

Aimee Marie Williams, 32

Aimee Marie Williams, 32, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in Butte.

Aimee was born May 5, 1983, in Whitefish. She was the button-nosed baby girl, truly her daddy's little girl.

From the beginning, Aimee was a talker, not just any talker but the fastest talker this valley has ever known. She loved to color, journal, read, dream and share time with friends and family. She mothered her brothers and sister, loving them deeply, and only dropping Jimmy on his head once.

Aimee attended Peterson and Russell Elementary schools, Kalispell Junior High, graduating from Flathead High School in 2002, collecting friends all along the way. During grade school, Aimee kindly gave a boy a black eye for picking on her little brothers. She loved to country swing dance with her lifelong friend Ryan Reed, and she dreamed of growing up to be just like cousin Anna, with whom she shared many firsts.

Aimee shared summers with her aunts Wendy and Heather. She was with them to babysit but took no time in making many more lifelong friends.

When her son Tommy was born in 2003, Aimee loved like she had never loved before. On July 27, 2006, Aimee was blessed with the birth of Korbyn Eva-May. Named after a great-grandma, she was her mom's "turdlette."

The last nine years were tragic for Aimee. March 3, 2007, Aimee's heart was crushed when her little brother was tragically taken from her; again, in 2008 with the horrible death of her sweet baby Korby, gram-pas Norm and Tom, as well as cousin Tyler. Her



heart would never be healed.

Little did we know that her sweet, vivacious, loving and kind soul

would spend most of her life lost in search for more.

Every job Aimee worked she gave 110 percent, often being begged by bosses to return.

Aimee always saw the very best in everyone. There were never strangers, only people she had not met. Aimee was there for anyone, everyone from every walk of life. She deeply loved. All of her friends were her "sisters" and she was "Aunty" to their children.

Aimee's broken little heart took its last beat on Tuesday, April 19, in Butte.

She is survived by her precious son, Tommy, of Kalispell; her father, Steve Williams, of Kila; mother and stepfather Carla and Lonnie Hayek, of Somers; grandparents Jim and Patty Williams, of Spokane; grandmother Bunnie Miller, of Kalispell; grandmother Peg Hayek, of Somers; brother Jimmy and Jen Williams and their daughter Kenzie, of Kalispell; sister Heather and Anthony Garcia and their son Brody, of Kalispell; and way too many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends to mention.

She was preceded in death by her sweet angel Korbyn, her brother Brad, and grandfathers Norm Miller and Tom Hayek.

"Maimers, you are free. Love that baby girl until we all meet again."

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Expo building at Flathead County Fairgrounds.

Barbara A. 'Bobbie' Williams, 77

Barbara A. "Bobbie" Williams, 77, of Mesa, Arizona, "went home to our Lord" on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at her daughter's home in Corvallis. She was surrounded by her family.

She was born May 24, 1938, in Boston. Barbara moved to Guam in 1968 where she lived until 1976 when she moved to Montana. She lived in Havre and Gildford, and then she farmed with her husband John Williams in Kremlin. Following their retirement they moved to Kalispell. Bobbie moved to Mesa where she has lived for the past 10 years.

She was a member and Inner Guard of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. She loved to sing karaoke and spent many nights dancing. Bobbie will be dearly missed by her friends and family that loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John C. Williams.

She is survived by five daughters, Sharon Barlow of Kalispell,

Kathy Barlow and Sean Wallace of Kalispell, Barbara Daughenbaugh and Douglas of Corvallis, Amy Williams of Connecticut, and Nicole Paul and Brian of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Natalie Corcoran, Joseph Corcoran, Jonathan Corcoran, Alanna Corcoran, Jennifer Corcoran, Stevi Barlow, Quincy Barlow, September Searles, Ronnie Bumgarner, Chandra Sloan, Craig Daughenbaugh, Jason Daughenbaugh, Austin Daughenbaugh, Marnic Mann, Tavia Mann and Ethan Paul; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 19, at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton with Father Jim Connor officiating.

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

The family suggests memorials to the Marcus Daly Hospice Endowment Fund, 1200 Westwood Dr., Hamilton, MT 59840.

Bonita 'Bonnie' Lee Williams, 70

Bonnie "passed into the Lord's arms" on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, at about 6 p.m. at the Brendan House with her sons, Wade, Frank and Bill by her side. Frank's wife Randi, brother Frank, and sister Darlene were also there to comfort her. She was at peace within her soul, knowing that nothing could be done to treat the leukemia.

Bonita was born on April 10, 1945, in Worland, Wyoming, to Frank and Loretta (Dinger) Williams, joining sister Darlene and brother Frank. Her early years were spent at the Grass Range, Geary, N Bar school, then Kaycee, Wyoming, before moving to Kalispell in 1955.

In 1960, Bonnie moved back to Lewistown and married Marv Long in 1962. They had two sons together, Wade in 1963, and Frank in 1964. In 1975, William "Bill" Stillman was born to Bonnie and Daniel Stillman. Her three sons were the light of her life and they loved her completely.

Bonnie embraced life with many adventures, from skydiving to raising and riding some amazing horses, to exploring many yard sales and finding those treasures. She loved to hunt, fish, listen to country music, and watching John Wayne movies or any old Westerns. She loved her family and she loved the Lord.

Her varied jobs included working at TCI Television, owning and operating two gun shops, St. John's Gun Ranch and Ammunition Specialties, cooking at various restaurants, and being a homemaker.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Loretta (Dinger) Williams; and a granddaughter, Rebecca



Marcinek Long.

She is survived by her three sons, Wade Long of Kalispell,

Frank Long and Randi of Kalispell, and Bill Stillman of Salt Lake City; brother, Frank Williams, of Lewistown; sister, Darlene Jump-Rauthe, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Schon Long, and Shelbi and Lucas Cummings; great-grandchildren, Adalyn Lilly and Emmet Carl Cummings; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews that she adored.

