

## Suzanne Kameon, 85

Suzanne Kameon passed away peacefully on April 29, 2016, in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 9, 1930, in Massapequa, New York. At the age of 7, the family pulled up roots and moved to Hollywood, California. Suzanne's life began with music! She studied the piano on a Steinway baby grand at the age of 7 and played into her 60s. At the age of 13, she competed in an event at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Hall, delivering a Rachmaninoff concerto composition and was crowned the winner. For the rest of her life music would be one of her great loves.

At the age of 19, Suzanne married Harry Bittner, and had two daughters. She also began an accomplished acting career in the world of theater and television. She was a cast member of many television shows in the '60s, including, "The Munsters," "77 Sunset Strip" and "Divorce Court," just to name a few.

Twenty eight years ago, Suzanne, with her second husband Herb Kameon, made a visit to the Flathead and one look at the palatial mountains, beautiful lakes and wonderful people of the valley was an encouraging factor in their move to Whitefish. Herb and Suzanne became deeply and passionately involved with the Whitefish community. One of Suzanne's greatest joys was her commitment to Alpine Theatre Project where she sat as chairwoman of the board for many years.

Suzanne is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Spooner and her husband,



Mike of Kalispell, and Wendie Kristy and her husband Brian from Toronto, Ontario; and three stepchildren Judy Otsi and her husband Eric, Kitty Kameon, and Paul Kameon, all from Los Angeles. She is also survived by her niece Diana Burckhardt. She greatly enjoyed her five grandsons, Dylan Bovee and his wife Laci, Stetson Spooner and his wife Anali, Christopher Balkou, Tyler Balkou, and Ian Otsi. Her heart was warmed and always had a twinkle in her eye by her five beautiful great-grandchildren who were her pride and joy! We would like to take a moment to mention the love, appreciation and many thanks for her caregivers, friends and personal assistants: Monica Foster who worked for Suzanne for 26 years, BonnieJean Reidinger, Stephanie Schroeder, and Joan Heidle.

Her life over the span of 85 years is filled with so many accomplishments it would take a book to write about them all. For those who knew Suzanne and her family, we invite you to a celebration of her life cocktail party at Iron Horse in Whitefish for an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

In lieu of flowers, Suzanne would have wanted donations for Alpine Theatre Project be sent to "Alpine Theatre Project" at P.O. Box 1959, Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Fred Kammerdiener, 74

Fred Kammerdiener, 74, passed away May 3, 2016, due to heart problems.

He was born and raised in Kalispell, the son of Fritz and Lyla.

Truly an adventurous soul, he served in the Navy from 1960 to 1964, and came home with a bride from San Francisco, Paulette.

They were married for six years and produced two children, Rene and Mark.

Fred bought and ran Ready Freddy the Sewer Doer for 28 years and passed it on to his nephew John, who now runs the business.

Fred traveled extensively to Central and South America and was presently married to his Peruvian wife Aliz. His passion was the culture



and history of the Mayan, Aztec and Incan civilizations.

Fred had an eclectic personality and great sense of humor, and was very inventive and artistically talented.

He is survived by his wife, Aliz; mother, Lyla; sister, Bonnie, and her husband, Steve; daughter Rene Roberts, and son Mark; two grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

Please join us for a celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. May 10 at Shining Mountains Center for Spiritual Living, 475 Eighth Ave. E.N., Kalispell, behind the Inter Lake building.

## Kathryn Ann Karlberg, 66

Kathryn Ann Karlberg, 66, of Missoula, died on Monday, Aug. 22, 2016, at St. Patrick Hospital of complications related to her recent diagnosis of acute leukemia.

She was born in Missoula on Aug. 3, 1950 and was blessed to be adopted by Karl and Carmen Karlberg in the first days of her life. Kay grew up enjoying the Farviews neighborhood where her father and grandfather built the family home. A highlight of summer during those years was attending Camp Watanopa, the Camp Fire Girls Camp on Seeley Lake. She worked through the ranks to become a counselor. A natural born athlete, Kay enjoyed all sports excelling in skiing. During her high school years she skied with the local ski team.

After graduating from Sentinel High School in 1969, Kay studied health and physical education at the University of Montana. Her years at UM were highlighted by her involvement in the Alpha Phi Sorority. Many lifelong friendships were made in the A Phi house.

Following her 1973 graduation from UM, Kay worked in sales at HO Bell Ford in Missoula, taught and coached girls basketball at Loyola Sacred Heart High School and volunteered as a Pink Lady in the ICU at St. Pat's.

Kay exuded a joyful, loving presence to all she knew. Her sense of humor and ability to put others at ease endeared her to her many friends and family members. Her gen-



erous heart spilled over to the animals she loved. From childhood on dogs, exotic birds and even

saltwater fish tanks were a constant in her life. Kay became a diehard Dallas Cowboy fan and was thrilled to travel to some of their games. She liked nothing better than sharing a cold beer with a friend and spending summers at their treasured place on Flathead Lake.

Her passing leaves a huge hole in the lives of those who survive her: her brother, Chris and wife Debbie of Kalispell and their family, her devoted friend Teresa Donahue of Missoula, the clan of Kreidel cousins and their families, her friends and her pets.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Kay by donating to the Humane Society of Western Montana, 5930 Highway 93 S., Missoula, MT 59804; or the Karl R. Karlberg Memorial Scholarship Fund at the UM Foundation. Donations may be mailed to UM Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159. Please write Karl R. Karlberg on the memo line.

A celebration of Kay's life will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, at the Doubletree Hotel, 100 Madison, Missoula.

Cremation is under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Thelma Marie Kassner, 92

Thelma passed away at Visions Senior Living Center in Apache Junction, Arizona, on Aug. 24, 2016. Her only child, Jay E. Kassner, of Anchorage, Alaska, was by her side.

Thelma was born Sept. 20, 1923, in Bigfork to James and Claire Ernster.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Ewald G. Kassner.

Thelma is survived by three grandchildren, Dr. Adam W. Kassner of Castle Pines, Colorado, Brittany M. Kassner and Courtney M. Kassner of Anchorage; and four great-grandchildren, Laura Kassner and Kirsten Kassner of Castle Pines, and Addyson Worthington and Noah Jay Worthington of Anchorage;



her older sister Jean Deering and her niece Linda Berquist of Edmonds, Washington; and her

sister-in-law, Elenore L. Fischbach of Kalispell.

Thelma was a lifelong resident of Kalispell.

She loved gardening, especially her flower gardens. She and her husband, "Dutch" loved to fish and camp out, spending days on Flathead lakes and rivers.

Her "spunky" personality will be missed by family and friends.

She was buried beside her husband at Trinity Luther Cemetery in Kalispell.

## James N. Kaylor, 66

James N. Kaylor, 66, died Tuesday, May 3, 2016, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Terry Kaylor, at the

family home.

No services are scheduled at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Joseph 'Joe' Samuel Kauffman, 87

Joseph "Joe" Samuel Kauffman, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at Lebanon Rehab Center in Lebanon, Oregon.

He was born on Leap Day Feb. 29, 1928, in Creston, one day after his mother's 40th birthday, the 12th child in a family that would grow to 15 children. He attended the Cayuse Prairie one-room school house and was one of the first in his family to graduate from high school. He also learned the value of hard work while helping with the family farm and sawmill. During the World War II era, Joe served his country as a conscientious objector serving as an orderly in a Colorado Hospital.

He met his future wife, Ruth Unternahrer, at Hesston College in Kansas. While they both were serving the hospital in La Junta, Colorado, they eloped and were married in Raton, New Mexico.

Joe was a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell and attended Lebanon Mennonite Church while living in Oregon. He was also a longtime member of the Flathead Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus.

He had a great love for music, both singing and listening to it. He often joined his six older brothers to present a cappella gospel music at local churches.

Joe had a great passion for sports and played league basketball past age 60. He also organized the church softball league in Kalispell and adult basketball leagues.

