

Ted W. Waggener, 93

Ted W. Waggener, of Kalispell, passed peacefully on April 18, 2018.

He was born July 9, 1924, in Brownsville, Oregon, to Everett and Ella Waggener. He moved to the Flathead Valley with his family at a young age.

Ted enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1943 and was honorably discharged in December 1945.

Upon returning from the Navy he helped build Hungry Horse Dam. He then joined the Kalispell Police force and served our city for 20 years, retiring as Chief of Police.

Ted married Lois "Dode" Harmon on July 8, 1944. They had three



children, all raised in the Flathead. During these years, Ted, Dode and family were active with the horse community.

After retirement they owned and operated Our Point of View Motel south of Bigfork for 15 years, until Dode's passing on July 10, 1989.

On Jan. 28, 1992, Ted married Hilda Strand Waggener. They enjoyed life on Echo Lake until her passing.

He later married Janice Ellefson Waggener, who now survives him.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Verna Erickson, and his son James E. Waggener.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Ted A. and daughter-in-law Trudy Waggener, his daughter Carol Waggener, and daughter-in-law Sue Waggener. Ted is also survived by nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

M. Lorraine Wagnild, 91

M. Lorraine Wagnild passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

She was born June 15, 1927, an only child to Robert and Genevieve Baird in Grafton, North Dakota. She grew up on a small farm outside of Grafton and graduated from high school in 1945. She then graduated from Dakota Business College in Fargo, North Dakota, where she met and fell in love with her life partner C. Edwin Wagnild. They were then married on a below-zero day Jan. 17, 1948, in Fargo. After working in Fargo they went on vacation to the Flathead Valley and fell in love with this beautiful place. They moved to Kalispell where Ed was self-employed his whole career. She then had a son and daughter. When Sandy entered school, Lorraine started her career as the office manager/bookkeeper at Immanuel Lutheran



Home in 1961. She worked with three administrators and when the board was looking for the fourth,

they did not have far to look. She enjoyed her time as administrator and surrounded herself with a dedicated and knowledgeable staff. During this time the board started the planning and building of Buffalo Hill Terrace. She retired in June 1989 with a celebration in the new Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Lorraine and Ed loved to travel and saw all 50 states and six continents. She loved to volunteer at Christian Science Reading Room, Buffalo Hill Terrace Store and Peterson School Library over the years. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Kalispell. She also belonged to Chapter AB,

PEO, Sons of Norway and Soroptimists. She might not have been born a Norwegian but she became one in heart with her talent of making and teaching others on the art of lefse making. She also made the best pies. You have taught us well Mom. We will soldier on.

She is survived by son, Bob (Shelley), and daughter Sandy (Joe) Magnan of Kalispell; grandchildren, Ryan (Ashley) Wagnild of Billings, Megan (Josh) Shepard of Kalispell, Andrea (Joel) Christensen, and Heather (Josh) Peters of Clinton; and great-grandchildren, Jordan Wagnild, Samantha, Cassidy, Haeli Shepard and Barrett Peters. Lorraine is also survived by a sister-in-law, several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace for their care and kindness to Lorraine.

In lieu of flowers,

memorials in Lorraine's name can be made to the Buffalo Hill Terrace Employee Fund, 40 Claremont, Kalispell, MT 59901; or First Church of Christ, Scientist, 502 W. Wyoming St, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29, at Village Greens Community Center, 195 W. Nicklaus Ave., Kalispell, MT. Inurnment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mildred Fern Walter, 93

Mildred "Millie" Walter passed away at home Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, with family by her side.

Millie was born Oct. 24, 1924, in Watford City, North Dakota, to Henry and Lorena Fox. Millie was one of seven girls and was raised in North Dakota. Upon visiting Montana, she met and eventually married Arnold "Corky" Walter and together they raised their four children, Karen, Richard, Terry and Mary. When Mary passed away in 1977, Corky and Millie raised her son Tracy Stevens until he was grown.

Millie was a homemaker and a member of the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church for many years. She spent countless hours volun-



teering at the Klothes Kloset and at the church until her body could no longer physically take it. She even won "Volunteer of the Year" award for all of her hard work.

You could always find Millie at the hometown basketball games cheering on the Wildcats. She loved to watch sports in person and on TV. The day before she passed, we played the Vikings vs. Eagles playoff game for her to listen to in her room since she was unable to watch it. We knew that is what she would have been watching if she was able to.

Another love that

she had was the birds, squirrels and deer that frequently came to the window for her to watch every day. The day she passed, four blue jays appeared. We think they came to tell her it was time for her to go to her new home in heaven.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Mary, husband Arnold, three sisters, and her son-in-law Chuck Kyger.

She is survived by her daughter Karen Kyger, sons Richard and Terry (Lorinda) Walter, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Millie was an exceptional woman who fought to live like no other. Her strength amazed us all. She loved her family and

would do anything she could to help anyone. Millie will be missed by everyone who had the chance to meet her.

"God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best."

A memorial service for Millie will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Marvin Benton Wang, 81

Marvin Benton Wang was born to Ludwig Wang and Ruby Hannon Wang June 7, 1934, in Kalispell, and passed away peacefully on Oct. 3, 2018, in Spokane.

Marvin grew up in Somers and spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley. He attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1952. On Aug. 30, 1953, he married his friend and soulmate, Avis Johnson, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

In 1956, he was drafted to the Army and they moved to Fort Ord, California, where he was an airplane crewman and served until 1958. They had many fond memories of their experiences in California, but one of the greatest was seeing Lawrence Welk and his band. From that time forward, they always made Saturday night, date night, and watched the Lawrence Welk show.

Marvin and Avis lived in many cities and states but always returned to the Flathead and finally settled in Somers in 1972. That is when he started LP Gas Service in Kalispell and it flourished into a very successful business. He sold the business in the early 1980s and continued as manager until his retirement in 1996. They sold the family home on Flathead Lake and moved into Kalispell. They spent



many of their journeys with a group of friends they called "The Shaky Eight." They made multiple trips to Alaska and traveled all

over the Northwest.

In 2012, they moved to Spokane to be closer to their daughter, Karen Robinson, and her family.

Marvin loved camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He and Avis belonged to many bowling leagues, enjoyed restoring antiques and just had fun together.

Marvin was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Avis Wang, his father, Ludwig Wang, mother Ruby Wang, and brothers Rodney Wang and Richard Wang.

Marvin is survived by his younger brother, Tom Wang (Holly); daughters, Shannon Coburn (Mitch), and Karen Robinson (Dan); and two beautiful grandchildren, Kyle Coburn and Lindsey Robinson.

Marvin preferred not to have a memorial service and the family will honor his wishes.

Donna Jean Warburton, 80

Donna Jean Warburton, 80, passed away on Dec. 30, 2017, in Kalispell.

Donna was born on March 2, 1937, in Helena to Walter and Edna (Belgrade) Pocha. Donna attended Helena High School in Helena.

Donna met and married George Warburton on Aug. 15, 1953, in Helena. They were married 64 years.

Donna started working at St. Johns Hospital as a housekeeper. She was then certified as a nurse's aide, where she discovered her love was for caring for patients. In 1974, the family moved from Elliston, Montana, to the Flathead Valley. Donna continued as a nurse's aide, moving on to the Physical Therapy Department. She retired from the Cardiac Rehab Department, which was truly an area she loved, helping her patients improve their health through exercise, retiring in 1998. This allowed her to do what she truly loved, which was spending time with her family, reading, bak-

ing, golfing and, most of all, caring for her 14 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchil-



dren; these were truly her happiest days.

Donna is survived

by her husband, George Warburton; children, Sheila Chaffin (Tom), Hamilton David Warburton (Cheryl), Jan Ward, Bill Warburton, and Rick Warburton (Pam), all of Kalispell. She is also survived by her brother, Gary Dunn (Judy), of Helena, along with 14 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Donna was preceded in death by daughters, Lori and Theresa Warburton; sisters, Elieen Miniati and Delores Williams; and her parents, Edna Dunn and Walter Pocha.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a reception to follow. The burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Please feel free to visit www.buffalohillfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

John Calvin 'JC' Ward, 44

John Calvin "JC" Ward, born Nov. 14, 1973, passed away on Oct. 10, 2018, at the age of 44.

He was the son of John B. Ward and Linda Marie (Atteberry) Ward, and the brother of Tanya Ann-Marie Ward. He attended Otis Orchards and East Farms Elementary grade schools, Mountain View Middle School and East Valley High School, graduating in 1992. He collected DVDs, CDs and books as a hobby. He enjoyed reading and listening to music of his generation and was a big fan of the Beatles. He was a movie buff, especially war movies and science fiction. JC loved talking about movies/TV, cars, music and his dog, Luna, and his cat, Gray C, whom he loved very much.

He became a fan of stockcar racing at the age of 14 when he was a pitman for his father. When he turned 18 he



asked his father for his old car and spent the last 26 years with racing

was his chief hobby. In 1999 he won the Hobby Class championship at Stateline Speedway at Stateline, Idaho.

He was very close to his sister and his mother and a friend and housemate of his father. He has numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends at the race track as well as in his life who will miss him. He is now racing on the great race track in the sky.

A celebration of life for friends and family will be held in Spokane at a time to be announced.

Online tributes can be made to Hennessey Valley Funeral Home and Crematory.

Dianna L. Warner, 71

Dianna L. Warner, 71, passed away on Feb. 27, 2018, at Brendan House, due to complications of diabetes.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wayne and Colome Warner, and brother Gary W. Warner.

She is survived by her aunts, Rose M. Nelson of Kalispell and Marilou Warner of Ohio, a long list of cousins, and many special friends ... you know who you are.

Dianna was born Nov. 23, 1946, and raised in Kalispell, attended Flathead High, graduated from the University of Montana and worked



at the Carnegie Library, then was librarian at Columbia Falls High School for 30 years

until her recent retirement.

Dianna will be remembered by her beautiful smile and her love of people in all walks of life.

At Dianna's request there will be no services at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family arrangements.

Carol M. Warnes, 80

Carol M. Warnes passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, surrounded by family and friends. She was very proud to have survived to the age of 80 years, after defying death numerous times.



