

Roger Dean Jacobson, 75

Roger Dean Jacobson, 75, a Kalispell native, passed away on June 25, 2014, at Brendan House.

Roger was born Sept. 3, 1938, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1956, and Montana State University in 1960. He then entered the Army and served in Korea before working as a banker and becoming a real estate appraiser.

Roger met Sharon Thomas of Norwalk, Conn., in Glacier National Park while camping and they were married on July 11, 1964. They built a beautiful home on Hartt Hill, where Roger gardened and mowed his big yard. Roger spent his free time duck hunting, enjoying the outdoors, eating



gourmet food and searching for fine wine. The couple

enjoyed traveling and spent winters in Mexico and Arizona after retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Kalispell; daughter, Courtney, her husband, Hector Luque, and grandchildren, Alex and Michael, of Washington, D.C.; and his brother, Doug, of California.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family would like to offer special thanks to all friends who have offered support and love over the past few years.

Joan Janes, 74

Joan Janes, 74, died at her Bigfork residence Oct. 18, 2014.

She is survived by her husband Don, and three children.

A celebration of life

will be held at 12:10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at 1322 Third Ave. E. in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Betty E. Jarland, 80

Betty E. Jarland, 80, a longtime resident of Williston, N.D., who recently lived in Kalispell, passed away April 18, 2014, with family by her side at the Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

Her funeral will be celebrated at 3 p.m. today, April 24, at Everson Memorial Chapel. Rev. Martin Mock will officiate and interment will follow in Riverview Cemetery in Williston. Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home from noon until service time today. Everyone is welcome to visit www.eversonfh.com to share remembrances of Betty or leave condolences for her family.

Betty was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Sheyenne, N.D., to George and Alyce Landin. In 1937, the family moved to Williston where Betty attended high school. In 1951, Betty married LaVerne Jarland. Betty was a homemaker while her husband served in the U.S. Army, stationed in several southern states. Betty and LaVerne returned to Williston following his discharge after the Korean War and raised their three children, Bev, Jim and Shar.

During her years in Williston, Betty worked for Krause Drug for over 15 years, and then Oscar's Grocery Store. Betty's husband LaVerne passed away in 2005, after 54 years of marriage. In 2012, Betty left Williston to live with her daughter Bev in Kalispell. While there, she enjoyed riding the chair lift at Big Mountain Ski Resort, visits to Glacier



National Park, boat rides on both Flathead and Whitefish Lake, and many family events

including a helicopter ride for her 80th birthday celebration. During the day Betty enjoyed watching golfers on the course outside her bedroom window, and frequent visits and phone calls with her family, who she treasured above all things.

This February, Betty was able to travel to Greensboro, N.C., for a week to visit her daughter Sharlene and her family; and in early April this year, her son Jim and his wife Paula surprised Betty back in Kalispell with a weekend visit.

Betty is survived by her children, Beverly and Dennis Falcon of Kalispell, Jim and Paula Jarland of Williston, and Sharlene and Bill O'Neil of Greensboro; eight grandchildren, Jenn Hausmann, Jason Falcon and Erin Falcon, Jill Kjorstad, Luke Jarland, William O'Neil, Sean O'Neil, and Samantha O'Neil; and five great-grandchildren, Tyler and Alex Hausmann, Crew Falcon, and Dale and Jacob Kjorstad.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LaVerne Jarland; and her sister, Marie (Myrt) Johnson; as well as her parents.

The Everson Funeral Home in Williston is caring for the family.

Terry Lee (Miller) Jannetto, 55

Terry Lee (Miller) Jannetto, 55, of Elko, Nev., passed away on Oct. 30, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Milton and Dorothy Makousky, and Robert and Alma Miller; and mother and father-in-law, John and Honey Jannetto.

She is survived by her husband Jimmy; parents Lowell and Arline Miller; brother Tom; sister Tammy and Lonnie Bogovich; children Sara and Aaron Torgenrud, Shane Widdifield, Alex Micklewright, Quinn Mickelwright, Trista and Nathan Nevarez, Amanda and Russell Goins, Jimmy-Jo Jannetto and Charlie Jannetto; five granddaughters; also many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Terry lived on Grey Cloud Island, Minn., until 1979. She graduated high school from Park (Cottage Grove) and Rasmussen College before leaving Minnesota.



Terry lived and raised her family in the Whitefish area until she moved to Elko in

2010.

Terry loved gardening, rafting, hiking, being on the water, watching her children play sports, being with family and friends and, most of all, playing and spending quality time with her grandchildren.

Services are at noon Saturday, Nov. 15, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the Whitefish Four Square Church, 233 Kalispell Avenue. A luncheon will follow the service. A private interment will be held with the immediate family.

The family gives a special thank you to hospice, Genesis Home Health and the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

William Hans Jarvi, 61

William Hans Jarvi, "Bill" or "Billy" as many called him, passed away at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish on Sept. 21, 2014, with his sister at his side. Bill courageously fought melanoma for seven years.

Bill was born to Terho "Terry" Jarvi and Marcella Boe on Feb. 27, 1953, in Butte. Bill moved with his family to Whitefish in 1965 and lived in the Flathead Valley for most of his life. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1971. During his school years, he was a great trumpet player and enjoyed recreational sports like basketball and was a great bowler.

Following high school, he joined the Army and served in Germany, as well as several assignments in the states. After the Army, he returned to the Flathead Valley and had a variety of jobs which he enjoyed.

Bill settled in the Hungry Horse area and loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved having his Labrador dogs and was great at training them to be great bird dogs. He always made sure he



picked his sister at least a gallon of huckleberries each year — she's going to miss that!

During the last several years, he was part of

the Packer's Roost Winter Pool league, playing on a very successful team — which he also loved.

Bill is survived by his brother, Ken Jarvi, and Terri, of Lone Tree, Colo.; sister, Elaine (Jarvi) Poser, and Ray, of Stevensville; stepmother, Patricia Jarvi, of Whitefish; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends.

Bill always had a warm smile, a great sense of humor, and a twinkle in his eye, and was a friend to any who needed a friend. He was loved and will be missed by many!

A celebration of his life is being planned by his family at a later time. Go up to Packer's Roost and play a game of pool in his honor.

"Go with God, Bill!"

William 'Bill' Harold Jaynes, 67

Content and grateful in life and love, William "Bill" Harold Jaynes III, 67, died of a sudden illness on March 1, 2014.

Bill had operated Bill's Body and Paint in Bigfork for over 35 years and as a volunteer, was an integral part of the Swan Hill TV District for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Ross; and his brother, David wife Cyndy, nephew, Todd and nieces, Shannon and Courtney, and their families of Wenatchee, Wash., as well as loving cousins. Also surviving him

are Kathy's family who cherished him as a son, brother and uncle and many incredible supportive friends.

As a photographer, Bill found immense joy in celebrating and appreciating unusual but disappearing Montana architecture and landscapes.

