

Ronald Edgar Caldbeck, 92

Ronald Edgar Caldbeck, 92, of Big Arm, passed away Oct. 25, 2018, at Lakeview Care Center, in Bigfork.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis, son Geoffrey, daughter Rena Cain, daughter-in-law Gay Ann Caldbeck, and grandson Geoffrey Caldbeck.



Byram Caldbeck of Polson, Ronald J. Caldbeck of Lakeside,

He is survived by his children, Vicki Ewing of Big Arm, Steven Caldbeck of Polson,

Rebecca McGinnis of Kalispell, and Valerie Dennison of Kila.

Ron and Phyllis were blessed with a family of eight children, 22 grandchildren, and an ever growing number of great and great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 37719 South Commerce Drive, Polson. A reception will follow.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Ron and his family.

Galen R. Carlson, 67

Our dad, with his heart of pure gold and more grace than anyone we know, left us on Dec. 10, 2017, at the family home in Columbia Falls.

He was fond of a good joke, good beer and great music, but especially fond of his family, grandchildren and brothers-for-life, not necessarily in that order. He was not fond of beets, "canoe beer," and liberals, not necessarily in that order.

"I yam what I yam and tha's all what I yam".

Our dad was an Iowan farm boy, born March 31, 1950 in Des Moines to George and Audrey (Brooks) Carlson. After 11 years, George and Audrey were finally blessed with their "miracle child." Dad attended East High School, in Des Moines, where he discovered his passion for photography. He was involved with the school paper and provided photos for the yearbook.

Dad graduated from East High in 1968 and headed to Iowa State University (Go Cyclones!) to study forestry. Although he did not finish at ISU, Dad did complete his education in Montana, graduating from Flathead Valley Community College in 2007. We appropriately celebrated with many friends and lots of beer.

In the 1970s our dad took a trip with his good friend, Ron Holcomb, to Montana and then knew where he wanted to make



his home. During a Christmas visit to Iowa, he rekindled his relationship with his one true

love, Jennie, our Mom. On Feb. 27, 1982, they were married in Des Moines. Dad and Mom packed the car to overflowing and headed for Montana to begin their life together in the Flathead Valley. They were blessed with my sister, Becky, in 1982 and myself (AuBonny), followed later in 1985.

Our dad was a provider and always made sure that we felt loved and cared for. Dad took the time to participate in many Special Olympic events for Becky and also 4-H shooting practice and competitions for myself. He was always there for us. His care continued right to the day that he left us, as he worked on a family building project. We were all there for him that day.

Through his many trades such as Mild Fence Co., re-grinding camshafts, and custom iron work with Terry Compton, his metal art and handiwork can be seen throughout the valley that he loved. After performing such labor-intensive work over the years (beginning with the family farm), our father finally found relief

as a shuttle driver for Meadow Lake Resort in Columbia Falls, where many people loved and respected him. Dad was a simple man. He never cared about the money, he cared about the memories and living life to the fullest.

Dad introduced good music to everyone he met and thoroughly enjoyed his "therapy sessions" with "the boys" at Great Northern Brewery in Whitefish. A little-known fact: our dad and his good friend, Carter Jensen, were the very first patrons of the brewery (formerly "Black Star Brewery") in 1995. Carter and Dad built many of the tables in the brewery. For me, I can feel my dad's presence in that place.

He is preceded in death by his Grandma and Grandpa Brooks, Grandma and Grandpa Carlson, Audrey (Brooks) Carlson, George Carlson, Bonnie Carlson, Charles and Ester Hare, Minnie Brooks, Fred Brooks, Charles Malz, and Little B.

Dad is survived by his daughters, Rebecca M. Carlson and AuBonny R. Nagel, the son he always wanted, Chris Nagel, and the grandchildren he always dreamt of, Audriana and Carson Nagel; the love of his

life, Jennie A. Meyer; his brothers-in-law, Jim and Jamie Meyer and sister-in-law, Vikki Foxhill; father and mother-in-law, Chris and MaDonna Meyer; his two aunts, Joan Brooks and Maxine Wooley, along with many cousins that he truly loved; his goddaughter, Janelle Brooks.

Dad was blessed with many brothers-for-life: Doug Wooley, Tim and Carol MacDonald, Curtis Brown, Dave Silver, Paul Post, Greg Nepstad, Ron Holcomb, Ron Mark, Steve Miller, Gary Walton, Skip Hewitt, Jimmie Flinchbaugh, Tom and Karen Carter, Jeff and Carol Bunting, Carter and Bonnie Jensen, Brian and Jennifer Perry, Ron Loccarini, Chuck and Jodi Dooley, Terry Compton, Rudi, Jeff and Bonnie Engle, Ian MacFarlan, and Marcus and Audrey Duffy.

Cremation has taken place with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A celebration of our dad's life will be held at Great Northern Brewery, on Jan. 13, 2018, from 12 to 4 p.m. (The family requests that the color red be worn this day, regardless of attendance, in honor of Galen's life).

We love you, Daddy, XO-your girls.

Glenda Joan Carlson, 61

Glenda Joan Carlson, 61, of Great Falls, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018 at her home.

A memorial service in honor of her life will be held at 2 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Rose Room Chapel at Croxford Funeral Home, in Great Falls, with burial to follow at Highland Cemetery. Cremation will take place prior to services.