Carol Marline McManus Warnes was born July 22, 1937, to Nettie Gertrude McManus and Nathan Clouis McManus in Great Falls.

She married Richard Leigh Warnes in 1956 in Reno, Nevada, and traveled the world as a U.S. Navy wife.

She is survived by her children, Wanda Kay Thomas (Tracy), Cynthia Lynne Warnes and Roland Glen Warnes (Michelle); six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carol had five brothers and one sister who preceded her in death.

Carol grew up in Rollins where she went to elementary school and ultimately graduated from Polson High School.

Social activities and involvement were highlights for Mom. As a Navy wife she was always involved in activities, which helped our troops during the war. After moving back to Kalispell she was an active member for numerous years with the Eagles Auxiliary.

ill. Mom somehow packed up the whole house and got us on a plane back to the states.

When we got to New York our luggage was coming down a moving belt with our two Yorkshire terriers in a cage. The cage became unlatched and the dogs were running around the airport. Just imagine the scene. She kept her cool and got everyone, including the dogs out of that airport and drove to Kalispell. Of course, the car had its share of problems; a radiator leak with frequent infusions of water. Things seemed to get worse the closer she got to Kalispell. Luckily, she could call on her brothers to come and rescue her. She loved her brothers very much.

Mom worked a few jobs once she arrived in Kalispell. She was most proud of her work for the Kalispell Police Department. She always loved keeping up with all the goings on around town and kept a police scanner blaring in her kitchen; we don't think she slept well without it.

She instilled a lifelong love of huckleberry picking in her daughters. Her

Funeral Home and Crematory, with burial to follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at the Eagles.

Pall bearers will be Dave McManus, Denny McManus, Jack McManus, Allen McManus, Gordon McManus and Gary McManus.

Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com to leave condolences for the family.

She held several leadership roles over the years and dedicated many years fundraising for several charities. She was also a board member for several years for Friendship House, a place she held very dear to her heart.

Once Mom took a whole Girl Scout troop to London, England, from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Just imagine a group of young teenage girls on buses, ferries, subways and Piccadilly Lane. I don't know where she found the energy. She ran a tight ship; everyone made it home safe and sound.

We lived in Northern Ireland for a couple years until our father became

eldest daughter Wanda has spent almost every yearly vacation traveling over 400 miles to camp in the Hungry Horse Reservoir area during huckleberry season.

This tradition continues with her grown children and their families. Mom always looked forward to these get togethers, saying "Just plop me down in a big patch on an easy slope and I'll be happy."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you perform a random act of kindness — a tribute that will have a more lasting fragrance.

Her service and celebration of life will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Johnson-Gloschat

Gordon Edgar Warrington, 79

Gordon Edgar Warrington, Ph.D., 79, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Raised on a dairy farm in eastern Ohio, Gordon was educated in natural systems, earning a Ph.D. and spending a career as "Dr. Dirt," a soil scientist with the U.S. Forest Service. Gordon was a pioneer for using computerized mapping technology in our national forests. He and his wife, Barbara, were original members of the Peace Corps, spending two years in Honduras helping a small community develop improved agricultural practices. His hobbies included aviation and sailing. He held a private pilot's license for a period of time and enjoyed owning and operating a 21-foot sailboat for many years. Gordon was also an accomplished machinist, spending time in his St.



Ignatius workshop solving problems and creating tools with his lathe. Gordon maintained an intimate relationship with the Salish Tribe and hosted tours to local elementary school children on the National Bison Range. He also made extensive contributions to the research and understanding of Glacial Lake Missoula and the Ice Age floods.

A loving husband and supportive father, Gordon was married for 54 years to his wife Barbara, together raising two sons. A thoughtful and intellectual man with a great appreciation for the natural world around him, Gordon expressed an intense curiosity, always willing to learn more. He shared his enjoyment and appreci-

ation of nature, forests and mountains with his entire family. He will be missed.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Barbara; two children, Michael and Kevin; and two grandchildren, Geneva and Logan.

Donations to the National Bison Range in his name may be made to National Bison Range, 58355 Bison Range Road, Moeise, MT 59824. Please make checks payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A section of Highway 93 north of Saint Ignatius will be named in his memory.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home and Crematory in Ronan, Montana. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.shriderthompson.com. Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home, Ronan, is assisting the Warrington family.

Kathryn Sue Wartick, 67

Kathryn (Kathy) Sue Wartick, 67, a kind and gentle person, died peacefully in her sleep on March 6, 2018, at her home in Kalispell after a 2 ½ year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Kathy was born on July 11, 1950, in Redding, California, the seventh of 10 children to Effie Inez (Baker) and William Riley Young. As a young girl she enjoyed gymnastics, picking blackberries, taking care of the farm animals and playing with her many siblings.

She was educated at various schools in the mountains near Redding, at times living in logging camps near where her father worked as a logger.

She attended Shasta High School and then for her senior year, moved to Dixon, Illinois to live with her oldest sister, and graduated from Dixon High School.

While in Dixon, she met William (Bill) Wartick, who was also living with his oldest sister at the time. They were married on July 12, 1969, in Eureka and together had a daughter, Lisa.

Kathy and Bill made



their home in Eureka for many years, raising their daughter there and building a beautiful house out in the country, nestled in the trees on Sinclair Creek Road. Kathy will be remembered for her friendliness and cheerfulness while working as a waitress at Lynn's Café and Montana Market while living in Eureka.

After raising their daughter and seeing her through college, Kathy and Bill moved to Kalispell.

Kathy worked at Semitool, as well as Kalispell Regional Hospital in foodservice until retirement. She attended Flathead Valley Community College, earning an associates degree in administrative assistant.

Kathy talents were many, from toll painting on wood to refinish-

ing antiques, and she was often complimented on her knack for interior decorating and excellent pie making. She had a tremendous green thumb with numerous houseplants, beautiful outdoor flowers and vegetable gardens flourishing under her loving care.

Kathy had two grandsons that she loved dearly and enjoyed spending time with. They will miss the fun they had with her while dyeing Easter eggs and decorating sugar cookie cutouts at Christmas.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Bill, of almost 49 years; her daughter, Lisa (Scott) Rubino of Great Falls; grandsons, Nathan and Tanner Rubino of Great Falls; sister Bette (Paul) Hunter of Redding, California; brother John (Patricia) Young of Hollister, California; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Stan, Willie, Robert and George; and sisters, Jean, Shirley and Anita.

A celebration of her life will be held this summer.

Patricia Mary Watson, 72

Patricia Mary Watson of Kalispell passed away peacefully on April 30, 2018.

Patricia was born Sept. 18, 1945, in Kadoka, South Dakota, to Chub and Mildred Petrik. She had one brother, Terry Petrik.

Patricia grew up in Batesland, South Dakota, where her family ran a full service station and convenience store. She attended high school at the Assumption Academy in Chadron, Nebraska. After graduating, she attended a nursing program at St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood, Colorado, and then stayed at St. Anthony's to practice nursing.

In 1966, Patricia married Donald Watson of Gordon, Nebraska. They moved to Denver in 1967. That same year, on her birthday, Patricia gave birth to their only child, Jennifer.

Patricia and Donald lived in Denver for 33 years. They raised their daughter, took many memorable vacations, and spent time with family and friends at their cabin in the Rocky Mountains. In addition, Patricia volunteered her time at school, was a



Brownie leader, played bridge and practiced yoga. And she loved her cats!

As a wife, mother, and friend, she was always ready with an empathetic ear, warm smile and infectious laugh.

In 2000, Patricia and Donald moved to Kalispell to be closer to their daughter. In 2008, their only grandchild, Audrey, was born. According to Audrey, Patricia was a "funny, happy and cute" grandma.

Patricia is survived by husband, Donald, of Kalispell; daughter, Jennifer, and granddaughter, Audrey Koontz, of Kalispell; brother, Terry (Jeannie) Petrik, of Greenville, Kentucky; as well as many other family and friends.

A Catholic Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on June 23 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Gordon, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Patricia's name.

Lois Nail Watteyne, 97

"She lived a gracious life and she died a gracious death." — This was the statement made by her niece Linda, who was with Lois Nail Watteyne as she died peacefully on Jan. 16, 2018, at Prestige Assisted Living.

Lois was born on Dec. 8, 1920, in Mitchell, South Dakota, to Thomas and Panzie Wagner. The family moved to Panzie's grandmother's farm in Lower Flathead Valley in 1932.

After graduating from

high school, Lois worked for Western Union in Portland where she met her first husband, Gordon Nail. They moved to and lived in San Bernardino, California, for several years, moving back to the Flathead Valley in the 1960s. Gordon died in 1972. Lois married Ike Watteyne in 2001 and they shared life together until he died seven years later.

She was greatly loved by nieces, nephews and numerous friends. Her Christian faith was

expressed quietly and daily in the way that she welcomed, listened deeply and provided wise counsel.

Lois was a charter member of Nazarene Church and, there, she was treasurer for many years, faithfully taught the Bible, counseled young married couples, and was in charge of the nursery, nurturing many children and young adults in this community. She created beauty and peace in her home and garden.

Lois's last full sentence was "I am so blessed to have so many loving friends and family."

Lois is survived by her sister Bonnie, brother-in-law Sam, niece Linda, grandniece Amanda, grandnephew Donnie, and Ike's son, Jack Watteyne, as well as many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial gathering will be held in the late spring.

Deborah Jo 'Debbie' Weaver, 60

Deborah Jo "Debbie" Weaver, 60, "went to be with the Lord" on April 19, 2018.

Debbie was born in Rochester, New York, on Aug. 24, 1957, to William "Bill" and Leona "Donna" Guthrie.

Debbie was a talented and award-winning floral designer whose work was enjoyed by many around the Flathead Valley. She had a green thumb and her yard was always full of beautiful plants and flowers.

