

Charlotte M. Packard, 80

Charlotte M. Packard, of Columbia Falls, "went into the arms of the Lord" on May 16, 2018.

Charlotte lived independently and on her own terms up until two weeks prior to her death due to a sudden stroke.

Charlotte's hobbies included socializing either in person, phone or Facebook and crafting of many kinds; her favorites were crocheting and card making. We all looked forward to and enjoyed the many handmade gifts.

Charlotte was born April 3, 1938, in Corvallis, Oregon, but raised in several spots in Oregon, the most memorable being Mary's Peak. The family lived at the lookout tower during World War II. Charlotte and her brother Bob would watch for planes and pretend to report sightings while her dad did the real reporting. Growing up, Charlotte was the oldest of five children and the only girl. Later in life, Charlotte met her three half sisters from her dad's second marriage in Michigan.

Charlotte is survived by her brother, Robert Barclay, and his wife, Kathy, of Grants Pass, Oregon; a stepbrother, Ron, and his wife, Alice, of North Bend, Oregon; and two sisters in Michigan, Shelly and Pam. She is also survived by a son, Rick Gordon, of Kalispell; and two daughters, Glenda



Cheetham of Hungry Horse, and Mechelle Anderson of Whitefish. Charlotte

also leaves behind 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, plus many nieces, nephews and people she wrapped her arms around and called family.

Charlotte was preceded in death by two sons, Brian Rosenfield and Bruce Healy, along with her brother Bruce Barclay, and a sister Rene Barron.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Charlotte.

There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. on May 26 with a gathering afterward at 291 Possum Trail, Whitefish, to share food and stories and to remember what Nana liked best — togetherness! Her grandson Tyler Kruse will officiate opening it up at the end for anyone wanting to speak of remembrances.

Pallbearers are Frank Anderson, Link Cheetham, Brian Kruse, Mike Kruse, Sam Jeude, Brad Adams, Cody Welch and Mark Crowley.

"So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" — John 16: 22

Gloria M. Palicz, 89

Gloria M. Palicz of Fairbanks, Alaska, passed away peacefully at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018. She was 89 years young.

She is survived by her children, Jimie Palicz of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Joy Parker of Fairbanks, Alaska; her grandchildren, Shawn Gooch of Nibley, Utah, Nicolas Palicz of Kalispell, Melissa Jones of Kalispell, Justin Parker of Fairbanks, Janna Hills of Fairbanks, Garrett Parker of Rheinau, Germany, Tonya Nordtome of Kalispell, Tara Long of Epping, North Dakota, and Elliott Palicz of Oklahoma City; and 18 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Evelyn Onstot of Nevada, Iowa, Lowell Walker of Ackworth, Iowa, Helen Cook of Martinsdale, Iowa, Connie Wood of Norwalk, Iowa, and Judy Vasey of Norwalk.

She was preceded in



death by her husband Franklin Palicz, son Jerry Palicz, daughter Jeanette

Fincher, granddaughter April Gooch, parents Forest and Ada Walker, and brothers Milton, Elmond and Dwayne Walker.

Gloria was born on March 18, 1928, in McDonald, Kansas, to Forest and Ada Walker. She married Franklin in 1949 and they loved traveling together. She worked as a sales clerk, teacher, bookkeeper, and most predominately a homemaker. She was loved as an older sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend to all who knew her.

A celebration of life service will be held on May 19 at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene.

Art Pankey, 66

Arthur "Art" Roy Pankey, 66, passed away Aug. 31, 2018, after a courageous fight against cancer, at his home in Libby with his family by his side.

Art was born Oct. 30, 1951, in Butte, to Georgia and Roy Pankey. He attended public school in Butte, and graduated from Butte High School. He went on to study at Missoula Vo-Tech and received a degree in diesel mechanics, and then returned home to Butte where he worked for the Anaconda Company maintaining its large diesel vehicles until they closed their Butte operation in 1983.

Art married Angelican "Angie" McClernan on Nov. 25, 1983, and became the immediate father of Maria and John. In the summer of 1984 the family moved to Libby where Art worked for the Montana Department of Transportation for 27 years when he retired in 2011. After he retired, he often helped his wife with her daycare in Libby. The kids adored seeing him come to fix things or take them to the bus



stop, often referring to him as Papa Art. Retirement for Art was a joy, and there wasn't a

day he let pass by.

His family and friends described him as the guy who would always "show up." Whether it was the middle of the night on Christmas Eve when a snow plow had to be fixed, his grandkids' sporting event, or a flat tire in the middle of nowhere; if you called Art he would drop everything and be on his way.

Art had a passion for travel. He'd drive anywhere, including his daily patrols around the neighborhood in his Can-Am side-by-side. His favorite place to visit was always Hawaii. He and Angie made more than 20 trips to the islands through the years. Art never missed a chance to visit the warm ocean or a good waterslide.

Art was a longtime member of the Igniters Car Club, and spent many hours restoring his own

classic 1957 Chevy Bel Air four-door hardtop, attending many car shows around the region, making so many friends along the way. Recently he volunteered with the local 4-H Chapter connecting with children and supporting the development of the next generation.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Georgia Row Pankey and Herbert Roy Pankey, formerly of Butte; and his sister, Patricia Huotte and her husband, Frank Huotte, formerly of Anaconda.

