

## Nellie Mae 'Bobbi' Wagoner, 85

On Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, Nellie Mae "Bobbi" Wagoner "went home to be with her Savior."

She was born Dec. 24, 1928, in Big Timber to Lenoir L. and Nellie M. (Dryer) Buchanan.

The family moved to the Flathead in the early 1930s where Bobbi attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School. She also attended Northwestern Bible School in Seattle.

Back home she met Joe Wagoner. They were married Dec. 2, 1951, making their home on a farm outside of Bigfork. They moved to Kalispell in 1967, and in 1970, opened Wagoner's Sand and Gravel. Although Bobbi struggled with health issues all of her life, she was very active. She was a charter member of the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead, regularly attending shows to display her original oil paintings.

Romans 12:18 says, "If it is possible, as much as is in you, live peaceably with all men." Bobbi believed and lived this. Spiritually and physically she gave water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, clothed the naked and gave shelter to the homeless, touching and changing lives for Jesus all her life. She was even raised from the dead on June 24, 2012, in Polson, yet death finally comes to us all.

"Only what is done for Christ will last."



Bobbi was preceded in death by her parents; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and

Earl Boyd, and Retta and Charlie Powell; daughter, Annette; grandchildren, Annie and Quin Wagoner; and great-granddaughter, Kayli Wagoner.

She is survived by her children, Terresa and Rud Knudsen, Fay and Gary Schmidt, Lyle and Becky Wagoner, and Steve and Nettie Wagoner; 20 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10 at Lonepine Cemetery, behind the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. The Memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

If Bobbi has touched your life, her prayer for you is that you would live for God with everything in you, so that you also will be ready on the day of your death.

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

## Nancy Jane (Roper) Wagner, 50

Nancy Wagner passed away on April 23, 2014, at her home in Kalispell.

She was the silly yellow Jeep girl in Missoula with her best friends Becky and Tracy.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1963, in Long Beach, Calif., had an incredible sense of humor and an infectious smile and laugh.

Nancy and Corey Wagner were married in Kalispell and had just celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary.

Nancy's early years were spent working at her parents' drive-in, the Snow King, in Missoula. After that she went to work as a cosmetologist, cutting hair and doing nails. She later moved to Palm Springs, Calif., where her first child Amanda was born, and where Nancy worked as a waitress in a very popular restaurant. Next she relocated moved to Reno, Nev., and was a secretary for a carpet wholesale outlet. Her final move was back to Kalispell where she had her second child Dakota, met her husband Corey, and worked as a manager at Orange Julius, Dairy Queen and



Burger King.

Nancy's last 14 years were spent working with Keebler/Kellogg's as

a saleswoman where she received many awards and national recognition. Nancy and Corey were known as the "Vogners" to the company. Nancy had unlimited motivation and drive in her and that is what made her so successful.

Nancy is survived by her husband Corey Wagner, sons Brett Wagner aka "Vince Vaughn" and Dakota Tackett aka "Toady," daughters, Amanda Pace aka "Aunt Rambo" and Shauna Calhoun, her granddaughters Kyndle, Reegan and Layla, aka "Yeah-Ya," and her 97-year-old grandmother Mary "GG" Riddle, all of Kalispell; along with her brothers, Greg Roper and Robert Bailey; and sister, Britany Strouse.

A celebration of Nancy's life will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell.

## Louella Mae Momberg Armstrong Wahler, 93

Louella Mae Momberg Armstrong Wahler was born on Aug. 21, 1920.

Louella was a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She died on June 3, 2014, of natural causes at the age of 93, with no suffering.

Louella was born on a ranch southeast of Browning and grew up in that area until old enough to go away to Flandreau, S.D., to attend boarding school.

She stayed there until her school was completed and then went to Milwaukee to become a nanny to two boys.

After this she came back to the Cut Bank area to help on the ranch by bucking hay bales with the best of them, riding fence, driving cattle, tallying cattle during branding, milking cows and whatever chore came up besides these.

When World War II began, her father moved the family to the West Coast so he could work, and during the war Louella became a lead welder on the aircraft carriers and destroyers used by our servicemen and women. She was always extremely proud of this part of her life.

Louella worked many jobs as she married and her family grew. She enjoyed working as a clerk for the State of Montana Liquor Store, and as a bookkeeper for Farm and Home Administration helping the farmers and ranchers surrounding the Cut Bank area.

During this time her children attended school in Cut Bank. Louella was active in school activities and she and her husband, Pete, managed the American Legion baseball team for many years. Her home was open to various cheerleading squads as lodging during the basketball tournaments held in Cut Bank.



and Louella's famous "hand pie." Her pies became so well-liked by the towns-

people that she often had requests for over a hundred pies during holiday seasons.

Louella spent time managing apartments in Butte, Anchorage, Alaska, and the Seattle area for Housing and Urban Development.

True to her nature, she loved this work because she was able to help families and became a grandma to many children who most assuredly hold her dear to their hearts to this day.

In years following, Louella traveled to many road and bridge construction jobsites with her daughter to watch over her granddaughter. She loved every minute of it.

Louella was preceded in death by her parents, L.J. and Millie Bird Momberg; brothers, Charles, Gus and Everett "Pee Wee;" sisters, Helen and Jewel; grandson, Robert "Robbie;" her husbands, Orville Schock, Robert "Pete" Armstrong and Frank Wahler; and her sons, Louis "Butch" and Denzal.

She is survived by her daughters, Lila Lee, Lou Ann and Denise; granddaughters, Chrystelle, Jeannette and Billie Sue; grandsons, Will and Aaron; and great-grandchildren, Aubree Winter, Hendrix William, Tristan, Kayla, Marcus and Robert.

Louella will be missed by all of her family, immediate and extended. No longer can we gaze into her kind face to find the support and love we need. We can and will, however, hold her close to our hearts.

## Lance James Walden Sr.

A memorial service for Lance James Walden Sr., 71, who died Dec. 26, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday,

July 5, at the Fairview Cemetery Chapel, 1130 Fairview Cemetery Road, in Columbia Falls.

Her seamstress abilities were always put to the test by designing and sewing tumbling costumes for the tumbling team representing the Cut Bank Wolves during sports events.

Louella loved to camp, picnic, fish and hike with her family and friends. For several years she would ride in a cattle drive from the Babb region to her father's ranch north of Cut Bank. Penny pitch, pinochle and cribbage would pass the time by the campfires at night.

Louella and her husband, Pete, managed the bowling alley lunch counter in Cut Bank, catering to the many school kids coming in to have burgers

Louella's dear friends Sandra and Ed Tecca will forever be in our family. An unbreakable bond of love exists between Sandra's mother, Delores, and Louella. We are all quite certain they are now sharing a hot cup of coffee and a cookie and much laughter.

There will be a funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Cut Bank, with burial following at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Louella's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Louella's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Helen Waldmann, 97

Helen Waldmann died peacefully of natural causes on Aug. 31, 2014, at age 97. She was surrounded by love ones at her former home in Bloomfield, N.J., where she spent the last two years of her life with son Richard. He kept her active by taking her to musical events, dining out with family members and walking in the park every day.

Helen was born Dec. 17, 1916, in New Jersey. She married Emil "Dick" Waldmann in 1940.

In 1943, she became the mother of twins, Richard and Sue. In 1950, their son Savron was born. Helen was a stay-at-home mom until 1956. She then became secretary to the president of the Empire Mutual Insurance Co., a job she truly loved until her retirement in 1977.

Helen and Dick spent many vacations visiting their daughter Sue and their grandchildren in Missoula. They fell in love with Montana and decided to make the big move here, leaving their family and friends in New Jersey. They purchased their dream home in Dayton on Flathead Lake after they retired. Helen and Dick immediately made many new friends and had great, loving and caring neighbors. They attended the Dayton Presbyterian Church where Helen became the church secretary.



and Helen moved to Missoula and spent every summer at their lake home. They never

missed a grandchild's school performance or sporting event. They enjoyed traveling which included cruises to Mexico, the Caribbean, Hawaii and Alaska. Dick and Helen were married for 69 years.

After Dick's passing in 2009, she continued to live independently. She loved to travel to Tucson in the winter to visit with Sue and her husband Bob. She made many new friends and joined lots of activities, such as water aerobics, singing rehearsals and card groups. Helen enjoyed attending many shows, attended potlucks, shopping and visiting local attractions. Her favorite was the Tucson Zoo.

Helen loved the Lord and passed that faith on to her entire family. She will long be remembered for her beautiful smile that attracted so many people to her. She always put others first, consistently had a positive attitude, never complained and was so appreciative of every little thing that people would do for her. She always cared about what you had to say and was a great listener.

## Jonathan Doyle 'JD' Walker, 44

United States Army Major Jonathan Doyle "JD" Walker, 44, of Vass, N.C., passed away on Oct. 1, 2014, in Doha, Qatar, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. This was Maj. Walker's ninth deployment.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1970, in Kansas City, Mo., to Terry Jay Walker and Margaret Patricia Doyle.

Maj. Walker was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and was assigned to the 4th POG (A), 1st Special Forces Command.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Kelly Walker; two children, Jacob Walker and



Peyton Walker; mother, Pat Doyle; father, Terry

Walker and Joanne; and sister, Amy Deitrick and Lance.

Maj. Walker will return to Moore County Airport in Carthage on Sunday with an honor guard to escort him from the plane. Services will be private for immediate family.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.bolesfuneralhome.com). Boles Funeral Home and Crematory in Southern Pines will be assisting the family.

Helen enjoyed taking care of her beautiful flower gardens, oil painting, sewing, knitting, completing her daily crossword puzzles, listening to orchestral music and operas, and doing exercise videos to stay fit. Helen and Dick attended all the Bigfork Theatre plays. Each year, they packed a picnic lunch and hiked at Glacier National Park with visiting family members.

Helen loved to bake and will long be remembered for her wonderful pies. She loved watching sporting events and was a huge Montana Grizzly Football fan. Her favorite sports included tennis, baseball and golf. Helen had a lifetime of loving her cats and dogs. She enjoyed playing card and board games with her family and friends.

In the year 2000, Dick

Helen leaves a son, Richard Waldmann, son, Savron and wife Carole, and sister, Dorothy, all residing in New Jersey; a daughter, Sue Payne and husband, Bob, from Missoula; a granddaughter, Beverly Brooks of Missoula; grandson, Rob Carlson and wife, Merri, of Spokane; six great-grandchildren, Randy, Chantal, Brandon, Clarissa, Afton and Cade; and seven great-great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Robert, Kylie, Max, Peyton, Donovan and Avionna.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held in July of 2015 at the family lake home in Dayton. The exact date will be announced next spring.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [bobsuepayne@aol.com](mailto:bobsuepayne@aol.com) or Sue Payne, P.O. Box 2397, Missoula MT 59806.