Debbie also enjoyed crochet, music and helping others. She had a warm and generous spirit, a big smile, and was well known and loved by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Donna, and ex-husband Cory Weaver.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Rose Herron, and granddaughters, Catherine, Christina, Allison and Lauren of Beaverton, Oregon; her son, James (Erika) Owens, and



grandchildren, Amisha "Xavier," Sam, Isaiah and Noah; son, Geoffrey

Owens, and grandson, Nathan; and son, Steven Owens — all from Minneapolis; sister, Kathy (Virgil) Rauch, of Wolf Point; sister, Jennie (Bob) Vanbommel, of Exira, Iowa; and sister, Billie (Jim) Cumley, of Kalispell; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place through Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial service and celebration of Debbie's life will take place this summer in Kalispell.

Cards and condolences may be sent to Anna Rose at 9330 SW Jasper Dr., Beaverton OR 97007.

Janette 'Jan' Adele Weaver, 85

Janette "Jan" Adele Weaver, 85, passed away July 31, 2018, at North Valley Hospital surrounded by family.

Jan was born May 14, 1933, in Becker, Minnesota, to Algot Anderson and Mildred Spencer Anderson. At 5 months of age Jan moved to Polson where she spent her childhood and attended school, graduating from Polson High School.

Jan married Ernest "Ernie" Weaver on Dec. 31, 1951, leading to a happy, joyous marriage that lasted over 60 years, ending when Ernie passed away in 2012. Jan and Ernie had two sons, Ronald in 1953 and Kenneth in 1956.

A happy smile and laugh greeted family and friends when Jan was around. She was always ready with a short story or history lesson about family members, which was a treat for all.

Approaching nearly 80 years of age, Jan and Ernie continued to deliver food through Meals on Wheels to folks that weren't able to prepare their own meals or needed help. The two worked together side-by-side making a better place



for other folks and those in need. Jan and Ernie were also big supporters of the

Columbia Falls Senior Center, helping any way they could.

Preceding Jan in death was her husband, Ernest Weaver.

Her children and their spouses, Ronald and Sheila Weaver and Kenneth and Sharen Weaver survive her. She is also survived by grandchildren, Nathan (Sally) Weaver, Kelsey (Curtis) Shipp, Erin Weaver, and Greg (Jen) Weaver; and great-grandchildren, Jenna, Patrick, Beau, Dillon, Aubrey, Oscar and Claire. She also leaves behind sisters, Bonnie Dillon and Lorraine Paddock; as well as sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Les Tinseth; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Weaver and Carol Vars. Jan had many nieces and nephews scattered throughout the Flathead and beyond.

No services are planned at this time.

Elizabeth Ann Webb

It is with great sorrow we say goodbye to Elizabeth after her graceful and year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. "Beth" passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 17, 2018, surrounded by the arms of her family and the hearts of many loved ones.

Beth was born in Los Angeles in 1964 and moved to McMinnville, Oregon, at the age of 7 near her grandparents, and many family members. It was there where the love of nature was instilled in her and she began learning about fishing, hunting, camping and wildlife from her Grandpa Ed. Her teen and early adult years she lived on the Oregon Coast, which she loved deeply, and her favorite memories were fishing with her stepfather on his boat off the Depoe Bay harbor.

It was also there where Beth's career began at one of the first battered women's shelters in the



state of Oregon, and later she became a children's witness advocate. Her deep love for helping others became her lifelong profession and passion. After some tough life hardships, Beth bundled her three children in the car and arrived in Kalispell in January of 1996 to begin a new life. I was here in the Flathead where then she claimed she met her first "Angels of God's Country." Her absolute love for Montana and endless stories of kindness of the people of this community made this her final home. Beth began her profession in Montana at Columbia Falls High School in the Special Education Department. Her genuine love of children was valued as she worked the next 12 years in many schools in the Flathead

and some of her earlier students may remember her as Miss LaMontage. While working and raising her amazing children, she graduated college at Flathead Valley Community College with her human services and chemical dependency degree, and then graduated from the University of Montana with honors in social work. Still following her passion, she worked at the Abbie Shelter, and later in various local positions where she touched the lives of many homeless, addicts, and at-risk teens.

The past four years she also began teaching watercolor classes in the community and, at the onset of her illness, her next venture was opening a local art studio where her dream was to offer free art classes to locals and teens in crisis. Beth believed that art, and a loving heart "healed," and she often talked of the magic she saw through her careers.

Elizabeth Webb is survived by her husband, Darrin Webb; children, Amber Lime, Casey Webb, Michelle Naldrett and her husband TJay, and Sean Webb, all of Kalispell, and Will Webb of Knoxville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Avic and Kylan Lime, Tristen Evert and Paul and Zarek Naldrett, and Anastasia Elizabeth Webb, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by her mother, April Howard, of Kalispell; father Richard James, and his wife, Susie, of Paso Robles, California; brother, Bob Thornbrue, of Portland; grandmother, Peggy Current, of McMinnville; and numerous aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Family, friends and others whose lives that Beth has touched are invited to her celebration of life that will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on the 20th of March at the Bohemian Hall in Whitefish.

Chris Weiand, 38

Chris Weiand, 38, of Evans, Colorado, passed away March 17, 2018.

Chris was born July 24, 1979, to Steve Weiand and Jamie Schrock in Whitefish.

Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ray and Regina Weiand; stepbrother, Cabe Shepard; and his faithful dog, Bear.

Chris is survived by his 3-year-old son, Rayden, of Johnstown, Colorado; his parents, Steve and Lynda Weiand of Florence, Oregon, and Jamie and Larry France of Kalispell; grandparents, Laura and Don Schrock, of Columbia Falls; half brother, Chason France, of Seattle; half sister, Ciara France, of Kalispell; and numerous relatives and friends.

Chris moved to Tennessee in 2010 where he became an over-the-road truck driver for the last seven and a half years. Chris was a nat-

ural for truck driving. Over the last seven and a half years Chris had driven in all 48 states, plus two provinces of Canada. He drove over a million miles in the seven and a half years.

Chris had a great sense of humor and personality. He was always willing to help somebody. If you had Chris as a friend, you had a loyal friend. Chris had no idea how many friends he really had. His laughter and smile will never be forgotten. He touched many lives during his time on earth.

His problems are now over. "He rests with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and is reunited with loved ones who have gone before him."

A celebration of life ceremony will be held Saturday, April 7, at Crossroad Assembly of God Church in Florence, Oregon, with pastor Dale Edwards officiating.

Helen "Shirley" Weinberg, 82

"The unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit ... is of great worth, in God's sight." - 1 Peter 3:4

Wife, mother, friend and neighbor "took Jesus' hands, got up and walked with him to heaven" on the evening of April 17, 2018.

She was known to all as Shirley, and she was an incredible woman! God broke the mold when he made her! She continues to touch so many lives and her memory will live on!

Shirley made her entrance into the world on May 11, 1936, exactly one year to the day of her parents' wedding anniversary. Being the only child for the first five years, she was her father's 5 o'clock shadow and every time he came home from working on the railroad; it was a treat, for he may have goodies!

Her parents, Helen and Allen Tetschner, raised six children in Sheridan, Wyoming. Shirley took care of each of her siblings as they entered this world and she took care of her dog, Sport. The family would frequently visit the grandparents' farm in Montana, where Shirley loved being around the animals. Family gatherings were an everyday occurrence with Shirley's family. Love and laughter always filled Shirley's heart with joy.

After graduating high school in 1954, Shirley trained as a telephone operator, in the days of the switchboard. ... it was her dad! It was during this time she met her future husband, Ray Weinberg, at a dance social in Montana. Her grandparents knew the Weinbergs, and Shirley's grandma thought highly of Ray, and told Shirley that she needed to marry that nice boy! So after several correspondence letters and a few dates, Shirley and Ray were married on May 27, 1955, in Hardin.

They bought their first car, a 1955 "President"

Studebaker, and had their first child, Norman, in 1957. Soon after, they moved from Wyoming to Montana, due to Ray's job. They eventually relocated and settled in the Flathead Valley in 1960. They quickly made friends and neighbors and Shirley became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She loved being part of the congregation and was active in helping out wherever needed. Shirley was also a member of the East Side Circle club and loved her Bible study group.

In 1967, Shirley and Ray moved to their current residence, east of Kalispell, in the country. At the time, Shirley couldn't imagine living so far out of town! Again, she quickly adapted to farm life and made friends out of neighbors, making lifelong friendships that still hold today. In 1969, her daughter Diane (a premature birth), was born in Denver. Having a preemie, Shirley became the definition of a mother's love and never complained and knew every day was a gift.

Throughout Shirley's life, she was just Mom. She created a special bond with both her children. Being so far apart in age, she took care of each, equally, and as each grew up, she became their lifelong best friend.

Shirley wore many "hats" - from chauffeur to sports practices, Norman, with football, and Diane, with basketball, to being a 4-H leader for both her children, an everyday nursemaid, a teacher, and her children's cheerleader plus taking care of the farm and house with husband, Ray. As the children grew up, she was a part of the country school's Mother's Club. Shirley's "job" as a mom, was priceless!

Her daughter, Diane, recalls of their "goof off" days, vividly! After a hard days' work in the garden, yard or feeding the animals, Shirley

would treat to a day of just spending time together, making memories, and having fun! In her later years, age caught up with her, so Shirley would stay home and putter around the farm. Shirley would work in her flowerbeds, along with her dog, Magnum. The yard was Shirley's sanctuary; always an abundance of flowers, a flowing water fountain, some outdoor lighting and beautifully landscaped lawn made for a pretty nice backyard getaway, without leaving the driveway. She would help her husband with farm chores, whenever he needed an extra hand! Being a farm wife ... it came with the territory!

As Shirley's mobility weakened, her daughter, Diane, would drive her to town to shop. Shirley would get in the go-carts and go, go, go! She loved her TV time, her "stuffed" buddies, (Nicholas, Reese and DJ), doing her crossword puzzles, and playing cards with family and friends. She had the gift of gab and you could always have a nice conversation with Shirley on the telephone ... remind you of something ... She was also a voracious reader; she loved to read and could read a book cover to cover in one day!

Christmas was Shirley's favorite holiday. Growing up, her father, Allen just loved Christmas. He couldn't wait to open presents ... guess she took after him because decorations and music filled her home with holiday cheer. Shirley was known for her distinctive handwriting and annual Christmas poem, which everyone looked forward to every year!

