatin and Flathead valleys. He proudly and passionately served as director of the USAF Thunderbird Airshow held here at Glacier Park International Airport in the early 1990s and relished the opportunity to expose an endeavor he found so exhilarating to the younger generation in the Flathead Valley and to all his fellow Montanans.

There was seemingly nothing Bill couldn't do when he put his mind to it. If he was in your corner, you unquestionably had an advocate you could count on. He enjoyed challenging himself regularly, as well as anyone sturdy enough to join him — be it on hikes atop Glacier's highest peaks, within the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and Montana forests — to Alaska moose and caribou hunts, to flying into remote areas, racing sailboats on Flathead Lake out of North Flathead Yacht Club

where he served a term as Commodore in 1997; or planning travel to the likes of Germany, New Zealand, Honduras, the Ambergris Caye, Belize, trekking Copper Canyon Mexico on bike and foot, or sailing adventures throughout the Caribbean and Virgin Isles.

Planning such adventures, spending time with his family and making memories while doing so was what it was all about to Bill. An avid sportsman and outdoorsman; his hobbies too numerous to list included shooting trap, sailing, downhill skiing, and spending time on Hungry Horse Reservoir; but spending a lifetime successfully chasing the elusive wapiti and packing out elk himself well into his late 70s was undoubtedly his favorite Montana memory making activity.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; his older, Brother Albert C. "Al" Parson; his niece, Darci Parson; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bill is survived by his three children, Jennifer Marie Parson (Braley), William Joseph Parson, Jr., Christopher Albert brother Brian D. Parson, wife Marsha and their family out of Missoula and Troy.

Carol Elizabeth (Fredenberg) Patterson, 95

Carol E. Patterson, 95, passed away on July 15, 2023, and was delivered into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She passed away at the Lodge, the Buffalo Hill Terrace memory care unit, with her daughters by her side.

She was born on Nov. 5, 1927, to Anson G. and Ruth H. (Crandall) Fredenberg. She was the 13th of 16 children. She grew up on her family farm on Trumble Creek Road.

She attended the one-room Half Moon country school, for the early years of her education. She then went to Flathead High School graduating in 1945.

She met and later married Henry E. Patterson



on Jan. 14, 1949. They were married for 57 years. They resided in Kalispell until 1955 when

Henry was hired by the Great Northern Railroad. They moved to Whitefish where they raised their five daughters.

She was a stay-at-home mom but she was always busy. She loved children, especially babies, and was a favorite babysitter for family, friends, and neighbors. She was a PTA member, a room mother, volunteered at her children's school whenever help was needed and was a Girl Scout Leader.

She was an avid reader

and her daughters spent many happy hours with her reading to them. She was also an active member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish. She taught Sunday School for many years, was a member of L.W.M.L. and helped sew hundreds of quilts for World Relief.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; her parents; ten brothers and five sisters.

She is survived by her daughters, Wendy (Darrell) Howard of Whitefish, Linda (Robert) Howard of Kalispell, Nancy (John) Turner of Kalispell, Meredith (Mark) Beckedahl of Shelby and Karen (Jay) Kade of Parker, Colorado. She has 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren

and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by four sisters-in-law; numerous nieces; and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests people can donate to the Montana Alzheimer Association at <https://act.alz.org/>. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church with a reception to follow the service and Burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Thomas F. Payne, 75

Thomas F. Payne, 75, passed away Dec. 5, 2023, at the Buffalo Hill Terrace. He was born in Livingston on July 28, 1948.



into Tom's life, Eric and Evan Hogue.

Tom and Charline enjoyed many happy

He grew up in a modest home on the banks of the Yellowstone River. He enjoyed the Montana way of life. He enjoyed fishing, hiking, X-country and downhill skiing, square and western dancing and most of all hunting. He took pride in really hunting, hiking to the top of the mountain and working his way down. He usually hunted on his own so as to keep his favorite hunting spots a secret. He processed his own meat. He spent summers working on his Uncle Bernie and Aunt Etta's ranch in Paradise Valley. He developed a love of agates, arrow heads and rocks while working in their rock shop.