In lieu of flowers, Bill and Kathy would be greatly honored if remembrances were made in his honor to Montana PBS, Bigfork Fire Department or human rights organizations.

A celebration of his life is celebrating every day of yours.

Betty May Bullock Jeffries, 88

ingly talented painter no player who never had a lesson. Betty could hear a song once or twice and from then on could sit down and play it.



Bingo Betty had a great passion for bingo, camping and fishing, and watching and feeding birds. Betty belonged to a small group of friends who were referred to as "Bingo Babes" for many years.

Preceding Betty in death were her husband, Char-

lie; son, Gene; grandchildren, Kimmi Lance, Charlie Jeffries and Robert Jeffries; her parents; three sisters; and a brother.

Betty is survived by four children, Mary and Ric Lance of Columbia Falls, Charles B. Jeffries of Whitefish, Shirley and John Hegel of Columbia Falls, and Andy J. Jeffries of Kalispell. Two remaining sisters are Doris McKay of California, and Cheryl Daves of Texas. Grandchildren include Rikki and John Perkins, Conni and Curt Weber, Mark Jeffries, Sue Ann and Keith Pugh, Brandy and Greg Jeffries, Michelle Jasperson, Heather Jeffries, Pamela

and Jason Pilcher, and Rachelle Meek. Betty has 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be given to any anti-smoking charity of the donor's choice. A family memorial service is being held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20.

Betty will be remembered as "that feisty old gal" by her many friends and relatives she leaves behind.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Betty's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Betty May Bullock Jeffries, 88, "left her pain-wracked body" on May 12, 2014, "to join her many friends and relatives who went before her."

Betty was born Feb. 3, 1926, to Andy J. and Ivy May Crane Bullock in Hamilton, the oldest of seven siblings.

Betty May Bullock married Fred Chilton Nov. 25, 1944, and they later divorced.

Betty married Charlie F. Jeffries Dec. 1, 1948, and they were married until Charlie's death in 1983.

Betty played piano for many community dances in her young adulthood. She was an amaz-

Carolyn Jellar, 68

Carolyn Jellar "went to be with the Lord" at her residence on Aug. 18, 2014.

She was born May 31, 1946, in Billings. She was one of five children born to Otto and Beryl Sasse. She grew up on the Painted Robe Ranch in Eastern Montana. As a child, Carolyn enjoyed working on the ranch and had become an avid horseback rider. She graduated from Lavi-na High School in 1964.

After graduating, Carolyn moved to Roundup. While in Roundup, she fell in love with John, her future husband. They were married in 1966, and were blessed with a son, Peter. Two years later, they were blessed again with a daughter, Shannon. Carolyn devoted all her energy into raising her family with love.

Her family moved to the beautiful Flathead Valley in 1972. They moved out to their Lower Valley lake home shortly after arriving to the area. Carolyn always felt blessed to have found such a beautiful place to raise a family. She was a gracious hostess to any guest who knocked on her front door. The guests had a great time and always stayed longer than they had expected.

While living in the Flat-head Valley, she had an extensive career as a legal Justice Court clerk. She worked for five different judges throughout her 31 years. Carolyn treated everyone with respect and fairness. She especially liked substituting for judges and performing weddings throughout the valley. She even had some really great stories about getting lost while searching for some remote wedding sites.



mother, grandmother, aunt and sister. Plus, her charismatic personality attracted

many friends during her 68 years of life. Carolyn will be dearly missed by all those who were touched by her caring ways.

Her strong belief in the Lord helped Carolyn persevere through the most difficult times in her life.

"Now she is with the Lord and angels in heaven."

May she always hold a place in your heart and a memory in your mind. Thank you for 68 wonderful years!

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Beryl Sasse; father- and mother-in-law, Pete and Norah Jellar; her sister, Lila Albright; brother-in-law, William Bruner; nephews, Ross Albright and Art Sasse; niece, Darla Bruner; and baby, Sawyer.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, John Jellar; her son, Peter Jellar, and wife, Linda; her daughter, Shannon, and husband, Greg Limberis; her grandchildren, Clint and Kayla Jellar, and Amy and Joeseeph Limberis; her brother, Bob Sasse, and wife, Edith; her sister Shirley Bruner, and twin sister Marilyn Armstrong and husband Keith; her brother-in-law, Tom Jellar, and wife Vicki; sister-in-law, Eileen Alexander; and many nephews, nieces, great- and great-great-nephews and nieces

Carolyn and John spent many years traveling to warmer climates during the cold winter months. They spent 25 years in Costa Rica and one year in Arizona. They had many wonderful adventures and made many long-lasting friendships along their way.

To her family, Carolyn was the glue that bonded everyone together. Her warm, positive and caring nature was felt by all of her family. She was a loving and nurturing wife,

She would like memorials to go to DCI (dialysis) Center, Attn: Patient Fund, 135 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, in lieu of flowers. Please refer to Carolyn Jellar when you place a memorial.

Her funeral will be held at noon on Monday, Aug. 25, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A luncheon will follow the funeral. Carolyn's wishes were for brighter colors at her funeral.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Carolyn's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Carolyn's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Ida Jirack, 100

Ida Jirack, 100, died Oct. 15, 2014, at her Kalispell residence. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Larry Jensen, 84

Larry Jensen, 84, died Feb. 27, 2014, peacefully in his sleep, with his wife Marilyn by his side at his home in Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. March 15 at the Pin & Cue.

Larry was born May 14, 1929, in Wolfpoint to George and Mildred Jensen; he was the second of four children. His parents had moved from Denmark to homestead in Eastern Montana. Larry attended elementary and high school in Wolfpoint and then joined the Army in 1950, where he was stationed in Germany. In 1953 he returned home to Montana.

A proud and determined man, Larry often reflected to his grandchildren in later years that he made a pact with himself not to marry until he had saved \$1,000. He achieved that goal in 1954 and married Gladys Nelson. Shortly after the wedding he started L&L Jensen Excavating with his brother Leonard "Bud." After two years of marriage, Larry and Gladys welcomed their first child, Stephanie, and in 1959 she was joined by Douglas.

Larry's work ethic developed at Coast to Coast and Rathert Furniture, providing a foundation from which he was able to create many thriving businesses over the course of 60 years. His first business in Whitefish, started in 1961, was East Side Grocery and the building still stands at the corner of Somers Avenue and Fourth Street. He went on to pursue real estate sales, farming and ranching, and owning various businesses; some of these businesses include Larry's Car Wash and the Pin & Cue in Whitefish, and Dairy Queen in Columbia Falls.



Bud Light, he never lost sight of the importance of a hard day's work. He was a prime example of the "Montana way" of doing business;

he followed through on promises and approached every day with integrity and honesty. Larry left an imprint on many people and places within the Whitefish community.