Glenda was born in Kalispell to parents Glen Morris Wynne and Dian Jeanne Ernest on April 6, 1957. In her early years, Glenda started her working life at the children's clothing store, Mr. B's. It is here that she developed a love for retail, finding deals, and a genuine generosity for giving. Glenda's children often modeled clothes for the stores catalog and were known as the best dressed kids in town. In 1986, Glenda transitioned into a new life, leaving home to settle in Great Falls. She began this new chapter in life working for the Longhorn Lounge, where she developed a new career for herself bartending. In 1986, Glenda met who would become the absolute love of her life, Dan Carlson. Together they developed a sincere friendship that blossomed both their lives, bringing them together as devoted loving spouses in February of 1990. They never left each other's side. Anyone who knew Glenda and Dan, knew them as husband and wife – a match made in heaven. They later renewed the vows they made to each other from day one, making that blessed union official by getting married on Sept. 1, 2011.



family was together for the holidays, in addition to all the other life celebrations

that kept their friends and family close. She also loved traveling with Dan. Together they enjoyed going to car shows and sightseeing to historical sites and mansions. Throughout the course of her life, Glenda also made time each and every year to travel back to Kalispell for a special lifelong friend, Susan Rauthe.

Glenda and Dan created a full and memorable life for themselves and for their children. Glenda was a loving and devoted wife that never missed an opportunity to tell Dan just how much she loved him and was constantly thanking him for the loving, fairytale life he provided for her. Together they enjoyed raising their children. She felt so proud to have been a part of their daughter's wedding earlier this year. Glenda always put everyone before herself. She was the epitome of who you think about when hearing the phrase, grandma of the year. The genuine love, time and passion that she poured out into the lives of her grandchildren, should have won her awards.

Above and beyond everything that was Glenda's life, she would want to be remembered for the undying love and joy that she took in caring for her grandchildren, children, friends, family and strangers. And that she loved, and was devoted to Dan, who provided the abso-

lute best life she ever thought possible, and was in every way, "Her Life." She is survived in passing by her loving husband of 30 years, Dan Carlson; daughter, Erika (Korie) Patterson; sons, Bryant (Kelly) Kruckenberg and Brandon (Erica) Kruckenberg; sisters, Wanda Gilchrist of Kalispell, Kelly (Dave) Horner of Great Falls, Dona (Grant) Stebbins of Great Falls, Dian Bowers of Elizabeth, Colorado, and Debi Hautala of Seaford, Delaware; brother, Michael (Candy) Wynne; seven grandchildren, Sashua Hier, Lauren McDowell, Shawn Kruckenberg, Raiden Kruckenberg, Daniel Kruckenberg, Alli Kruckenberg, and Emma Patterson; plus numerous nieces and nephews. Glenda was preceded in passing by her parents, Glen and Dian Wynne, and her nephew, Colby Ballenger. Glenda will be missed by every single person who was blessed enough to have been touched by her. Condolences to the family may be shared online at www.croxford-funeralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/glendacarlson039s-funeral-costs>

Over 25 years of Glenda's career life was spent bartending. After the Longhorn, she worked for various other businesses including Littles, Spoons, and the Iron Pine Lounge. She did return to the Longhorn during several of those years as well. In her final years of working, after having hung up the bartending apron, Glenda found a renewed joy in retail working for Ross clothing. Everyone knew Glenda as a generous, genuinely loving, and selfless woman. Her enjoyment for retail gave her a love for shopping which she used constantly to be out finding something that she felt she needed to give to someone. And she always found the perfect thing. When she wasn't giving everything of her self to family and friends, Glenda had a serious enjoyment for TV. It was often Christmas in July as she loved watching Christmas movies on the Hallmark channel, along with all of her other favorites shows. And she had a TV in every single room so that she would never miss a thing. Glenda also enjoyed reading romance novels and other such books. She liked to crochet, do arts and crafts, bake cookies, cakes and pies. And as the Carlson matriarch, she absolutely loved to make sure

lute best life she ever thought possible, and was in every way, "Her Life."

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Annabelle 'Iris' Carroll, 86

Iris Carroll passed away peacefully at the Immanuel Lutheran Home of Kalispell on April 1, 2018.

Iris was born to Paul and Ada Weston on July 3, 1931, in Harrison County, Iowa, where she grew up and married.

She moved to Kalispell in 1954 where she spent most of her life.

Iris was known for her strong work ethic and amazing sense of humor. Iris had several jobs, but was best known for working at JCPenney's for many years. After retirement she volunteered her service to the Red Cross organization and was well recognized for her work.

Iris is survived by her eldest sister, Marge Giermann, of Kalispell, age 98; and her six children, Bill Glidden (Peggy) of Kalispell, Holly Chernish (Brian) of Kalispell, Tim Glidden (Kelly) of Kalispell, Shellie Hawks (late Daryl) of Hillsboro, Washington, Patty Keller



(late Terry) of Lake Havasu, Arizona, and Charlie Arnold (Faith) of

Libby; 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, lots of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mom's favorite things to do included playing Scrabble or pinochle with her family, baseball and reading. She was always up for some singing, dancing or whatever adventure that might come her way. Iris cared for and enjoyed a large group of friends and family. She will be deeply missed by many.

The family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the doctors and staff at both Heritage Place and Immanuel Lutheran Home for the care afforded to Mom.

Cremation has taken place and will be followed by a celebration of life/memorial service at a later date.