Shirley is survived by her husband, Ray Weinberg, of 63 years, of Kalispell; her son, Norman Weinberg (Deanne), of Colorado Springs, Colorado, granddaughters, Lauren and Katarina Weinberg, both of Purcellville,

Virginia; her daughter, Diane Weinberg, of Kalispell; her three sisters, Karen (John) Steir, Agnes Blaney and Fern Leach, all from Sheridan, Wyoming; brother-in-law, Tom (Carolyn) Weinberg, of Hardin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Allen Tetschner; and her brothers, Raymond and Carroll Tetschner.

Shirley was a gift and a joy! Never a burden and not just someone to take care of ... She was seen as someone who wasn't done living! ... Forever in our hearts and ever forgotten ...

We love you ... forever.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Shirley's name can be done through the University of Colorado Foundation/CU Advancement (www.giving.cu.edu) for research/follow-up in the Neonatal/Perinatal Unit of the University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, CO. Tel: (303) 541-1290 for information.

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

Eleanor D. 'Ellie' Weinrich, 96

Eleanor D. "Ellie" Weinrich, 96, of Littleton, Colorado, passed away Sept. 16, 2018.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 69 years, Ray.

She was preceded in death by her children, Candace and Raymond.

Eleanor Griffeth was born and raised in Morris, Illinois. After graduating from Morris High School, she attended Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois, on a music scholarship. While there, she became a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. Teachers were needed. At the end of two years of college, she was offered three teaching jobs. She chose to return home to teach first and second graders at Garfield School. After one year, she was transferred to Center School and taught first graders in the same room she had started her own first grade. She continued her education with summer courses at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Then she decided to continue full time to obtain her degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she met Ray Weinrich. Ray called her "Ellie" and it stuck for the rest of her life!

Ray and Ellie were married 69 years. Ray worked as an aerospace engineer and it took them to many interesting places with General Electric — several years in Schenectady, New York, and Malvern, Pennsylvania.

Ellie had previously directed older children's choirs at the Methodist Church in Morris, so she directed the Cherub Choir of 6 and 7 year olds at the

Methodist Church in Malvern. She also sang in the adult choir. Later they moved to Littleton to be with Martin Marrieta Company.

They visited many interesting places, like Florida, where Ellie saw the launching of a Discover Space Shuttle at the Cape; in California where she spent the summer months on the seashore of La Jolla while Ray worked; in Dallas, with much sightseeing around the area; the greatest experiences of all were in Washington, D.C., where they spent one year; and then several weeks in Scotland and England.

Throughout all of these years, Ellie enjoyed music, teaching children to play the piano, tole paintings included not only pictures and calendars but when needed painted special canes for herself and friends and seasonal art work. She enjoyed her home in Colorado and the historic home her sister Lucy left her in Montana.

She will be buried in Kalispell with her children.

Anthony 'Tony' Welzenbach, 70

Anthony "Tony" Welzenbach, 70, of Woods Bay, passed away on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, of natural causes related to a heart condition.

Tony was born in Wolf Point on March 5, 1947, to Lola and William (Bill) Welzenbach. He was the youngest of 10, including four half siblings. Growing up in Wolf Point, he enjoyed sports and hunting,

and had a wide network of friends. Tony set the Montana high school shot put record, which stood for over 20 years, and was a baseball state champion.

He received a scholarship to play football for the Montana State Bobcats and stood out as a broad-shouldered offensive lineman for the Big Sky Conference Champions (1966, 1967 and 1968). After a

short stint playing in the Canadian Football League, Tony moved to Northwestern Montana. He took quickly to the mountains, hiking, skiing and backpacking often with his children from the time they were preschoolers, on trips to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Tony made his first career as a tree planting contractor, personally planting hundreds of thousands of trees, and leading rough-and-tumble crews refor-

esting mountainsides in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Alaska. He also had careers in construction contracting and real estate development.

His international travel included trips to Nepal, Thailand, a driving tour of Europe, and many winters spent in Central America and the Caribbean, primarily in Costa Rica. He loved boats and being on the water, with adventures that included captaining his sailboat between the Hawaiian Islands, and hundreds of days boating on Flathead Lake.

He was a loyal friend and beloved father and grandfather.

His survivors include his children, Corinna and Wilhelm "Willy" Welzenbach of Seattle and Missoula, respectively, and Willy's children, Alena, 8, and Isadora, 5.

He will be buried on Feb. 10 in the Ronan Cemetery at the foot of the Mission Mountains, near his parents and brother Charles "Corky." A celebration of life will be planned for this summer on Flathead Lake where his friends and family will have a chance to share the wonderful, outrageous and cherished stories of his life.

He has been selected to join the Bobcat Football Hall of Fame in January 2019 in Bozeman.

Patricia Ann (Clark) Wendt, 84

Patricia Ann (Clark) Wendt was born on Jan. 29, 1934, to Joseph and Rose Clark in Kalispell. She attended grade school at Sparks School, now West Valley School, before attending St. Matthew School and graduating from Flathead County High School in 1952.

On May 2, 1959, Patty Ann married Norman Wendt at St. Matthew's Church. The newlyweds made their home in Havre where they lived and farmed for 10 years. They were blessed with four children, Laurie, Mark, Alan and Ann. In 1969, Pat and Norm moved back to Whitefish to farm the KM Ranch. They lived there until Pat's death on Thursday,



Sept. 13, 2018.

Pat lived a wonderful life and enjoyed being a part of the community. She was a 4-H leader for 20 years and served on the board of directors for several groups, including Havre's local hospital (now Northern Montana Hospital), North Valley Hospital and the Flathead County Library.

Many will remember Pat from her many years at Sykes restaurant. She always had a welcoming smile and willingness to help. She was greatly missed when she retired to spend time with Norm. Pat and Norm were reg-

ulars at all Whitefish Bulldog sporting events and were always ready to cheer on the Green and Gold.

She is survived by her husband, Norm, at the family home; her children, Laurie Wendt, Mark (Abby) Wendt, Alan (Nancy) Wendt, and Ann Wendt; and grandchildren, Jordan, Austin, Danyal, Anna, Lindsay, Jillianne, Jesse and Tanner. Pat is also survived by her sister, Rose Nielson; brother, Chuck Clark; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by both parents, her sister Cathi Clark, and brother Francis Clark.

A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the

Kalispell VFW.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Frontier Hospice Care (Frontierhhh.com/Kalispell).

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Patricia and her family.

Betty Wetzel, 102

"I got the good out of it," Betty Wetzel reflected shortly before her death March 10, 2018, at age 102, at her home in Bigfork last week.

Named Elizabeth Preat, she was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Roundup to Alfred W. and Rachel "Preat" Johnston Eiselein. Her father had arrived on the first Chicago, Milwaukee Railroad train into the new town of Roundup in 1908 to establish a weekly newspaper, *The Roundup Record*. Her mother was the daughter of ranchers in the nearby Little Snowy Mountains, who had come to the new state of Montana in 1891. It was Betty's experiences while growing up in the lively town of immigrant coal miners, cattle and sheep-ranchers and dry-land wheat farmers and summers spent at the family ranch that sparked her lifelong love of Montana and interest in the state's history.

After graduating from Roundup High School in 1933, she earned a degree in journalism from the University of Montana. Curiosity about the East Coast led her to get a job in New York City the next year. Returning to Roundup to work on the family newspaper, she met



Winston continued where Winston continued in school administration until retiring to build a home on Flathead Lake in Montana in 1978. In Massachusetts, Betty was administrative assistant to the vice president of Wellesley College, and later the first director of public relations for the newly established Oxfam-America, an international development organization.

Winston died in 1997.

In retirement Betty became a free-lance writer, and a regular contributor to *Montana Magazine*. Her book, "Missoula, the Town and the People," was published and she wrote a history of her mother's family.

In 1983-84 the Wetzels took a trip around the world following Mark Twain's lecture tour to the British Colonies in 1895-96. Betty's book "After You, Mark Twain: A Modern Journey Around The Equator," was published by Fulcrum Press in 1990.

That year the Wetzels celebrated their golden wedding with members of the family hiking to Sperry Chalet in Glacier National Park for an overnight stay and engaging in a round-robin tennis tournament.

An ardent reader and student of politics and government, Betty was

principal at the high school when she recruited him to play the hero in a home-talent melodrama titled, "Gold in the Hills, or The Dead Sister's Secret." "He looked better than anything I had seen in New York," she recalled. They were married in 1940.

The Wetzels lived throughout Montana for 26 years while Winston was superintendent of schools in Roundup, Glendive, Whitefish and Missoula and their four children, Susan, Kurt, Gretchen and Rebecca were born. Her children and their families were to become Betty's greatest lifelong delight.

In 1966, the Wetzels moved from Missoula to Dhaka, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), where Winston headed up an education project for the University of Chicago and the Ford Foundation. Betty got a job with the SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory in Dhaka.

After extensive travel in southeast Asia, they returned to the U.S. in two years, settling in Stony Point, New York, and Natick, Massachusetts,

devoted to social justice. She was a Democrat. She was interested in the arts and decorated her home with objects collected from their travels around the world. One of her joys was playing classical music on the piano for her own enjoyment. She carried on a worldwide correspondence with friends and members of her family throughout her life.

Survivors include three daughters, Susan Hinman of Dana Point, California, Gretchen Graf von Rittberg of Wuppertal, Germany, and Rebecca of Upton, Massachusetts; and a son, Dr. Kurt W. Wetzel, of Hornby Island, British Columbia. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. All, along with their mates, return frequently to Flathead Lake.

At Betty's request there will be no public service. At a later date friends will gather at Betty's home to greet her family and celebrate her long life.

Memorials can be made to the Bigfork Public Library. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Jeanette Betty (MacDonald) Wetzels, 75

In the mid-afternoon of June 12, 2018, while working in her garden, Jan passed away at her home in Kalispell.

She was born May 11, 1943, to Ronald and Mary (Sharpe) MacDonald. Jan attended grade school and high school in Kalispell and completed stewardess training in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jeanette was married to her first husband, Richard Presnell, in 1963. Two children, Jamie M. and James M. were born of this marriage.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Ronald and Mary MacDonald, and brother Ronald MacDonald Jr.