## Robert Bruce 'Bob' Walker, 89

Robert Bruce "Bob" Walker, 89, passed away on Oct. 28, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Bob was born in Kalispell on Nov. 19, 1924, to Bruce and Anna (Siderius) Walker. He was a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley. He went to school in Lakeside and high school at Flathead.

He served in the Navy during World War II and then returned to the Flathead.

He met and married Mary "Betty" Street and they settled with her son in Somers. They had a second child, daughter Patty.

Bob worked for a time at Broeders lumber, and then he and his father ran their own lumber mill in



Lakeside. He also worked for a time building logging

roads for the Forest Service. He worked with his son-in-law at the family mill until 2013.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman. He hunted, fished and hiked all his life, and was especially happy when picking huckleberries. Bob enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his son, Joe, and wife, Linda, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and his daughter, Patty, and husband, B.J., in Lakeside. He is also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Blanche Cassady Walter, 51

Blanche Cassady Walter was born June 27, 1962, in Uniontown, Pa., to Joseph and Rose Cassady.

"She passed into the Lord's waiting arms" on Jan. 11, 2014, in Kalispell.

As a young girl Blanche moved with her family to Butte where she called home. There was nothing more important to her than spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Rose Cassady; an aunt, Shirley Zinn; a sister, Jane Johnson;



a niece, Angie Dinius; a nephew, Richard Dinius; and the father of her children, Don

Kiefer.

She is survived by the lights of her world, a son Donald Kiefer, a daughter Jennifer Hartman, and Andrew Howell, and two precious grandsons Christopher Howell and Frank Hartman, of Columbia Falls; She is also survived by

three sisters, Rose and Clarence Ewalt of Gillette Wyo., Debra Dinius and William St. Marks of Butte, and Beverly and Ray Reynolds of Missoula; and two brothers, Jim Cassady of Gillette, and Clark Cassady of Butte. She is also leaving behind several nieces and nephews, ex-husband Randy Walter of Van Buren, Ark., and many other friends who will miss her smiling face and loving nature.

Her body was cremated, with a memorial service to be announced at a later

date. Please send cards in care of Jennifer Hartman, P.O. Box 72 Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## Timothy Brian Ward, 65

Timothy Brian Ward, 65, passed away on May 31, 2014.

He was born on June 6, 1948, to Patrick and Gloria Ward in Fort Benning, Ga.

As a child, he and his family had moved around and lived in Japan, Germany and Austria and on various military bases in the United States.

In 1968 and 1969, Tim served in the 9th Artillery Division in Dong Tiem, Vietnam.

He married Mary Cathleen Wolfinger on July 12, 1980, and had five children. Throughout his life, he put in 33 years of work at the Bell South as a splicer.

Timothy was a member of the Flathead 4-H Shooting Sports and the NRA. He was an avid fly fisherman, shooter and outdoorsman.

He was preceded in death by his mother Gloria, father Patrick, and brother Matthew.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Nell of Columbia Falls, Rosemary and husband Matt Reyn-



olds of Kalispell, and Ann of Kalispell; sons, Timothy

of Columbia Falls, and Joseph and wife Amber of West Linn, Ore.; also, a brother, Dan, of North Carolina, sister, Mary Pat, and Braxton Brittain of North Carolina; and five grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 6, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration at Radnor Station Building 2, suite 320, 290 King of Prussia Road, Radnor PA 19087; or Frontier Hospice at 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Timothy's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Timothy's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Tedrowe Watkins, 90

Tedrowe Watkins, 90, passed peacefully on June 9, 2014, in Bigfork after a courageous 13-year battle with cancer.

Tedrowe was born in Baltimore, Md., to Julian and Alida Watkins in September 1923. He graduated from Avon Old Farms school in Avon, Conn., then joined the Marine Corps on June 15, 1943, and was a veteran of World War II.

He married Joan Van Buren Humphrey, and together they had two children, Marion in 1948, and Tedrowe Jr., in 1950. Together the family moved to Seattle where he completed many business ventures, including acquiring and running Bryants Marine, which later was named, The Bryant Corporation. He was a founding member of Crystal Mountain, a ski area near Mount Rainier. He was also an early investor in Physio Control Corp. Tedrowe was an exceptional businessman, with an eye for opportunity and growth in all the projects he was a part of.

Tedrowe married his second wife, Jill Chamberlain Lewis, in 1975, and gained three daughters, Sharon Kohls, Sandra Dallam and Heidi Coleman.

Tedrowe loved to travel and experienced many adventures throughout his life. He was a sailor and a hunter, an excellent skier and golfer, and later on became a painter of beautiful landscapes! Tedrowe had a love of life and all that it could offer him. He was a member of University Club, Seattle Golf Club, Seattle



Yacht Club, Seattle Tennis Club, and Thunderbird Golf Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif. He enjoyed sharing experiences with his friends and

family who all loved him dearly.

His strength and resolve as he battled cancer has been an inspiration to his family and friends. In speaking about World War II, Tedrowe said, "I was delighted after the war that we never let our military get weak, and we became the strongest nation in the world." Tedrowe's fight with cancer may be over but his spirit proved to be nothing but the strongest, as America's was during World War II. We will move forward as a family and learn from Tedrowe's words, not to become weak but to stay strong.

Tedrowe is survived by his wife, Jill Watkins; his children, Marion, Tedrowe Jr., Sharon, Sandra and Heidi; his eight grandchildren, Lee, McKenna, Maggie, Kinsey, Fletcher, Christopher, Lindsay and Patrick; his two great-grandchildren, Whitney and Tanner; and his sister, Sydney Phillips.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Tedrowe's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Tedrowe's tribute wall.

## Ellen Watt, 96

Ellen Watt, 96, died at her home in Marion on July 18, 2014.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Debra Lynn Weatherston, 51

Debra "Debbie" Weatherston "was granted her angel wings" on Dec. 21, 2014.

Debbie was born to Albert and Agnes Wolfe in Shelby on July 1, 1963.

She was married to Don Weatherston and they made their home in Kalispell. Debbie spent her career working at Safeway at several different locations in Montana, lastly as manager at Safeway in Whitefish.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Don, and her two children, Brett and Alicia, and granddaughter, Jane, all from Flathead County. She also left behind her brothers, sisters and their families, Terry and Ronald Wolfe



of Flathead County; Sherry Duenas of Tacoma, Washington; and Wayne Wolfe, Sha-

ryl Jacobsen, Shanon Boehlke and Patricia Wolfe of Missoula County.

Debbie loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling with her children. Debbie had a larger-than-life personality and will be missed by her family and her many friends.

Services will be held at noon on Jan. 24 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Delmar D. Weaver, 89

Delmar D. Weaver, 89, of Springfield, Mo., formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in his home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 14, at Greenlawn Funeral

Home North in Springfield. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Springfield. Visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday at Greenlawn Funeral Home North.

## Marion Ann Webber, 91

Marion Ann Webber, 91, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter Terri Webber, and son Tim Webber.

A private memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 8. For information call 756-0115.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Carlyle 'Chic' Webb, 92

Carlyle "Chic" Webb, a longtime resident of Polson, "passed from this life on to unknown destinations" on May 8, 2014.

His wife, Pat "Doris" passed in 2011.

He is survived by a daughter, Khelly Susan Webb, of Long Beach, Calif.; also a son, Craig L. Webb and wife, Camille, of Hartsel, Colo.

Born in Payson, Utah, young Chic migrated with his family to Montana, where his father installed the electrical grid along the Hi-Line.

Following his interest in aviation, he joined the Army Air Corps and subsequently served as a first lieutenant, flying a Martin B-26 Marauder to Europe via Brazil and Africa. Returning home with a chest-full of medals earned through completion of 65 missions and D-Day flights, Chic and his wife,



Pat "Doris" opened Polson Greenhouse and started their family. Following in the footsteps of his mother, this horticultural endeavor evolved

into "Flowers Carlyle," the original FTD floral shop in Polson where it remained for 50 years. His floral designs were featured at conventions throughout the country.

Many of the townsfolk were also familiar with the sound of his 450-horsepower Grumman Ag-Cat, which he used for his crop-dusting business. Chic enjoyed making this favorite apparatus take off like a helicopter and land on a dime.

Chic possessed a multitude of interests around the state of Montana. These studies, hobbies and volunteer activities played a critical role in launching many friendships lasting throughout his lifetime. He was a faithful fisherman, often occupying the same spot on the city dock, the location of his favorite memory when he befriended a brown mink who stopped by for "today's catch."

Many of the blue spruce conifers now standing tall around Lake County were propagated in Chic's basement.

He was also quite taken with many aspects of photography, nature, wildlife and the many ways which these subjects had the ability to come together. A listing of his many, ever-changing interests would include marksman, hunter, CoCoRaHS meteo-

rologist, entomologist, fly maker and storyteller. In his later years, he was a devoted caregiver, creating culinary delights for Pat. His sense of humor was unique. He was dedicated to his longtime memberships in ELKS and the VFW. Carlyle "Chic" Webb was the last surviving charter member of BPO Elks No. 1695.

Following Pat's passing, Chic spent time forming special friendships at the Polson Senior Center and the Flathead Indian Tribal Center. Participation in the senior exercise program created an appetite for the "222" at Pop's and some serious "carb-loading" at 4Bs. These last friendships provided a source of companionship that Chic was ever so grateful for.

A celebration of life will be held in the near future.

## Geneva Louise Manicke Webster, 73

Geneva Louise Manicke Webster, 73, died in Kalispell on Dec. 13, 2014, of natural causes, with her family at her side.

Born on Jan. 25, 1941, in Whitefish to A. Milton Manicke and Natalie B. Taylor, she attended Whitefish High School and graduated in 1959. Geneva was prom queen her junior year in high school. After high school, Geneva moved to Seattle and attended the University of Washington. Geneva attended a public dance on First Avenue, close to the Farmer's Market, in downtown Seattle and the only other young person at the dance was returned U.S. Navy sailor Louis W. Webster. Geneva got a job at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and in less than six months was the office supervisor of 16 employees. Geneva was one of those talented individuals who had beauty and brains; it has been said that she had a great analytical mind and could have been a lawyer.

Louis and Geneva were married at the University of Washington chapel on Sept. 2, 1960. This loving union brought six children. Around 1965, Louis, Geneva and their two children at the time, Loren and Kenneth, moved to Whitefish. Geneva helped her parents manage their candy store across from the Central School, The County Fair. Louis and Geneva's four other children were all born in Whitefish. Geneva and Louis always said they were rich; rich with many children.

