

Irene Boots, 83

Irene Boots, 83, passed away on Jan. 12, 2016, at the Springs at Whitefish.

Irene was born on May 20, 1932, in Liberty, Kentucky, to John Bill Cox and Bessie (Hatfield) Cox. Irene is an original Hatfield descendant of the historical Hatfield and McCoys.

Irene married the love of her life, Ralph Boots, on Aug. 14, 1968, in Brownsville, Tennessee. They celebrated 43 wedding anniversaries together on this earth.

Irene was very young at heart and she was an "ear and sounding board" for a lot of the staff at The Springs. She especially had a close connection with lots of the younger staff. It was the perfect situation for all involved.

Irene loved all of her children, grandchildren and those special great-grandchildren, but she did have a very close bond with her granddaughter and "namesake" Cory Irene Dulin. Irene may be gone but her genuine love of others will definitely live on in Cory Irene.

Irene was preceded by her husband Ralph Boots, mother and father John Bill and Bessie Cox, along with her son Edward, and daughter Dianne.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Lynda



Saibini, and son-in-law, Al Saibini, from Stafford, Virginia; along with grandchildren,

Joshua Saibini and Rachel Dozier, and great-granddaughters Kayla and Isabelle Dozier. She is also survived by her daughter, Cathy Dulin, and son-in-law, Greg Dulin, from Kalispell; along with grandchildren, Holly Trumbo, Cory Dulin and Drake Dulin, and great-grandson Jude Ellis Trumbb.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Springs of Whitefish for their dedication and care of Irene especially during the last four years, also Home Options Hospice for their loving care of Irene during her final days. Last, but definitely not least, Dr. Jon Miller for his love and devotion to the Boots family for the last several years.

Services for Irene will be at 5:30 p.m. today, Jan. 15, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. There will be a visitation from 2 to 5:30 p.m. today prior to the services.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the Boots family.

Robert Lyman Borden, 82

Robert "Bob" Borden passed away at his home peacefully surrounded by his family Tuesday, July 26, 2016, after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Bob was a man of many talents, a wonderful family man. Bob's artistic abilities were never ending, and his love for music and writing fueled his artistic fire. He had a great sense of humor and compassion for all.

Bob was born on June 2, 1934, in Olympia, Washington, to Phyllis and Gail Borden.

He graduated from Everett High in 1952. He attended Everett Junior College for a year before he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was a radio operator, stationed in Japan. He graduated from Central Washington College in Ellensburg, Washington, with his teaching degree, and he later attended the University of Montana.

On Aug. 30, 1957, he married his soulmate/best friend, Mary Lou Paice. In 1965 the two moved to fulfill their dreams of raising their family in beautiful Big Sky Country. He was passionate about hunting, fishing and living off the land. The family legend lives on!

Bob taught music for 10 years. To him music and teaching were the best of both worlds; he loved to inspire creativity. He began his real estate career in 1971, when he bought into Valley Realty, and later started his own office, Kalispell Realty. He was a man of incredible morals and ethics.

Bob was a very adventurous man; he loved the great outdoors. When he wasn't hunting or fishing in Montana, he was fly fishing in the South Pacific. He spent many of his years in the Cook Islands and Hawaiian islands. He often said, "If you can't wear sunglasses and shorts, then you're in the wrong place!"

Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Lou, and their children, Brad and his wife



Shelley; Jeff, his wife Robin and their children, Brooke and Brant; Stuart, his wife Becky, and their children, Breanne and Chance;



Mary Thomas, her children Zach and his wife Kailey, Tyler, and Connor; and Angie Berry, her husband Jim, and their children Jacob and Jade; great-grandchildren, Luke, Ryan and Sean Thomas; sister, Lonna Cameron, of Yakima, Washington, and many nieces and nephews.

Bob always told his family they had to create their dreams; nobody was going to build their dreams for them. He believed hard work and honesty would get you where you want to be. He proved that in his life. Recently Bob said, "Treat each other with love and be nice to each other — that's the only thing that matters," and it is so true. Love and family meant the world to Bob, and through our family and the love we share Bob will always be with us.

Bob's celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Aug. 20, at 127 Rocky Road, Kalispell. Anyone touched by Bob is welcome to attend. Contact Angie at 406-257-9700 with questions.

The family suggests that donations can be made to the local veterans pantry, hospice, or www.mikaylasmiracle-sandblessings.com.

Carole June Borgen, 78

Carole June (Wessler) Borgen, 78, passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, at Heritage Place from natural causes.

She was born Dec. 5, 1937, in Glasgow and was raised in Nashua. She graduated from Nashua High School in 1955.

She married her husband of 17 years, Norbet James Borgen, on Aug. 14, 1955, in Glasgow.

She was an administrative assistant at Glasgow Air Force Base from December 1971 to July 1977 and at Blacktail Radar Station from June 1975 to July 1977. She was a clerk at a Wonder Bread store from August of 1977 until June of 1989.

She was active in Trinity Lutheran Church. She loved crocheting, working with ceramics, plants and had several animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, August "Tex" and Evelyn Wessler; a baby brother; one sister, Wilma



Tunison, and stepfather Henry Erickson.

She is survived by her children, Debra of

Kalispell, Roger and Chris of Colorado, Jeff and Joy of Kalispell, Scott of Kalispell and Brad and Dawn of Pennsylvania; her brothers and sister, Patricia and Jerry Asay of Bozeman, Jane Ann and Tobey Glasoe of Nashua and Richard and Gloria Wessler of Nashua; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held on May 20 at Glasgow Memorial Gardens in Glasgow. Cremation took place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Montana School for the Deaf and Blind in Helena.

Robert 'Bob' Lyle Vanden Bosch, 84

Robert "Bob" Lyle Vanden Bosch, 84, formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, March 24, 2016, at his home in Mountain Home, Idaho.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Frances 'Fran' Belik Bowker, 93

Frances "Fran" Belik Bowker, 93, passed away Nov. 23, 2016.

She was born June 2, 1923, on the family farm southwest of Ross, North Dakota, to John and Mary (Vachal) Belik.

Her schooling was in a country one-room school. In 1942 she moved to Stanley, North Dakota, where she was employed as a waitress and later in Dakota Drug. She met her future husband Everett when he was discharged from the Navy in November 1945, and they were married in October of 1946. To this union two sons were born, Arnold Bowker of Libby and Larry Bowker of Kalispell. They stayed in North Dakota until August of 1953, then made the move west to Libby and made this their home.

Fran loved nature and with her family enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing, her favorite. She worked first in the Corner Drug and then the Center Drug. She was one of the first volunteers that started the Libby thrift store when it opened on Sixth Street. She also worked sometimes in the kitchen at the senior center.



In the later 1950s and '60s she baked many beautiful wedding cakes for young couples of

Libby and Ann Cakes. She loved to sew, cook and bake for family or anyone that happened to come in.

After her husband retired, they started to spend winters in Arizona.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Bowker; her mother and father; and four brothers, John, Leonard, Louie and Max; as well as half sister-in-law, Charlotte.

Fran is survived by sons, Arnold (Darlene) Bowker of Libby, and Larry Bowker of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Carey, Tara, Chris and Jessie, nine great-grandchildren; as well as two half sisters-in-law, Hazel (Mike) of Washington, and Claudia of Minnesota, a sister-in-law, Stella, of North Dakota; as well as many nieces and nephews.

No services are to be held per Fran's request. Cremation has taken place.

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

Raylene Louise Bowman, 73

Raylene Louise Bowman, 73, of Columbia Falls, died April 29, 2016, in Kalispell.

A memorial ser-

vice for Raylene will be held at 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 1, 2016, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Eugene Owen Boyle Jr., 73

Gene "Butch" Boyle passed away Monday, May 16, 2016, at Hidden Meadow Memory Care. His wife and two daughters were at his side.

He was born to Eugene and Susan Boyle on May 22, 1942, in Cut Bank. He attended St. Margaret's Catholic Elementary School then Cut Bank High School, graduating in 1960. He participated in football, basketball and track.

Gene earned his Bachelor of Science degree in math and science education from Carroll College in 1964. He was inducted into the Carroll College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2009.

His first teaching and coaching job took him to Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The teams there were very successful, going four years undefeated in football and winning back-to-back State basketball championships in 1967 and 1968. They had baseball in tact, then added track and he coached both simultaneously. Gene was the only male full-time teacher on a faculty of IHM sisters. The years at IHM have been referred to as the Camelot years for the people involved; it certainly was. In the summers of 1964 to 1968 he and Charlie Nipp coached the Legion baseball teams and made many memories.

Gene married his wife Barbara Whiteley on Aug. 3, 1968, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Coeur d'Alene. They had their first daughter, Brenda, in May of 1969; and another daughter, Deanna, in October of 1974.

In 1970, he accepted a job at Lewiston High School as head basketball coach and assistant football and track coach. In 1972, he was hired as Choteau's head football coach and assistant basketball and track coach.