Casey is survived by two sisters, Bonnie Casey of Tacoma, Washington, and Sherrie Van Orman and Leland of Park City, Montana; and two brothers, Robbie Casey and Doris of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Boyd Casey of Tacoma. He is also survived by

Robert E. Casey III, 77

Robert E. Casey III, 77, passed away at his home in Kalispell on April 19, 2018, after a courageous battle with cancer.

"Casey," as he was known, was born March 18, 1941, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Robert E. Casey Jr. and Otilie Schutz. He attended Glenham and Mobridge, South Dakota schools.

He married Roberta Byre in South Dakota in 1963 and Ardell J. Knox in Auburn, Washington, in 1985. He left South Dakota in 1965, resided in Elko, Nevada, and worked in a gold mine and construction. In 1967 he moved to Renton, Washington, where he worked as a mechanic for the Boeing Company in Renton and Everett. He retired in 1998 and moved to Kalispell.

Casey belonged to the Glacier Street Rod Association and the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club. He was also a member of the National Street Rod Association, The Big Sky Mopar Club, Goodguys and the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. He spent his retirement hours rebuilding old cars, street rodding and going to car events locally and around the country. He also delivered commodities for the Flathead Food Bank. He enjoyed spending winters with his wife in Arizona where they resided in an over-55 retirement community.

Casey was preceded in death by two sisters, Roberta Casey and Carol Perman and Wayne of Mobridge, South Dakota; two brothers, Kenneth Casey and Phyllis of Mobridge and Dennis Casey and Betty of Rapids City, South Dakota.



his loving family, his wife of 33 years, Ardell, his daughters Rebecca Curtis and Gregg of

Covington, Washington, Rayette Fujihara and Chuck of Renton, Washington, and his son Ryan Casey and Kathy of Puyallup, Washington, and stepchildren Bill Loehr of Bigfork, Leslie Wright of Issaquah, Washington, and John Loehr of Kalispell.

He also dearly loved his grandchildren, Nolan, Trenton and Olivia of Covington, Sebastian Casey of Renton, Jameson Fujihara of Hawaii, Dain Wright of Ronald, Washington, Summer Wright of Renton, Alicia Casey of Puyallup, Penn Wright and Brianna of Walla Walla, Washington, and Elaine Christy and Jason of Anchorage, Alaska. He was also happy to have two great-grandsons, Brycen Stover of Puyallup, and Benjamin Wright of Issaquah. His is also survived by his many nieces and nephews and all his car buddies.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 25, at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service.

Donations may be made in Casey's name to the Flathead Food Bank or Home Options Hospice.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Services is caring for Casey's family.

OBITUARIES

Arthur Duane Caudill, 81

Arthur Duane Caudill, 81, of Kalispell, went to heaven to join the love of his life, Shirley, for her birthday on Sept. 12, 2018.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1937, to Russell and Lorraine Caudill in Troy where he attended school, and at the age of 17, enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Upon returning from his enlistment, he met and married his one and only true love, Shirley Rafdahl, on June 22, 1959, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. From that marriage came two sons, Michael Duane Caudill in 1962, and Brian Caudill in 1970.

Arthur was employed by W.R. Grace in Libby and later relocated to Kalispell and began working as a service writer at Roy Stanley Chevrolet, and at Plum Creek Lumber Mill as a green chain operator. He loved watching wrestling, driving stock car, and making jewelry out of deer and elk antlers.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley, mother Lorraine, father Russell, sister Doreen, and brothers-in-law Bill Gibson and Fred Evans.

He is survived by his two sons, Michael and his wife Terry of



Kalispell, and Brian and his wife Lisa of Bozeman. The light of his life was his numerous grandchildren, Trevor (Jolene), Mikey

(Amanda), Lisa, Brett, and Brooke. Arthur had 11 great-grandchildren, Mya, Talyn, Liam, Saniyah, Ivory, Hayden, Taeryn, Jax, Ryleigh, Kenzie and Colter. Arthur had three best friends, Patrick, Dave and his beloved fur buddy, Bongo.

He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Art's life will be held at noon on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service Funeral Home, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 U.S. 93, Kalispell. A luncheon will be held at 3 p.m. in the basement at Sykes Diner, 202 2nd Ave. W., Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Art's family.

Patricia Ruth (Lemley) Chapman, 88

Patti was born June 28, 1929, to Lyle and Ruth Lemley, and grew up in Tacoma, Washington, attending Stadium High School, then University of Puget Sound. She married Dr. John Timothy (Tim) Chapman June 15, 1952.

She was an elementary school teacher until she and Tim began to raise their children, Doug and Jennifer. They lived in North Seattle for over 40 years. Once their family was grown, they lived on Vashon Island, Wash., in Tacoma, and eventually in Kalispell. They enjoyed spending their summers at Tim's childhood beach place on Rocky Bay, in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Patti leaves behind a legacy of warmth and welcome toward all who knew her. She enjoyed entertaining and cooking for friends and family. She was an avid reader, seamstress, artist and writer of short stories. She was a lover of the outdoors, art, classical music and animals, and a huge fan of both University of Washington Huskies and Seahawks Football.



Patti passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at Prestige Assisted Living

after a short battle with cancer. She is preceded in death by her brother, Paul Lemley, and her beloved husband of 64 years, Tim Chapman.

She is survived by her son, Doug Chapman (Marcia) of Kirkland, Wash., Daughter Jennifer Desmul (Bud) of Kalispell, Jennifer's biological father Greg Zoller (Sue), Denver CO and grandchildren Amy Chackel (Bryan), Emily Evans (Jamie), Timothy "Buddy" Chapman, Jack, Ben and Beau Desmul, and great-grandchildren, Lane Chackel and Amy Evans. Her life was filled with a great love for both her immediate and extended families and many friends.