He grew up with many aunts, uncles and cousins nearby. He had fond memories of his grandparents' home where there was always someone coming and going. His father had a car shop, Paynes Motors, and Tom grew up working on his own motorcycles and cars. He worked in his father's shop through college.

He attended MSU Bozeman, and graduated top of his chemical engineering class. He won the

times with family at their Echo Lake home. They enjoyed pulling all their young family members around the lake behind their boat. The circling was endless. They enjoyed designing and helping build their homes and believed in sweat equity. They had many happy times traveling to see family and vacationing in Oregon and Hawaii.

After selling the lake place, they embraced Glacier National Park, hiking in the backcountry. Tom loved visiting Yellowstone with his family. Yellowstone held many happy memories for Tom and he went almost every year. He always enjoyed putting in his workshop. He prided himself on keeping their homes in tip top shape.

Tom was a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He will be remembered for his integrity, kindness and his quick wit. He was so happy to become a PaPa to Harrison and Henry. It saddens us that he will not be here to see them grow up.

prestigious Gold Award which is given to one engineering student each year. He worked hard and earned many scholarships and prided himself on paying his own way through college. He had 11 job offers when he graduated and accepted the one that afforded him a way to continue the Montana lifestyle he so enjoyed.

He started work at the Anaconda Aluminum Company in 1970. He started in the lab and wore many hats through the years finishing in upper management. He enjoyed his job, especially negotiating contracts for the products that needed to be shipped to the plant from all over the world. He enjoyed his coworkers and retirement came too soon in 2008. After retiring from CFAC, Tom worked part time as a Home Building Estimator and he was a sought-after substitute teacher in Bigfork.

Tom married Sue Hays in 1970. They had two children, Andrew and Jonathan. They later divorced. Tom met Charline in 1992 and they married in 1998. Charline brought two stepsons

His faith was important to him and he enjoyed Men's Bible Study. Sadly, Tom struggled with Alzheimer's his last seven years, but he remained his core self to the end.

He leaves behind his wife, Charline; and sons, Andrew, Jonathan (Lacie), Eric and Evan (Autumn); his sister, Roxlyn Hogan (Frank); and brother, Steve (Vikki); and many beloved cousins, nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Lee and Fern Payne.

The family wants to thank all the caregivers that helped Tom in his final years. They treated him with kindness, respect and dignity. In his memory, please give a caregiver a hug.

A celebration of Tom's life is being planned for next summer in Livingston, and Tom's favorite place, Yellowstone.

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William Payne, 82

William "Bill" H. Payne, 82, the "Grandfather of Angel Investing" born April 25, 1941,



colleague Dr. Andre Galliath, to start Novacap, an electronic component manufacturer in 1979. He was the first investor and served as director of the company until the company was sold to Dover in 1987. He received the Schwartzwalder Pace Award in 1978, honoring the young ceramic engineer of the year. He was elected president of the American Ceramic Society in 1989 and was named a Distinguished Life Member of ACerS in 2000.

passed away peacefully on Dec. 19, 2023, from dementia. Ann and family members were with him at the end.

He was an international expert in the angel investing asset class, after a successful career as an engineer, CEO and entrepreneur.

Born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, son of Carroll Rich Payne born May 17, 1912, in Benton, Illinois, and Dorothy Ellen Smith Payne born April 6, 1919, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bill and his family moved to Sheldon, Illinois, in 1953, where he was active in high school sports. With letters in baseball and track, band and choral activities.

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Upon graduating from the University of Illinois with a BS and MS in ceramic engineering in 1964, he was employed as a research engineer at Interpace Corp, Glendale, California. During the Vietnam War, he worked for Hughes Aircraft developing thermal control coatings for the Surveyor unmanned lunar missions. He was pleased to learn much later that astronauts in the Apollo program retrieved from the moon a color TV calibration chart, made with special paints Bill developed. That Surveyor footpad is now housed in the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.

In 1971, Bill seized the entrepreneurial spirit and founded an electronics materials startup, Solid State Dielectrics in Burbank, California. In

1982, he sold that company to DuPont Corp. Making one of his first angel investments, he encouraged his friend and

colleague Dr. Andre Galliath, to start Novacap, an electronic component manufacturer in 1979. He was the first investor and served as director of the company until the company was sold to Dover in 1987. He received the Schwartzwalder Pace Award in 1978, honoring the young ceramic engineer of the year. He was elected president of the American Ceramic Society in 1989 and was named a Distinguished Life Member of ACerS in 2000.