Geneva took instruction and passed to become one of the few women pilots of the Flathead Valley at the time, something of which she was very proud. Geneva also loved to drive and was a professional driver with a commercial driver's license. For many years, Geneva drove school bus, summer buses for fire fighters, and until two months before her



death, was a driver for the Amtrak engineer van. Geneva was the proprietress of the Great Northern Taxi from 2001 to 2006, and employed several drivers, including Louis and herself. Geneva was also a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Geneva also worked as a dispatcher, as a receptionist for a dental office and at a grocery store in Whitefish.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Louis W. Webster; her parents, A. Milton and Natalie Manicke; a grandson, James L. Webster; and a niece, Libby L. Padden Smith.

Geneva is survived by her children, Loren H. Webster and Julie, and their children Jade and JoDee, Kenneth J. Webster and Lori, and their child Myra, Katie J. King and Aric, and children Joshua and Jesse, Milton W. Webster and Gail, Karen Webster Copeland and Jason, and their children Shayla, Kai and Devin, Peggy C. Hertlein and Joshua, and their children, Natalie and Loic; as well as Geneva's siblings, Harold V. Manicke and Elaine, Juanita J. Padden and John, and Ramona Christine Lewis and Steven.

Geneva was a wonderful mother who unceasingly prayed for all of her loved ones. Geneva was happy for any success of her children, be it big or small.

"We all love and miss our mother, who is reunited with Louis in their mansion in heaven."

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 3, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. There will be a reception afterwards at the VFW in Whitefish and all are welcome to attend both.

## Rodney Wellen, 77

Rodney Wellen, 77, formally of Columbia Falls, "finished up his work here" on April 29, 2014.

He is survived by his siblings, Kenny Wellen, Patty Vanetta, LuAnne Ketcherside, Arlen Sjaheim and Anne Marie Sonsteng; his daughters, Ronette Goodsell and husband Wade of Columbia Falls, and Taunya Goodsell and her husband Hal of Helena; his grandchildren, DawnDee Hoffman, John Goodsell, Monti Arneson, Casey Howery, Ron, Rolanda and Kyle Goodsell; along with 13 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his foster mother, Dean Barber, and her children, Larry Barber, Rick Barber, Janet Maxwell and Sharon Brett; also Denise and Bud Butler, and Alexis and Madison Butler, the children and grandchildren of the love of his life, Donna Barber Sorteberg, whom he had fallen in love with over 50 years ago.



Although they parted ways and started their own families, they never forgot about each

other or the love they had once shared, and were re-united again a year ago to finish out the rest of their lives together. It wasn't long enough, but the year they did have brought back a lifetime of joy and happiness for our dad and we wouldn't trade that for the world.

"Thank you Donna for loving him the way you did, and never leaving his side at the end. We love you, Puz. You were an inspiration to all who knew you and a hero to our family. We will hold tight all of great memories until we see each other again. We love you."

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at Columbia Mortuary. There will be

a reception after the service, the location to be announced.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia

Mortuary. You are invited to go [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Rodney's tribute wall.

## Rosemary B. West, 94

Rosemary B. West, 94, of Helena, passed away peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital on March 15, 2014.

She was born Dec. 4, 1919, in Williston, N.D., the daughter of Joseph and Susanna Hackenberg.

Rosemary married Winfield Eugene West on Oct. 1, 1955, in San Diego, where they grew to a family of seven.

In 1963 they purchased some property in Coram and built a home. Rosemary loved correspondence, farm animals and started to show interest in Facebook. She worked in civil service during World War II and then became a happy homemaker.

Rosemary loved being involved in the Catholic Church, VFW and Women's Auxiliary.

Rosemary is survived by brothers, Joe Hackenberg and Franklin Hackenberg;



sister, Lois Stone; daughters, Hiromi Tousey and Jeanine Geisregen; sons, Jim West and

Winfield West Jr.; and many grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Susanna Hackenberg, brother, Al Hackenberg; and daughter, Stephanie West.

Rosemary's last viewing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. March 20 at Columbia Mortuary. Her funeral service and burial will be held at 1 p.m. March 21 at St. Richard's Catholic church and interment will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Rosemary's family.

## Joyce M. West, 74

Joyce M. West, 74, of Polson, passed away Oct. 21, 2014, in Bigfork.

She was born July 14, 1940, in Milwaukee, Wis., to John and Mildred Jancek.

Joyce was a loving mother and friend to everyone that she met.

Joyce is survived by her sons, Frank of California and Jim of Libby; daughters, Terri and Cheryl of Bartlett,

Ill.; and her sister, Alice Smudde; as well as numerous grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be privately held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the National Diabetes Association in Joyce's name. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the West family.

## Luisa Westerveld, 85

Luisa Westerveld, 85, died July 16, 2014, in Kalispell.

No services are

planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Mary M. Weston, 90

Mary M. Weston, 90, of Kalispell died Dec. 12, 2014.

Services are planned

for a later date in Michigan. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Robert M. Westby, 66

Robert M. Westby, 66, of Polson, died Monday, June 2, 2014, at Polson Health & Rehab.

No services are planned

at this time.

Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.



## Gary Neal Westphal, 69

Gary Neal Westphal, 69, passed away March 7, 2014, in Kalispell, after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 24, 1945, in Los Angeles and raised in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1965.

Gary enjoyed camping and fishing, he and loved to watch old Western movies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wally and Ruth Westphal; and brother, Glen.

Gary is survived by four children, son Dale Westphal of Columbia Falls, daughter Delane Leone of



Columbia Falls, son Dwayne Hamilton of Columbia Falls, and son Micheal Westphal

of Washington; brother, Scott Westphal; grandchildren, Amber, Samantha, Skyler, Jaden, Kayla, Jacob, Karl and Ron; and great-grandchildren, Travin and Jaeson.

Cremation has taken place with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Heidi's family plans a private memorial service on the family mountain property near Bigfork and, at a later time, a celebration of her life in Mountain View.

The Heidi Westmoreland Teaching Scholarship has been established through the Tower Foundation at San Jose State University. The scholarship is designed to help a gifted teacher/teacher candidate with financial need and a passion for learning to pursue his or her education. Checks may be made payable to Tower Foundation, and on the memo line of the check, note that it is for The Heidi Westmoreland Teaching Fund, Account No. 095-1242-5314. Checks can be sent directly to Tower Foundation, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0256.

Daughter Olivia was born in 1990, and son Luke in 1993, in Mountain View. She discovered a love of teaching as she participated in Olivia and Luke's educations and in 2010 enrolled in a teacher certification

## Heidi Schiltz Westmoreland, 52

Heidi Schiltz Westmoreland of Mountain View, Calif., passed away June 5, 2014, at her Bigfork home, amidst her family, surrounded by the thoughts, fervent prayers and great love of her family and a host of friends, near and far away. She and her family traveled to Bigfork in April so that her final days could pass in the comfort of beloved people and landscape.

She was born in Fort Benning, Ga., at Martin Army Hospital Feb. 8, 1962, where her father was attending Army Officer Orientation. During her childhood her mother often referred to Heidi as her Georgia peach. She traveled the U.S. from coast to coast with her family and to Mannheim, Germany where she began high school, most importantly meeting her two dearest childhood friends, Gaye Thatcher Lierley and Carin Lozano-Ross. The three, who called themselves "the fun fairies," have remained the closest of friends since that time. Gaye was with her in the days preceding her death.

Following graduation from Leavenworth High School in Leavenworth, Kan., Heidi attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., where she earned a degree in electrical engineering, and fell in love with her future husband, Bradley Westmoreland, a fine young man from Independence, Mo. Ultimate Frisbee at KU filled their free time and has remained as a bond for many friendships in all their communities. They married in 1985, after graduation. Her first job was with Texas Instruments where she worked as a classified RF engineer; not her favorite work. After moving to Mountain View she worked as a teacher of engineers at Analog Design, then started her own course design company, Quality Technical Instruction.

program at San Jose State in San Jose, Calif., which she completed in 2012. That summer she was hired to teach mathematics at Crittenden Middle School in Mountain View where she taught one year before taking a medical leave of absence the following September in order to again undergo treatment for cancer, diagnosed 14 years earlier. Though breast cancer has certainly been a hard reality, her life has instead been defined by love and care of family, intellectual curiosity, humor, travel and pleasure in the continuing relationships of friends and community.

Heidi often said she not only loved but was "in love" with her husband and her children.

She is survived by her husband, Brad and her children, Olivia and Luke, of Mountain View and Bigfork; parents, Don and Sharon Schiltz of Bigfork; sisters, Heather Fern and husband David of Whitefish, and Cori Wellenstein and husband Michael of Helena; and brother, Mark Schiltz and Cissy Klein of Bigfork. She cherished and generously nurtured her nine nieces and nephews, and she and Brad not only planned family trips but excursions that included many of the "cousins." Sometimes even their parents went along.

## Alvin C. Wetherelt, 96

Alvin C. Wetherelt, 96, passed away at the Montana Veterans Home on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014.

Alvin was born on May 5, 1918, in Cartwright, N.D., to Georgie Maud (Hopkins) and Thomas Wetherelt. In 1922 the family moved to Broadus where his father homesteaded. They lived there until 1937, then moved to Moscow, Idaho.

Alvin met the love of his life, Virginia French; they were married June 14, 1938. That fall they moved back to his dad's homestead where they built a house. In February of 1940 they had their first son Lawrence Alvin, and in May of 1942 their second son Leonard Henry was born.

In 1946 they bought an acre in Broadus and built another house so Lawrence could start school. In 1956 they bought his sister Nora's ranch where they lived until 1966 when they moved to Libby. Alvin retired from Champion Lumber mill in 1980. He then had a small engine repair shop with his son Lawrence.

In 2000 they sold their property in Libby and moved to Columbia Falls in June of 2009. He moved in with his son Lawrence and daughter-in-law Helen where he resided until February of 2013, when



he moved to the Montana Veterans Home for continued care.

Alvin was a hard worker and dedicated family man. He worked as a finish carpenter for 25 years.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Virginia; brothers, Thomas, Norman, Fred, Howard, Glenn and Vernon; sisters, Fern, Nora, Georgie and Edna; and sons, Lawrence and Leonard Wetherelt.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Ruth; brother-in-law, Ben; daughter-in-law and caregiver, Helen Wetherelt; daughter-in-law, Sharon Wetherelt; grandchildren, April, Rachael and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Megan and her husband Jordan Adams, Drew, Ashley and her fiance Jacob Crosley, Felica and husband John Steele, Angelique, Lita and Rey; and great-great-grandson, Jasper.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 13, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Lorraine Lilas Wheeler, 87

Lorraine Lilas Wheeler, 87 years of age, passed away Tuesday, May 6, 2014, of natural causes at the Heritage Place surrounded by her family.

