

Betty Lou Aadsen, 85

Betty Lou Aadsen was born Dec. 11, 1930, to Benjamin and Anna Thompson in Unionville, Missouri.

Betty passed away Sept. 30, 2016 with her family by her side.

At the age of 5, Betty moved with her family to Kalispell where she attended school, graduating from Flathead County High School.

After graduation she worked for Wheelers Jewelry and on Sept. 18, 1949, she married Donald Aadsen. Don and Betty made their home in Evergreen, working there and raising two daughters. They were active members of the community and made many lifelong friends.

In 1962 Don and Betty moved to Ronan to manage the Ford dealership. They co-founded Don Aadsen Ford in 1966 and continued to be active supporters of the community. Don passed away in 1986. Betty retired in 1988 and returned to Kalispell to live, renewing friendships there.

Betty was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, P.E.O., and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She served on many committees and in various offices throughout her life. She



always supported her daughters and their various activities. Betty loved to play bridge and

watch Mariners baseball, but her greatest love was her family.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Don, sisters Helen Miller and Dorothy Bowers, and brother James Thompson.

She is survived by daughters, Ann (Gordon) Henricksen, and Donna (Don Sophusson) Daniels of Ronan; grandchildren, Eric Henricksen and Amanda Henricksen; and great-grandchildren, Taylor and Landon Henricksen.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Buffalo Hill Terrace, the Retreat and Home Options Hospice for the care they provided.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 8 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to Buffalo Hill Terrace Gratuity Fund, c/o Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Karen Louise Ackom, 35

Karen Louise Ackom, 35, of Kalispell, "went to be with Jesus" on Aug. 8, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, from severe medical issues, with her family by her side.

She was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, to Cynthia Perkins and Donn Sweeney.

She was a disabled child, who grew up in the Norfolk, Virginia area. She later moved to Hungry Horse, in 1998.

She was a very outgoing disabled child, with a lot of medical issues that seemed to follow her throughout her life. This included her right leg having to be amputated below her knee. But this never stopped her — even in pain her passion was to help disabled children and people, which she did. At an early age she volunteered with the Knights of Columbus, Kovar; the Norfolk Elks Lodge; March of Dimes, etc. She was always trying to serve others.

She married her husband, Glenn C. Ackom II, on Sept. 24, 2006. They lived in Polson before moving to Kalispell. On Sept. 25, 2006, Karen was



life-flighted to Community Hospital, upon which her son Jeffery Thomas-James

Ackom was born, weighing 1 pound, 9 ounces. He was her "miracle baby," and he was her world. She even wrote and published a book about him, called "Tiny Hands."

She is survived by her husband, Glenn C. Ackom II, and her son Jeffery.

She also has many family members that love her.

Her service is being held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road. There will be a visitation for her from 3 to 3:45 p.m. There will be no graveside service following, as she will be cremated and will be buried at Fairview Cemetery on Aug. 15.

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

Phillis D. Adams, 94

Phillis D. Adams 94, passed away Aug. 15, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.



eight great-great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation for Phillis from 10:30 to

11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a graveside service to be held at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a family gathering following graveside services at her granddaughter's home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Adams family.

Phillis was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church where she went to worship with her church family.

Preceding her in death were her husband Carroll Adams, her son Jon Adams, and her granddaughter Holly Timmons.

Phillis is survived by her daughter Alaina Board, and her son David Adams; also her six grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and

Sandra L. Roker Aderholt, 73

Sandra L. Roker Aderholt, 73, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, from complications of dementia.



ents, Robert and Theo Putman; and one great-granddaughter Katelyn Roker.

She was a resident of Kalispell where she worked for the Flathead National Forest Service. In her retirement years she enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and pets. Her favorite place to go and relax was Ashley Lake. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell where she taught Sunday school and played piano for the choir for over 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Putman; her par-

She is survived by one brother, Wayne, and Jeannie Putman, of Washington; two daughters, Nancy and Konstantin Parchevsky of California, and Jody and Tim Moors of Montana; three grandchildren, Brian and Jaime Roker, Jordan Moors and Christian Moors; and three great-grandchildren, Zach, Alex and Jace.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Glacier Church, 690 Grandview Dr., Kalispell.

Nicholas Aubrey Wayne Ainsworth, 25

Nicholas Aubrey Wayne Ainsworth, born Feb. 4, 1991, passed away unexpectedly the morning of May 17, 2016, at the young age of 25. Nick was a loving son, brother, grandson and devoted husband and father.



heart anyone could ever have. If he wasn't taking care of his wife, he was playing games with

Nick was preceded in death by his grandmother, Rosalie Keys, his grandfather, Tim D. Piland, and his uncle, Timothy Wayne Piland. Nicholas left behind his mother and father, Stephanie and Cliff Piland, and his siblings, Charles Keys, Michelle Ainsworth and C.J. Piland. Nick also leaves behind his niece and princess, Jaelynn Williams; his wife, Tandi Ainsworth; and his sons, Clyde and Isaac Ainsworth.

Nicholas was a gentle giant with the biggest

his brother and his sons. He always held a special place in his heart for his sister and would have done anything for her. He will be more than missed. "We may have lost an amazing man, but heaven gained a beautiful angel."

Services will be Wednesday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, followed by a potluck at Marantette Park at 2 p.m. Help us celebrate Nicholas's life.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Nicholas's family.

Tandi Teszea Marie (Chamberlin) Ainsworth, 23

Tandi Teszea Marie (Chamberlin) Ainsworth, 23, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016, in Bigfork, surrounded by family.



Chamberlin, stepparent Kim Keith, her sisters M. Terra Williams with husband Jory Williams,

Tandi was born in Butte to Jim and Alesandra (Vega) Chamberlin and was the youngest of the family. In 2000, she moved with her family to Columbia Falls where she enjoyed activities such as Girl Scouts and dance. Then, in high school, she met the love of her life, Nick Ainsworth, and together they had two beautiful boys, Clyde and Issac.

Tandi was preceded in death by her husband, Nick Ainsworth.

