

Marian E. Smart, 82

Marian E. Smart, 82, passed away Oct. 6, 2016, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Marian was born April 15, 1934, in Portland, Oregon, to Robert C. and Mary Jane (Bushek) Hermann. She attended Boise Elementary School and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1952.

She married Marlin L. "Mel" Smart May 13, 1969. Marian and Mel moved to Kalispell January 1979.

Marian worked for CPAs, in both Portland and Kalispell, for 43 years and retired in 1999. She was a member of the Kalispell Lions Club and chairman of the club's Sight and Hearing Committee for many years, and was named Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Foundation Fellow. She received the International Lions Clubs' highest award, being named a Melvin Jones Fellow. Having bad eyesight from the time she was very young, she enjoyed helping provide eyeglasses to people in the valley.

She had a great love of animals.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, and husband.

She is survived by her half brother Robert Hermann and stepdaughter Beverly Smart of Kalispell, niece Karla Smart



Morstad of Morehead, Minnesota, and nephew Gary Schouch of Spokane Valley, Washington.

She wished to be cremated and buried with her husband in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences and memorials should be sent to P.O. Box 155, Kalispell, MT 59903; or to the Kalispell Lions Club, No. 13101, P.O. Box 321, Kalispell MT 59901, in Marian Smart's name.

Graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Conrad Cemetery.

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

Dusti P. Smith, 60

Dusti P. Smith, 60, died Sunday, May 22, 2016, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Smith.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Joan G. Smith, 81

Joan G. Smith, 81, died Sept. 21, 2016, in Whitefish.

Joan Marie Gustafson was born in North Dakota on Dec. 29, 1934, to Herbert and Marie (Anderson) Gustafson, and then raised in Great Falls. She was a graduate of Northwestern University and Great Falls High School.

Joan met her husband while at Northwestern and lived in the Chicago area for almost 40 years before moving to Whitefish in 1990, where she had lived since.

Joan was a school-teacher and taught in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Wilmette and Northbrook, Illinois. She retired from teaching early to raise her children, but found time for volunteer work including teaching Junior Great Books and serving the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois for 40 years, culminating in her being president of the Sponsor Parent executive board. Joan also helped raise money for her church as well as for the Whitefish Community Library.

For fun, Joan learned to curl at Exmoor Country Club in Highland Park, Illinois, and curled with some of the nation's top women curlers. In 1987, she was chairwoman for the host committee for the first Women's World Curling Championships hosted in the United States, at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois.

For almost 30 years, before moving to Montana, Joan enjoyed spending time with family and friends at her family's lake cottage at Pelican Lake in western Minnesota.

After moving to

Whitefish and following her passion for reading, Joan began writing book reviews, which have appeared in various local publications until finally settling in as the book reviewer for the Whitefish Community Library.

In 2008, Joan published "Books Worth a Look!," a compilation of over 200 of her book reviews. In total, she wrote almost 500 book reviews.

For the past year, Joan had been living at The Springs of Whitefish, where she met many new friends.

Joan's first passion and priority was always her family. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Lawrence Smith, and her son, Stephen Smith. Other close family members include her sister Diane Schwartz and brother-in-law Richard Schwartz; her niece Kristen Pulsifer, Kristen's husband Nathaniel and their two daughters, Maggie and Anna; her nephew Michael Schwartz and his son, Philip.

Joan's other son, Philip, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, located on Conn Road just off Highway 40 between Columbia Falls and Whitefish. A reception will be held afterwards, the location to be announced.

Her family requests that donations in memoriam be made to the Whitefish Community Library, 9 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Joann Mildred (Cross) Smith, 84

Joann Mildred (Cross) Smith passed away July 2, 2016, at the Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Washington. She was 84.

She was born Sept. 21, 1931, in Somers. Joann grew up there and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She met Bernard L. Vickhammer and married him in 1949. They had three sons, Randy, Daryl and Steve. Joann was a devoted wife and mother and adored her sons and the neighborhood friends.

After the boys were raised, she and Bernard divorced after 26 years.

Joann moved to Hermiston, Oregon, to be near her sister Helen. She worked as a waitress at Smitty's Pancake House, where she met Bob Smith. They dated, then married in September 1980. She then worked at the Payless Department Store until her retirement. They would have been married 36 years this fall.

Joann loved music, especially country. Patsy

Cline and Ray Price were her favorites. She played piano and organ music and loved to read, cook and sew. She also collected Holiday Barbie dolls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mabel Cross; her sisters, Pat Smith and Helen Huso; her brothers, Jim and George Cross; her former husband, B.L. Vickhammer; and her husband, Bob Smith.

She is survived by her brother and his wife, Les and Eva Cross of Oak Harbor.

Washington; her sons and their wives, Randy and Marilyn Vickhammer of Kalispell, Daryl and Peggy Vickhammer of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Steve and Joanie Vickhammer of Scottsdale, Arizona; plus many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Joann and Bob will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Vickhammer home in Evergreen.



L. Beth Smith

On June 9, 2016, L. Beth Smith, joined her husband somewhere over the rainbow.

She was born September 22, 1928 in Sidney, Montana to George and Grace Canfield. She married Harvey W. Smith

November 24, 1946 and they had three children, ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. She will be remembered as a vibrant woman with a vivacious laugh and spirit. The world was more colorful with her in it.

Interment will be with her husband in Tioga, North Dakota at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Favorite stories and memories can be sent to family at P.O. Box 497 Eureka, MT 59917



Lois Elaine Dye Smith, 89

Lois Elaine Dye Smith, our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully from renal failure on April 19, 2016, in Payson, Utah. She was 89 years of age.

Lois was born on February 4, 1927, in Kalispell to Earl William and Pearl Anna Petry Dye. Growing up in Kalispell and her beloved Flathead Valley, the close-knit community of her childhood and youth was a place of strength and peace to her throughout her life. She held dear her association with extended family, had many friends in her Attic Pals and Fam-il-ey clubs, participated in school activities, and joined with friends in baseball, ice-skating, music, drama, and dances. Though the economic difficulty of the Great Depression and the shadow of World War II were intertwined in the background of her youth, she always said that she felt loved and had all she needed through her associations with family and friends—faithfully attending high school reunions until 2005.

Attending Northwest Christian College in Oregon, then transferring to the University of Montana in Missoula where she studied home economics, sociology and Spanish, she was a member of the Alpha Phi



Sorority. She met Arthur Francis Smith, who was a Sigma Chi, after Arthur returned from his service in the Navy. They were married December 28, 1948, in Kalispell, and were sealed June 23, 1967, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Lois lived life committed to family with a “bloom where you are planted” approach. Arthur’s employment took them to Denver, Colorado; St. Paul, Minnesota; Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Overland Park, Kansas; Minnetonka, Minnesota; Arlington Heights, Illinois; Mandeville, Louisiana; and, after Arthur’s retirement, Orem, Utah. Arthur often said, “Lois never knew a stranger” and people became family to her wherever she went. She was delighted to live closer to children and grandchildren after Arthur retired.

Her life was spent in devoted service to her family by actively sup-

porting her husband and children in their activities. Lois also enjoyed gardening, sewing, and music of all kinds. She sang in choirs, played the organ for church, and taught piano lessons for many years. Spending thousands of hours in family history work, she not only gathered thousands of names but also preserved and shared a heritage with her family through memorabilia, photos and stories of her ancestors.

A convert and active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lois loved serving wherever she could. She served in primary as a chorister, relief society and young women’s presidencies on a ward and stake level, and supported her husband in his calling as ward mission leader. Loving service of any kind, she cared deeply for those around her and was “no respecter of persons” (Acts 10:34).

She is survived by her five children, Deborah and Alan Glenn, Dr. Marshall Smith, Julie Smith Siebach, Therese and Reid Miller, and Cameron and Stephanie Smith; her brother-in-law G. Bruce and Traci

Smith; and 28 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband (Arthur), her parents, sister Ina and brother-in-law Roy Klem, and daughter-in-law Ann Marie Smith.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 28 at the Heatheridge Stake Center located at 450 East 2000 North, Orem, Utah, with a viewing from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the funeral. A viewing will also be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at the Walker Sanderson Funeral Home, 646 East 800 North, in Orem.

The family would like to express gratitude for those who cared for Lois at Cove Point Retirement Community. They are also appreciative of the kind, compassionate, and loving care she received from staff of the Central Utah Veterans Home in Payson, Utah.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.walkersanderson.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Humanitarian Fund of the LDS Church or service to refugees in your community.

Mary H. Smith, 94

Mary H. Smith, 94, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Born Mary Eliza Hibbs on Dec. 4, 1921, at Albertville, Alabama, to Bulian and Alma Hibbs, she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, William D. Smith, their son James D. Smith, and her two brothers Edwin B. Hibbs and James G. Hibbs.

She is survived by her two sons, Gerry L. Smith and Gregory G. Smith, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Todd, Crystal, Melissa and Hannah; great-grandchildren Finn, Addie and Boden; along with several nieces and nephews in Texas.

Mary and William were married on Sept. 30, 1945, at Citadel Church in Charleston, South Carolina. William



had just returned from serving in the Marine Corps for 32 months in the South Pacific.

Much of their married life was spent working the Minuteman Missile program. Mary taught school in Texas, South Carolina, Utah, California and Montana. They retired in Plains, built a home and spent 20 wonderful years together with friends and family. Mary moved to Kalispell in 2002 to be with her sons and their families.

As requested by her, there will be no services and interment will be private. Her body is to be cremated and her ashes to be joined with her husband and son in a private plot.