Her significant others included Marvin Long, Daniel Stillman, Paul St. John, Art Gilroy and Harvey Smith.

We thank her family members and friends who came to visit during her hospitalization. She will be well remembered by all who shared her life.

In lieu of flowers, please take a moment and hug your parents, child, grandchild, friend or take a nice walk in the woods for a moment, an hour or a day.

The memorial service was held Jan. 2 at Family Life Church in Kalispell. Burial will take place later in the year.

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

Glenda Line-Williams, 68

Glenda Line-Williams, 68, passed away unexpectedly on May 31, 2016.

Born in Seattle on Sept. 12, 1947, she grew up in Burien and Des Moines, Washington. She moved to Redlands, California, during her junior year of high school and graduated in 1965 from Redlands High School.

In 1971, she moved to Whitefish, where she met her husband, Kenneth Line. Due to Kenny's job with the railroad, they moved several times in the early part of the 1980s, finally settling in Kent, Washington.

She was preceded in death by Kenny, father Glen, mother Thelma, brother Russell, nephew Jack and niece Missy.

She is survived by her loving husband, Wayne Williams, of 17 years; children, David Line (Cheryl Myers), Robynne Silver (Mike), Ed Line (Laura), the light of her life Michael Line, stepchildren Michael Williams and Abigail Williams, siblings Jerry Kelsey, Joanie



Duncanson, Judy Holeyton, Dixie Bergeson, Jeanette Krueger, Patty Ross and Cory

Kelsey; grandchildren, Derek, Erika, Craig and Julia; and many nieces and nephews; and her best friends of many years, Susan Brandon and Dianne Derse.

She would have liked to especially thank her niece Teresa Bolken who often made herself available to take care of Michael, giving Glenda many needed breaks.

Glenda had a heart of gold and was always there to help, to listen, or to plan the perfect prank on some poor unsuspecting soul.

There will be a potluck gathering to celebrate Glenda's life with friends and family at 1 p.m. on Saturday June 18, at Woodland Park (Lagoon Pavilion) at 100 N. Woodland Park Road in Kalispell.

Jeannine Boles Johnston Williams, 87

Jeannine Boles Johnston Williams, 87 passed away on Oct. 16, 2016, following complications from surgery in Arlington, Texas.

Born Aug. 22, 1929, in Fairview, North Dakota, to George and Vera Boles, Jeannine grew up on farms in Montana with her parents, two older sisters and one younger brother knowing the meaning of family unity, chores and hard work. After graduating from Richey High School as valedictorian, she met Lloyd Johnston, a young Navy veteran, whom she married in 1947 making Richey their home. Later, the family moved to Sidney where Lloyd built a lovely new home, and later purchased an historic Sidney home. They were active members of the Lonsdale Methodist Church, and Jeannine was a member of Eastern Star while Lloyd was a Mason and Boy Scout Master. Jeannine adored her family, loved cooking family feasts, and enjoyed playing cards, especially cribbage and pinochle.

From this marriage, Jeannine is survived by her three children, **son** Greg Johnston, **grandson** Jeremy (Kiannah), **great-grandchildren** Ashlyn, Corbin and Keltic; **daughter** Holly (Roy) Getting, **grandson** Andrew (Teegan), great-



grand-daughter Marian and grand-daughter Meredith (Tim) Jones, great-grand-children Mackenzie and Brody; and **daughter** Connie (Phil) Jones, **grandson** Scott O. Jones, **great-grandsons** Charlie and Max, **granddaughter** Vera (Robert) Coleman and **great-grandson** Ethan.

In 1978, Jeannine married Dean Williams of Sidney. After living in Helena, they retired to their McGregor Lake home, enjoying their many friends and serenity of the lake. From this marriage, Jeannine is survived by three stepchildren, Perry (Cindy) Williams, **grandsons** Philip and Vann, **grandchildren** Adalyn, Carter, Elena and Olivia, **Tim (Wendy) Williams**, **granddaughters** Amanda and Jessica McCawley, **great-grandson** William, and **Toni (Don) Dechert**, **granddaughters** Jenifer and Lena. Jeannine also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Norma Boles, many nieces, nephews and their families plus a number of close friends.

In 2004, Jeannine moved to Texas and became an active member

of the First Presbyterian Church in Arlington. Our family also wants to recognize her close companion of the past 12 years, Richard Carlisle, who traveled with Jeanine around the world.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George (1964) and Vera Boles (1985), husband Lloyd Libby Johnston (1989), brother Forrest "Buck" Boles (1992), sister Constance "Connie" Roll (1989) and husband Steven, husband Dean Williams (2004), great-nephew Lauren "Cody" Eggum (2005), great-nephew Scott Hrubes (2005), sister

Sybil Eggum (2013) and husband Lloyd Eggum (2013), nephew Tim Roll and wife, Joan (2015) and great-granddaughter Opal Getting (2016).

In 2017, two memorial services will occur, one in the late spring in Richey and one at McGregor Lake.

In lieu of flowers and cards, donations can be made in Jeannine's name to either St. Jude's Children's Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/give.html> or a VFW organization.

This beautiful Eastern Montana Prairie Flower will be missed by many!

John 'Johnny' Heidler Williams, 84

John "Johnny" Heidler Williams, 84, passed away with "peace and grace" on Christmas morning 2016 with Bonnie, his life partner of 23 years by his side.

John was born in Washoe, Montana, to John and Rose Williams in 1932.

He worked at Jermel Tire.

He married Patricia Meyer.

John enlisted at 18 years old in the U.S. Army. He served from 1950 to 1953 in combat in Korea.

John returned home to start a family while truck driving and getting his CPA license from Montana State University. He was hired by the IRS where his job took him to Miles City, Billings, Missoula and finally Kalispell where he retired at 55.

He picked up flying for a hobby, landing in his favorite place and the home of his retired years, Ferndale, Montana. He babied a dream 182 Cessna, owning it for 37 years. He made far reaching trips to Alaska, Oshkosh, Las Vegas, Reno and Hawaii with his sons and many more local trips to all the towns of his youth in Montana.