A celebration of Patti's life will be held at University Place Presbyterian Church, 8101 27th St. W. University Place, WA, at 11 a.m. June 28.

GARY LEE CHARLES, 72

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Gary Lee Charles was born on Dec. 21, 1945, in Waltham, Massachusetts, to Randall and Lillian Charles (both now deceased).



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Daily Inter Lake - Obituaries, Gary Lee Charles, 72

Gary "was ushered into the arms of Jesus" on June 3, 2018; he was surrounded by his loving family at his home in Kalispell, after battling cancer.

Gary is survived by his wife of 42 years, Terry (Hull) Charles, a 1966 Delta, Colorado High School graduate; two sons, Jason, his wife Rachel and grandson Gabriel, and son Micah Charles, all of Kalispell; his mother-in-law, Virginia Hull from Delta; three brothers and one sister.

Gary was a math teacher and coach from 1973 to 2015. He loved teaching, his students and coaching. He retired from Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, in 2015. After retirement, Gary and Terry joined their sons in the beautiful Flathead Valley in Kalispell on a little family farm.

Gary will be missed by all, as he was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ, a faithful husband, a wonderful father to his sons and a great friend to many.

A memorial celebration of the life of Gary Lee Charles will be held at 11 a.m. on July 7 at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. Out of town guests can join us through the live stream at: CanvasChurch.com/live-watch.

In lieu of flowers, we invite you to make a contribution for a memorial bench to be placed next to Gary's grandchildren's sand box that he built during his last days with us. Contributions may be sent to: The Charles Family Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 10548, Kalispell, MT 59904. The Charles family would like to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude for your prayers and serving our family during this time of grief and loss.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Roger L. Chilcote, 81

Roger L. Chilcote, 81, passed away Dec. 7, 2018, from complications from a fall.

He was born on March 1, 1937, in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, to Elmer Chilcote and Helen (Gross) Chilcote. He was raised in Crivitz, Wisconsin, attending both elementary and high school there.

After graduation, he worked for a year at the loading docks in Chicago; moving to Quinnesec, Michigan, and working in a sewing factory and at Kingsford Chemical



Company in Kingsford, Michigan. On October 10, 1959, he married Margaret

Meyer of Aurora, Wisconsin. To this union three daughters were born, Lynn Marie, Marcy Anne, and Susan Jean.

In 1961, he moved his family to Columbia Falls where he worked for Plum Creek Lumber and retired after 30 years. He was an avid sportsman

who loved hunting and fishing. He was an active member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls for many years.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Brother Curtis, and his daughter, Lynn.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and his two daughters, Marcy and Susan (Ed) Brill, and two granddaughters, Hannah (Jacob) Iske, and Beth Brill.

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

First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls to be used for the multi-purpose kitchen.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24 at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. Interment will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family. To send a note of condolences, please visit Roger's tribute page at www.columbi-mortuary.com.

Betty Lou (Nemec) Chester, 84

Betty Lou (Nemec) Chester, 84, died Sept. 3, 2018, in Kalispell.

Born Dec. 28, 1933, in Great Falls to John Nemec Jr., and Mary Saksa Nemec (Blumer). Betty graduated from Great Falls High School in 1952.

One of Betty's favorite jobs was probably her first one working as a caller and cashier at a lemonade stand at the Montana State Fair in Great Falls when she was 14! This was a job that continued many summers, years later also serving as a first job for three of her four children. Betty also worked as a dime store clerk, theater ticket taker, and bank teller; once a man presented a note to Betty asking her to "Give me all your green," which she did immediately, thinking the thing in his pocket was a gun. Having quickly pushed the panic button, Betty was not surprised that the police arrived to arrest this bank robber who, as it turns out, had no gun, but only a comb in his pocket!

Creative in many areas going all the way back to doing the art for her high school yearbook, Betty enjoyed working



at Electric City Conservatory, Fritz Roll & Sons Flowers, and Irene's Crafts and

Hobbies, all in Great Falls. It was later in life that Betty discovered her talent and passion for painting, winning many awards at the Montana State Fair and honoring her friends and family with her amazing work. Two Montana painters Betty especially loved the work of were Charles M. Russell and Elliot Eaton.

In 1956, Betty married Steven D. Chester (later divorced); they had four children, all of whom survive her, Denise Houtz of Kalispell, Victoria (Douglas) Stamp of Bremerton, Washington, Michael (Donna) Chester of Costa Mesa, California, and Bruce (Enrique Aguilera) Chester of Seattle. Other survivors include her sister, Phyllis (Albert) Hulquist, of Spokane, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces.

Whether it was painting, working in a hobby store, as a Realtor, or as a florist, knitting, sewing,

or making a beautiful home, Betty found time to take her four children on adventures that included RV fishing trips, sapphire-digging trips, national park and ocean visits.

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

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James R. Chinn, 68

Jim Chinn was born on Sept. 15, 1950, in Richmond, Virginia, to Ada Mae Kahn Chinn and Charles Emory Chinn.

He passed away in Bigfork on Oct. 15, 2018, at the age of 68, from a heart attack.

Jim received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, majoring in criminal justice. After working for a time in Virginia as a police officer, the lure of Montana led to a lengthy career with the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office. He developed exceptional administrative and investigative skills, but he will be remembered most for being a man of his word, a man of integrity.