Brook School, a two-room school house several miles from his childhood home and also taught in Elrod School (Kalispell), Western Mennonite School (Oregon), Cayuse Prairie School (where he attended all eight grades as a child), Homer Christian School (Alaska), Kalispell Nazarene School, and finished his teaching career in the one-room Pleasant Valley School near Marion.

Joe lived the vast majority of his life near Kalispell, with brief stints in Colorado, Kansas, Alaska and Oregon.

Joe grew up in a hunting family and loved hunting trips into the Swan Valley and Bob Marshall Wilderness with family members. He also was the local guide for the Outspoken Tours hiking ventures into the Rocky Mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents, N.L. "Roy" Kauffman and Anna (Snyder) Kauffman; and 12 of his siblings, Reuben, Mabel, Ruth, Mary, Paul, Aldine, Bernice, Dave, Norman, Lilly, Jim and Sanford; one daughter, Kelli White; one son, Charles Upham; and one grandson, Jordan Carlson.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth U. Kauffman of Lebanon; two sisters, Gladys Reimer of Whitewater, Kansas, and Rosella Eby of Drake, Saskatchewan; four daughters, Kristina and Leonard Krabill, and Amy and Todd Borntreger of Lebanon, Tracy and Bruce Drury of Libby, and Sandra Cannon of Buda, Texas, five sons, Brent and Debra Kauffman of Lebanon, Doug Kauffman and Sherry Jolley, and Scott and Patti Carlson of Kalispell, Raymond and Jasmine Burland of Butte, and David Kauffman of Deer Lodge; 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a multitude of nephews, nieces and extended family.

Joe grew up in rural Creston, one of the youngest members of a large family. His strong value of family shown throughout his life, from his birth family relationships to his relationships with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joe (and Ruth) were foster parents to 60 children over many years with seven children coming into the household at a young age and being there until adulthood and remaining as close family members.

Joe taught school for many years, starting and ending his teaching career in small country schools in rural Northwest Montana. Joe began his teaching career in Mountain

A celebration of Joe's life will held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, at Mountain View Mennonite Church, 795 Mennonite Church Road, Kalispell, less than a mile from his place of birth.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Joe's name to the worldwide relief agency of Mennonite Central Committee, 1010 G Street, Reedley, CA 93654.

## James 'Jim' Kavert, 76

James "Jim" Kavert passed away in his sleep late on the night of Oct. 15, 2016, at age 76.

He was born Janis Boiko in Varakani, Latvia on Oct. 20, 1939. In 1942 his birth parents, three brothers and one sister were killed. He was found alive and spent his early years in various children's homes and camps. He was moved around Latvia and Germany as Russian forces advanced. In 1948 he was moved to the United States after World War II and adopted. Once in the U.S., at age 10 he started his schooling. In 1958 he joined the Marines.

He was married to Solvie Tollefson in 1962. They had two children, Denise and Eric.

His whole life he worked as a professional painter. He painted horse racing buggies and displays for McDonald's in the '60s and '70s and aircraft/rocket parts for Boeing until retiring in 2000. He then moved to Montana to be close to his son and grandchildren.

He loved bowling and was always in a bowling league throughout his life. He bowled on the Amateur Bowlers Tour circuit for a number of years. People who bowled with him knew him for his bowling cart that held up to six balls.

He was preceded in death by his birth par-



ents, brothers, sister and first wife, Solvie. He is survived by his children, Denise and Eric; his grandchildren, David, Kyle, Andrea and Jake; and

his great-grandchildren, Audrey and Riley. He also leaves behind his cats, Sandy and Sassy Anne; along with his good friend Sue and her daughter Cynthia Benefiel.

Jim's passion in life was bowling and his family will always remember him through the sport. His personality was truly unique and he is an irreplaceable person in the hearts of those who knew him.

Cremation was provided by Darlington Cremation and Burial Service.

## John J. Keane, 62

John J. Keane, 62, died Sunday July 3, 2016, in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Carol Cushman Keim, 82

Carol Cushman Keim, 82, died peacefully in her sleep on May 9, 2016, at the age of 82.

She was born April 9, 1934, to Edna and Beecher Cushman in Great Falls.

She married Lew Keim in 1953. They lived in Helena, Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Denver, before returning to Montana when Lew retired. Carol and Lew lived for more than 20 years on Whitefish Lake.

Lew passed away in 2011. Carol moved to Portland, Oregon, in 2012 to be closer to family.

Carol is survived by her five daughters, Kelly Mikeson of Stanford, Montana, Kathlyn Robinson and Jennifer Fortson of Portland, Mary Frame of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and Karin Padalino of Centennial, Colorado.



Carol is remembered fondly by her grandchildren, Jordan, Miles and Camille Robinson,

Claire and Mary Mikeson, Ryan and Kristen Maisenbacher, Jack Wise and Nicholas and Alex Padalino.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 16, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 230 Baker Ave. in Whitefish, followed by burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, located at 641 Conrad Drive in Kalispell. There will be a reception at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake from 1 to 3 p.m. at 1380 Wisconsin Avenue in Whitefish.

## Betty Marie Ann Kelly, 72

Betty Marie Ann Kelly passed away Feb. 26, 2016, in her home surrounded by family. She was 72.

Betty was born in Tacoma, Washington, on Oct. 3, 1943. Her parents were Clinton Ira and Violette Sylvia Maria (Hammeken) Honroth.

She married Herbert G. Kelly on April 14, 1965 in Tacoma.

Survivors include daughter Cynthia Meador; and stepchildren, George



Kelly and Tina Simpson; brothers, George and Marvin Honroth; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a vibrant soul who will be greatly missed.

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

## Terry Lynn Keller, 62

Terry Lynn Keller was born April 20, 1954, in Kalispell, and passed away on Aug. 1, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a short and unexpected illness.

"He now joins his parents, Charles and Viola Keller, in heaven."

Terry attended school in Evergreen and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. He worked hard his whole life, first in the woods with his Dad and brothers, and then Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, for many years and the North Dakota oil fields. Several years ago, he bought a home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, spending his time off and winters there and his summers in the Flathead.

On July 3, 1982, Terry married Rhonda Mackey in Kalispell, and two sons were born. Terry was so proud of his sons. Tony is a former Marine and now a deputy sheriff in San Diego County, California, and Joshua is a staff sergeant in the United States Marine Corps stationed in Japan. Rhonda and Terry later divorced. Terry also has a stepson, Dusty Sturgis, who lives in San Diego.

Terry played as hard as he worked, with a special passion for his cars. His red and black 1957 Ford Fairlane hardtop convertible was a real showstopper. His newest "baby" was a yellow and chromed-up 1933 Plymouth roadster that not only won races, but also was "Best Roadster" at last year's Evergreen Chamber Show 'n' Shine. They join his prized Harley Davidson and a 1989 Pontiac Firebird



Formula 350. He also loved to jet ski, snowmobile and boat. Just days before,

he picked seven gallons of beautiful huckleberries.

Terry was everyone's favorite uncle, delighting family and friends with his magic tricks and antics. He was so thoughtful of others, a soft-hearted guy willing to give and help, and beloved by his many friends.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Viola Keller.

He is survived by his son Tony and wife Sarah, and their daughter Aubrey; son Josh and wife Amy, and their children Gabriel, Colin, Scarlet and an unborn baby girl; his brothers Joe (Sheila) Keller and Lonnie (Debbie) Keller; sisters Mary (Frank) Cabbage and Bonnie (Laurie) Schuman; stepson Dusty Sturgis; his aunts and uncles, Lee Keller, Betty and Bud McDowell, Donnie Blasdel, Ed Blasdel, and Marie Woldstad; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family is so thankful for the outpouring of love and support from his many friends from Alaska to the Flathead to Arizona.

Services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 4th Ave W., Kalispell. Viewing is at 10 a.m., followed by services at 11 a.m. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is handling arrangements and caring for the family.