Ragnhild 'Roddy' Vassallo Smith, 87

Ms. Ragnhild "Roddy" Vassallo Smith, daughter of the late Ragnhild Nielsen and Andrew Vassallo died on Sept. 24, 2016, in Kalispell, with her family by her side.

Roddy was born April 18, 1929, at home, in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. She attended school in the Lower Merion School District and graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1947. She grew up attending St. Colman's Catholic Church in Ardmore.

Roddy was actively involved in the Penn Valley Women's Club, the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church of Gladwyne, where she attended for her adult life, as well as serving on the PTA of Lower Merion schools where her children attended. Roddy's marriage to C. Warner Smith ended in divorce. Roddy worked as a teacher's aide in special education in Penn Valley Elementary School, Penn Wynne and the Merion Elementary School. Roddy's depth of care and commitment enhanced her students' lives. Roddy loved to travel, visiting many of the United States as well as many countries



in Western Europe. She had a passion for art and acquired a lovely collection of Philadelphia area artist paintings.

Her beautiful and inspiring life impacted all who knew her and will forever be cherished in the lives of her children, Richard Andrew (Sarah Beck) Smith of Polson, Deborah Newlin Smith of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Amy Smith (Fred) Kellogg of Kalispell; and her 10 beloved grandchildren, as well as her close friend, Hal Kirn.

She was predeceased by her brother, Edward Vallasso and sisters, Francis Powers and Carmen "Sis" Thoring and her longtime companion, Alex Baer.

Roddy, a breast cancer survivor, active in the Reach for Recovery, received the 2002 Southeast Pennsylvania Region's Volunteer Achievement Award.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert 'Bob' Gerald Smith, 77

Robert "Bob" Gerald Smith lost his battle with brain cancer on June 4, 2016, in Kennewick, Washington. He was 77.

Bob was born Sept. 15, 1938, to James David and Olive Henrietta Smith in Huston, Idaho. He lived there until the age of 13, when his parents moved to Hermiston, Oregon. He graduated from Hermiston High School and then joined the Marines.

When he returned he married Charlotte Gilkey and moved to The Dalles, Oregon. He worked for Harvey's Aluminum Plant. He and Charlotte



had their only son, Daniel. Bob fell off a ladder picking cherries,

broke his foot and was no longer able to work at the plant. He then moved to Idaho to work at the Dworshak Dam. When the dam was finished, they moved back to Hermiston. At this time he and Charlotte divorced.

Bob worked in Hermiston as a production worker for Johns Manville PVC pipe until retirement.

He met Joann Vickhammer at Smitty's

Pancake House, fell in love and they were married in September 1980.

Bob enjoyed Western novels, especially Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey. He was handy in his shop and enjoyed woodwork.

He is survived by his son, Daniel Smith, and his wife, Brenda, of Portland; his brother and wife, Don and Norma Smith, of Weiser, Idaho; sister, Retta Ulson of Hermiston; brother, Mike Smith, and his wife, Sara, of Hermiston; sister, Sandy Storz, and her husband, Marvin,

of Echo, Oregon, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, James and Olive Smith; and brothers, James A. Smith and Ted Smith. His wife Joann passed 28 days after Bob passed.

Graveside services for Bob and Joann are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the C.E. Memorial Conrad Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Vickhammer home in Evergreen.

Verdie E. Smith, 79

Verdie E. Smith passed in Billings on April 16, at the age of 79.

Verdie was born April 6, 1937, in Jamestown, North Dakota, to Bill and Ranada Klundt.

She grew up in Worden and Shepherd, Montana, on sugar beet farms with her parents and siblings. The family moved off the farm after her junior year in high school. In 1955 she graduated from Billings Senior High School. After graduating she went to work for the Epcon Sign Company, where she worked as the accountant.

In 1955 she met and later married the love of her life, Howard Smith. During the early part of 1967, they acquired the gem of family (Patrick), a son who altered life (occasionally for the better). They lived and worked in Billings and Ballantine Montana until 1971, when they moved north of Whitefish to a ranch. Verdie went to work for the accounting firm of Miller, Eigeman, Hanson and Saurey, where she worked until 1981. She was extremely proud of the people and work they performed during those years.

In 1991 she received the true gems to the family, Patrick's wife Marieta and three grandsons, Michael, JB and Nicholas, whom she loved and cherished very much. The family then moved to Eureka, where Verdie as co-owner with Howard managed Cut Diamond Real Estate until 1998. During the spring of 2005, she moved back to Billings to spend time with family and friends.

During her life, with her best friend and partner Howard, there was always a strong work ethic and commitment to the family. Having a half-acre garden, helping feed or calve cows, or even milk one occasionally was the norm. This meant that there was always fun to be had before you went



to work or when you returned home in the evening. It was always explained to Patrick that this brought

great enjoyment (and an occasional colorful word) to mom and dad (took a while to figure it out!).

After moving to Billings, gardening provided great pleasure. She grew a bushel or two of tomatoes, cucumbers and squash in her planters every summer. Verdie took great pride in being a member and queen of the local group "The Red Hat Society," arranging activity and getting together with the groups from within the state and nationally. She had just been honored for being a 35-year member of the "Women of the Moose Lodge." She was an avid card player and will be missed in many pinochle and bridge games.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Howard Smith, and her parents, Bill and Ranada Klundt.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Marieta Smith; grandsons, Nicholas Smith, JB Malixi and Michael Malixi; and three brothers, Verlyn, Orville and Merrill Klundt.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the First Christian Church, located at 522 North 29th Street, Billings. Visitation begins at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Smith Downtown Chapel, located at 925 South 27th Street in Billings. Interment is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. A gathering will follow at First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting smithfuneralchapel.com

Wyatt Chase Smith, 20

Airman 1st Class Wyatt Chase Smith of Belgrade passed away in Bosque Farms, New Mexico, on Sept. 5.

He was born in Littleton, Colorado, on a beautiful day, April 26, 1996, a beloved son of James Ray Smith and Tracy Lee (MacMillan) Smith and treasured younger brother to Austin James Smith.

Wyatt and his family moved from Colorado back to his parents' home state of Montana in 2000, where they made their home in Belgrade. Wyatt started preschool in Belgrade, continued his education there, and was a proud graduate of the Belgrade High School Class of 2014.

Wyatt enlisted in the United States Air Force while in high school, and, after almost a year in the Delayed Enlistment Program waiting for his orders, he got his contract and left for Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 9, 2015. He graduat-



ed a proud Airman on April 2, 2015, as part of his Warrior Flight 192, and he achieved Thunderbolt status as well during this time. On July 16,

2015, he graduated tech school and came home on leave on the following day. On Aug. 9, 2015, he arrived at his permanent duty station at Kirtland Air Force Base.

Wyatt loved his family and friends and always met you with an infectious smile.

The outdoors was where he was most at home. He loved duck hunting, trapping, fly-fishing, big game hunting, hiking and archery shoots. He was a talented singer and guitar player who would touch your soul with his music.

He could quote many movies and entertained

us all whenever in his presence. Wyatt had a love for dogs and his beloved Triggurr was by his side always. Revered and loved by countless fellow Airmen, Wyatt gained many brothers and sisters in arms during his service with the United States Air Force.

Wyatt is survived by his father, James Ray Smith and mother, Tracy Lee (MacMillan) Smith of Belgrade; brother, Austin Smith and his fiancée, Brittany Johnson of Belgrade; grandfather, Richard MacMillan of Bozeman, MT; grandfather, Ronald Smith of Clarkson; great-grandmother, Doris Smith of Bigfork; grandmother, Elaine Ingram of Bigfork; uncle, Mike Smith and aunt, Joanie Smith of Billings; uncle, K.C. Smith and aunt, Shawn Smith of Newcastle, Wyoming; uncle, Troy Owens and aunt, Kim (Smith) Owens of Pinedale, Wyoming; uncle, Blake Fevold, and aunt Tera (Ingram) Fevold of Bigfork; uncle,

Donald Russell and aunt, Beth Russell of Seymour, Indiana; uncle, Mark Gaber and aunt, Christine (MacMillan) Gaber of Evergreen, Colorado; aunt, Penny Russell of Bozeman; loving cousins, Logan, Meina, Ramzie, Nathan, Shelby, Tyler, Heather, Taylor, Ally, Hazen, Gage, and Nevaeh, as well as a large extended family.

Wyatt was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Raymond Smith; great-grandmother, Lucille MacMillan; great-grandfather, Earl MacMillan; and grandmother, Jeannie (Miller) MacMillan.

Wyatt will be brought home and received by the Air Force Honor Guard. A visitation with the family will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home in Bozeman. Full Honor Air Force Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman, with a reception immediately following his service.

Vernice Snook, 91

Vernice Snook, 91, died Friday May 13, 2016, in Kalispell.

No services will be

held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Dudgeon Snow, 88

Donald Dudgeon Snow of Kalispell passed away in hospice on Dec. 2, 2015, at the age of 88.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Phyllis Snow; sons, Blaine of Olympia, Washington, and Neil of Helena, and their wives, Barbara and Suzanne; four granddaughters; one great-grandson; sister, Carol Miller, of Shelton, Washington; cousin, Donna Snow, of Olympia, Washington; and former wife, Shirley Snow, of Tucson, Arizona.

He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy Snow and Fred Snow.

Don was born and raised in western Washington. After serving in the U.S. Navy on the Antietam in the Pacific after World War II, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Don was an elementary instrumental music teacher in the Seattle School District for 30 years, including long appointments at Alki, Lafayette and Schmitz Park schools in West Seattle. His love of music inspired many youth, some of whom pursued careers in music or the music industry.

