

Janie Pierce Fagerland, 90

Janie, 90, of Kalispell passed away peacefully on Jan. 5, 2018, with her family by her side.

She was born in Kalispell on April 26, 1927, and raised in Bigfork for most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Margaret Pierce; her husband, Kornel "Skip" Fagerland, on Nov. 5, 1990; and her brother, Al Pierce, on Feb. 9, 2014.

Janie is survived by her son, Keyvin (Rosanna) Fagerland; daughter, Deb (Steve) Bertelsen; grandchildren, Keevin (Brooke) Bertelsen, Steven (Katie) Bertelsen, Shanelle (Scott) Palmer, Niko Swift, Jayce (Kaity) Fagerland and Bryce Fagerland; great-grandchildren, Sienna, Sladen, Saraya Palmer, Bridger Fagerland, Bransen Holzer and Neil Ray Bertelsen; and her partner for over 25 years, Marlin Metcalf.

Janie's passion was



golfing. She was very competitive on the golf course in which she won several club championships.

She loved golfing with the girls and traveling to other golf courses to compete in their invitational tournaments. The only thing that would keep her off the course was to watch her grandkids participate in their baseball and football. She was their biggest cheerleader! Marlin and Janie wouldn't leave in the fall to winter in Thousand Palms until the football seasons were over. She will be greatly missed.

Graveside services were held Jan. 9 at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a celebration of life this summer at the Buffalo Hill Golf Course, to be announced at a later date.

Betty Bernice Adair (Ragle) Fairchild, 94

Betty Bernice Adair (Ragle) Fairchild, 94, of Kalispell passed away Feb. 20, 2018.

Betty was born in Baytown, Texas, on Nov. 13, 1923, to Maynard and Hulda (Korges) Ragle.

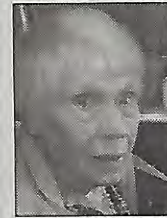
She married Terrall Fairchild in Houston in 1947 and had a wonderful 56 years of marriage. Betty worked for Southern Pacific Railroad for 47 years. In her past time she loved painting and won several blue ribbons.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband Terrall, and son Michael.

She is survived by her daughters, Terry Lynn Butler, Kathy Stadick and Vonda Harding; grandchildren and those who adopted her as grandma, Tracy, Timothy, Joshua, Becky, Heather, Kelly, Christopher, Eric and Jessica; and great-grandchildren and those who adopted her as great-grandma, Brittnee, Kyle, Samantha, Aurora, Summer, Casson, Julie, Tailee, Kendall, Cutter, Skyler and Brayden. The daughter that adopted her as her mother wrote her a poem she wanted shared with everyone.

"The Light"
By Kathy Stadick

He let me peek at my future through the door,
I saw fields of flowers
and so much more.
He said, "You are my



child,
dear
Betty.
Come,
but only
when
you are
ready."

I told my family I was tired and weary.
I saw one by one their eyes get teary.
They gave me permission one and all,
To answer my Father's call.

I rested some before I knocked on Heaven's gate,
I knew the timing was right, I wasn't late.
This time the light made me squint as I entered in,
It was as I had imagined it had always been.

That field I saw, I am walking it through,
And I am five foot nine again, I grew!
As I am not alone, I will see you again,
My family, my pets, and my dear friends.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with entombment to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website, ww.buffalohillfh.com, to send notes of condolence to the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Steven Thomas Fawcett, 74

Steven Thomas Fawcett passed away Oct. 5, 2018, peacefully, at age 74, with his loving family beside him. He joins the rest of his kin, brothers David and Matthew, his mom Gloria, and father Ray.

He was born on March 27, 1944, in Covina, California. Cerebral palsy limited the use of his right side motor skills and affected his cognition but his ability to navigate life with the hand he was dealt at birth amazed his family and friends. Some days you'd never guess it ... simple wisdom poured from this man. Living with limited physical and cognitive ability was only a minor setback.

He married Patty in 1975 and together they had a unique partnership. The two of them have been local characters around Whitefish since 1986, where their daily outings often involved lengthy "sits" north of the viaduct, drinking big-gulps of diet coke and watching train cars get shuffled around the yard.

In addition to his fascination with locomotives, Steve was passionate about feats of engineering, heavy machinery, mowing



large patches of lawn, and gardening. He was a curious gardener and tried

for almost four decades to get walnuts and citrus to grow outdoors in Northwest Montana, and though not a single one has survived, his resilience, determination and faith have been humbling.

His sense of humor was always at the ready as was his huge, compassionate heart. When his loved ones suffered, he always knew what to say and was the first to reach out his hand and lead you through prayer. He was at times crabby and stubborn and had a temper. He was also warm and empathetic and when he laughed went, "Hee hee hee."

He will be missed by his wife Patty, sisters-in-law Connie and Lynn Fawcett, nephews Jason and Zac Fawcett, and nieces Jenny and Emma Fawcett.

Memorial services will take place at 2 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Whitefish Community Center.

Mary Feller, 94

Mary Feller passed away July 24, 2018.

Mary was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, to Albert Charles and Blanche Mary Jefferis. She was the second youngest of the six children. Mary joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps at the age of 19.

Mary married Carl Christiansen in 1943 and they had four boys. They were married 20 years. In 1967 she married Norman "Gene" Feller and they were married until his passing in 2012.

Mary enjoyed many outdoor activities including camping, hunting and fishing. She enjoyed the years she spent at the home they built up Truman Creek and raising her horses. Mary and Gene moved to Lynden, Washington, in 1984 and they resided there until Gene's passing in 2012. At that time, she moved back to Kalispell and resided at Timber Creek Village in Columbia Falls for four years until her dementia advanced, at which time she moved to Beehive Homes in Kalispell until her passing.



Mary was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1947 and continued to be a devout member.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, stillborn daughter Mary Jean Christiansen, her son Gordon Feller, and her siblings.

Mary is survived by her sons Ken Feller, Gary Christiansen and spouse Nan, and Randy Feller and spouse Jeanette. She was also blessed with six grandchildren.

An open house viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. this evening, July 27, at Darlington Cremation and Burials Service, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, Montana. Grave dedication will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kalispell.

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

Lillian Cockrell Fenster, 95

Lillian Cockrell Fenster, born July 25, 1923, to Linus and Ester Markuson passed away on Aug. 30, 2018, in Kalispell surrounded by family.