He is survived by his wife, Angelica Pankey, their two children, Maria (Justin) Clemons of Libby, and John (Mindy) McClernan of Butte. He is also survived by grandchildren, Sidney

and Alli Clemons of Libby, Myles and Morgan McClernan of Butte, Drew Schleeman and Nicole (Corey) Tiensbold; and great-granddaughter, Hannah, of Wyoming, and two nephews, Frankie Pat Huotte of Suffox, Virginia, and Mike Huotte of Anaconda.

Services for Art will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Libby Christian Church, with a reception to follow.

Memorials in Art's memory may be made to Northwest CHC Specialty Care Program, 320 E. Second St. Libby, MT 59923; or Wings Cancer Support, P.O. Box 1160, Libby, MT 59923.

Condolences and memories may be shared online by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Verna Parks, 88

Verna Parks, 88, "passed peacefully into heaven" on Saturday, March 3, 2018, due to natural causes.

She was born on Oct. 2, 1929, and was raised in East Smithfield, Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her brother, Neil (Pat) Bolster; her children, Jeannette (John) Tomlinson, Kathy Blow, Kathleen Meehan, Mike (Sandy) Meehan, Jo Ann (Max) Edington, David (Angie) Meehan, and Tammie (David) Storrs; 28 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Verna owned and operated a personal care home for the elderly



for many years. She loved to study the word of God and held a weekly Bible study

up until her death. One of her final life accomplishments was publishing her first book of poems, titled "I Touched the Hand of Jesus."

Verna was a loving sister, mother and grandmother. She will be missed by her loved ones.

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

Mary Beth Passmore, 56

Mary Beth Passmore was born on Aug. 22, 1962, in Garden City, Michigan, to Frank Wynegar and Betty Stokes Wynegar. Mary was raised in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High in 1980.



military, Mary proudly served as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary-VFW.

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Mary was married to Kirk Passmore, whom she met in Great Falls on August 8, 1987. They married in Kalispell, and were married for 24 years. Mary lived primarily in Great Falls from 1962 to 1986. In 1986 she moved to Kalispell where she lived, married her husband, Kirk, and raised her daughter. Mary moved back to Great Falls in 2012 after her divorce, where she lived until she passed on Sept. 12, 2018.

Mary received her nail technician certification at the Great Falls School of Cosmetology. Mary was a server in several Kalispell restaurant-bars, including the Black Angus, Outlaw Inn and Cavanaugh's. She also worked as a nail technician at Sisson's Salon and Merle Norman. As a daughter and sister of veterans of the U.S.

of Mary's hobbies were camping, fishing, socializing and shopping, helping a friend or stranger in need, teaching Sunday school when her daughter was young, and traveling with her family.

Mary is survived by her former husband Kirk Passmore, her daughter Rachel Cole (Michael), brothers Ron Wynegar (Yvonne), Jayme Wynegar (Liz), and Robert Wynegar (Lisa); and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Betty, and her brothers, Larry and Keith.

Mary was a generous friend to all.

Her celebration of life memorial is to be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Hampton Inn 1140 Highway 2 W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Mary Lou Pearce, 89

Mary Lou Pearce, 89, "entered into eternal life" on July 5, 2018, surrounded by her loving family at her home in Columbia Falls.

Born in Orange, New Jersey, on Jan. 23, 1929, she had resided in the Flathead Valley for the last 26 years with her loving husband of 69 years, the most Rev. Robert K. Pearce Sr.

She leaves behind three loving children, Bob Jr. (Lynn), and Doni Landwehr (Jim), both of Columbia Falls, and Kathy Schulte (Bob) of Missoula. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, assuring that her exemplary life of love and kindness lives on in spirit for generations to come.

Mary Lou graduated in 1946 as valedictorian of her Irvington, New Jersey High School class, excelling in her special gifts of writing and music. She played the tuba in the high school marching band during the war years and went on to author a Christmas story, which was published in 1976.

She married Bob on Sept. 11, 1948, at St. Leo's Church in Irvington, to begin her many years as homemaker and mother. She had always been active in church organizations such as the Holy Rosary Society and the Conference of Catholic Women and has always been willing to lend a



helping hand at plays, community kitchen, bazaars and wherever help was need-

ed. She loved to cook, knit, crochet and tend to her doggies. She was a follower of the Lord, Jesus, through her daily devotion to his Sacred Heart and his Blessed Mother.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Mae and Harold; and her two loving brothers, Harold and Ronnie.

She will be deeply missed by all whom she touched in this life, and will be welcomed to her heavenly reward with open arms. She loved her flowers, but she also loved supporting the Columbia Falls Food Bank and the Building Fund at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

There will be visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 9, at Columbia Mortuary, Columbia Falls. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. A celebration of her life will take place with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St. Richard's Catholic Church, also in Columbia Falls, at 10 a.m. the following day, July 10. Lunch will follow.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the Pearce family.

John Michael Peltier, 64

John Michael Peltier was born to Victor and Marie Peltier Sept. 10, 1953, in Eureka. John was a very small and frail baby, and was not expected to live, but by the grace of God, and lots of love and special nourishment of his loving parents, he did live.