She was born in Donnybrook, N.D., July 20, 1926.

After two years of college she moved to Kalispell and worked at the Palm Cafe, where she met John "Jack" Wheeler. They were married Dec. 20, 1947. On Oct. 1, 1948, their first child Linda was born and two years later, on Aug. 23, 1950, son Jerry. They lived in a small house on the west side of Kalispell. Lorraine followed her husband Jack who worked as a logger to Alberton and Missoula. After eight years they moved back to Kalispell and settled on East Evergreen Drive.

After the flood of '64, the family was displaced for two months while their home was dried and refurbished. Lorraine worked at the Flathead Clerk and Records, Tri-Co Insurance and North West Machinery before retiring to her favorite job as "grandma." She was a loyal church member and volunteer.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents,



husband Jack, son Jerry, son-in-law Jim Elgin, and twin great-grandsons.

She leaves

behind her cat Scamp, and is survived by her daughter Linda Elgin, foster daughter Reta Lathrop and husband Bob, grandchildren Marty Wheeler and sons Dawson and Chesney, Wendy Glass and husband Curt and sons Kyle, Skyler, Daylin and Michael, Jim Elgin Jr., and fiancée Phoebe and her three children Laramie, Karlie and Monte, Becky Berglund and husband Dave and their two children Josie and Wylee; also her special friends, Marge, Dana, Barb and Kay, and church members.

A celebration of life service will be held at noon on Saturday, May 10, at Easthaven Baptist Church on Whitefish Stage Road, with a reception to follow.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Darle Wilcox, 72

Darle Wilcox, 72, died Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at her residence in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

daughter, Amy Wilcox.

There are no services planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Leon L. Wild, 80

Leon L. Wild, 80, passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 7, 1933, in Milton, N.D. to Carl and Dorothy (Strand) Wild.

Leon grew up in Milton. He graduated from St. Alphonsus High School in Langdon, N.D. in 1951.

After high school he attended college at St. Johns in Collegeville, Minn., where he spent two years before joining the Army.

In September of 1957,



he married Eileen Lorenz. He then entered the University of North Dakota, graduating in 1958. Upon graduation, Leon and Eileen

moved to Merced, Calif., where he began work for Prudential Life Insurance Co. In 1988, he retired to a part-time insurance brokerage business of his own after mar-

rying Carol B. Lindley.

Leon's favorite pastimes were golf, fly fishing, watching basketball and baseball, and always trying to lend a helping hand. For the past three years he has resided at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls to be near his son, Lee, and family.

Leon is survived by his three children, Lee and Georgia Wild, Michelle and Don Miller, and Sue and Andy Kirn; his grandchildren, James and Drew Miller, Paul and Micah Wild, Hannah and Jason Kirn; his sister,

Janet and Richard Cota; and brothers, Carl and Florence Wild, Larry and Janet Wild, and Paul and Leanne Wild.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Eileen; and granddaughter, Leah Wild.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on May 21 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## Laura Elaine Wilde, 61

Laura Elaine Wilde, 61, died Aug. 7, 2014, at her home in Troy (Yaak).

She was a business owner, poet and artist.

A celebration of life will

be at 3 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Tipi Gallery in Yaak.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

## Martha Wilde, 75

Martha Wilde, 75, of Kalispell, "went to be with the Lord" on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014.

Martha leaves behind her son Edward and Kelly Wilde; and son Tim Wilde; also her four grandchildren, Cassandra, Phillip, Aubrey and Justin; and her two brothers, Rick and Ed Szoyka. She

also leaves behind her beloved dog, Tana.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Eddie Wilde Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., in Kalispell. Please call 755-3786 with any questions.

## George 'Bob' Albert Wilks, 88

George "Bob" Albert Wilks, 88, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at his home in Portland.

He is survived by his wife Irene (Ehrt) Wilks, and daughter Lori Murphy, both of Portland.

Private graveside

services with military honors will take place today, April 3. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Portland.

Family Memorial in Gresham, Ore., is handling arrangements.

## Robert Thane Williams, 91

Bob Williams passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 18, 2014.

He had been a very well-liked and appreciated resident at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home for the past three years. Bob was a perfect example of our "best generation," coming home from the war and immediately going to work. Hardworking, honest and silently (usually) disgusted with users, whiners and slackers, Bob strove to better himself through home courses and schooling in Spokane to finally land his dream job, that of a substation operator for the electrified Milwaukee Railroad in 1966. The Milwaukee Railroad folded in 1980, and Bob was disheartened to have to retire early.

If he had any enemies, they surely earned it.

Bob was born in Sheridan, Wyo. in 1923, then moved to Ellensburg, Wash. for high school where he was a standout member of the tennis club.



ily vacations were memorable times.

Bob's lifelong passion was ham radio, beginning in his high school years. Each of his

homes had a dedicated room or outbuilding, designated the Ham Shack. There among shelves of radio components, antennae and wires, he would talk daily with other "hams" and was content. Most of his best friends were hams, all cut from the same cloth. Bob took his ham radio expertise to Alaska five consecutive years to assist at checkpoints along the Iditarod race course.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Montana was right for Bob. He and Darlene traveled to Spain, Portugal, New Hebrides, Fiji, Belize and Mexico.

When he joined the Army, his World War II war station was in the New Hebrides. He finished his service obligation at Fort Missoula.

In 1946, he married Darlene Marie Kampfe. They moved to Condon in 1948, to work at the Wineglass Sawmill, then to Seeley Lake in 1953, where he worked as millwright, electrician and saw filer at J & M Lumber and Gray's sawmills. In 1962 they moved to Missoula, where he worked at the Intermountain Sawmill. When he got the railroad job, he and Darlene bought a cherry orchard on Finley Point of Flathead Lake. That kept him busy on his days off and in the years after his retirement. In 1991, he and Darlene moved to a nice quiet streamside home in Lakeside. Through it all they raised three kids who always had everything they needed. Yearly fam-

Bob was preceded by his wife Darlene's unexpected and sorrowful death in 2001. Also his father, Alva C. Williams; his mother, Frieda P. (Jones) Williams; infant son, Danny Williams; and his sister, Martha Powell of Port Orchard, Wash.

Immediate surviving family members are daughter Barbara Jo Luke of Toledo, Ohio; daughter Diane Smith of Kalispell; son Mike and Mai Williams of Condon; sister Winifred and Ross Peach of Puyallup, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

Bob was a good man and a positive contributor to planet earth. So Long, W7IPB.

A summer memorial is planned, the date yet to be determined. Contact Mike at (406) 754-2219 for inquiries.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Shantel Rae Williams, 31

Shantel Rae Williams, 31, died at her Kalispell residence on July 1, 2014.

She is survived by her son, Kagin Kennly Williams; mother, Debbie Paterakis; and stepfather,

Monty Paterakis.

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

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

## Eileen 'Annie' (Clark) Williamson, 69

Eileen "Annie" Clark Williamson, 69, "went to be with the Lord" on April 29, 2014, at her home in Kalispell.

Annie was born in Fort Benton on Dec. 27, 1944, to Stephen Warren and Mary Ellen Clark.

She was raised in Billings and spent her summers on her father's ranch in Lewistown, along with her sister Roberta "Bobi." She attended Billings West High School where she was a majorette, and graduated in 1962. She went on to attend Montana State University, majoring in commercial art, and belonged to the Chi Omega sorority.

In the summer of 1963 she worked at the Bureau of Land Management as a cartographic aid. In the summer of 1965, after the tragic loss of her sister the previous winter, she took the opportunity to go to Europe for over three months with a friend, and toured several countries there including Belgium, where her grandfather was born and then emigrated to the U.S. She established a lifelong link with her relatives there that survives to this day, and has transferred on to the next generations, and inspired their desire to learn English so they could communicate with her.



everything she could. She went along on many family hunting and fishing trips and even shot

her own moose.

She got involved in the Flathead Republican Central Committee, having served as vice chairman and went to numerous state conventions. In 1988, she was selected as a delegate for the GOP National Convention in New Orleans for George Bush Sr. She was a member of the Flathead County Republican Women, wrote their newsletter for 13 years, and served as secretary. She was also an election judge and attended numerous state conventions. She established a local investment club where she served as secretary and president. She worked at the Daily Inter Lake in advertising layout and design, again applying her knowledge of commercial art to create original ads for clients.

Annie loved to create and was a very talented artist, making all different kinds of beautiful pieces of art that she freely gave to everyone that she was inspired to share them with. Her family and friends all have a treasure of beautiful things she made that includes paintings, calligraphy, wood-working and beautiful greeting cards. Annie also loved to write, and her command of expression through written language was admired by everyone who read what she wrote. She wrote poems for her special friends and family, and wrote editorials to the local newspaper. Annie also wrote books — about all of the cats she's had over the years, their adventures on the race track, and a cookbook for both her daughter and her son containing the special family recipes that she had prepared over the years, complete with a story about whom each recipe came from, and family photos.

After returning to college in the fall, she met up with James Williamson again, and they married in January 1966 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She worked at the Alumni Office at MSU while he finished college.

They went on to train and race thoroughbred horses at the major race tracks all over Montana and the rest of the country, including Spokane, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Phoenix. She was a hard worker all of her life and worked right alongside her husband while he trained, taking on the tasks of grooming horses and cleaning out stalls. She was the office manager for the racing secretary at numerous fairs in Montana.

In 1969 their daughter, Kimberly Ann, was born in Shelby, and after taking her along on the racing circuit for awhile, she decided it was time to call somewhere home. In 1970 they moved to Shelby to stay, and as is typical of Annie, she made many friends and got involved in the community. She established the PTA Chapter there, served as its president, was involved in the Homemaker Club and in community improvement projects.

Using her degree in commercial art, she was self-employed as a commercial sign painter, designing and hand painting numerous commercial signs used all over the area, and at tourist kiosks around the East Glacier entrance to the park. Her sign for the entrance to the Marias River Fairgrounds stood there for years. At his request, she also hand painted the lettering on the door of a brand new Kenworth truck for Dick Irvin Trucking, and although it made her nervous, it turned out beautifully.

Annie was very much a Christian who shared her love of Christ with everyone. She attended Bible Study Fellowship for many years, growing in her faith and knowledge of God's word. Everyone who met Annie wanted to be her best friend. She was the kind of friend that people wanted to keep forever, as she's known some of her friends all her life. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of caring and love of family and friends.

