

Walter Glenn Van Alstine, 89

"Of all the things I've done in my life, I am most proud of my family. I sometimes sit here and wonder, what did I do to deserve all this? Though I feel bad, just a bit. Obviously I got the good end of all this cause you're all stuck with my ugly, stubborn butt." — Wally, when asked about his happiness.

Walter Glenn Van Alstine, 89, passed away the evening of March 22, 2018, while preparing for surgery at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born in Kalispell on Jan. 11, 1929, to Edith and Leon Van Alstine of Kalispell. Walter, fondly known as "Wally" or "Glenn," grew up a true Montanan. He was an adventurer, tinkerer, rebel with a cause, with a deep love for his faith, his family, his home and his country. Wally went into the United States Army at the age of 17 and was deployed overseas to defend the country and family he loved so dearly. His service would be filled with many firsts, quenching his unending curiosity of the world that was so different from his dust-covered roads and beautiful Rocky Mountains.

Wild like a stallion in his youth, he was eventually tamed by a woman as fiery as he was fickle, by the name of Betty Jean Patterson. Wally and Betty welcomed two girls into the world during their 68 years of marriage, Debbie and Rita. After his time in the service,



he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad where he worked for 41 years.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Edith

Van Alstine, brothers Richard and Bob, sister Laura Patterson, and daughter Debra (Debbie) Sletten.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty Jean (Patterson) Van Alstine; his daughter, Rita (Van Alstine) Allison; sister, Barbara Patterson; four grandchildren, Deena Brenden and husband Jim, Daryl Sletten and wife Kelly, Joleen Allison and James Van Alstine and wife Karen; and five great-grandchildren, Bryce Brenden, Jared Brenden, Jordan Sletten, Cassidy Sletten and Kaylin Van Alstine. He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and loving adopted friends.

Services will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish on Saturday, March 26, with viewing from 10 to 11 a.m., and the service at 11 a.m.. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for Walter's family. Please go to www.austinfh.com to share memories and leave condolences for the Van Alstine family.

Raymond Joseph Van Ham, 67

Joe passed away Jan 21, 2018, in Channelview, Texas.

He was born March 1, 1950, in Butte. The family moved to Whitefish in 1954. After graduation from Whitefish High School he went to work at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant.

He went to work for the Whitefish Police Department in 1974 and attended Police Academy in Bozeman. He retired in 1990 as patrol sergeant.

He married Kathleen Ritter and after they divorced he moved to Baytown, Texas, and joined the Harris County Precinct, where he taught educational classes. He had 33 years in law enforcement.

He married Margaret Nieto and moved to Channelview where he resided until his death.

Joe loved spending time with his boys, fishing and hunting and playing with the grandkids. He was an

avid Bobcat fan and continued watching games from Texas.

He was preceded in death by both parents, Robert and Martha Van Ham; and one brother, Fredrick Van Ham.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Marty (Becky) Van Ham of Huffman, Texas, and Justin (Leslie) Van Ham of Huffman; and two stepsons, Jonathan (Liz) Bullin and Jeremy Nieto, both of Channelview; three sisters, Bobbi (Mike) Janetski of Kalispell, Jean (Ron) Kuder of Lakeside, and Shirley (Dave) Johnson of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 27, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Cremation has already taken place.

Albertus VandenBerg, 86

"Dearest Family and Friends, I've gone home to my Father's house, where I will spend the rest of my days in eternal life.

I came down with kidney disease and am in the final stages of renal failure. I have enjoyed every moment of life with my family and friends.

I want to thank Dr. Tobin Hoppes and Dr. Scott Borne and all the nurses and personnel at the Dialysis Center."

Albertus VandenBerg, 86, of Bigfork, "entered into eternity" on April 3, 2018. He was born in Malden, Holland, on Dec. 21, 1931, to Remmert and Johanna VandenBerg. He was raised and educated in Holland and worked on the family's farm until he came to the United States on June 10, 1952.

He worked for



Burlington Northern in the roundhouse and diesel shop until August 1954, then transferred

to engine service.

On Aug. 1, 1959, he married Elaine Dester in Great Falls. In 1969, they moved to Whitefish where they resided until they built their forever home in Bigfork in 1991. Al retired from his work as a locomotive engineer on Oct. 22, 1993.

An active church member throughout his life, Al served many years as board member and congregational president in Great Falls, Whitefish and Bigfork. For the later part of his life he was a beloved member of Bethany Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and serv-

ing as head lutefisk chef for many years.

Al was a lifetime member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Enginemen and later the United Transportation Union of which he was a board member and also served as president for six years. He was secretary for the Railroad Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention committee, Operation Stop.