Gladys and Larry amicably split in 1981, and in 1983 Larry met Marilyn Young, who would later become his wife and partner for the last 30 years of his life. Larry and Marilyn worked endlessly to create a stunning estate at the Edgewood property that included waterfalls, a private pond, show-stopping flower beds, and even a pool which had been moved out from the Viking Lodge. Larry and Marilyn loved hosting parties for friends and family, and many times the pool area was a central part of those gatherings.

Larry's primary joy was his devotion and dedication to family and friends. He loved that his farm on East Edgewood provided enough room that his daughter Stephanie, and later his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all were able to grow up next door. Watching his grandchildren Jennifer and David grow up and play on the farm was one of his brightest joys. He enjoyed indulging the children first with sandboxes and later with ATVs, cars and a college education. His love of family was further rewarded when his granddaughter Jennifer moved back into the family home to raise Victoria and Isabelle with her husband Cody Watson.

James Jensen, 82

James Jensen, 82, died June 8, 2014, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; son, Jim Jensen; and daughter,

JoAnna Radabah. Services will be held at a later date. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Gail Clair Jochen, 75

On Oct. 9, 2014, Gail Jochen "was gracefully received into the blessed arms of her Lord" after a brief but pain-free fight with cancer.

She was born Gail Mae Clair on Nov. 28, 1938, to parents Stephen Sneath Clair and Ethel Lenheart Clair in Philadelphia.

Gail had worked for 15 years for the YMCA building the model United Nations program.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Stephen Jr.; and her daughter, Kathleen.

She is survived by her son, David, his wife Jessica and their three



children, Curtis, Stephen and Lauren, of Bigfork; and also by her long-time friend and dear

part of the Jochen family, Dr. E. Jane Ruprecht.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project and/or the YMCA Central Area Youth Fund, 609-219-1800, in honor of Gail.

Larry's photo books tell the story of the time and joy he put into building these businesses. His East Edgewood property supported alfalfa, barley and cattle. Duane Reisch partnered with Larry in the Pin & Cue and together they built a landmark that is still a favorite today.

Larry started his days drinking coffee with his friends at the bowling alley, worked all day, and spent evenings on his reserved stool at the end of the bar in the Pin & Cue having a Bud Light on ice. While he made time to visit with friends over a cup of coffee or a

Larry is survived by his wife, Marilyn; sister, Shirley Nail; daughter, Stephanie Boschee, and her husband, Ed; son, Doug Jensen; stepson, Todd Young, and his family; granddaughter, Jennifer Watson, and husband, Cody; and great-granddaughters, Victoria and Isabelle.

Larry was preceded in death by his brothers, Bud and Arlie; and his grandson, David Kao.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Larry's family.

Alfred 'Al' E. John, 93

Alfred "Al" E. John, Ph.D., 93, passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2014, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 12, 1920, in Berlin, Germany, to Alfred and Margaret (Kressen) John.

Al came to the United States with his family at 4 years of age and lived in New York City until he was 10 years old. The family then moved to Long Island, N.Y., and John attended New Town High School in Queens. It was in high school that he became involved in track and field. He was a member of the track team that won the city championship where he ran the quarter mile. From New Town High School he earned a scholarship to LaSalle Military Academy in Oakdale, Long Island, known as the Flying Cadets of LaSalle.

Al graduated in 1941, at the beginning of the war, from LaSalle and went to college at St. John's University but ended up signing up for the U.S. Coast Guard. He went on to drill instructor school and became a "D.I." Al met Jack Dempsey during his time as a drill instructor.

Eventually Al requested sea duty and got onto an ice breaker weather ship up towards Greenland and Iceland. After some time he was transferred to Destroyer Escorts doing convoy duty in the Atlantic where he remained until the end of the war in Europe.

With the end of World War II he was sent through the Panama Canal into the Pacific heading for the South Sea Islands.



With the eventual end of the war, Al was sent home and

back to New York. Then he applied at Hofstra University where he graduated with a major in history and minor in education.

About that time (1954) he met a pretty young woman, Millie Nelson, who talked him into marriage. They were married for 51 years. Millie passed away in 2006.

While working as a high school teacher he received his master's degree at Hofstra University. As the years passed, Al coached track and field at a high school level. He retired from teaching after 30 years at Harbor Field High School.

Two years before retirement while on a sabbatical leave, he and Millie packed their bags and hit the road. They came into this part of Montana and fell in love with the land and the people.

His life touched everyone he met. He had a warm and wonderful sense of humor and will be greatly missed.

Al John, Ph.D., is survived by his sister-in-law, Gloria Mint; and nephews, Andy and Tom.

A memorial service for Al will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at Lions Park, south of Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Al's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Al's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Cheryl 'Sheri' Lynn (Southworth) Johnson, 52

Beloved wife, daughter, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sheri Lynn (Southworth) Johnson, 52, passed away peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, April 14, 2014.

She was born on April 25, 1961, in Escondido, Calif., to Gerald and Bonnie (Petersen) Southworth.

Sheri worked in the offices at Betten Chevrolet for more than 14 years. She loved spending

time with her grandchildren, sewing, golfing, fishing and gardening. Sheri was a member of

and Harper; her mother, Bonnie (Rick) Billuni of Whitefish; and her father, Gerald and Jeani Southworth of Vancouver, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gerald Southworth Jr.

A memorial service celebrating Sheri's life will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at Shiloh Tabernacle, 460 E. Tyler Road, Muskegon, Mich., with Pastor Verne Wright officiating. A luncheon will

follow.

Her sweet soul, quick smile, helping hand and humor will be sadly missed, but forever in our hearts. "Life is but a moment in the infinity of time, but what a precious moment to those who love and care."

Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements are by the Sytsema Chapel, 737 Apple Ave., in Muskegon, (231) 726-5210.



Shiloh Tabernacle.

On Nov. 18, 1995, she married Jeffrey Johnson, and he survives her along with her daughter, Andrea and Chris Anderson of Fruitport; two grandchildren, Paxton

Constance 'Connie' L. Johnson, 70

Constance "Connie" L. Chrisinger Johnson, 70, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Cliff Johnson, of Libby; and her three children, Michelle Dutton

of Libby, Jonathan Page of Palo Alto, Calif., and Chandler Dutton of Olympia, Wash.

Private family services are being held. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Cody Deets Johnson, 48

Cody Deets Johnson, 48, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, after an all too short battle with brain cancer. He was in the loving company of family members.

Cody was born Aug. 3, 1965, in Fremont, Neb. to Gilbert Ross and Dian Gammel Johnson.

After graduating from Oakland-Craig High School, Oakland, Neb., he served our country in the Marine Corps for six years, then worked as an over-the-road truck driver and a farmer/cattle operation foreman. Cody was successful in all areas of agri-business.

In 2009, Cody moved to the Flathead, where he met and married his wife Angela. He spent the last few years as a welder/fitter. When he was diagnosed, Cody was taking steps toward his dream of getting back into farming. He loved hunting, fishing and all things outdoors. Cody was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother and friend.