Lillian grew up on the family farm north of Galata, Montana, with her eight siblings. She graduated from Geysers High School while being a nanny for Dr. Squire's family. She attended Great Falls Commercial College. She married Marvin Cockrell in 1943 and had five children (She deserved a medal of honor). Lillian and Marvin owned Marv's Grocery in Galata, until they moved to Kalispell in 1955.

Marvin and Lillian enjoyed the Flathead. Camping, hiking, skiing (members of the Kalispell Ski Club), dancing and golfing — they both had gotten a "hole in one" on Buffalo Hill Golf Course. Lillian made sure all of her grandchildren had golf clubs and golf lessons.

Marvin passed away in 1978 and she married Marion Fenster in 1981. Lillian and Marion shared the love of golf, playing cards and grandchildren. Even though, Marion had no grandchildren of his own, they were at all of the concerts, baseball and soccer games for their grandchildren.

Lillian made this world a better place in her own quiet way. She was always there to help, whether it was to paint the trim around windows and mop boards or picking up her friends to play cards with her friend at assisted living. She was an incredible homemak-



er — canning hundreds of quarts of fruit each year, a beautiful seam-

stress, meticulous knitter, brick layer and tile setter. She could do it all. Later in life, she was known as the "puzzle lady" and the "walker."

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings and both husbands.

She is survived by her children, Ronald Cockrell (Cindy) of Great Falls, Dennis Cockrell (Jan) of Shelby, Vicki Cockrell Johns (Doug) of Kalispell, Cheryl Hatton (Doug) of Kalispell, and Debi Cockrell-Gilsoul (Rick) of Helena. Her grandchildren are Rodney Cockrell, Michelle Lavendar, Amber Braden, Kelsey McAlpine, McKeag Johns, Walker Hatton, Cooper Hatton, Spencer Gilsoul, Lili Gilsoul, Eric, Stacy and Ryan Smith, Kelly Johns, Janice Nelson, Kate Johns and Katie Hull; and 13 great-grandchildren.

We would like to thank the staff at the Terraces, the Lodge, the Retreat and Home Options Hospice for the loving care they provided for Mom.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please pay it forward to someone in need or to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org

Stephen E. Feuz, 58

After a short, but valiant battle with lung cancer, Steve Feuz passed away peacefully the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

Born April 28, 1959, in Southern California, his family moved to the Auburn area of Northern California in 1963. He grew up north of Auburn and graduated from Placer High School in 1979, immediately starting his long career in the HVAC/plumbing wholesale industry, a career he enjoyed his entire life.

Realizing a lifelong dream to live in Montana, he relocated to Kalispell in 1992 to help MDM Supply (now DSG) establish itself in the wholesale plumbing business. Although Steve physically worked in an office in Montana over the years,



you never knew if he was moving plumbing products through Alaska, Hawaii, Washington or Montana. He was not only a great commercial plumbing salesperson, but also one of the premier golf tournament coordinators in the industry.

Steve is survived by his wife Sydne, daughter Sydne Tennille Johnson (Dana), and grandson Sullivan, his parents John and Barbara Feuz, and brothers Michael (Keren) and Tim (Kathleen Sparks), sister Ann Feuz, and his stepdaughter Kelsey Komar.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Laraine.

Many thanks to the

staff at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center who were so kind and helpful to Steve in his final days, and to Chaplain Darrin who officiated at Steve and Sydne's wedding and eased Steve's passing in his final moments.

A celebration of Steve's life will be scheduled by his friends and coworkers

at DSG at a later time where we all can gather in our Aloha shirts, share memories of Steve, listen to a little Jimmy Buffet and polish off a margarita or two.

In lieu of flowers, Steve requested that donations be made to Kalispell Regional Health Center Hospice.

Richard 'Dick' Nelson Field, 84

Richard "Dick" Nelson Field, 84, of Whitefish, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, after an extended illness.

Born on November 29, 1934 in Edgerton, Wisconsin, to parents Burton and Dorothy Field, Dick graduated from Wisconsin State College, Platteville with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts Education degree in 1959. Dick obtained his Master of Science degree from Winona State in 1970.

Dec. 21, 1957, brought about his marriage to Doris Ashley of Janesville. Together they raised two children, Lesia and Rick. Moving to Montana in 1979, Dick and Doris made Whitefish their home, surrounding themselves with a tight-knit community of friends.

Two career paths were joined by Dick's passions for teaching and using his hands. As a teacher of industrial arts and coach of many sports, Dick loved the process of building and shaping. Not only was he a coach in wrestling, football and golf to many young minds, but he continually coached and encouraged those around him throughout his life. In Whitefish, Dick made a name for



himself as a handyman at North Valley Hospital where he worked until his retirement.

Forever busy in his woodshop, he made many beautiful birdhouses, Nativity scenes, rocking horses and toy boxes, which have graced all of our lives. His involvement with various community organizations like the food bank, St. Peter Lutheran Church, and Whitefish's Winter Carnival earned him the loving titles of the "Pageant Painter" and "Talented Taskmaster." Both Dick and Doris were members of The Merry Makers.

Dick had many passions and hobbies — some he excelled at and some were just fun. He enjoyed the challenge of the autumn hunting season, relishing in the preparation for the hunt as well as time with friends. Fishing and camping at Kooicanusa with family and friends occupied many summer weekends. Dick played many rounds of golf and was a member of the

men's league, transitioning later in life with the "Geezer" group. His Green Bay Packers putter was his short game smoking weapon. Dick loved time spent in Glacier National Park with family.

Dick is survived by his children, Lesia Hatlestad (Dan) and Rick Field (Kim) and grandson, Erik Hatlestad. He has a remaining brother, Ken, of Ohio.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Doug and David, and wife Doris.

All are invited to

attend Dick's celebration of life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 201 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937. There will be a reception immediately after the celebration at St. Peter's.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to St. Peter Lutheran Church of Whitefish and Glacier National Park Conservancy.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Dick's family.

John Randolph 'Randy' Fields, 71

John Randolph "Randy" Fields passed away Jan. 13, 2018, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Randy was born May 17, 1946, in Fort Worth, Texas, to mother Donna Joann Curtis and father Lile Fields. Randy attended elementary school in Texas. He moved to California when he was 12 and attended junior high and high school until he was a junior, when he moved with his family to Kalispell where he finished his senior year (1965).

After high school, he went back to California and worked in electrical drafting. He was soon drawn back to Montana.