John and Bonnie were motor-home snowbirds and enjoyed traveling and visiting many of the national parks of the west and east as far as Florida. During the summers, they could be seen riding John's motorcycle through Glacier Park and picnicking in John's favorite spot looking at Bird Woman Falls. He loved hiking, fishing, swimming in



Flathead Lake, biking, Grizzlies Football, the Denver Broncos, going to rodeos especially watching the bull riding

and walking through the displays at the fair. John enjoyed being involved with local fundraisers and was a longtime member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

John was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and his grandson Kyle. He is survived by his loving partner Bonnie Hoffman; his four sons, Dirk, John Wade (Jackie), Darren and Garth; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 MT Highway 35, in Bigfork, with Pastor Christopher Miller officiating. A reception will follow the service at the church. Interment will be at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in John's name to Bethany Lutheran Church, PO Box 398, Bigfork, MT 59911

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for John's family. You are invited to go to www.darlingtonfunerals.com to view John's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Joyce Williams, 74

At the age of 74, Joyce Williams passed away peacefully on Oct. 12, 2016, surrounded by her loving family in Encinitas, California. With grace and strength Joyce withstood an unexpected illness until she was ready to join her loved ones that had passed before her.

Joyce was born on Sept. 16, 1942, in Jamestown, New York, to Alberta and Gerald Chapman. Later, the family moved to the high plains of Wyoming where she spent her youth. Her younger brother, Harry Chapman, now of Phoenix, Arizona, completed their family.

Joyce attended college at the University of Wyoming where she earned a bachelor's of social work degree. She also met and married Mike McAuliffe. The young couple soon started a family, raising their children in the suburbs of Los Angeles and the big sky country of Kalispell.

Joyce pursued a career in social work in Los Angeles and Kalispell for 25 years. She worked tirelessly in efforts to provide families and children the necessary resources for safe, nurturing living environments. In her work and personal life Joyce upheld strong values and ethics. She had a great appreciation for diversity, social and economic justice. As a loving mother, Joyce also raised her own children to recognize and help others in need.

Known to many as a vibrant, bright, independent, spirited woman, Joyce experienced life deeply. Joyce loved the cinema, relished body-surfing at her favorite beaches, danced with abandon in Zumba class,



enjoyed live concerts, oil-painted coastal landscapes, and most of all adored her grand-

children, and was always a tender, loving presence in their lives.

Over her lifetime Joyce touched the lives of many through her generosity, sense of humor, tenderness and understanding. She will be missed greatly and remembered in our hearts forever.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Alberta and Gerald Chapman, and her husband and soulmate, Rod Williams. She is survived by her brother, Harry Chapman; her children and their spouses, Amanda and Mitchell Gamache, Mike and Carolyn McAuliffe, and Gary and Mary Maloncon; her grandchildren, Erika and Julia Gamache, Michael McAuliffe II, and Gary and Mariah Maloncon; as well as many other beloved family members and friends.

In celebration of her life, memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 23436 Madero, Suite 140, Mission Viejo, California 92691. We welcome all to join.

Paul Smith Willis, 75

Paul Smith Willis, born Sept. 20, 1941, to Ida Mae Dreblow and Franklin Smith Willis, passed away on Friday, Oct. 14, 2016.

Paul is survived by his two sons, Tylor Willis of Missoula and Chase Willis of Kalispell.

Paul led a full and colorful life after graduation from high school. He joined the United States Air Force Reserve based out of Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls and was deployed to Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Paul then went on to college and earned a Master's in Educational Counseling degree that he used in his position in Harlowton as a high school counselor.

When Paul returned to Kalispell he was elected city judge and fulfilled his responsibilities



with a firm hand and compassion.

Paul was involved in the Les Bauska Underground Shooting Range and Northwest Montana

Arms Collectors gun shows. Paul was an accomplished locksmith, earning the certificate of Master Locksmith from the Associated Locksmiths of America.

Tylor and Chase would like to invite those who knew Paul to the Kalispell VFW Post 2252 located at 330 1st Ave. W., Kalispell, between 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, for coffee and baked goods to celebrate Paul's life.

Stephen Ronnie Wills, 65

Stephen Ronnie Wills, 65, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at his home in Kalispell after a courageous battle with multiple medical conditions.

He was born March 14, 1952, in Missoula to Robert and Vera Wills. He attended Sentinel High School. He had a love for the great outdoors which he enjoyed with his horse Chad camping and riding through the Sapphire Mountains. He was dedicated to the Boy Scouts, earning almost every badge possible.

Following in his father's footsteps Steve's loyalty, pride and love for his country led him to the Marine Corps in 1970.

On April 29, 1975, Cpl. Stephen R. Wills, a helicopter mechanic and crew chief, was a victim of a tragic accident. According to an article written, 'Helo' Marine Awarded Medal. Cpl. Wills stated, the CH-46 Sea Knight aircraft (call sign YT-14) was on final approach to the USS Hancock and was waived off. The helicopter crew had been flying for almost 14 hours on "search and rescue" detail at this point when the pilot lost his bearings causing the CH-46 Sea Knight to crash into the sea. Cpl. Wills and the first mechanic were the only survivors of the crash. They spent approximately 48 minutes in the water prior to their rescue. Steve sustained broken legs and hip in the accident and spent five months in the hospital. The CH-46 Sea Knight was the last helicopter lost in Vietnam and Cpl. Steve Wills was one of the



worked for the Forest Service, drove truck and worked in sales management. He loved all that Montana offered; an avid hunter and fisherman he spent years enjoying the treasure state. A rugged cowboy by nature, he took after the old "Duke." Steve loved to take drives and knew every road, river, lake and stream. If you were one of the fortunate ones to ride with him you were guaranteed an adventure filled with captivating stories.