John "went to heaven" at the age of 64, on June 18, 2018. He was surrounded by his family and friends from Supported Living at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

John's early years were mostly at the family home in Eureka. For the past 40-plus years, he has been with Flathead Industries and Supported Living in Kalispell. John was one of the first to work for Flathead Industries Thrift Store and live in the Independent Living Apartments.

He worked many years at the Flathead Industries Thrift store. In recent years he retired from working at the store and has been active in their Seniors Day Program. John has been able to live independently, with the loving care of staff at Supported Living and the Seniors Day Program.

He was a caring person, and made friends easily. He was known and loved by many



in the Flathead Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Tim

Peltier; and sisters, Faye Stoken, Carol Robbins and Mary Peltier.

Surviving family are Dorothy (Charles) Newton of Eureka, Victor (Betty) Peltier of Redmond, Oregon, Joe (Teresa) Peltier of Eureka, Rita (Henry) Frank of Newport, Oregon, brothers-in-law Ed Stoken of Eureka and Joe Robbins of Conrad, many nieces and nephews and cousins, and his family at Supported Living and Seniors Day Program. He will be missed by many.

Please donate any donations in his memory to Flathead Industries, Independent Living and Seniors Day Program.

Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will be at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Glen August Peter, 56

Glen August Peter "was called home to be with our Lord" on April 27, 2018, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Dec. 18, 1961.

Glen always called Trego home no matter where he lived, and there will be a celebration of life potluck for him from 3 to 8 p.m. July 14 at the Trego Civic Center.

Glen did many things and traveled many places, was a jack-of-all-trades, but loved farming and ranching the best. It always seemed to bring him back to the eastside of Montana. He loved to fish and hunt and loved putting his boat out on the Pacific Ocean. He had a passion for animals of any kind, but mostly for dogs. He could rarely remember a person's name, but always remembered their dog's name. The animals that survived him have mourned him greatly. The last 26 years Glen was accompanied on his adventures by his wife Pearl. They traveled over 20,000 miles on his motorcycle enjoy-



ing and exploring life.

Glen is survived by his wife Pearl, his step-

daughter Trina Johnson, grandchildren Lydia Johnson, Lucian, Stanley and Liam Rymmer, his older brother Ed Peter Jr., older sisters Charlotte Taylor and Barbara Ogren, little sister Marge Rademaker, numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

He will be missed by all, but his memory will live on in love, smiles and laughter.

In lieu of any flowers to the family, we would ask for donations to be made to the Desert Regional Cancer Center in Palm Springs, California, in Glen's name, in hopes it will afford someone treatment who otherwise couldn't afford it. These donations made it possible for Glen to have many tests when he needed them.

Ronald Alan Peters, 69

Ronald Alan Peters passed away peacefully on June 2, 2018, with his life partner, Patricia Lawshe', by his side.

Ronald Alan "Ron" Peters was born on June 27, 1948, in Omaha, Nebraska. His childhood was spent on the family farm in Nebraska. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam with the Army Special Forces. He was an operator/engineer, heavy equipment operator, logger, and mechanic, to name a few — he was a jack of many trades.



Patricia, riding his motorcycle, and had a particular love for his dogs. He worked hard, played

Ron enjoyed rock 'n' roll and jazz music. He was a voracious reader (usually reading at least two books at a time). He enjoyed traveling with

hard, and loved with everything he had.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, his son AJ, and grandsons Adler and Henry.

He is survived by his life partner of 23 years, Patricia Lawshe'; daughters, Penny Carters of Iowa, Kym Lawshe' (Marvin Loftis), and Melanie Reidinger (Mike) of Kalispell, and Jodi Marsh (Alfred) of Helena; sons, Jon Peters (Courtney), Jed Lawshe' (Kanisa), and Hawke Lawshe' (Amanda) of

Kalispell. He is also survived by his siblings, Chuck, Donna and Mary of Nebraska, along with 23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He lived life on his terms and he will be deeply missed. We love you Captain and Papa.

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

Jarold Harry Petersen, 77

Jarold Harry Petersen, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother and friend, "was called home" on May 24, 2018, at the age of 77.

Jarold was born in Sidney, Montana, on Aug. 9, 1940, to Otis and Elberta (Waggoner) Petersen. He attended school in Sidney where he graduated from high school and entered into the Army.

He met Mary Flegler and they were married in Billings on May 8, 1965. He retired from the BNSF Railroad 30 years later.

We lived in Billings, Joliet and Kalispell, retiring to Cedar Park, Texas, (north of Austin).

Jarold and Mary were blessed with two sons, Dean and Craig.

Jarold loved to hunt, camp and coach baseball



School board, was the secretary for the United Transportation Union, and was a member of the Lions.

Jarold was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gene; sister-in-law, Vonda; nephew, Baby Paul Petersen; father-in-law, Jake Flegler; brother-in-law, Richard Flegler; sister-in-law, Lois McConnell; and

and basketball.