Annie was preceded in death by her father, Stephen Warren Clark; her sister, Roberta "Bobi" Clark; and her mother, Mary Ellen Nelson.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, James L. Williamson; her children, Kimberly Ann Martinson and husband Mark of Kalispell, son James C. Williamson and wife Melanie, and their daughters Hanne and Marta of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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In 1972, their son James Clark was born in Great Falls, named in the family tradition of his mother's maiden name for his middle name, and fourth generation James Williamson.

In 1978, they moved to Kalispell to their dream home on the Whitefish River in Evergreen where they could keep their own horses. Annie loved her home and being a homemaker. She grew a garden every year and canned

A church service is planned at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, at Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley located at 2395 Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with a cemetery service immediately following at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A gathering will be held afterward at Calvary Chapel for friends and family to meet and celebrate Annie's life.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Eileen's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Eileen's tribute wall.

### Frank W. Willis, 63

Frank was surrounded by his family when he passed away early in the morning on Jan. 29, 2014, "to go and be with the Lord."

Frank was born Sept. 28, 1950.

He was a former Army Ranger in the 75th Division. He served three tours in Vietnam, leaving a highly decorated team leader. He went on to become a Washington state trooper.

He was a man of great strength and dignity.

He leaves behind his wife, DeLisa; mother-



in-law, Jonnie; brother, Gary and wife, Laura; sister,

Sharon and husband, Don; son, Justin and wife, Tess; daughters, Shannon and Kimberly; stepdaughters, Amanda and husband, Chad, and Stacia; and grandchildren, Lane, Chase, Edie, Ethan, Allie, Reece and Aspen.

No services are planned.

A brick laying ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial will be planned as weather permits.

### DeLisa Dawn Willis, 50

DeLisa Dawn Willis, 50, devoted and loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2014, surrounded by her daughters and friends at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1964, in Wichita, Kan., to Jonnie Musgrove Davis and Billy Joe Davis.

DeLisa's husband Frank Willis preceded her in death, and survivors include her daughters, Stacia Denton and Amanda Fowler, as well as her son-in-law Chad Fowler, her beloved grandchildren, Aspen and Reece Fowler, two brothers Billy and Shawn Davis, and a host of treasured nieces and nephews. Of DeLisa's extended family, her aunt and uncle, Jan and PC Musgrove, and cousins, Josh, Tiffany and Kari Musgrove, all held a special place in DeLisa's heart.

During her active years, DeLisa worked both as an accountant in Kalispell and as the owner of a small horse-racing business in Victor, Mont. Her



love for horses and all living things guided DeLisa throughout her life, and maintained her

in her time of trial. Many loved her, many cared for her, and her kindness and generosity will be missed by all who knew her.

Jonnie Musgrove Davis, DeLisa's mother, preceded her in death by three days — best friends in life, "they are now together in eternity."

A celebration of both DeLisa and Jonnie's lives will be held at 11 a.m. on July 5 at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, located at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. A small reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Veterans Pantry or a charity of your choice.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Nora Grace 'Gracie' (Cooper) Holcomb-Willis, 86

Nora Grace "Gracie" (Cooper) Holcomb-Willis, 86, passed away at Brendan House on March 15, 2014, of natural causes.

Gracie was born Nov. 26, 1927, in the Lower Valley of Flathead County, the daughter of Roy E. and Adelaide (Taylor) Cooper. She grew up in the Flathead Valley where she attended Rousell School in Lower Valley, Elrod, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1945.

In October 1945, Gracie married James A. Holcomb and they enjoyed 41 years of marriage. Gracie had worked for Bi-Rite Drug and Sykes'.

She hosted Bible clubs, loved people visiting and taught grade-schoolers how to play cribbage. She enjoyed playing cards, doing crosswords and going on motor home trips. Mom was known for her amazing sense of humor, and her love and dedication to her family.

Our loss is immeasurable and memories plentiful.

On Aug. 26, 1991, Gracie married longtime friend Melvin Willis, blending and enlarging our family. They were together for 13 years.

Gracie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James A. Holcomb; second husband, Mel Willis; aunt, Ann Dale; aunt, Isabell; uncles, Roger and Bob; stepdaughter, Arleta Edwards; and son, James L. Holcomb.

Gracie is survived by daughters, Linda and Reynold McMannamy, Judy Sipe, Karen and Mark Kvaalen, Kathy Holcomb, and Vicki and Mark Adams; stepchil-



dren, Rhonda Morgan, Mike and Lana Willis, and Gerry and Shelly Lingle; sister,

Carol Huggins; special cousins, Jo Kienas, Joyce Olson and Harry Taylor; grandchildren, Mike and Jennifer Hayden, Rickey Hayden, Kerry and Josh Davis, Bruce and Vanessa Sipe, Jeff and Jenni Sipe, Rod and Libertie Barkley, Bill and Kate Barkley, Colin and Sonja Holcomb, James and Brandi Holcomb, Jason and Candice Calobeer, Shawna and Josh Naethe, Ryan Calobeer, Andrea Wyman, and Brooke and Aaron Callaghan; stepgrandchildren, Shannon Willis, Crystal Willis, Shane and Denice Edwards, Brett Edwards and Ty Edwards; 39 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

A celebration of Gracie's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a reception to follow at The Church at Creston Lutheran, where all are invited.

The family asks that contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Larry Kendall Wilkinson, 71

Larry Kendall Wilkinson, 71, Fargo, N.D., brother of Bobbi Wilkinson Wisdom, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the VA hospital in Fargo.



Legion. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Cecelia Wilkinson.

Larry K. Wilkinson was born May 11, 1942, to Robert and Cecelia (Smith) Wilkinson at Williston, N.D. He grew up in Trenton, N.D., but graduated from Williston High School in 1960.



He is survived by his sister, Roberta "Bobby" Wisdom,

of Kalispell; a daughter, Meghann (Isaac) Poku, of Fargo, N.D.; two sons, Thomas Wilkinson of New Town, N.D.; and Lonny Wilkinson of Grand Junction, Colo.; and grandchildren, Alex, Jack, Noah, Jacob, Joseph, Ole, Logan, Malalah, Rebekah and Jacob; and a very special friend, Sonja Rue.

Memorials are preferred to the Fargo VA Auxiliary, caringbridge.com; Hope Lodge in Rochester, Minn.; and the Fargo DAV.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at First Assembly of God in Fargo, with a visitation one hour prior. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Boulger Funeral Home, Fargo. To sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.boulgerfuneralhome.com](http://www.boulgerfuneralhome.com).

Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Larry started his career with the state of North Dakota at the Fargo Job Service office. He subsequently took positions at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University, and retired in 2001 after 34 years of service.

He was a member of the ATO fraternity, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Kem Temple Shrine (past potentate aide, past president/director Drum & Bugle Corps), and was a life member of the DAV, AMVETS and American

and Rick and Tracy Wills of Kalispell. Roberta is also survived by her brothers and her sister, and by her nine grandchildren, Jason, Dustin, Suzanne, Erin, Kristen, Keifer, Kevin, Keenen and Kaden; and four great-grandchildren, Connor, Gwynn, Liliana and Jaerik.

## Roberta Wills, 79

Roberta Wills "found her way to heaven" on March 27, 2014.

She was born on April 8, 1934, to Everett and Floy (Florence) Munroe. She joined brothers Dick (Richard) and Bud (Everett) and sister Irene.

Roberta grew up in Dutton, Mont., and graduated from Dutton High School in 1952.

In June 1952, she married Glenn Wills, the love of her life. They were married for 61 years.

Roberta excelled at office work, especially bookkeeping. She began her career at Montana Bank in Great Falls and she retired from the Flathead County Election Department in 1992. In between, she was a bookkeeper for the Dutton Cooperative Association and a dental/office assistant for Andrew Jordan, DDS, in Choteau.

Family was the most important thing in



Roberta's life. She enjoyed holiday dinners, gathering family members around

the table for a game of pinochle or dominoes, camping trips and hiking. She adored her grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Always the caregiver, Roberta made sure everyone was fed and happy. When it came time for family to leave, she often had a tear in her eye, wanting you to stay "just a little longer."

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Floy Munroe.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn, of Kalispell; and her children, Glenda and Russell Elser of Alamogordo, N.M.; Sandra Wills of Kalispell, Zachary Wills and Kristi Frantz of Milton, Wash.,

and Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at Faith Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association Montana, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, (or at [alz.org](http://alz.org)); or to Faith Church Building Fund, 405 Liberty Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Roberta's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Roberta's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.



## Gary Whitney, 62

Gary Whitney, 62, of Kalispell, "fell asleep" in death with his devoted wife and family by his side on Aug. 18, 2014, after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Vermont on April 11, 1952, where he lived until 1997, he moved to Kalispell where he resided until his death.

Gary was well known for his faithful service to his God Jehovah which included his ministry from house to house and wherever he came in contact with people. He was also admired for his deep love for his family.

Gary is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sandra Brown Whitney; his daughter, Tina Whitney, of Maricopa, Ariz.; and son, Spencer Whitney, and



wife, Kelley, of Kalispell; brother, Carl Whitney, and wife, Dorothy, of Tunbridge, Vt.; sister, Sonia

Johnson, and husband, Richard, of Barre, Vt.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Ernest Whitney; mother, Dorothy Whitney; and sister, Marcia Whitney.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the following Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses: 1 p.m., 100 Valley View Court, Kalispell; noon, 15410 South 5th Avenue, Phoenix; 3 p.m., 2070 Airport Road, Berlin, Vt.

## Delores 'Dody' (Van Dort) Whyte, 76

Delores "Dody" (Van Dort) Whyte, 76, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2014.

She was predeceased by her parents, Earl and Betty Van Dort; and two brothers, David and Gene.

She is survived by her brother, John; four children and grandchildren; her sister-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

She was a great lover and advocate of animals

and through the years gave many dogs and cats a home. She was a very dear friend and will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place and, in keeping with her wishes, no services will be held.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Muriel Joan Williams, 78

Muriel Joan Williams died peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Nov. 22, 2014. She was 78 years of age.

Muriel was born on Feb. 29, 1936, in North Dakota to Charles and Mabel Hall.

Muriel is survived by her daughter, Colleen, and husband Shawn Hicks, of Federal Way, Wash.; sister, Patricia (Hall) Homola, and her husband Paul, of Pah-rump, Nev.; brother, Mike Hall, and wife Yuzhen Yang-Hall, of Fife, Wash.; brother, Kevin Hall, of Bellevue, Wash.; two grandchildren, Dr. Aaron Hicks and Dr. Bryson Hicks; and numerous extended family.