Jan is survived by her sister Marilyn Smith and husband Arthur Smith; daughter Jamie Presnell-Lentz, and son James Presnell; grandchildren, Justin Hoehn, Kaylee Presnell, Sydney Presnell, Carmen Lentz-Allen, Amanda Leonhard and Nakesha Hughes; and great-grandchildren, Sofia, Liam, Riley and



Jameson.

Jan enjoyed traveling the world, visiting with friends and family

and just enjoying life. She loved four-wheeling, whether it was climbing the mountains near her winter home in Yuma, Arizona, or with friends and family back in her summer home in Montana.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Officiating will be family friend, Kim Manore. A reception will follow at the Smith Valley Grange, Highway 2 West, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kalispell. No graveside service will be held.

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.

Wilbur Thomas Whanger, 96

Wilbur Thomas Whanger, 96, of Missoula passed away on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, of natural causes at Grizzly Peak in Missoula.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1921, to Frank and Glenna Whanger in Ronceverte, West Virginia. His parents were very religious and instilled a strong work ethic into him. Those values carried him throughout his life.

On June 18, 1946, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Caines, at her parents' home in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia Wesleyan and attended seminary school at Garret Evangelical Seminary.

Wilbur pastored the churches of Fromberg-



Edgar-Boyd, Livingston and Sidney. From there he served as district superintendent of the Great Falls

district for six years. He then went on to serve churches in Kalispell, Laurel, Fort Benton-Carter and Ronan-Charlo. He retired in 1989, making Missoula their home.

In his younger years Wilbur enjoyed hunting and fishing and that is what brought them to Montana. He also enjoyed reading and was a great storyteller. His family was the most important thing to him. Every summer, the family would pack up the trailer and head back to West Virginia to visit relatives. The family enjoyed many

camping trips over the years, including Fort Peck and the Flathead Methodist Camp. Some of the best memories are singing around the campfire at Luccock Park. He loved music, especially the old hymns. There were many bike rides and hiking trips with his daughters. In fact, Wilbur rode his bike into his late 70s.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; grandson, Justin; sister, Agnes and brother, Merrel.

Survivors include his daughters, Sandy Conover (Ron) of Lolo, Betsy Sims of Columbia Falls, Judy Hoar (John) of Missoula, and Tammy Grier of Spokane; brother, Buddy, of St. Albans, West

Virginia; grandchildren, Matt Conover (Delma), Christi Groneman, Bridger Sims and Tim Hoar (Kathleen); and nine great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at First United Methodist Church in Missoula, with the Rev. John Daniels officiating. A reception will immediately follow the service at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Montana Children's Home of Helena or the building fund for First United Methodist Church of Missoula.

Jean (Jeanne) McEwen White

Jean (Jeanne) McEwen White "embarked on her final journey" on March 10, 2018, "when she left her friends and family to be with Jesus."

Jeanne was born in Reno, Nevada, in 1947 but fell in love with the ocean and white sandy beaches when she and her parents moved to Carmel, California, for her childhood through high school. She majored in art history at San Jose State University and worked various jobs in the banking industry before settling at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Jeanne discovered her greatest calling in life when she started her family and brought two boys into this world. Jeanne's life of adventure began when she and her family made the move north to Bigfork in 1981. Following a house fire in 1989, Jeanne officially abandoned her beach girl life when she and her boys moved to a remote mountaintop outside of Trego. These treasured years of her life were highlighted by woodstove cooking and homeschooling her sons through high school. She learned to can wild game, bake bread and mill lumber. She loved her horses and holiday meals prepared by the light from kerosene lanterns. Jeanne returned to Bigfork in 1996 after her sons had begun adventures of their own. She maintained friendships from her childhood while making new ones wherever she went.

Jeanne managed properties, cleaned homes, and served the community selflessly at the Ferndale Sewing



Circle and as the secretary of the Ferndale Fire Department.

Jeanne's passion for adventure and travel met its perfect match when Bob Colby invited her for a motorcycle ride in 2008. Their marriage spread love all around the world as they boated, biked and flew themselves to new destinations and relationships.

She will be remembered as a gracious host, loving mother and wife, committed friend, selfless servant, and passionate mentor. Everyone who met her was affected by her vivacious personality, joyful conversations and contagious love for life. Our lives are all better and brighter because of her overflowing spirit of bold compassion, generous laughter and honest heart.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bob Colby; her sons, Jason (and Ginger) May, and Jordan (and Natalie) White; stepchildren, Adam (and Tina) Colby, and Karin Colby; and granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Cassidy May.

A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held at 3 p.m. on March 15 at Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeanne's memory can be made to the Ferndale Fire Department.

To send notes of condolence to the family, please visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Richard A. "Nibs" Whitehead, 87

Richard A. "Nibs" Whitehead, 87, of Kalispell, "ended his epic journey" Sunday, July 22, 2018, at one of his favorite spots on Flathead Lake. He earned a good death on his own terms surrounded by his large loving family and hordes of friends and admirers after hosting a fantastic family reunion with people from all over the world.



choosing to live close to them in Kalispell nearly all their lives, rewarding these

lucky parents with endless love and family companionship and benefiting their own children with the wealth of wisdom and love that only a grandparent can offer. Nibs' family was his reason for living. He was an outstanding father and family patriarch, loved and revered by all. The Whiteheads were very generous, providing so much for so many including board and room for anyone who needed a rock to land on or a hand up. Dozens of people adopted them as grandparents and they influenced and nurtured all who came into their lives. In a nutshell it has been said, that if "Salt of the Earth" came in a box, that Nibs and Cecil's picture would be on the label. No one could tell a story like Nibs; his true-life tales were legendary around the campfire at Byron or Mark's shop. He did not need to embellish or exaggerate; his stories were true life adventures delivered in a bold and animated way that only Nibs could. He was at his best with an audience of eager admirers around him.

Nibs faced serious injury and illness many times in his life. Up until his demise his undaunted courage in facing whatever cards were dealt him demonstrated his unwavering character and deep-set courage. He was also a humble man who never really knew how valuable his influence was to the

Nibs began his adventure on Feb. 15, 1931, in Kalispell, born to Alice (Allen) and Dick Whitehead. Nibs lived a rough and tumble life growing up in his paradise of Northwest Montana. Although his childhood was idyllic it was consumed quickly. He managed to live with real Indians in tepees, hunted and fished Montana's great outdoors and embraced an exciting lifestyle at a time and place in the aftermath of the Great Depression that now only exists in memories. He had to mature quickly; he had to have grit and the ability to make do with what he was dealt. Nibs quit school in the seventh grade and began a storied work career developing an unmatched work ethic over the next 75 years. Nibs had countless jobs including selling newspapers, setting pins at a bowling alley, cutting firewood, working on farms and ranches, cutting leather at a boot factory and all aspects of logging, including as a sawyer, mill worker and log truck and low boy driver. Nibs could skillfully haul massive pieces of equipment to places that would intimidate a mountain goat. He seemed to know every trail, dirt road and highway in

the Northwest United States. He finally retired from trucking at Double Diamond Contracting and T M Contracting at 85 years young with at least two million miles under his belt, where he worked for, tutored and entertained his grandsons Scott and Travis Moore and their crews. His shift was never done, when he wasn't driving you could find Nibs working

people around him. Few of us ever got a chance to repay Nibs back for the benefits of wisdom he shared. To quote an over-used cliché, "They don't make them like him anymore." He was really one in a million and no one will ever replace him.

Nibs was preceded in death by this lovely wife of 65 years, Cecil, his son Kenny, his parents Dick and Alice Whitehead.

for his daughter Sherri at Imperial Dry Cleaners in Kalispell where he made countless friends and became a grandpa for many more. Dedicated, determined and talented; a real "workaholic" is how his employers would describe him, always showing up early to work and not quitting until the job was done. At times when required he would live in the mountains in primitive shacks at logging sites even during winter with their first daughter Debbie as an infant. It would be a huge understatement to say that Nibs was a hard worker his entire life. He was an inspiration to his co-workers at every job; you could always count on Nibs, he always gave full measure.

He married the love of his life, Cecil Cameron, on May 9, 1953. Thanks to Cecil he became somewhat domesticated but never lost his zest for life and quest for adventure. From this union of over 65 years the Whiteheads produced five bright and ambitious children, Debbie, Kenny, Mark, Byron and Sherri. Kenny died as an infant. The remaining children blessed Nibs and Cecil in many ways including

stepmother Bertha Whitehead, stepfather Albert Hoppe, brothers Bill Whitehead and David Whitehead, and a sister Edith Marvin.

He is survived by sisters Modie Gedstad, Bonita Kuntz and Alice Hoppe, and brothers Norman Hoppe and Ray Hoppe; children, Debbie Moore and former husband Jerome Moore, Mark Whitehead and wife Tammi, Byron Whitehead and partner Peggy Nau, and Sherri and husband Michael A. Hayes. Nibs is also blessed with 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and countless others who adopted him as their grandfather.

Please join his family at a celebration of his extraordinary life at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Expo Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds preceded by a truck parade through downtown. If you wish to participate in the procession, please meet at the Vo Ag building off Willow Glen Drive at 12:30 p.m. You don't want to miss this opportunity to send off this legendary man.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dave Whitford, 59

Dave "Dave the Biker" Whitford, 59, of Kalispell, passed away on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at home surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his four sons, one daughter and four grandchildren, his parents, two brothers, one sister, two sisters-in-law, and one brother-in-law, 10 nieces and nephews and too many friends to list.

"When his last tear fell, he rode his steel horse up to heaven, surrounded by angels and eagles, to our family and friends awaiting him there with open arms."

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, at First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, 301 Central Ave., Whitefish. Pastor Tim Dalstrom will officiate. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

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



condolences and share memories.

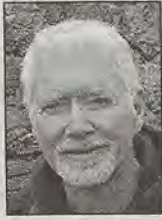
are invited to go to www.darlingtonfunerals.com to view Dave's Tribute wall, offer

Richard Allen Whittet, 83

Richard Allen Whittet, at the age of 83, "went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on May 11, 2018, with his loving family by his side. His faith in Christ and loving wife, Ida, supported him in his short illness and ultimately gave him peace.