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bass in the Rochester Philharmonic while studying at Eastman, Seattle Symphony for 12 years, was principal bassist for the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra for 20 years, and with the Glacier Symphony in Kalispell for 20 years.

A lover of Big Band music and jazz, Don performed in Seattle with the Max Pillar Orchestra for six or seven years and with the Bob Elwood Quartet for 14 years. He performed the "Firebird Suite" under Igor Stravinsky and had a two-week appearance on the Arthur Godfrey Show as bass player of the Marimba Masters.

Don's love of nature was deeply held. He joined The Mountaineers in Seattle while in his 30s, climbed all six "major peaks" in Washington, grew vegetable gardens and enjoyed feeding and watching birds. He enjoyed bicycling, hiking, skiing and walking the family dogs with Phyllis.

A special 50-year tradition of Don's was preparing sourdough pancakes for family and friends.

Don was Scoutmaster of Troop 288 in West Seattle for six years in the 1970s and co-lead campouts and several 50-mile hikes. He was active with Phyllis in Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana and helped establish trails for all to enjoy.

His numerous friends were an important part of Don's life. He thought nothing of flying across the country to visit a friend and frequently called the people important in his life.

Don always maintained a genuine zest for living, which included a broad sense of humor. He was engaged fully in his pursuit of happiness and leaves behind family and friends who shared his rich and varied life.

Don's smile and good nature will be missed.

A celebration of Don's life will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Hampton Inn, 1140 U.S. Highway 2 W., in Kalispell. Friends are encouraged to share tales from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Remembrances may be made to Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 1103, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Van McKinley Snyder, 66

Van McKinley Snyder, 66, "went to be with the Lord" March 16, 2016.

Van was born January 19, 1950, to Curtis and Harriet Snyder in Kalispell.

He passed away peace-

fully under the care of hospice in a nursing home in Eugene, Oregon, where he had lived for several years because of dementia. His wish was to be cremated and his ashes spread in the

ocean; this is being taken care of, and there will be no local services.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Kathy Hall, and is survived by his parents and brother Laird.

Bob Jay Soderstrom, 85

Bob Jay Soderstrom, born April 3, 1930, in Harlem, passed away Jan. 27, 2016, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Arlene, at their Kalispell home; as well as daughters, Sharmen of Mesa, Arizona, Shelly Soderstrom of Madison, Wisconsin, and stepson, Dr. Ronald Larson of Kansas City, Missouri; his brother, J. Mike Soderstrom and wife Anna of Kalispell; sister, Jane Connelly of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, John and Susie Soderstrom; his twin brother, Bill; sisters, Carole Isakson and Nita Fischel, along with his son, John Soderstrom, and daughter, Heidi Barber.

He attended school in Kalispell and entered the U.S. Navy in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1955. He then joined the Kalispell Police Department until retirement 20 years later, then worked six years at Flathead County Sheriff's Office as captain of detectives. The next six years he worked on the Alaska pipeline until retirement.

While on the police



Arizona, participating and winning nine medals in the Senior Olympics in shuffleboard.

He and Arlene enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling. Bob especially enjoyed packing into the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his friends for many years.

He was a member of VFW Post 2252, American Legion Post 137 and Kalispell Moose Lodge.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place and a family get together is planned this summer.

The family suggests contributions to the Veterans Food Pantry or Wounded Warriors.

department, he was the coach for the kids boxing club for seven years and was so proud of "his boys."

Bob and Arlene spent 24 winters in

Theodore J. Sokalowski, 90

Theodore J. Sokalowski, aka Ted Sok, aka Uncle Ted, 90, passed away March 6, 2016, at his home (the Sok Ranch) in Kalispell.

Born in Chicago on Oct. 25, 1925, Ted was a truck driver and served in the Army before marrying Lorraine Schmidt on June 10, 1950. They lived in Marion for several years before settling on a working ranch in Kalispell.

Ted worked as a mechanic and plow truck driver for the Montana Department of Transportation from April 1964 until his retirement in November 1988.

He enjoyed the outdoors and was a hunting guide for many years. Uncle Ted loved a hot cup of cowboy coffee (espe-



cially with a biscuit). He always had a story to tell.

He liked to hang out in his workshop tinkering, fixing and welding. All of his rigs had mud

flaps and running boards. He looked great in a cowboy hat.

Ted is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lorraine; nephew, Robert King, of Somers; and niece, Susan King, of Clearwater, Florida.

A celebration of life will be held in late April.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rhonda Lee Sommers, 78

Rhonda Lee Sommers, 78, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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A WOMAN died in this two-vehicle collision Thursday morning on Montana 206. (Chris Peterson/Hungry Horse News)

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and collided with a south-bound Dodge 1500 pickup truck.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Laramie Stefani said Sorensen was northbound at about 7:30 a.m. Thursday when her car went off the right side of the road.

The patrol says she overcorrected back onto the road and into the path of the truck.

The pickup truck struck the passenger side of Sorensen's car. The victim was extricated from her car and was pronounced dead on arrival at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

The driver of the truck also was taken to the hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

A young child strapped into a car seat in the pickup truck was uninjured.

Badrock and Columbia Falls fire departments and Three Rivers

Ambulance responded to the scene.

Drugs and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the accident, according to a news release from Curry, but speed and road conditions likely contributed to the collision.

The crash occurred on a morning when roads were slick from snow.

Elsewhere, roadways were blocked temporarily by accidents on U.S. 93 at Somers and Polson and Montana 35 at Yellow Bay.

Collision claims life of C. Falls woman

Hungry Horse News and Associated Press

A 22-year-old Columbia Falls woman died Thursday morning after a collision on Montana 206 just north of Rogers Road.

Sheriff Chuck Curry identified the woman as Stevie Anne Sorensen.

Sorensen was driving a northbound Dodge Intrepid when she lost control on the road, crossed the centerline

Stevie Anne Sorensen, 22

Stevie Anne Sorensen, 22, of Columbia Falls, died March 17, 2016, in Columbia Falls.

Services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Inez Louise Cummings Soule, 90

Inez Louise Cummings Soule, 90, died Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in Kalispell where she was a resident at Heritage Place Healthcare Community.

She was born Oct. 29, 1925, in Eureka, California, to Inez and Charles Lang. She grew up in Sumas, Washington.

At the young age of 15 she married Lawrence J. Cummings on Nov. 30, 1940, and they moved to Plains, Montana, where he was from. They ranched southeast of Plains for several years. She worked as a cook at different restaurants over the years, as an apartment manager, and as a bookkeeper for Larry with several of their businesses.

Later on, she married Bernard Soule; she called him "My Bernie."



She was preceded in death by her parents; and Larry Cummings; two sisters; Bernie

Soule; and her daughter, Linda Rutherford.

Survivors include two sons, Lonny Cummings and his wife Lynn, and Lorry Ted Cummings, all of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Canvas Church in Kalispell and told us many times she was "ready to go home to the Lord."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Canvas Church.

Gene Richard Speelman, 72

Gene Richard Speelman, 72, passed peacefully at his home in Evergreen on Nov. 8, 2016.

He was born in Bozeman on Dec. 3, 1943, the second of two children, to John and Ann Speelman, immigrants from Holland. The family moved to Kalispell in 1947.

He graduated from Flathead High School and had a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from University of Montana, graduating in 1967.

Gene worked for the Montana Standard newspaper in Butte until the summer of 1969 when he returned to Kalispell and took over his father's business, Evergreen Apiaries, which he had until 1994. He also spent several years as a sports writer covering Flathead

area events for the Missoulian, and later worked as a sports reporter for the Daily Inter Lake.

Gene enjoyed playing golf, writing letters to the editor, tracking all things sports related and spending time in the company of his many friends and loved ones. His kind heart and generosity will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ann Speelman, and his only sibling Edwin Speelman.

Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens with his brother. There will be no formal services.

Contributions in Gene's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Montana State Beekeepers Association.

John Southey, 79

John Southey, 79, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 19, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Southey.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Charles 'Chuck' Spilis, 78

Charles "Chuck" Spilis, 78, passed away May 29, 2016, in Kalispell, at the Heritage Place.

Chuck was born on Aug. 12, 1937, to Kasmir and Virginia Spilis, in Philadelphia.

Chuck joined the Air Force when he was 17. He served for nine years, in Texas, England and at a radar base in Lakeside, which is where he met the love of his life Marge. They were married on June 22, 1963.

Chuck was a diehard sports fan. He coached and mentored his son Chucko in baseball and football, never missed a game, or practice. Chuck bowled in a few bowling



leagues in Kalispell, and was also an Eagles and Moose Lodge member. He was a remarkable craftsman, and a good carpenter.

After the Air Force he had several jobs before he began his career at Plum Creek. Chuck worked as lead grinderman at Plum Creek for 30 years, where he retired in 1999. After he retired he bought an RV and traveled the country with his wife Marge.

A couple years later he bought his dream retirement home, a house with a million dollar view on Crystal Lake. He loved taking everyone on his pontoon boat, and sitting on his porch overlooking the "ocean" as he would call it.

He was the life of the party until the end — loved and missed by many.

Chuck Spilis is survived by his son Chucko Spilis of Kalispell, sisters Charmaine Capobianco

and Sharon Roberts of Philadelphia, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marge Spilis, his parents Kasmir and Virginia Spilis, and his sister Virginia Birmingham.

A celebration of Chuck's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the house on Crystal Lake. For information and directions, please call Chucko at 406-871-1573.