Cody is survived by wife, Angela and their young daughters, Audrey and Alila; three children from previous marriages, daughter Jessica K. John-



son and her fiancé, Levi Owens of Columbia Falls, son Joshua M. Johnson of Fort Collins, Colo., and son Martin W.C. Johnson and his wife,

Katherine of Pittsburgh; mother, Dian Gammel Nelson of Lyons, Neb.; brother, Gilbert P. Johnson and his wife, Rae of Stapleton, Neb.; sister, deSilva Magill of Herman, Neb.; aunt, Jean Neary and her husband, Don of Tekamah, Neb.; two grandchildren; nieces and nephews; his father- and mother-in-law, Dale and Susan Merrill of Kalispell; brothers-in-law, Christopher Bishop and his fiancée, Aspen Rose of Kalispell; and Jonathan Bishop and his wife, Kate of Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by paternal and maternal grandparents; father, Gilbert R. Johnson; aunt, Gayle Olson; and brothers-in-law, William "Bill" Magill and Allen Largent.

Erik Alan Johnson, 44

On Feb. 22, 2014, Erik Alan Johnson passed away in Magnolia, Texas.

Erik was preceded in death by his mother, Rhea Merriman; father, Frank Johnson; and brother, Scott Merriman.

Erik was born June 21, 1969, to Frank and Rhea Johnson in Great Falls. He attended the Great Falls school system until age 14 and then traveled with his stepfather Jess Merriman and his mother to numerous locations around the states for his work. He returned to Great Falls and completed his junior and senior years at CMR High School.

After graduation Erik enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in Desert Storm.

In 2001 Erik was married to Joni Motichka and they made their home in Columbia Falls. Erik worked at Plum Creek Plywood for seven years and then, along with his wife, ventured into the



oil fields of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and North Dakota.

Erik had spent the last one and a half years in Magnolia.

While at his home in Columbia Falls, Erik enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his daughter, son-in-law and grandsons.

Erik is survived by his wife Joni, sister Tina Bruni and daughter Tammi Cusick, all of Columbia Falls; father Jess Merriman, grandmother Darlene Merriman, sisters, Terri Willis and Christy Mitchell, all of Great Falls; and several stepchildren, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Erik was a proud Marine, loving husband, father, brother and grandfather. He knew no strangers and was liked by many. He will be greatly missed.

Ethan Johnson, 34

Ethan Johnson, 34, of Canmore, Alberta, passed away peacefully in his home in the early morning of Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, in the presence of his wife and family, after a two-year battle with brain cancer.

Ethan was born on March 17, 1980, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, to Jon and Diane Johnson. His family moved to Montana in January of 1996.

Ethan received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Master of Arts degree in military history from the University of Montana. At the time of his diagnosis, he was writing his thesis for a Ph.D. in military and strategic studies at the University of Calgary.

First and foremost, Ethan was a skier. In his youth he was a ski racer



at Pajarito Mountain in Los Alamos and with the Big Mountain Race team in Whitefish.

He was employed for one winter by the Department of Defense as a ski instructor in Garmisch, Germany. After migrating to Canada to continue his studies, he was employed as a coach for Rocky Mountain Freeriders at Lake Louise and as a ski guide at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. He was also an accomplished mountain biker and coached at Kicking Horse in the summer. In his work, he touched many lives, young and old, sharing his love for the mountains.

Shortly before his diagnosis, he met the love of his life, Sonja Hehli, at a coffee shop in Canmore and they were inseparable for the next two years. They were wed twice in two separate ceremonies, the first on the Bow River on Feb. 25, 2013, and the second in Whitefish on Sept. 7, 2013.

Ethan is survived by his loving wife, Sonja, of Canmore; his parents, Jon and Diane Johnson of Whitefish; his brother, Adam Johnson, of Big Sky; and the extended Hehli family of central Alberta.

A memorial service will be held at the base of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18, following a day of skiing.

Memorial contributions may be made to gripen-

recoveryfund@gmail.com via Paypal for a fund which will be established to support adaptive skiing programs in Ethan's memory.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.bowriverfuneral.com.

Bow River Funeral Service is assisting the family; (403) 678-4880.

Gabrel Jess Johnston, 17

Gabrel Jess Johnston was born April 19, 1997, in Kalispell.

He died at age 17 in a car accident near Somers on Dec. 4, 2014.

Gabe was employed with Lindberg Masonry.

He was preceded in death by his older sister Jessica, and grandfather Paul Johnston.

He is survived by his parents, Jeff and Jeni, of Whitefish; a sister, Jada, and Lane Rosenlund, of Battle Ground, Wash.; two younger brothers, Joses and Kels; grandmother, Joanne



Johnston, of Duluth, Minn.; grandparents, Randy and Denise Massie, of New Town, N.D.; a

niece, Adaya; nephew, Jepson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Gabe was a lifelong member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of Lakeside.

Roger Louis Johnson, 77

Roger Louis Johnson passed away June 20, 2013, at the age of 77.

He grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School, class of 1954.

Roger married Sharon Meacham and joined the Navy. After his service, he attended Montana State University and moved to the Seattle area to start his career at Boeing after graduation.

Roger raised four children, son Ron Johnson and wife Sharon of Graham, Wash., daughter Hollie Caley and husband Geoff of Sammamish, Wash., son Cole Johnson of Spokane, and daughter Marlie Johnson of Black



Diamond, Wash.; along with grandchildren, Brian, Kyle, Tyler and Allie; and great-grandchildren, Lucy and Kate.

After retiring from Boeing, he enjoyed boating in the San Juan Islands, RV'ing around the country and spending time with his family.

There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Kevin Scott Johnson, 36

Kevin Scott Johnson, 36, passed away on Monday, Sept. 15, 2014.

The laughter and sense of giving someone a bad time came to an end all too soon on Monday for the family of Kevin S. Johnson. Kevin was born Aug. 28, 1978, to Bill "Wilfred" and Marilyn Farris Johnson. His haste to come into the world had continued throughout his 36 years.

On Sept. 2, 2000, he married the love of his life, Mindy Jones. The love for her was deeper than anyone, but he, could know. To this union three beautiful children were born. First came Kadin, the all sport child, then the most beautiful daughter, Alivia, the angel and dancer her dad couldn't be prouder of, and the ambitious Caleb came in as a bouncing boy and



continues to energize his family, from skateboards to sports. They spent a wonderful Sunday

with their dad — passing footballs, making skateboards and riding horses — memories the family will keep forever.

Kevin was employed at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell at the time of his death, as assistant general manager. He was recently promoted to general manager, an accomplishment he was excited about and looking forward to.

During Kevin's school years he was active in 4-H and FFA. Raising beef animals and exemplifying his leadership skills gave him tools as he proceeded in his

career choices. Kevin attended West Valley School and Flathead High School, graduating in 1996. He loved to get together with family and friends especially for holidays. Halloween was a favorite along with hiding eggs at Easter and waiting to help Santa with his chores.