In 1976, Gene accepted the position at Flathead High School as head football coach and dean of students. He coached the Braves for five seasons, playing for the State championship in 1980.

In 1981, he became the activities director, a job he held until 1998. He then retired from School District 5 and accepted the principal position at St. Matthew's Catholic School. He thought it was only fitting that since he started his career at a Catholic school he should



end at a Catholic school. St. Matt's was K-6 until 2002, at which time they added seventh grade, then in 2003 added eighth grade. This meant, of course, they had to have a Saints football team! He continued to coach at Flathead High School as assistant football and head softball coach until 2004. The Bravette softball team won the State title in 2003. In 2004, Gene was named a legend for the renaming of the football field to Legends Field. He was principal at St. Matt's for 11 years, retiring in 2009.

Gene was preceded in death by his father Eugene Boyle Sr., and mother Susan (O'Loughlin) Boyle.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, and their daughters Brenda (Keith Boone), and Deanna (Chris McElwee); his three grandsons, Tanner Boone and Owen and Teague McElwee; his brother, Tom, and wife, Sheila; his aunts, Gertrude Peterson and Ann Anderson; his sister-in-law, Mickey Goolie; as well as seven nieces, one nephew and several cousins.

Gene's family would especially like to thank Hidden Meadow Memory Care Center for their wonderful care the last few months. Everyone who visited him during his time there commented on the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff. Pat Zinke and the caregivers are absolutely fantastic!

An evening of sharing will be held at 6 p.m. June 5 in the Flathead High School gym. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 6, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Alzheimer's Association International Research Program, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601; St. Matthew's Parish, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Flathead High School Activities Fund, 644 4th Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

We invite you to share a personal memory by sending to: memoriesofgeneboyle@gmail.com.

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

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Beloved educator and coach Gene Boyle dies

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Longtime Flathead Valley educator, school administrator and coach Gene Boyle, whose high fives and hugs endeared him to generations of students, died Monday morning, less than a week shy of his 74th birthday.

Boyle was diagnosed with dementia in 2010 and had resided at Hidden Meadow Memory Care near Columbia Falls for the past nine months. He passed peacefully in his sleep about 4 a.m. Monday, his daughter, Brenda Boone, said.

The Boyle family plans to hold a funeral Mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church and a memorial service at Flathead High School, both in early June. Arrangements are

still being made.

The Gene Boyle Race to Remember, a 5K run/walk event to raise awareness for Alzheimer's disease, is planned June 4 at Legends Field and will still take place, the family said.

Boyle retired in 2009 after 45 years in education, including 11 at St. Matthew's School and 21 at Flathead High School. He worked with students from kindergarten through 12th grade, coached champions in football, basketball, track, baseball and softball, and organized nearly every kind of school event under the sun during his career.

He was a man who loved kids and was driven to help them become the best possible versions

of themselves.

Flathead High School Principal Peter Fusaro recalled in an earlier Inter Lake interview how much he learned from Boyle. When Fusaro was hired as an assistant principal, Boyle took him under his wing.

"He was my mentor," Fusaro said shortly before Boyle's retirement in 2009. "The biggest thing he told me was to get out in the hall and take care of the kids. I have, and it's worked out fairly well."

Boyle lived by that rule. He spent part of every day visiting each classroom at St. Matthew's during his time there, and showed an exuberant spirit by serenading students with "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah" over the intercom nearly every



GENE BOYLE smiles while chatting with teacher Shannon Anderson in 2009. (Nate Chute file photo/Daily Inter Lake)

morning.

High fives, thumbs up and hugs were ingrained in the St. Matthew's culture.

"I think it's important

that you create a happy environment, a comfortable environment," Boyle told the Inter Lake during his retirement interview.

"I think that's the one

thing that I've tried to do everywhere I've been: create a happy environment for the kids."

Boyle's career began in 1964, a few months after he graduated from Carroll College. Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, needed a math and biology teacher who also could coach football, basketball and baseball. He always joked that the staff at his first job included "seven nuns and Gene Boyle," and that he quickly honed his work ethic there.

During his six years at the Idaho school they won two state basketball championships and 32 straight football games.

In 1970 Boyle took a job as a math teacher and

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head boys' basketball coach in Lewiston, Idaho. He liked the school but found he preferred the football field to the basketball court, so he began searching for a job as a football coach. Choteau had set a state track record and had an up-and-coming football team, so Boyle headed there and stayed three years.

After hearing legendary football coach Lou Holtz speak at a coaches' clinic about setting goals, Boyle set his sights on becoming an AA school coach.

Three coaching jobs opened in fall 1976: Billings Senior, Missoula Hellgate and Flathead High. Boyle found himself among stiff competition for the position but got the Flathead job. He spent the next four years teaching math and serving as head football coach at Flathead. He brought stability to the foot-

ball program, and by 1980 the Braves vied for a state title, losing to C.M. Russell High School.

Boyle had found his groove as a coach, but later that year then-Principal Bill Vogt urged him to apply for a job as assistant principal and activities director.

"He said, 'Gene, if you would take this AD job and assistant principal job, you could help 1,700 kids. Coaching football, you help 35 or 40 kids,'" Boyle recalled during his retirement interview.

The chance to help so many students proved too tempting for Boyle to pass up, and he held the administrative position for the next 16 years.

Boyle always credited his wife, Barb, for remaining unfailingly supportive during his career, especially through the long hours that coaching entails.

His next career opportunity turned up in 1998 when the Rev. Kevin O'Neill asked



GENE BOYLE and his wife, Barb, smile during a dedication ceremony at the Conrad Complex before a Flathead Bravettes softball game in 2015. (Aaric Bryan file photo/Daily Inter Lake)

Boyle to take over as principal of St. Matthew's School. Boyle was hesitant because he had spent his entire career with high school students. When St. Matthew's agreed to let Boyle continue coaching Flathead softball and football, he accepted the offer.

Boyle eventually quit coaching at Flathead, but started coaching at St. Matthew's when the school added seventh and eighth grades.

Last year Flathead High School dedicated the Bravettes' home softball field to Boyle, noting that wherever

the Bravettes play their home games the field will be known as Barb and Gene Boyle Field.

"When you talk about Flathead High School, you think of the spirit of Gene Boyle," Flathead activities director Bryce Wilson said during the dedication ceremony that both Boyle and his wife attended in April 2015. "As a former player, that's what I always think about when I think of Flathead. I think of the cheers that he led and the spirit that he provided the student body."

Glacier High School activities director Mark Dennehy had equal praise for Boyle during the dedication ceremony.

"Gene is the epitome of what education is all about. He takes care of kids, coaches, and teachers. He's very selfless," Dennehy said.

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Rhonda R. Braaten, 56

"We love you so very much. Do not be afraid. He will catch you in his arms and you will ascend to the happiness and heaven that awaits you."

Rhonda R. Braaten, 56, died in her home on Nov. 2, 2016.

She was born in Libby Jan. 26, 1960, to parents Allan and Kayty Rice. As a child she spent her summers swimming in Libby Creek and riding ponies with her siblings. She enjoyed roller skating and ice skating. She was very close to her grandpa Rice and would save her money to take him to the movies. She was normally quiet — except when practicing her clarinet. She graduated from Libby Senior High in 1978.

Rhonda married and moved to Washington. She gave birth to her daughter Deanna and returned to Montana after divorcing in 1983. Her son Corey was born in 1987. She enjoyed the outdoors with her children. They often spent half their summers camping. She liked decorating cakes, canning, gardening and dancing.

On Aug. 11, 1995, Rhonda married Ken H. Braaten. They fell in love by chance, and stayed in love by choice. Their marriage was likely the inspiration for Hallmark's Valentine cards. Their biggest argument was who loved the other one more. There is not enough space in this paper to describe the bond these two shared or how much it meant to Rhonda's family that she had someone so special and supportive in her life. She and her husband moved from Libby to Columbia Falls in 2004.

Rhonda's other great love was her grandkids. She spent many hours in the swimming pool and the sandbox. She and Ken attended many softball and basketball games. There was often a child



in the garden helping grandma pick weeds. They baked cookies and snuggled and she explained to them why papa yelled at the TV on football Sundays. She would smile and head for



the kitchen to whip up something amazing when she knew the kids were headed her way. She was a wonderful wife and person.

Rhonda is survived by her husband Ken Braaten of Columbia Falls; daughter Deanna Cornell and grandkids Keira, Vance, Taryn and Taylor of Libby; son Corey Griffey of Columbia Falls; stepdaughter Cassie and husband Ryan Hackett, grandkids Mosson and Piper of Everson, Washington; stepdaughter Misty Buchholz of Ferndale, Washington; parents Allan and Kayty Rice of Libby; sister Tina and husband Mark Collins of Arizona; brother Darren and wife Monica Rice of Libby; Ken's brothers and sisters and their spouses; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A special thank you to all the staff and friends from the chemo clinic and supportive offices. Rhonda appreciated your love, friendship and support over the last six years as did her family.