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He became a sought-after advisor to start-up companies, working with both investors and entrepreneurs worldwide. He has invested in over 60 companies. He was one of the original thinkers in the angel investor start-up space, working first as a solo investor, and then went on to help found four angel groups, devising valuable concepts and educational materials of the current U.S. angel investing model. Working closely with the Angel Capital Association since its founding, he received the prestigious Hans Severins Award in 2009, presented annually to the most influential US angel investor. His speaking engagements and educa-

tional workshops took him to 8 countries where he led about 150 workshops.

Bill and his wife Ann Colvin Payne, developed a particular fondness for the country of New Zealand where they have spent a total of approximately three years since 2010, assisting with development of that country's startup ecosystem. In his honor, the eponymous William H. Payne Award for Angel Investing annually honors the angel investor of the year for the ICE Angels (Auckland). In 2010, Bill was honored to receive the New Zealand ArchAngel Award for his impact on angel investing in the country that he considers the most beautiful in the world.

While in New Zealand, Bill pursued his love of fly fishing. Bill and Ann spent summers of the past two decades in Whitefish where he also frequently enjoyed fly fishing; one summer catching and releasing over 300 trout.

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In 2016, he was delighted to be honored by the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois with the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service. Earlier he served on the College of Engineering (Illinois) Board of Visitors for several years. He was recognized for his outstanding service by the New York State Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology, Alfred University, in 1994. He enjoyed his year mentoring student entrepreneurs at the McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Arizona, as the 2004 Anheuser Busch Entrepreneur-in-Residence. After moving from San Diego to the Las Vegas area in 2003, he enjoyed serving in an advisory role to the Rebel Venture Fund, a student angel fund.

A treasured adventure was flying on the Concorde from New York to London in 1982. He spoke of seeing the curvature of the Earth from space. He had an uncanny sense of direction. Even deep in a cavern, he could accurately point to due north. He enjoyed reading many an author

from the first book to the last.

Although he was a victim of early onset osteoarthritis, enduring 18 joint surgeries beginning at the age of 50, it didn't slow him down much. He was an avid hiker and bicyclist.

In addition to his vocation, volunteerism and hobbies, Bill enjoys his time with family.

He had two daughters, Tina Payne Sparks (husband, Lex Andrew; children, Knox, Dabney, Warfield, Gillespie, Rutherford, Tillian and Geneva) of Sandpoint, Idaho; and Lucy Kase (husband, Philip James; children, Kaitlin, Sydney, Abby and Ean) of San Diego, California. He also shared parenting with Ann's children, Ash Allen Hobbs (wife, Allie Smith; children, Avery and Audrey) of Eagle, Idaho; Tyler Colvin Hobbs (wife, Regan Gough; children, Lila and Noe) of Greenbrae, California; and Elisa Hobbs Nett (husband, Jeffrey Michael; children, Rowan and Isla) of Cardiff by the Sea, California.

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Bill's younger sister, Judy Payne and her partner Pat Bujard, reside in New Berlin, Wisconsin.

He and his wife Ann enjoyed a life of adventure. He lived a large life and made a difference in the USA and the world, helping wealthy individuals become confident angel investors using the skills he taught. He thus was able to pass along to the next generation a sense of generosity of time and resources; knowledge from experience and intellectual pursuit; and boundless enthusiasm. Above all, Bill was a good listener.

In lieu of flowers, please consider gifting the Angel Capital Association (<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/anginvfoup2p/team/943265/>), Glacier Conservancy (www.glacier.org) of Glacier National Park, or Nathan Adelson Hospice (nah.org/get-involved/donations).

Ryan Pearson, 34

Ryan Kirkwood Pearson, 34, of Helena, passed away on Sept. 26, 2023, after an accident while working on his truck. Ryan was born on June 6, 1989, to parents Timothy and Barbara Pearson in Kalispell.