She is survived by her two sons, her parents Jim and Alesandra (Vega)

and Angel Farmer, her grandparents Sheila (Biggs) Mayes, Ale Vega and Phyllis Robinson, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. There will be a reception following burial at the Eagles in Columbia Falls.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."

Amanda Marie (Otterbacher) Alexander, 33

Amanda Marie (Otterbacher) Alexander, 33, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, in Kalispell, due to injuries sustained in a car accident.

Mandie was born Nov. 7, 1982, in Colorado Springs, where she was raised by her parents Alan and Karen Otterbacher.

After meeting the love of her life, Caleb Wayne Alexander, she moved to Montana on Dec. 31, 2003. Mandie and Caleb confirmed the notion of love at first sight, while eventually, Caleb gave Mandie the fairytale plotline she dreamt of and deserved. Alone, and on a snowy Woodland Park pond, Caleb turned a night of ice-skating into a magical moment when he asked her to be his bride on Jan. 1, 2004. Mandie and Caleb were married on May 29, 2004, in Kalispell, surrounded by friends, family and loved ones.

Mandie was a high school graduate who enjoyed cooking, baking and sewing. She was an avid reader, as well as a dedicated "No. 12" who loved her Seattle Seahawks. Mandie also enjoyed getting outdoors with Caleb and their three children, Emilie, Thomas and Olivia, as their travels took them all over the United States and Canada.

Mandie was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, wife, mother, and woman of God. She was beautiful inside and out,



and touched the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her. Mandie was filled with

joy, love, compassion and understanding; she exuded confidence, wisdom and integrity, and carried an infectious personality that could brighten the darkest of moods. Her smile was perfect, her laugh contagious. She loved unconditionally and was generous, honest, and kind. She was a friend to the friendless and a light to the lost. She was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

God and family sum up what Mandie stood for.

Mandie was a Sunday school teacher for 20 years, worked for Compassion International before her marriage to Caleb where she coordinated, matched and kept children connected with their sponsors. She was also a member of the Church of God and the Highline Home Educators. After God, Mandie's life revolved around building a better life for her family. Caleb, Emilie, Thomas and Olivia were well loved, and well taken care of. Her kids were her heart. As their mother and home school teacher there wasn't a day that went by where she wasn't sacrificing her wants and needs for their own.

Mandie was preceded in death by her father

G. Alan Otterbacher, her grandmother Barb Burnett, her grandfather Tom Horton, her brother-in-law James Alexander, her aunt Margaret Fiedler, her uncle Donald Horton, and uncle Danny Horton.

Mandie is survived by her loving husband Caleb Alexander, and beautiful children Emilie Alexander, Thomas Alexander and Olivia Alexander; her mother, Karen Otterbacher; father- and mother-in-law, Kirby and Nancy Alexander; her sister, Melissa Hendricks and brother-in-law Dave Hendricks and their four children; her sister-in-law, Noelle Alexander, her brother-in-law Paul Alexander and sister-in-law Grace Alexander and their four children; Jason Wall, who was like a brother to Mandie; as well as countless aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends

who loved her dearly.

A service will be held for Mandie at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7 at Cornerstone Community Church, Highway 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Amanda Marie Alexander



TWO PEOPLE were transported to Kalispell Medical Center with injuries and another person died in a t-bone crash involving a Chevy Impala and pickup truck on Saturday afternoon. West Valley Volunteer Fire Department and Montana Highway Patrol responded to the scene. The cause of the crash is under investigation. (photo courtesy of John Cochrane)

One killed, two injured in Saturday crash

By **MEGAN STRICKLAND**
Daily Inter Lake

One person was killed Saturday afternoon in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of West Valley Drive and Farm-to-Market road.

According to Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Thomas Manz, a pickup truck was traveling eastbound on Farm-to-Market Road, when a northbound Chevy Impala on West Valley Drive stopped at a stop sign and then pulled into the path of the pickup. The accident was reported at 1:34 p.m.

"For reasons unknown the Impala pulled out in front of the pickup," Manz said.

The vehicles t-boned and rolled, Manz said.

The driver of the Impala was killed. The driver of the pickup and a passenger were taken to Kalispell Regional Medical Center with minor injuries.

Alcohol and speed are not suspected to have been a factor in the crash.

"It's still under investigation," Manz said.

Authorities have not released the identification of the deceased, pending notification to the crash victim's next of kin.

Reporter Megan Strickland can be reached at 758-4459 or mstrickland@dailyinterlake.com.

Victim ID'd in fatal Farm-to-Market crash

Daily Inter Lake

The Flathead County Sheriff's Office has released the name of a Kalispell woman killed in a two-vehicle crash Saturday.

Amanda Marie Alexander, 33, was the driver of the vehicle struck in a broadside collision at West Valley Drive and Farm-to-Market Road. The crash occurred at about 1:20 p.m.

She was wearing a seat belt, according to a Monday press release from the

Sheriff's Office, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Thomas Manz said Saturday that a pickup truck was traveling eastbound on Farm-to-Market Road when Alexander stopped at a stop sign on West Valley Drive, then pulled into the path of the pickup.

The occupants of the pickup received minor injuries.

The crash is currently under investigation by the Montana Highway Patrol.

Paula Altenburg, 87

Paula Altenburg, beloved mother, grandmother, wife and friend, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2016, in Kalispell, surrounded by family who will miss her dearly.

Paula was born Paula Maria Ludovica DeWinter on Jan. 8, 1929, as the second child to August and Maria DeWinter in Brasschaat, Belgium, where she grew up with her two sisters and two brothers. Her grandmother's flour mill, which was run by Paula's father and family, was next door and connected to their family home in Belgium. Both were the setting of many stories of large, extended family gatherings and of more difficult times during World War II.

After her father's life was lost during the war, Paula worked hard to earn enough for her passage to the United States in 1950. She was the first of her family to immigrate to the U.S., and soon after she arrived in the Kalispell area she met Richard, her beloved husband of 62 years. Paula and Richie were married in 1951 and together operated their now third-generation family farm just north of Somers and raised their three children.