"Waiting to welcome Kevin to his new eternal home" are his paternal grandparents, Wilfred and Emma Jean Johnson; and maternal grandparents, Forest and Margaret Farris; as well as Mindy's Grandma Bernie; and cousin, Brian Figgins.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Marilyn Johnson; wife, Mindy; daughter, Alivia; sons, Kadin and Caleb; sister, Lisa; sister-in-law, Nikki, and Heath Shepardson; mother-in-law, Vicki,

and Joe Jam; father-in-law, Fred, and Jeanne Jones; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. His many friends he left behind will miss his smile and caring ways.

A memorial service for Kevin is planned for 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a reception to follow at Hampton Inn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to an education trust fund being set up for Kevin's children. Checks may be made payable to KJAJCJ Education Fund, c/o Marilyn Johnson, P.O. Box 7244, Kalispell, MT 59901.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lindsay Leigh Johnstone, 32

Lindsay Leigh Johnstone, 32, of Seattle, passed away on Nov. 18, 2014, of natural causes at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Lindsay was born on Feb. 23, 1982, in Great Falls, to Darcy and Patrick Johnstone. She lived and attended schools in Columbia Falls. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School with high honors in 2000.

She moved to Seattle after graduation but returned to the Flathead Valley in 2004. Lindsay spent many years working at Joe Blogz in Lakeside as a bartender. She loved spending time with her friends, playing darts, flying kites and spending summers at Flathead Lake. Lindsay was an avid football fan and loved cheering on her Seahawks. She doted on her puggle, Jezebel. Lindsay moved back to Seattle in 2012 to be with her sister.

Lindsay is survived by her parents, Darcy Johnstone of Bothell, Washington, and Patrick and Georgianna Johnstone of Fort Benton; sisters, Jennifer Johnstone (her best friend) of Seattle, and



Danielle and Doug Koenig of Overland Park, Kansas; brother, Jason Longsworth, of

Spokane; grandmothers, Donna Wahlberg and Audrey Johnstone, of Great Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, three nephews and a niece. She also leaves behind her dog, Jezebel.

She was preceded in death by grandfathers, John Neil Wahlberg and John Patrick "Jack" Johnstone.

No services are planned.

Lindsay would have wanted her friends and family to get together and talk about the good times they shared. Lindsay loved giving flowers, so we ask that you give a flower to a friend in her memory.

Lindsay lived life to the fullest and her laugh will be greatly missed.

She loved quotes; "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." — Dr. Seuss.

We love you Lindsay and you'll be forever missed!

Gail Y. Johnsrud, 77

Gail Y. Johnsrud, 77, of Kalispell, passed away of cancer, Saturday, June 28, 2014, in Missoula, surrounded by her loving family.

Gail was born on April 2, 1937, in International Falls, Minn. Her family moved to Whitefish in 1950. She attended Whitefish High School and graduated in 1955.

She married Jack Frazier on Dec. 1, 1956. Jack and Gail had three children, Kimberly Ray, Samuel Jake and Robert Scott Frazier. The family moved to California in 1959 and lived there until they moved to Polson in 1974. Jack and Gail later divorced.

Gail met and married Leon Johnsrud in 1989. She and Leon had great amounts of fun together traveling around the United States. Gail and Leon moved to Kalispell in 1997. They later divorced.

Gail loved to laugh. Her most valued treasures in life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gail had lifelong friends from her Whitefish High School days that she enjoyed throughout her life. She loved the monthly "all class luncheons" that they faithfully had.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Lillian Raymond; her brothers, Wally Raymond and Rick Raymond; sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Obi Tu; and ex-husband, Jack Frazier.

Survivors include Gail's daughter, Kimberly



Ray, her husband Michael and their children, Danielle and Kenneth Roth; Gail's son,

Samuel Jake Frazier, his daughter Nicole Hendrix and her son Jalen, as well as Sam's son SSG Jamie Frazier and his two children, Devon and Hailee Frazier; Gail's son Robert Scott Frazier, his wife Teresa, and their children Sgt. Tyler Frazier and Shelby Frazier; Gail's sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Carl Cooley; sister and brother-in-law, Romelle and Bill Johnstone; and sister-in-law, Arlene Raymond; along with many nieces and nephews.

Gail's family would like to express their gratitude to the following for the grace and dignity they provided to her during her final days — Dr. Rebecca Anderson and the entire staff of Community Medical Center, along with Kate Harlow and the entire staff of Rosetta Assisted Living in Missoula; and Terry, Nancy, Cindy, Jill, Greg and the entire staff of Hospice of Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Missoula in honor of Gail.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 3, at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, followed by a grave site visit.

Thomas B. Johnson, 74

Thomas B. Johnson, 74, of Trego, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at Northwest HealthCare in Kalispell. Private family services

will be Friday, Dec. 26.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Agnes Virginia (Lalonde) Jones, 95

"I spent a lot of years on one prairie or another in Eastern Montana ... I call myself, 'a child of the prairie.' On those prairies the wind blows free and winters are frigid." — *Agnes Virginia (Lalonde) Jones*



Sullivan, Stephan Byrd (Amy), Ann Marie Byrd (Shawn Nichols), Dan Byrd, Aimee

Agnes was born July 1, 1919, in Bainville, Mont., to Albert Edward and Ellen Irene Lalonde. Her younger years were spent traveling each spring on road construction jobs on the Montana Hi-Line. It was a very harsh existence living in tents. On the road she earned the nickname "Aggie the Lamplighter" as she lit the night construction sites with the kerosene lamps. Then as a teenager the family moved to Sidney. She attended Sidney High School beginning in 1934, played the saxophone in the band, and graduated in 1937. She attended college at Saint Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., where she met and made lifelong friends.

Agnes' siblings were Julian John "Jay" LaLonde (Synove Bratberg), Hubert Edward LaLonde (Dorthe Wilson), and Eugene Albert LaLonde (Beverly Perault).

She met and married O'Neil Hazlett Jones in Sidney where they resided. Agnes directed the choir at St. Philomena's parish, was involved in the Altar Society and raised five children.

Plese (Victor), John Byrd (Angie), Nick Byrd (Molly Chapa), Eric Byrd (Tiffany), Jordan and Maura Jones, Nicole Jones-Vannata (Jordan), Todd and Lane Jones, and Andrew and Katelynn Jones; and 14 great-grandchildren, Chancellor and Olivia Johnstone, Hudson and Ravenna Byrd, Hannah and Delaney Byrd-Nichols, Max, Quentin, Mason, Bridget and Caden Plese, Maddie and Samuel Byrd, and Aiden Ava Byrd.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, O'Neill in 2001; her daughter-in-law, Kathleen Jordan Jones, in 2010; grandchildren, Anetta Byrd in 1973, and Andrew Byrd in 1974; and great-grandchild, Spencer Johnstone, in 1992.

Funeral arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. A reception will follow immediately after the funeral Mass.