Later on, he enjoyed golfing and square dancing. We delivered Meals-On-Wheels together for the past eight years. He sat on the Joliet

many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jarold is survived by his wife, Mary, of 53 years; sons, Dean (Margie) Petersen of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Craig (Heather) Petersen of Cedar Park; grandchildren, William (Donna) Johnson, Sean (Bethany) Petersen, Jarold Petersen, Ashley Petersen and Andrew Petersen; four great-grandchildren; sister, Joy Lee (Wayne) Ericksen, of Carrollton, Texas; sister-in-law, Betty Petersen, of Casper, Wyoming; mother-in-law, Violet Flegler; and in-laws, Gary and Janice (Flegler) Koch, and Steve and Sharon (Flegler) Ketterling, all of Billings, and John (Jill) Flegler of DeSoto, Kansas. He is survived by nieces, neph-

ews, cousins and special friends too numerous to mention.

His strong spirit, kindness and sense of family will be missed by all who knew him. Jarold loved nothing better than to support his boys and grandchildren in their games and activities. We all loved him dearly and words cannot begin to express how much he will be missed.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at Hill Country Bible Church Leander, 11880 Old 2243 W, Suite 600, Leander, TX 78613. You are invited to a reception following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Tad C. Peterson, 62

Tad Craig Peterson, 62, passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in Kalispell.

He was born on April 30, 1956 in Kalispell to Donald Eugene and Marilyn (Beardsley) Peterson. Tad was the oldest child in the triple "T" lineup — Tad, Tom and Tammy.

As a young boy growing up near the Flathead River and spending summers in Glacier National Park, Tad developed an appreciation for the outdoors and for fishing, camping and hiking. He and his brother traveled across the country together and later hiked from Banff to Lake Louise.

Tad graduated from Flathead High School and attended Flathead Valley Community College.

Tad enjoyed his work as a carpenter for many years.

Tad's Christian faith was unwavering and he quietly shared that faith in spirit, word and deed.



Tad shared his appreciation for laughter and the simple things in life with his family, and had a bright sparkle in his eye.

Tad enjoyed taking long drives with his dog, Nama. His Uncle John (Beardsley) was more like a brother to Tad, and was a best friend throughout life. John was Tad's sidekick during many adventures, including trips to Seattle, stopping off for shopping in Missoula.

On Friday mornings, Tad could be found at the Bowling Alley in Bigfork to gather with his "Dirt Bag" friends for Men's Prayer Breakfast.

After spending years struggling with progressive lung deterioration, Tad was placed on a transplant list and moved to Seattle as a patient of the University

of Washington Lung Transplant Program. After nearly a year, Tad was a grateful beneficiary of the most generous gift of life — a set of lungs that were a perfect match. Tad's mom joined him in Seattle, where she walked several miles daily in neighborhoods near the campus and remained his faithful cheerleader and companion throughout the long process.

Tad overcame many obstacles and tended to every instruction and detail to manage his health in the six years since his transplant. His strong faith, sense of humor, positive outlook and desire to make every day count were key in this incredible journey.

Tad's perseverance impressed many medical staff professionals throughout countless procedures and he was respected for his motivation, courage and agreeable, gracious attitude.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald.

Tad is survived by mother Marilyn, sister Tammy Peterson (Wayne) Grilley, brother Thomas Peterson, niece Kate Sue Peterson-Grilley (Jareth) Wilson, nephews Jake Grilley and Seth Peterson, and great-niece and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 U.S. 93 N, Kalispell, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating.

A reception will be held at the family home following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the University of Washington Medical Center Lung Transplant Program, Box 356175, 1959 NE Pacific St, Seattle WA 98195.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com

Robert I. Phelps, 84

The Rev. Robert I. Phelps died Aug. 24, 2018, in Billings, having just celebrated his 84th birthday and 61 years of marriage.

Robert Irving Phelps was born July 31, 1934, in Kodaikanal, India, to Carl Wright and Mary Moulton Phelps, and was raised in the mountains of south India with two older siblings, sister Ginny and brother Roger. He completed high school at Kodaikanal School, which was at the time an ecumenically-run American Christian boarding school designed to educate the children of American missionaries serving in India and of which his father was principal. It was here that he first cultivated his love for Indian food, which he continually sought after even a world away in Montana. In 1955, Bob graduated summa cum laude from Elon College in North Carolina with a degree in history, and he later completed his graduate studies at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas Texas, earning Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees. He was ordained in the Methodist Church in 1959.

Bob met Alita Logan in 1956 while working for the National Council of Churches' National Parks ministry in Yellowstone Park, and they married the next summer in Wichita Falls, Texas, on July 13, 1957. In 1961, after two years serving in the north Texas Conference, they moved



to Montana, where they served in the Yellowstone Conference until his formal retirement

in the summer of 2000. His ministerial appointments included Plains/Paradise, Big Sandy, Covenant/East Helena, Bozeman, Great Falls First, Missoula District Superintendent, Missoula First, and Polson churches. Bob and Alita raised two children, Charissa and Joel, and were blessed with two grandchildren, Melissa and Steffan, and two great-grandchildren, Nevaeh and Lillie.

Bob loved the mountains. Hiking the trails of Glacier Park brought him great joy, and his impulse to explore led him on many cherished adventures with Alita to the Middle East, Europe, Central America and the Caribbean. He was a gifted vocalist and pianist who delighted in the magic and mystery of music, and offered his song gratefully and reverently whenever the opportunity arose. He was a dedicated, perpetually curious scholar, devoted to reading and writing and the transformative power of ideas. He was truly a pioneer, a progressive theologian, deeply passionate about social justice and inclusiveness, unafraid to speak truth to power in all its forms and tireless in his efforts to make the presence and power of Spirit available unconditionally to all, as full deserving citizens of

God's world.