Randy was a talented man. He was a beautiful left hand, free hand artist, musician, builder of computers and repeaters and an avid ham radio operator.

Randy was preceded in death by his mother Donna Joann, father Lile, stepmother Betty and brother-in-law Charles

Domgard.

He is survived by his sisters Barbara Domgard and Pam Clarke (Harold), niece Jessica Young, great-niece Trinity Young, great-nephew Chance Young, nephew Brad

Townsend and family, Destiny, Zaden and Abbi; plus two good friends, Harvey Maze and John Van Sant.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

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

Edward George Finn, 76

Edward George Finn, 76, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018.

He was born Aug. 25, 1941, in Detroit.

Edward was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Air Force, and retired from the Torrance Police Department after more than 26 years of distinguished service.

Edward is survived by his wife Sharren Finn, his sister



MaryAnn Warner, his two daughters Michelle and Kathleen, his four sons

Michael, Christopher, James and Daniel, and by his eight grandchildren.

He will forevermore be loved and missed by all who know him.

Donn Wayne Fish Sr., 68

Donn Fish, 68, passed away on Nov. 24, 2018, after a brave fight against multiple illnesses, with his wife Dorene and other family by his side.

Donn was born in Watertown, South Dakota, on Dec. 10, 1949, to Harvey and Lydia Fish. He was the youngest of seven children. The family moved to the Skagit Valley in Washington in 1952, and to Clear Lake in 1956, where he was raised. Donn attended school in Clear Lake and Sedro Woolley. Donn started a love of riding motorcycles very young, with dirt bikes and then road bikes.

He had dogs and other pets from a young age as well, rescuing many animals along the way.

Donn married Linda (Watkins) and had a son, Donn Wayne Fish Jr., in 1968. He worked for a short time at Kenworth Motors in Seattle before working for 34 years in sawmills in Washington and Montana.

In 1977 Donn met Edith Dorene (Cargile), the love of his life (his words), and they were married in 1978, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

They lived and worked in the Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon area until 1995, when they moved to Eureka, Montana.

Donn had a big heart and was always ready to help anyone in need.

He could talk with anyone, anywhere, and never met a stranger.



Donn became a reborn Christian in July of 2011, and spent the rest of his life spreading seeds for Jesus. Donn also rode with the Tribe of Judah Motorcycle Ministry as a Millennium Messenger for many years.

Donn was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Lydia Fish, nieces Shawn Fish and Debbie Smith, and nephew Bob Richardson, as well as several brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Dorene; sisters, Alma Lennox, Betty Sauers, Georgia Sanders (Gary), Mary Moore (Dave), and Peggy Cochran; brother, Harvey Fish (Jackie); sister-in-law, Judy Gustafson (Brett); brother-in-law, Ken Cargile (Inavee); children, Donn W. Fish Jr. (Linda), Terry G. Peterson Jr. (Cathy), Michele L. Peterson Beck, and Tana R. Peterson; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Donn's life and potluck will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Pinkham Schoolhouse near Eureka.

In lieu of flowers, suggested memorials are: St Jude's Children's Hospital, Friends of the Shelter, or Big Hearts Open Hands in Eureka.

Robert 'Bob' DeWitt Fishel, 90

Robert "Bob" DeWitt Fishel, 90, of Kalispell, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at the Brendan House.

Robert was born Feb. 15, 1927, in Wolf Point, Montana, to Marion and Annie Fishel and was the third of 10 children. Robert immediately jumped into work after the sixth grade to help his large family during the Depression. He began his working career for the Great Northern Rail Company working in the roundhouse in Whitefish, until he joined the Navy at the age of 17. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946.

Robert returned home to work with his family's logging company. He then went to work for Somers Mill, and helped with the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam. In 1957 he started his employment at Kalispell General Hospital/Brendan House where he worked for 39 years. Bob was a hardworking individual who always enjoyed working. He had great carpenter skills and he built cabinets for the hospital that are still there today. He was a handy man, helping others in the community keep up on their projects including remodeling homes.

Robert married Delores Dygert in 1950 and together they had three sons. While raising



his family, he enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting with them, especially creek fishing, huckleberry picking and mushroom picking.

Bob and his son Donald planned multiple hunting trips together all over Montana.

After his wife Delores passed away, he met Edie Kaps and they were companions for 21 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; and sons, Darrel and Duane Fishel; brothers, James, Kenneth and William; and sister, Helen.

Robert is survived by his son, Donald Fishel, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law Genny Fishel; grandsons, Robert and Darrick Fishel; and his five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Marie, Lucille, Josephine and Carol, his brother, Donald; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Robert will be deeply missed by family and friends.

There will be a graveside service in the spring at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery and the time will be announced at a later date.

Virgil Lewis Fisher, 89

Virgil Lewis Fisher, 89, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Virgil was born on July 20, 1929 in Kalispell to Guy and Edna (Null) Fisher. He was raised in the Bissell community and he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from

Western College in Dillon.

Virgil was a school teacher, farmer, logger and self-employed.

Virgil's hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, a son and daughter, and three sisters.

Virgil is survived by his children, Hal Fisher of Whitefish, and Linda

(Jim) Fay of Sammamish, Washington; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, five nieces and two nephews.

A celebration of Virgil's life will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Olney-Bissell School gymnasium, with a reception following the services.

The family suggest

memorials be made to the Meals on Wheels program.

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

Kathleen Kay Fleck, 79

Kathleen Kay Fleck, 79, "went home to be with the Lord" on March 10, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with her three children at her side.

Kathleen "Kitty" was born on Feb. 12, 1939, to Fritz and Ella Otterson in New Effington, South Dakota. She had three sisters, Gloria Smith, JoAnn Jones and Darlene Hanson. Her parents had owned several business entities including restaurants and bars, and finally a boat rental business on Bass Lake in Minnesota. This is where she met the love of her life, Gordy Fleck, from Grand Rapids Minnesota. They were married May 1, 1954, and started a family, giving them four children, Melody, Teresa, Tim and Dan.

She spent her life as a homemaker, wife and mother. In the summer time she would go harvest wild rice with Gordy, his brother Norbert and wife Yvonne on the lakes in Minnesota, which produced extra money, hard work and fun with lots of memories and good stories, including moose that were too close!

Gordy worked for a company building water and sewer treatment plants all over the states. The family moved from state to state for those



jobs.

They finally retired to Kalispell. Kitty was overjoyed to settle in one

place and to enjoy her home and family.