## Hedwig 'Hedy' Emelia Kelley, 72

Hedwig "Hedy" Emelia Kelley, 72, of Kalispell, passed away Aug. 5, 2016, after a courageous battle with a chronic illness.

She was born in Klogenfurt, Austria, to Franz and Julianna Loeschnigg.

She married Dennis H. Kelley in 1987.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis H. Kelley; stepchildren, Robert J. Kelley of Las Vegas, David M. Kelley of Kalispell, and Brandi R. Holcomb of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Hedy was preceded in death by her mother Julianna Loeschnigg



and father Franz Sr., and brother Franz Jr.

A celebration of life service will

be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a contribution be made to Montana Association of the Blind, Lela Proctor Chapter, Kalispell.

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

## Richard 'Dick' W. Keniston, 83

Richard "Dick" W. Keniston, 83, passed away Nov. 21, 2016, at the Village Healthcare in Missoula, surrounded by his family.

Dick is survived by his wife, Joyce Keniston, of 60 years, three children, Donna Caras and husband James Caras of Missoula, Gary Keniston and Mary Ingalls of Missoula, and Julie Reid and husband Larry Reid of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Jennifer Taylor and husband James Taylor of Missoula, Taylor Reid of Billings and William Reid of Kalispell; and three great-grandchildren, Devin and Nadellie Taylor of Missoula and Emry Wells of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

Dick was born Dec. 5, 1932, in Dickinson, North Dakota, to Theodore and Regina Keniston. They moved to Missoula when Richard was 9 months old. Dick attended Missoula County High School and graduated in 1951.

After graduation, his calling was to serve his country. He joined the Navy in December of 1951, and was on the aircraft carrier USS Princeton during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in December of 1955. It was when he came home from the war that he met the love of his life, Joyce M. Willard. Dick and Joyce were married in March of 1956, and enjoyed 60 years of marriage.

Dick worked at his father's concrete business until August 1963, when he became a police officer in Missoula. He retired in November of 1983 as a captain of the City Police Department. He was so proud of the time that he served — both in the Navy and the Missoula City Police Department.

Dick loved spending his free time with his family, especially his three children. He could be found many nights and days sitting in front of



his piano, playing and singing tunes. There were many all-night jam sessions enjoyed at the Keniston home, with furniture being

cleared out of the way for singing and dancing. One of his favorite things to do was go fishing, and to tell everyone the big tales of his adventures. Camping, hunting and playing cards were some of his other favorites.

Besides being called dad and daddy, his other favorite title was "papa." He took so much pride in his three grandchildren, and to make life even better, he became a "great-papa" and lived to see three more come around. Family was Dick's whole world. He loved being around all of his family. His passion for life was contagious and he was always playing pranks on his friends and family.

Dick leaves his family with the knowledge that they were loved unconditionally, and that they learned from him the importance of living life to its fullest. The twinkling of his blue eyes will never be forgotten, and will live on in his children, family and friends. Dick's smile and spirit will be missed. We will love you forever.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Regina Keniston; and his two sisters, LaRae Hayes of Helena and Marlene Standley of Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Missoula Aging Services or the Humane Society.



## Kevin Victor 'Vic' Kenmille, 52

Kevin Victor "Vic" Kenmille, 52, died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson. Funeral services are

pending.

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

## Michael T. Keretzman

Michael T. Keretzman died Jan. 20, 2016.

He is the son of the late Michael and Anna Keretzman, and husband of the late Jean Chapman Keretzman.

He is survived by his three children, Michael, Helen (wife of Bill Franks), and Mark (husband of Robin), 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and brother John (husband of Lois).

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Franciscus and Mary Sandoski.

Michael graduated from Scott High School,

Class of 1948, and retired as a maintenance foreman at Luken's Steel Company in 1992 after 42 years of service.

A public viewing will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with a funeral service to follow at 10 a.m. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Matthew's Church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Janice 'Jan' Kienas, 79

Janice "Jan" Kienas, 79, "returned to her heavenly home" on Feb. 21, 2016, after a valiant battle with cancer.

She was born January 20, 1934 to Christopher and Elizabeth Hansen of North St. Paul, Minnesota. She attended local schools in the area and graduated from River Forest Teacher's College in 1959 and accepted a call to serve at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Kalispell.

Once in Kalispell, she started playing the organ and did so for the next 57 years. Her love of music guided her to directing the English hand bell choir. While remaining a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, she served on numerous boards; made Lutheran world relief quilts; was part of LWML, Bible Study Fellowship, the lay ministry and any other areas she was lead to serve.

She was married to Arnold Kienas in 1961 and lived on the family dairy farm for 10 years. After Arnold's passing, she moved to a "mini farm" and took up gardening. Her love for planting and soil grew into a commercial business for vegeta-



bles and some fruit. Many will miss her vegetable signs on the side of Three Mile as well as

her field of sunflowers.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher and Elizabeth Hansen; and her husband of six years, Arnold Kienas.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Kienas and husband Jeff Dykes; her granddaughter Cassie Bucher and fiancé Richard Mock; her grandson Michael Graham; her great-grandsons Dane and Kail Mock; as well as, an abundance of others who simply called her Grandma. She will be greatly missed in all aspects of our lives. She was a very special woman whose love, care, and show of faith will be cherished.

Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Kalispell's local Humane Society in her name.

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

## Katrina B. 'Kitty' Kiger, 77

Katrina B. "Kitty" Kiger, 77, of Kalispell passed away Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born March 9, 1939, in Normal, Illinois, to Leroy and Grace Koehler.

She attended Fenger High School in Chicago, where she graduated in 1957.

Katrina was employed at Rand McNally in Hammond, Indiana, where she met her husband Donald. She later moved to Salt Lake City where she was employed by Lady Fair Kitchen and later IMC Mint Corporation. Katrina's love of the great outdoors inspired her and the family to pack up and move to Bozeman where she worked for Montana State University School of Nursing. She later ventured her way up to Kalispell, working various jobs including Jean Factory/Clothes Gallery, Flathead County Title and Eisinger Motors, where she retired in 2014.

Katrina had a passion for hunting, fishing and camping. She loved to spend her time doing intricate cross-stitching where she won many awards for her entries at the Northwest Montana Fair. She loved the chal-



lenge and mastered crossword and Sudoku puzzles. She was actively involved and held an officer's

position with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Katrina was preceded in death by her loving husband Donald, and her parents, Leroy Koehler and Grace Koehler.

Katrina is survived by her children, Bryan McCray (Rebecca), Greta Kiger (Chris Bush, significant other), Genelle Kidd (Bill), Jeffrey Kiger, Bryan Kiger (Debbie), Michael Kiger (Penny), and Leigh Ann Allegra (Jim). She is also survived by her sister Nancy Behling, and brother Richard Koehler; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins; and her very special friend, Pauline Smith.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Veterans Pantry, Kalispell.

## Hope King, 65

Hope King, 65, passed away on Sept. 18, 2016, at North Valley Hospital.

Hope was born May 9, 1951, in Hayward, California.

She married Tom King on May 3, 1997, in Columbia Falls.

Hope had various careers: She started working in a nursing home in California when she was 16; she worked in Olney for the State Forest thinning trees; in the early '80s she painted houses; she worked for hospice in Livingston; and, after moving back to Columbia Falls, she worked at the veterans home, cared for Catholic nuns, and also worked at Montana Pottery Shop. She loved to paint, draw and spend time with her grandchildren.

Hope was preceded in death by her father, Donald Brandon, and grandson, Pisha Brandon.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas King; three children, Donovan Rico, Ian Rowe and Jamie Brandon; mother,



Bernadette Brandon; sister, Wendy Histon; brother, Donald Brandon; three

granddaughters, Brittney, Ashley and Jade; grandsons, Logan Rico, Eathon Brandon and Isaac Mea; and great-grandson, Braxton. She also leaves behind many friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made for Hope's grandchildren's future education expenses to the Tom King Educational Fund at Whitefish Credit Union, 320 Nucleus Ave, P.O. Box 1322, Columbia Falls.