Paula was admired by all who experienced her warm hospitality, her captivating smile, and her unbeatable home cooking, which had a definite



Belgian flare that kept friends and family coming back to visit time after time through the

years. Among many other talents that she developed, Paula mastered the arts of baking, gardening, sewing her kids' clothing, and eventually designed, helped build and decorated her dream home on the family farm. Paula always found a way to make things beautiful, including her flower garden, her home and all that she set her mind to accomplish. Paula and Richard worked hard and played hard with their family and friends, enjoying fishing, playing cards, hosting barbecue and dinner gatherings, and traveling together.

Paula was preceded in death by her husband Richard, her brothers, sisters and her parents.

She is survived by her children, Robert, Denise and Nicole Altenburg; her granddaughter, Mia; and her sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews, as well as several extended family members in Belgium.

A memorial will be held for family and friends at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main, Kalispell, with a luncheon afterward to be announced.

Clarice L. Amundsen, 81

Clarice L. Amundsen was born Dec. 2, 1934, in Pittsville, Wisconsin, to Glendine and Hamer Rose. She passed away from natural causes, heart and lung issues, on Oct. 16, 2016, while surrounded by family at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

One of five children, Clarice enjoyed large family gatherings where she could be in the company of those she loved. Clarice grew up on a farm in North Dakota.

In 1953 while in Fargo, North Dakota, she met and later married Gordon Helland. Together until 1972, they had four children and raised them both in Minnesota and then Montana.

In 1975, Clarice moved to Minneapolis in order to obtain care from the top-rated heart specialists as she battled heart problems that began when she was just 33 years old. She was a fighter who repeatedly defied the odds and was recently planning her next adventure despite declining health.

Clarice was always a hard worker and worked full time as a nurse's aide in Minneapolis at St. Mary's and Northwestern Hospital, all while raising a family. She held various job titles over the years from waitress to office clerk but later retired from nursing.

Clarice had a strong-willed and vocal personality balanced by her profound love and acceptance of her family. She believed fiercely that everyone deserved a second chance and that we should not wish others bad will. She was loyal and caring friend but she wasn't one to hold back her opinion either.

In 2006, she relocated to Montana. Over the past years she could be found sharing stories over cof-



fee with her dear friends at the Van EE Apartments.

Clarice remained indepen-

dent and was often the wheelman on many road trips. As she lost her ability to drive her family took turns spending time with her. Some of her favorite moments in these final years were the little things in life such as getting her nails painted by her granddaughters or simply sharing a good meal.

Clarice was one of the strongest women any of us have ever met and her tenacious yet warm presence will be greatly missed from our family.

Clarice is survived by her children, Sandy Hafer, Connie Jones, Shirley Corpe and Kent Helland and Teri Cochrane, all of Montana; grandchildren, Jonathan Jones, Jesse Jones, Jolene Ramos, Amy Probert, Nathaniel Helland, Richie Probert, Dustin Thornton, Tonya Flynn and Candice Day; great-grandchildren, Ruby, Rhiannon, Esmerelda, Elx, Andrew, Carter, Hudson, Ryan, Harley and Athena; and extended family, Donna Helland and many more family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hamer and Glendine Rose; sisters, Carol Stephens and Wanda Braulick; brothers, Ruben and Donald Rose; and grandchildren, Jacob Jones and Talis Buck.

Buffalo Funeral Home is assisting with burial cremation. A potluck gathering to celebrate her life will be held 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 2 at the Kalispell Eagles Club.

Darrell Dean Amundson, Sr. 66

Darrell Dean Amundson Sr., 66, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016.

He was born April 26, 1950, in Jordan, Montana, to Wendell and Laura (Wagner) Amundson. He was raised in the Flathead Valley and then moved to Arizona when his father fell ill.

While in Arizona he met his wife, Riva Spencer, where he then proclaimed to have won the lottery with her. They spent their entire lives working, living and loving together until his last breath, raising two children, Darrell Amundson Jr. and Becky Spain, both of Kalispell.

Darrell's work here is done. "He received a call, a sort of an offer you can't refuse, for an appointment from which he will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends he



has dearly missed. His new mission takes him to a wonderful place where he will be socializing, riding horses, playing on the land, hunting and fishing, building and remodeling to his heart's content — all the things he treasured and loved to do with none of the pain. Music, laughter and love are guaranteed to fill his heart and soul along with buffets of delicious food, especially fried chicken!"

Darrell is survived by the rock of his life, his wife of 46 years, Riva; three grandchildren who meant the entire world to him, Tyler Amundson of Seattle, Kenisha Spain of Haleiwa, Hawaii, and Kailey Spain of Kalispell. Family was the most important thing to him,

along with a great bargain. He was a father, grandfather and best friend to them. He taught them many valuable lessons, including how to make cinnamon rolls. He loved to tell jokes, tall tales and stories to the kids. He was their "rock," the man, the myth, the legend! There was never a dull moment with him; he could make anyone laugh.

Darrell is also survived by three sisters, Darla

(Randy) Rowe of Calgary, Alberta, Donna Searcy of Phoenix, and Barbara Amundson of Kalispell; one brother, Doug Amundson, of Hungry Horse; one aunt, Betty Amundson, of Cascade; and five nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, along with two brothers, David Amundson and Rod Amundson.

Services will be held at a later date.

Rodney Wayne Amundson, 59

Rodney Wayne Amundson, 59, "went to meet our heavenly Father" on April 2, 2016.

Rod loved life, and was always telling a story. He loved the mountains, horn hunting and fishing.

Rod found his purpose in life when his grandchildren entered into this world. He was the best play toy ever, playing monster and hide and seek, and bringing much laughter and joy to the kids. They will now have Grampa as their

guardian angel.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kim Andrews; and those he considered his children, Jeremiah Dickinson and Tandelynn Davis; his beautiful grandchildren, Bradley Stone, Tavia Eystad, Emily Dickinson and Talon Eystad; his loving brothers and sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Please join us in a celebration of Rod's life at 1 p.m. on April 17 at Smith Valley Grange, with a potluck.