Cards can be sent to 320 Dunwoody Lane, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Jack K. Brabender, 80

Jack K. Brabender, 80, died Sunday, May 22, 2016, at his home Sandpoint, Idaho, following a long illness.

He leaves his wife of eight years, Evelyln (Alford) Brabender, his daughter Barbara Hunt of Kalispell, sons, Bill Brabender of Tacoma, Washington, and Willis and Tracy Brabender of Wasilla, Alaska; granddaughters Niki, Jacque, Bailey and Jennifer; six stepchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jack was born Feb. 24, 1936, in Havre to Earl and Pearl Brabender. He grew up in Bigfork, where he

worked as a wrangler for the Rocky Bar O and also in Glacier National Park. After graduating from Bigfork High School in 1954, he

joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Intrepid from 1954 to '58.

Jack met and married Eva Ream and had five children. They were longtime residents of Kalispell, where he



worked as a logger and owned and ran his own saw mill. Jack also worked as a mechanic on the Trans Alaska pipeline and overseas in Nigeria.

In 1996 Jack retired to enjoy fishing, team roping, ATV riding and rebuilding Farmall tractors. After his first wife passed, he met and married his second wife, Evelyln Alford, in 2008. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona and summers in Idaho. Jack was an active member of the first Christian Church of

Sandpoint. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eva, sons Dale and Kim, brothers Joe and Dale, and granddaughter Billee Jo.

Viewing will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, with services to follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. There will be a potluck luncheon following service in the basement of the church.

Betty Jean Bradford, 69

Betty Jean Bradford, 69, of Kalispell, died Dec. 6, 2016, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son Dan Bradford, and daughter Chris Bradford

Williams.

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

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Michael Bradley, 51

Michael Bradley, 51, died Monday, July 18, 2016, in West Glacier.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Restituta E. Bradley, 74

Restituta E. Bradley, 74, of Hamilton "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at her home surrounded by loved ones.

She was born May 28, 1942, in Balamban, Philippines, to Rafael and Paulita (Erbito) Ono.

On June 1, 1968, she married Alan K. Bradley and to this union two children were born, Lynn Marie and Keith.

They traveled extensively due to her husband's association with the Air Force. His last assignment was at Malmstrom Air Force Base and, upon retirement, they retired to the Flathead Valley. During this time she acquired her certified nursing assistant certification. She was employed by Deaconess Medical Hospital in Great Falls, Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell, Glens Falls Hospital in New York and finally Discovery Retirement Home in Hamilton.

They moved to Hamilton in 1990. Restituta loved to entertain and many friends and family were blessed with her cooking. She always greeted a person with "Did you eat?" She was always thinking of others and concerned with their well-being. She enjoyed the company of many friends and it was a comfort to her in the past



few years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Alan; daughter Lynn (Cort Potter)

Bradley of St. Ignatius, and son Keith (Robyn) Bradley of Martin City; grandchildren, Jessica Pierson of Brooklyn, New York, Jacob Pierson of Minot, North Dakota, Jackie (Dan) Smith of Creston, and Kaden Bradley of Columbia Falls; and one great-grandson, Hudson Smith; as well as her sisters, Libby Park, So (Francine) Raca of Glens Falls, New York, and Zita (Dan) Habijan of New Jersey; and a brother, Raefel Ono Jr. of Philippines; brother-in-law Neal (Nancy) Bradley of Massachusetts; sister-in-law Ginnie (Bill) Tierney of Arizona; and many nephews and nieces.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at St. Francis Church in Hamilton. A Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Nov. 12, at St. Francis Church. She will be interred in Glens Falls, next to her mother.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that a memorial be made to the National Kidney Foundation or consider being an organ donor.

AnnaMae (Miller) Brander, 82

AnnaMae (Miller) Brander, 82, of Proctor, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Sunday, March 6, 2016. She was blessed to be able to spend her final days on earth being lovingly taken care of by her family at home. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, wonderful laugh, having the heart of a peacemaker and always putting others first.

AnnaMae was born Oct. 31, 1933, to Cecil and Myrtle (Summers) Miller in Portage County, Wisconsin.

She grew up on the family farm and graduated in 1951 from PJ Jacobs High School in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She later attended North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis, where she met the love of her life, a Montana farm boy, Daniel Brander. They were married on June 29, 1957, and started their ministry as Assembly of God Pastors in Fennimore, Wisconsin. Their call to ministry took them to Dan's beloved Montana in 1967, where they ministered in churches in Columbus and Eureka. Daniel and AnnaMae had four children, Bradley Ray, Bryan Jon, Bonnie Jean and Beverly Joy.

AnnaMae's life as a pastor's wife and mother was filled with many opportunities to make meals for the homeless, hurting and forgotten. Her quiet ways and gift of hospitality (with amazing cooking talents) was appreciated greatly by her family, friends and churches. She was a prayer warrior and faithfully read her Bible as she lived out her faith daily. One of her greatest joys was listening to her grandchildren tell her about what was going on in their lives and share their gifts of music, artistic talents, academics and



farming skills, and watching her great-grandchildren toddle around. Her lap

was always open, and she gave the most amazing hugs.

AnnaMae is survived by her loving husband of nearly 59 years, Daniel; son, Bryan Brander, of Whitefish; daughters, Bonnie Compton of Whitefish, and Beverly Wehrman, of Somers; daughter-in-law, Eva Brander; and sons-in-law, Steve Compton and Michael Wehrman; one sibling, David Miller, of Monrovia, California; and sister-in-law, Em Miller, of Janesville, Minnesota; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Bradley Ray; sisters, Dorothy Miller and Marjorie Frost; brother, Merwin Miller; brother-in-law, Roger Frost; and sister-in-law, Esther Miller; as well as other extended family members.

AnnaMae's memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at New Life Christian Center in Polson, with Pastor Shawn Madsen officiating. Visitation and viewing will be held at the Lake Funeral Home in Polson the day before the service, from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 11. Burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Polson Lakeview Cemetery with Pastor Chris Sopke.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

WILLIAM M. BRASS, 89

William "Bill" Brass passed away peacefully on Jan. 8, 2016, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was 89 years old; nine days shy of his 90th birthday.

William Morris Brass was born to Julius P. and Ruth Blake Brass on Jan. 17, 1926, in Kalispell. Two years later the family welcomed Robert. The family moved to Helena in 1930 where he "survived the big quake" of 1935 on a morning he was delivering newspapers. He graduated from Helena High School in 1943. In that same year the family moved to Seattle.

Bill worked in the shipyard until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1944. He was sent to Aviation Machinist School in Norman, Oklahoma. It was there that he met his wife, Maxine, who was serving in the Marines. They were married March 12, 1945, in San Bruno, California. Bill was stationed at Moffatt Field, near San Jose, until he was discharged in Jan. 1947. Bill and Maxine welcomed their son, Bill, in to the family in July of 1946.

After discharge from the Navy, Bill and Maxine moved to Kirkland, Washington. Bill worked as an auto parts counterman in Seattle. In April of 1949, a daughter, Mary was born. Bill stayed in that line of work until he moved to Lakeside in 1955. The family became closely involved in community life in Lakeside; they have lived there ever since. Bill pursued employment in sales of restaurant equipment, and eventually he became a real estate broker. He opened his own office, the Brass Lantern Realty in Lakeside and Kalispell. Bill retired in 1994.

Bill was a Mason in the Bigfork Lodge. In 1973 he became the Master of the lodge, and in June of 1983, was the Grand Master of Masons in Montana. Bill was deeply respected by his Masonic brothers. He proudly received his 50 year pin 2011. Bill also was the editor and publisher of the Montana Masonic News. Bill served as a member of the York Rite Bodies, the Royal Order of Scotland, Algeria Shrine Temple and was most active in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Bill was a member of the Lakeside Chapel. In



1983 Bill took an EMT class, taught by his daughter Mary, and he became a member of the Lakeside QRU. This was a service to

which he was deeply committed. Bill and Maxine loved to play golf. They travelled to Germany and around the U.S., visiting friends and relatives. Bill loved to spend time at the lake with family. In his younger days he even tried his hand at snow skiing. Maxine passed away in 1991 after 45 years of marriage. Bill eventually was reunited with his high school sweetheart, Margaret Dwyer-Downs, and they were married in June of 1994. They built a house together in Lakeside and enjoyed traveling in their retirement years. Margaret passed away in 2010. Bill decided to move to the Montana Veterans Home in February of 2014. He always felt at home and was well cared for.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert Brass; and his wives, Maxine and Margaret.