A memorial service for Hope will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, at Columbia Mortuary. A potluck lunch will follow services at 12:30 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Hope's family.

his children, Rick King, Velma "Gee" Weaver, Dave King, Selena King, Ronda King and Ellen King. He has 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. June 11 at the Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

## Richard King, 90

humorous personality. He played in most bars, grange halls, senior centers and campfires from across

the valley to Eureka. He enjoyed his 90 years. He is survived by



Richard King "was called peacefully to heaven" April 11, 2016, to be with his wife, Martha and his grandchildren, Trista King and Chris Weaver.

He was a cowboy at heart and music led him down his path to happiness.

He worked many years at Canyon Logging with his

## Jim King, 81

Jim King, 81, was born in Kalispell Oct. 11, 1934, and died at home in Whitefish after a brief bout with cancer on Aug. 20, 2016.

Jim graduated from Whitefish High School in 1951 and served in the Army for two years. He studied for two years at Montana State College and later graduated from Gonzaga University in 1964.

Jim was best known for his big smile for one and all, his gentleness, his patience with everyone and his love for the Lord Jesus. He and his wife worked as volunteers for Wycliffe Bible translators for 11 years.

He is survived by his

wife, Rebecca; and his four children, Tary King, Anne Regh, Aric King and Cortni King, and their spouses, Anita, Jeff Regh and Kate and fiance Mark Harant; eight grandchildren, Justin King, Jeremy King, Ryan Brubaker, Jordan Thomas, Joshua King, Jesse King, Mackenzie Oliver and Skylar Sinz and spouses, Erica Brubaker, Tremaine Thomas and Aaron Oliver. He is also survived by two great-granddaughters, Browynn and Elena Thomas; and his three siblings, Bob King, Fred Miller and Joyce Rogers.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. this Saturday at Calvary Chapel Whitefish.



## Joyce Rae (Joy, Vlasak) Kinshella, 79

Our most cherished soul and beloved Mom and Grammie left us "to be with the angels" on Aug. 10, 2016.

Joyce touched everyone's lives in the most sincere and beautiful way. She never let a moment go "unsassed," or a person unloved. She was a woman of great strength, and if you knew her, you know she didn't leave without a fight. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Joycie during her 79 years, among them: anything can be built from clothes pins and popsicle sticks, Velveeta cheese and shoe boxes were great drawer organizers, and never break the rules. Her years were spent teaching her daughters and granddaughter to be strong, loving women and her grandson how to treat a lady. Joycie leaves her family comforted knowing she will be the finest guardian angel to the great-grandbaby she was not able to meet.

Joyce loved to dance, was a busy knitter, and spent countless hours crocheting doilies. She was quick to make anyone a pair of slippers. Her incredible embroidery work was always a welcome gift, making sure all of her family and close friends each had a set of beautiful dishtowels to cherish. Recently, Joycie discovered adult coloring books, which was reminiscent of the many, many hours she spent coloring



with her grandchildren when they were young. She treasured her time dancing and putting

together expert puzzles with her best friend, Bob. She enjoyed canning fresh fruits and pickles, was an amazing baker, and had a sweet tooth she never attempted to deny. Joyce was an excellent marks-woman, and loved to fish, hunt and camp.

Joyce had a great gratitude for hummingbirds, which symbolize the enjoyment of life and lightness of being. Her favorite knickknacks and decorations are those with "God's Tiny Miracle." Hummingbirds are said to express love more fully which describes Joycie better than anyone ever could.

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A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

*Editor's note: Another obituary for Joyce Kinshella has also been submitted for today's paper.*

## Joyce Rae (Joy, Vlasak) Kinshella, 79

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Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Ernie and Ida; two sisters, JoAnn Hall and Arlene Knutson; and two nieces.

She is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Stevens (husband Bob) and Sherene Joy; grandson, Brandon Dewey (wife Tasha); granddaughter, Ashley Dewey; sister, Norma (husband John) McGregor; many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families; also her bestest friend Bob Bradford, his children Mitch, Jimmie, Tammie, and Debbie.

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ing books, which was reminiscent of the many, many hours she spent coloring with her

grandchildren when they were young. Joyce had a green thumb that would make everyone jealous. She enjoyed canning fresh fruits and pickles, was an amazing baker, and had a sweet tooth she never attempted to deny. Joyce was an excellent markswoman, and loved to fish, hunt and camp.

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Joyce touched everyone's lives in the most sincere and beautiful way. She never let a moment go "unsassed," or a person unloved. She was a woman of great strength, and if you knew her, you know she didn't leave without a fight. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Joycie during her 79 years, among them: anything can be built from clothes pins and Popsicle sticks, Velveeta cheese and shoe boxes were great drawer organizers, and NEVER break the rules. She was a leading example of motherhood. Her years were spent teaching her daughters and granddaughter to be strong, loving women and her grandson how to treat a lady. Joycie leaves her family comforted knowing she will be the finest guardian angel to the great-grandbaby she was not able to meet.

Joyce loved to dance, was a busy knitter, and spent countless hours crocheting doilies. She was quick to make anyone a pair of slippers. Her incredible embroidery work was always a welcome gift, making sure all of her family and close friends each had a set of beautiful dishtowels to cherish. Recently, Joycie discovered adult color-

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## Matthew Scott Kirton, 25

Sgt. Matthew Scott Kirton, 25, of Clarksville, Tennessee, passed away suddenly on Dec. 31, 2015, in Clarksville as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Matthew was born on Oct. 23, 1990, in Santa Ana, California, the son of Jeannie (Virginia) Butler and William Butler of Polson. He attended elementary, middle and high school in Murrieta, California.

Matthew was married to Shelby Fenger in 2012 in Las Vegas. He spent 3.5 years in defense of our country in the military. Matthew had just been promoted to sergeant at Fort Campbell with the 160th Night Stalkers. He served a tour in Afghanistan, received 10 medals, and conquered Airborne and SERE school. He worked as a mechanic on helicopters and was an excellent sharpshooter. Matthew attended several training schools within the Army and excelled at each with a tremendous amount of achievement to be proud of during his time in the military.

Anyone that knew Matthew knew his passion and love for motorcycles and dirt bikes was huge. He has been an avid rider since around 10 years of age. He also had been professionally trained to race dirt bikes. He recently became a nationally certified ATV and off-road course instructor in Clarksville. He loved and enjoyed working on mechanics of autos and bikes. He had enjoyed playing the guitar since his early teens up to recently. He really loved and enjoyed firearms and shooting. His other passion was working out at the local gym, which is where you would find him if not



He also liked collecting watches and wearing them.

Matthew had a heart for dogs and a huge love for his Max, Sadie and Bella. Those were his babies and he loved them dearly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Opal and John Kirton; great-grandmother, Louisa Lovering; and grandmother, Ruth Ruggles.

In addition to his loving parents "who miss you so very much and love you forever," he will be missed by his wife Shelby Kirton of Clarksville — "I will love you always and can't wait 'til we meet again"; adoring siblings, brothers John Michael Kirton and Brett Butler; and sisters Wendy Caporale, Danielle Lopez, Erika Seirup and Breana Sanders; grandmother, Delia Ruiz; uncles, and lots of nieces and nephews and cousins; and in-laws, James and Brenda Fenger, who love him and will miss him. A celebration of life, visitation and video presentation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10, at the chapel of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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once, but twice a day at times! When he was very young, he and his brother John trained in the art of taekwondo for a couple of years.

## Nan Klassen, 89

Nan Klassen died on Oct. 6, 2016, at Spring Creek Inn, a memory care facility in Bozeman. After a long decline from dementia, she passed away peacefully in her sleep early in the morning. She was 89.

She was born Nan Bernstein in 1927, the middle daughter of Fritz Bernstein and the former Margaret Niccolls, in Grand Island, Nebraska. Along with her older sister, Mary, and younger brother, Tom, Nan and her family moved to Columbus, Nebraska, during her teenage years, where she graduated as salutatorian from Kramer High School in 1945.

She graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in home economics and nutrition, and later earned a master's degree in public health from the School of Public Health at Harvard University.

Nan was a strong, indomitable woman who believed deeply in helping others and speaking her mind, even as a bout of polio in her early childhood left her with a slight but lifelong limp, and reduced vision in one eye meant her glasses were never more than an arm's reach away. Throughout her life, Nan took many people from all walks of life under her wing, acting as friend, mentor and surrogate family to those in need.

school classes by the age of 9. A gifted piano player and accomplished sight-reader, she played the piano and organ for many decades to follow. During her time at Iowa State, she played in several local big bands, including the Dean Bushnell Orchestra, which gave her the opportunity to stay out past the curfew imposed on women students. She liked to tell her children how, as a young woman in Boston, she bought symphony tickets even before paying for a phone to be installed. As she said to a reporter for the Daily Inter Lake in November 2000, "The first thing I did (in Boston) was buy a season ticket to the symphony. If it meant I might sometimes be hungry, that was OK."

During the Depression, when times were tight in Grand Island, a kind piano teacher gave Nan twice-weekly lessons, even though her parents could only afford one lesson a week. As an adult, she took this kindness to heart, and often paid for piano lessons for talented young students of limited means. When Glacier High School opened in Kalispell, she donated her grand piano to the school's music program. Throughout her life, she was a volunteer accompanist for school orchestras, choirs and community theater productions as well as for church services, where she nurtured a love of Bach.

Rose Funk, who became lifelong family friends.

After Leonard died in 1994, Nan continued to live in Bigfork, eating dinner at "her" table several times a week at Showthyme and donating her time and support to many causes around the Flathead Valley. At a time in her life when many enjoy sleeping in, Nan was up and out of the house by 7 o'clock in the morning to volunteer as an accompanist with the Bigfork High School choir, getting to know a generation of children through her piano playing. She was a founding member, generous supporter and organist for the Flathead Valley United Church of Christ in Kalispell. She also attended concerts and supported the Glacier Symphony and Chorale (formerly the Flathead Valley Chamber Orchestra). A great fan of the Canadian Honens Piano Competition for emerging young artists, she traveled to Germany, New York City and Calgary over the years to watch the trials.

She was very happy to become a grandmother and treasured the time she spent with her four

grandchildren.

Her final years were marked by the onset of dementia, yet during that time she revealed a cheerful, almost mischievous side, telling stories of her childhood, family and early years as long as she was able, and occasionally playing the piano.

She is survived by her three children, John of San Ramon, California, Tom of Windsor, California, and Jane Klassen of Bozeman; her daughters-in-law, Joyce Klassen and Stephanie Klassen; her son-in-law, Rob Walker; and her four grandchildren, Fiona and Hugh Klassen, and Hardin and Magrath Walker.

In lieu of a funeral or memorial service, the family intends to hold a celebration of Nan's life next summer at the family home in Bigfork. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials in her honor may be sent to local symphonies and choirs, or to organizations supporting musical education and young musicians.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman; [www.dokken-nelson.com](http://www.dokken-nelson.com)

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Before her marriage, Nan worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, traveled the state of Michigan while working for the public health department, and worked for the Women and Children's Hospital in Buffalo, New York.

She met Leonard Klassen at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, where she was teaching pediatric nutrition and he was completing his medical residency. They married in 1961 and moved to Alberta, Canada, where Leonard practiced as a doctor and Nan pursued her career as a dietician and nutritionist in hospitals, schools and nursing homes.

Nan and Leonard started their family in Canada, with the arrival of John in Edmonton in 1963 and Tom in High Prairie in 1964. The family moved as Leonard practiced medicine in Devils Lake, North Dakota, Milk River, Alberta, and Rolette, North Dakota. Leonard joined the Smith Clinic in Glasgow, Montana, and daughter, Jane, was born in Glasgow in 1966. The family thrived in Glasgow for the next 17 years.

Music was a lifelong source of joy and inspiration for Nan. She learned to play the piano as a young girl, and was playing for her Sunday

In Montana, she continued her work as a dietician while raising their family. Through the government's Head Start program, she worked to improve conditions for Native American children on the surrounding reservations, combining good nutrition with early education.

She and Leonard enjoyed entertaining, and Nan was known to their community of friends as an intrepid hostess and adventurous cook, who loved learning about new dishes and foreign cuisines from colleagues and friends. In an era of Chef Boyardee and Hamburger Helper, she stocked her pantry with exotic items like gallon jugs of Kikkoman soy sauce (purchased at a favorite Asian grocery store just across the Canadian border) and served otherwise unknown dishes like fresh artichokes, homemade Rice-a-Roni, and popovers with flair.

After 17 years in Glasgow, Nan and Leonard moved to Columbus, Montana, for six years before finding a home overlooking Flathead Lake in Bigfork. They quickly became regulars at Showthyme, the downtown restaurant opened in 1990 by Blu and

## Mary B. Klinkam, 60

Mary B. Klinkam, 60, died Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in Kalispell. No services are

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

## Paul E. Klapp, 69

Paul E. Klapp, 69, of Bigfork, died Nov. 2, 2016, in Kalispell.

Paul is survived by his wife, Linda Romano; as well as his children, Michael Klapp, Tara DiDomenico and Leigh Ann DiDomenico.

There will be a Mass served in honor of Paul at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 5, at St. John Paul II Catholic Church, in Bigfork.

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

## Ronald W. Kizer, 82

Ronald W. Kizer, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Jan. 17, 2016.

Ronald was born in Forest Grove, Montana, on June 3, 1933, to Eustus and Edna (Dundom) Kizer. He was raised in Forest Grove and attended schools in Fergus County.

In 1953 he married Ruth Buckentin in Lewistown. Throughout Ronald's life he was a

farmer, rancher and millwright.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming, canoeing, volleyball and spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of the Church Property board, helped the elderly with multiple repair work, did missions to Mexico, and helped build a church.

After 49 years of marriage, Ruth passed away.

Ronald later married Barbara Olsen-Hanson on Dec. 29, 2004.

Ronald is survived by wife, Barbara Kizer; sons, Randy Kizer and Trina, and Rory Kizer and Joann; daughters, Reva Wells, and Rona Dubai and Dan; step-children, Gary Hanson Jr., Deborah Brown and Jeff, and Judy Peiffer; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and

sisters, Norma Brown and Fern Fisher. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church with private family burial. Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## John A. Klassen, 71

John A. Klassen died unexpectedly at home in Whitefish on Aug. 3, 2016, at the age of 71.

John was born on Nov. 9, 1944 in Canby, Minnesota, and grew up in Dilworth. He earned a degree in music at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. After graduation, he was accepted into the United States Army Field Band and was promoted to the Jazz Ambassadors. After his four years of service, John taught in Rothsey, Minnesota, and Poplar before settling in Whitefish.

In 1990, he married Susan, gained two stepdaughters, and they moved to their ranch, where together they transformed it into their perfect paradise.

Similar to many others in his family, John was a carpenter and became an accomplished wood worker. He spent his free time building many items, including cedar strip canoes and intricate wooden toys. Other passions included caretaking the ranch (no weed was safe in his presence), horseback riding, and canoeing. Each year, he looked forward to returning to his rustic Minnesota lake cabin and maintaining his lasting friendships.

John was an avid reader and lifelong learner in multiple languages. In his travels, he never encountered a used bookstore



that he did not like.

John (aka "Papa K") taught band for many years in Whitefish, where he shared his love of music, set high expectations, and helped his students to not only meet but exceed those expectations. He retired in 2006, but kept in touch with many of his students, as he was more than just a teacher but also a friend.

John will be greatly missed by his students, his friends, his animals, and most of all his family.