Allen D. Anderson, 72

Allen D. Anderson, 72, passed away Nov. 21, 2016, in Whitefish.

He was born July 14, 1944, to Margaret (Caldwell) and Leonard Anderson in Whitefish.

Allen was brilliant, well-read and talented. He had an incredible bass singing voice and was a gifted songwriter, author and inventor.

He was trained as a metallurgist and worked in Butte and Columbia Falls at Arco for 20 years and followed his ambitions thereafter, manufacturing and distributing Sea-Vu, a unique, one-person small boat for above water ocean and lake viewing.

Allen traveled extensively and eventually lived again in Whitefish,



a short distance from his birthplace which was in a small cabin.

He is survived

by his four children, Melissa Chatterton, Mindi Passons (Randy), Marcie and Alan. His grandchildren are Devon, Danielle, Dustin, Luke, Avery, Anthony and Xander; and he has one great-granddaughter, Briella.

He is also survived by 11 siblings.

He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Lenny and Ted; a niece, Marie Buck; and a still-born grandson.

Per Allen's request, no services are planned.

Betty L. (Althouse) Anderson, 87

Betty L. (Althouse) Anderson passed away peacefully on July 8, 2016, two weeks after her 87th birthday. She was surrounded by her family at the time of her death.

She was born on June 21, 1929, to Clarence J. and Anna C (Krebs) Althouse in Ennis. She grew up on the ranch on Indian Creek in the Madison Valley, the youngest of five daughters, and attended grade school at the Bear Creek School. Betty graduated from Ennis High School in 1946 at the age of 16 and attended Montana State College.

On July 24, 1949, she married Herb E. Anderson, in Choteau. They were happily married for 52 years. Betty worked for the ASCS office in Choteau. Their first child, Julie, was born in 1953 and in 1954; they moved to Lewistown where Herb was employed at Downen Motors. Mark was born in 1955 followed by Duane in 1958. Betty lovingly cared for her family in their younger years; in 1967, she returned to work as an elementary school secretary at Lincoln



and Lewis & Clark schools, a job which she dearly loved. She retired in 1992 after 25 years of

dedicated service.

Betty was always active as a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown. She taught Sunday school, served in the Altar Guild, was the church historian and helped with many dinners and events held at the church.

She was a talented seamstress, and enjoyed making quilts and other crafts. Counted cross-stitch was one of her specialties. She made many beautiful gifts for her family and friends.

Betty was a strong, independent, humble and selfless woman who was greatly loved by her family and friends, and treasured by her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include her three children, Julie (Ralph) Peck of Helena, Mark (Joan) Anderson of Pittsburgh, and Duane (Marlene) Anderson of

Kalispell. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, John (Meg) Peck, Jennifer (George Maina) Kariuki, Adam (Kate) Peck, Daniel Peck, Erin (Chris) Fitzgerald, Jonathan Anderson, Hannah Anderson, and Katie Anderson. She also is survived by four great-grandchildren, Abigail and Edith Peck, and Elizabeth and Julia-Rose Maina; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years in 2001, and by her parents and four sisters.

Betty spent her last four years at Aspen Gardens Assisted Living and her family wishes to express their profound gratitude to the friendly, caring, professional and compassionate staff. We would also like to thank St. Peter's Hospice for their wonderful care during Betty's final months.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, at Retz Funeral Home, 315 E. 6th Avenue, Helena. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 15, at St.

John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Helena Avenue, Helena, with a reception to follow immediately in the fellowship hall of the church. A graveside service and interment will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the Lewistown City Cemetery, 801 8th Avenue, with a reception to follow at Zion Lutheran Church, 604 W. Evelyn St, Lewistown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59601; or to a charity of your choosing.

Please visit www.retz-funeralhome.com to offer the family a condolence or to share a memory of Betty. Retz Funeral Home in Helena and Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown are in charge of the arrangements.

Beverly Joan Anderson, 74

Beverly Joan Anderson, 74, would like you to know that her work here is done.

"She received her angel wings" on Dec. 16, 2015. "This assignment came with a huge bonus, reuniting with the love of her life, Doug, family and friends she has not seen in a long time." We want to let her know that she did a great job in life and love.

Bev was born March 4, 1941, to Archie and Adella Irish (Johnson). She grew up in Kalispell. She attended Flathead County High School, graduating in 1959. It was in high school that she met her forever love, Douglas Anderson. Bev and Doug were married on July 29, 1960, in Kalispell where they started their beautiful life together. Doug enlisted in the in the Air Force which took them on a few adventures outside of Montana. They settled in the Kent-Renton area of Washington to make a home for their three sons, Darwin, Dwayne and Dean.

Bev's devotion to her family was truly exceptional. Her family was her life and her hobby. She lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; going from baseball field to baseball field, soccer and basketball, feeding three growing sons, traveling with Doug, playing cards, chat-



ting with friends over lunch, bowling and gardening. The love she had for her three sons and five

grandchildren is not easily characterized. Bev had an uncanny ability to put others at ease through her jokes and laughter. She was headstrong and passionate which went perfectly with her fiery red hair.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas D. Anderson; her parents, Archie and Adella Irish, grandparents, Inga and Albert Johnson; and several aunts and uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her sons, Darwin Anderson, Dwayne and Janet Anderson, and Dean and Michelle Anderson; grandchildren, Kaila Anderson, Dallas Anderson, Danielle Anderson, Claudia Anderson and Dalton Anderson; and she also leaves behind the devoted family dog, Tiny. She is also survived by her sister, Claudia Curd, several very special nieces, nephews, cousins and family members.

We will all remember her smile, her warmth and her energy.

"We will love and miss you as you dance away your days in heaven."

In 1970, Frank and Joan purchased a cabin on Swan Lake and they would spend their summers on the lake boating and waterskiing with their children, friends and family. Joan waterskied at Swan Lake until she was 73!