His love of traditional archery in the Montana mountains and valleys peaked his interest in writing a book, and he did just that in 1991. He named it "Winds of Change," a phrase that has been repeated frequently over the past decade in other fields of interest. Jim liked to think that he was the first one to coin that unique expression.

In 1983, the red-haired bowhunter married Linda Rudolph who, coincidentally, was also from Virginia; yet they didn't meet until they moved in next door to each other in Hamilton, Montana. Linda and her very young girls, Carrie and Christy, instantly fell in love with Jim's black Lab but were somewhat reluctant when the man, himself, wanted to tag along. But his southern charm eventually won all of them over. He was a loving and devoted father to the girls and a warm and caring husband to Linda. In August, they celebrated 35 years of marriage.

In his retirement years, Jim's interests leaned toward fishing, and he and Linda moved to Kalispell to be closer to Carrie and Christy and grandchildren, as well as the



abundant fishing accesses. He and his best friend, Deke (who happened to be

a border collie mix), would hitch up the boat in the wee hours of the morning and head out for one of the many lakes in the area. Jim loved catching dinner and Deke loved inspecting the catch.

Jim was predeceased by his father, Charles Emory Chinn.

Jim is survived by his wife, Linda Chinn, of Kalispell; two children, Carrie Catherine Chinn Mathiason (and husband, Trevor) of Columbia Falls, and Christine Anne Chinn Manning (and husband, Trey) of Kalispell; as well as grandchildren, Connor James Manning and Dalton Ross Manning. Jim is also survived by his mother, Ada Mae Chinn, of Sandston, Virginia; three sisters, Sandra (Wayne) Potter of Locust Grove, Virginia, Jenny (Mike) Boswell of Henrico, Virginia, and Grace Vosburg of Richmond, Virginia. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, and a "brother-in-heart," Robert Starr, of Wachapreague, Virginia. Even though Jim lived in Montana, his Virginia family was always close to his heart and soul, and he frequently returned to his historic roots.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main Street, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children), 1203 Hwy. 2 West, Suite 37, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, 725 W. Alder, Suite 11, Missoula, MT 59802.

Peggy Christensen, 74

It is with sadness and a heavy heart I announce the passing of Peggy Christensen. Peggy was born on July 19, 1946, and passed on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at the age of 74.

Peggy passed peacefully with her family at her bedside at St. Patrick's in Missoula. On July 31, she was laid to rest at her home, on a beautiful hillside in Helmville.

Peggy is survived by her husband Robert "Bob" of over 50 years. Peggy was hitchhiking and was picked up by Bob on his motorcycle. After Bob stopped to give her a lesson on leaning correctly, they took off again and the rest is happy history. She would often say, "I've been leaning his way ever since."

Peggy is also survived by her oldest son RJ Christensen, RJ's daughter Megan Christensen, and grandson David Craven, her daughter-in-law Angie Christensen, and her four children, Ashley, Amber, Cody and Caitlin, and her adopted daughter Laurel Downey.



"She has joined her youngest son Christopher Alan Christensen in

heaven."

She has over 35 foster children she helped raise throughout the years. Peggy was the co-founder/director of A Ray of Hope for the last 20 years and has touched the hearts of countless people in Montana and beyond.

While she was a faithful advocate for the needy and homeless, she was also a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy will live on.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Canvas Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, followed by a celebration of life reception at 12:30 p.m. at the new shelter, 106 Fifth Ave. W., Kalispell. Cookies and coffee will be provided. Bring something to share, if you wish.

Thomas E. Christiansen, 94

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Thomas E. Christiansen, who passed away on Nov. 5, 2018, at The HealthCenter.

Tom was born to Chris and Jennie (Hendricksen) Christiansen in Sidney on April 15, 1924. He was the youngest of six children and was raised on the family farm in the Brorson community.

In 1944, during World War II, Tom joined the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. He served in the Philippines and in Japan. He was most proud of earning the "Infantry Combat Badge" for 30 days in combat. Although Tom did not like to talk about his time in the war, he was profoundly impacted and honored by a trip to Washington, D.C., through the Honor Flight organization in 2008 to view the World War II Memorial.

When he returned to Montana in 1946, he worked for Holly Sugar in Sidney and soon after enrolled in Auto Mechanic school in Fargo, North Dakota. Always a charmer, he found a job cleaning a restaurant in the evenings, and in turn, they fed him three meals a day and the owners became his family away from home. After he completed school, he worked in Sidney for the Richland County Road Department, and then for



Whitaker Motors in Sidney.

In 1948, at a country barn dance, a beautiful young lady, Rosemary Conroy, caught his eye. There began a 70-year

romance.

They married Dec. 30, 1950. In 1955, they pulled their mobile home behind their pickup and headed west to Whitefish.

Tom had heard of the Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls, and thought he would seek employment there. He started at the plant and continued there until his retirement in 1986.

Tom and Rosemary had their first daughter, Donna, in 1961 and their second daughter, Joyce, in 1965. Life was full and busy. When not working, the family enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and travel.

We have story upon story and memory upon memory of family escapades and adventures.

All who knew Tom would agree there was no one more honest, kind and giving. He was always willing to lend a hand or his ear in times of need. He handled life with grace, love and

always a good joke or two ... or three.