— She was preceded in death by her husband, Don S. Williams; and father and mother.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Polson Senior Center.

Muriel will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family and to watch a video tribute. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Ronald 'Keith' Williams, 77

Ronald "Keith" Williams, 77 passed away Oct. 10, 2014, in Kalispell.

Keith was born July 11, 1937, in Eureka to Ronald D. and June L. Williams. He attended Lincoln County Schools. In 1954, at the age of 17, he quit school and joined the United States Army where he remained for four years. On July 11, 1958, he was honorably released from active duty as a specialist 5. While in the military, he served in Nevada during the atomic bomb testing, and later served in Germany.

After he retired from the military he returned to Eureka. His jobs included chief of police in Eureka, millwright and laborer in local saw mills, farming the family homestead in Trego and owning the Trego Mercantile. He later went on to own and operate Williams Computer Aided Drafting.

In 1959 he met Alta Marie Borup at a dance in Trego. They were married Jan. 18, 1960, and had four children during the next five years. In 1977, the family moved to Kalispell. In 1995, he and Alta started adoption proceedings and over the course of seven years they adopted six girls from various countries.

He was admired and



looked up to for his work ethic and, if he ever had a panicked

moment about how things were going, it never showed. He had a smile for everyone and his teasing ways and sense of humor endeared him to many. His love and adoration for his family showed as he could often be found holding a child's hand, helping a grandchild with a fishing pole or napping in his easy chair with one, or more, of his children, grandchildren, cats or dogs contentedly sleeping on him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Robert and Richard; and his sons, Anthony and Dennis.

He is survived by his wife, Alta; daughters, Rhonda, Krystina, Shauna, Cecilia, Sonia, Anna and Sara; son, Lawrence, and his wife, Cindy; daughter-in-law, Sherry Williams; sister, Betty Myers, and her husband, Marshall; and brother, Noel Williams. He is also survived by numerous beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell.

## Brett Wilson, 28

Brett Wilson, 28, of Polson, died Saturday, April 12, 2014 in Polson. Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Gary L. Wilson, 62

Gary L. Wilson passed away Aug. 2, 2014, peacefully at the family farm in Kalispell.

He was the youngest son of Roy and Juanita Wilson of Dunkirk, Ohio. Gary was born Feb. 8, 1952, in Kenton, Ohio, and was raised in Dunkirk where he attended Hardin Northern School, graduating in 1970. Gary enjoyed his childhood in Dunkirk working at his father's lumber yard and hardware store. Gary and his brother Bob spent endless hours harvesting corn and peas on the family farm. After graduation he married and moved to Montana.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman and had numerous hobbies including trapping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, farming and raising horses and cattle. He enjoyed life and gave it his all in everything that he pursued. He enjoyed countless hours contributing time and talent teaching his passion for trapping to the younger generation where he made many friends. He also was past president of the Montana Trappers Association and past regional director of the National Trappers Association. Gary enjoyed many years at the county fair helping with 4-H and FFA projects his son was



involved in. Gary was preceded in death by his father Roy, mother Juanita, sister Barb, and brother Bob.

Gary is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Heidi, daughter Christina Mauroni, of Portland; son, Cody Schriener and wife, Shila, granddaughter, AnnaLynn, and grandson, Decland of Lakeside; son, Andy and wife, Rachel Wilson, and their sons Gavin and Mitchell Wilson, and mother-in-law Charlotte Blum, all of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gary will be greatly missed. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Family, friends and neighbors will meet at the family farm for a pig roast directly following the service.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Kathleen Marie 'Kathy' (nee Walsh) Wilson, 71

Kathleen passed away peacefully at the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary the morning of Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, at the age of 71.

Kathleen was born on Dec. 1, 1943, in Regina, Saskatchewan. After completing her schooling in Regina, she studied nursing at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary, graduating in 1964.

Her nursing career took her to Montreal, Quebec, Macon, Georgia, where her daughter was born in 1982, Grand Junction, Colorado (1985-1989), Kalispell (1989-2001), Regina (2001-2005) and back to Calgary where she finished her career in palliative home care, retiring in 2010. During those 46 years in nursing she touched many lives and made many friends along the way.

Answering to the name



"Cupa," she was an adoring and dotting grandmother to her grandchildren.

In the last three years she became a huge lacrosse fan, attending every single lacrosse game that her grandkids had and then counting down until the next Calgary Roughnecks game. She was one of the loudest fans in the stands. She was there for every goal the kids scored and was first in line to get a front row seat at the grandkids' school concerts.

Kathleen is survived by her only child, Melanie Burnsed; son-in-law, Martin Burnsed; her grandkids, Jaden, Kaleb and Gabby Burnsed; brother, Ronald Walsh, from Ottawa, Ontario; her nieces, Kristina and

Michele; and many cousins, both in Canada and the United States.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lloyd and Melanie Walsh.

Kathleen's funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at McInnis & Holloway (Airdrie, 300 Towerlane Drive, Airdrie, Alberta). Condolences may be forwarded through [www.mcinnisandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com).

A special thank you to Dr. Karima Ali, who went above and beyond what any other doctor did for her as well as the staff at Peter Lougheed Hospital and AHS EMS crew for their extraordinary care and support in her final hours.

In living memory of Kathleen Wilson, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Airdrie, Telephone: 1-800-661-1599.

## Marilyn Kay Wilson, 75

Marilyn Kay Wilson, 75, of Columbia Falls, "was ushered into the presence of her Lord and Savior" on March 4, 2014, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born on March 19, 1938, in Custer, S.D., the daughter of Kenneth Cowles and Marion (Pierce) Cowles.

Marilyn married R. Cleve Wilson on April 13, 1957. While raising a family they built their home on Palmer Creek Road at the base of Harney Peak in the Black Hills of South Dakota, largely by themselves. In addition, they started their thriving business of Mostly Rocks while working as wholesale sales representatives in the gift and souvenir industry.

A long, enduring passion of Marilyn's was fly fishing, which she always enjoyed with her partner Cleve. She was a lifelong, ferocious reader, always having three or four books going at the same time. She enjoyed raising and showing collies and shelties and was an impressive gardener, particularly with heirloom tomatoes.



Marilyn is survived by Cleve, her husband of 57 years; son, Dean, and LaVerna Wilson, of

Greeley, Colo.; son, David Wilson, of Rapid City, S.D.; daughter, Sharon, and Casey Heupel, of West Glacier; grandchildren, Mistyque and Kaleb Menn, and Martina and Logan Heupel; and great-grandson, Rawson Menn.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the Columbia Mortuary Chapel in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at Timber Creek Village, 375 Meadow Lake Blvd., Columbia Falls.

For any memorials, Cleve asks that you make them to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana or to your local Humane Society in memory of Marilyn Wilson.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Marilyn's tribute wall.

## Kent Norman Wilson, 53

Kent Norman Wilson was born in San Jose, Calif., Dec. 30, 1960, to Bill and Colleen Wilson. Kent was the second of four kids and could always bring a smile to everyone's face. Whether it was with a limerick or rambunctious story, he was always living life to the fullest.

Kent served in the U.S. Army in Italy as a truck driver and personal driver to the brigadier general of the European forces.

Kent was an avid hunter, trapper, gold prospector, skilled tradesman and very proud father of three wonderful children, Sonja, Hunter and Kelcie.

Kent passed away peacefully of natural causes at his Dagmar,



Mont., home Thursday evening, Oct. 23, 2014.

A wake will be held Friday, Nov. 14, at Cassidy's bar in Plentywood,

Mont., and memorial services will be held next spring in Towner, N.D., where other family members have been laid to rest.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements. Post remembrances, send cards and flowers online at [www.fulkersons plentywood.com](http://www.fulkersons plentywood.com).



## Edward 'Ed' Winegart, 84

Edward John "Ed" Winegart, D.D.S., 84, passed away surrounded by his six children and many grandchildren at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Polson, on Jan. 12, 2014.

He was the son of John Francis and Marie (Polack) Winegart. Ed grew up in Pasadena, Calif., where his father, a pharmacist, owned Winegart Drug Store. He attended Holy Family School, was a track star at Cathedral High School and attended Loyola University, Los Angeles.

In 1955 he married Ruth Louise Rice while attending dental school. After graduating from Marquette University, he opened a dental practice in Duarte, Calif., and "reared" his children in Pasadena. He practiced dentistry until 2002.

After retiring, he moved to Polson to be near several of his children. He loved to look across Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains. Though he enjoyed fishing as a Californian, he was really a Montana mountain man at heart.

Ed believed in strong family values, such as meals together, celebrating holidays, taking family vacations and using his talented hands to build TVs, computers, cars and gardening projects. There was nothing he could not fix. He had the "patience of Job" while tending six fishing lines on a converted Navy whale boat off Dana Point, Calif.

He touched many lives through his relationships with childhood friends and their children, his nieces and nephews (who called him "Super Uncle") and his patients, including the Carmelite Sisters of Santa Teresita Hos-



pital. He was past president of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, and was a regular usher of Assump-

tion BVM Catholic parish in Pasadena.

Ed wanted to be remembered as a family man in the truest sense — who cherished the times when he could simply be with his family, cooking, baking for his children and grandchildren, followed by a good game of pinochle. Ed was a true "Renaissance Man," who will be remembered for his Catholic faith, sense of humor, care of others and any stray animals that crossed his path, his joy of cooking, tinkering and his warm heart.

He leaves behind his children, Carolyn and Ron Goldammer, John and Lisa Bertoglio Winegart, Susan and Jeff Ellingson, Eric and Suzanne Winegart, Paula and Kent Montgomery, and Betsy and Jim Tutwiler; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and six nieces and nephews (the Chisam Family).

Viewing will be 5 to 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Polson followed by the rosary at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 17, at Immaculate Conception Church, followed by interment at 2 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Cemetery in Missoula.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Hannah Winge, 94

Hannah Winge, 94, died Aug. 19, 2014, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23 at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Jane W. Winkley, 77

Jane Wells Winkley was born in Norwood, Ohio, on June 22, 1936, to John and Ruth (Morgan) Wells. She joined her brothers Ralph, Don and Ivan and sister, Mary.

She passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

As a young girl Jane remembered the house was always quiet as her mother was very ill and eventually passed away when Jane was only 10. Her father later remarried and brother Bill and sister Sue were added to complete the family.

Jane graduated from Colerain High School in Colerain Township, Ohio, in 1954. After attending college for a short time, Jane worked as a secretary for General Electric in the Jet Engine Department for seven years.