Gentle prophet, teacher, counsellor, companion, husband, father, with a keen eye for beauty, and a beauty to the eye, you will be deeply, enormously missed.

Bob is survived by his treasured wife, Alita; his son, Joel (Ann); his grandchildren, Melissa and Steffan; his great-grandchildren, Nevaeh and Lillie; his brother, Roger (Lyn); and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane, Billings, with a reception follow-

ing, to which all are invited.

The Wheatley Lectures Series in collaboration with Rocky Mountain College has been chosen for memorial gifts offered in Bob's memory: Rocky Mountain College 1511 Poly Drive Billings, MT. 59102.

Condolences may be made at www.michelottisawyers.com.

Charles Henley Phillips, 88

Charles Henley Phillips passed away Nov. 22, 2018, at home in Kalispell, surrounded by family and angels.

He was our beloved husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend.

He was born on March 14, 1930, to Henley S. Phillips and Lena J. Nordtome in Kalispell. They called him Sonny and he joined his sister, Bunnie.

He graduated from Flathead County High School where he was a star basketball and football player. He remained active until recent years, water skiing (with cigar in mouth, hat on head and sunglasses in his younger days); racquetball, volleyball, bowling, golf and 'horsin' when he got older. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Elks; the United Methodist



In his life, he worked for local dairies, Consolidated Freightways and started working for the Flathead County Road Department after the flood of 1964, and worked his way up to superintendent until his retirement in 1992.

He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Maye Morton, on Sept. 23, 1950, and they had five children.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, and sister, Bunnie (Ailene) Watters of Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; and children, Gigi Meyer and hus-

band Brian of Columbia Falls; Mark Phillips and his wife Mishelle and sons Aidan and Ari of Kalispell; Cindy Ingram and her husband Kevin of Ogden, Utah, and her children James Ingram, Stephanie Ambrose and Kellie Duffing; Diane Clark of Missoula and her children Patrick and Ben Clark and Mattie-Le Booth and James Lovell of Honolulu, Hawaii; Michael Phillips and his wife Janelle of Fort Benton and his children Charlie, Tim and JoAnn Lee. He also has 10 great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration service is planned for 1 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell.

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

Sheri P. Smith Brown Pierce, 66

Sheri P. Smith Brown Pierce, 66, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, in the care of Genesis in Whitefish.

Sheri was born Aug. 2, 1952, in Whitefish to Harry and Ethel Smith. Sheri was the seventh of 10 siblings. She went to Columbia Falls schools.

In 1970 she married Dennis Brown and lived in Whitefish where they had three children, Randy Brown (Yvonne) of Eureka, Rhonda Ameline (Scott) of Great Falls, and Ivy Redfield (Ron) of Bigfork. She had seven grandchildren, which she loved very much. Later, Sheri divorced and moved to California where she was top cook for the 49ers summer training camp. She married Wayne Pierce and lived in



California until Wayne passed away. Then she came to Montana, the home she loved.

She was a life member of the VFW.

Sheri is survived by her children, grandchildren and one great-grandbaby, which she so sadly didn't get to hug and hold; also sisters, Carol Dale (Elton) of Seattle, Patty McMurdo of Whitefish, Pam Brown (Doug) of Olney, Sandy Clark (Steve) of Colville, Washington, and Shelly Smith (Leonard) of Kalispell; and brothers, Harry Jim Smith (Peggy) of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and Mike

Smith (Julie) of Salt Lake City.

Sheri was preceded in death by parents Harry and Ethel Smith, brothers Roger Smith and Don Smith, and lots of aunts, uncles and grandparents. She also leaves behind special friends, Boss Brousseau and Darcy

Morris. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to VFW Post 276 Auxiliary, 20 Baker Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the VFW in Whitefish.

Randy Pirker, 57

Randy was surrounded by his two daughters and lifelong friend "when he went to be with the Lord," after a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer on May 18, 2018.

Randy was born on Oct. 14, 1960, in Hot Springs. He had a blessed upbringing with his parents, Ron and Gwen Pirker. He always reminisced about his time on the farm, logging with his dad, snowmobiling, riding dirt bikes, being on the water, hanging with his siblings and everything in between. He attended K-12 in Thompson Falls, graduating with the Class of 1978. During his high school career, he played varsity football, wrestling and track. This was the beginning foundation for his love of sports and Bluehawk pride.

After graduating, he served in the Air Force from 1978 to 1981. Upon his return home, he began his greatest endeavor by marrying Teresa Kaegbein, and bringing his two biggest accomplishments into this world, his daughters, Stephanie and Arikka. Randy was the most amazing father; he said he learned more from us, than we learned from him. He was always smiling, gave the best hugs and whisker burns, provided sound advice, made sure we were tough and built the most amazing sledding hills.