Steve had a quiet intelligence, a quick witty humor, he was very generous, and an exceptional "Master Grill" man and chef! Steve would help anyone the best he could, but he never had much himself. Steve would be the first one there if needed. According to his younger brother the best story about Steve was that everything was bigger than life itself.

Steve's loyalty embraced every fiber of his entire heart and soul

last two Americans wounded in Vietnam. Cpl. Wills was awarded a single-mission Air Medal for the actions he took earlier that day during Operation "Frequent Wind."

Steve returned home to Montana where he

for the Marines. In his final years his greatest mission was devoted to Yankee Tango 14 (YT-14). There was not a day that went by in the last 42 years that Steve didn't think about the fateful night April 29, 1975. He was passionate about the retrieval of his fallen brothers left behind in Vietnam and the retrieval of YT-14 that still sits at the bottom of the South China Sea; he hoped to see that mission completed before he was "called up to his final mission in heaven." His pilot and co-pilot are commemorated on a retired CH-46 helicopter in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum slated to be added to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in the coming years.

Whether you were his spouse, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, sibling, friend or family member the ones that knew him and loved him most thought of Steve as a "National Treasure." Semper Fi.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Vera Wills.

He is survived by his spouse, Kathy Skillestad, of Kalispell; his children, Shannon Zimmerman of Missoula, Shane Wills (Heather) of Wasilla,

Arkansas, Stephen Wills Jr. (Alicia) of Minnesota, Brandon Wills of Hawaii and Mardana Wills of Minnesota; several grandchildren, one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews; and his siblings, Robert Wills (Carlotta) of Missoula, and Randy Wills (Lisa) of Florence.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Kathy who dedicated her every being for caring for Steve in his final years. Her devotion and love to Steve's care will always be forever in our hearts. We would also like to thank Kristi, Laurie and Ryan Waldo for the love and support they gave to Steve during his last years with us.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with a celebration of life following at the VFW in Kalispell. In Steve's honor, "Come as you are."

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Steve's greatest mission Yankee Tango 14 (YT-14) <http://www.yankeetango14.com>. Yankee Tango 14 Recovery Project, 12725 East Poinsettia, Scottsdale, AZ 85259.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Ralph 'Jack' Wilson, 79

John Ralph "Jack" Wilson, 79, "went to be with the Lord" on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Jack was born October 9, 1936, in Geysler, Montana, to John and Mary (Madden) Wilson. He attended school in Geysler, where he loved playing basketball. After graduation from high school in 1955, Jack started working for the Great Northern Railroad in Great Falls. Jack was a carman on Burlington North and retired in 1998 from BNSF.

Jack joined the Navy in 1956 and was proud of being elected Honor Man by the men in his unit. The last 14 months of his enlistment he served on the Admiral's staff in Japan. After his discharge in 1960, Jack went back to work on the railroad. Two months later Jack met his future bride Ginger Fitzhugh, who was vacationing in Montana.

Jack and Ginger were married July 22, 1961, in Portland, Oregon. They made their home in Great Falls, Whitefish,



Washington state and Kalispell.

At the time of his death, Jack and

Ginger were married 54 years.

Jack belonged to Northridge Heights Church of God and Cornerstone Community Church.

Jack loved his family, daughter Teresa J. Nelson and son John V. Wilson. Jack would always work on the family cars, so John and Teresa learned from him.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Wilson, brothers Bruce Wilson and Norman Dean Wilson, nephew Wayne Faulk, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Jack is survived by his wife, Ginger; daughter Teresa and son-in-law, Andy Nelson, and their children Dalton and

Gillian, and son John V. Wilson, daughter-in-law Melissa, and their daughters Haley and Riley. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard and Jeanne Wilson, and James Wilson; sisters, Barbara Bessler, Terry Jo Messina, Carol Faulk, and Rita and Jerry Stulc; and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank all those phenomenal people at the veterans home that took such good, loving care of Jack and included Ginger in their care. Words cannot express the family's thanks.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Way, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Services for Jack will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 11, at the Cornerstone Community Church, 1970 Highway 93 North, Kalispell. A viewing will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at church.

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

Prudence A. 'Ann' Wilson, 90

Prudence A. "Ann" Wilson, 90, passed away in Kalispell on April 12, 2016.

Prudence was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Clarks, Nebraska. She grew up in Clarks and married William K. Wilson shortly after World War II. When he returned from the Army, William worked for the Union Pacific Railway until 1956. They then moved to Whitefish, where William worked for the Great Northern Railway.

Prudence worked at Central School in Whitefish in the library.

Prudence enjoyed sewing and gardening, raising their son, Brock, and returning to Nebraska in the summers to visit relatives. Prudence was active in Cub Scouts and

the Methodist Church. Prudence was close to the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and is survived by her son, Brock.

Thank you to Agape Home Care and to Frontier Hospice. Prudence was able to remain in her home for several years because of the wonderful care she received.

Memorial contributions may be made to Agape Home Care or to Frontier Hospice.

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

Rod Wilkerson, 60

Rodney Lee "Rod" Wilkerson was born Jan. 12, 1956 in Hamilton. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to Bozeman, so that his father could earn his engineering degree, at Montana State University.

When Rod was 5 years old, the Wilkerson family moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where he first met the love of his life, Kathy Kerr, whose family lived across the street. In the first grade, Rod was diagnosed with his first brain tumor, which set the course for his life in many ways. After leaving Walla Walla, the Wilkerson family moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, and then to Kalispell, Montana when Rod entered high school.

Rod graduated from Flathead High School in 1974, where he was a champion speech and debater and class president of the Flathead Class of 1974. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, majored in business marketing and was a big part of life in Sigma Nu Fraternity. Rod was a survivor, experiencing a second brain tumor while at MSU. But, he persevered and graduated from MSU in 1979.