Memorial donations may be sent to Bigfork Food Bank, 7545 Montana 35, Bigfork, MT 59911; 406-837-2297.

Donna Belle Jones, 90

Donna Belle Jones, born Dec. 9, 1923, in Lakota, N.D., passed away on Aug. 1, 2014, in the arms of her two daughters, Candy and Robyn, with her husband Rick nearby. She fought a tough battle and was a trooper to the end!



Donna grew up in North Dakota and moved to Seattle in 1946 where she worked for Alaska Communications. It was there she met her husband Rick during World War II when his Navy ship, the USS Ticonderoga, came to port for repairs.

Rick and Donna were soon married and moved to Springfield, Mass., to be with Rick's family where their daughter Candy was born. A few years later they moved to Kalispell where Candy's sister, Robyn, was born. Rick and Donna spent much of their life in Kalispell where they raised their two girls and were active members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Donna took great pride in her family and loved being a wife and mother.

In the early '80s they moved to McMinnville, Ore., to be close to their two daughters. Her husband Rick worked for Gormley Plumbing + Mechanical, and Donna and her girls opened the

Blue Goose and Cat's Meow Stores on Third Street.

Donna and Rick enjoyed spending winters in Mesa, Ariz., and summers at Lake Blaine in Kalispell.

Donna is survived by her husband, Rick, of 68 years; daughters and husbands, Candy and Ed Gormley of McMinnville, and Robyn and Lindsay Beeson of San Clemente, Calif.; sister, Pat Weed, and family, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kim, Kori, Brandon, Tye, Brooke and spouses; and great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Kenadee, Kort, and soon to be great-granddaughter, Stella Belle.

Remembrances can be made to the H.R. Hoover Cancer Center at Willamette Valley Community Hospital, or Saint James Catholic Church where Rick and Donna were members.

A private family celebration will be held this week at Macy and Son Funeral Home in McMinnville. To leave on line condolences, visit www.macyandson.com

After living in Sidney, they moved to Bigfork in 1964 and purchased a home on Flathead Lake. In 1965, they opened Flathead Lake Galleries. Later they purchased Flathead Lake Lookout Museum from the Thain White family. Agnes volunteered at the Bigfork Village Square and was a supporter of the arts and education in the Bigfork community. She was an avid and talented quilter and an amateur watercolor artist. She spent her last years at the Lakeview Care Center.

Agnes is survived by her five children, Irene Ann (Leroy Byrd), Dennis O'Neil, Patrick John, Timothy Matthew (Kim Lane), and Terrance Mark Edward (Sheila Hauger) Jones. Agnes had 17 grandchildren, Angela Johnstone (Ian), O'Neill Byrd (Marcy), Alicia

Douglas Max Jones, 62

Doug passed away at his home in Columbia Falls Sept. 9, 2014.

"He was able to celebrate his mother's birthday with her that evening in Heaven. Doug courageously waited to enter into rest" after fighting brain cancer for 11 months.

Doug was born to Edward Clay Jones and Esther Zell (Wagner) Jones on Nov. 24, 1951, in Whitefish. Columbia Falls has always been his home, other than a short time as a child when his parents moved the family to Kalispell. He was 6, and the family worked and played on a dairy farm that he had fond memories of. He graduated in 1970 from Columbia Falls High School and had supported the Columbia Falls Wildcats ever since. He attended college at Flathead Valley Community College.

As a child, as well as an adult, he was very close to each of his siblings Robert "Bob," Fred, Carroll, Dave and Lorie, and could call each of them his best friend. He felt lucky that they have all grown up in and stayed in the valley where they can remain close to each other.

He pumped gas and baled hay while in high school. He worked at Superior Lumber Mill for a very short time, as well as the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, before starting at Plum Creek Lumber in October 1974.



He was like a child watching his sons play and compete in sports and would help coach

to be that much closer to the action. Bowling was another favorite pastime, if you were not sure where he was, you would probably find him at the Pin & Cue Bowling Alley. As with most things, he was very humble about reaching an 815 series and a 300 score game in 2009. Planning for retirement, he purchased a Harley Davidson motorcycle that sadly he did not get to enjoy for long.

Doug greatly loved and was proud of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Lori; and four children, Sharlyn Reed and son-in-law Jim, Chris Jones and daughter-in-law Melissa, Brandon Bras and daughter-in-law Robin, and Daniel Jones, all who live in the Flathead Valley. His first wife of 15 years, Jamie, and her husband, Mike Bone, have remained part of the family. He was blessed with eight beautiful grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and many more true friends.

Doug was humble, full of integrity and kindness and will be missed by many.

Doug enjoyed a strong cup of coffee and once in awhile a whiskey on ice. Doug was very passionate about the outdoors. His favorite time of year was autumn. He enjoyed watching animals, as well as hunting and fishing, and simply walking or driving in the woods. He always put safety first, and thought it very important to leave the wilderness as you find it. He enjoyed archery and rifle season both and, depending on the season, one or the other would be his favorite. Loading his own ammunition to hunt was important to him, and would be damned if any president or anyone else was going to tell him he could not have a gun (or two) in his home.

He built his home and helped with many others. Doug enjoyed taxidermy, which turned into such a business it became more work than fun and he struggled to say no to family and friends.

The family would like to thank everyone involved for the professionalism and many acts of kindness they have shown during this stressful and untimely period.

Per Doug's request, there will not be a funeral. The celebration of his life will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Pin & Cue Bowling Alley and conference room. The family will scatter remains at a private setting on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Contributions in Doug's name are suggested to the Columbia Falls WildCats/Kats Athletic Endowment Association (WAEA).

Gordon 'Dale' Jones, 76

Gordon "Dale" Jones, 76, died in Kalispell on Aug. 4, 2014.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thurs-

day, Aug. 7, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Helen L. Jones, 77

Longtime Kalispell resident, Helen L. Jones, 77, passed away peacefully at her home on March 25, 2014.

Helen was born on June 2, 1936, in Littlefork, Minn. She was the fourth child of Louis and Dolly DeRosier.

In 1947, her family headed west to Montana where they eventually settled in Whitefish. After finishing school, she moved to Spokane where she met the love of her life, Orrie Jones. They married in 1955 and were blessed with five children, Susie, Melanie, Orrie, Michael and Robert. They eventually moved back to Montana to raise their children.

Helen was well known in the community due to the many retail jobs she held such as Kmart, Hallmark and Walgreens.

Helen loved the outdoors and did a lot of fishing, hunting and camping. She was a kind and generous person who even donated a kidney to her daughter Susie. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orrie V. Jones; daughter Michelle "Susie" Jones; brother, Charles DeRosier; sister, Rheta Euell;



brother-in-law, Gile Sorenson; and daughter-in-law, Patricia Jones.