Bill is survived by his children, Bill Brass Jr., and Mary Granger and son-in-law Don of Lakeside, and stepdaughter Peggy Jo Downs of San Jose, California; two grandchildren, Bruce "Billy" Brass and Andrea Brass; and two great-grandchildren, Brittany and Brianna, all from Mississippi. He is also survived by Lois Brass, sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews

Memorials can be made to Lakeside QRU, or to the Montana Veterans Home or a charity of your choice. Notes of condolence can be sent to P.O. Box 100, Lakeside MT 59922.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on June 24 at the Lakeside Community Chapel and Volunteer Park.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Brass family.

MEMORIALS

William Brass

A celebration of life for William Brass, 89, who died Jan. 8 will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Lakeside Community Chapel. A reception will follow.

All Friends
Please Join Us For A
Celebration of Life for
WILLIAM BRASS

Bill passed away on January 8th at the age of 89.

Friday, June 17th at 1:30 P.M.

at the Lakeside Community Chapel

Reception will follow in

Volunteer Park

Mary Eva (Largent) Bray, 80

Mary Eva (Largent) Bray, 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on Aug. 25, 2016, from a cerebral hemorrhage.

She grew up in the Moiese Valley, the daughter of Roy and Margaret Largent. Eva graduated from Charlo High School in 1953.

She married Lloyd (Darrell) Bray in 1954, and later moved to Helena where she received her teaching degree. They spent many years in Lincoln and had many adventures in their 46-year marriage — most of them centered around Dad's fishing addiction and the snowmobile trails of Montana.

They returned to Polson in 1980.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd in 2000, and by her brothers Louis, Bill, Fred and Johnny Largent.



In 2009 she opened her mailbox to find a letter that would begin a new chapter in her life. She

married Nick (Harold) Wood in 2010, and would tell you every time you saw her how lucky she was to have him in her life!

She is survived by her husband Nick Wood, her daughter Marci (Tom) Barron, her grandchildren Kate and Ethan Tilleman, and her brother Gene Largent. She also leaves behind her sister-in-law Kay Largent and her "Old Dearies" who were always there for laughter and support.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

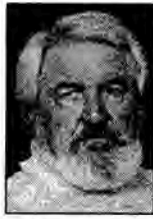
Francis Anthony Breidenbach, 85

Francis Anthony Breidenbach, 85, of Whitefish, passed away peacefully on Jan. 7, 2016, surrounded by loving family members after a very short illness.

Francis was born in Oakes, North Dakota, on May 12, 1930, the oldest of four sons of Elizabeth and Ted Breidenbach. After graduating from Oakes High School in 1947, his college career at University of North Dakota was twice interrupted by one-year terms of service in the U.S. Army; first in 1948-49, and then again as an infantry platoon leader in Korea during the Korean War 1952-53.

Francis received his Bachelor of Philosophy degree from University of North Dakota in 1952. His Juris Doctorate degree was awarded by UND in 1957. As an undergraduate at UND he was a two-way player for the 1950 and 1951 Fighting Sioux football teams. He was an All North Central Conference honorable mention selection at linebacker in 1950. In 1951 he was selected All-Conference, first team, at offensive guard. In 1982 he was inducted into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame.

Francis first developed an interest in law when he was assigned to defend soldiers in special court-martial cases in Korea. While in law school at UND, he was published in a national law journal and served as editor-in-chief of the North Dakota Law Review. After receiving his Juris Doctor degree



in 1957, he joined the attorney general's office in Bismarck, North Dakota, where he remained until near the end of 1960. After three years

of private practice in Bismarck, he moved to Los Angeles in 1963 and joined Cummins, White and Breidenbach.

By 1978 Francis was the senior partner at the firm, which was then known as Breidenbach, Swainston and Way. Through several name changes (including Breidenbach, Swainston, Crispo and Way; Breidenbach, Buckley, Huchting, Halm and Hamblet) he remained with the same firm until his retirement in 1999. At its peak, the firm reached 54 attorneys with its main office in downtown Los Angeles and branch offices in Orange and Riverside counties.

The firm's work centered mostly around civil litigation. Francis had a passion for trying cases in front of a jury. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a rank which requires a minimum of 100 jury trials. He was a former president of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel. Among his many accolades and awards, in 1984 he was one of nine lawyers from across the nation nominated as Trial Lawyer of the Year "by

taking and winning a cutting-edge case which has had and will have significant impact for the public good."

In 1971 Francis and his family moved from Los Angeles to Hermosa Beach, California, where they resided until 1999.

He was an avid sports fan, coaching his children and attending sporting events, including innumerable Dodger games. Francis enjoyed many hobbies over the years, which included horse racing, photography, golf, hunting, fishing, classical music, opera and theater. Sailing was another passion, with countless adventures traveling the islands of southern California and elsewhere around the world.

He first began spending time in Whitefish in 1977 and moved here full time upon his retirement in 1999.

Francis was an avid reader of both fiction and non-fiction his entire life. He never lost his love for research and spent many of his retirement years writing op-ed pieces for the local newspapers. He also volunteered with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Montana.

Francis is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, the former Carol Erenfeld, whom he met at UND and married in 1955. Together they have three children, Fritz and wife Susan of Los Angeles, Kelly Elliott and husband Andy of Covington, Louisiana, and Andy and wife Cheryl of Issaquah, Washington. They have 10 grandchildren; six from Fritz and Susan — Andrew, Francis, Nicholas, Patrick, Noelle and Justin; three from Kelly and Andy — Henry, Harrison and Patrick; and one from Andy and Cheryl — Sara. As well, they recently received their first great-granddaughter, Layla, from Noelle and Bradin.

Francis was the oldest of four boys. His brother Joel (wife Anita) of Fort Collins, Colorado, pre-deceased him by two days (Jan. 5, 2016). He is survived by brothers Mike and wife Pam of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Steve and wife Cherie of Rancho Bernardo, California.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish.

OBITUARIES *12/15*

Charles 'Chuck' Arthur Breslin, 74

Charles "Chuck" Arthur Breslin, 74, of Missoula and Bigfork, passed away Dec. 16, 2016, at his home in Missoula after a strong and courageous battle with prostate cancer. He endured three battles with cancer in the last 15 years and he fought each one with valiant courage and a strong heart.



and the Missoula area. It was often hard to know where they were, but the door was always open and Montana was home.

He was born Oct. 6, 1942, to Margaret and Charles F. Breslin in Flushing, New York. He lost his father at age 3 and grew up with his mother and sister Helen in Baldwin, New York.

After graduating from high school, he went to Paul Smith's College of Arts and Sciences, graduating with an associate degree in forestry. He came to Montana to continue his education in forestry at the University of Montana (then Montana State University). He fell totally in love with Montana and it became his home.

He enlisted in the Army at the recruiting station in Butte and served two years.

He had met Loretta Lynde at UM and they were married in December 1968. They later divorced.

His mother married his Scout Master and father of two close friends. His sister married another close friend and Chuck would often say, "I once had friends now they are all relatives."

Upon returning to Missoula he attended the Missoula College to pursue another passion — flying. Using the GI Bill and lots of work, he became a great pilot and flight instructor. As with all the things he loved, he put his heart and soul in this endeavor and had the equivalent of a master's degree in aviation. He flew for Johnson Flying Service, Taylor Chevy, John and Mary Ellen Stieglier, Montana Power,

In 2005 they traveled with a group of smokejumpers and friends to Vietnam — what an adventure. For his wife's 60th birthday he took her to Ireland, a dream fulfilled.

Shortly after that trip he was diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer. A new journey and battle began. He fought with a great attitude and determination. Most of all he continued to live his life.

He loved Grizzly games, sailing, visiting with friends, the great outdoors, family, Mary Kay, his children and grandchildren. He also loved volunteering at the Museum of Mountain Flying where he could regale visitors with stories about each exhibition.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Breslin; stepfather, Fred Smith; mother, Margaret Smith; stepbrother, Mark Smith; and his dear friend, Vince Frezzo.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; son and daughter-in-law,

David and Starr Allen, grandkids, Clara and Gabe; his daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Dan Guiberson, grandkids Dillon and Isabell; his sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Al Selgas, niece Maureen, and nephews Mike and Marty Selgas; stepbrother and wife, Rick and Doris Smith, and their children; brothers-in-law and wives, Bill and Peggy Kloker and their children, and Marty and Maureen Kloker and their children; and numerous cousins,

Staying in Montana was imperative and he took a position with Big Sky Airlines and flew for them from 1980 to 2002 when he retired. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen. During his wanderings in Montana, his love of water and the outdoors, he found his third love — sailing. Oh, how he loved to sail, take friends sailing and work with the other sailors at the Flathead Lake Yacht Club.

In 1995 he was introduced to Mary Kay Allen by mutual friends and they began a romance that lasted almost 22 years. They married in July 19, 1997.

Chuck's life revolved around fun and friendship. If you were lucky enough to be Chuck's friend, he had your back and your heart forever. He was gifted with a fabulous mind and memory and oh, could he tell stories. But pilots and sailors always have lots of stories.