She has 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Kitty loved her crossword books and watching the soap operas. You just didn't bother making appointments or visiting while those soap operas were on ... She had watched "Days of Our Lives" since the day it started! When the soaps were done she could then go and do her errands.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gordy, and son Dan.

She will be missed so much by everyone who knew her. She is survived by her three children Melody Balla, Teresa Johnson, and Tim Fleck and wife Tracy.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Valley Community Church of God at 2149 Hwy. 2 East in Evergreen (behind Franz Bread Store), with Pastor Michael Hance Officiating. A luncheon will follow the celebration.

Frances Dillon Foley, 89

Frances Dillon Foley, 89, passed away on April 14, 2018, with family by her side.

She was from St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated from St. Catherine's College.

In 1954 she married Eugene Foley and raised four children. Frannie was a beautiful woman with bright blue eyes; she was a talented artist and a wonderful mother and grandmother. Her sensuous, hand-carved marble sculptures are in many private and public collections around the country including the City Hall of Wabasha, the Lutheran Brotherhood in Minneapolis, Cretin Derham High School; St. Joseph's in St. Paul and the Hockaday Museum of Art in Kalispell.

She enjoyed hiking, gardening, cooking and curling.

Her husband was an advisor to Hubert Humphrey and served in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. Frannie enjoyed several private dinners at the Johnson White House and even got a personal tour from the president. In 1968 the family moved to New York and in 1986



she moved back to St. Paul into the Lowertown Lofts apartments for artists. In 1991

she moved to Somers on the shores of Flathead Lake to help raise her grandchildren. Frannie continued her art and was creating some of her most beautiful work into her mid-80s.

Frances was predeceased by her husband, three sisters and brother. She is survived by her children, Annie of Tisbury, Massachusetts; Bob and wife Jane of Somers; Margaret of Whitefish; Paul and wife Clare of Marion, Massachusetts; and her four grandchildren, Dillon, Conor, Abbie and Ellie Foley who all grew up in the Flathead Valley. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held in St. Paul on June 16.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to a local arts program or memory loss.

Longfellow, Finnegan, Riddle Funeral Home in Anaconda is handling arrangements.

Frank S. Foot, 85

Frank S. Foot, 85, passed away in Kalispell on Jan. 29, 2018.

Frank was born to Guy K. and Dorothy Foot in Kalispell on July 23, 1932. There is an old brown barn still standing on the land where he was born. He attended school in Kalispell. For 10 years, Frank worked for the International dealer all over the Flathead area farming and logging. He then retired after 20 years from the county. He was an active member of the Operating Engineers Union for 40 years, and a member of the E board for two of those years.

He was married to Gladis Longacre until her death. In 1992, he married Miriam Batt, and they settled in the home they built together to live out his golden years with his "Sweetie" and their dearly loved doggies.

Frank was a visitor at heart, loved among many friends and family and could always be counted on for a good story or two. He had a sharp memory of his fun and colorful life, and loved to do the daily crosswords and cryptic puzzles in the daily newspaper. He loved to garden and share his techniques and harvests. Frank was also an avid reader and enjoyed a



good mystery.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, brothers

Charles and John, and sister Mary Harker.

He is survived by his wife, sisters Alice Dettwiler and Elizabeth "Libeth" Merritt, stepsons Lloyd Waller, Steven Waller, Jerry Longacre and Ron Longacre, and stepdaughters Cynthia Whitbeck and Lynne Cook, along with numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Frank's family would like to extend their deep-felt gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for the loving care they gave him in his last days.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that you make a donation to the hospice program in your community.

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Kenneth William Foote, 70

Kenneth William Foote, 70, died peacefully Jan. 12, 2018, at his home in Kalispell, after a long struggle with COPD and flu.

Ken was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Dec. 27, 1947, to Rose M. Harris Foote and Ward L. Foote. At age 7, he moved to Minneapolis and obtained citizenship. He lived in the Minneapolis area until 1995 when he moved to Kalispell. He graduated from Minnetonka High School.

He married Patricia M. Lokken, Feb. 28, 1970. They later divorced. He then married Gloria Jones-Stimson March 4, 2004.

Ken owned and operated his own business, the QRS construction company, through 1990. He held various other non-construction positions since that time, including executive "head hunter," transportation broker, golf course maintenance, and



bartender at Nickelodeon, Fatt Boys, Spinnaker and Blacktail. He finished his

career in 2013 at Village Greens doing golf course maintenance.

Ken was on the Eden Prairie school board for eight years. His final duty was to hand his son Brian his high school diploma.

Ken had a deep love of sports, including coaching his son and friends. He participated in many sports, but his love later in life was golfing, often with his best friends Dave and Wayne.

Ken loved music and singing at karaoke. Ken's renowned sense of humor was comical and he loved to perform for everyone. He was loved by many, making friends wherever he went.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jones-

Stimson-Foote; children, Brian and his wife Melissa Foote of Eden Prairie Minnesota, Ronda Stimson-Adams and Jodi Michelle Stimson of Kalispell; grandchildren, Hannah Jane and Audrey Rose Foote of Eden Prairie Alicia and Asher Hefty, Jacie Stimson and Talon McCarver of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Hailie Hefty; brother-in-law, Brett Packard, of Salt Lake City; numerous cousins, other family, and many friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents Rose and Ward, brother Leroy Foote, sister Kathleen Foote-Packard, and infant brother Brian Foote.

A memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

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

Angeline Markos Fopp, 95

Angeline Markos Fopp was born on Nov. 15, 1923.

She went home to her Father in heaven on Dec. 3, 2018.

She was born in Fargo, North Dakota, to Christ and Elizabeth Keim Markos. Mom attended and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Fargo, North Dakota, and Saint Alexius Hospital School of Nursing in 1945 with a registered nursing degree. She and a friend boarded the train in Minot, North Dakota, and came to Kalispell to work at Kalispell General Hospital. In 1946 she met Albert Fopp; they were married in Saint Matthew's Church on July 24, 1948. They had four children, Linda, Julie, Mark and Rick. Mom was an excellent seamstress. She made dresses for us girls, shirts for the boys and even made Dad's sports jackets. For many, many years, she made ravioli for the Hacienda Restaurant.

Over the generations, Mom was our staunchest supporter. Whether it was basketball, softball, baseball or football games, cross country or speech meets band concerts or soccer or wrestling matches, Mom was always there in person or in spirit. In the fall after high school football games there were always pizza parties at the Fopp house. She was Mom to so many of our friends.



of the staff and residents. Her favorite activities were jigsaw puzzles, Silver Sneakers

and bingo.