John is survived by his wife Susan, stepdaughters Amy Winslow and Lisa (Jared) White, grandchildren Hudson and Hadley, a sister Jane Klassen, and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Abraham and Helen.

An open house is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Klassen home. A similar event will be held in Minnesota at a later date. As his family, students, colleagues, and friends gather, it is expected that one will hear many stories reflecting John's dry sense of humor, optimistic outlook on life, and his unconditional acceptance of all he knew.

## William R. 'Bill' Knapton, 65

William Knapton passed away early on the morning of Dec. 17, 2016, at Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence, Oregon.

Bill was born March 19, 1951.

Bill spent considerable time traveling, doing construction work and visiting friends. Bill had amazing mechanical and woodworking skills just as his father did, and was frequently working with his hands. He also seemed to love to play and party, and was never without a joke of questionable appropriateness and a warm laugh. Bill loved to share the tale of how he landed a job, stating that he met with the proprietor, provided his qualifications, stated that "A farting horse will never tire, a farting man is the one to hire," followed by audibly releasing gas, and was hired on the spot.

Bill served our country by enlisting in the Army and heading to Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic where he served between 1969 and 1971. He was often brutally honest, not with-

holding his beliefs and values, but rarely shared his military experiences.

Bill loved the water ... boats, swimming, snorkeling and even scuba diving. Though he was born in the far inland mountain town of Whitefish, he often found recreation on or in the water. He finally settled in on the coast in Florence where he could walk the beach every day, visit his parents and never be too far away from the water.

Bill's passing was preceded by his parents, Marvin and Irene Knapton of Florence, and sister Patty Sanderson of Kalispell.

He is survived by his sisters, Jean Sedivy of Columbia Falls, and Mary Knapton of Everett, Washington; and sons, Travis of Havre, and Brandon of Kooskia, Idaho. Bill was the grandfather of 13, and great-grandfather of two.

Condolences may be sent to 223 Blue Bird Dr., Kooskia, ID 83539.

No services will be held, but interment will be planned for late spring.

## Joseph Knebel, 54

Joseph Knebel, 54, of Kalispell died Sept. 20, 2016, in Kalispell.

No services are being

held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Doris E. Knight, 52

Doris E. Knight, 52, of Bigfork passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Dec. 2, 2016. Doris was born Nov. 19, 1964. Services

are being planned in Hamilton.

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

## Lilac Elaine (Sorensen) Knox, 84

Lilac Elaine (Sorensen) Knox, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, of natural causes, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

A celebration of life

service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lilac Elaine Knox, 84

Lilac Elaine Knox, 84, "Grandma Knox," passed Jan. 3 of the New Year, 2016. Present with her were sons, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and friends.

Grandma was born in Hurley, South Dakota, on a farm shared with four brothers and a sister. While in her 20s, she moved to Thermopolis, Wyoming, where she married the love of her life, "Grandpa" Jack Foster Knox in November of 1959.

Together they ran the Washakie plunge, a natural hot spring swimming pool in that town. They retired to Whitefish in 1976, but quickly grew restless. They found employment for several years with Norwest Bank, and eventually settled at Bissell School as custodians. They loved taking care of the school, and found great enjoyment mingling with the teachers and students.

Lilac was a pianist for the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church choir for several years, as well



as a big part of the quilters group.

Lilac was preceded in death by her husband, Jack

Knox; parents, Alfred and Tena (Larsen) Sorensen; brothers, Lorell, Lowell, Glenmore and Carroll; and grandson, Thomas Jack "T.J." Guthrie.

Lilac is survived by sons, Owen of Wyoming, and Marty of Whitefish; daughters, Bonnie of Utah, and Nancy of Washington; a sister, Adele Ackerman, of South Dakota; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with a luncheon to follow.

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

## Lauri Kola, 71

Lauri Kola died on Nov. 25, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center following a brief, fierce battle with pneumonia, which was preceded by a diagnosis of prostate cancer on Nov. 2, leaving a grieving family behind, but grateful for having had an opportunity to say final good-byes.

He was born in Heinola, Finland, on Aug. 17, 1945, to his Finnish-American mother, Helmi, and his father, Olavi, the fifth of six children. They moved to the U.S. in 1950. Lauri lost his mother at a young age. He grew up in New England and, despite some hard times, retained fond memories of the years spent in Enfield, New Hampshire. He attended high school in Enfield, but graduated his senior year at Northwood Prep school in Lake Placid, New York, in 1963.

He joined the Navy and was honorably discharged four years later. While in the Navy, he spent some leave time in Alta, Utah, skiing with his brother.

He fell in love with the West. Following his stint in the military and a semester in college in Rhode Island, he headed west again and met his future wife, Susan Copenhaver, again in Alta, and spent the next three winters enjoying the ski-bum/lifestyle while traveling in the summers.

He reluctantly gave up that carefree life when he and Susan moved to Missoula in 1970 where he finished his college education at the University of Montana, got married and started a family, recalling later an "existential moment" (one of his favorite phrases) in which he looked down the long path of work, supporting his family and parenting for the next 40 years, which he did diligently and effectively.



and fishing in the time-honored Montana way until he became too soft hearted to hunt as he aged.

In 1977, with two sons, Max and Joe,

in tow, Lauri and Susan moved to Kalispell where he continued to serve in the same capacity as a school psychologist with Kalispell School District No. 5 until his retirement in 2011. His daughter Jill was born in Kalispell in 1979.

He loved his family. He was intelligent and reliable, a good cook, proud of his Finnish heritage, enjoyed reading, loved musicals, a poor singer who nevertheless enjoyed singing, reveled in making the kids' sweethearts sweat blood, often embarrassed the family in social situations, espoused a looney

human life on earth with no basis whatsoever to support it, and was obstinately sedentary in his retirement years. Those who could handle him were endeared to him; he knew how to forgive and never held grudges. We would give much to have him back.

Lauri was preceded in death by his mother and father, as well as his brother, Ike.

He leaves behind his wife, Susan; sons, Max Kola of Missoula, and Joe Kola of Jackson, Wyoming, with his wife, Tracy, ("M.Y.O.B. Lauri!") and twin grandsons, Caden and Jack; daughter, Jill Jacobson, with her husband Brandon, of Whitefish; four siblings, Imppa, Irene, Vaino and Peter; and many nieces and nephews.

## Bill Koenig, 56

William "Bill" Koenig passed away on Oct. 27, 2016, at his home in Kalispell, surrounded by his loving wife and children, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

"Billy" was born on June 22, 1960, to Bob and Marlene Koenig in Kalispell. He was the oldest of four children and from an early age took pleasure in working alongside his family on Koenig Brothers Farm. He attended Trinity Lutheran elementary school and then graduated from Flathead High School in 1978.

After high school, Bill continued to pursue his love of farming and completed several years of study at Montana State University in the College of Agriculture, remaining an unabashed Bobcat fan all his years. Throughout his schooling, he was active in both FFA and Alpha Gamma Rho.

Bill returned to farming in the Flathead Valley and soon met Karen Sorensen, a "city girl" from Minnesota whom he married on Aug. 2, 1986. Together they had five children and were blessed with 30 years of marriage. His steadfast love and commitment to his family will be forever cherished.

As a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Bill served wholeheartedly in various roles over the years, ranging from board chairman to pancake chef and everything in between. His dedication to service was also seen in his investment

His first job following college was out on the Hi-Line serving learning-disabled kids in rural schools and acquiring the necessary skills to do it well. He also learned to appreciate the Big Skies of eastern Montana and loved the state in all its uncrowded glory, hunting



in youth programs; whether that be cooking for Young Life, organizing school history

trips, or teaching Sunday school.

Even while facing cancer, Bill sought to live his life as a testament to God's goodness.

"His faithful presence and generous heart will be missed, but celebrated as he finds eternal peace and healing with his heavenly Father."