Chuck and Mary Kay lived in Billings, Bigfork

here, but this is Chuck's obituary and he is saying, "How much per character?" Know that we know you, love you and will cherish you all forever as he did. No words can convey our gratitude for the love and support you all gave Mary Kay and Chuck.

Special thanks to Dr. Michael Snyder. Montana Cancer Center staff, Dr. Michael Hutchins and Dr. Karl Westenfelder for your compassionate care.

Big thanks to Partners Hospice.

A wake will be held at 4 p.m. on Dec. 27 at the Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, and a funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 28 at Christ the King Catholic Parish, Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Museum of Mountain Flying, Partners In Home Care Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences can be left for the family at www.gardencityfh.com.

Take care, "Adios."

Sandra Brickzin, 62

Sandra Brickzin, 62, died Nov. 30, 2016, at Mission View Group Home in Ronan.

The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements for the family.

Minnie Knopfle Brimhall, 93

Minnie Knopfle Brimhall, born Aug. 22, 1922, passed away in her sleep at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Jan. 30, 2016, at the age of 93.

She was born in Upham, North Dakota, and had lived in Montana, Seattle, Salt Lake City and Payson, Utah. Being born during the Great Depression and a meager upbringing, she found a love for shoes and coats and will be remembered



by her family for her collection.

She was the mother of six children, Karen, Glenda,

David, Norma, Gordon and Becky. She is survived by 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and even great-great-grandchildren.

To her grandchil-


dren, she was known as "Grandma B." They were fond of her great stories, her love of life and all her hugs.

She was preceded in death by brothers, sisters and by her great-grandson, Jonathan Hickam.

Her lively spirit and good humor will be missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Minnie's life will be held at a later date to be determined.

CELEBRATE A LIFE WELL LIVED



*Minnie
Annie
Knopfle
Brimhall*

Born August 25, 1922
Died January 30, 2016.

**A celebration of Minnie's life
will be held at
Fortine City Cemetery Montana
at 11:00 a.m.
on Sunday, July 3rd, 2016**

Donald Brock, 83

Donald Brock, 83, died Tuesday, May 17, 2016, in Kalispell.

He was born in Ennis, Texas.

No services will be held.

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

Shawn Maureen Brooks, 60

Shawn Maureen Brooks, 60, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully in her home Feb. 9, 2016, after a hard-fought battle of two years.

Shawn was born in Mountain View, California, to Gerald and Jeanne Fleming on April 25, 1955. She was raised in North Falmouth, Massachusetts, as well as Plattsburgh, New York, and developed a love for the ocean. Shawn had many fond memories of her time spent in Cape Cod and often shared her intention to return and enjoy it once more. She attended high school in Peru, New York, and graduated in 1973.

On Jan. 15, 1977, Shawn married the love of her life, Jack Marion Brooks, at the Old Base Chapel in Plattsburgh. Jack was enlisted in the Air Force and was able to take Shawn around the world. She was the beloved mother to three beautiful daughters, Heather Junk, Elisa Tedrick and Tiffany Hanson.

Shawn was able to make the most of her opportunity and embraced the different cultures and experienced many historic sites with her family as some can only dream. From flea markets, volksmarching and castle tours with her family to enjoying European theatre with her husband, she left a lasting impression with many different people she met through her 20-plus years as a devoted military wife.

Shawn moved with her family to Kalispell in the summer of 1998. Shawn quickly became an asset to Kalispell Regional Medical Center's admissions department where she enlivened the atmo-



sphere and brought new and effective procedures for over a decade before finding

her place at the American Heart Institute.

Shawn took pride in her gardening and loved her flowers. She loved to host holidays and never disappointed her hungry guests at a Sunday dinner. Her spaghetti recipe will live on, I assure you. Those who knew Shawn, knew she kept a tight ship and kept her home in impeccable condition. And though her daughters can attest that Saturdays were busy with Shawn's cleaning regimen, she was never too busy find a minute to dance with her husband Jack as the smooth oldies filled the home.

Shawn enjoyed many things in life but you would be hard pressed to find an activity that she took more pride in than being a grandmother to her nine cherished grandchildren, Hailey Junk, Eric Junk, Matthew Junk, Arianna Miller, Pacey Tedrick, Delena Tedrick, Tristen Timmons, Kirra Brooks and Levi Hanson.

Shawn was preceded in death by her sisters, Susan Fleming and Dawn Fleming; brother, Rick Fleming; and parents, Gerald and Jeanne Fleming.

Shawn is survived by her husband, Jack Brooks; daughters, Heather Junk, Elisa Tedrick and Tiffany Hanson; as well as her brother, Jerry Fleming.

She was truly loved by many and will be greatly missed.

A visitation will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 18 at Buffalo Hill Funeral

Home in Kalispell. A celebration of life service will be at 3 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Davey officiating.

Flowers are welcome or donations are encouraged to the American Cancer Society.

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

Delbert Erven Brown, 87

Delbert Erven Brown, 87, was born Nov. 1, 1928, to Harry and Della Brown in Gurley, Nebraska.

He passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 26, 2016, in Lakewood, Colorado, from heart failure.

Delbert is survived by his sons (and daughters-in-law) Robert Erven Brown (Kathy) of Phoenix, Roger Kelley Brown (Susan) of Golden, Colorado, Thomas Edward Brown (Katie) of Bigfork, and Richard Lynn Brown of Lakewood, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Grace Nadine Mong Brown, his beloved wife of 67 years, his father Harry F. Brown, his mother Della Badgett Brown, and his brothers Artie Norval Brown, Harry Arthur Brown, Malon Wilbur Brown and Donald Raymond Brown.

When Delbert was born, his mother was 48 years old and the oldest of his four brothers was 17. Harry and Della Brown and their boys worked a hardscrabble, dawn-to-dusk life farming near Gurley, Nebraska, and Veteran, Wyoming, before moving to Yoder, Wyoming, in 1944. Del attended Yoder High School but, like many of his classmates, his school



attendance ended early in the spring so he could help get the crops in and was delayed in the fall until the harvest was over. He met Grace Mong during his senior year, which was her junior year. Although she declined an invitation to a school social early in the school year, Del persisted, and they began a lifelong friendship that year which turned into a romance after Grace accepted his invitation to the senior prom.

With his four older brothers in the military, Del continued to work on the farm after graduation. Grace graduated and moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, to take a summer job at the Citizens' National Bank and then postponed her acceptance of a scholarship at the University of Wyoming to work at the bank for a year. Despite the distance, their romance blossomed and Grace never made it to Laramie. On June 3, 1948, Delbert and Grace were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Torrington, Wyoming. As Del was

fond of saying, "That was the best decision I ever made."

Del joined the Army National Guard that year and served for three years. He continued to work hard, often holding down two jobs for the next several years in Torrington, driving a truck for the local Texaco distributor and covering evening shifts at the sugar factory. Grace gave birth to the first two of their four sons there, Robert and Roger, in 1949 and 1952.

Del and Grace moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, when he was accepted to the Wyoming Highway Patrol Academy. Del was sworn in as a highway patrolman on Feb. 1, 1954, and was transferred to Gillette, for a "temporary" assignment that lasted five years and led to a 22-year stay. Sons Thomas and Richard were born there in 1956 and 1957. The hard work and long hours continued. At that time, Campbell County, a land area the size of Connecticut, had two city police officers, one county sheriff and one state highway patrolman.

As his boys got older, Del wanted to be more available for his family and left the patrol in 1959. He went to work at the Stockmen's Bank where he worked for 17 years,

serving as security officer, bookkeeper, teller, assistant cashier, loan officer, assistant operations officer and bank-card manager. During a period of dramatic growth in Gillette and with college-age sons, Del decided to try his hand at selling real estate, and he managed to sell a million dollars worth of property in a 10-month period, an accomplishment he was very proud of.

After their sons left home, Del and Grace decided to move to Cheyenne in 1977, where Del worked at American National Bank and then Rocky Mountain Federal Bank for the next 10 years, serving as a vice president and loan officer. He joined the Laramie County Treasurer's Office for five years before retiring in 1992. While Grace continued working, Del kept active with community and service activities and, of course, some fishing and golf.

In 1999, Del and Grace moved to Bigfork to be near sons Tom and Bob and their families, and to enjoy the beauty and outdoor recreation of the Flathead Valley. They returned to Cheyenne in 2007 and continued their community and volunteer activities along with traveling and keeping tabs on their grandchild-

dren. In 2012, Del and Grace moved to Golden, Colorado, to be closer to their sons Roger and Richard and their families.

A man of deep faith, Del was a lifelong Christian and member of the Presbyterian Church wherever he lived, serving as treasurer, deacon and elder. Del belonged to numerous community, fraternal and service organizations and held a variety of volunteer service and leadership positions. A partial list includes charter member and first president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Gillette, president of the Gillette District No. 1 School board, member of the Lions Club and the Odd Fellows Lodge, a 54-year member of the Masonic Lodge, a 22-year member of the Shriners Club, including service in the Indian and Clown Patrols that entertain children, board of directors for Goodwill Industries, and many years as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Del loved the outdoors, especially playing golf, fishing, hunting and camping with friends and family. He particularly enjoyed sharing his passion for it with his children and grandchildren. His love of nature was infectious and inspired

three generations of fishers, hunters, golfers, hikers, campers and a career conservationist.