Randy spent many of his years as a logger in the mountains of Montana, always a hard worker. Randy loved bow hunting and became an avid archer. With his drive



and passion pushing him, he began putting on 3-D archery shoots and opened up his own archery shop — Pirker's 3-D Archery. On top of pursuing his love of archery, he opened up his own cut stock mill, Mountain View Wood Products, which ran for many years east of town. After closing the doors on this business, Randy entered the wonderful world of real estate, working for Realty Northwest up until his passing.

Papa Randy was a label he wore proudly, he loved his grandsons, Jakob, Brady and Carter. He was excited to have boys; after all, he spent his whole life raising girls. The smiles the boys brought to Papa Randy's world are immeasurable and vice versa. He instilled his love and character into these young gentlemen and we know they have and will continue to make Papa proud.

Randy was an instrumental piece to the Thompson Falls community — he was a dedicated friend, he supported and believed in his town, he was always wanting and willing to help others, and did so with a big smile on his face. Our dad's heart was genuine.

Even after being diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, his attitude stayed positive. He went through the process with elegance and grace. Walking this journey with him brought forth strength, courage and love we didn't know we were capable of. A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength

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Randy's biggest passions in life were being a father, a coach and a hunter. He was a family man, proudly raising two strong and loving daughters and when he remarried, he unselfishly took on the role of being a father to Michelle's three daughters. As a coach, Randy had such a positive impact on so many lives. He taught us to be positive in all you do and to work hard. He was a mentor and a friend. The legacy he leaves after almost 30 years of coaching football and softball is insurmountable. Winning state softball in 2010 was an accomplishment that resonates high. As a hunter, Randy's favorite place to be was on a moun-

to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles. Dad is our hero and his legacy and the memories we made with him will forever live within us, his grandchildren, his family and his friends — he will be deeply missed.

Rock on, Dad — we love you!

Randy is survived by his daughters, Stephanie (Dan) Castillo, and Arikka Pirker (Josh Buls); parents, Ron and Gwen Pirker; brother, Ron Pirker; sister, Debra Pirker; grandsons, Jakob Berry, Brady Castillo and Carter Buls; stepdaughters, Megan Fitchett, Kelsey Fitchett and Madison Fitchett; and many family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, at Thompson Falls High School.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Cancer Network of Sanders County or to your local softball organization.

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Betty Mae (Lorenzen, Huckins) Polledo, 86

With great sadness, Betty Mae (Lorenzen, Huckins) Polledo, 86, passed away on Aug. 18, 2018, under hospice care in Kalispell.

Born and raised in Iowa, some of her greatest memories were the loss of her father, Edward Lorenzen, at the age of 6. She adored him so. She graduated in 1950, and was accepted to work for the FBI in Washington, D.C., by J. Edgar Hoover at a salary of \$2,450 a year. She married John Huckins in 1952 who was in the Air Force, stationed in Albuquerque New Mexico. After many moves, in 1966 they were stationed to the Lakeside Radar Base and retired in Lakeside.

From this union she is survived by five children, Sharon Manning (Steve), Pam James (Mel), John Huckins (Lisa), Terri Davis (John), and Casey Huckins (Jill); grandchildren, Jacey and Trey Manning, Axel and Erik Huckins, Wendy Huckins Lee, Morgan Davis Buchang, Bronson Davis, and Addie and Hayden Huckins; and great-grandchildren, Janiegh and Bobby Lowry, Dalton and Connor Manning, and Bryson Lee.

Betty worked for the assessors office as a supervisor in Kalispell



for 16 years until her retirement in 1991.

She loved to crochet, sew

quilts and make bears, garden, bake and dance. She had a never-ending love for children.

Betty started attending the group, Parents Without Partners, where Juan Polledo danced into her life. They were happily married in 1986 until her death. From this union she welcomed with open arms three more children, John Polledo (Dawn), Martha Polledo Harwood (John), Jamie Polledo (Dana) and their children Chase, Brianne, Tanya and Shane, and great-grandchildren Zekaih, Finley Eiden and Emrielle. She is also survived by her sisters Gloria Boeck and Karen Foster, and brothers Francis and Gail Snyder, who all loved her.

At her request there will be no service held in her honor.

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Allen DeWilde Potts, 78

Allen DeWilde Potts passed away peacefully at his home in Lakeside on Monday, April 16, 2018. He was 78.

Allen was born April 13, 1940, in Billings to Allen DeWilde Potts Sr. and Dorothy Alice (Shope). Allen spent his early life in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School; he attended Eastern Montana College.

Allen enjoyed sales and working with his hands. He purchased Mark Color and began a career in photography. He photographed kindergarten, elementary school, high school and college students for yearbooks. Allen also did studio portraiture, weddings and enjoyed scenic photography. In 1972 he and his partners established a professional photofinishing business for the photography trade.

During his free time in the 1960s he started building acoustical guitars. One of his 12-string guitars was played on the "Tonight Show" by musician friends.

In 1977 Allen and his family moved to Bigfork where he continued to work in photography, advertising and sales.

Allen's hobbies turned to building airplanes. He built two planes from scratch. The first was a high-wing "Piper"-style that he and the family



flew for many years with great joy. The second plane was a bi-plane Marquart Charger,

which took 17 years to build. In 2003 it was flown to the Oshkosh National Fly-In where it received a Bronze Lindy Award. Both of his airplanes have appeared in several national magazines.