Tom is survived by his wife of almost 68 years, Rosemary; his daughter Donna (Royal) Norris, and daughter Joyce (John) Morris; grandchildren, Zachary (Shanet) Norris, Stephanie (Mike) Catlett, and Christian Lomax. He also has one great-grandchild, Sophie Catlett.

If desired, donations may be made in Tom's memory to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 2770, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or Honor Flight, Inc., 175 South Tuttle Road, Springfield, OH 45505.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. A reception will follow.

We want to express our warmest gratitude to the nurses and caregivers at The HealthCenter, The Retreat at Buffalo Hill, and Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Their care, concern and dedication is top-notch. An additional thank you to Dr. Woodward and Dr. Lessmeier for guiding and leading us through Tom's illness.

We know he left a warm spot in your hearts through this journey, and you all have left one in ours. Thank you.

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the man who died. Rather, we should thank God that such a man lived." General George S. Patton.

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

Eugene 'Gene' Clapper, 91

Eugene "Gene" Fred Clapper, age 91, passed away on April 8, 2018 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on July 31, 1926, and served in the Army in World War II. He was a dairyman and a plumber. Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy. He is survived by his children, Barbara (Scott) Young, Connie Melton and Don (Linda) Clapper; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will



be held on April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Montana

Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John 'Jack' W. Clark, 81

John "Jack" W. Clark was born June 5, 1936, to Dolores and Albert Clark.

He was raised by his grandmother Mary Delaney in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

On May 24, 1955 he joined the Navy and after his service traveled across the United States doing steel work before settling down in Whitefish. Once in Whitefish he was an entrepreneur, managing different businesses, the last being Northwest Polycraft.



In 1987 he met the love of his life, Helena Green, and joined her family.

He passed quietly at home on May 10, 2018.

He is survived by his sister Fran Christensen, and two nephews; as well as his wife Helen Clark, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Please join us to celebrate his life at 1 p.m. May 19 at the Whitefish VFW.

Marjorie Elaine Clemens, 96

Marge "left this world on her own terms" on March 23, 2018. She passed in her sleep and so quietly slipped the bounds of this earth.

Marge was born Nov. 2, 1921, in Bainville. She attended the University of Minnesota, met and married Robert Clemens. Their union produced three children, Thomas, Cheryl and Roger. Marge was 96 years of age at her passing.

She worked for the university system in Dillon and in Kalispell at the Clerk and Records office. She often lamented to me her love for Kalispell, and especially her fellow associates at the Records office. She said it was the best place she ever worked.



Marge and Bob moved to Kalispell 40 years ago.

Bob passed in 1999 and now, after

waiting all these years, they are together at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Marge is survived by her three children, 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mother always sent them a little something on their birthday.

We will miss Mother in the years to come, but will do so with a broad smile on our faces knowing Mother enjoyed her life and lived it to the fullest.

Patt "Buffy" Clay, 65

Patt (Buffy) Clay passed away on July 19 in Kalispell, Montana.

Patt was born on October 15, 1952 in Pocatello, Idaho to C.W. and Hazel Cullen.

Patt met her one true love and soul mate, Kenny Clay in 1968, and they married a year later in Kalispell. Patt and Kenny went on to have two children, Mike and Angela.

Patt and Kenny spent several years playing and singing in their band, Fool's Gold. Performing in Fool's Gold was their love but also enjoyed by many at taverns and community events throughout the valley.

Together, Patt and Kenny ran several businesses throughout the Flathead Valley. After Kenny's passing, Patt went on to own Patt's Jewelry in Kalispell and finally retired in 2015.

Patt enjoyed spending time with her family,



especially her grandchildren, and gatherings with her siblings.

Patt was preceded in death by Kenny and her mother, brothers Michael and Rex. Patt leaves behind her father, her son, Mike and wife Windy, her daughter Angela, siblings Ricky, K.C., Tim, Maggie, Theresa, Terry, Cliff and Barbara. In addition to her children and siblings, Patt leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

The family will hold graveside services at The Conrad Cemetery at 641 Conrad Drive in Kalispell at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Linda Simpson Cloutier, 69

Linda Simpson Cloutier passed away peacefully at her home in Kalispell on Nov. 14, 2018, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Dec. 2, 1948, to Hap and Helen Simpson of Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1967 and went on to attend Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Montana where she was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta. She met Brian Cloutier while at school in Missoula and they married in 1969. They moved to Kirkland, Washington, where their daughter Lisa was born in 1970. They then moved to Sacramento, California before returning to Kalispell in 1974 after purchasing Glacier



Insurance. They later owned and operated Home Oxygen Company and were partners in the development of Eagle Bend and Northern Pines golf courses. Linda spent many sunny winters at Bermuda Dunes Country Club in the California desert and enjoyed summers on the east shore of Flathead Lake. Over the last 20 years Linda helped in the management of her daughter Lisa's businesses in Woods Bay where her delightful, loving and humorous personality was much appreciated by all.

Linda had a great

love of travel and saw many locals throughout world with friends and her daughters Jenny and Lisa. She particularly loved the beaches of Hawaii and the Caribbean, a trip to China in 1983 with here parents, and a very special journey to Churchill, Manitoba, in 2003 to see polar bears. Glacier Park was her happy place on earth where she enjoyed countless drives to Logan Pass, picnics on Lake McDonald and walks with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hap and Helen Simpson, formerly of Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa Cloutier and husband Brian Anderson of Bigfork; daughter Jenny of

Whitefish; her brother Larry Simpson and his wife Margie of Kalispell; and twin sister Kay Leary and her husband Tom of Glenbrook, Nevada. Linda was a beloved aunt of five nephews and a great-aunt to six adoring grandnieces and -nephews.