During his 87 years with us in Wyoming, Montana and Colorado, Delbert Brown quietly and humbly lived his life with dedication to the timeless values of hard work, self-improvement, truth, liberty, human dignity, fellowship, community, brotherly love, relief of others' suffering, and love of God. Above all, Del deeply loved Grace and his family and was a truly good man who sought to pass his values on to his sons. He was the kind of father, grandfather, great-grandfather and role model that all children should have – funny, loving, caring, principled, and firm, but forgiving.

The family will be holding a memorial service to celebrate Delbert's life at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at the First Presbyterian Church, Cheyenne. The family requests that donations in lieu of flowers be made at www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org or the American Diabetes Association at www.donations.diabetes.org.

Olinger Woods Chapel in Golden, Colorado, is handling the arrangements; www.olingerwoodschapel.com.

Doris Brown, 87

Doris Brown, 87, died Sunday, May 22, 2016, in Kalispell.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday,

May 31, in Kennewick, Washington.

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

Earl W. Brown, 82

Earl W. Brown, 82, passed away March 20, 2016, at his home on Foothills Road. He was born May 28, 1933, in Kalispell.

Earl had a very full life. He loved to hunt, fish, rebuild steam engines and mine gold. He loved to have break fast out and to go for long rides, especially to New Mexico to see his son and his family. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kinniburgh-Brown; sister-in-law, Josephine Brown; daughter Earleen French and husband Frenchy French of Columbia Falls, and children Vernon, Devon and Crystal, and two great-grandchildren, son Pat Robuck of Kennewick, Washington, and daughter Julie, and one great-grandson; son Wyatt and wife Moyra of Alamogordo, New Mexico, a son Adam and daughter Sarah and three great-grandchildren; daughter Debbie Petosky of Reno, Nevada, and her three sons Erick, Cory and Toby, and one daughter Shadi; and daughter Chris Robuck of Hood River, Oregon.



Earl also has six stepchildren, Lori Bunker, Jim and John Young

(Kinniburgh), Chris Ainsworth, Jamie Kinniburgh, and Mindy Delaney; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Earl has some very special people in this life that he talked about all the time — Wyatt, Adam, Mykel, Jamie, Payden and Brodie; and his dog, Lassie.

A very special thanks to hospice for the last six months of help and assistance; Penny, Nicole and Doug for the music and singing; and to all the rest of you, a big thank you.

There will be a celebration of life in July at Mountain Brook Schoolhouse at a time to be announced.

Gary D. Brown, 76

Gary D. Brown, 76, of Libby, died July 4, 2016, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at

Libby Christian Church. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory of Libby.

Gordon Brown, 52

Gordon Brown, 52, died a later date. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Services will be held at

Kim Alan Brown, 55

Kim Alan Brown died peacefully on the morning of Saturday April 30, 2016, in Kalispell, Montana at the age of 55 after a prolonged illness.

Kim was born on July 27, 1960, in Williston, North Dakota. He lived and worked the majority of his life in Kalispell as a welder and fabricator. His passions included gun making and the restoration of many Chevy pickups and Jeeps.

Kim is survived by his mother, Frieda Brown; his two children, Nicholas and Haily Brown; his brother and sisters, Dan and Marcia Brown, Rita Brown, Barb and David Speer, Dean and Christie Prichard, Bonnie and Randy Carter, Beckie and Fred Phillips, Betty Lou and Chris De Rue, Dan and Gina Prichard; as well as his nieces and nephews, Tyler and Hannah Brown, Lucas and Lizzie Brown, Jason



and Amber Brown, and numerous others.

He is preceded in death by his father, Harlen

Brown; his mother, LaDonna Brown; brother Bobby Brown and sister LaRene.

A funeral is scheduled for Saturday May 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, reception to follow.

In lieu of donations in Kim's memory, please consider becoming an organ donor.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

Lisa Lee Brown, 56

Lisa Lee Brown, 56, passed away July 11, 2016, in her home in Vancouver, Washington, comforted by her family. She was born on Aug. 30, 1959 in Missoula to her parents, Sandra Wrightson and John Lee. Lisa grew up in Northwestern Montana, where she graduated from Columbia Falls High School. She also attended Eastern Montana College.

Lisa met her husband, David Brown, in 1984 in Missoula. They moved to Vancouver and were married in 1990, and have been together since then.



During their marriage, in addition to supporting David's career, managing the household, and raising their daughter, Abigale, Lisa worked in various positions for Pizza Hut, Lerner Women's Wear, Hewlett Packard Computers, and Dream Team Dental Clinic. She also maintained the Vintage Textile & Needlework Sellers group on Facebook for many

years and was actively involved with her neighborhood and many other volunteer activities.

Lisa was a mother, wife, friend, and much, much more. She will be missed.

Lisa is survived by her mother, Sandra Wrightson; her father, John Lee, and his wife,

JoAnne; her husband, David; her daughter, Abigale; all of her siblings, Jan Osier, Michael Lee, Leslie Coyne, Fern Hanley and Jason Lee; 16 nieces and nephews; and 11 grand-nieces and -nephews.

Lisa brought happiness and joy to the lives of all the people she knew.

Lois Ann Davidson Newby Brown, 86

Lois Ann Davidson Newby Brown "left this world to be with her Lord and Savior" on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at 5:30 a.m., in Ronan, at the age of 86.

She was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Hughes, Oklahoma, to Louis "Buster" and Verda (Allison) Davidson, the second of four children. She was raised in Oklahoma during the Great Depression with her two sisters and little brother, plus two sisters from her father's second marriage.

Lois married Ray Newby in 1946 and they soon relocated to California pursuing better opportunities for their young family. Not long after they met Les and Bernice Slater from Montana, they decided to relocate again and never looked back.

Lois regularly attended church services and community dances. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, traveling and a good game of cribbage. She was an avid reader of the Bible and thoughtfully studied it with many different groups of people over the years. She sang in the Little Brown Church Choir and taught the Children's Sunday School. Lois participated in various trades and professions over the years, from waiting on patrons at the Hacienda n Kalispell to selling furniture at Total Home n Ronan, but her favorite job title was most



definitely always mother. She encouraged her children to pursue a personal relationship with God, higher education, musical expression and to follow their dreams.

Lois married Robert Brown in 1966 and they welcomed the last of her seven children in 1967. They had homes in Billings, Missoula, Arlee and Blue Bay over the years. Her children, grandchildren and family meant the world to her; many cases of "cabin fever" were avoided by her clever invention of the February Picnic. Lois possessed a keen fashion sense, quick wit, youthful innocence and an oft-hidden sense of humor. She was an accomplished cook and homemaker, with many Sunday dinners and holiday feasts to be remembered. Her fondness for sweets was well known to those who loved her and often resulted in special treats such as chocolate gravy and biscuits, snow ice cream or popcorn caramel sundaes. She will be sweetly and sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, sisters Doris Lee, Carrol Jean and Sharon, and first husband Ray Newby.

She is survived by her brother, Louis

Davidson, sister Diane, her second husband Robert Brown, her seven treasures Denny, Joye, Rick, Bruce, Tamara, Melissa and Yolanda, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of her

life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Funeral and burial services will be followed by a reception.

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

Gayle L. Brueggeman, 66

Gayle L. Brueggeman, 66, died Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at her home in Polson. Services are pending.

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

IN MEMORY OF

EXPERIENCE

Have a great time

Funeral services may be sent to his children
 name, Kevin, Jessica, Kaci and others
 515 East Idaho Street, Kalispell, MT 59901

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 406-756-1515**

Lonnie Buchholtz, 64

Lonnie Buchholtz, 64, passed on Sept. 15, 2016, doing what brought him immense joy — riding his motorcycle with his close friends.



ing, and just hanging out listening to some good ole' classic rock. Lonnie lived life to

Lonnie was born Sept. 2, 1952, in Bismarck, North Dakota, to Eugene and Clara Buchholtz. His family moved to Missoula when he was a teenager. This is where he met his wife of 39 years, Kim (Syth) Buchholtz and started their family before moving to Kalispell in 1979.

the fullest.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his younger sister, Sandy Buchholtz.

Prior to starting his own construction business, he worked for the union and others for many years, building his family home on evenings and weekends. He liked to be his own boss, which led him to becoming a general contractor and starting Buchholtz Enterprises. Through doing so he was able to pass on the love and skill of building to his sons.

He is survived by his parents, Eugene and Clara Buchholtz, of Missoula; brothers, Gerald, Doug and Monte Buchholtz, also of Missoula; wife, Kim Buchholtz; children, Chad Buchholtz, Lyle Buchholtz and wife Marcie, and Trista Buchholtz, all of Kalispell, along with their families, including five grandchildren with one on the way, and one great-grandchild. Lonnie is also survived by many dear friends and extended family members.