After Frank died in 1984, Joan became re-acquainted with Robert "Bob" Anderson at their 40th class reunion in Havre. They were married in 1989 and moved to Swan Lake permanently. After Bob's passing in 2004, Joan remained at her beloved Swan Lake

so they may cherish the time they have together and privately reflect on Joan's passing.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Swan Lake Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 5134 Swan Lake, MT 59911, or a charity of your choice.

Joan Anderson, 86

Joan Anderson, formerly Joan Haaland Phillips, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2016, at Benefis Peace Hospice in Great Falls. Joan was born on Sept. 18, 1929, in Havre, the first of eight children to be born in a hospital. Joan was raised on the family homestead north of Inverness. She attended elementary school in Inverness, and spent her summers working on the farm with her father and brothers. In 1942, the family moved to Havre, where Joan attended Havre High School. In 1946, Joan spent a year with family in Seattle and graduated from Ballard High School. After graduation Joan returned to Montana and worked as a sales clerk in the record department at Buttery's in Havre.

Joan met Frank Phillips in 1947 and they were married in Havre in 1948. Frank and Joan resided in Rudyard and spent the next 40 years farming and raising a family of five children.

Joan was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who meant the world to her family. She valued family and friendships, and always made sure that she supported them through all of life's events. She helped Frank with every aspect of farming and she was known for her great cooking and baking skills, always having a batch of homemade bread of cinnamon rolls on hand, and the meals that she hauled to the field during harvest were extraordinary!

Frank and Joan were founding members of the Rudyard Saddle Club, participating in rodeos and parades in the area. Joan volunteered at school events and at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard, committing herself to her children for many years. They also enjoyed snowmobiling and bowling.



home, enjoying visits from family and friends, feeding her birds and mowing her oversized

yard. She loved to be active and outdoors.

Joan is survived by her loving family, sons, Jan (Dana) Phillips of Inverness, and Kane (Sherrie) Phillips of Bellevue, Washington; daughters, Martia (Darrell) Swanson of Lancaster, Massachusetts, Dana Eliason of Sunnyside, Washington, and Rhonda Ritter of Stanford, Montana; stepchildren, Debi (Greg) Bork of Bigfork, Mike (Rita) Anderson of Maple Grove, Minnesota, Tammy (Ron) Wienke of Bayfield, Wisconsin, and Karen (Scott) Mayer of Paynesville, Minnesota; sister, Norma Engleson; brothers, Sterling Haaland and Wilbur Haaland; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ragnvald Haaland in 1961; her mother Emelia Peterson Haaland in 1981; her husbands, Frank Leo Phillips in 1984, and Robert Oden Anderson in 2004; her brothers, Carston, Roald and Milton Haaland; and her sister, Gertrude Grinde.

A memorial service will be held in Joan's honor at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8859 Montana Montana 35. The memorial service will be broadcast via Skype, and a gathering will be held at the same time at the Grandview at Benefis, for those who cannot attend at the Swan Lake location. On Saturday, Sept. 17, Joan's family requests privacy at the lake house

Homer Leonard Andersen, 89

Homer Leonard Andersen, 89, died peacefully at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Polson on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, following a long battle with prostate cancer.

Homer was born on Oct. 29, 1926 in Grenora, North Dakota, at the nearest hospital to his family home, which was just outside of Dagmar. His parents, John B and Rose Schermer Andersen raised four children, Lenora, June, Homer and Howard.

They grew grain, put up hay, raised cattle and hogs on their eastern Montana farm of about 1,000 acres so there was always plenty of work to be done. After the eighth grade Homer began working for family friends and his uncles helping with farm chores. In 1941, his father moved the family to the Swan Valley after hearing good things about western Montana from his brothers George and Andrew. After discovering that the Swan Valley was not a good area to raise cattle, the family moved to the Polson area in 1943 where they raised wheat, barley, oats and hay, cared for a dairy herd of 40 cows and bred and fattened 50 hogs yearly on a 400-acre farm.

Homer was anxious to join the war effort so in early 1945, he joined the Army and was sent to Korea to help with the preparation for the Korean War as a full track driver of an M-4 as well as peeling potatoes when told to. He served until his honorable discharge in December of 1946. He was very proud to serve his country.

After returning to the Polson area, he worked as a farm hand, at the Union 76 station and as a lineman. Finally, he began his career drilling water wells for Liberty Drilling. He was an expert at running a cable tool drilling



rig, drilling wells all over western Montana as well as Idaho and Alaska. Over the years he trained many young men from the

valley who went on to have their own water well drilling careers.

He met the love of his life, Juanita Long McManus, and married her with her young daughters Coni and Laurie on Dec. 18, 1957. After having two more daughters, Shelley and Sandee, in 1961 they made their home at the foot of the Mission Mountains east of Polson raising their four girls. Homer dearly loved his 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren plus one on the way and 3 great great-grandchildren. His best times were when his grandkids visited. He loved teasing them and telling stories of his adventures that he had throughout his life.

Homer was preceded in death by his parents John and Rose Andersen; grandchildren, Chad Adler and Joseph Andersen Dobson; sisters Lenora Stephens and June Rose; and son-in-law, Leo Brueggeman.

Homer is survived by his wife Emma Juanita Andersen; daughters, Coni Brueggeman of Big Lake, Alaska, Laurie (Craig) Lillethun of Ronan, Shelley (Art) Metz of Whitefish and Sandee Andersen of Polson; brother Howard Andersen of Polson; sisters-in-law Cookie Mead of Alberton and Peggy Seifert of Polson; his many grandchildren living as near as Polson, Ronan and Missoula to as far as Washington, Alaska and

Cancun, Mexico, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. A reception will follow at the Polson VFW. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeand-](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeand-crematory.com)

[crematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeand-crematory.com).

A celebration of life for friends and family from near and far to share memories of Homer will be held towards the end of July with details to be provided at a later date.

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

Leonard P. Anderson, 97

Leonard P. Anderson
It is with a heavy heart that we announce that on August 30, 2016 our family said goodbye to our father, grandfather, and friend, a member of our nations "greatest generation."