Edgar Sowers, 92

Edgar Sowers, 92, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, in Columbia Falls.

Services will be held at

a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gladys Ruth Spear, 86

Lifelong Whitefish resident Gladys Ruth Spear passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, at her home in the same Colorado Avenue neighborhood in Whitefish where she lived her entire life.

Gladys was 86 years old, the only child of Morris and Leona Howke Spear. She was born June 27, 1930, in the old hospital on the corner of Fourth Street and Spokane Avenue in Whitefish.

From her birth until 2008 she lived in a small simple cabin on the corner of Denver Street and Colorado Avenue, and since she never learned to drive, her four and a half-foot frame was frequently seen walking everywhere around town. After her parents passed in the '70s, Gladys found work doing odd jobs for friends and neighbors raking, gardening, chopping wood, mowing lawns and caring for their pets when they traveled. She loved animals and spent much of her life caring for horses, mules, dogs, cats, bunnies and goldfish.

Gladys was a frugal woman and lived her life simply and with a grace most of us can only envy. To her credit she lived a clean life and often would say her lon-



gevity was because she "never drank alcohol, smoked cigarettes or did drugs." She read

the Pilot and Hungry Horse News front to back every Wednesday and the Beacon on Thursday. She wanted to know "what is going to happen to this old world and earth and planet."

In her later years, she still knew the names of everyone in the neighborhood and marveled at all the new development and changes with her own new "modern" home built on the very pasture where she cared for a few horses and a mule years earlier.

There will be a funeral service for Gladys at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with a viewing before the service, from 9 to 10 a.m., with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Gladys was aided in her battle against melanoma by Home Options Hospice, Meals on Wheels and the many loving neighbors and friends she acquired who will miss her greatly.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Gladys.

Man killed in Montana 35 crash

By **SAM WILSON**
Daily Inter Lake

A man is dead after a logging truck and a pickup truck collided on Montana 35 Thursday afternoon south of Creston.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Jason Fredenberg said the pickup truck was driving southbound when it appeared to have crossed the center line and struck the logging truck.

Neither vehicle had any passengers. He said the driver of the logging truck was uninjured.

Logs littered the highway at the scene of the crash, where the pickup truck had been pushed across the lane, colliding into the guard rail.

Emergency responders were dispatched to highway marker 38 on



A FATAL wreck involving a pickup truck and a logging truck spread across Montana 35 near Creston on Thursday afternoon. (Brenda Ahearn/Daily Inter Lake)

Montana 35 at about 4 p.m.

Montana Highway Patrol, Creston Fire Department, the county sheriff's office and ambulances from Bigfork Fire

Department responded.

Officials had not released the victim's name pending notification of next of kin. Fredenberg said Montana Highway Patrol

had not contacted the victim's next of kin as of 5:15 p.m. on Thursday.

Reporter Sam Wilson can be reached at 758-4407 or swilson@dailyinterlake.com.

Don 'DJ' Spranger Jr., 52

Sadly, Don "DJ" Spranger Jr., 52, was fatally injured in an auto accident on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

He was born Dec. 21, 1963, in Phoenix. In 1977, the family moved to Bigfork. After graduating from Bigfork High School in 1982, he returned to Phoenix for additional schooling in mechanical drafting. In 2005, he returned to his family home in Bigfork after leaving Motorola, where he worked as a quality control inspector.

Along with mechanical drafting, he also enjoyed drawing, photography, reading and was a master at the art of creating chain mail. From a very young age, DJ loved science fiction of all kinds. Among his favorites were "Star Trek," "Star



Wars" and "Battlestar Galactica."

But above all else, he absolutely cherished

his relationship with his God, Jehovah. Now, while he rests in death, "the family will wait to see him again in the paradise earth Jehovah promises" in Revelation 21:3-4.

He is survived by his parents, Jeanette and Don Spranger Sr.; and his brother Philip, sister-in-law Melissa and their children, Alex, Monica, Sara and Natalie.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Bigfork.

Officials ID fatal crash victim

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dead at the scene. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver and only occupant of the logging truck was not seriously injured. He was transported to Kalispell Regional Medical Center for evaluation.

Montana Highway Patrol is still investigating the cause of the accident. It is unknown if drugs or alcohol might have been a factor.

Authorities have identified the person killed in a Thursday afternoon fatal collision on Montana 35 as a Bigfork man.

Donald Spranger, Jr., 52, was the driver and only occupant of a pickup truck that collided with a loaded logging truck at approximately 4 p.m.

Spranger was pronounced

Sherri Lea Sproul, 67

Sherri Lea Sproul, of Kalispell, passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at the age of 67.

Sherri was born in Helena on Nov. 15, 1948. She attended Boulder High School and Montana State University. Sherri lived in the Flathead Valley since 1979.

Sherri is survived by her son, Tod McAtee; daughter, Nikijo (Bentley) and Brian Hull; brother, Dale Larson; sister, Lauren, and Mark Murphy; and grandchildren, Sydney, Owen and Colin.

Sherri was predeceased by her parents, Donald

and Lillian Larson.

Sherri was active in the local order of the Moose and will be remembered by all for her sense of adventure and mischief, her enjoyment of time spent in the outdoors, and her love of a good game of cards.

The family invites Sherri's friends to attend a memorial from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 14 at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

Donations can be made in Sherri's name to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Audrey Stacy, 73

Audrey Stacy, 73, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Thursday April 7, 2016.

Audrey was born in Walla Walla, Washington, to Louis and Jessie Barker on Feb. 24, 1943.

She was the essence of a mom and grandmother to her family and strangers. She enjoyed caring for her family, reading the Bible, sewing and collecting dolls.

Audrey is survived by her husband, William Stacy; and children, Shelly Hutchins, Steven Chaffee, Willie Stacy and



Kelly Stacy; her seven grandchildren; and her four great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of her life at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Nite Owl Back Room Restaurant in Columbia Falls. Condolences may be left on Audrey's Facebook page.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Stacy Family.

Norma F. Stacy, 71

Norma F. Stacy, 71, died June 1, 2016, in her home.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Stacy, and children, Tony Stacy and Norma Jean Stacy.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Our Lady of

Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Viewing will be from 3 to 6 p.m., with rosary at 6 p.m. Friday, June 10. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Lawrence Oles Streeter, Jr., 47

Lawrence Oles Streeter, Jr., 47, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sept. 10, 2016, in Kalispell, surrounded by his loving family.

Larry was born June 11, 1969, in Denver, Colorado, and enjoyed ranch life with the family in Bailey, Colorado, until moving to Bigfork with the family in 1980.

He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1987 and enjoyed working with his uncle Frank in California. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in telecommunications management from DeVry Institute of Technology in California, he returned to Montana to work with his family in various family businesses.

He moved to Washington for a short while and enjoyed living and working there, but



when his dad died in 1997 he came home to help the family with businesses in Columbia Falls.

Larry loved big trucks and cars and especially his Corvettes. He loved learning and sharing his knowledge, and also loved his dogs, music, family and friends. He amazed family and friends and the medical community by his tenacious and courageous fight through his illness and his sheer will to live, which allowed him to enjoy the things he loved in any way he could.

Larry is survived by his mom, Serena Streeter; sisters, Serena (Jim Bob) Pierce and Teresa Little; nephew, Lane Little; niece, Augusta Little; Jennifer Franklin, his

significant other; and his three closest friends, Collin Klempel, Chantel Able and Corey Clark.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Streeter

There will be a

Memorial Service held at 2pm on Sept. 16 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Streeter Family.

Elizabeth 'Beth' Steen, 85

Elizabeth "Beth" Steen, 85, died Oct. 8, 2016, at The Springs in Missoula.

Beth was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Missoula to Juanita and Glenn W. Wood. She graduated from high school in Missoula in 1949, moving to Helena soon after.

She was employed by Montana Teacher's Retirement System and later retired from Mountain Bell in Helena.

Beth married Forrest R. "Russ" Steen, April 1954, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Helena, where they continued to live until retiring to Flathead Lake near Rollins in 1983. They



thoroughly enjoyed that life until Russ' death in 1994.

She maintained her home there until she reached 75, at which time she purchased a condo in Lakeside. She moved to The Springs in her hometown of Missoula in 2015.

Beth read widely and loved discussing books. She readily identified many of the birds of Western Montana. She had a flair for entertaining, and did not mind dog-sitting for friends.

Besides her husband, her parents and sister preceded her in death.

A number of nieces and nephew survive in Arizona, California and New Mexico. Beth's niece, Nancy Sue McIntyre lives in Trout Creek, Montana; special sister-in-law Kitty Lou Rusher lives in Glasgow, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ila and Harvey Steen live in Helena; and special friend Becky Slater is in Polson.

At her request, no funeral services are planned. Cremation has taken place and she will be buried near her parents and husband in Missoula.

Clyde Walter Stearns, 66

Clyde Walter Stearns, 66, passed away suddenly due to an undiagnosed heart condition on Feb. 18, 2016.

He was a kind, warm-hearted true gentleman with a quick-witted sense of humor. His grandson Easton wrote, "It's going to be hard without him there to see me grow into the man he inspired me to be." Replace "man" with "person/friend/husband/father" and that expresses Clyde's legacy and the mark he has made on all those fortunate enough to have known him. He had a way of making a genuine and unique connection with everyone he met.

Clyde was born on April 22, 1949, in Kalispell, to George and Beulah Stearns. He attended Russell Elementary School and Flathead High School, where he met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Candi Hart. Even with adjusting his winter class schedule to accommodate skiing each afternoon, he earned a Bachelor of Science in engineering from Montana State University.