In addition to his passion for riding his Harley, he also found great joy over the years in his family and friends, horseback riding, his animals, hunt-

Please join us for a memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. A celebration of life will follow at the Eagles club in Kalispell.

Lawrence J. Bucher, 79

Lawrence J. Bucher, 79, passed away on Dec. 25, 2016, in Newport, Washington.

Lawrence was born Nov. 26, 1937, in Sunburst, to Alvin and Hildegard Bucher. His family settled in Kalispell in 1952, where he spent the majority of his life. He married Margaret Bucher in 1975.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings: Ida VonDerHeide, Alan Bucher and Eugene Bucher.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Margaret; his children, Elizabeth Peterson and Bobbie (Jody) Blakley; siblings, Eileen Rollins, Rita Boss and Martha VonDerHeide; grandchildren, Caleb, Jeselyn, Jacob and one on the way; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry supported his



family by working as a janitor for 30 years at Fred Meyers.

He was a man who loved the outdoors and working with his hands, he was always fixing and tinkering with whatever needed done. He was a very quiet gentle man with a quiet laugh who loved to tell jokes. He had a soft spot in his heart for cats. He would often pick up his kitties to pet and speak gently. His gentle nature endeared him to all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foys Lake Rd, in Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Donald William Buckley, 83

Donald William Buckley, 83, died Monday, Oct. 17, 2016, at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan.

Memorial services are pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home.

Maurice A. Buls, 74

Maurice A. Buls died unexpectedly in Palm Springs, California, March 18, 2016, at the age of 74.

Maurice was born May 21, 1941, to Arthur Buls and Ruth Hanson Buls Rumley in Missoula.

Maurice was a hard-working man. He was a generous and dedicated individual who loved his family, whom he protected with unwavering love. His love for animals was indescribable. Maurice was a risk taker. If anyone were to tell him he couldn't, it wouldn't take long for Maurice to prove them wrong. He loved his wife Nancy more than anyone will ever know. There wasn't a distance long enough to hold the two of them apart.

Maurice's greatest passion in life was golfing. His presence would be seen at Buffalo Hill Golf Course during the summer months and Tri-Palm Country Club in Palm Springs during the winter months. The week of his passing, Maurice golfed his best round, a 74.



Maurice was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Duane and Pat.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Nancy; daughters, Maureen and Philip Burden of Kalispell; and Shawna and Chris Lee of Italy; sisters, Elaine Pack of Kalispell, Karen and Neil Durham of Kalispell, and Lisa and Gary Morton of Kalispell; brothers, Leonard and Tina Buls of Great Falls, Roger and Diane Buls of Anchorage, Alaska and Dan and Megan Buls of Kalispell; grandchildren, Chelsea, Tarah and Dexter, Graham, Mariah, Spencer, Julia, Zach and Tiffany, Adam and Jessica, Patrick, and Emilee; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Virginia 'Ginnie' Lee Burghduff, 53

Virginia "Ginnie" Lee Burghduff, 53, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Darrell Burghduff; and sons,

William, Lyle, Anthony, James and Gerald Burghduff.

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

Louise Payne Bundhund, 79

Louise Payne Bundhund "was brought home by her heavenly Father" on May 8, 2016. She passed from this world from complications due to Alzheimer's disease.

Louise Payne Bundhund was born on May 8, 1937, in Crosby, North Dakota, and adopted by adoring parents, Beatrice and John W. Payne. She and her family moved to Williston, North Dakota, where she excelled in academics, swimming, diving, Girls State and many school activities and clubs. She was very involved in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and was a grand page for the state of North Dakota's chapter of the organization. She had a love for animals at an early age and loved riding her horse, Trixie.

She graduated from Colorado Women's College with a bachelor's degree in library science. She married her childhood sweetheart, Ernest "Buck" Bundhund, on Aug. 23, 1959. Buck was drafted into the Army, and they moved to Japan, where they were stationed for three years. Louise began her habit of making the most of every move they made and took art lessons, modeled, learned to golf and supported Buck.

In 1963, they moved to Phoenix, where he worked for General Electric. They adopted Ann in 1966 and John in 1968. Buck took a job in Schenectady, New York, with GE's audit staff and was gone often for long assignments, and again, Louise would never complain, made dear friends, took care of two young children and kept the household going during his absence.

They moved to San Jose, California, in 1971 until 1987. Louise was involved in many volunteer and charitable organizations, such as the Congregational Church, Children's Home Society, Welcome Wagon, PTA and her children's swim club, San Jose Aquatics. She worked with special needs children in elementary school and junior high. She went to Oakland airport in 1975 when planes were landing as part of "Operation Babylift" (when Saigon fell) and helped welcome and care for Vietnamese orphans rescued out of the region.

She and Buck had wonderful parties, sometimes with crazy themes. There is one street in San Jose that they actually had a chariot race down. In 1987, they moved again to Ormond Beach, Florida, and became active in their country club, Oceanside. She also became active in her church, and through the church helped tutor and mentor "at-risk" children.



Buck and Louise traveled all around the world and would cherish each and every trip. One of her favorites was their safari in Africa. They finally ended up in Whitefish, where they had vacationed many times. They built their dream home and filled it with memories of their family, friends and adventures. Louise cherished her family and considered her friends as her family. She never missed her friends and family's birthdays and anniversaries with thoughtful gifts and cards. She was infamous for her annual Christmas letter, much to Buck's chagrin. She loved to golf, ski, hike in Glacier National Park, go on river rafting trips and play bridge. She was an amazing decorator, entertainer, cook and baker. She made her home a place of love and fun where family and friends could feel comfortable. She had a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh. She adored her grandchildren, Taylor, Ryan, Jade and Sage, and spoiled them rotten. She would make trips exclusively to see Taylor and Ryan play hockey and for Jade and Sage's performances. She was loving, generous, compassionate, creative and fun. Her love for her family, friends and for life is something to be admired.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buck, her parents and brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Carriveau; son-in-law, Chris; son, John Bundhund; grandsons, Taylor and Ryan Carriveau; and granddaughters, Jade and Sage Bundhund.

She will be dearly missed, "but she is now in heaven, dancing with the love of her life, Bucko, and with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

A celebration of life will be held at a later date this summer for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Society or Children's Home Society.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Louise's family.

Linda A. Burkhart, 71

God called and Linda A. Burkhart, 71, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, joyfully went to join her son Mark on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Born in Bedford on Oct. 2, 1945, to the late James Clair and Margaret (Smith) Allen, Linda graduated from Bedford High School in 1963 along with her best friend Sandy and the gang (Nancy, Sharon, and Jamie). After high school, she graduated from Western Maryland School of Nursing in 1966 as a registered nurse.

Her first marriage to Michael Way was Blessed with three beloved sons: David, Mark, and Craig. She then married Dr. Charles Burkhart, the man who took her to Montana, in 1983. This marriage provided five terrific stepchildren and more adventures than she thought possible. After 11 years of widowhood, Linda married classmate Thomas Vent on July 16, 2011 and completed the circle of coming back to Bedford.

Linda enjoyed grow-

ing up in Bedford in her wonderful family and later living in Montana. She loved her Boston terriers, being outdoors, and was an avid hiker and walker. She deeply appreciated Glacier National Park and said being there was like sitting in God's lap. Worshiping in a small church community wherever she lived. Linda found a home at St. James Episcopal Church. There she was blessed with an incredible church family and two wonderful priests.

Linda is survived by her husband Thomas E. Vent and her two sons: David Way, his wife Jan, and their children Rihannon and Chris, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania; and Craig Way, also of Pottstown. Additionally, she is survived by seven step children: Charles Burkhart and his wife Patti, of Wayne, Pennsylvania; Calvert Burkhart and his wife Brett, of London, England; Caroline Shaw and her husband Bob, of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Catherine Easter and her husband Teddy, of Cockeysville, Maryland; Clarissa Lyon and her husband Jeff, of



Berwyn, Pennsylvania; Jamie Atala and her husband Eric of Arlington, Virginia; and Chad Vent and his wife Angel, of Ocean City, Maryland. Her 13 step-grandchildren include Chuck, Carrie, Will, Blythe, Brooke, Catie, Callie, Isabelle, Charlotte, Emma, Morgan, Gavin, and Summer. Linda's sister, Anna May Weaver, and her husband Willie of Somerset, Pennsylvania; her dear brother, James "Milky" Allen of Newark, Delaware, and her sister-in-law Anna Mae Allen of Bedford, along with her nieces and nephews, also survive her. Finally, Linda is survived by her deeply-loved friends of Whitefish. She was pre-preceded in death by son, Mark Way, and brother, Joe Allen.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held in Glacier

National Park in the summer of 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Linda's name to St. James Episcopal Church, 309 South Richard Street, Bedford, PA 15522, or to the Humane Society of the United States, Dept: Memorial Donations, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20037. Our online guest book is available at www.berkebilefuneralhome.com.