Leonard began his life in the prairies of Britton, South Dakota. He was born on December 21, 1918 to Elling and Elena Anderson and shared his life with six brothers and four sisters. The family moved to Circle, Montana in 1928. Then in 1934 Leonard moved to Fort Peck where he worked on the building of the Fort Peck Dam until 1942. In August 1942 he was drafted into the Army in which he served until his honorable discharge in December of 1945, receiving the rank of Staff Sergeant. During that time he fought several battles in the South Pacific and received the Bronze Star. After his service he returned to Kalispell and started his mechanics career working for Studebaker Garage, Stockton Motors, and Korn Buick. He officially retired in 1982 but continued to get the phone calls and knocks on the door from old



1948. They moved back to Kalispell in 1949 and started their family, having three daughters, Rita, Carol, Linda, and one son, Lenny.

Leonard was a child of the Depression. He learned to be self-sufficient and acquired many skills. He loved to "putter". His hands and mind were never idle and because his talents/

customers and friends needing his expertise to help with their vehicles, especially "Jeeps".

He met his bride, Leota Croskrey when she was vacationing in Kalispell. They married in Leavenworth, Washington on August 29,

skills were many, he was known as "Handy Andy" and was always there to lend a helping hand and share his knowledge. Although he found great pleasure in being a kind and giving person, he said what he was most grateful for and found his greatest joy was spending time with his loving family. In Leonard's final days he would ask for "peace". Was this a soldier asking peace for our world or was it peace for his own soul and spirit ... probably some of both. Either way, we know our father, grandfather, and friend is resting comfortably in an abundance of peace that he desired and deserved.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leota on April 1, 2010 and his brothers, Emil, Arthur, Lloyd, Lorance, Elmer and Edwin; and sisters Josephine, Tina, and Tillie

He leaves behind his three daughters, Rita Bishop and husband Bob, of Whitefish, Carol Frehse of Kalispell, Linda Miller and husband Fred, of Kalispell and a son, Lenny Anderson of Lakeside. Grandchildren, Leslie

(Bishop) Franco, Allyson (Bishop) Crawford, Justin Frehse, Brittney Frehse, Melissa (Miller) Simpson, Jake Miller, Cody and Tehya Anderson, Jarrett Sunde, and nine great grandchildren and one surviving sister Helen.

A public viewing will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell with Funeral Service to immediately follow at 1:00. The Graveside Burial with military honors will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception to follow at the Elks Lodge located at 1820 Hwy 93 South in Kalispell.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 257, Columbia Falls, Mt. 59912, Please note memorial for Leonard P. Anderson

All life is a gift and his life was a gift to many... Friends are encouraged to visit our website to send notes of condolences to the family at www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lowell 'Andy' R. Anderson, 87

Lowell 'Andy' R. Anderson, 87, was born on August 27, 1928 in Plentywood. On Feb. 3, 2016, surrounded by his loving family, he was "received into the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; waiting at the gates was his wife of 51 years, Lee."

He was born to Arthur and Ebba Anderson, the seventh of nine children. He quit school in the eighth grade, after his father died in a farming accident to help support the family. He would later receive his GED, something he was very proud of.

Lowell proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge he met the love of his life Leoda Erickson and they were married on May 9, 1954. From this union they would have five children.

Dad worked as a lineman all of his life, starting in Hill County Electric in Havre, Big Flat Electric in Malta and finishing his career with Flathead Electric in Kalispell. The harsher the weather, the more demanding his job was. When the phone rang in the middle of the night, we knew Dad was going to work. He retired 1986 after thirty five years of climbing poles. Dad was a proud member of the IBEW Union for 67 years.

Dad's commitment to his family was only surpassed by his faith. His favorite hobbies were his Country and Western vinyl record collections, camping and playing cards with anyone who would join him at the table. His children appreciated his new found family at Welcov for welcoming him with open arms and keeping him in check. He was a prankster with a huge heart and an outgoing personality and was the very proud winner of his final games.

Mom and dad spent over 20 years living the life as snow birds in Arizona meeting an abundance of friends they continued to keep in touch



with.

Dad is preceded in death by his parents, seven siblings, and his wife.

Lowell is survived by his sister Mamie Parpart of Columbia

Falls; his children Jo (Bob) Keller, Neil (Tamara) Anderson of Phoenix, Alyn Ann (Bobby) Hangebrauk, Lynette (Bill) Witts of Polson, and Lana Clark (Roy); 11 grandchildren, Niki (Dave) Henke, Cobey Hangebrauk, Amy Elletson, Heidi (Dave) McAtee, Robert (Sara) Hangebrauk Jr., Erin Witts, Jeff (Breana) Keller, Kenny (Brandon) Keller, Eric Witts, Jayson Clark, and Jayden Clark; nine great-grandchildren, Jona, Brady, Parker, William, Cooper, Bradley, Emily, Caylee and Brilyn. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and extended family members including his special love Erna and adopted granddaughter Mudd.

Dad was a great man and leader of the Anderson clan and will be greatly missed from his big smile to his tongue-biting concentration trait passed down to his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. Burial will directly follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens with a reception back at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial donations be made to Welcov Assisted Living, Frontier Hospice or the charity of the donors choice.

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Madeline 'Flora' Anderson, 93

Madeline "Flora" Anderson, 93, passed away May 12, 2016, at the Immanuel Skilled Care Center.

Flora was born to Alexander and Bertha Lodinoff on September 25, 1922, in Great Falls.

She is survived by her children, Christine "Tina" Diede, Kathleen "Kathi" Heikens and Russell James "Chip" Anderson.



She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, two brothers, and her husband.

Cremation has taken place and she will be buried with her husband, Russell Anderson, in the Eureka cemetery.

Oscar E. Anderson Jr., 83

Oscar was born at Lake Blaine on May 25, 1932, to Oscar and Lillie Anderson.

He went to Lake Blaine School and Flathead County High School. He later joined the U.S. Army, serving mostly in Alaska.

He worked on heavy equipment for road construction until he retired.

Oscar was married to Betty Walker in 1973. She passed away Nov. 26, 2001. He passed away at the HealthCenter on Feb. 28, 2016.