Rod Wilkerson and Kathy Kerr were married in Walla Walla, Washington on June 16, 1979, and moved to Seattle, Washington, where Rod worked at the Ernst Home Center. They were transferred to Bozeman in 1980, when the Ernst store was built there, and made Bozeman their home ever since. They had two children: Jessica in 1984 and Drew in 1986. Rod started his own sales representative business, The Bottom Line, which allowed him to travel throughout Montana for many years. Later, he went to work selling tools and other products to Home Depot stores throughout



the state. He always loved returning to the Flathead and kept in touch with many old

friends.

His medical issues related to that initial brain tumor returned in the summer of 2015. Rod passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and daughter on Jan. 27, 2016, in Missoula, after visiting with his beloved mom. Rod was a Montana man and a Bobcat, through and through. He loved the mountains, the rivers, the wildlife and the entire landscape.

Rod was preceded in death by his father, Ron Wilkerson, his sister Shanna Wilkerson, and his grandparents. He is survived by his lifelong love, Kathy Wilkerson, his daughter Jessica and his son Drew in Bozeman. He is also survived by his mother, Sharon Wilkerson of Missoula, his brother and sister-in-law Mark and Kris Wilkerson of Utah, his brother and sister-in-law Dan and Mary Wilkerson of Colorado, and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws. Finally, he is remembered by the most incredible and supportive friends anyone could imagine.

Rod was buried alongside other family members at the Lonepine Cemetery in Darby, Montana. The family will also host a celebration of life in Bozeman at the Lindley Center on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at 5 p.m. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider donating to the Greater Gallatin United Way or the Heart of the Valley Humane Society in memory of Rod. Rod lived a life of love and compassion with a positive outlook that inspired nearly everyone he encountered over the 60 years of his life.

Ronald 'Cleve' Wilson, 79

Ronald "Cleve" Wilson of Columbia Falls passed away peacefully Feb. 29, 2016.

He was born on May 24, 1936, in Miles City to Forest Wilson and Gladys (Fraizer) Wilson. His father died when Cleve was still an infant. His mother raised him as a single parent and moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, when Cleve was in grade school. He graduated from Rapid City High School in 1954.

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

Cleve had many talents and interests throughout his life, including Boy Scouts and playing trumpet in his formative years. His most sustaining passion was fly fishing, which he enjoyed with his partner, Marilyn. He also tied his own flies for fishing. Cleve traveled



for much of his sales career, always seeking the best place for a good steak or pie. But his

favorite place was on the banks of a Montana river casting for the next big trout.

Cleve was preceded in death by Marilyn.

He is survived by his son Dean and LaVerna Wilson of Greeley, Colorado; son David Wilson of Rapid City, South Dakota; daughter Sharon and Casey Heupel of West Glacier; grandchildren Mistyque and Kaleb Menn, Martina and Logan Heupel; and great-grandson Rawson Menn.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Columbia Mortuary Chapel in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at Timber Creek Village, 375 Meadow Lake Blvd., Columbia Falls.

The family requests memorials can be made to Montana Trout Unlimited in memory of Cleve; Montana Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 7186, Missoula, MT 59807.

Carolyn Ann Wilverding, 78

Carolyn Ann Wilverding, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, in Columbus, Ohio.

She trained as a concert pianist, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Nazareth College and Master of Arts degree from Holy Names College. After retiring as an English and music teacher, she volunteered for nearly a decade at Bigfork Elementary in Bigfork, Montana, and Clintonville Academy in Columbus. She continued her music studies at the age of 75 at the Zurich Conservatory in Switzerland.

She was preceded in death by husband, Jerome; parents, John C. and Minnie B. (Wright) Dunlavy; brother, Jim

Dunlavy; and sister, Jean Maguire.

She is survived by daughter, Carolyn (Matthew) Cull; granddaughter, Charlotte Cull; and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Southwick-Good & Fortkamp Funeral Chapel, 3100 N. High St., Columbus; www.southwickfuneral.com

Private graveside service and interment at Riverview Cemetery, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice, c/o OPRS Foundation, 1001 Kings Mill Parkway, Columbus, OH 43229.

Arlis Winchester, 88

Arlis Winchester, 88, of Kalispell, died Oct. 17, 2016. Washington. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Services will be held in

Della Marie (Miller) Wipplinger, 92

Della Marie (Miller) Wipplinger, 92, was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Columbus, North Dakota. She was the youngest of three children born to William Anthony Miller and Ruth Ann (Prince) Miller. The family farmed in Opheim, until her father's health forced a move in 1932. The Millers bought a farm north of Charlo where Della first attended school. Della graduated from Dixon High School in 1941 and went to work for the seed house in Charlo.

She married Fritz Wipplinger that same year on Nov. 1, 1941. The couple ranched near Dixon for 51 years, and together raised two children, Barbara Ann and Fritz Gary, and adopted three more, Robert Bouley, and sisters Kathleen and Sheila Wipplinger.

Besides being a ranch wife and mother, Della was a 4-H leader for several years while her family was growing. She was also a Methodist Youth Fellowship group



leader and organized two Dixon all-school reunions in the mid-1970s. Della spent 35 years as Dixon School District

clerk, retiring in 1988. She served as treasurer for the Dixon Senior Citizen Center for many years and was chosen Senior of the Year in 1997.

Della enjoyed sewing, reading, gardening and was a volunteer to the first and second graders at Dixon during the 1990s, being affectionately known as "Grandma Della."

Della was preceded in death by her husband, Fritz Wipplinger, in 1992; her parents, William and Ruth Miller; one brother, Glenn James Miller; and one sister, Anna Ruth Barnier.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Wipplinger) McCrea

(Alvin), Kathleen (Wipplinger) Belanger (Robert), and Sheila (Wipplinger) Nelson (Jerry); and sons, Fritz Gary Wipplinger (Brenda), and Robert Bouley (Bonnie), 10 grandchildren, Tara [McCrea] Jolma, Trevor McCrea, Jodi (Wipplinger) Feist, Frederick Grant Wipplinger, Wayne Bouley, Frank Bouley, Lisa (Bouley) Holst, Bill Belanger, Danielle Belanger and Leah DuBois; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Mission Valley United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Montana Community Foundation (Wipplinger Scholarship Fund), P.O. Box 1145, Helena, MT 59624 or www.mtcf.org/Giving/Give-Now Fritz & Della Wipplinger fund.