She is survived

by two sisters, Delores Sorenson, and Barbara Parish and husband William; one daughter, Melanie Laisuthrukklai and husband George; three sons, Orrie M. Jones and wife Lisa, Michael G. Jones and Brenda, and Robert W. Jones; grandchildren, Alicia and Puri of Thailand, Thai and Tanita of Kalispell, Michelle and Greg of Bigfork, Frank of Kalispell, Desmond of Butte, Gessie and Tyler of North Dakota, Joshua, Amy, Kaylee and Ashley, all of Washington, and Kyrie and Logan of Kalispell; and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation for Helen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday March 29, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Helen's family.

Stephenie Ann Jones, 58

Stephenie Ann Jones, 58, died at her home on Aug. 26, 2014.

Survivors include by her mother, Gloriann

Jones.

No services are scheduled.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jay Jones, 75

Jay Herbert Jones Jr., 75, "is with the Lord."

He passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2014, in Missoula.

Jay was born on Oct. 22, 1938, the son of Jay and Ellen Jones, in Bruce, Wis. He graduated from Coburg High in Coburg, Ore.; he then enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1956.

Jay married Virginia "Marnea" Barnhart on Oct. 30, 1958, and together they had three children, Virgil in 1960, Troy in 1962, and Sheila in 1963. They resided in Coburg until 1971 when the family moved to Columbia Falls.

Jay worked in the timber industry his entire career, retiring from Plum Creek as a shipping supervisor. After retirement Jay and Marnea moved to Plains where they resided on the Clark Fork River for 10 years. In 2010 they returned to Columbia Falls.

Jay enjoyed all that Montana's great outdoors had to offer and was a ruthless card player. Jay was a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church for over 30 years, was a member of the Gideon's and was involved with the children's ministry of the church.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Carol (Dorry); his son, Virgil; a nephew, and three nieces.

Those he leaves behind are his wife of 55 years, Marnea; brothers, Marden, Dale and Doug; sister, Nancy; son, Troy; daughter, Sheila, her husband Gary Hoblyn; granddaughters, Kristel, Danielle,



Jessica, her husband Brad Nieves, and Meghan; grandsons, Jonathan, his wife Karina Ringdahl, Nicholas, his wife Veronika

Jones, Josiah and Jacob; daughter-in-law, Peggy; six great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; and extended families.

Jay was known to all as a soft spoken, patient, non-judgmental man that would do anything for anyone. Despite all of his health issues, Jay never felt sorry for himself or complained. He treasured every second of time spent with family and friends. He touched the lives of all he knew and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held for Jay at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, at the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls. Interment will be at the Fairview Cemetery followed by a reception at Fellowship Alliance. In honor of Jay, the family invites everyone to wear jeans and Western attire.

In lieu of flowers or any other gifts of consolation, donations may be sent to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800; or Fellowship Alliance Church, P.O. Box 148, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 (designate Youth Ministry).

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Jay's family.

Leslie 'Les' Judkins, 86

Leslie "Les" Judkins, 86, of Bridger, died peacefully in his sleep at home May 17, 2014.

He was born July 19, 1927, in Banks, N.D., to Jay and Borghild Judkins. He was the eldest of eight children, and with his four brothers and three sisters grew up on a farm near Banks. He was baptized and attended the Banks Lutheran Church and attended the country school, graduating in June of 1942 from the eighth grade. Leslie left home at age 16 and worked with his brother Jim at Amerada Petroleum Corporation on a seismic crew. While working on a road crew near Sanish, N.D., he met the love of his life, Maybelle Pittsley.

On Aug. 28, 1948, he was united in marriage to Maybelle in Watford City, N.D. The best man was the brother of the bride, Glenn Pittsley. The maid of honor was the sister of the groom, Barbara Judkins. Leslie found work in Watford City with the Standard Service Station and then with Farmers Union Co-op. They welcomed their first son, Gary Leslie, on Aug. 1, 1949, in Williston, N.D. On Jan. 18, 1951, their second son, Donald James, was also born in Williston.

Leslie was hired in 1952 to work in the Gallagher grain elevator. On July 2, 1953 they welcomed their first daughter, Wanda May, in Watford City. He became employed by E.H. Walrath & Sons as manager of their grain elevator and moved the family to Bridger in the fall of 1954, where they have made their home ever since. Their second daughter Julia Ann was born Feb. 25, 1956, in Billings. Later followed by another son born Sept. 7, 1957 in Red Lodge, named Ernest Lynn, and in the same hospital their last child, another son, Douglas Jay, was born Dec. 20, 1958.



and great-grandchildren. He never missed an opportunity to share his jokes and life experiences with everyone that he met. He will be remembered as being very generous and positive with a friendly smile. Leslie loved his Lord and savior Jesus Christ and was thankful for what the Lord had blessed him with during his long life.

Leslie is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Maybelle Judkins, of Bridger; his six children, Gary and Gerri Judkins of Hamilton, New Zealand, Donald and Monique Judkins of Orofino, Idaho, Wanda and Larry Sticka of Whitefish, Julie and Darrel Krum of Belfry, Mont., Ernie and Cindy Judkins of Belgrade, and Doug and Joan Judkins of Bridger; sister, Barb, and Bob Arthaud, of Dickenson, N.D.; brother, Jim Judkins, of Libby; brother, Jack, and Wilma Judkins, of Troy; brother, Charlie Judkins, of Libby; sister, Elaine, and Virgil Laasch, of Cut Bank; sister, Eileen Felland, of Sandpoint, Idaho; and great friend, Terry Handeland, of Bridger; grandchildren, Larry Jr. and Michel Sticka of Livingston, Jason and Jennifer Krum of Belgrade, Trina and Errin Glencross of Kalispell, Justin and Kjerstina Krum of Reno, Nev., Jennifer and Justin Holzworth of Belgrade, Jermie and Jessie Krum of Belgrade, Joshua and Mia Judkins of San Francisco, Tyler and Scottia Judkins of Belgrade, Christopher and Emily Judkins of Great Falls, Jonathan and Amy Krum of Big Timber, Daniel Judkins of Wellington, New Zealand, Timothy Judkins

Leslie worked for E.H. Walrath & Sons for over 32 years until it closed October 1987. He had a great eye for photography and owned and operated Bridger Photo where they photographed numerous graduates of Bridger and surrounding communities, weddings and, of course, never missed a chance to photograph their own children and grandchildren. The house was always overflowing with pictures! His other passion and business was Bridger Fur Co., started in 1973 with the help of their sons Don, Gary, Ernie and Doug. With their help and his grandsons the business thrived and is still operated today. The Bridger Fur Company store in downtown Bridger was operated solely by him, Maybelle, their son Doug and daughter-in-law Joan. Leslie was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt, fish and trap under the beautiful Montana skies. Nothing lit up his face more than seeing his children, grandchildren

of San Francisco, Walter and Amy Jones of Bothell, Wash., Danielle and Peter Oudenhouven of St. Louis, and Ashley Roshitsh of Boise, Idaho; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Borghild Judkins; brother, Duane and Fairy Judkins; and two great-grandchildren, Meah Anne Krum and Paxton Leonard Sticka.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Montana Rescue Mission in Billings (montanarescuemission.org).