He was preceded "into eternity" by his parents; his brother, Raymond; and his sister, Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife of almost 60 years, Elaine, of Bigfork; their daughter, Brenda; three granddaughters, Bridgett Miller, Brielle Miller and Britta Joy (Christopher); two great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Aiden Joy, all of Whitefish; their son, Bryce (Teresa) of Kalispell; a sister, Gertie Peters (Eugene) and their

sons Raymond and Allen of Great Falls; along with nieces and nephews.

The family would also like to thank Pastor Christopher Miller, secretary Chris Miller, and the entire congregation at Bethany Lutheran Church, as well as Frontier Hospice and the entire community for their time, prayers and compassion.

Immediate burial has taken place at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial in Great Falls. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. April 28 at Bethany Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Lynn Van Hoven, 69

With his adoring wife Debbie and close "outlaw" buddy of the family Kathy Puryear by his side, Lynn Van Hoven passed away peacefully on Saturday Jan. 13, 2018, after a long battle with pneumonia.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1949, in Whitefish, "and reunited on his birthday, Jan. 13, 2018, with his mother Ruth and father Carl into their loving arms."

Lynn married wife Debbie on Sept. 1, 1984, in Seattle where they lived until 1998 when they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona.

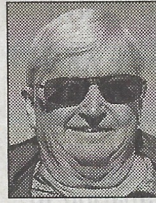
Lynn is survived by his brother Jan Van Hoven (Doris) of Colville, Washington, and Kent Van Hoven (Judy) of Holden, Massachusetts; and several nieces and nephews.

Lynn graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in business administration and was a big Montana Grizzly fan.

Lynn served four years in the Navy as a communications technician.

He worked over 30 years in the pre-arranged cemetery, funeral and cremation sales industry.

Lynn was such a loving and caring man. He had a great sense of humor, was very intelligent, loved life, family,



friends, and could even make a stranger go from having a bad day to having a good day. Lynn loved to travel, bike ride (Ruby, the tandem bike) with wife Debbie, and doing evil Sudoku puzzles.

Cremation arrangements were made by Neptune Society.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at St. Anthony's in the Desert Episcopal Church, 12990 E. Shea Boulevard, Scottsdale.

If friends wish they may make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Phone: 800-805-5856; or online.

Keith Edward Vornbrock, 52

Keith Edward Vornbrock, of Kalispell, formerly of Milk River, Alberta, passed away suddenly at the age of 52 on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. He was on vacation, attending his nephew's wedding in Huatulco, Mexico.

Keith was a fun-loving man who always had a smile on his face, a joke to share and a hug to give. Family always came first, no matter what. However, his love for golf was profound. Playing, watching or simply reading about the game made his heart happy. He also loved computers, which explains his career in IT. He proudly worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for over 16 years in the HIT Department, developing many lifelong friendships.

Keith is survived by his wife, Melissa (Hall), and his three daughters, Lindsay (19), Lauryn (17), and Hanna (10), all of



Kalispell; his mother Marion (Ainscough) and father Leslie Vornbrock Sr., of Milk River; his three broth-

ers, Bernard Vornbrock (Tammy Olhauser) of Calgary, Robert Vornbrock of Milk River, and Clifford Vornbrock (Audrey Wensveen) of Amsterdam, Netherlands; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

He was pre-deceased by his brother, Leslie Vornbrock.

A celebration of life will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, at Canvas Church in Kalispell, with a brief reception to follow. All who attend are encouraged to wear their brightest colors as he always did. The family kindly requests no flowers.

Joey Glen VanSchoyck, 69

Joey Glen VanSchoyck, 69, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at his home in Columbia Falls.

Joey was born on July 4, 1949, in Great Falls to Glen and Lois (Gartzka) VanSchoyck. Joey was raised in Cut Bank, graduating from Cut Bank High School in 1968. That same year he married Linda in Cut Bank, and they were married for 38 years; they later divorced.

On Oct. 24, 1968, Joey entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged after six years.

Joey was a contract painter for the last 35 years, and a volunteer fire fighter. He loved spending time with his family, fishing, boating, camping and hunting.

Joey was preceded in death by Glen VanSchoyck and Caythyn VanSchoyck.

He is survived by his



children, Garry VanSchoyck of Missoula, Nicholas VanSchoyck of Columbia Falls, Brittney

VanSchoyck of Tempe, Arizona, and Ashlee VanSchoyck of Goodyear, Arizona; his mother, Lois VanSchoyck, of Billings; sister, Terri VanSchoyck, of Billings; and grandchildren, Caytlyn VanSchoyck, Spencer Kubis, Christopher VanSchoyck, Trent VanSchoyck, Morgan VanSchoyck and Kaycee VanSchoyck.

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.