He graduated from Montana Tech in 2015 with a degree in engineering and at the time of his passing, he worked as a civil engineer at Great West Engineering. His coworkers became an extended family and he cherished their friendships.

Ryan was everyone's favorite; he left a lasting and positive impression on everyone he met. He had a warm heart, soft touch, and strong constitution that most men should be envious of. Ryan was genuine and honest in all his interactions, strongly committed to his family, friends, and coworkers. He cared deeply for all who were a part of his life and he showed how much he cared in the way he brought everyone together. Ryan had many talents and interests, but his happy place



was somewhere on a dirt road with a cold Coors Light in hand or deep in

the woods chasing elk. He will be remembered by all for his larger-than-life personality that filled a room with laughter and warmth. Ryan had a knack for squeezing all the joy there was to be had out of life and while he lived, he really lived.

Ryan is survived by his wife Leslie; children Cedar and Asher; parents Timothy and Barbara; and sister Casey.

A celebration of life will be held Oct. 8 at 1 pm at the Kleffner Ranch in Helena. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Cedar and Asher's college fund. They would love to hear your favorite stories of Ryan and ask that they be emailed to ryanpearson.memories@gmail.com. There will also be a place to submit your stories at the service.

A. Jeanine Pederson, 89

A. Jeanine Pederson, life-long Flathead Valley resident, died on April 5, 2023, at the age of 89. Jeanine was born on November 2, 1933, the daughter of Louis and Adelaide (Gilbertson) Jensen.



a pastime that resulted in a farm magazine cover. Jeanine had lovely cursive writing,

After living at Creston during grade school and Evergreen during high school, Jeanine married her high school sweetheart, Clyde, in 1953 and shared 68 years of married life until Clyde's death in February of 2022. Jeanine was mostly a "city girl" and Clyde was a "country boy." It wasn't until Clyde's folks bought a new '49 Chevy that she agreed to go on their first date. They farmed together south of Creston, and they were partners in all respects in the farm operation. Jeanine kept the financial records, drove grain trucks, baled hay, ran the household, and kept their kids on track.

ballroom danced well, and multitasked farming, managing the household, ramrodding kids, and volunteering.

Jeanine is preceded in death by her husband, Clyde, her parents, a sister, Harriett Harbin, and a brother, Robert Jensen. Jeanine is survived by two children, Duane (Charlene) Pederson of Trumbull, Connecticut, and Bonnie Pederson of Kalispell. She loved four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to a career in farming with her husband, Jeanine also worked at the Equity Supply Company and the Kalispell Livestock Auction Company. She gave leadership to the auxiliary of the Creston Fire Department, was adept at crafts and sewing, enjoyed pinochle groups, cooked for hay hands, and was an incredible host.

After farming, Jeanine and Clyde spent many winters in Yuma, Arizona. When they moved from the Creston farm, they lived near the Steel Bridge on Hwy 2, then Village Greens in Evergreen, and lastly at Buffalo Hills Terrace.

A celebration of the resurrection to eternal life will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Kalispell, with Rev. Scott Thompson officiating. Interment will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Jeanine's children remember how, when they volunteered her to drive to school events without asking her first, she always made herself available. She enjoyed extensive and gorgeous flower gardens and kept the house and outbuildings in pristine condition,

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in Jeanine's honor be made to Creston Fire Fighter's Association (4498 Hwy 35, Kalispell, MT 59901), a 501(c)3. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mitzy Pemberton, 84

Mitzy L. Pemberton joined her creator on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023.

Mitzy's journey began May 18, 1938, in L.A. County California to Willard (Rudy) Baysinger and Eleanor M. Zuck. Later her family relocated to Southern Oregon where she attended grade school and high school in Grants Pass and Jacksonville. She married James Womack in December of 1957. They had three girls. She was a talented gardener, cook and lover of animals, horses and dogs being her favorite. She used these talents in 4H leadership in the Jackson County area with her good friend Lorna Erskine teaching young kids.

She moved to Montana in the spring of 1979 where she got a job at the Nite Owl Restaurant. Soon she was running her own restaurants, The Grinder, Canyon and the Columbia Bar Restaurant. She will be best remembered by her



Mexican food.