Allen is survived by his wife, Claudia; his daughter, Michelle (Jeffrey) Melton; three grandchildren, Derrick Fandrich, Ashley (Shane) Correll and Nicholas (Kimberly) Fandrich; three great-granddaughters, Alexa, Briana and Caroline; one great-grandson, Alexander DeWilde; and two half sisters, Diane Gerharz and Kari Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather and grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the Lakeside Community Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association or Lakeside Community Chapel.

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

Theodore 'Ted' Albert Priestley, 82

Theodore "Ted" Albert Priestley, 82, "was sent home to our heavenly father" Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, after a long battle of heart disease.

He survived by his wife, Shirley E. Priestley; and his children, son Timothy S. Priestley, daughter Tammy R. North and her husband Roland North, daughter Angela L. Wood and her husband David Wood, son Joseph D. Clark his wife Brenda Clark, son Bryan S. Clark and his wife Tiffanie, son Andrew T. Clark, and son Jared M. Priestley; as well as his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Brigham D. Priestley and Theodore "Teddy" B. Priestley.

Ted was born in Butte on Feb. 23, 1935, to Dolly and Jacob Priestley.

He proudly served his country as a Marine in the Korean War. After he was discharged with several honors he moved his family to Salt Lake City to further his education and career. He was the executive director of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults. He decided to move his family to Las Vegas where he started his own successful construction business as a general contractor.



When he decided to retire he moved back to the state he loved, with the woman he loved.

He was a great provider, a wonderful hus-

band, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He lived for, loved, and adored his family.

Those that knew Ted knew he had a deep love for music. He played in bands most of his life, and even played and sang at the Grand Ole Opry. Ted loved the outdoors. He loved to hunt, fish and camp. There will be a funeral service held for Ted at 1 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 13, at Bigfork Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 121 Crest View Drive, Bigfork. Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com. To leave condolences for the family

Ted will be greatly missed by the many different lives he impacted and will be remembered as the compassionate and loving man he was.

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

Kenneth Henry Pruett, 91

Kenneth Henry Pruett of Columbia Falls, 91, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018, in Kalispell.

He was born in Bliss, Idaho, on Aug. 7, 1926, to Henry Barton and Elva Rosella (Stratton) Pruett, and was the second to the oldest of 12 children.

Ken married Bonnie Maxine Eby on May 13, 1954. Bonnie had three children he considered as his own. Together they had three children.

Ken was someone we could all strive to be like. He was a very hardworking, honest, sensitive World War II Navy veteran and an old cowboy at heart. He was a successful business owner, retired young, and loved to travel. He lived a good life, he knew how to have fun, and he loved his friends and family to the fullest. It was very important to him to keep close contact with everyone he loved. He will be missed by many.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children, Bonnie Rae Trammel, Mykell Winterowd, Teresa (Cory) Hartley, Starla (Mike) Saucier and Monty (Nonie) Pruett. Ken will also be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Sonja,



Stacy, Stephanie, Schele, Kris, Mark, Miken, Steve, Monty, Amber, Michael, Vanessa, Dan, Michele and Casey;

18 great-grandchildren; brothers, Jack (Chela), Marvin (Deanna), and HB (Rena); and sisters, Ramona (Bruce) Lindsey, and Juanita (Lee) Wisdom.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie; brothers, Curt, Delbert, Bill and Melvin, sisters, Betty Smithson and Lou Johnson; stepson, Steve Gillies; and grandson, Taylor Saucier.

A funeral service in memory of Ken will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, at Columbia Falls Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. W., Columbia Falls. A gathering will follow at the Dew Drop Inn, 10750 Hwy. 2, Coram, with military honors at 4:30 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Kenneth's family.

Bette Jean Puchalski, 83

Bette Jean Puchalski passed away the morning of Aug. 11, 2018 in Kalispell. Bette suffered for many years with a terminal illness that ultimately took her life. Bette was born June 22, 1935 in Lisbon, North Dakota to Eugene and Hilda (Thompson) Johnson.

Bette was scheduled to go on a date and while waiting for her date to arrive, she was introduced to the love of her life, Edward Puchalski. Edward proposed that she ditch her date and go to a dance with him; she enthusiastically accepted. After spending the evening together, Edward asked for her hand in marriage, Bette said "yes".

Their engagement was cut short when Edward received deployed orders to Alaska. Bette and Edward quickly eloped in Minnesota and began their 62 years of marriage together. With love and the assistance of their five children, Bette and her late husband built their family home in 1997. The home sat on the edge of McGregor Lake in Marion, where they enjoyed spending most of her time. A short time later, they established and operated McGregor Lake Ceramics. Bette and Edward enjoyed painting and creating beautiful pieces of work, often given to family and friends as personalized and special tokens of love. In 1954, Bette and Edward welcomed their first of five children. Over the years she worked several jobs, her most favorite being at Buttreys store. Bette enjoyed watching boxing and wrestling, baking, playing skip-bo, spending time with family and friends, and sharing her love story with all.