Jane met her future husband, Jerry Winkley, at her parents' home where he was helping her brother work on cars. Jane and Jerry were married on Oct. 20, 1962. They were married for 44 years until Jerry's death in 2006. Of that union three children were born, Mary, Elizabeth and John.

While Jerry served in the Navy, Jane built them a home in San Diego. Once discharged, they moved to St. Louis where their children were born. Jane took to her new title of "Mom." She made baby clothes and Halloween costumes, led Girl Scout and Cub Scout groups, volunteered at school and baked cookies.

In 1980, The Winkley family moved to Rollins to live next to Jerry's dad. Jane continued her involvement in Girl Scouts and reinvigorated the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Jane moved to Kalispell in 2000.



Montana were waiting as long as six months for mammography services, the dream of

a mobile coach to travel to these rural areas to provide digital mammography, breast ultrasound and bone density testing was born. The Winkley Women's Center was named in honor of Jane, whose generosity made the mobile coach possible.

Many other organizations throughout the Flathead Valley benefited from Jane's generosity, including Stillwater Christian School, the Flathead Food Bank, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Jane was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and served as president of the BLCW (women's organization), coordinator of OWLS (senior program), rang in the handbell choir and was a dedicated office volunteer.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ruth Wells; stepmother, Eleanor; brothers, Ralph and Don; husband, Jerry; and still-born daughter, Elizabeth.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Mary Johnson, of Bozeman; son, John, and Mary Winkley, of Aztec, N.M.; grandson, Jack Knighton, of Bozeman; brothers, Ivan, the Rev. Dr. Wayne and Bill Wells; and sisters, Mary Gandenberger and Sue Shuman. Jane also leaves behind many friends who loved her in the Flathead Valley and her beloved dog, "Grub" and cat, "Wynnie."

## Richard 'Dick' Winters, 64

Richard "Dick" Winters passed away peacefully Dec. 29, 2014, at his home in Kila due to heart failure.

He was born Sept. 13, 1950, to Grace Winters in Silverton, Ore.

Richard grew up in Salem, Oregon. He joined the Marine Corps and served our country bravely and honorably during the Vietnam War. He will leave many friends behind at the VFW in Kalispell.

Richard was a devoted and loving husband to his wife, Ronna Gayle Winters, for 44 years. He was a caring and loving father to his children, Shawn Winters of Kila and JoAnn Winters of Marysville, Washington. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Kristen and Cody Boober of Marysville, Washington, and Baylee Winters of Stanwood, Washington; and one-great-grandchild, Blake Boober.

His occupations were millworking, logging, woodworking and long



haul truck driving.

His hobbies were hunting and fishing. His favorite enjoyment was watching deer on his property in Kila.



He was preceded in death by his mother, Grace Winters; two brothers, Joe and Robert; and two sisters, Irene and Mary.

Richard is survived by three sisters: Betty, Grace and Jinny; and one brother, Terry.

There will be a celebration of life held in his honor for close friends and family starting 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, at his home in Kila.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

A celebration of Jane's life will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street in Kalispell with Pastor Mark Gravrock officiating. Jane's favorite color was pink and we ask, if possible, that you wear something pink to her service to honor her and all breast cancer patients.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choosing. If you choose to give flowers, Jane requested that they be delivered to a local nursing home for the living to enjoy.



**JANE WINKLEY** in 2007. (Daily Inter Lake file photo)

# Hospital benefactor Winkley dies at age 77

By **LYNNETTE HINTZE**  
The Daily Inter Lake

A Kalispell philanthropist who made a difference in the lives of thousands of women by giving them access to mammograms has died.

Jane Winkley, 77, was perhaps best known locally for her generous gift of \$1 million to the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation for mobile digital mammography and \$600,000 for the ALERT air rescue program.

The Winkley Women's Center mobile coach, made possible by Winkley's financial contribution, launched in March 2008 and travels to communities throughout Western Montana and along the Hi-Line to provide crucial health-care services to underinsured women and those with no insurance.

Since its inception, the mobile coach has provided 16,200 examinations, including mammograms and breast ultrasounds on 7,000 patients, traveling 170,000 miles. Those exams have detected 91 cases of breast cancer.

"I think the valley has lost someone who gave so much, not only to the hospital but also to so many organizations," said Allison Meilicke, director of the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation

ambassador program. "She was so giving and so generous."

Dr. Melissa Hulvat, a breast surgical oncologist and medical director of the Bass Breast Center, said she has seen Winkley's legacy firsthand as she works with women diagnosed by mammograms they received through the mobile center.

Winkley, who was a breast cancer survivor, was spurred to action when she learned about the poor quality analog mammograms from some rural hospitals that the Kalispell hospital received for reading months after the patients were screened.

"These women had no choice. They had no chance," Winkley commented in a 2012 Inter Lake article.

Thanks to the Winkley coach, men and women who receive screenings get timely results. Digital mammograms and other images are sent by sat-

ellite technology to a radiologist in Kalispell for interpretation, then results are returned to the woman and her physician, sometimes in the same day.

Foundation President Tagen Vine said Winkley always reiterated that, "If it saves one life it was worth every penny."

Winkley rode along with the mobile center a couple of times and enjoyed seeing her philanthropy in action, Vine said.

Hulvat recalled that Winkley "had an admirable sense of what was right in the world."

"What the Winkley coach does is amazing," Hulvat said. "Who Jane Winkley was, was even more amazing. She was her own woman, and when she got a bee in her bonnet to do something she'd see it through."

"She was outspoken and delightful and I appreciated her lack of filter. It was so very typi-

cal of who she was," Hulvat said.

Eleven years ago, Winkley and her husband, Jerry, were instrumental in giving \$100,000 to ALERT to seed an endowment fund for the medical helicopter. Later Winkley gave ALERT another \$500,000.

Winkley also financially supported the Wounded Warriors Project and local veterans organizations. She also supported Stillwater Christian School and many other local organizations and started a permanent endowment fund at Montana State University.

Her generosity went well beyond her donations of money. Winkley had an active volunteer leadership role in the local Girl Scouts program for years.

She worked with United Way, played with the bell choir at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and just recently had been helping out with the Sunday school program. When

she was no longer able to get to church, the children walked a half block to her house for class.

Winkley told the Inter Lake in 2007 that the volunteer work she and her husband performed with the Rollins Fire Department influenced their decision before Jerry's death in 2006 to help make sure the community never loses the helicopter ambulance service.

"The legacy she's left with our hospital is just incredible," Vine said. "It's a remarkable investment in her community. Her life has been all about giving back to community."

Winkley's husband was a carburetor engineer who earned numerous patents for his innovative designs. The Winkleys moved to Rollins, where Jerry grew up, in 1980. After he died of a heart attack, she reviewed her

finances and realized she was in a position to donate to the community.

Winkley's financial portfolio contained a stock that the couple had purchased for 67 cents a share decades ago. It was selling for \$60 a share several years ago. She had a choice of losing a large portion to taxes or donating it to a nonprofit corporation to give the community a boost.

Winkley followed her philanthropic heart.

## Mark Wittman, 61

Mark Wittman passed away on July 20, 2014, of complications associated with long-term cancer issues. He was 61 years old.

Born in Billings on June 25, 1953, his parents were Mildred (Trast) and Herman Wittman (now deceased). His formative years were spent in Billings and Missoula. Mark graduated from Sentinel High School in Missoula in 1971, and later attended the University of Montana.

Mark worked as a professional drummer — playing with The Montana Band, Norton Buffalo & the Knockouts, Kostas, Rob Quist and Great Northern, Montana Rose, Live Wire Choir, BMW and The Saddle Tramps — and he spent several years working as a studio musician in Nashville, Tenn.

Mark worked as a ski instructor, beginning at Marshall Ski School in Missoula in 1974, and later at the Big Mountain and Bridger Bowl Ski Schools. Mark had a Level III certification from the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

In his younger years, Mark was active with the Boy Scouts of America,



achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a member of the Wilgus Lodge Order of the Arrow and

the Wilgus Indian Dance Team which competed in regional and national competitions.

Survivors include Laurie M. Hoobs of Emmett, Idaho, and Gregory P. and Karan Wittman of Reno, Nev. Also surviving are three nephews, one niece, one grandniece and one grandnephew.

Mark enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, gardening, gourmet cooking and boating. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor, a friendly smile and the love he had for everyone. Mark will be missed by his family and many friends.

A memorial celebration will be held in the Flathead Valley at 2 p.m. on Sept. 7 at 581 Riverside Road in Creston. Please call (406) 260-1525 to RSVP.

Cremation has taken place under direction of Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home.

## Lonnie Witzel, 52

Lonnie Witzel, 52, died Aug. 4, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Phyllis and Daniel Witzel.

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

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Anna Helena Catherine Debus Woessner, 91

Anna Helena Catherine Debus Woessner passed in peace surrounded by family on June 15, 2014, at the age of 91.

Born in Tienen, Belgium, on May 8, 1923, Anna spent her childhood in Belgium with her mom, Anna, her dad, Henry, and her two brothers, William and Robert.

After the Nazi invasion, Anna remained in Belgium with her family, attended school in design and fashion and worked at a photography store where she met her husband, William, an American GI. Just prior to the end of the war, Anna and Bill married in Belgium on Aug. 13, 1945. The couple later relocated to Kalispell where she worked as a homemaker and spent many hours learning the language and culture of her new country. She worked hard to obtain her citizenship in 1948 and was a member of the Overseas Wives club where she made lifelong friends.

Anna was blessed with two children, Edward and Betty Ann, who remained to her last days two of her greatest loves. Anna loved her family and held them in her heart as one of her most prized possessions. There was nothing



she would not do to protect or help one of her family members in need.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William Woessner.

She is survived by her brother, William Debus of Belgium and his wife Madelyn, along with numerous nephews and nieces; her daughter, Betty Ann Heino and her husband Neil, of Kalispell; her son Edward Woessner and his wife Cyndee, and grandchildren Kyle and Kristi of Spokane; granddaughter, Heather Petersen and her husband Craig, of Austin, Texas; grandson, Brian Heino and his wife Brandy, of Kalispell; and great-grandchildren, Ashley, Andrew, Jackson, Cheyenne and Lander.

A celebration of Anna's life was held June 19 with a viewing and vigil service at Risen Christ Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. today, June 20, at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Risen Christ Catholic Church are requested.

## Clarence Riley Wolfe, 83

Clarence Riley Wolfe, 83, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his sons, Russ and Steve Wolfe; and daughters, Heather Kaynes and Bev-

erly Tafoya.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Montana Veterans Cemetery on Talbot Road, next to the Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Dr., in Columbia Falls.