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

He was preceded in death by his father Bob Koenig.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; their children, Ted, Margaret, Ann, Tim and Matthew; his mother, Marlene (Gene) Toepke; his sister, Mary (Mark) Smith; his brothers, Bob (Barb) Koenig, and Kelly (Pam) Koenig; his uncle and aunt, Herb and Vonnie Koenig; as well as many friends and family.

In lieu of gifts, please send contributions to Trinity Lutheran School or Child Care at 400 W. California St, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with a lunch reception to follow.

A memorial celebration of Lauri's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, at the Community Clubhouse located at the Monterra Condominiums in Whitefish; details to follow.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Keith Joseph Kolczak, 92

Keith Joseph Kolczak, 92, passed away on Tuesday July 5, 2016, in Kalispell.

Keith Joseph and Kenneth Norman were born to Joseph John Kolczak (who was also a twin) and Eila "Scoopie" (Cox) Kolczak on April 26, 1924, in Landusky, Montana, where their parents ran the Sundown Cash Store on their ranch. They joined an older sister, Reba, and were later big brothers to Irene.

Growing up, to be able to attend school in the winter, "Tuffy," as he has always been affectionately referred to and Kenneth would stay with their mother in town while their father worked the ranch, and later with their father, when he worked in the mines.

After high school, Tuffy worked on his family ranch and other neighboring ranches before being drafted into the Army in April of 1944. He served in Germany, Italy, the Rhine River as well as France, where he was wounded in action. For his service to our country, Tuffy received the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and several marksmanship, good conduct and other medals. He returned to the United States in 1946.

After being discharged, Tuffy came home to Montana and went to work in the mines at Zortman, then in Harlem, and later in Chicago, where he worked for National Cash Register Company. Then duty called again, and he returned to Montana to help with the family ranch. After his father passed away, Tuffy came to Kalispell, where he met Francis Palmer McWorter, a recent widow who had nine children. They were married



on Sept. 12, 1970. Tuffy was very hard working, no matter if he was being a carpenter, a mechanic, or a rancher; he was a gentle man who enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. Tuffy and Francis spent their 42 years of marriage living in Landusky, Kalispell, Lewistown, Hilger, and Billings as well as Spokane, with occasional snow bird trips to the south. Sadly, Francis passed away on Sept. 8, 2012. After that, Tuffy lived in Lewistown, Hilger, Potomac and most recently in Kalispell.

Tuffy, always up to a game or three of cribbage, certainly lived up to his name; as a child, in the service and in adult life—having received 11 bypass surgeries, and when a vehicle fell on him, just to mention a few.

Keith "Tuffy" was the last of his family, his mother, stepfather, father, twin Kenneth, sister Irene and half sister Reba, and wife Frances all going before him.

There are cousins, stepchildren, nieces and nephews who will be affected by his passing.

There will be graveside services with full Honor Guard rites at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Friday, July 15th, 2016 at 1 pm with a reception to be held at the VFW meeting room at 330 1st Avenue West.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Kyle David Konopatzke, 28

Kyle David Konopatzke, 28, passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2016, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

Kyle was born at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on Oct. 22, 1987, to Steve and Colleen Konopatzke. He was a joy to all that knew him and, from his first smile, he stole the hearts of everyone he met. He was very talented in a variety of disciplines. As an artist in junior high school, Kyle created enough art work, that he presented his own art show in Kalispell at Soucie & Soucie. This was attended by such celebrities as actress Leah Thompson. He was also very intelligent, and if you engaged in a conversation with him, you better hope you had a dictionary.

Kyle was very well read in many subjects and enjoyed writing. Music was also an important part of Kyle's life. He was very adept in playing the guitar and enjoyed performing his unique music with his garage band buddies while he was in high school.

Mental illness crept into Kyle's life over 10 years ago. As the illness progressed, the things he loved to do faded. Kyle suffered valiantly from the daily struggle of this physically invisible disease. His love then turned towards family. He loved to visit his sister, Stephani, and his nephew, Eathon. He had a special bond with his grand-



mother, Rita Dowler. A little over two years ago, an "angel" came into his life and

her name is Natalie Rich. The two of them were planning to be married in the near future.

In his passing, he is also our hero. With his generous gift of organ donation, he was able to save three precious lives.

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Colleen Konopatzke; sister, Stephani Konopatzke; nephew, Eathon Brandon; fiancée, Natalie Rich; grandparents, Cal and Kathy Grise', and Dave and Connie Konopatzke, and Rita Dowler and Kenny Fertterer; great-grandmother, Eda Anders; and numerous aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

There will be a parish vigil with a rosary at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, at St. Richard's Catholic Church. His celebration of life with Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, at St. Richard's Catholic Church, with a reception following. A private burial will take place later this summer.

In memory of Kyle, the family requests memorial contributions to be made to NAMI Flathead (National Alliance of Mental Illness), 346 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Albert 'Al' Norman Kraft, 89

Albert "Al" Norman Kraft, 89, of Helena, formerly of Kalispell, died March 3, 2016, from complications of dementia and the heart.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; and sons, Dave and Doug.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at the First Lutheran Church, 2231 E.

Broadway St., Helena, with a reception immediately following in the social hall of the church. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 14, in the Committal Shelter at Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Hero's Road, Fort Harrison.

Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, of Helena, is handling arrangements.

## Helen Kraft, 61

Helen Kraft, 61, passed away Sep. 12, 2016, in Bozeman.

She was born Jan. 19, 1955, in Bozeman to Ralph and Margaret Kraft, and was preceded in death by Ralph Kraft, Richard Lee Kraft, and Donna Kraft.

Helen is survived by her mother, Margaret Kraft; daughter, Tammy (Larry) Kraft; grandson, Richard Kraft; brothers, Robert Kraft and Don Kraft; and sister-in-law, Janet Kraft.

She is also survived by nieces and nephews, Kari (Nate) Kraft, Walter (Shawna) Kraft, James (Katherine) Kraft, Krystal



(Rob) Kraft, Rhett (Melissa) Kraft, and numerous uncles and aunts.

Helen enjoyed fishing, camping, barbecues and family. She had a heart of gold and a wonderful spirit, and will be missed and always loved.

A private family celebration will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman.

## Carol Helen Kranpitz, 73

Carol Helen Kranpitz was born Nov. 23, 1942, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Leslie and Dorothy Graff. She was raised in the Milwaukee area and attended several schools and went to college at Marquette University.

She married Richard Kranpitz and had four children, the first one of which died at birth. They moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where Carol worked as a secretary and Richard worked for UPS. Richard was transferred to Salt Lake City and they moved their family there. Carol decided to move herself and her children to Kalispell after a divorce from him. She then started her own business called Secretariat, doing temporary help and office services.

She was very active in the community working for several organizations such as Flathead Industries and the Chamber of Commerce. She loved spending time with family and her good friends from St. Matthew's Catholic Church where she was very active in Cursillos and Search retreats and served as a Eucharistic minister.

After her children were grown she moved to Chicago. There she decided to go back to school at the age of 60 and earned her master's degree in adult education from DePaul University. She also enjoyed being a



nanny and working with charitable organizations. She then moved to Boise, Idaho.

She struggled with several health issues and finally passed away on Jan. 31, 2016 — not without a fight.

She was preceded in death by her father Leslie Graff, her mother Dorothy Graff, son Teddy Kranpitz, and her brother William Graff.

Survivors include brother Thomas Graff of Kalispell; daughter, Carin Boag, and Mark, of Shelley, Idaho; daughter, Jodi Faley, and Jim, of Elmhurst, Illinois; and a son, Michael Kranpitz, and Debbie, of Boise Idaho; and several grandchildren, Kaci, Tyler, Gabrielle, Emma, Audrey, Forest and Conner.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 26 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow. Burial of her cremated ashes will take place in Wisconsin at a later date this summer.

She was dearly loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot, Idaho. Condolences may be sent to [www.hawkerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawkerfuneralhome.com).