Richard was born to Willard and Florence Whittet, an Army bird colonel and a school-teacher respectively, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was in a military family that lived in various places before settling in Livingston, Montana.

Richard married the love of his life, Ida Jones, in 1957. Richard graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts degree. While working and raising his family, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree, a Master of Business Administration degree and a Master of Divinity degree. Richard worked as an electrical engineer, college instructor, and 25 years as a church pastor,



retiring at age 76. In 1979 he planted a church in Bozeman. During his pastorate in Bozeman, Richard (with Ida) took a leave of absence for a year to teach English in China. Both felt it was one of their best years together. At retirement age, Richard offered himself as an interim pastor and ended up pastoring Kalispell Foursquare Church for 15 years.

Richard was deeply devoted to his family and to serving others. He was a father who always involved himself in every detail of his daughters' lives and supported, respected and loved his wife. He played an active part in the lives of his grandchildren. He was a man of strong faith, believing in the power and strength of Jesus Christ's love, and the beauty and peace that would await him after his passing. He was wise, loving, soft-spoken, a

good listener and counselor. Richard had a love for music and was a life long musician and deeply appreciated the arts. He was community minded, sharing his time and talents with many religious and community groups and organizations.

Richard is survived by his wife, Ida, with whom he enjoyed 61 years of marriage; his daughters, Carrie (Larry), Sheri (Charlie) and Mary (John); nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sister, Gay (Dick); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard's life will be celebrated at a small family gathering in California. The family gratefully accepts prayers, condolences and memories at www.buffalo-hillfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, Richard's family requests a donation be made to Foursquare missionaries in Turkey who are start-

ing churches and serving refugees. Donations can be made to Mill Creek Foursquare Church at 1415 164th St. SW, Lynnwood, WA 98087. Please write "Turkey: Whittet" in the memo line.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Louise Van Meter Widener, 89

Louise Van Meter Widener, 89, was born to Edith and J. Baylor Van Meter in Lexington, Kentucky on November 17, 1928. She married P.A.B. Widener III on October 24, 1947. They lived between Lexington, Palm Beach, Florida and summered on their ranch in the Blackfoot Valley between Helmville and Ovando, Montana. Louise remained in Montana following her divorce then moved to Butte for approximately 3 years and then to Whitefish in 1961, where she remained for the rest of her life. Louise was an avid dog lover and horseperson as well as an accomplished fish-

erman, hunter and all around outdoors-woman. She encouraged, supported, and facilitated her sons towards a passion for the outdoors, for which they are forever grateful. In her later years her life revolved around her grandchildren, who lived close by, and her dogs. She was a member of the Episcopal Church and felt her Faith carried her through many a day. Louise lived her life frugally and often lived by the motto "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Survivors include her two sons: Pete (Lucy) of Sheridan, WY and George (Patti) of Columbia Falls, MT; five grandchildren:

Mary Widener and Amy Widener (George), Sam Widener, Ben Widener, Peter Widener (Pete); and two great-grandsons: Carter and Harvey Widener (Peter). Louise's sunshine will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Whitefish Animal Shelter, Equine Rescue, or the charity of your choice.

A celebration of Louise's life will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 11 a.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 2048 Conn Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Louise's Family.

Harold Wiederrich, 89

Harold Wiederrich, 89, of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 18, 2017, of natural causes.

Harold was born in Sidney, Montana, on Oct. 8, 1928. Harold was raised in Sidney along with his two brothers Erwin and LeRoy. After leaving high school he joined the Army where he spent four years in Alaska and was trained for big engine repair.

In 1953 Harold married the love of his life, Valery Haussman. Of this union they had a son, Bryan. They were married for 64 1/2 years.

Harold retired from Holly Sugar Plant in Sidney after 17 years, then he and Valery moved a few times before moving to Kalispell, where he was a mechanic for Roy Stanley Chevrolet for a number of years. Harold and Valery went on to manage the Elms and Big Sky apartments where he fixed everything and anything and they both kept everything in



working order. The next adventure was managing Evergreen

Mobile Park where he finally retired.

Harold was preceded in death by both of his parents, his son Bryan Wiederrich, and both of his brothers, who both passed in 2017. Harold leaves behind his loving wife Valery, a grandson Erick in Washington and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Harold was a kind and gentle man and looked after his wife with love.

Condolences can be sent to Valery Wiederrich, 514 Corporate Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A private service and burial was held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Thanks to Darlington Cremation and Burial who took care of the family very well.

Neal Robert Wilke, 85

Neal Wilke left this earth and into the arms of Jesus his Savior on Sept. 30, 2018. He passed away at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. Neal was born on June 29, 1933, to Bert and Frances Wilke in Fortine. From a young age Neal had a passion for the beautiful wooded area around Lincoln County. Out of high school he served his country in the Air Force during the Korean conflict. For four years he served overseas and for four more years he served back in the United States. After his honorable discharge he went back to Fortine and worked for several logging operations in Lincoln County.

In 1965, he met Frances Ellen Karstetter who instantly became the love of his life and wife for 42 years until her death.

Neal was preceded in death by his brother, Herb Wilke; his sisters, Freida Miller and Naomi Burkgart; and his wife, Frances Wilke.

Neal is survived by his son and his wife, Kelly and Rebecca Wilke; his stepson, Anthony "Tony" Kastella; his stepson, Stephen "Steve" Kastella; his stepdaughter and her husband, Suzan and Cliff Kawulok;



nephew, Dana Miller; niece, Ruth (Elma) Miller; nephew, Jay Burkgart; niece, Kay Bush; niece and her husband,

Mary and Paul Harris; nephew and his wife, Bert and Cindy Burkgart; nephew and his wife, Frank and Gwen Burkgart; niece and her husband, Bea and Murray Radford; and many other relatives.

There will be no services upon request of Neal. Instead, there will be a celebration of his life in Fortine during the summer of 2019.

The family would like to thank both the staff of Lakeview Care Center and Kalispell Regional Medical Center Hospice for the wonderful care that he received during the last days of his life.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Neal's family. Please visit www.austinfh.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Neal.

Gary Wilkins, 81

Gary Wilkins, 81, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, in Kalispell on Feb. 8, 2018.

Gary was born Nov. 4, 1936, in Hollywood, California, the son of Ted and Betty Wilkins.

Gary was a 1954 graduate of Van Nuys High School and a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a huge motor sports enthusiast. His biggest passion was anything with a motor. He raced motorcycles in the desert and had a dragster. He was the first driver to have a parachute on his dragster. He was also a private pilot.

He retired in 1998 and moved to Lakeside with his beautiful wife Dorothea. She was the true love of his life. His



grandchildren brought much happiness to his retirement years. He thoroughly enjoyed taking them boating and tubing, and watching them ski. He loved to be trackside to cheer them on at their motocross races. Forever the motor sports fan, he was the pit crew for his son-in-law at the Speedway races. He was a dedicated loyal fan of NASCAR and never missed watching a race.

Gary loved to entertain and socialize. He

was very quick to make friends. All that knew Gary will miss his gregarious conversation and adventurous stories. He will be very much missed by all!

There will be a visitation held for Gary at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at Lakeside Community Chapel, with services to follow at 2 p.m. A private family burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Please send any donations to Columbia Falls American Legion, VA Retirement Home/Hospital, Attn: Mike Shepard (406) 250-9806.

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

James Burton Willcut, 76

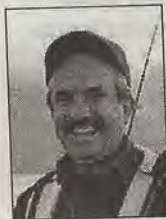
James "Jim" Burton Willcut, 76, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away peacefully at the Schneidmiller Hospice House surrounded by his loving family and devoted wife Twila Willcut on April 22, 2018.

Jim was born on April 26, 1941, in Moorhead, Minnesota, to John and Barbara Willcut. Jim was the oldest of eight children.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Dennis "Mike" and Roger "Hippo" Willcut.

Jim is survived by his sisters, Mary "Trixie" Jensen, Sharon Burns and Barbara "Bitty" Crowell, and brothers Tim "Dubby" and John "Johnny."

Jim was a much-loved son, brother, father,



husband, grandpa, uncle and friend.

His legacy lives on in his sons, Brian Willcut (wife Danielle) of Maple Valley, Washington, and Jeff

Willcut (wife Sandy) of Lake Tapps, Washington; and daughter, Alicia Mills (husband Tony) of Coeur d'Alene.

Jim was promoted from "dad" to grandfather ("Papa" to his grandkids) 29 years ago. His grandchildren are Kaila Spencer, Halie Spencer, Winter Spencer, Ashley Willcut and Ian Willcut. Jim was equally proud of

his two great-grandchildren, Charlie King Young and Daisy Marie Willcut.

Jim grew up on a small farm in Minnesota and attended Monroe High School in Washington state. Jim served in Korea and was a proud member of the U.S. Army. After his military service, he worked in the life insurance, banking, real estate and lending industries.

Jim and Twila met in 1977 and married in 1980. They have been residing in the Coeur d'Alene area ever since.

Jim was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, as well as a tremendous friend and confidant to many in the region.

Jim owned and managed a successful business in Hayden, Idaho, for

many years and his prowess in financial planning, lending, asset management and real estate were legendary. When Jim was younger he enjoyed skydiving and later in life when he wasn't working, he enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and all things outdoors.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Schneidmiller Hospice House who were so wonderful to Jim and his family when they were needed the most.

Services for Jim will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at St. Pius X Church, 625 E. Haycraft Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, and a celebration of life will be held immediately after at Sargents Restaurant & Lounge, 9021 N. Government Way, Hayden.

Marie Grace (Ferraro) Williams, 92

Marie Grace (Ferraro) Williams, 92, left us on Jan. 8, 2018, after a one-year battle with pancreatic cancer.



area. They had three children, Ronald (Mission Viejo, California; deceased July 2017),

Rodney (Long Beach, California), and Judy (Kalispell).

Marie is blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren in California and Arizona, as well many nephews, nieces, cousins and long-time friends scattered around the country.

Chuck and Marie moved to Lynwood, California, to raise their family and Marie went to work for Sears in Compton, California, doing catalog sales and customer service.