Bette is preceded in death by her husband, Edward; parents, Hilda

(Thompson) Johnson and Eugene Johnson; her brother, Carl Puchalski; and her son, David Puchalski. She is remembered by her sister, Carol Odegard; her children, Lonnie (Pam) Puchalski, Linda and (John) Swaim, Diane Puchalski and Roger Puchalski. Her grandchildren, Casandra (Marshall) Smith, Michelle (Billy) Carpenter, Kathryn (Tyra) Barrow, Doug (Mary) Puchalski, and Brianne (Rusty) Logan. Her great-grandchildren Charity Swaim, Jordan Sisneros, Jaide Logan, Emma Carpenter, Seliene Logan, Kirianna Barrow, Brooklyn Carpenter and Adalynn Barrow; and her great-great-granddaughter, Haven Swaim.

Bette's funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. All are welcome.

A special thank you to the Brendan House staff who cared for Bette during the last 2 1/2 years of her life; close family friend, Barbara Williams, who has always been a consistent, helpful and loving daughter-in-law; and lastly, thank you to Pastor Tim Bartholomew for honoring both Bette and Edward during their funeral services.

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Beulah Carolyn Griggs Pugh, 91

Beulah Carolyn Griggs Pugh, 91, (lovingly called Be), joined her husband, Max Pugh, in heaven on Aug. 9, 2018, passing away from complications of dementia.

Beulah was born in Pierre, South Dakota, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1926, to Ulysses Samuel Griggs and Clara Margaret Anderson Griggs. With her quiet smile and gentle ways, she was a gift to them and to all people who met her.

From the beginning, Beulah's family was her joy and priority in life. Together with her three siblings, she was raised by a loving mother after Beulah's beloved father's life was cut short in a tragic accident when she was 7 years old. But rather than undo their family, the loss served to deepen their bonds, drawing them closer together. Their family was their support system.

Much of her early years were spent on her grandparents' farm in Pierre, which provided them with a wonderful life of exploration and



adventure. After graduating high school, Beulah worked at the state-house for the Public

Utilities Commission.

In 1947 Beulah married her sweetheart, Max Eugene Pugh, and they cultivated a family and home that they enjoyed for 66 years before Max passed away in 2013.

After leaving Pierre in 1950, Max and Beulah finally settled near the mountains in Evergreen, Montana. There they put down their roots, raising five children and building lifelong friendships. During that time Beulah worked as a bookkeeper for 23 years at Sears.

Looking back with warmth and wisdom, Beulah reflected, "I hope my children and grandchildren all continue to have their special reunions with each other every year ... I love sitting back and relishing the moments when the kids all gather and start telling stories or just

enjoying each other. This is my joy."

Beulah is survived by her five children, Connie (Ralph) Brownell, Rhonda Butcher, Monty Pugh, Nancy Fordham and Rebecca (Dale) Spencer; her 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 10a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial following the service at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception after the burial will be held at Village Greens Community Center.

Memorials can be

made to the Samaritan House or Alzheimer's Association.

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Jamie Rae Putnam, 47

Jamie died early in the morning, at home, on July 25, 2018. She had been battling metastatic breast cancer for the last several months.

Jamie was born in Westby, Montana, on Feb. 8, 1971, to Jim and Phoebe Vest. She joined her siblings Terri and Lance. She grew up in Westby and attended high school there. She was very good at basketball and played for the Westby Rangers until just before her junior year, when she blew out her knee during practice.

After high school, she attended Montana State University Bozeman where she was working towards a nursing degree. It was there that she met her future husband Brian. They dated, and got married while still in school at Bozeman. This is also where they had their first child, Courtney.

After Brian graduated, they moved to Polson where they met several good friends. Their second child, Bridger, was born in Polson. While there, Jamie obtained her medical transcription degree. Their next stop was Kalispell. They enjoyed Kalispell greatly, and met lifelong friends.

In 1999, they moved to Rugby, North Dakota. This location was closer to Jamie's parents in Westby, and Brian's folks in



Miles City. Getting settled took a while, but eventually they enjoyed the small town community.

It was here that she also waged her first successful battle against breast cancer.

In 2010, after Courtney left for college, an opportunity came up for the family to move back to the Flathead Valley. Jamie and Brian lived there in their "vacation house," until the time of her death.

Jamie picked up her creative talent from her mom and brother. Jamie's passion was photography. She took many senior photos, as well as weddings. Eventually, she switched to graphic design, where she created birth announcements, graduation announcements, wedding invitations, and more under the business she started, PhotoCards4Everything. She was very proud of this, and was creating cards up until she became too weak from her illness.

Her greatest legacy is in the two children she raised.

Courtney graduated from MSU with a degree in microbiology as a medical lab scientist. Courtney

stayed in the valley, met her husband Chad Sweigart, and works at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Courtney was able to oversee several of Jamie's lab tests during her battle. Jamie was proud of having her do this.

Bridger graduated with high honors this year from the University of Idaho, with degrees in operations management and information systems from the College of Business and Economics. Jamie attended the graduation between chemo treatments. Bridger is now employed in software development and makes his home in Boise.

Jamie was preceded in death by her brother Lance, and mom Phoebe.

She is survived by her husband, Brian; dad, Jim; daughter, Courtney, and Chad Sweigart; son, Bridger (and Elna); sister, Terri, and Bill Milton; grandma, Margie Vest; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jamie will be missed and remembered by all of us.

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