Mom was predeceased by her husband, Albert in 1996, her sisters Cleo Koch and her husband Tony and Christine Kincaid and her husband Mel, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, A.J. and Myrna Fopp, Gene and Joan Fopp and S.M. Mike Fopp.

She leaves her children, Linda Lessard, Julie Miller and husband Randy, Mark and wife Paulette, and Rick, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by three grandsons, Jason Miller and wife Rhonda of Kalispell, Douglas Miller and wife Chris of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Anthony Fopp of Bozeman. Her three great grandchildren are Dylan Miller of Kalispell, and Emma and Vincent Miller of Coeur d'Alene. Her stepgreat-grandchildren are Beth Calderon and her husband Alejandro and Nick O'Mary, as well as stepgreat-grandchildren Cambria and Santi Calderon and Everleigh O'Mary, all of Kalispell.

Her nieces and nephews are Gary and Pat Kincaid, Wade and Birdie Kincaid, Dianne and Richard Knell, Rhonda and Perrie Schafer and Tony Chris

In about 1975, she took up quilting. Mom made some beautiful quilts that we are fortunate to have as keepsakes. In addition to sewing and quilting, Mom loved her rose and vegetable gardens. She also grew huge dinner-plate dahlias. The hummingbirds' arrival every spring brought her joy; she loved watching them feed from the feeders by the kitchen and living room windows. Mom was very active in Saint Matthew's Parish and School. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and was a Past Regent.

Mom had a special place in her heart for her two younger sisters. When they got together each summer, it was the happiest time of the year for each of them. They were the most wonderful, loving moms and aunts any child could ever ask for.

She had back surgery in 1972 and was plagued with back and knee pain for years. Mom never complained; she just accepted it and learned to live with it. In 2013 she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home. She quickly won the hearts

Koch all of Mandan, North Dakota, Nikki Fopp of Oklahoma and Shelley Likens of Great Falls. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Barbara Fopp, of Corte Madera, California. Numerous great- and great-great- nieces and nephews and countless friends and acquaintances will miss her dearly.

We would like to thank the staff at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for the love, kindness and friendship they all shared with Mom.

Viewing and rosary will be held at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10. Funeral Mass will be held on 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Mom's name to the charity of your choice.

Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com/tributes to leave condolences for the family. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Alice Mae Ford, 93

Alice Mae Ford passed away Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

She was born Aug. 6, 1925, to Hans and Nellie Moen in Kalispell. She grew up in the Foy's Lake area, moving into Kalispell and graduating from Flathead County High School in 1943. After pursuing job interests in San Francisco and Washington state, she returned to Kalispell and married Robert Ford in 1950. She raised three sons, always stressing the positive zest which she lived life. Alice found time to work various book-keeping jobs when she wasn't busy chasing her kids around town.

Alice enjoyed bowling, playing bridge, reading, traveling and spending time with her family and friends. She also loved to do crossword puzzles. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Following Bob's retirement, Alice and Bob enjoyed the warm climate of Arizona in the winter months. They spent 60 years together until Bob's passing in 2011. She always had a big hug or pat on the back at times when they were really needed most. Thanks Mom, we'll miss you!

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Robert and son Mark; her parents; three



brothers, Orville, Burton and Norman; and sister, Irene.

She is survived by sons,

Robin (Sheila) of Port Orchard, Washington, David (JoAnne) of Kalispell, and Douglas Brenizer (Shawn) of Salem, Oregon; grandchildren, Samuel (Aubrey) and Callie Ford of Washington, Zachary Ford of Kalispell, Chris Brenizer (Jill), Adam Rees and Erinne Irish of Oregon; and great-grandchildren, Laurelin, Auberon Ford and Anna Brenizer.

Alice is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace for their care of Alice in recent years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Alice's name can be made to the Buffalo Hill Terrace Employee Fund, 40 Claremont, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Museum at Central School, 124 2nd Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Oct. 4, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Inurnment will be at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Butch Forsyth, 64

Butch Forsyth was born in Billings on April 9, 1952. He moved his family to Lakeside in 1987 and they lived on Blacktail Road for 17 years. Butch was the only son of Marjorie Lacey Forsyth and Eugene Francis Forsyth Sr. Though named Eugene Jr. after his father, he was known as "Butch" his entire life. When he introduced himself, he'd say, "If ya call me Francis... I'd have to kill ya."

Butch had a quick wit and was a storyteller! He had a lifelong love for hunting, fishing, exploring and hiking. He found his religion through respecting and experiencing God's outdoor creations, which he called his "church."

After high school, Butch served as a squadron leader in the Montana Army National Guard for six years during the Vietnam War. He was a skilled marksman and was recruited to be a sniper. Butch graduated from Miles City Custer County High School in 1970.

He married his high school sweetheart, Kolleen Waldo, on May 8, 1971. To this union, two daughters were born, Buffy and Chantelle. The Forsyths lived in Billings, Laurel, Forsyth and Lakeside while raising their daughters.

Butch was administrator/operator for Lakeside Sewer and Water District from 1987 to 2004, and worked with the Environmental Protection Agency on the multi-million dollar project to bring sanitary sewer along the West Shore of Flathead Lake. It's because of this project that Flathead Lake is clear and crystal blue to this day. He was a lifetime outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting elk, deer, caribou and coyotes, and was also able



to hunt a 2,000-pound rogue buffalo. One shot from his 50-caliber black pow-

der rifle and the buffalo was down. Butch held an Federal Firearms License for over 20 years, and named his firearms business "Bulldog Arms." He was a knowledgeable resource to many people on firearms, ammunition and hunting tactics.

During retirement in Iowa, Butch was diagnosed with severe COPD in 2016. His wishes were to return to our home state for Montana's drier climate and to live close to family and our five grandchildren again. The beginning of that move was underway ... his famous Hawaiian shirts, cowboy boots and straw hat were packed!

His last day was spent in Montana with family celebrating his return. It was a good day. On May 27, 2018, he passed away, sleeping peacefully at the age of 66. He had come full circle ... back to Montana where he was born.