The family would like to thank the Palliative Care doctors at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Dr. Karen Hunt of Northwest Oncology, as well as the many caring individuals with Hospice.

Donations may be made in Linda's memory to the Abbie Shelter, P.O. Box 1401 Kalispell, MT 59903; or to Foy's to Blacktail Trails, P.O. Box 81, Kalispell, MT 59903.

A celebration of life is planned for the middle of May 2019.

Bonnie Chandler Cole, 87

Bonnie Jean Cole was born Feb. 23, 1931, to Tom and Panzy Wagner in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Bonnie passed away in Phoenix on Nov. 12, 2018.

Her parents moved here to the Lower Valley when Bonnie was 1 year old. Bonnie graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended Nazarene College in Napa, Idaho, graduating with an accounting degree.

In 1950 Bonnie married Les Chandler. She was employed by Doug's Mobile Homes as their officer manager for 18 years. Later, she was office manager for Roy Stanley Motors for 12 years. Her last employ-



ment was for Don K Motors for eight years as officer manager. Bonnie retired in 1996.

In September 2001 Bonnie married Sam Cole, her surviving husband.

Bonnie's life was about loving all who knew her. She was kind, generous, gracious, forgiving, and full of faith in God. Many will miss her lovely smile and love.

Bonnie is also survived by her children, Don Chandler and Linda Chandler; also her grandchildren, Mike and Amanda.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at Cornerstone Church, across the street from Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Highway 93 North. Burial will be private at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Clinton 'Clint' Wayne Collins, 84

Clinton "Clint" Wayne Collins, 84, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Clint was born on March 27, 1934 in Bigfork to Charles and Emma Collins. He attended Bigfork schools and graduated Bigfork High School. He joined the Navy at age 18 and served as a "CB" in Corpus Christie, Texas.

After serving in the Navy, he returned home and attended the University of Montana, graduating in 1959 with a degree in education, majoring in political science.

He began his teaching career in Castle Rock, Washington, where he taught high school social studies and coached basketball. After one year, he returned to Bigfork.

In the summer of 1961 he met his future wife, Donna Mary Merwin. After a brief long-distance courtship, they got married on June 30, 1962, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. They spent their first year of marriage in Seattle where their son, Greg, was born.

After a year, they returned to Whitefish where Clint worked as a carpenter. In 1965, their daughter Susan,



was born. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Seaside, Oregon, where Clint taught physical education and continued coaching. After one year, they settled into

Whitefish where he became head teacher at Pine Grove School. He eventually moved to Helena Flats School, where after getting his master's degree, he became the superintendent of Helena Flats School and continued his love for coaching basketball. Clint was responsible for building the gym that was later named for him. He retired in 1989 and resumed his love of carpentry skills where he did remodeling and building around the Flathead Valley.

He and his wife enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, visiting children and grandchildren, as well as attending almost every Montana Grizzly football game. In his later years, he loved spending time on his computer, reading and following his

Montana Grizzlies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Emma, his brothers, Alfred, Norman, and Raymond, and his sisters, Frances and Marion.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna; son, Greg Collins; daughter, Susie Hassel, and husband, Dana; his sister, Geraldine Anderson; five grandchildren and nine

great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration will be held in the spring of 2019.

Memorials may be made in Clint's name to the Grizzly Scholarship Association at the University of Montana.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Steven Dana Collins, 44

Steven Dana Collins, 44, who friends called "Big Steve," chess player, mechanic, friend, brother and son, passed away on May 31, 2018, from natural causes.

Although Steve lived most of his life in Montana, he was originally from the Pacific Coast in Newport, Oregon, where he was born March 29, 1974. As a teenager, he moved to Portland where he attended high school before coming to Eureka, Montana, with his family.

Steve attended Flathead Valley Community College briefly and later completed the Job Service program in Salt Lake City. After finishing the program in auto mechanics, Steve spent time in Oregon and California before returning to Northwest Montana and settling in Kalispell.

Throughout his life, Steve was an avid chess player, competing while in high school and continuing to study chess books and to play when



ever possible. Many people appreciated Steve's mechanical abilities as well and, of course,

his great sense of humor. Steve enjoyed discussions and always brought a lot to the table with his ideas and wide array of facts. He was willing to help others when needed with a thoughtful word, pitching in on a task or giving advice. Leaving this life too soon, Steve will be sorely missed.

Steve is survived by his father, Pom Collins, of Trego, and mother, Rita Collins, of Eureka.

A memorial celebration will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at Sykes Diner, 202 Second Ave. W., in Kalispell. Family and friends of Steve are welcome to attend.

Donations in Steve's memory can be made to the Samaritan House in Kalispell.

William Joseph Collins, 62

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live..." John 11:25

William Joseph "Grandpa Will" Collins, 62, passed away in Kalispell on Nov. 16, 2018.

Will was born on January 31, 1956 in Buffalo, Wyoming to William "Bud" and Virginia "Ginnie" Collins. He spent most of his life in Idaho and Montana, running hounds, hunting, camping, fishing, hiking the wilderness, gardening, and providing for his family. He worked in construction, logging, and heavy equipment, even owning a restaurant and his own taxidermy business.