Clyde was well respected and admired in his field — both professionally and personally. A world-renowned bioenergy expert, he was one of five 2014 World Bioenergy Award nominees for his work in the design and development of wood processing equipment.

Clyde was an avid outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed hiking, water and snow skiing, camping, fly fishing, rock climbing, and biking. He earned his pilot's license as a teenager and loved traveling, cheering on his grandchildren, and doing



his annual Christmas puzzle. His happiest moments came from being with his family, in whom he

had so much pride and to whom he gave extravagant love.

Clyde was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Larry Hart, and stepfather, Keny Clothier.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years and best friend, Candi; his daughters, Brittany Johnson and husband Tory, Brooke Stearns Lawson and husband Jelani; his five grandchildren, Mackenzie, Easton, Maddie, Kennedy, and Teagan Johnson; his mother, Beulah Clothier; his father, George Stearns and wife, Fran; his sister, Linda Robinson and husband, Royce; his twin sister, Claire Svejkovsky and husband, Toby; his mother-in-law, Margaret Hart; his brother-in-law, Dennis Hart and wife, Mónica; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and countless friends.

A celebration of Clyde's life will be held in the Flathead Valley this summer. An online memorial can be accessed at <http://www.never-gone.com/Memorials/Clyde>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes can be sent to Facing Addiction in honor of Clyde Stearns. "Gramps" was extremely proud of his granddaughter Kenzie's recovery and compassionate for those at various stages of similar journeys. Facing Addiction Inc., 100 Mill Plain Road, 3rd Floor, Danbury, CT 06811, <https://facingaddiction.nationbuilder.com/donate>.

Evelyn Elizabeth Stika, 83



Evelyn Elizabeth Stika, age 83, died in her home in Columbia Falls, surrounded by family and best friend Debbie Gomez, on Oct. 12, 2016, after a battle with liver disease.

Evelyn was born in Marquette, Michigan, to her parents Joseph and Evelyn Hillyard. She married her high school sweetheart,

Andrew, in 1953, and celebrated 63 years of marriage this year. Evelyn and Andy enjoyed

going to garage sales and vacationing with family and friends in northern Minnesota.

Evelyn loved sewing and was blessed with the opportunity to have her own alterations business in her Eden Prairie, Minnesota, home. She had an enormous heart, wonderful sense of humor and will be greatly missed by the multitude of people who had the good fortune of calling her their friend.

Her beloved husband of 63 years, Andrew, survives her. She is also survived by her daughters, Deborah Stika, Diane Bertino, Andrea (John) Dunnigan; her son, James (Karen) Stika; her grandchildren, Stephen Bertino, Jessica, Rachel and Mallory Stika, and Andrew and James Dunnigan.

Edward Shawn Stefanatz, 43

Edward Shawn Stefanatz, "Little Ed," 43, died in an automobile accident on Nov. 12, 2016. The accident also tragically took the life of two of his other family members, Tesa and Zach Rhoads. Ed and his family were returning home from a day of hunting out west of Kalispell, something that he dearly loved.

Ed was born in Kalispell on Sept. 4, 1973, the son of Edward and Hazel Burnside Stefanatz. He was the youngest of three siblings and grew up attending grade school at Elrod School and Flathead High School, eventually obtaining his GED. He attended Electrical Apprenticeship courses at Flathead Valley Community College and worked with his father's electric business, Ed's Electric, and also for Gary Collier with Kalispell Neon. He later worked as a heavy equipment operator and truck driver. Ed was happiest when working with his hands and helping someone out. His latest project was remodeling his mom's house, a project he sadly did not complete.

Ed was an avid outdoorsman. He truly lived to hunt and fish in the great Montana outdoors. He loved to catch up with family members or friends and talk about his latest adventure hunting



or biggest fish caught. His passion started out as a toddler hunting and fishing alongside his father.

It is where his spirit was most content.

Ed did not marry or have children of his own. In 2015, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Tesa Rhoads. Ed and Tesa were both the happiest they have been in their lives. They found in each other a deep love of family and the outdoors. Tesa was able to keep Ed in line, and we all loved her for it. Ed loved Tesa's children, Tyler, 23, Zach, 16, and Hunter, 7. They were planning to marry and spend their lives together.

Ed loved his nieces and nephew. His greatest joy was taking them on fishing and camping trips. He was a fun-loving, doting, proud and protective uncle. He loved each of them for their unique gifts and was a patient and gentle guide in their lives.

Ed had many lifetime friends. His smile, twinkling eyes and mischievous laugh were irresistible. He was loving, kind, funny, generous and loyal. He was a person others would go to when they were in need

of a big hug, a laugh, or to go fishing. Eddie's life was not easy; he fought some challenges and was just now coming through them. In fact, he preferred the less-traveled, more challenging road of life. He loved the adventure and had more friends there!

Lifelong friends include Bobby Shephard, Kevin Pettyjohn, Ray Palmer, Boyce Ballard, Jason Hatten, Robert Bosley and many more.

Ed is survived by his mother Hazel Stefanatz, and father Ed Stefanatz; his sister, Shelly (Eric) Smith and their three daughters, Cassidy, Kaycee and Kate; and his sister, Carrie (Ted) Burnham and their children, Claire and Cameron; he also leaves behind his beloved hunting dog, Kid, all living in Kalispell; aunts and uncles, Nancy (Vince) Jarvis, and John Stefanatz; and many dear cousins.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Glen and Mabel Burnside, and Rudy and Agnes Stefanatz; uncles, Rex Burnside, Ray (Marie) Burnside, Jake (Elsie) Burnside; and aunts, Fay (Teddy) Mee, Gay (Duane) Rose and Sue (Gordon) Nesten; and beloved hunting dogs, Boone and Crockett.

A memorial service honoring Ed and saying goodbye to Tesa and Zach will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by a celebration of his life at the Eagles in downtown Kalispell.

The family would like to thank the community for their outpouring of love and support at this time. We would encourage everyone to spend a day outdoors fishing or hunting with your family in his honor.

A memorial fund for Hunter, who survived the accident, has been set up at Glacier Bank.

Three die in crash near Marion

By SAM WILSON
Daily Inter Lake

A three-vehicle crash on U.S. 2 east of Marion Saturday evening claimed the lives of three Kalispell residents and left three other people involved in the crash injured.

The Flathead County Sheriff's Office on Monday released the names of the deceased victims as Edward Shawn Stefanatz,

43; Tesa Marie Rein, 44; and Zachary Rein, 16. All three were riding in the same vehicle, a Ford Tempo, and none were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident, according to the Montana Highway Patrol.

According to the patrol report, Stefanatz was driving the Ford in the eastbound lane of U.S. 2 when he was pushed into oncoming traffic

after it was struck from behind by the driver of a Toyota Tundra at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, near the entrance to the green-box site for the Ashley Lake neighborhood.

Stefanatz and two of his passengers were pronounced dead at the scene.

A 7-year-old boy also riding in the car was injured and transported to Kalispell Regional Medical

Center.

Their car was struck by a westbound Jeep Wrangler driven by a 51-year-old woman. Both the woman and her female passenger in the Jeep were wearing their seatbelts and were taken to the hospital in Kalispell after sustaining minor injuries. They were discharged from the hospital

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later that night, according to Montana Highway Patrol Trooper James Hawkins, who is heading

up the investigation.

The driver of the Toyota, a 58-year-old man, was uninjured.

Hawkins said it's unclear what caused the Toyota to rear-end Stefanatz, or whether

drugs or alcohol were a factor.

"It's certainly still under investigation. I don't believe alcohol was a factor, but it can't be ruled out yet," Hawkins said.

The Flathead County Sheriff's Office, Smith Valley Fire Department, Marion Fire Department and the Montana Department of Transportation all responded to the crash.

John Carl Stenberg, 89

John Carl Stenberg, 89, of Mitchell, Nebraska, died Thursday, July 14, 2016, at home, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

At his request, cremation has taken place, and there will be no visitation or viewing at Jones Mortuary in Nebraska.

Online condolences may be left at www.jones-mortuary.com. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the United Methodist Church in Mitchell with Pastor Bev Russell officiating. Graveside services will be held later in Kalispell. Memorials may be made to Mitchell United Methodist Church.

John was born May 17, 1927, in Malta, to Carl and Agnes (Nielsen) Stenberg, who immigrated from Bronderslev, Denmark, to homestead in Montana. In 1936, the family moved to the Flathead Valley and farmed in the Creston area. He finished out his education at Creston and Flathead County High School.

John joined the U.S.



States Air Force base.

On Dec. 31, 1949, John married Roberta "Bert" Morris from Eureka, and from this union four children were born, Karen, Phillip, Janice and Suzanne. John worked on the Hungry Horse Dam until it was completed and then went back to farming. He went to work for Grosswiler Dairy in the West Valley area. He was very active in the community. John was a 4-H leader and was a president of the Flathead Co. 4-H Foundation board of directors. He was a president of the West Valley School board and Rural School Board Association.

Navy in 1945, during World War II, and was discharged when the war was over. He then went to Fairbanks, Alaska, as a carpenter to help build the United

As a charter member of West Valley Volunteer Fire Department, he served as assistant chief and much more.

In 1990, after 35 years of working for Grosswiler Dairy, of which he had become manager, John and Bert retired and moved to Mitchell, to be close to family. He then went to work part time for Pathfinder Irrigation, as a ditch rider for the next 13 years. He was a world traveler, twice to Denmark, and loved gardening. He became an avid golfer, and loved playing with son Phil and grandson Travis. He was a member of the American Legion, had been a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell and then became a member of United Methodist Church in Mitchell.