Butch is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kolleen, his daughters and sons-in-law, Buffy and Rick Stiles, and Chantelle and Tyson Buhre; his five grandchildren, Madison, Krueger, Brooklyn, Konnor and Kiara; his sister, Sharlene and Larry Anderson, plus a large extended family and friends. Also in his Fan Club are English Bulldogs, Griz and Maizee, who constantly shadowed his every move.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the Cremation & Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth Street West, Billings.

Jennifer Lynn Franklin, 48

Jennifer Lynn Franklin, 48, passed away in Kalispell, Feb. 26, 2018.

She was born Jan. 2, 1970, and raised in Bigfork. At a very early age, it was apparent that Jennifer's love of animals would some day be more than just a hobby. From barrel racing with her horse Shamrock, to dog obedience classes and shows, she loved every second of it. That love blossomed into a career, and later, a co-ownership of K9 Kutz in Kalispell. Jennifer was known for having a "way" with animals. She wasn't just a regular dog groomer, she seemed to understand them, each and every one of them in their own unique way, and they all loved her for it.

As much as Jennifer loved her four-legged friends, none of it compared to the joy of motherhood. Raising her daughter Jessica was, and is, her greatest accomplishment.

She is survived by her parents, John and Carmen Franklin of Bigfork, her daughter Jessica Olmsted of Kalispell, her brothers and sister, John Franklin, Christy (Franklin) Reines,



and Joe Franklin, as well as her nieces and nephew, Ally, Zoey and McKale Franklin,

and all the other people that she touched.

Jennifer had an indescribable presence, a sunshine-like quality, and such an easygoing personality. She had a way of bringing life and light into any situation. She loved everybody, it didn't matter who you were, whether you walked on two legs, or four, her heart did not discriminate. The world will be a little bit darker now, but her light and love lives on in all of us lucky enough to call her a sister, a mother, a daughter, or a friend.

Please join us at 1 p.m. March 9 at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home for a celebration of life.

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

Walter Henry Frazier was born in Blue Rye, Missouri, on July 9, 1926, to Della and William Frazier. He passed away at Brendan House, Kalispell, on April 27, 2018, at the age of 91. (He would have been 92 on July 9.)

He enlisted in the U.S. Army, before graduating high school. He was a forward infantry scout (87th Infantry, 347th Division) and on the front lines in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He came home with a Presidential Unit Citation and a Bronze Star at the age of 19. He lived in Oroville,



He was a hunter/trapper (at a young age) for the California Fish and Wildlife. He was a reserve sheriff's deputy and he retired as a California Fish and Game warden.

He taught Hunter's Safety for many years. Our family spent many summers "camping out" with Dad doing his job.

Walter loved hunting with his hounds and many friends. He really enjoyed hunting mountain lions and bear.

He loved country music and played the guitar, accompanying the fiddles and music played by the California Old Time Fiddlers Association (and the Sunshine Band that played at care centers).

Although he was always a believer, he and Dora were baptized at the Libby Christian Church

Walter Henry Frazier, 91

on May 16, 1999.

He was preceded in death by his dad (when he was very young) and a brother, Roy Kenneth. He had a brother, Don Frazier, and sisters, Maxene Frazier, Evelyn Ullrich and Betty Ann Scott, and a younger brother, Wesley Simmons. His mother married Clifford Simmons after she moved her family from Missouri. He was a wonderful addition to our family.

Walt and Dora celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on March 9, 2018. He is survived by his

wife, Dora, and their three children, Connie Sue Frederick (Gene) of Troy, Walter Eugene (Peggy) of Magalia, California, and Clifford Allen of Oroville. They have seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Walter was buried in Oroville near many family members and friends on May 18. His grandson, Dane Frazier, spoke for our family. He said, "We are blessed to have had Grandpa. It's up to us to use his memories, his principles and his continued guidance. Please

know he's watching over us, call him in a prayer once in a while:

Grandpa, Dad, Walt, we miss you already. Please find us a holler and a hound so we can get another race started soon. The music will play by the campfire, where the beans and ham will be warm when we return. Until we see you again, know we love you."

A celebration of Walter's life will be held at 2 p.m. on July 28 at their home on Lower Valley Road, beside the Stillwater River.

Glenna Jean Fredenberg, 73

Glenna Jean Fredenberg, 73, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Glenna was born on August 14, 1945 in Lucille, Idaho, to William Hinkley and Phyllis Clark.

Glenna met her husband, Orin, in Trout Creek 38 years ago while Glenna was working and Orin was playing music. And the eruption of Mt. Saint Helen's ensured they spent quality time together. They were married on August 31, 1980. The two of them had many common passions but music was a favorite. Glenna served as Secretary of the Fiddler's Association while Orin was President.

Glenna worked in Nursing for many years and also spent many summers working in the coffee shop at Lake McDonald. She helped care for her two brothers-in-law for many years and a sister-in-law.

Throughout her life, Glenna loved to recall the time she spent growing up in the Slickpoo Orphanage on the Nez



Pierce Indian reservation in Idaho. During her time there, she was

the first to survive Polio in Lewiston, Idaho. Her hobbies included gardening, listening to music, reading and spending time with family.

Glenna was preceded in death by and husband, Orin, her parents, brothers.

She is survived by her children, Teresa Blewett, Bert Gray, and step-children; Jerry, Jeff; Ardith, Kelly, Shaunna, Tami; sister, Della; grandchildren, Christina, Matthew, Leah and many more; along with numerous great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Orin Fredenberg, 83

Orin Fredenberg, 83, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at his home in Kalispell.

Orin was born on the Fredenberg Homestead to George and Ruth Fredenberg and was the youngest of 16 children. Orin came from a family full of musicians. He and his brothers played music to help build the LaSalle and Birch Grove Grange Halls. Orin could play any song on his accordion, fiddle or guitar just from hearing it. Orin was the president of the District 1 Fiddlers Association for many years. Orin worked several years at the Libby mine before starting work for Plum Creek in Evergreen. He retired from Plum Creek after more than 30 years.

Orin was preceded in death by his parents, and 13 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna, of 37 years; brother, Dale Fredenberg; sister, Carol Patterson; sons, Jerry, Jeff and Bert; daugh-



ters, Ardy, Kelly, Shaunna, Tammy, Teresa and Brandy; 14 grandchildren and 15

great-grandchildren.

Family and friends and others whose lives have been touched by Orin are invited to join in his celebration of life. A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today, March 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with funeral services at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A potluck reception will follow at the Kalispell Eagles where everyone is invited to bring your musical instruments for a good ole' fashion jam session.