He is survived by a stepson, Bill Walker; a



stepdaughter and her husband, Karin Whalen and Tom;

a daughter, Rhonda and two boys, Joe and Jimmie; from other marriages; brother-in-law Louis and sister Venetta Kimbrell and sister Orletta Loveall; one brother, Bill Lash, and nieces and nephews.

A graveside urn committal will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Sharon Lee Andres, 77

Sharon Lee Andres passed from this life on March 3, 2016, at age 77.

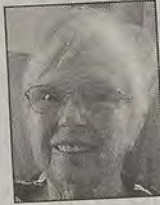
She was born Nov. 23, 1938, in Ronan, to LaRue and Henry Erickson. She grew up in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1956. She was married to Dale Howke and had two children, Debbie and Jeff.

She worked almost all of her career for Pacific Power in various jobs, starting as a telephone operator.

She married Frederic J. Andres in 1962. They settled in Kalispell. After retirement they enjoyed traveling in a fifth-wheel and lived part-time in Overton, Nevada.

She spent the last three months of her life living with Debbie's family. We were blessed to have been able to spend so much time with her.

Mom loved a good party, good food, a good laugh and traveling. After Fritz died, she packed herself up and relocated to Overton full time and became very close with many friends there. We



will be forever thankful to her friends who were like family in Overton and who always

watched out for her. The separation from her home and those friends was the hardest part of her battle.

She is survived by her daughter Deb Miller and Bob in Boise, Idaho, and son Jeff Andres and Nancy in Dothan, Alabama; also Debbie's three daughters, Courtney Zaun and Matt in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and Chelsea and Chloe, both in Boise; Jeff's son, Matthew; and two great-grandchildren, Elliot and Courtney, and James and Chelsea. She is also survived by her brother, Lionel Erickson, in Salt Lake City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fritz, her parents and three half siblings.

A celebration of her life will be planned at a later date.

Donald Lee Andrews, 76

Don Lee Andrews, 76, was born on Oct. 22, 1940.

He passed away Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, 2016, in his home.

He is survived by the love of his life, Sharon; their three children; and his brother, Cork Andrews.

The highlight of Don's youth was the time he spent on the Dolson Ranch in Hot Springs. As a child he spent his summers fishing and exploring the hills on foot and on horseback, helping his grandparents with anything and everything they needed. In high school he played saxophone in the jazz band, and continued to be a general terror to the fish and citizens of Kalispell and the surrounding areas.

Don left Kalispell and went into the Navy at 17. He attended Nuclear Power School and was an engineer on the USS Enterprise, the first ship to traverse the globe entirely under its own power. He traveled the world and loved every minute of it.

As any who spent time with Don could tell you,



he fell in love with his wife the first time he saw her in

her gold stirrup pants in 1968. Don and Sheri settled in Evergreen.

As a family man, Don taught his kids how to hunt and fish; many fond memories were made at Fish Trap Creek. He coached his son's baseball team and became a father figure to every kid on the team. His life was punctuated with joy, from bowling leagues with his wife to Saturday morning dance lessons while the family cleaned the house.

He retired in 2005 after years of service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and enjoyed the laze of retirement with his wife, kids and grandkids.

He was loved by many and will be missed by many more.

In accordance with Don's wishes, no service will be held at this time.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to the charity of your choice.

James Haldeman Armstrong Sr., 87

Our father was born Nov. 18, 1929, in Northampton, Massachusetts, to the Rev. James Newton Armstrong Jr. and Louise Storms Armstrong.

He passed in his home on Dec. 20, 2016, after a prolonged decline from Parkinson's disease and a bout with lymphoma. Frontier Hospice assisted in his care and comfort.

He was the son and grandson of Presbyterian ministers, his father having attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City during the Reinhold Niebuhr era. He spent his childhood on Long Island, growing up in Southampton, New York, enjoying the woods, the dunes and ocean, swimming, clamming and duck hunting.

After graduating from Princeton University, he entered medical school in New York City where he first experienced the devastating impact on women's lives who had sustained abortions from untrained, ill-equipped providers in clandestine settings. Later during his career as a physician and healer, and after the passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973, Dr. Armstrong incorporated safe, legal abortion work into his family practice in Kalispell, until his retirement nearly 35 years later. In addition, he found great satisfaction from delivering the babies of women he had himself delivered years earlier. He was recognized for his work by the American Civil Liberties Union of Montana in 1995, receiving the Jeanette Rankin Civil Liberties award for Human and Reproductive Rights. He also served on the board of directors of the National Abortion Federation and received



black leather bag and affable, compassionate bedside manner.

Dr. Armstrong chaired numerous hospital committees, was president of the Flathead Medical Society and in 1980 served as president of the Montana Academy of Family Physicians. He was a six-year trustee of Montana Blue Shield (before "the merger"), served as a 20-year board member for the Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Center and as a founding board member for the Western Montana Mental Health Center. He was medical director for the Wilderness Treatment Center for 17 years. He was a Kalispell School board trustee throughout the 1970s. As a member of the Presbyterian Church, he served as an elder and then as moderator of the Presbytery of Glacier in 1986, before resigning his church membership, critical of the "creeping fundamentalism" within American churches. Shamanistic studies and the Society for Scientific Exploration occupied his time in retirement, as well as raising and training yet another bird dog to seek out, point and retrieve pheasants, grouse and ducks throughout Montana. He climbed many of Glacier's peaks and skied much of Big Mountain, out of bounds of course, before the expansion.

for noon or evening rounds at Kalispell Regional Hospital. House calls were part of his practice, arriving equipped with his

its meritorious recognition Burdick Award, some years after his office, that he shared with Susan Cahill, Physician Assistant-Certified, Master of Social Work, (PA-C, MSW) was destroyed by arson in the early winter of 1994. Dr. Armstrong gained favorable decisions in legal suits before the Montana Supreme Court, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court defending women's reproductive rights.