Theodore F. 'Ted' Wirkus, 88

Dad was born on Jan. 27, 1928, (or 28-27-1 as he liked to tell people) in Minto, North Dakota, to Frank and Johanna Pokrzywinski Wirkus.

He passed away peacefully on Friday, April 1, 2016, at home surrounded by his wife and family. Dad was raised and lived in North Dakota and Minnesota until he joined the Army where he proudly served in the Korean War.

After he was honorably discharged, he moved to the Flathead Valley, where he worked on the Hungry Horse Dam, then went to work for Plum Creek until retirement.

On Aug. 16, 1952, he married Barbara Zahnow and they resided for 63 and a half years in Columbia Falls.

Dad's interests were camping, working on lawn mowers and other small appliances, and especially sitting in his garage by the fire reading Western books and sipping on a cold beer. He enjoyed visiting and harassing the checkers at Smith's and Super 1, the waitresses around town, and all the nurses who cared for him.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Wirkus and Johanna Zorzi; brothers, Amby and Dick Wirkus;



sister, Angie Wilcowski; grandson, Ryan Karlin; and his two little dogs, Mitzi and Charlie.

Dad is survived by his wife of 63 and a half years, Barb; daughters, Dana Karlin and George, and Deena Wirkus; son, Dave Wirkus, and Vicki; grandchildren, Chad Karlin, Stacey Morken, Lisa Shrock, Tim Rossol, and Lee and Jayden Wirkus; his great-grandchildren, Zak, Gage and Cole Karlin, Madison and Mark Morken, Alix Barrett, and Nik Rossol; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private burial with military honors took place on Monday, April 4, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

"Dad always seemed to have the last word or laugh and yep, Dad, you did it again on April Fools' Day. Dad, this isn't goodbye, we will see you later. You'll always be our favorite little Pollock."

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Wirkus family.

Shirley Ann Wise, 82

Shirley Ann Wise, 82, passed away Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 28, 1933, in Portland to George Carroll Watson and Florence A. (White) Watson.

Her childhood was spent enjoying the outdoors and numerous vacation trips around the United States. She continued her taste for adventure when she married Elbert Busselle and spent time as an Air Force wife in exotic locales like France, Germany, Turkey and Lakeside, Montana, in the 1950s and 1960s. Their union blessed her with three daughters, Dawn, Gloria and Cheryl.

Following their separation, she remained in the Flathead Valley where she met and married William John "Bill" Wise and welcomed his children Carrie and Mark into her life and heart as her own in 1971. They shared 39 wonderful years together until his passing in 2010.

Shirley loved people and cooking. She was known for her peanut brittle and would make cases of it every Christmas to give out as presents. She had an infectious laugh that couldn't help but make



you smile and there wasn't a person she met that she didn't touch.

She worked at various restaurants around the valley and was known for her cinnamon rolls at the Park Inn. She later worked at a variety of restaurants including the B&B Restaurant, the Bigfork Inn, Syke's, Buffalo Hill Golf Club, and spent seven years at the County Detention Center as the "jail-house cook." One of Mom's favorite ways of introducing herself was to say she "spent seven years in jail" qualified by "as the jail-house cook."

Her interests outside of work included the Humane Society, president of the Northwest Montana Arms Collectors Association, Hospice, and the therapy dog program.

After retiring, she and Bill would take their breakfast at Sykes' on a daily basis where they would spend time with old and new friends. She also loved to read and watch the classic movies from the 1940s to 1960s and was a master at old

movie trivia.

She is survived by her sister, Phyllis Watson, of Portland; daughters, Dawn Gienger and Kevin, of Kensal, North Dakota, Gloria Brown, Cheryl Busselle and Carrie Wise, all of Kalispell; son, Mark Wise, of Houston; grandchildren, Master Sgt. Becky Brown-Carlson of Puyallup, Washington, Irvin Mulfinger of Bismark, North Dakota, Ashley Powers of Kalispell, Matt Foster of Butte, Ariel Reasner, Cody Brown-Fitzgerald, Kris Allick, of Kalispell; Raylene Miller of North Dakota, and Lavon Miller of Kalispell; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that dona-

tions and thanks be made to Brendan House, Prairie Pod.

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

Join us as we
Celebrate the Life of
Shirley A. Wise



Sunday
August 7
1-3 P.M.

at the large pavilion
in Woodland Park

Deanie B. Witty, 77

Funeral services for Deanie Witty, a 77-year-old Buffalo, Wyoming resident, who passed away Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 22, 2016, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, in the Community Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. A private family interment will be held later. Donations in her memory may be made to the Buffalo Senior Center in care of the Harness Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo. Online condolences may be made at www.harnessfuneralhome.com

Haroldeen Bernice Witty was born on Dec. 27, 1938, in Kalispell to Harold and Maurine Leighty. She grew up and went to school in Whitefish, and graduated from Whitefish High School with the Class of 1956. After high school she worked as a personal assistant in an insurance office.

She was married on May 3, 1957, to Dale Witty and they made their home in Columbia Falls on a small farm. Deanie delivered papers, waited tables, drove a gravel truck and was instrumental in running the family hog farm until 1975. In 1979 they moved to Trego where she was a homemaker. In 1983 they moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, where she was manager of the Sheridan Holiday



Inn Banquet Department and was a teacher at the Red Grade Christian Academy. In 1995 they moved to Buffalo and Deanie worked at Colonel Bozemans, Pistol Pete's and helped her son Mike run Little Mike's small engine shop. Dale passed away in July of 2008 and she continued living in Buffalo until her death.

Deanie was an avid bowler, a member and prominent 4-H leader for many years, she judged the State Speech Meet at the Buffalo High School for several years, but her passion was spending time with family and friends. Deanie never knew a stranger.