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

Edward Thomas Freiburger, 53

Edward Thomas Freiburger, "Little Ed," 53, passed away July 12, 2018, in Columbia Falls.

Ed was born July 20, 1964, in East Dubuque, Illinois, to Ed and Eileen (Pitts) Freiburger. Ed was raised in the Tri-States (Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin) and moved to Montana in 2004. Ed graduated from East Dubuque High School and got a degree in electronic engineering from the Madison School of Electronics in Madison, Wisconsin.

Ed worked several years for the Iowa Pipeline with his tormentor in life Jimmy Coulson, and at Georgia Pacific in Dubuque, Illinois. Upon moving to Montana, Ed worked for PaveCo and Weaver Gravel and his good friend Ernie Gravelin and, most recently, for Slick Finish Drywall with his "bro-in-law" Dean Roberts.

Ed loved to hunt, fish, pick morels and huckleberries, and go on long rides exploring all Montana had to offer with his friends and family here in Montana.

Ed loved his mother, sisters and brother and all his nieces and nephews dearly. He was especially fond of Amber Rose Everett-Smith who often got to go on the fishing trips.



Ed was preceded in death by his father Edward G. Freiburger, and his sister-in-law Rose

Freiburger, formerly of Dubuque, Iowa.

He is survived by his mother, Eileen Freiburger; brother Ted and wife Sharon, of Hazel Green, Wisconsin; four sisters, Laurie Roberts and husband Dean of Columbia Falls, and Grace Coulson and husband Duane, Judy Pladna and husband Kevin, Jody Meyer and husband Shane, all of East Dubuque; nieces and nephews, Joe, Doug, Chris and Tony Smith, Dane Freiburger, Cody and Kelsie Coulson, Kennedy and Saige Pladna, Carson, Chase, Crue and Cohen Meyer; and great-nieces and -nephews, Astyn Easton and Amber and Abel Smith.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 20, Ed's birthday, at the Blue Moon of Columbia Falls.

The family requests that condolences and donations be sent to Darlington Cremation and Burial Service, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Ina Tilton Friedt, 93

Ina Tilton Friedt passed away August 1, 2018, at the age of 93.

She was born June 20, 1925 in Camas Hot Springs, Montana to Albert and Adeline Ippisch. She grew up in Lonepine and graduated from Lonepine High School. Then she went to Seattle and worked at Boeing during the war effort. She was our "Rosie the Riveter".

She moved back to Lonepine and married Frank Tilton. They moved to the Flathead Valley and started one of the first garbage services in the valley. They lived at Boorman, Evergreen, Olney and moved to Kila and raised their family there. Frank passed away in 1978. The Kila homestead still remains in the family.

She married Albert Friedt in 1979. Al passed away in 2013. Ina enjoyed dancing, playing the accordion, piano, fiddle, jigsaw puzzles and family gatherings. She had a wicked sense of humor and a twinkle in her eye. She loved carpentry. She could tear down a wall and rebuild a house. She was happiest when she had a hammer and nails in her hand.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Adeline Ippisch, brothers Charles, Lester and Jim, husbands Frank Tilton and Albert Friedt. She is survived by children Deana (Tom) Hewitt, Custer, Montana, Ritchie (Leona) Tilton, Columbia Falls, Nancy (Mick) Murphy, Kalispell,



Edward (Lourell) Tilton, Columbia Falls and grandchildren Pansy Hewitt Morehouse, Daishia

Hewitt Brosten, John Francis Jr, Greg Tilton, Annie Tilton, Susan Murphy Galbraith, Scott Murphy and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 7 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception will be held after the burial at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Friends and family are encourage to visit us at www.bhfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert Donald Friess, 74

Robert Donald Friess was born in Decatur, Indiana on June 7, 1944. Bob "went into the loving arms of Jesus" on July 25, 2018. He "transitioned peacefully to heaven" in his sleep, with his wife, Susan, by his side.



in 2017, and was known among his colleagues and friends as an avid hunter, fisher and honorable businessman. He was always drawn to the beauty of the



Rocky mountains, loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting, and the wonder of God's incredible creation.

He will be especially remembered for his caring strength, his faith in Jesus and desire for all people around him to know God's love and accept Him personally as their Lord and Savior.

Bob grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and graduated from Washington High where he was a star football player and later inducted into the hall of fame. He went on to play college football as a lineman at the University of South Dakota and was accepted into dental school at Northwestern University in Chicago even before finishing undergraduate college.

He graduated dental school in 1969 and then served as a dentist in the U.S. Navy in Okinawa, Japan during the Vietnam War. He was stationed on Whidbey Island before making the Flathead Valley his home in the early 1970s. There he met and was happily married to Susan Orser on May 22, 1976. The most treasured event in his life happened on September 23, 1982 when he trusted Christ as his personal Savior.

Bob shined in the community for being a 'painless dentist' in Columbia Falls until his retirement

Bob is survived by his wife of 42 years, Susan; son Logan, his wife Anna and children Nina, Nathaniel, Nora, Nessa, Nolan, Niall, Nadia of Rochester, Minn.; son Brian, his wife Melissa and children Elisabeth, Nevah, Shekinah and Amiah of Kalispell; daughter Lindsay, husband Michael Davis and children Lucy, Reuben, Ezra and Boaz of Clay, New York; and son Daniel, wife Anna Jane and children Adele, Heidi and Sylvia of

Carlise, Penn. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Richard and Barb Friess and family of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His sister Sallie Swanson preceded him in death. He also has numerous family here: Scott and Amy Orser and family of Helena; Malcolm Orser of Kalispell; Dan and Marsha, and Blake Wilson of Kalispell. He also has numerous other nieces

and nephews.

We rejoice in knowing that because of His trust in the blood sacrifice of his Savior Jesus Christ, he is completely free from sin and all its effects and agents, including cancer, pain, suffering, grief and death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 30, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Patricia 'Trish' Anne Cassity Friez, 77

Patricia "Trish" Anne Cassity Friez passed away in Kalispell on Feb. 5, 2018. Trish was 77 years old.

She is survived by her husband Ron, and her daughter Amy of Helena, and her daughter Kimberley Yirak of Poway, California; her sister, Nita Sierke, of Woodside, California; and grandchildren, Shane and Jordan Yirak of Poway, and Aelish and Ennis Barrs of Helena. Trish leaves a large legacy in the form of wonderful friendships, creative endeavors and warm



memories.