Robert L. 'Bob' Burmood, 70

Robert L. "Bob" Burmood, 70, "grandfather" of therapeutic horseback riding in Western Montana, passed peacefully "into Jesus' arms" Friday, July 15, 2016, with his two Irish "angels" at his side.

Bob was born May 31, 1946, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Dale and Lucille Burmood. He graduated from Grand Island High and went on to graduate from Concordia Teachers College, majoring in special education.

Bob was one of the first home trainers hired by CDC, Child Development Center of Western Montana, and served the families of Kalispell, Libby and Troy, teaching them how to care for their children and help them "live up to expectations." He was well known for his zerbets, reminders of "Who's the boss?" getting kids who had a hard time focusing to say the ABCs forward and backward, and teasing riders, mothers, fathers, volunteers ... no one was safe in his barn.

Bob and Timi met when she signed on as a volunteer to help with the riding program at CDC. Their friendship grew over the years, as both felt very passionate about the changes seen in children through the movement, breathing and relationship with horses, as well as interaction with other people. They felt the riding program could benefit people of all ages and disabilities so they decided to make the program their own. S.A.M.S. Riders, Inc. evolved and the two would spend the next 24 years walking in circles to help improve the quality of life for families in Polson, Eureka, Kalispell and Missoula as well as helping to start a program in Havre.

He loved to teach children, parents, other educators and professionals new ways to "make learning fun" and was constantly bringing new ideas and methods to the program. He made sure everyone knew he was



their best friend and tried to share one of his favorite riders, Skyler, and his theory of how to

live life by staying out of the "me box" — thinking of others first.

He enjoyed forming beautiful bonsai trees, horseracing, fishing, taking grandchildren for rides on his tractor and four-wheelers as well as tobogganing with family in front of him. He gladly served on the board of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church for over 12 years. Bob quoted his father regularly, telling everyone "Today is a gift. What will you do with your gift today?" Easily recognized in a crowd by his Stetson cowboy hat, Bob is looking down on us from heaven.

Bob was previously married to Marcia Berkowitz and they had one son, Chris, and Pam Polches, and they were married in 1976 and had daughter Jamie.

He married the love of his life, Timi (McDonald) Burmood April 11, 1993, and they lived happily until Bob's passing.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Bob is survived by his wife Timi Burmood of Missoula; son Christopher Eric Burmood of Memphis, Tennessee; daughter Jamie Lynn Newton of Kalispell; sister Beverly and Ray Wondercheck of Bellevue, Nebraska; sister Donna and Jay Helzer of Lincoln, Nebraska; sister-in-law Damien Dougherty of Missoula; stepchildren, Kelsi Steele, Erin Steele, and Brian Cellan of Missoula and Larry Cole of Denver; grandchildren, Katie Rose Peters, Eli Reynolds, Chase and Bailey Newton, and Seamus and Rosebelle Cellan.

The celebration of life memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 23, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church,

1401 Church Drive in Kalispell. A reception will follow (handicapped accessible). Deacon Darryl Askvig will be officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be given to the Human Therapy on Horseback, P.O. Box 5565 Kalispell, MT 59903; or the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

Brothers Mortuary and Crematory are honored to serve the family. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.brothersmortuary.com

A. Marie Burnside, 74

A. Marie Burnside was born in Palacios, Texas, on March 27, 1942.

She lost her brave battle with cancer on April 23, 2016. She "went to be in the loving arms of her husband, Ray," surrounded by her family. Their lives followed the same path, each raised on a family farm, and that is where the two first met. They were married in the fall of 1958.

She loved being surrounded by family and friends. The kitchen was her visiting spot—the wonderful food, the many laughs and talk of memories back when. She loved playing games, being in the outdoors hunting, fishing and camping, especially while sitting by a warm campfire. Ray and Marie got to see many beautiful places in their travels as they followed his work. She was a very caring person and would always tend to those in need.



She would think of others more than herself.

She is survived by daughter, Billie Schmalz, and son,

Glen Burnside, both of Kalispell; sister Elizabeth A. Butcher, of Colorado; granddaughter Sadie M. Burnside; grandson H. Shawn Moore; great-grandson Christopher S. Moore and many other relatives.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Ray W. Burnside, in July 2012; grandson Christopher J. Schmalz, in January 2006; brother Jesse Rodriguez, of Pennsylvania, in 2013; mother Mary Cole, of Thompson Falls, in 2009 and father Jesse Rodriguez, of Texas.

She will be dearly missed.

Richard 'Rip' Alan Busby, 42

Richard "Rip" Alan Busby passed away Feb. 23, 2016 at the age of 42.

He was born in Rexburg, Idaho on June 4, 1973, to Joe and Fran Busby.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1991. His biggest passion, besides watching the Raiders, was to cook for friends and family. He managed the Outback Steak Houses in Spokane, Washington for seven years. He also cooked for the Back Room and Blue Moon bars in Columbia Falls until he wasn't able to work due to his cancer.

It's been a long, hard-fought journey for this young man to be taken away from us way too



early. He was a Raiders fan fighting to the end, even telling everyone he wasn't going anywhere the last day he was with us. He was always encouraging others to continue to move forward and look beyond, not to give up.

With the help of his family and friends he was given his wish of seeing the Raiders play football in person last December in Oakland, California, where he got to go onto the field, meet some of the players and get their autographs. The family would like to thank the

Brendan House staff for helping make this possible and all the great care you gave to him.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandparents and grandparents, Clarence and Ruth Goodridge, Henry and Christine Eriksmoen, Richard Olsen and Curt Warren.

He is survived by his parents, Joe Busby of Columbia Falls, Fran Busby and Dave Owens of Columbia Falls; his sister, Lisa Hill and husband Cory of Kalispell and their children, Brittanie, Zachary, Paige and Payton; sister, Kim Busby of Columbia Falls and her children Trentin, Kealie and Taylin; his brother Jerry Busby

of Eureka, California; grandmas Eleanor Olsen of Kalispell, and Virginia Warren of Orangeville, California; plus a very large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the Eagles in Columbia Falls. Come and celebrate the life of Rip at the potluck of this truly amazing young man that was taken away from us way to early.

He will always be looking over us, no longer in pain. He will be greatly missed by all. Rest in peace Rip.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Busby family.

GO RAIDERS.

Phyllis Joy Bush, 72

Phyllis Joy Bush, 72, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, at her home in Kalispell. Arrangements are

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

George W. Butler, Jr., 72

George W. Butler Jr., age 72 passed away at his home in Kalispell on September 2, 2016. George was born November 11,

1943. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Jennifer L. Byler, 40

Jennifer L. Byler, 40, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, in Bigfork. Services will be held at

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

Thomas Gregory Byrd, 45

Thomas Gregory Byrd, aka "Tommy B," passed away on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, at 5:10 a.m. peacefully in hospice care in the arms of his loving wife Cassie Rae Byrd, from complications related to colon cancer. He was 45 years old.

Thomas was preceded by his mother Annette Byrd.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cassie Rae Byrd, of Columbia Falls, and their beautiful children, Jady, Joshua and Raeghan aka "Cubby Bear" who reside in Kalispell. Additionally, he is survived by his wonderful children, Justin, Zachary, Tori, Kyle, Nicole, Evan, Rebecka and Cayden; grandchildren, Jaidyn, Aceson and Jeylen; father, Melvin Byrd, of Jackson, Mississippi; siblings, William, Michael, Melissa, Stacy, Theresa, Charity, Sarah and Carolyn; and his nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

Although residing in Kalispell, Thomas was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on April 23, 1971. He attended Broad Street Elementary, Roger Williams Middle and Central High School before moving to Seattle in 1987 where he attended and graduated from Chief Sealth High School in 1990.

Thomas enjoyed sports, especially football ... "Edgewood Eagles and Go Hawks!" as well as movies ... "This is



Sparta!" ... physical fitness, reading and spending time with his family. He was long known

for his positive outlook on life and his sense of humor, sometimes dry yet hilarious at the same time. For example, he had a few sayings like, "Ace in your face" or "Peace for grease," or he would jokingly call people, "Reggie" or "Scrub." Most people never knew what it meant, yet it was hilarious and we laughed uncontrollably.

Thomas had a way of bridging the gap and bringing a diverse group of people together. He also loved to entertain and show off his grilling skills. He could grill up the best steaks or smoke up the best brisket in town with his Traeger grill and smoker, and he'll be doing that yet again ... bringing people together for another laugh and walk down memory lane. Thomas will forever be loved and never forgotten.

For his Montana family and friends, a memorial service was held on Thursday, Nov. 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Pastor Phil Christianson of Canvas Church officiated. An additional memorial will be held for his family and friends in Seattle on a date that is still to be determined.