She is survived by two sons, Mike and Monte Witty, both of Buffalo; three daughters, Susan Schmidt of Whitefish, LeAnn Wood and her husband Stephen of Oakley, California, and Carmen Christian and her husband John of Clearmont, Wyoming; two brothers, Duane Johnson and his wife Diana, and Allen Johnson and his wife Sue, all of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one son-in-law George Schmidt.

Melvin G Woldstad, 92

Melvin G Woldstad, 92, of Drummond, passed away from natural causes Monday, March 7, 2016 in Stevensville.

Melvin was born on June 24, 1923, in Kippen, Montana to Sigvart and Cora Woldstad. They then moved and established a Homestead in Valier. He started working on the family farm at a very young age.

Melvin entered the service on May 25, 1943. He served stateside and went overseas to Europe on Nov. 23, 1944. He received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart in service to his country. Melvin left the service Jan. 6, 1946.

On Jan. 19, 1946, Melvin married Marion Johnson in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, and returned to the family farm in Valier to raise a family. In 1964, Melvin was widowed and raised his seven children as a single father. In 1967, he moved his children to Western Montana, where he worked many years in sales. In 1970 he began working as a mail carrier, retiring in 1988.

Melvin was loyal, kind-hearted, humble and hard-working. He had many interests, which included all things to do with his children and grandchildren. He loved working on the ranch and any job that entailed horses or cows. He loved taking long drives to enjoy the beautiful Montana scenery. Melvin was very intelligent and could tell you anything about current events and past history.

Melvin was preceded in death by his wife, Marion Woldstad, in 1964; both parents, Sigvart and Cora Woldstad; brothers,



Carrol and Selmar Woldstad; sisters, Stella Risdahl, Alice Burford and Martha Stordahl; sons, Douglas and Ronald Woldstad;



daughter, Kathy Castlio; and great-grandson, Jace Woldstad.

He is survived by his sister, Clarice, and Tibb, of Conrad; brother, Marion, and Joni, of East Glacier; sister-in-law, Ethel Woldstad, of Browning; brothers-in-law, Norman Stordahl of Conrad and Duncan Burford of Billings; sons, Leslie Woldstad of Victor, David and Jolene of Kalispell, Kenneth and Lezlie of Polson, and Roger and Phyllis of Stevensville; and daughter, Janice Woldstad, of Missoula. Melvin had 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, along with many more family members and friends.

A celebration of Melvin's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2512 Sunset Lane in Missoula. A private burial took place on Thursday, March 9, at Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula.

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.

Carl Otto Wolf, 88

Carl Otto Wolf, 88, died at his home Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, in Whitefish.

He is survived by his children, Teri Wolf, Tammy Wolf, Matt Wolf,

Anthony Wolf and Peter Wolf.

No services are planned at this time.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gary Wolf, 55

Gary Wolf, 55, died Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, in Kalispell.

No services will be

held at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

June Frances Baney Woffenden, 88

June Frances Baney Woffenden, 88, died, Sunday, May 29, 2016, at her home in Eureka.

She was born May 4, 1928, in Libby, the daughter of Sheriff Frank and Victoria Dunston Baney.

June was a beloved mother and grandmother who was deeply devoted to her family.

She graduated from the University of Montana in 1952 with a pharmaceutical degree. In 2006 she was recognized as the longest-living registered pharmacist in Montana.

She was an avid drag racing fan and raced a 1951 Chevy truck that her father's estate provided her. She won many races and has plethora of trophies and medals to show for it!

June was a full-time mother to her six children, though she worked occasionally as a relief pharmacist. She was also a longtime member of the



auxiliary of Gideons International and delighted in putting New Testaments in the

hands of the many people she came in contact with.

June was loved by all and she was an inspiration to many. She had the kindest heart and the strongest desire to serve the Lord. Even her smile was enough to light up a room. You always

knew June was in the room because there would be an overwhelming feeling of joy and faith.

She will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

She is survived by her husband, Slim Woffenden; six children, David Woffenden, Douglas Woffenden, Diane Goyins, Jeffrey Woffenden, Jennifer Jessup and Jason Woffenden; and

nine grandchildren ranging from 4 to 36 years of age.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 6, at Fortine Community Church.

Memorials may be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 4094, Whitefish, MT 59937.

If you wish, you can place Bibles in June's memory through the Gideons International by filling out a Gideon card in your local church or going online to the

Gideons.org.

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

Jacqueline Diane Lucas Woods, 49

Jacqueline Diane Lucas Woods, 49, died suddenly Jan. 11, 2016.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Woods; mother, Jimmie Ball; and children, James

Thornton and Ashley Owen.

Services will be at noon Friday, Feb. 5, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell.

Donavon 'Don' F. Working, 91

Don Working passed away Feb. 10, 2016, at the age of 91.

The son of Floyd and "Tillie" Working, he is survived by his wife, Helen, three sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Don grew up on the prairie during the Depression in the small town of Scobey. Despite the hardships of the time, he enjoyed his youth. He was an avid Boy Scout, loved hunting and fishing, and competed as a boxer.

Upon graduation from high school, he pursued a number of vocations before settling on a primary career. In addition to tours in the Navy during World War II, where he participated in most major Pacific battles, and the Korean War, he tried his hand on the business end of a railroad spike maul, owned and operated a gas station, operated a custom combine, and worked as a bartender, millwright, commercial painter and car mechanic. When called back into service for the Korean War, he was stationed in Astoria, Oregon.

Helen joined him shortly thereafter and they were married in Seaside, Oregon, beginning a 65-year journey together.

As Don and Helen were starting a family, he applied and was accepted into the U.S. Customs Service where he had a



long and distinguished career, rising from an entry level border position to that of district director, where he became the only person in the history of the U.S. Customs to hold district director positions in three separate districts (Alaska, Texas and Virginia).