He is survived by his wife, Bert, of 67 years; son, Phillip John Stenberg (Susanne) of Boise, Idaho; three daughters, Karen (Doug) French of Mitchell, Janice (Frank) Walsh

of Thousand Oaks, California, and Suzanne (Tim) Clark of Woodbury, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Travis French, Hilary French Kimball, Shaunda French, Annelise Walsh, Emma Walsh, Jacob Schmidt and Jessica Schmidt; three step-grandchildren, Carissa Sage, Craig and Kyle Robison; seven great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Chris Stenberg, of Kalispell; seven sisters, Mary Dietrick and Kay Smith of Kalispell, Anna Burkhart of Salem, Oregon, Agnes Tiffany of Bremerton, Washington, Carol Priddy of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Laura (Robert) Dutton of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Delores Bradley of Prague, Oklahoma; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in the U.S. and Denmark.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Zachary Schmidt.

Susan Faith (Reynolds) Storfa, 73

Susan Faith Storfa was born Nov. 20, 1942, to Mary Dene Carson and Ivan Lee Reynolds in Helena. She peacefully passed away Jan. 5, 2016, due to a catastrophic stroke while celebrating the new year in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She was married to her husband of 56 years, Charles "Tom" Storfa Sr.

Susan worked as an A&W carhop and in the laundry of Bombart's Hotel in Helena during her high school years. Susan worked for a cable company in Everett, Washington, and as an agent for Met Life Insurance. After her retirement, Susan and Charles were active in farmers markets, their rock shop, and cherry farming. They spent winter in Quartzsite, Arizona, and spent their summers on the lake fishing. Susan and Charles had the privilege of adopting and raising three of their grandchildren, enjoying all of their activities. Susan finished her life living in



Kalispell. Susan is survived by her husband, Charles "Tom" Storfa Sr.; brother,

David Reynolds and Cheryl; children, Charles Jr. and Gail, Michael Sr. and Teresa, James, Kelsie and Jess, Michael Jr. and Natosha, and Michelle and Bodo; and her beloved cat, Molly. She is also survived by a grandchild, Jennifer, and her great-grandchildren, Dallas, Bodo Jr., and Breanna.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Dene (Carson) Stocking and Ivan Reynolds; and brother, Lee Reynolds.

A memorial service for Susan will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St., Kalispell. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life at the family home at 1373 Whitefish Stage Road.

Lois J. Ball Stout, 94

Lois J. Ball Stout, 94, of Parma, Idaho, passed away peacefully at her residence on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016.

She was born April 6, 1921 in Missoula to Edward and Carrie Ball. Lois earned a nursing degree from St. Patrick's School of Nursing in Missoula and later served as a nurse in the U.S. Army. While in the Army, Lois met the love of her life, Darrell "Murphy" Stout. They were married for 66-plus years.

Besides being a homemaker, caring for her four children, Lois also worked as a nurse for Dr. Charles Trush. In her spare time she enjoyed many crafts. She won several awards for her quilts, beadwork and ceramics.

After retirement, Murph and Lois spent 20-plus years as "snowbirds" in Arizona and spent their summers fishing on Kenai River in Alaska. They also managed to spend a few months each year at their home in Kalispell. Later they moved to Parma.

Lois is survived by two



sons, Mike and Sandie Stout, and Casey and Debbie Stout, all of Anchorage, Alaska; twin daughters, Janet Cooney of Parma, and Janice and Dave

Aragon of Mineola, Texas; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

The Stout family would like to thank the Parma Living Center staff for the wonderful care given to Lois for the last several years.

Per Lois' request, no formal services will be held. Cremation was under the care of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, Idaho.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

In lieu of flowers or memorials, we ask that you call a loved one, hug a child or just go fishing and enjoy the day.

Clyde Stout, 82

Clyde Stout, 82, died Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by

his son, John Stout, of Kalispell.

No services are planned. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Timothy Edward Strachota, 54

Timothy Edward Strachota, 54, passed away unexpectedly in Bigfork on April 13, 2016.

The youngest of four children, Tim was born in 1962 in Torrance, California, to Edward and Marilyn Strachota. The following year the family moved to Littleton, Colorado, following his father's aerospace industry career. Over the years Tim and the family moved several times: to Crystal Lake, Illinois, to Big Sky, Montana, and eventually to Loveland, Colorado, where Tim graduated high school. While Tim was in Big Sky, he started skiing in the local school ski program, transitioned into a competitive skier, ending up skiing with and later becoming a coach for the Colorado State University ski team. Also while in Big Sky, Tim got the golf bug, becoming an avid golfer, and started down a path that would lead him to a degree in landscape architecture from Colorado State University.

After college, Tim used his knowledge of irrigation system design and construction to gain experience building commercial landscape projects in Colorado and Texas. He then moved into golf course irrigation design, problem troubleshooting, repair and maintenance, and was recognized as Rain Bird Golf's National Serviceman of the Year for several years. He also became a certified instructor and advocate for education within the industry.

Then, along with his



employer's growth and expansion, Tim's management responsibilities grew to include a move

from Colorado to Arizona, where he worked for several years. After the passing of his father, the call for Tim to come back to Montana was strong and he moved to Bigfork, much to the happiness of his family.

Tim will always be remembered as one who brought additional laughter and caring to many a camping trip, road trip, vacation, Christmas holiday or gathering of friends, of which there were many. His presence in our lives has left us with special memories that will live on and on. He was the favorite guardian of many of our furry companions, especially his beloved golden retriever "Goldie."

Tim is survived by his brother, Larry and Nancy Strachota, of Bigfork; his sister, Deborah Catello, of Missoula; brother-in-law, Chuck Bloom, of Denver; nephews, Corey and David Bloom and Christopher Hicks; and close friend Debbie Tarbert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Marilyn Strachota, and sister Cheryl Bloom.

A celebration of life will be held starting at 4 p.m., with reception following through 6 p.m., on Saturday, June 4, at Marina Cay in Bigfork.

David Lynn Strandberg, 59

David Lynn Strandberg, 59, of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 2, 2016, in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 4, 1957, in Williston, North Dakota, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Strandberg. David spent his early life in Williston and Crosby, North Dakota. In 1969 he moved with his family to Montana.

David went to Somers grade school and Flathead High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force and went two years to vocational tech school in Renton, Washington.

His career was in auto body repair and his favorite job was restoring show quality cars, especially Jaguars.

David is survived by his mother Darlene, brothers, Bruce, Craig (Sue), Anthony, and Michael (Sarah), and sister Dee Ann Bradford (Jon); nephews, Reese and Brock Bradford, and Hunter and Hayden Strandberg; also nieces,



Tierney Strandberg, Cailin Strandberg and little Delaney; and his three aunts, Norma Long, Geraldine Johnson Yvonne Bishop.

David was preceded in death by his father Vernon, and his brothers, Mark and Kevin.

At his request there are no services to be held. He asked that his cremated remains be scattered where he designated.

David was a very spiritual and kind man and he loved his family and friends very much. He will be missed by all.

There will be a celebration of life for David at a later date.

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

Glen L. Stevens, 83

Glen L. Stevens, 83, died in Kalispell March 17, 2016.

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

Jerry Leon Stevenson, 76

Jerry Leon Stevenson, 76, died Saturday, July 9, 2016, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne Stevenson; and children Terri

Wilson, Mike Stevenson and Mark Stevenson.

There will be no services held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Brooke Strong, 58

Brooke Strong, loving wife, mother and Nana, passed away on Jan. 6, 2016 after a brief illness surrounded by family. She was 58 years old.

Born in Denver in 1957 to Alderson and Marguerite Amick Boley, Brooke spent her childhood in Denver before moving to Forsyth in 1968 after the sudden passing of her parents. It was in Forsyth that she formed what would become several lifelong and cherished friendships, developed and honed her love of art and met the man who would one day become her husband, Charles Strong.

After graduating from Forsyth High School in 1975, Brooke attended Eastern Montana College for two years before moving to Phoenix, Arizona, to pursue her degree in art. After a year-long stay in Phoenix, Brooke returned to her hometown and married Charles, a man she had known since 5th grade. In 1982, Brooke and Charlie, along with their daughter Dawn, moved to Kalispell where she began

working as a Graphic Designer at The Mountain Trader and added two more beautiful daughters to their family, Clarice Elizabeth and Haley Rose.

Brooke loved living life to the fullest and was always excited to explore everything that



Northwest Montana had to offer; from horse-back riding trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness

to rafting the North

Fork to sitting on her back deck sipping wine with family and friends.

Brooke is survived by her husband, Charles Strong, of Kalispell; her daughters, Dawn and Rory Murphy Strong of Medford, Oregon, Clarice and Mark Day Strong, of Las Vegas, and Haley and Matt Sanborn of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Kael, Lyla, Lexi and Madeleine; sister Robin and Charles Manfredi of Billings; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alderson and Marguerite Boley and sister, Toni Strong.

Brooke, you are the love of our lives. You will be dearly missed.

An intimate celebration of life will be held on Jan. 16, 2016, for immediate family. For those wishing to pay their respects and share memories of Brooke, a small get-together will be held immediately following the service at Scotty's in Kalispell at 5 pm.

Memorials may be made to the non-profit of choice.

Delbert Roy Storkson, 65

Delbert was born in Whitefish on the 23rd of August, 1950.

He died in his Hot Springs home on the morning of the fourth of January, 2016.

Delbert was preceded to death by his father George, his mother Margret, his brothers William and Marvin "Mike," and his sisters Vivian and Joyce.