In the words of a close friend, "Trish was a funny, smart, creative,

dauntless, talented, sociable, loving and caring person."

She is keenly missed. Trish's life will be celebrated from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Tizer Botanic Garden near Helena.

To celebrate Trish, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com/listings.

Avalynn Jean Fritz, infant

Avalynn Jean Fritz was born Feb. 26, 2018, celebrated her life through baptism in the presence of her family on March 9 and "entered heaven early the next morning."

She joined our family as the only girl, with two older brothers. We knew she would have to be a fighter to keep up with two busy older brothers and she certainly showed everyone what strong willpower she had. She fought very hard to stay with our family. The night of her baptism the boys were able to meet their sister, count her toes, hold her hand, and show her the great love and protection that older brothers do. We know by that night that she had already felt his loving presence, by the love everyone had showed her, and he told her it was OK to let go.

"She could see the wonderful life she would have on the other side, where she can run freely, dance with her Grandpa and those who have gone before her and grow up in heaven."

Although it is hard to know she is gone,



because of our strong faith we know that we will see her again.

We have a very special "Angel" who will watch over our family forever.

We would like to thank all the staff at the NICU at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their care and love of Avalynn. Her presence was much too short, but her fighting spirit, her beauty, and her desire to stay with us will live in our hearts and those who cared for her forever.

We are blessed to be part of the First Presbyterian Church, which made her baptism possible. We want to thank all of our church family, friends, neighbors, family members and everyone who prayed for Avalynn.

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart." — A.A. Milne

We will carry her in our hearts forever.

Briana Lee Fuller, 34

Briana Lee Fuller, 34, died peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Dec. 28, 2017, with her family at her side.

She was born in Anchorage, Alaska, on March 4, 1983. Shortly after that, her family moved to Kalispell. Briana attended school in Kalispell, graduating in 2002 from Laser High School. Briana loved to sing, write, draw and read.

Her employment throughout the years included the Hockaday Museum of Art, School District 5, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Moore Cabinets, and Kalispell Medical Equipment.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Karen Fuller; grandfather, Orville Fuller; and aunt, Jayne Lawrance.

Briana will be missed by her loving family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, Sutton



Shyann Johnson; sister, Kyrsten Bronson (Nick) of Billings; grandmother,

Jean Fuller, of Kalispell; boyfriend, Rob Hadley; uncle, Dennis Lawrance, of Calgary, Alberta; aunt and uncle Beryl and Steve Bonneville, of Hillsboro, Oregon; nephew, Khalen Bronson; and many other cousins and relatives.

A memorial service and potluck will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, at Village Greens Community Center, located at 195 W. Nicklaus Ave. in Kalispell. All are welcome to attend.

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

Norma K. Funke, 78

Norma K. Funke, 78, a lifelong member of the Polson community and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, passed away from natural causes while surrounded by her family on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, in Missoula.

She was born in Polson on April 1, 1939, to Elwood "Shorty" and Leota "Dottie" Noel Joy. Norma was the oldest of four girls and had a very large, extended family.

As a child, Norma's family lived in various homes around Polson, but her fondest memories were of the years she lived in the Mountain View area, in the shadow of the beautiful Mission Mountains. She graduated from Polson High School in 1957 and married her high school sweetheart and first husband, Dean Redekop, in 1958. Together, she and Dean had five children, Gwen, Russell, Geri, Gay and Genean. Dean was tragically lost in a car accident in 1971. In 1975 Norma and Jim Funke were married and together they lovingly raised their family. Family and home were the center of her world.



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She raised gardens, canned and was a wonderful cook and baker.

She was also an accomplished seamstress, quilter, crafter and painter. Family gatherings and holidays were her favorite times. She was a friend to all she knew and will be greatly missed.

Norma was preceded in death by her first husband, Dean; son, Russell; infant granddaughter, Amber Luke; father, Elwood Joy; mother, Leota Joy; sister, Melva Imbert; and an infant brother; along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Norma is survived by her husband, Jim; children, Gwen (Greg) Clairmont, Geri (Lloyd) Turnage, Gay (Mike) Speckert, and Genean Clairmont (Don). She leaves behind her sisters, Deanna (Paul) Wise and Dori (Mike) Munro. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Chris, Tom, Cory, Amanda, Annie, Abby,

Norma was a very bashful and sweet child with dimples and the brightest smile ever. She eventually grew out of her shyness and blossomed into one of the most fun loving, good humored people ever. Yes, she was a hoot! We have been blessed with many cherished family stories of Norma's colorful humor and amusing antics.

Norma had an incredibly strong work ethic and passed this along to her family. As a lifelong community member she worked in various places. In her early teens she waited tables at the Pirate Cafe and later, the Hut Cafe. She worked for many years at Eddie's Drug store. She and Jim also managed the family business, Hillcrest Nursery. In the 1990s Norma went back to school and earned an associate's degree in medical records and eventually worked for

Erin, James, Joe, Daniel, Dakota and Hunter and their spouses; plus 13 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her beloved pets Max and Kitty.

There will be a private family burial at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Polson Lakeview Cemetery.

Please join us in a joyful celebration of Norma's life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Polson Community Church at 1814 First Street East.

If you are so inclined, donations may be made in Norma's name to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 36251 North Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860.

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

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

Leonard J. Fusk, 64

Leonard J. Fusk, 64, of Helena, and formerly of Joplin, died of natural causes after a long illness Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, at St. Pete's Health in Helena.

Born March 4, 1953, to Donald and Audrey Fusk of Joplin, he was raised on the family farm north of Joplin, and graduated from Joplin High School in 1971.

He was a farmer/rancher, construction worker and woodworker. Leonard was the recipient of the Liberty County Conservation District Cooperator of the Year in 1997 in recognition of his organic farm.

He enjoyed karaoke, woodworking, and seeing his grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Leonard lived in Joplin, Havre, the Whitefish area and, most recently, Helena.

He was preceded in death by his parents,



nephew Tanor Dees, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Leonard is survived by sis-

ters and brothers-in-law, Christine and Steve Sapp, Debbie and Paul Dees, and Ellie and Bill Keeley; aunt, Phyllis Willert; ex-wife, Sarah Qunell; son, Dustin Qunell; daughters, and sons-in-law Devan and Ryan Van Dessel, Cari and Eric Groth, Kayla and Dan Scott, and Mariah and Ryan Hall; 13 grandchildren with one due this month, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Cremation was under the direction of Anderson, Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home & Crematory of Helena.