He was kind and generous, a loving brother to all who knew him. A beloved son of the most high God, and an icon of what it meant to be a good, honest, hard-working man. He was always eager to give to those in need, and refused help to no one who asked. He always had an open-back-door policy and loved to say, "If you ever need anything, the back door is always open". He was a good man. He loved, and he was loved. He cherished, and he was cherished. He forgave and forgot. And he will never be forgotten.



Will was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Ginnie Collins, and his sister, Virginia.

He is survived by his sons Hunter Collins of Sierra Madre, California (mother Leslie Whitmore); Tanner Collins of Kalispell and John Collins of Missoula (mother Carol Collins); his brother, Tom (Terry) Collins of Plains; sisters, Kathleen Ann (Rick) Hermes of Sun City, Arizona; Glenna Lou (Don) Nelson of Free Soil, Michigan; Tamara (Paul) Neils of Twin Falls, Idaho; Connie (Dan) Davis of Glendale, Arizona, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Greater Flathead Renal, Big Sky Family Medicine, Rocky Mountain Heart and Lung, The Imaging Center, Kalispell Regional Healthcare, and Hospice.

A special thank you to Barbara Stevens for taking such selfless, amazing care of him in his final years.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer. Buffalo Hills Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Eula Compton, 76

Eula Compton, a resident of Butte since 1995, sawyer, lawyer, artist, gardener, home remodeler, entrepreneur, world-class powerlifter, and mother of five, died peacefully at home on Aug. 2, 2018, at the age of 76.

Born Eula Myrtle Hobbs to parents Laura (nee Huntley) and Joel, Eula lived an unconventional life. Prior to becoming a lawyer, her occupations included Christmas tree logger, newspaper reporter and painter. While fully embodying the role of a professional woman, Eula maintained that the best job of her life was being a mother.

Eula met and married William "Bill" Compton in 1960. The couple moved to Sunol, California, where they raised four children, Bradley, Geoffrey, Daniel and Laura. Eula and Bill eventually divorced in 1975. Unlike many divorcees, Eula and Bill remained good



friends throughout the rest of her life and the couple never wavered in their

devotion to their children. In 1977, Eula married Scott Smith, and they added a son, Paul, to the family.

Eula was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents (Laura and Joel), and brother Joel. She is survived by her children, Bradley, Geoffrey, Daniel, Laura and Paul; ex-husbands, Bill and Scott; dear friend, Dave; and her cherished dog, Charlie.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 29, in Eula's beloved Virginia Building garden at 230 South Washington Street, Butte. For an opportunity to share a memory about Eula, visit www.eulacompton.net.

John D. Conners, 93

John D. Conners passed away peacefully Saturday, April 28, 2018, at home with family and friends by his side.

He was born in Great Falls on July 21, 1924, to Thomas and Catherine Conners. John attended Saint Maries Catholic School and later obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting and business management from the College of Great Falls.

He served in the Naval Air Corps and was trained in flying amphibious PBY's.

Upon his return from service, he married Barbara Kennedy. He and Barbara had six children, all still living, and enjoyed a wonderful life together for an amazing 61 years until Barbara, the love of his life, passed away in 2007.

John built a career with Beatrice Companies. He basically started as a milkman in Great Falls and worked his way to Chicago to Beatrice's home offices where he eventually retired in 1985 as vice chairman of the board of Beatrice, which had grown to a huge, worldwide corporate entity. John enjoyed great success in the corporate world and he and Barbara were able to experience and accomplish things most can only dream of. He stated many times he could never have enjoyed such great success except for the love and support of his wife Barbara.

John and Barbara retired to Whitefish in 1985 where they were



reunited with old friends and held many memorable events at the family home there, including fish fries, weddings, lake

parties, etc. John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Barbara, brother Frank, sister Catherine, and many others.

He is survived by his six children, Patti of Kennewick, Washington; Tom (Jan) of Great Falls; Doug (Linda) of Kalispell; John P. (Sue) of Whitefish; Jeffery (Barbara) of Windsor, California; and Mike (Tracy) of Marietta, Georgia; 17 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren and counting!

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at St. Charles Catholic Church with internment to follow. A celebration of John's life will be held at the family home at 2100 Houston Drive in Whitefish at 2 p.m. Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the charity of your choice in John's name.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish are caring for the family. You may leave condolences on his tribute page at www.austinfh.com.

Joseph 'Big Joe' Edward Cook, 50

Joseph "Big Joe" Edward Cook "was called home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on April 9, 2018, after losing his courageous battle with brain cancer.

He was born in Santa Rosa, California, on May 13, 1967, to Leon and Victoria Cook. He moved to Bigfork with his family in 1980, where he graduated from Bigfork High School in 1985. That same year he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Jodi Bednarczyk.

He also enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in Great Falls. After serving our country, he returned home to raise his three children with Jodi. While home he developed a passion for cooking and became a chef in many of the area's restaurants.

Once the kids grew up a little, he changed careers and became a long haul truck driver. His last job before his illness was driving in the oil fields of North Dakota.

He was a man of many hobbies — chickens, gardening, hunting, fishing



and his family's genealogy. He was currently working on a book on the history of South Ferndale, where he lived most of his life. His biggest love in

life was family. He loved being a grandpa, was a caring person and had a positive attitude 'til the end.

Joe is survived by his wife Jodi, daughters Elisha and Amanda, and son Joseph; parents Leon and Victoria Cook; and his sister, Kimberly Schnell; as well as five grandbabies, several in-laws, nieces and nephews and cousins.

The family invites you to our celebration of Joe's life at 5 p.m. on April 26 at Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.