Dr. Armstrong entered the Navy in 1959 and was stationed at Patuxent River Air Station on Chesapeake Bay where he worked among four of the original seven astronauts, including Jim Lovell and Pete Conrad. "The Right Stuff" portrayed some of his experiences there. Seeking further medical training he completed a residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania, before traveling cross country in the family station wagon to Montana with his wife, Dotty, two infant children and an English setter puppy in tow. The family home on Kalispell's east side was chosen in part because of its close proximity to Flathead County Hospital and Hedges School. Kalispell had 24 physicians in 1964, and once the hospital moved to Buffalo Hill and another 100 physicians had arrived, Jim was often seen riding his bicycle to his office along the golf course, and up the hill

Jim Armstrong was preceded in death by his parents, who died in their Kalispell retirement home. His wife of 39 years, Dotty, passed of dementia 15 years after their divorce, and his companion P. Leslie Walker, Ph.D., also passed of dementia, living into her 90s. Jim's eldest sister Deborah Sadowski, formerly of New York and Washington, preceded him in death, and his younger sister, Mary Lou Langdell resides in Shelburne, Vermont.

Jim's daughter, Maria "Ridie" Storms Armstrong, resides in Carbondale, Colorado, and is employed by the Aspen Ski Company. Her eldest daughter Michela Millette lives in Portland, employed with Keen, and youngest daughter Katherine Millette attends North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota.

Jim's son, James "Jamie" Haldeman Armstrong Jr., resides in Missoula and is a physician with CostCare clinics. His daughter Sarah Armstrong lives in Missoula and Phoenix, and son Eric Armstrong lives in Missoula. Both are blossoming students.

A remembrance of life will be at 10:30 a.m. April 22 (Earth Day) at the Shining Mountains Center for Spiritual Living in Kalispell.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be directed to the Abbie Shelter and violence free crisis line, Citizens for a Better Flathead or the American Civil Liberties Union of Montana.

MEMORIAL

James Haldeman Armstrong Sr.

A celebration of life service for Dr. James Haldeman Armstrong Sr., 87, who died Dec. 20 will

be held in the spring. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

A. Allan Aronson, 73

Arvid Allan Aronson was born to Arvid and Edith Aronson on July 6, 1943, and died as a result of congestive heart failure on August 11, 2016.

Allan was a loyal, humble, solid, kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was proud of his Swedish heritage, his family and his country.

He was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota. His family had a farm in Hector, Minnesota, where he, his brother, Marty, and sister, Alyce, spent their early years. The family moved to central California, where Allan graduated from Templeton High School. He then attended California Lutheran University where he met his wife, Beverly. They were married in 1966 and celebrated their 50th anniversary in April this year.

After graduation, Allan became an Air Force officer and was stationed in Denver, where their daughter Krista was born. The family then was stationed on the island of Crete, Greece. When they returned to the U.S., their second daughter, Audree, was born. With a two-year-old and a newborn, the family moved to Kalispell in 1970. Allan then began a 37-year-career at the Valley Bank.

Throughout his life he loved sports. He participated in many sports in high school and college and coached youth teams for many years. He could quote sport statistics and could recall dates and information in an instant. He enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and the world with family and friends.

Allan was active in civic and church organizations all through his life: Rotary, board



member of Immanuel Lutheran Corporation and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, state president of Montana Independent Banker, Flathead Valley

Community College Associate Foundation Board and Norm's News Coffee Group.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; daughter Krista Bates, her husband Jay and their children Connor and Emma; daughter Audree Keen and her children Christopher and Matthew; brother, Marty Aronson; sister, Alyce Gross; and many nephews, nieces and friends. Allan brought a lot of joy to others throughout his life, and he'll be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Friday, August 19, with reception following at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Memorials may be made to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or the FVCC Scholarship Fund.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Nancy Wallace Ashton, 85

Nancy Wallace Ashton, 85, passed peacefully at home on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016.

Nancy was born in Boston in 1931.

Nancy had many interests in her life, including a love of nature, loving many Labrador retrievers, antiques, books, skiing, the opera and gardening. Nancy was a librarian and a lifelong artist. Her keenest interest in life was her family, especially raising her children. A quiet, but strong soul, Nancy gave love and joy to all who knew her.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband William John Ashton, and her sister Mary Wallace.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa Ashton Lindsay, son-in-law Stuart Lindsay, and granddaughter, Cameron Lindsay, of Wisconsin; her son, Mark

Ashton and grandsons, Connor Ashton and Bryce Ashton, of Virginia; her daughter Cary Saunders and son-in-law Peter Saunders, of Kalispell; her sister, Elizabeth Wallace Esser; her sister-in-law, Janet Ashton Arrington; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her memory to the organization Canine Angels which pairs children with service dogs, Canine Angels Service Teams, 13475 North Applegate Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527, also www.canine-angels.org.

Nancy's memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 7 at Christ Church Episcopal, Kalispell.

Buffalo Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Nancy will truly be missed.

Betty Jean Ault, 87

Betty Jean Ault, born June 29, 1928, peacefully passed May 13, 2016, at age 87.

Betty worked as a dental assistant for many years in Eugene, Oregon. She was very active in Beta Sigma Phi for many decades in Oregon and Montana. Betty was also very involved and active in her church.

Betty "joins" her husband Jim of 66 wonderful years together, who passed away Sept. 10, 2015, and their beautiful daughter Christine Marie Dresser, who passed away Oct. 12, 2003; along with her father, mother and sister — "A beautiful reunion in heaven."

Betty is survived by her son, James Warren Ault; granddaughter, Kimberly Jean Langdon and husband Tony, great-grandson Wyatt, and beloved family dog Rufus.

Betty lived a rich and full life with stories and memories that would make the whole family sit around in anticipation for



the stories being told. Her quick wit and great sense of humor made for interesting conversation

between her and her great-grandson Wyatt. They would often argue about who loved the other one more.

Wyatt points out that heaven just became a cleaner place because Grandma was always cleaning something. Even if she was unable to get around, her hands would be busy brushing crumbs into a pile on the table in front of her, or organizing and then reorganizing her papers.

Betty was a beautiful person inside and out. She was loved by all who knew her and will always be loved and missed.

A memorial service and reception will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.