Following Don's retirement, he and Helen moved to Kalispell where Don turned to real estate development and put his all into constructing and refurbishing residential, apartment and commercial buildings. If not for a stroke at the age of 77, he would have continued. One of the projects of which he was most proud was the Whitefish Stage Professional Park. Think of him when you drive by it.

Don and Helen loved Kalispell and the wide group of friends and community that they have been so fortunate to become a part. Their family loved the Flathead Valley just as much and came to visit many times.

A funeral and reception are planned for 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. All are welcome to come and share their memories.

Chet Wram, 68

Whitefish native Chet Wram passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at home.

Born June 3, 1947, to Leanore and Oscar Wram, he attended Whitefish schools and graduated in 1966.

Upon graduating from Eastern Montana College he returned to Whitefish and began his 35-year career as a railroad engineer. He was looked up to as a leader and greatly valued the people that he worked with and their camaraderie.

On July 22, 1983, he married Kathy McGuire and from this union came two of Chet's proudest accomplishments, their son Bryan in 1986, and daughter JJ in 1987.

An avid outdoorsman, Chet loved fly-fishing, hunting, hiking, huckleberry picking, and basking in the wonders of Montana. He had many grand adventures with family and friends exploring the beauty of the outdoors.

Chet's hallmark of life was finding the good in the world around him, whether he was site-seeing in Italy with his wife, fly-fishing in Argentina, discovering the ruins of Turkey, or exploring Southeast Asia.

Chet generously shared



his appreciation, joy, and reverence for life with his wife Kathy, children Bryan and JJ, and his nieces and

nephews. His example is leaving a rich legacy in the lives of many.

"There are some who bring a light so great to the world, that even after they have gone, the light remains."

Chet enjoyed his time serving on the board for the Stumptown Historical Society and volunteering for Trout Unlimited.

Chet is survived by his wife, Kathy Wram; children, Bryan Wram of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and daughter JJ and Brock Robillard of Calgary, Alberta, sisters, Connie Wram McFarland of Las Vegas, and Paula and Steve Holte of Columbia Falls; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, and his good friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Trout Unlimited or North Valley Food Bank. A celebration of life is being planned for a later date.

MEMORIALS

Chet Wram

A memorial celebration of life for Chet Wram, 68, who died March 19, will be from

1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the Canoe Club, 4219 River Lakes Parkway, in Whitefish.

Brian W. Wray, 75

Brian W. Wray, 75, died at his home on Feb. 14, 2016.

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

Carroll 'Lefty' William Wright, 77

Carroll "Lefty" William Wright died peacefully at home in Whitefish, the afternoon of Feb. 11, 2016, with family by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; two daughters, Deborah Schloff and her husband Jim, and Carolanne Wright; a brother, Jim Butch Wright; sister, Linda Holler; along with a gaggle of five grandchildren, Bryce, Katie, Jack, Ryan and Evelyn.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Liam.

He was born in Salinas, California, on Dec. 25, 1938, and never once, throughout his life, complained about being short-changed of birthday gifts because the day fell on Christmas. Before Lefty could fully walk as a baby, it was made clear he was fascinated with cars — a love that would continue for the duration of his life. Lefty grew up in Alameda, California, and, when he reached driving age, was hot rodding through the streets in his El Camino with his best buddy, "Big Fred." He also loved to play football on his high school team.

Lefty decided the perfect career after working for the railroads was to become a police officer — an occupation that would allow him to drive fast without repercussion. During his time of 20 years with the Oakland Police Department, he was on car patrol, motorcycles, horseback and flew helicopters. At one point he caught a bank robber, to the delight of his then young daughters. When he retired from



OPD, Lefty went on to work another 10 years as an officer for East Bay Regional Parks, after which

he built his dream house on 40 beautiful acres in Whitefish.

Two things were constant in his life: the Acapulco restaurant in Alameda and ice cream. He also enjoyed restoring classic cars — including an El Camino, '56 Chevy and a Chevelle. Lefty was always tinkering with one project or another in his shop. Flying his small plane was a passion as well and he took many trips down to the San Francisco Bay Area and over to Oregon.

The flood of stories and messages received when Lefty fell ill with cancer in late 2015 show that he is truly loved and respected by those who knew and worked with him. One of his last conversations ended with, "I'm almost out of here. I'll see you on the other side."

True to form and not wishing to be fussed over, Lefty requested that in lieu of flowers a donation to Home Options Hospice be made in his name; 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

A memorial service will be held in his honor at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Ice cream will follow at 400 W. California Street, Kalispell (406) 257-5683.

Jammy Allen Wright, 42

Jammy Allen Wright, 42, died Sept. 20, 2016, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his mother, Ollie Clark, and children, Austin Wright,

Lita Wright, Hunter Wright and Summer Rain Wright.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Evelyn Wyman, 85

Mary Evelyn Wyman, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family on May 21, 2016.

She was born in Lothair, Montana, June 20, 1930, to John and Ethel Staudacher. Mary went to high school in Chester and Shelby and then attended the University of Montana in Missoula. She loved music and was a devoted piano teacher for over 45 years. She was a charter member of the Kalispell Area Music Teachers Association and was its president, vice president and treasurer at various times. Mary was also the district vice president of the Montana State Music Teachers Association.

She was a faithful member of St. Matthew Parish and Risen Christ Church. Mary loved sports and was an avid bowler for over 20 years. She never missed one of her kids' little league or high school games and continued to be a dedicat-



ed Braves fan even after her children finished high school.

Mary was married to

Richard Wyman for 34 years before his passing in 1984.

She is survived by her three children, Debi, of Missoula; Dan (Lexie), of Kalispell; and Dale (Nancy), of Phoenix, Arizona, as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her longtime friend and companion, Duane Enger, and her brother Raymond Staudacher (Reggie).

Mary was blessed with many close friends and family throughout her life, who will miss her dearly. There will be a funeral mass 11 a.m. on Monday, June 20, at Risen Christ Church, with reception to follow. She will be laid to rest in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.