He is survived by his brothers Richard and Carl, and his sisters Eloise, Shirly and Betty.

Delbert grew up in Whitefish where, in his teenage years, he was a service station attendant.

He was later drafted into the Army and

he spent two years in Vietnam. Upon his return to the states he traveled to Alaska where he worked at Dutch



Harbor. When he returned to Montana he and his three brothers Carl, Mike and Richard, spent many years logging and working in saw-mills. Delbert was well known for being a gentle soul. He will be missed.

To celebrate Delbert's life, services will be held at noon on the eighth of January at the Whitefish VFW, 20 Baker Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Dennis H. Stack, 82

Dennis passed away Nov. 30, 2016, in St. George, Utah, from congestive heart failure, with his wife Karol and daughter Erin by his side.

Dennis was born May 22, 1934, in Fort Benton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Maybelle "Bury" Stack, and his beloved brothers Tommy and Neil.

He is survived by his wife, Karol; three children, Dane, Donnell Moses and Erin You (Pang); five grandchildren, Linzi Scarsella, Jared You, MacKenzie and Brendan Moses and Mackenzie Carlson; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Jon, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dennis and Karol, married in 2003 are snowbirds, living in St. George during the fall and win-



ter and Marion during the spring and fall.

Dennis grew up in Belt and Fairfield.

His adult life was spent in numerous cities throughout Washington and Montana due to his career with the Army Corps of Engineers. Dennis formed a partnership and opened Cascade Testing Labs where he used his engineering and business acumen to run a successful company in Washington until he retired in 2002. With his retirement he permanently moved to Marion to enjoy the hunting, golf and family that still resided near.

Dennis' family will be having services at a future date this summer in both Montana and Washington.

Elnora F. 'Nana E' Stolz, 95

Elnora F. Stolz peacefully "entered eternal rest" on Dec. 13, 2016.

She was born in Hebron, North Dakota, on Nov. 1, 1921, to Mary Fleck, who married her stepfather, Mike Frieze, in November 1922.

Elnora married George Stolz on Sept. 30, 1940, and they had one son, Leo Stolz. They moved to Miles City in the mid-'40s, and lived in Billings for several years before moving to Kalispell in 2005.

Elnora worked most of her employment years at American Linen where she retired. She was very dedicated, loved and respected by her coworkers.

Elnora enjoyed cooking and canning, doing puzzles, watching baseball (What a blessing to see her favorite team, the Chicago Cubs, win the World Series this year), but most of all she enjoyed being around her family.

Elnora was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Mike Frieze; her husband, George Stolz; her brother, Carl; and her sisters, Julia, Cecilla,

Dolores, Loretta and Donna.

She is survived by her brothers, Al Frieze of Arizona, Dale Frieze of Minnesota, and Joe Frieze of Billings; her sister, Maggie Frieze, of Twodot, Montana; her son, Leo (Marlene) Stolz, of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Janet (Jeff) Zauner of Kalispell, Melissa (Shane) Churla of Bigfork, and Brad (Heather) Stolz of Overland Park, Kansas; great-grandchildren, Morgen Zauner, Cameron Stolz, Coleman Zauner and Isaiah Stolz; stepgreat-grandchildren, Morgen Churla, Lierin and Churla; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a Mass at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell with a luncheon to follow. A future memorial service and burial of ashes in Billings will take place in spring 2017.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, a donation made to your favorite charity in Elnora's memory.

Diane Marie Stevens, 60

Diane Marie Stevens, 60, of Kalispell, passed away Dec. 18, 2016.

Diane was born to Clarence Konter and Bernice Apka on July 1, 1956, in Rushford, Minnesota. After graduating from Mayo High School, Diane joined the U.S. Army and became one of our nation's first female paratroopers. In her lifetime she embraced many occupations that included a greenhouse grower, homemaker extraordinaire and retail sales manager.

She is survived by her



lifelong love and husband, Wayne L. Stevens, of

nearly 42 years. Her beautiful life will be forever cherished by her daughter, Jennifer R. Sorrell, and a slew of Konter siblings, Barbara, Thomas, Nancy, Mary, Elaine and Eleanor.

Both parents and brothers Michael and Robert Konter preceded her in death.

Diane had a generous heart and unrelenting determination in any-

thing she endeavored to undertake. She possessed an unparalleled love for family, animals, doughnuts, coffee, rock picking and laughter (not necessarily in that order.) Her family and many friends will celebrate her life each and every day by striving to exemplify her compassion, kindness, dedication and joy.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to the Brain Support Network, P.O. Box 7264, Menlo Park, CA 94026, in her name and bring in a batch of homemade good-

ies to your coworkers. Save the last cup of coffee for her.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bradon Sullivan, 68

Bradon Sullivan, 68, died Friday, May 6, 2016. Funeral Service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday May 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Harold Lee Sturdevant, 85

On May 31, 2016, Harold Lee Sturdevant, 85, "was able to answer the call to come home" at Mountain View Manor in Eureka. He was born Sept. 24, 1930, in Roanoke, Texas, to Fred and Maudie Hunter Sturdevant.

Harold grew up on a farm where they used mules as well as tractors. His father was killed when he was 15, and he kept the farm going as well as finishing high school. His agricultural degree was from Sam Houston University. He came to Montana at age 20 to teach World War II veterans on a farm training program in Three Forks.

Harold and Rowena Scott met at college and were married Oct. 28, 1951. They had three sons. He was a sergeant in the Army Reserves.

Harold always had lots of energy and became involved in many activities. In addition to teaching, he learned auctioneering and flying. He also owned and operated a ski hill resort in Southwestern Montana. He served as a city councilman in Missoula. He was president of the Underwriters Association of Western Montana as well as vice president of the National Underwriters Association. At one time, he was also moderator of the First Baptist Church in Missoula.

Harold had a real



talent for sales. He expanded his work into 17 Western states. In order to cover this territory, he bought a plane and learned to fly, securing an instrument rating. Flying his plane and riding his horse were two of his greatest pleasures and skills. Young people of the West Kootenai were always enlisted to assist on trail drives, a special event for all those involved.

Survivors include his wife, Rowena Sturdevant, of Rexford; sons, Lee Sturdevant (Becky) of Harlowtown, Fred Sturdevant (Nancy Haugan) of Rexford, and Dean Sturdevant (Stacy) of Clayton, Washington; five grandchildren, Harold L. III "Hal," Sarah, Levi, Zachary and, Isaac; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held June 3 at the West Kootenai Community Church in Rexford. Services will be at 11 a.m., today, June 4, at the church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Dean Clarence Sturz, 58

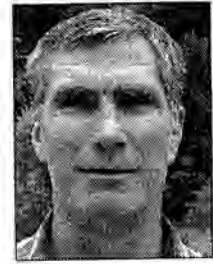
Dean Clarence Sturz, 58, suffering from complications of brain cancer, slipped peacefully from this world on the evening of May 3, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Dec. 18, 1957, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to Duane and Janet Schretenthaler Sturz. With four rambunctious brothers, his early years were filled with adventures both in town and on Grandpa's farm.

Graduating from Memorial High School '76 and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls '81, he was an academic standout and multi-sport athlete. He made lifelong friends during those years, and often told stories of their escapades.

Dean met his wife-to-be in second grade. He didn't know it at the time (she did) that they would marry one day. On July 22, 1983, Dean Sturz and Constance Kleist were married and began their life together. They moved to Montana in 1984 and, over the years, were blessed with three children and one grandchild.

Dean was employed by FH Stoltze Land and Lumber for almost 31 years, the majority of that time as sales manager. He was a quiet, intelligent, dependable man with a goofy sense of humor and strong work ethic, which he passed on to his children. "It is what it is" was his favorite saying and, more often than not, he put his own needs and



desires aside so that others would be more comfortable.

As an avid hiker,

hunter and fisherman Dean enjoyed all Montana had to offer. He didn't always catch the biggest fish, have a successful hunting season, or make it to the top of the mountain, but he always embraced each experience to the fullest.

Dean was preceded in death by his mother, Janet; his brother Frank and his grandparents. He is survived by his loving wife, Connie; his children, Ben, Jon and Sarah; grandson Jacob; parents Duane and Gus and Maggie; brothers Tim and Sally, Jim and Stacy, Mike and Penny; brother-in-law and hunting/fishing partner Kevin, and several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A celebration of life will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the FH Stoltze Land and Lumber upstairs conference room. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to brain cancer research or the Jacob Sturz Educational Fund at Whitefish Credit Union.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Sturz family.

Jeffrey Scott Sullivan, 60

Jeffrey Scott Sullivan, 60, passed away Aug. 12, 2016, at his home in Bigfork, due to complications from cancer.

He was born Feb. 20, 1956, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He started school in Michigan and also attended school in Ohio, Idaho, Billings and Great Falls, graduating in 1974 from Billings West High School.

He also took several American Sign Language classes at Flathead Valley Community College.

Jeff served active duty with the National Guard in Helena and Kalispell, receiving a medical discharge.

He married Cheryle Hill in Billings in November 1975. They later divorced and Jeff became a single father for many years.

Jeff started in Billings working in retail sales. He also worked in Great Falls in wholesale sales. His working career in the Flathead Valley was with Pepsi, and as a woodworker with Meissenburg Design. He regretted not working there longer. He retired in May of this year due to health.

Jeff was active in community events in Woods Bay. Affectionately called the "Mayor of Woods Bay," he coached Little League middle school football and served as the state commissioner of women's softball. He was also a whitewater festival volunteer and had been on a dragonboat team since the event's inception. Despite illness, he had made it to a practice this past spring to see his teammates.