In November 1992, she married John Pemberton.

They enjoyed a life together camping, hunting and fishing with children including memorable tailgate Thanksgiving dinners at hunting camp.

Mitzy is survived by her only sibling Dale (Judy) Baysinger; three daughters, Terri (Phil) Wirz, Lorri (Clay) Thomas, Peggy Nau (Byron Whitehead); grandchildren Christy Krissie (Tom), Jennifer Wheeler (Karl Weeks), Amber (Todd) Winkle, James (Lily) Graham, Dawn-Nicki (Ryan) Foust, Mike (Denise) Connors and Lee Wirkus; and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at the North Valley Eagles Club in Columbia Falls on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. for family and friends that wish to attend.

Margorie Dendy Periman, 79

Margorie Dendy Periman, 79, was born July 23, 1943, in Greenwood, Mississippi. She attended schools in Mississippi, Texas and Drummond, Montana.

She married Lawrence R. Periman June 15, 1960. They lived in Drummond from 1956 to 1969.

In 1969 her husband Lawrence bought cedar fence mill in the Flathead Valley and operated it as a business for 36 years.

They lived in the lower valley south of Kalispell since 1969 and loved the farm life where she raised goats, calves, pigs, chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks. She also enjoyed gardening, canning and preserving food.

She loved to read classical literature and poetry, ancient history and delving into all the great unsolved mysteries of the world.

She worked as a teacher's aide in Flathead schools and in retail sales at

Fred Meyer and J.C. Penney; office clerk at The Samaritan House, Kalispell's homeless shelter.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Thelma Jean Harms and Linda Joy Day.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Frances Ruttenbur of Deer Lodge and Victoria Skaggs of Drummond; children, Richard Daniel Periman and Christine Maree Benton; grandchildren, Zachary Breese, Anthony Benton and Alicia Benton (Coleman); great-grandchildren, Bruxsia Rayne Coleman, Riley Rose Benton and William David Lawrence Benton.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at C.E. Conrad Cemetery. 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.

Stephen Richard Peters, 70

Stephen Richard Peters passed into greener pastures on Saturday, June 24 surrounded by his family. A loving husband, father, brother, son and doting grandpa, he will be incredibly missed.



He knew every back road and riding trail of the valley like the back of his hand,

and then some. Steve loved camping, four wheeling, rafting and just enjoying life outdoors with his friends and family. He served as the ultimate outdoor guide to those that knew him best. He was also known for being the ultimate prankster, to put it mildly. Steve always knew how to make people laugh, even if it was at themselves. From sneaking a hole in your beer can when you weren't looking, to a silly rhyme for his grandkids, he was always good for a laugh. He smiled with a twinkle in his eye and you knew he was up to something, and you couldn't help but smile back.

Steve graduated from Flathead High School in 1971 and went on to work for a masonry company.

It was soon after graduation that he met the love of his life, Susan Clouse, through mutual friends. The pair would marry in 1977 and stand the test of time. They welcomed their first son, Joseph, that same year and son, Joshua, four years later.

His grandchildren however, were the apple of his eye. He instilled his sense of humor in them early, and they became quick competitors in his game of laughter and wit.

Steve and Sue would spend their time traveling the state with their boys through various sports and activities, teaching them to hunt, fish and everything in between.

Early in their marriage, Steve began his career with Plum Creek timber where he would continue to work for the next 41 years. He would be one of the few that continued with the company even after their sale to Weyerhaeuser until his retirement, creating friendships that would last a lifetime.

Steve would spend his retirement doing what he loved most, recreating with family and friends enjoying all Montana has to offer.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Norman Peters. He is survived by his mother, Marie Peters; his loving wife, Sue Peters; son, Joe (Jane) Peters, and grandchildren, Ashlie (Riley) Nelson, Jace and Jakaleigh Peters; son, Josh (Sarah) Peters and grandchildren, Madison and Brady Peters, Sister Shelley (Bob) Wagnild, all of Kalispell; along with numerous extended family and friends alike.

A celebration of life open house will be held for Steve at Blaine Creek Events in Creston on Saturday, July 8 from 2-5 p.m. Please come and share your favorite memories and laughs with all those that loved him.