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridger, with Pastor Shurpe and Pastor Brant officiating. Graveside services will be held at Bridger Cemetery, and a reception will follow in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There will be a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Home, 201 N. Broadway, Red Lodge.

Carol Ann Judge, 73

Former Montana First Lady Carol Ann Judge, 73, passed away on Dec. 7, 2014.

She was born June 7, 1941, in Los Angeles to Kermit Anderson, who had established Anderson Advertising Agency in Los Angeles, and Hazel Anderson, a homemaker and part-time dietitian. Carol grew up with a deep appreciation of the diversity of people, cultures and foods in the area. She developed a lifelong love of the ocean and enjoyed all that the big city had to offer a little girl. She was a Brownie, took swim and dance lessons, and learned to ice skate.

The family moved back to Helena when she was 10, and she was proud to graduate from Bryant Elementary, just as her parents had. Her 1958 Helena High School graduation came exactly 30 years after her parents, and 30 years prior to her second son. In 1962, she graduated with honors from Montana State University with a degree in nursing. She earned her master's degree in psychiatric nursing in 1983, also from MSU.

Carol accepted her first nursing job in Missoula in 1962, starting a career that would span a half-century and encompass a wide variety of settings and positions. She applied her skills with grace and compassion, whether as a public health nurse, school nurse, nurse consultant for the state, a VA hospital nurse, or an addictions and mental health counselor.



family and co-workers from the past. Over the next several years, each of the institu-

tions was updated and significant improvements were made in staffing. By the end of Tom Judge's second term as governor, Carol had visited all 12 institutions to personally witness the improvements.

In the early 1970s, Carol joined first ladies from across the country to address another major problem — dangerously low immunization rates in children. The ensuing "Every Child in '76" campaign culminated in major legislation signed into law by Gov. Judge in 1979. Similar success was seen in Carol's efforts to reform the approach taken to substance abuse issues. By 1974, it was coming to the public's attention that substance abuse was a treatable condition. This realization helped to reduce the stigma around alcohol and drug abuse, and to facilitate compassionate and effective treatment. Building on the American Medical Association's landmark decision recognizing alcoholism as a disease, Carol coordinated efforts to codify that classification into Montana law. These efforts paid off in the 1975 legislative session with passage of a bill adopting that classification and decriminalizing alcoholism.

revoked. In addition to losing their jobs, they sometimes also lost their families and even their lives due to suicide. To turn this bleak situation around, Carol reached out to the Montana Nurses Association and Montana State Board of Nursing for help in establishing a Nurses Assistance Program (NAP). The legislation passed in 1989, and the first NAP was started in Missoula. At the present time, there are approximately 90 nurses receiving assessment, treatment and monitoring services through NAPs in the state.

In 1985, she began a 22-year career working at Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital. She was a dedicated advocate for those who had served their country, particularly those struggling with mental health or chemical dependency issues. After a brief retirement, she applied for a part-time RN position at the Behavioral Health Unit at St. Peter's Hospital in 2009. When she became ill, she found it necessary to step down from this position.

In recognition of her contributions to the field of nursing in the state of Montana, in 2008 she was awarded the Montana Nurse's Association Distinguished Nurse of the Year award.

Carol's faith and spirit of service were central tenets of her personality. She was an active member of the St. Helena Cathedral parish, and a founding member of Family Promise. She served as a Eucharistic minister, delivering communion to the homebound and assisting at funerals, and was also among the first group of volunteers for No One Dies Alone when it began its vigils at St. Peter's Hospital.

and compassionate care she received from Drs. Weiner and Thomas and the nurses of the Cancer Treatment Center of St. Peter's Hospital, Dr. Talpaz and the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and everyone at Hospice of St. Peters.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Kermit and Hazel (Larson) Anderson; and her former husband Thomas Lee Judge.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas Warren Judge and Patrick Lane Judge; sister, Shari Pettit; nieces, Allison Carol Pettit and Jennifer Anna Fossum; and nephews, Matthew Anderson Pettit and Edward "Ned" McLean Pettit. She also leaves behind her beloved cat, Frankie Mittens.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, at Retz Funeral Home, 315 E. Sixth Ave., in Helena. A funeral Mass will be held at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Cathedral of St. Helena, 530 N. Ewing St., in Helena, with a reception immediately following in the Brondel Center, located in the lower level

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Carol Ann Judge - cont

In the fall of 1966, Carol established Helena's first Home Health Agency at St. Peter's Hospital, with the strong support of the hospital administrator.

In 1973, when her husband Thomas L. Judge became governor, she began a tireless campaign to improve the 12 state institutions. Her initial focus was on the state psychiatric hospital in Warm Springs, and the Boulder River School and Hospital, now the Montana Developmental Center. She enlisted help from people all across the state — medical professionals, legislators and their wives, concerned citizens, friends,

In 1977, Carol's advocacy on behalf of the chemically dependent and mentally ill was rewarded with her appointment to the Liaison Panel on Alcohol Related Problems for the President's Mental Health Commission. During one memorable trip to Washington, D.C., Carol enjoyed a private meeting with first lady Rosalynn Carter in which they shared her thoughts on helping the mentally ill.

In 1987, Carol began another collaborative campaign, to help nurses suffering from substance abuse. At the time, nurses found to be chemically dependent were often thrown into jail and had their nursing licenses

Of all the many roles she had throughout her life, she always stated that her most cherished was being a mom. And as with the others, this was a role in which she truly excelled, exhibiting unending devotion to her children. She relished the close friendship she had with Thomas and Patrick.

She was deeply grateful for the profound

Dorothy May McConville Junge, 89

Dorothy May McConville Junge, 89, passed away on Feb. 10, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Whitefish to George and Lavera McConville on May 10, 1924. She was raised and attended school in Whitefish. She married Bob Junge on Feb. 28, 1942. They traveled to different parts of the United States where her husband worked construction. They moved to Pasco, Wash. in 1960, where she lived until moving back to Whitefish, then to Columbia Falls. She has lived there for the past 20 years. She spent the last seven months living with her son Chuck.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Floyd McConville; sister, Marjorie Schooley; first husband, Bob Junge; and second husband, Bob Swinney (daughters Chris and Pat).

She is survived by her son, Charles Junge

(Peggy), his children Kellee VonFeldt (Mark), Robbie Junge (Sarah), Chris Junge (Joliene) and her daughter Charlene Rodgers (Gene), their children Rhonda Brooks (Mike), Brian Rodgers (Danielle), eight great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Dorothy will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 at Austin Funeral Home. There will be a viewing for Dorothy from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday prior to services. A reception will be held at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell, courtesy of grandson, Chris Junge.

Dorothy will be laid to rest on Feb. 19 at City View Cemetery in Pasco. You are invited to go to www.austinfh.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Dorothy's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.