## Kevin L. Kramer, 57

Kevin Leroy Kramer, age 57, passed peacefully from this world surrounded by his family on Feb. 22, 2016. Kevin was under hospice care at Health Center Northwest after a courageous battle against auto immune hepatitis and the many medical complications that followed. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Kevin was born on Sept. 26, 1958 to Roy and Norma Kramer in St. Cloud, Minnesota where he spent his childhood. Summers were dedicated to their family cabin, near Brainerd, at Crow Wing Lake, memories he fondly cherished and shared with his children.

In the late 1970's he married Cindy Lentner, and they moved to Kalispell. They had two children, Rocky and Tommie, who were his pride and joy. It was here he began his career in the plumbing field.

In 1988, Kevin married his soulmate, Donna Buller. Donna brought to the union her three children, Breanna, Jason and Laci. Together they created a family bond unsurpassed by most "conventional" families. In 1993, he started his own plumbing company, Bighorn Plumbing, which he later passed down to his two sons, Rocky and Jason.

Some of Kevin's greatest passions included hunting, camping, fishing, and anything outdoors, all of which he shared with his family and friends. He was extremely knowledgeable in a broad variety of topics, and not someone you wanted to play Trivial Pursuit against. He could tell a story like no other, and had a sense of humor that could bring a smile to anyone's face. He was known to his grand-



children as Papa. Above all, Kevin loved his family and every moment that he spent with

them. He will be forever remembered by all who knew him, and very deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents Roy Kramer and Norma Schnable; nephew, Patrick Kramer; and his four-legged companion, Gus

He is survived by his wife Donna Kramer; his children and their spouses, Rocky and Chrissy Kramer, Tommie and Tony Dobbs, Breanna and Joe Chavez, Jason and Kristy Copping, and Laci and Mykal Coehlo; his grandchildren Makia Hammer, Abbi Chavez, Hailey Copping, Maddi Chavez, Kelcey Copping, Livvi Chavez, Eli Copping, and Maysa Coehlo; brother Dennis Kramer and his wife Joyce; sister Sandy Waverek and her husband Tom; brother Keith Kramer from Columbia Falls; brother Rick Kramer and his wife Jean; sister Cheryl Hoheisel and her husband Mark; numerous nieces and nephews, and his buddy Dutch.

There will be a prayer vigil at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church followed by burial at Glacier Memorial Garden and a gathering at the Elks Lodge.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com).

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Audrey Krauss, 82

Audrey Krauss, 82, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children Kathy Arseneau

and Kevin Krauss.

No services are planned at this time. Austin Funeral

Home is caring for the family.

## Janis R. Krause, 64

Janis R. Krause, 64, died Friday, Aug. 12, 2016, in Bigfork.

Services will be held at

a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Bobbie Krogstad, 60

Bobbie Jean (Morton) Krogstad passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 26, 2016, after a brief but courageous battle with lung cancer. Bobbie was determined to do whatever it took to get better. Unfortunately, she wasn't given the time to do so.

Bobbie (Roberta) was born Jan. 6, 1956, to Willard and Delores Morton in Kalispell. She attended grade school in Evergreen and was proud to have grown up in Evergreen.

She married Terry Krogstad on Nov. 15, 1973. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Hawaii and spent two years living the good life before moving back to Kalispell. On June 22, 1979, they welcomed their first daughter Megan, followed by their second daughter Amanda on May 1, 1984. Bobbie loved all babies and kids but none more so than her grandchildren Colten, Hadley and Liam. She would play with them as long as they wanted, hours after everyone else had tired out.

Bobbie spent many years working at Kmart, Woolworths, Shopko, and most recently Costco. With her endearing personality and quick wit, she became good friends with many coworkers and customers. You couldn't go out in public with her without having to stop to talk to everyone because everyone knew Bobbie.

Bobbie will be greatly missed. She is survived



by her husband of 42 years, Terry Krogstad; daughter Megan and husband Christopher Steen;

daughter Amanda Krogstad; grandchildren, Colten and Liam Marrone and Hadley Steen; mother, Delores Morton; brother, Jeff Morton; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her father Willard Morton, sister Kathy Masa, and great-niece Jessica Masa.

The family would like to thank Dr. John Lavin, as Bobbie said, "I love that man." The family would also like to thank the nurses and staff at The HealthCenter that took wonderful care of Bobbie, her family, and friends during her final days. Finally, the family would like to thank Bobbie's Costco "family" for all of their love and support during this difficult time.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Expo building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Graveside interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, at 2659 U.S. 93 N. in Kalispell, after which a celebration of Bobbie's life will be held back at the Expo building.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to hospice.

## DeWayne 'Red' Reinhold Krueger, 86

DeWayne "Red" was born Aug. 3, 1929, and entered into rest Jan. 22, 2016, at The HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Red was born in Java, South Dakota, and moved to Pasco, Washington, in 1935. He graduated from Pasco High School in 1947 and Washington State College School of Pharmacy in 1952. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was part of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Red married Jean Cockrell in 1952. After he completed his service they returned to Richland where he worked for Thrifty Drug. In 1955, Red had the opportunity to purchase Eureka Drug in Eureka. While in Eureka, he made many good friends and learned to love skiing. He sold Eureka Drug in 1959 and purchased Sav Rite Drug in McMinnville, Oregon. Not happy with the Oregon winters, he wanted to move back to Montana. In 1961, they purchased Piper Drug in Columbia Falls and renamed it Krueger Rexall Drug. He sold the pharmacy to Smith's in 1996 and closed the store. He worked for Smith's for a year and retired in 1997. Over the years, he touched many lives.

Red had many hobbies. He loved hunting, fishing, skiing, flying, and working in his shop. He was building a V-Witt racing plane for many years. His current project was restoring a Datsun 280Z.



Red is survived by his wife, Jean, at the family home.

His daughters Jennifer, Columbia Falls, and Paige Walker, her husband Scott and their boys Graydon and Logan, of Fraser, Colorado.

Red's family would like to thank the many wonderful caregivers he has had over the years. In particular, Drs. Born and Hoppes, the staff of the Dialysis Clinic, the drivers from the Disabled American Veterans and especially the staff at the Montana Veterans Home.

A celebration of life, with family and friends, will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to either DAV Chapter 4, P.O. Box 10606, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for DeWayne's family.

## MEMORIALS

### DeWayne 'Red' Krueger

A celebration of life memorial service for DeWayne "Red" Krueger, 86, who died Jan. 22, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 31, at the home of Jenny Krueger, 7 Council Bluffs Drive, in Columbia Falls.

## Erling Donald Kruse, 66

Erling Donald Kruse, 66, of Great Falls, passed away Dec. 6, 2016, at home.

Erling was born in Great Falls on Aug 22, 1950, to Donald F. and Velma E. Kruse.

Erling graduated from CMR High School in 1968 then joined the Navy. After the Navy, moving to Missoula, he worked for Champion Lumber Company, retiring after 30 years. Erling returned to Great Falls in 2007, then went to work for Parts Plus for some years. He volunteered at Habitat for Humanity Restore until his passing.

Erling was preceded in



death by his parents, Donald and Velma Kruse.

He is survived by his brothers, Allan of Pincher Creek, Alberta, Bradley of Great

Falls, and Rodney of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Erling was cremated and there will be no services.

The family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice.

## Joseph Kuroski, 87

Joseph Kuroski, 87, died Thursday, Sept., 22, 2016, in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Raymond D. Kusch, 88

Raymond D. Kusch, 88, of Kalispell, died Jan. 22, 2016, in Whitefish.

No services are being

held at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Pietr Kubai, 46

Pietr Kubai, 46, died Saturday, June 11, 2016, in Kalispell.

A funeral service will held at 11 a.m Monday

June 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial following at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Helen Kubes, 85

Helen Kubes, 85, died July 4, 2016.

She is survived by her daughter, Gerri Rupp.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

## Karen J Kuchenski, 62

Karen J Kuchenski, 62, of Eureka, died June 28, 2016, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at

the Chapel of Praise in Eureka. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 11, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.