After Chuck retired, they moved to Sebastopol, in Northern California. Marie continued to work at Sears in sales/service until her retirement. In 2005, Chuck and Marie moved to Kalispell. Chuck passed away in 2009 of cancer.

Marie was active in her children's lives as a den mother for both Cub Scouts and Brownie/Girl Scouts. She loved to garden and sew. She also crocheted, knitted and tried many other crafts. Her daughter remembers her making matching outfits for her and her Patty Play Pal doll as well as clothes for her Barbie doll.

Marie's family and friends frequently praise her for being a sweet and

caring person, always there to support others. She always remembered everyone's birthdays and anniversaries. She was known for her beautiful smile.

A special thank you to all the hospice team who were there for this difficult journey (especially Jessica and Kimberly). And to the caregivers from Home Options who helped make her final months easier. And to Brendan House for their "TLC" the last weeks of her life. And to Mike from St. Matthew's Church for his frequent visits.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for the family. To send a note to the family, please visit the www.buffalohillsfh.com website.

Jean Adkins Willmore, 81

Jean Adkins Willmore of Elk, Washington, passed away on Jan. 30, 2018.

She was preceded by her first husband Rowland "R.T." Adkins who passed in 2015, and her second husband, Lester Willmore, of 32 years who passed in November 2017. Jean is survived by her sister, Miriam Parker of Yuma, Arizona, and her children, Vickie Adkins of Portage, Wisconsin, Shawn Smith of Kalispell, and Trevert



Vicki Harding of Tumwater, Washington, Ann Fassbender of Snettisham, Alaska, Curtiss Willmore of Kalispell, Sharron Backstrom of Lacey, Washington, James Willmore of Kalispell, and Douglas Willmore

Adkins of Kalispell, and her stepchildren, David Willmore of Joseph, Oregon,

of Santa Monica, California; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Jean was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Rollins, graduated from Flathead High School and married Rowland Thomas Adkins Jr. in 1955.

She kept books for their trucking business in Kalispell and earned her private pilot's license in 1978. She was active in Loggerettes, Home Demonstration Club and

4-H.

She married Lester Willmore, the love of her life, in 1985. They lived on a small farm in Elk, Washington, where they raised mules and horses, actively participating in the Mule Club. Family was important to her and she loved her friends and the Elk community.

Jean will be remembered for her sense of humor, love for her family, and support of others in their time of need. She was loved deeply and will be missed.

William 'Bumps' Paul Winter, 89

On Sept. 28, 2018, William "Bumps" Paul Winter, 89, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by loved ones.

Bumps was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Great Falls to Thomas and Alice Winter, the youngest of five children. He lived in Great Falls, Seattle and Kalispell where he graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948.

Through the years he worked as a pin setter at Skyline Bowl, several lumber mills, Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, Buffalo Hill Golf Course, Hardees and as a referee.

For fun he loved to play pool, fish and hunt, and enjoyed baseball, bowling and golfing, playing cribbage and pinochle, doing puzzles and growing a garden.

Among his accomplishments are bowling the first 300 game here, 10 holes-in-one, and he was a member of the Eagles Aerie 234 for over 70 years.

He'll be remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit, as he was always ready with a joke or a humorous tale. But above all, he loved his family. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

Bumps was preceded



in death by his parents, sisters, Marylyn and Doris, brother Thomas, and wives Margie and

Bonnie.

He is survived by his sister, Genevieve; daughters, Della Kienas of Kalispell and Sandra Winter of Phoenix; son, Robert "Bob" Winter of Kalispell; stepdaughters, Lori Nelson of Kalispell, Tammy Bohland of Lakeside, Cindy Pilcher of Seattle, and Debbie Robinson of Idaho; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the VFW Club in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Lana Thompson Wirz, 75

Mary Lana Thompson Wirz passed away on Nov. 3, 2018, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Mary was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on March 16, 1943, and became a nurse in 1967. For most of her career she worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in the Obstetrics Department helping to bring thousands of new lives into the world. She was also on the committee that was formed to name the new ALERT helicopter in 1975. Mary was able to be involved in several OB-related helicopter transports. Upon retiring in 2002 she continued working at KRMC as a volunteer for 10 years.

Mary was a very kind, compassionate and giving soul. She moved to Montana in 1968 and loved it from the moment she saw the



beautiful Flathead Valley. She was an avid animal lover and was "Fur Parent"

to numerous pets. She donated to all manner of charities when she was able and would do whatever she could to help those in need.

She is survived by her daughter, Heather Roth; grandchildren, Kaiya and Colton; and sister, Susan Mastrorocco.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to a charity of your choice in Mary's name.

B. Marcia Wise, 88

Marcia Wise, our loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend passed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sept. 30, 2018.

Marcia was born on Oct. 23, 1929, in Santa Monica, California, to Harold and Alma Cool and was the youngest of four siblings. She was raised in Culver City, California, and the movie studio back lot sets were her playground.

Marcia married her beloved husband, Robert, of 53 years, and together they raised seven children.

Marcia moved to the Flathead Valley in 1976 and, ever since, the Flathead Valley has been their home. Marcia was a member of Eastern Star, a talented artist, an avid card player, an old movie buff and loved to journal their immense travels. Bob and Marcia started the cribbage program in the Flathead Valley schools in 1992 and delivered for Meals on Wheels for 18 years.

She was preceded in



death by her son, Terry Wise.

Marcia is survived by her husband,

Robert, and children, David Wise, Laurie Grant, Tony Borders, Debbie Hamon, Kathy Shaver and Mike Wise; 22 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Home Options, Brendan House and Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their loving care.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Epworth United Methodist Church; 329 2nd Ave E. in Kalispell. Fellowship will follow after the service at the church.

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

Marian Joan Wise, 85

Marian Joan Wise, 85, of Missoula, peacefully slipped away at her home on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2018, surrounded by family and dear friends.

She was born to Lauren Thomas and Doris Wise on Jan. 4, 1933. She was raised on a small homestead in Bad Rock Canyon, just outside Glacier Park. She attended school at Cornelius Hedges in Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead County High in 1951. She attended Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane, graduating in 1954.

Marian was blessed with three children; her son Lauren Thomas was



born in Spokane in 1955. Her son Jeffrey Paul was born in Kalispell in 1957, and her daughter

Elizabeth was born in 1970, also in Kalispell. She worked in obstetrics at Kalispell General Hospital. She was also a member of the Kalispell Jayceens, and acted as volunteer coordinator for the Museum at Central School in Kalispell.

A lifetime learner, Marian returned to school, graduating from Flathead Valley Community College in

1984. She continued her studies at the University of Montana, earning a master's degree in counseling in 1990.

She continued her nursing career at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, then served as house director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority in Missoula. She retired in 2007 at the age of 74 after a distinguished career serving others.

Marian loved her home state of Montana, especially Glacier Park, which she visited countless times in her lifetime. She was an accomplished seamstress, having sewn many beautiful quilts for her family.

A loving mother and working woman, Marian balanced her family life and career in a time when few women worked outside of the home. She was preceded in death by her sister, Romaine Wise Hazen.

She is survived by her sons Lauren Thomas Nirider and Jeff Nirider, daughter Elizabeth Nirider, granddaughters Lauren Nirider, Lailie O'Keefe and Hannah O'Keefe, and sister, Bonnie Wise Herron.

A memorial tour in her honor will be held in the spring at the Museum at Central School in Kalispell, hosted by her family.

Scott Raymond Wolfe, 60

Scott Raymond Wolfe, 60, passed away in his sleep at home on Jan. 8, 2018.

He was born in Whitefish to Ted Jr. and Jean Wolfe on July 2, 1957. Scott graduated from Whitefish High School in 1975. He went on to serve his country for four years in the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge.

Scott worked on the railroad in many capacities for over 20 years. During the past several years of his life he found his passion working for Rocky Mountain

Transportation, where he took great pride and satisfaction in bussing kids to school, sporting events and driving the Snow Bus during the winter months.

Scott enjoyed playing the drums and was in several bands in his younger years. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, bowling, riding motorcycles, shooting pool, playing cards, watching movies and attending local sporting events with his good friends. He was awarded "Bulldog Basketball Fan of the Year" during the 2012-13 season and relished in



would jump at a moment's notice to lend you a hand. When he gave you his word, you could count on it without fail.

He was preceded in

that honor with great pride. He loved his family and friends with an undying commitment and fidelity.

Scott was a kind and gentle soul who

death by his parents.

He is survived by his brothers, Benjamin, and Jody and wife Jolene; nephew, Nathan Wolfe and wife Allison, and their son; great-nephew, Sawyer; and niece, Amanda (Wolfe) Miltenberger and husband Cole.

A memorial service and life celebration will be held this summer with announcement to follow.

"We love you, brother. You left us too soon and our hearts ache for the loss we feel. God bless you."

Gwen Evangeline Adams Wollan, 94

Gwen Evangeline Adams Wollan passed away May 15, 2018, at the Hospice House in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Gwen was born Dec. 19, 1923, in Bainville, Montana, to parents Arlington Adams and Angeline Gardiner Adams. She went to school in Bainville until she was 10. When her father passed away she moved to Kiln,

Mississippi, for two years. In 1936 the family moved to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941. The last year of high school she worked for F.W. Woolworth. In 1943 she moved to Seattle and worked in the ship-



yards; later that year she moved back to Kalispell and worked for the Coca-Cola bottling company.

She married Melford Wollan in 1947. They moved to the Bissell community in 1953 with their two children.

Gwen's activities included being a member of the Stillwater Church, 4-H leader, Grange, and Bissell homemakers club. Jobs were working as clerk at Bissell and Olney schools. She was a volunteer at the hospital in Kalispell for three

years.

In 1994 Gwen moved to Colville, Washington. She was a volunteer for eight years at the Colville hospital. She was also involved in church and Bible study. In 2002 she moved to Spokane Valley with her son. She made floral arrangements for the state veterans hospital and in 2014 she moved to Coeur d'Alene to Legends Park Assisted Living. She was baptized at the age of 92 at Real Life Ministries and was a member.

She spent her last years listening to books on tape, and enjoying Bible study and church.