Jeff loved working with wood, ships in



bottles, Victorian birdhouses and his Windy City Christmas Village. His passion was creating Christmas ornaments for friends and family,

as simple as a crescent moon to the details of a log cabin with each log placed individually.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Lois Sullivan; his son, Craig Sullivan; brother, Rick Sullivan; and sister, Cristi Hand; and Floyd, his ferret.

He is survived by his daughter, Lori Sullivan and grandkids Reiley Sullivan and Amanda, Cody and Ashleigh Todd, of Bridger; son, Brian Sullivan of Bigfork; sister, Debbie and Les Ingram and their daughters Bailee and Jay Dembek, and their children Adeline and Maisy, of Bigfork; nephew, Taylor Ingram of Bigfork; niece, Kylee and Kirk Archibald and children Payton and Maddie, of Belgrade; nephew, Jeremy Sullivan and Aiko Johnson of Salt Lake City; and sister-in-law Dawn Noble of Missoula.

Join our Christmas-themed tribute to Jeff Sullivan by celebrating his favorite holiday from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Swan River Hall on Highway 83 in Bigfork. We will have decorations, music and memories. If it's too hot for your ugly sweater, a Christmas T-shirt will do. A short program and time for friends to speak will take place at 5 p.m.

Jeff requested memorials be made to Toys for Tots. New, unwrapped toys can be brought to the celebration on Sunday. Monetary donations can be mailed to Toys for Tots, c/o Sean Weeks, 468 Lake Loop

Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Kip Sullivan, 68

Kip Sullivan, 68, died May 6, 2016, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children James, Tracy, Joseph, David, Tiffany and Jennica.

Funeral services

will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Journey Church, 5091 U.S. 2, in Columbia Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Reah Sullivan, 33

Reah Sullivan, 33, of Vivian, South Dakota, died Thursday, March 3, 2016, as a result of an automobile accident.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m., today, March 9, at Vivian Lutheran Church. Services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 10, at Vivian Lutheran Church, with burial at Vivian Cemetery.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Isburg Funeral Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.isburgfuneralchapels.com

Reah was born May 23, 1982, in Pierre, South Dakota, to James and Melanie (Tarbert) Hillmer. At the age of 3, she moved to Libby and then in 1998 moved to Miller, South Dakota, to live with her dad and graduate from high school.

She was united in marriage to Steve Sullivan on July 23, 2005, in Miller. Reah worked at Hutch's Cafe in Presho, South Dakota.

She loved all aspects of farm life, especially taking care of orphaned animals, growing a garden so she could can the produce, camping, fishing, taking mini-vacations to the cabin, taking her girls to the Miller Drive-in, cooking new recipes, avidly watching football, especially "da" Bears, attending Katlynn's basketball games and helping others, but more than



anything she loved being a mother and wife.

She is survived by her husband, Steve;

two daughters, Katlynn and Peyton, of Vivian; stepdaughter, Grace, of Kennebec, South Dakota; dad, James, and fiancée Glenda, Hillmer, of Harrold, South Dakota; mom, Melanie Tarbert Hillmer, of Libby; stepmom, Lisa Morris Hillmer, of Missouri; half sisters, Jessa Tarbert, of California, and Amber Morlock, of Brookings; grandparents, Hellen and Ernest Tarbert, of Libby, and Alice Hillmer, of Harrold; three nieces; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and special family friends, Tim Taylor and Orange Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Ivan Hillmer, and cousin Tonya Hillmer.

Edward Sundberg, 59

Edward Sundberg, 59, passed from natural causes and is "taking his longest ride; he left on June 4, 2016."

Edward was born in Whitefish on Feb. 18, 1957. He lived in Havre until he graduated high school. He moved back to Whitefish for the love of the mountains and started his lifelong career working on the railroad, just like his father and grandfather.

He loved his Harley, fishing and dogs. He will be missed by his family at the Palace Bar in Whitefish. They will all miss his storytelling, being kind and giving,

and always had a helping hand for those in need. He never complained and was a quiet gentleman who also was a hard worker. Ed would never give up his secret spot for huckleberries.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Florence Sundberg.

He is survived by his sisters, Terri (Russ) Earl of Havre, Karen (Wally) Bell of Great Falls, Bobbi (Mark) Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas, Nancy (James) DuPree of Winslow, Arizona, and a special friend Brenda Butler.

Curtis J. Supan, 61

Curtis J. Supan, 61, passed away on Monday, Oct. 10, at his residence on Swan Lake.

He was born on July 24, 1955, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Curt graduated from Hill Murray High School in 1973 and then from St. Thomas College, where he was a member of ROTC, with a major in accounting. After graduation he was a navigator with the U.S. Air Force. Then, in 1983, he completed pilot training and served his country as an F-16 pilot. He served in many places, including Korea, Italy and Saudi Arabia. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2000 and then worked 5 years as a contractor training future pilots. He moved to the house of his dreams on Swan Lake in 2006. He enjoyed kayaking, golfing, hiking, boating and skiing.

Curt was involved with many community projects and was active at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. He was proud to serve as a Knight of Columbus, a member of the Swan Lakers, a board member of Swan Sites

Homeowners Association, and was especially talented in teaching many children how to ski with the Kalispell Ski Club.

Curt is survived by his wife, Mary, of Bigfork, and leaves behind his cat, Peanut; son, Eric (Pam) and daughter, Jennifer, of Jacksonville, Florida; grandson, Coby, and granddaughter, Kate. He is also survived by his mother, Jean Supan of St. Paul, Minnesota; sisters, Lynn (Darrell) Rask and Terry (Robert) Bullen-Smith; and brother, Jeff Supan, and niece Alexandra.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 18 at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, followed by a luncheon. Burial will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in St. Paul with military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bigfork Food Bank in care of Curt Supan. To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James R. Sutton, 68

James R. Sutton, 68, "entered into eternal life" Sunday evening, Jan. 24, 2016, in Whitefish, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jim was born in Chester to parents Robert and Marjorie Sutton on May 21, 1947. He lived in Whitefish until the family moved to Kalispell in 1961 and he graduated high school in 1965. After high school he continued his education at Flathead Valley Community College and, shortly after, graduation joined the Army. In the Army, Jim served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to May of 1969 and was awarded the Bronze Star medal. Upon his return to the states he continued to reside in Kalispell.

He later moved to Michigan and then to Wisconsin where he married his wife, Gayle, in June 1996. They returned to the one place Jim called home, his family's original homestead in Whitefish.

Mr. Sutton is survived by wife, Gayle; three children, and two stepchildren, Col. Jason Sutton; his wife Christy; Marjorie Gustafson, her husband Carl; Brittany Straatmann,



her husband Joe; Colby Hall; and Kristin Shields and her husband Justin. He will be missed by his eight grandchildren, Elisha Sutton, Aiden Sutton, Olivia Sutton, Sienna Gustafson, Jacob Gustafson, Adeon Straatmann, Hunter Shields and Wyatt Shields. He also left behind 10 loving brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Jacob Clay Sutton.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Avenue East, Kalispell.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch Foundation at www.yellowstonefoundation.org/donate-now/ or by calling (800) 879-0850. Arrangements are by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Mae H. Svinth, 93

Mae H. Svinth, 93, died Monday, May 30, 2016, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

son, David Svinth.

No services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Edward Swedberg, 85

John Edward Swedberg, 85, of Great Falls and Kalispell, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at his home surrounded by family.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at O'Connor Memorial Chapel, 2425 8th Avenue North, in Great Falls, with burial to follow at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

John was born Jan. 3, 1931, in Terry. He graduated from Flathead County High School and was a proud alumni of the University of Montana where he became avid supporter of the Grizzlies. He loved the fall colors at Glacier National Park and spending time at his cabin.

After college, John owned and operated the A&W for many years before moving to Great Falls where he owned the Village Motor Inn until



1993. He then moved to Kalispell for the next 18 years before returning to Great Falls in 2011.

John is survived by his wife, Betty Swedberg; daughters, Julie Swedberg, and Joni and Mike Stuber, and their mother Gwen Davis; his wife's children who loved him dearly, Brigitte Black, Isabelle and Matt Carpenter, and Dan and Tammy Toner; and his grandchildren, Jordan and Jake Stuber, Matt Duckett, Kara and Dan Hoffman, Angela Black, Cody Toner and Liam Toner, and Ethan Carpenter and Sam Carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Elizabeth Swedberg, his extended daughter Mary Duckett; and his granddaughter Jessica Black.

Alvin Leo Sylvest, 90

Alvin Leo Sylvest passed away on Aug. 2, 2016, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was 90.

Alvin was born Feb. 23, 1926, in Columbia, Mississippi, the son of Alvin Leo Sylvest Sr. and Elizabeth Dyess Sylvest. He had two older sisters, Ann Carson and Marilee Wise.

He served in the Navy during World War II, and afterward graduated from the University of Mississippi. He was a geologist and cartographer.

Alvin met and married Mary Paxton Wood in Glendive in June of 1953 and later settled in Colorado, before returning to Montana after his retirement from the



United States Geologic Survey.

He is survived

by three daughters, Judy Marie Sylvest, Carol Joy Ewalt and Merry Allison Sylvest; and three granddaughters, Holly Marie Bitz and Melissa Joy Bitz, daughters of Judy, and Addie Bess Ewalt, daughter of Joy.

Alvin requested no public service and will be honored in a family ceremony.

Condolences to the family may be sent to his Lakeside address, or go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.