## Gary Lee Wolfe, 55

Gary Lee Wolfe passed away April 22, 2014, at his residence in Whitefish.

Gary was born in Whitefish on July 7, 1958, to Gerald and Joe Ann Wolfe. He attended Whitefish Schools.

In 1975 Gary joined the Army where he was stationed at Frankfurt, Germany, and earned his expert pistol marksmanship badge.

He loved animals and the outdoors where he spent much of his time hunting and fishing. Gary's work was primarily in the building trade. He was artistic and enjoyed creating works with natural materials.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Joe Ann Wolfe.

He is survived by his son, Chad Wolfe, of Mis-



soula; daughter, Michelle Wolfe, of Missoula; sisters, Norma Stidham of Kalispell, and Gale Birgen-smith of Whitefish; two grand-daughters,

Meriah and Carmen of Missoula; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family.

Cremation has taken place.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. May 4 at 23 Golden Eagle Lane, Kalispell.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Eugene Lloyd Woody Jr., 82

Eugene Lloyd Woody Jr., 82, passed away after a brief illness on March 1, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Woody was born July 15, 1931, in St. Maries, Idaho. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1951 and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was salesperson and held many professions throughout his working career.

Woody's passion in life was barbershop performing and coaching. He was a member of the Barber-shop Harmony Society for 54 years and traveled extensively across the U.S. and Canada performing in choruses.

He was a member of the Amputee Coalition of America and started a local chapter in Kalispell. Woody actively worked with new amputees to help them adjust to losing a limb. He was also



an active member of his Baptist church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene Lloyd Woody and Frances Martha

LaGault.

Woody is survived by his sons, Eugene Lee Woody and Ronald Ray Woody Stiffler; daughter, LouAnn Ray Woody; grandchildren, Macie and Stevie Woody, Allie Stiffler, and Amber Lynn and Brittnay Nicole Woody; and a great-grandson, Tayshawn Woody.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at New Covenant Church, 436 Birch Grove Road, in Kalispell.

## Theresa Joan Woolsey, 85

Theresa Joan Woolsey, 85, of Great Falls, passed away on Sept. 7, 2014, at Peace Hospice surrounded by her children and friend, Sister Rita.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Schnider Funeral Home at 1510 13th St. S., in Great Falls. Mass followed by a luncheon will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Catholic Church where Theresa was a dedicated member of the community for many years, at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, 201 44th St. South. Entombment will be at Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum and will follow the luncheon. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Theresa is survived by daughters, Kathy and Rick Skinner of Helena, and Karel and Ken Bar-

rett of Kalispell; and son, Kelly Julie Hursman, of Great Falls; stepchildren, Mandi Yeager and Carl Woolsey of Mount Vernon, Wash.; siblings, Lyle Dykhoff, Julie and Babe Kunkel, and Doris and Don Mueller of Devils Lake, N.D., and Carol and Dave Coyer of Roberts, Wisc.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and many great friends, too numerous to name.



## Casey Faye Armstrong Wood, 23

Casey Faye Armstrong Wood, 23, of Eureka, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, near Whitefish from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Casey was born July 16, 1991 in Kalispell, to Leona Armstrong.

Casey grew up and attended school in Eureka. During Casey's junior year in high school, she joined the Army Reserves. Casey did her basic training between her junior and senior years in high school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. After her senior year, she was stationed at Fort Lee, Va. where she received her advanced training as an Automated Logistics Specialist for the Army. In her nearly six years of service, she received numerous awards including the Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

In 2010, Casey graduated from Lincoln County High School as a valedictorian. After graduation, Casey began attending the University of Montana in Missoula and studied accounting and finance.

Casey met her future husband, Taylor Wood, in Eureka. They were



married on June 23, 2012, at Dickey Lake near Eureka. This spring, Casey

finished her schooling at the University of Montana and graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. Casey enjoyed and excelled at playing tennis and volleyball. She loved spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Taylor Wood, of Eureka; mother, Leona Armstrong, of Eureka; sister Christy Gross and her husband Chris and their children William and Caitlynn of Bigfork; and numerous extended family members.

Graveside services will be Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at 11 a.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. A reception will be held afterward at the Silverado Motel from 1 to 3 p.m. Local arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com)

# Road victim was from Eureka

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Casey Faye Wood, 23, of Eureka has been identified as the victim of a fatal head-on car crash on U.S. 93 northwest of Whitefish on Wednesday.

According to the Flathead County Sheriff's Office, Wood was the driver of one of the vehicles, a Honda Accord, and she was pronounced dead at the scene. She was wearing a seat belt.

The two occupants of the other vehicle, a Mazda from Alberta, were injured and transported to Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

The southbound Mazda crossed the highway center line and crashed into Wood's car, pinning her in the vehicle that rolled and landed upside-down near the roadway.

The crash happened at about noon near the intersection of Farm to Market Road and U.S. 93, hampering traffic on the highway for hours.

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# Montana woman dies in crash that blocked U.S. 93

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A 23-year-old Montana woman was killed and two Canadians were injured in a head-on collision Wednesday near the intersection of U.S. 93 and Farm to Market Road northwest of Whitefish.

The crash blocked the busy highway completely for two hours; alternating traffic was limited to the southbound lane for the rest of the afternoon.

The two-vehicle accident happened at noon and left one vehicle upside-down in a ditch near the roadway.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper John Underwood, who was still at the scene at 4:30 p.m., gave this description of the crash:

A black Mazda 6 from Alberta, Canada, was driving southbound on U.S. 93 at mile marker 138, which is about one mile south of the intersection with Farm to Market Road.

The Mazda driver began to pull off onto the right shoulder of the road and lost control of the vehicle. The driver, a man who was not wearing his seat belt, overcorrected to the left, causing the vehicle to fishtail.

The Mazda crossed the center line into the northbound traffic lane, colliding head-on with a Honda Accord. The Accord rolled into the northbound ditch, coming to rest on its top.

The Honda driver was wearing her seat belt, but was pinned in her vehicle because of severe front-end damage. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Mazda's passenger, a woman who was wearing her seat belt, was transported via ALERT helicopter to Kalispell Regional Medical Center. The driver was transported to the hospital via ground ambulance.

Underwood said the accident is still under investigation by the Montana Highway Patrol. The victim's name has not yet been released until officials notify family members.

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## Fatal wreck north of Whitefish

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper John Underwood and Whitefish Fire Department Capt. Travis Tveidt examine the scene of a two-vehicle fatal accident on U.S. 93 northwest of Whitefish on Wednesday afternoon. (Brenda Ahearn/Daily Inter Lake)

## Carol Rose Woods, 72

Carol Woods, 72, passed away on June 17, 2014.

She was born Nov. 13, 1941, in Mobridge, S.D., to Glenn and Rose Woods.

Carol graduated high school in Basin, Wyo., and attended Northern Montana College in Havre.

She began her teaching career on an Indian reservation near Havre, then in Ely, Nev. She later moved back to Montana, where she built a home in Kalispell and taught in Kila. She finished her teaching career in Henderson, Nev., where she retired.

During her 50 years of teaching, she was honored with several Distinguished Educator Awards. She was especially proud of her many years of perfect attendance, missing only a couple of days over the entire course of her career. She said one of her goals was to know she made a difference. This was realized when a businessman recognized her on a plane, identified himself as one of her previous students, and thanked her for all she had taught him. He said she helped make him successful in life. Carol was endeared by her fellow teachers, and was always given a place of honor at post-retirement luncheons so all could hear her teaching wisdom and experiences.

Carol enjoyed reading,



watching movies and especially dancing. She met Jim while out dancing, who became her compan-

ion in life. They enjoyed listening to band music, kicking up their heels and traveling together — especially back to Montana and family.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Rose Woods; brothers, Brian and Daniel; sister, Maria Marozzo; and nephews, Zachary Newman, Gregory Woods and Michael Marozzo.

She is survived by brothers, Jerry Woods of Polson, Thomas and Mori Woods of Butte, Tony Woods of Kalispell, and Mike and Ginny Woods of Missoula; sisters, Joanne and Larry Newman of Libby, Diane and David Van Buren of Kalispell, and Julie and Bob Komenda of Marion; brother-in-law, Bob Marozzo, of Libby; sister-in-law, Mona Woods, of Kalispell; 30 nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and -nephews and her "dance partner in life," Jimmy Sarisky.

We will dearly miss Carol and her love of life, laughter and beautiful personality.

A memorial service in Kalispell is pending.

## Gail Huntley Wright, 80

Gail Huntley Wright, in the presence of her loving sons, lost her battle with cancer on March 7, 2014.

On May 7, 1933, Gail came into this world and joined big brother Clayton at the Huntley Ranch in Wisdom. Her parents, Ralph and Ebba, were thrilled with their beautiful baby girl.

She valued her Big Hole Valley upbringing and liked to say you can take the girl off the ranch but you can't take the ranch off the girl. But her greatest pleasure came from being mom to her two sons, Ralph and Dan.

Gail went to elementary school in Wisdom where her dad rented a house so they didn't have to travel from the ranch into town every day. She graduated from Dillon High school in 1954. Gail then attended the University of Montana, graduating in 1958 with a degree in home economics. While in college, she met and married Gerry Ashmore and moved to Oregon. She taught school one year there before returning to Missoula where Ralph and Dan were born. Gerry and Gail later divorced.

Gail married the love of her life Keith Wright on Nov. 1, 1981. Together, Gail and Keith made their lives in Polson. They enjoyed life on the lake, golfing, traveling to exotic places and attending Grizzly Football games. Gail filled her life with numerous activities. She was a member of the Missoula and Polson P.E.O. chapters and was active with the Delta Gamma alumni association. She loved her book club and knitting

club. Her range of talents included knitting, painting, crocheting, sewing, fabric arts, glass making and quilting. She was a busy, social woman and her enthusiasm for life was inspiring. Through these activities and life's adventures, Gail developed lifelong friendships with many exceptional people. She was a woman who truly touched many lives and she cherished all her special friends.

Gail was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Wright.

She is survived by her sons, Ralph and Suzy Ashmore and grandson, Oliver Lang-Ashmore, and Dan and Debbie Ashmore.

She is also survived by her stepchildren, Blaine Wright, Beth Cole and her children Madison and Sam, and Brad Wright and Heidi, and children Molly and Ben. Additionally, she is survived by her big brother, Clayton and Barbara Huntley; nieces, Sheryl, Patti and Susan; nephews, Blake and Rob; and many great nieces and nephews. Gail was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandma and auntie.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 14 at Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. in Polson.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Montana Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes or Safe Harbor of Polson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).