Gwen had a special relationship with her

nieces and nephews and granddaughters and most people who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include daughter Linda and son-in-law John Gray; son Doug and daughter-in-law Sandie; five granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Legends Park Assisted Living, 1820 Legends Parkway, Coeur d'Alene ID 83815.

Paul D. Wood, 62

Paul D. Wood passed away Sept. 2, 2018, after a courageous fight with jungle ulcers on his legs that cost him his right leg two years ago and ultimately his life. He was surrounded by family.

Paul was born Dec. 3, 1955, in Kalispell to Bob and Jeanne Wood, the sixth of nine siblings. He was raised in the Lower Valley, attending Hodgson School and Flathead High School. At age 17 he enlisted in the Marines and was honorably discharged at the end of his enlistment.

He worked as a truck driver most of his life, working for various companies.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and sister Julie.

He is survived by seven siblings, Cathy



Malkuch (Gary), Terry Barnhart, Linda Dale, Patricia Baker (Terry), Tom Wood, Barbara Samsel (Fred), and Ken

Wood (Cindy); also many nieces and nephews.

We love you, Paul. Rest in peace.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in the Veterans Area of C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, bring a favorite memory of Paul.

Earl Eugene Woodring, 92

Earl Eugene Woodring, 92, passed away Thursday morning, Aug. 23, 2018, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. He had been a resident at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls since Nov. 28, 2017.

Earl was born Feb. 18, 1926, to Charlie Benjamin and Mary Susan Woodring in Hogoton, Kansas.

Earl was raised in Kansas and learned about farming at an early age. He shared his stories of herding cattle at age 5 on horseback and why he only had an eighth-grade education. At 17 he talked his mother into signing enlistment papers and he joined the Navy for World War II. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 on the USS Token AM 126. The Token was a minesweeper (a ship that would use nets to collect floating mines). Earl said he got to see a lot of the world on that ship,



in his neck from a kamikaze attack on the Token while he was on the guns. On Sept. 2, 1945, the USS Token, Earl and his shipmates, was the second ship to enter Tokyo Bay. It was a scary and excit-

namely, the Philippines, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor), Japan, China, Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal, Sydney, Australia, (one of his favorite stories), the Solomons, Palau and Ulithi groups, Manus, Leyte. Earl still had shrapnel

ing time for Earl as the ships that entered were unsure whether word had reached everyone that the war was over. His honors included the American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, China Service, Occupation Service and World War II medals.

Earl came back to Kansas and married Louise Grothe about a year after his service. Earl and Louise resided in Liberal, Kansas, until 1954 and then moved to Denver. They stayed in Denver for 10 years and decided it was becoming too crowded. Earl had taken an interest in Montana when he traveled through it on a troop train in 1943 headed to boot camp in Farragut, Idaho. Earl and Louise bought property in 1963, moved to Kalispell in 1964 and never looked back. They were married for 70 years.

Despite Earl's eighth-grade education, he excelled at everything he did — he was a smart man. He had a successful mechanic/welding shop in Denver, owned the roundtop by Raceway Park and had a mechanic shop there, worked for Plum Creek and was one of the first millwrights sent to mechanic school to work on the Dinos there, worked for the Flathead County Road Department, had an excavating business and then ventured into the gravel business; no one could make gravel like Earl.

Earl was so proud of his legacy and what he accomplished in life. He was a good provider to his family and there was a lot of fun travels together, be it a weekend at the lake, salmon snagging, hunt-

ing excursions, or a trip in the motorhome. Earl and Louise logged a lot of miles all over the United States, enjoyed family reunions, class reunions, mine warfare reunions, visits with family in Oklahoma and Kansas and trips with Sully and Rochelle Sullivan and Bob and Dorene Lanning.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Louise and son, Michael, his siblings, Charles "Junior" Woodring, Hallie Nix, Dee Burton, Neoma Young and Georgia Zinn.

Earl is survived by his remaining children, Trace, Kim, Eric (Kami) and Sue Cameron (Jim), as well as honorary daughters, Penny Woodring and Kelli Stanoff; grandchildren and stepgrandchildren, Heather (Ryan) Furler, Mat (Angie) Woodring,

Stephanie Woodring, Hayden Woodring, Grace Woodring, Dana (Mike) Winn, Garret McCallister, Clay McCallister, Parker Cameron, Story Cameron and Cable Cameron; great-grandchildren, Maryah and Maybree Winn, Dillon Garnier and Kora Woodring; friend, Donald "Sully" Sullivan — thanks for all that bacon, but mostly your friendship!

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 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.

Bonnie A. Woodward, 52

Bonnie A. Woodward passed away on April 28, 2018.

She was born in Havre on Feb. 23, 1966, and left us far too soon. She was loved by many and will be missed most by her close family, son Brandon Woodward, daughter Samantha Huntley, granddaughter Tatum Woodward, grandson Blake Vollhart, sister Diane Ferron and brother Courtney Tait.

She was preceded in death by her mother Vera Woodward, father Donald Woodward, brother Jeffery Tait and sister Marilyn Wigner.

Bonnie considered all her friends to be her family and she loved them wholeheartedly. Her favorite things to do



were camping and floating the river with as many close friends and family that she could

round up.

Please join us for her memorial service to be held at the river's edge at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo), at 401 Farrier Lane in Evergreen. It will be a farewell celebration well suited to the memory of such a fun-loving individual.

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

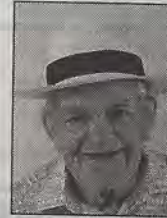
Myron "Woody" Woodward, 81

Myron A. "Woody" Woodward "began eternal life" on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Welcoming him home were his son, Rick, and grandson Trenton. Born on the May 9, 1936 to Myron and Margaret Woodward in Harlem, Montana, Woody's life was full: 1954 Havre High graduate, 1954-57 United States Marine Corps, 1958 married the love of his life Betty Reed, four children (Ricky, Anita, Michael, Kelly), 30-year career with Buttery Food Stores, co-owner of a grocery store, manager of Ryan's Cash & Carry, and helping at Dave's Insulation. Lots of love, laughter and friendship was shared throughout each season of his life.

Myron and Betty spent 59 blessed years together! Their love impacting generations through their children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Husband, Dad, Grandpa Woody or Great Grandpa.... In each role he walked with great love and immense integrity. Marking each heart with rich, precious memories! After retiring, Woody and Betty spent several winters in the Arizona sun.

During summer months, Woody loved caring for the landscape of their home in Kalispell, keeping it immaculate! In August of 2017 Woody became a resident of the Special Care Unit at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He



was in the tender and loving care of a great staff! His smile contagious and his humor alive, he kept them on their toes still

being the "manager" and keeping things ship-shape! Forever will Woody's family be grateful for these incredible caregivers!

Those who remain to carry on Woody's godly inheritance are his wife, Betty, son Michael (Paula), daughters Anita (Dan) Shipley, Kelly (David) Kiehn and Beth Woodward. Also, his beloved grandchildren, great-grands, and sisters: Marion, Mercine, Beverly and Victoria.

Throughout his life Woody was a quiet man of faith, but his life spoke loudly! Sharing the love of Jesus in his deep love of others, his impact on their lives, his helping hand always extended, and the "father" figure he became to so many!

A Celebration of Life for "A life well-lived" will be held on May 12, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Glacier Church, 690 Grandview Drive, Kalispell.

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

Karen May Wright, 82

Mrs. Karen May Wright, 82, quietly passed away the morning of June 2, 2018.

She was the daughter of Frank E. May and Dorthe Walkup May, born in Havre on Nov. 24, 1935. Karen attended school and graduated from Havre High in 1954. She went on to marry her husband Richard Lee Wright on Nov. 19, 1955.

Karen and Dick welcomed their first child, Bill, in 1957 and followed by their second child, Frank, in 1961.

The family moved to Whitefish in 1976 and started the business Wright's Furniture. The family grew and prospered. Frank married his wife Pamela Reznak in 1982 and they welcomed their first child, and Karen's first grandchild, Kyle, in 1986 followed by Amy in 1989.

In 1985 Karen was diagnosed with a very advanced stage of cervical cancer. Her doctors at Swedish Hospital in Seattle gave her massive amounts of radiation and said that if by some miracle she lived through the summer, she would suffer a lifelong bout with digestive problems.

Karen always loved spending time with her grandchildren, but also loved and was quite adept



at playing cards — so much so that once she won the Whitefish City Poker Tournament.

She also loved to golf and once scored a hole-in-one, in 1995.

Her doctors proved to be right. She battled with the debilitating after effects of her cancer treatment through the years. She became almost house bound from this and her activities were limited to taking care of her family and solving puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Susan May Morris, formerly of Kalispell; and her brother, Bucky May, formerly of Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband Dick, her sons Bill and Frank, her grandchildren Kyle and Amy, and her great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Alexander and Amelia.

There will be a graveside service at 3 p.m., Friday, June 8, at the Whitefish Cemetery, with a gathering at the family home to follow. Austin Funeral & Cremation Services of Whitefish is caring for the family.

Laura Jean Wyman, 58

Laura Jean Wyman passed away on June 16, 2018, in her home in Whitefish after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 58.

Laura's faith in Jesus was her bedrock, and she shared it with others throughout her life. She loved the outdoors, composing music and swimming. She was fiercely loyal with a gentle spirit and loved her family and friends unconditionally. She spent her life investing in and helping other people.

Laura was born in Denver to Stan and Ginny Berry on May 24, 1960. She graduated from University of Colorado, Boulder with a degree in physical therapy. She was known for her skill in helping to heal the injured through therapy.

She married Larry Wyman in 1986 and became mother to Alisha, Amanda, Tesla and Terry.

Laura is survived by her husband, Larry



Wyman; children, Alisha Beck, Amanda Seyfert, Tesla Wyman and Terry Wyman; parents, Stan and Ginny Berry; brother, David Berry; and grandchild-

dren, Amber, Aryan, Amilya, Acacia, Aidan, Samara, Gregory, Michael and one on the way.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on June 30 at Calvary Chapel in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a foundation being established in Laura's memory for the practical needs of foster or orphaned children in the Flathead Valley. Give at www.gofundme.com/laurawyman.