

Jane Bolles, 98



Jane Bolles, 98, of West Glacier passed away peacefully from natural causes at Timber Creek assisted living in Columbia Falls on April 13, 2019. Jane, who was affectionately known as "Meme" by her nine grandchildren, was born Aug. 10, 1920, in Kalispell. Her parents, John B. and Martha M. Sloan homesteaded in the West Glacier area. Sloan Lane in West Glacier was named after the hard-working pioneer family.

Jane grew up in West Glacier alongside her eight brothers and sisters. She was the last survivor of her generation.

Growing up, she attended Belton Grammar School in West Glacier, going on to graduate from Columbia Falls High School in 1938. She had always wanted to be a journalist. When she enrolled at the University of Montana in 1939, she was discouraged from journalism and encouraged to pursue a degree

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in home economics. She followed the advice, but still minored in journalism. While in

high school, Jane sold her first written articles to the Daily Inter Lake, receiving free newspapers as payment. Her desire fueled her to write throughout her lifetime, and was finally published by a magazine when she was 75. She left University early, in 1942, to join sisters Martha, Glendetta and Dorothy in California to work for the war effort.

There she met and married Clifford Raymond Bolles, May 25, 1946. Their first child, Dian, was born in 1947, and next came son John in 1950. In 1968, Cliff sold his successful business, Azusa Towel Supply, and retired at age 50. The family moved back to the West Glacier area and

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built a little log home on their own piece of paradise on Sloan Lane. After Cliff's passing in 1996, Jane continued to live in their home until age 95 when she moved into the Timber Creek assisted living home in Columbia Falls.

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At the age 60, Jane decided to learn to play the guitar along with her sister, Martha. Together, they played guitar for the Saturday evening outdoor Mass in the park and services at St. Richard's Church in Columbia Falls. She also enjoyed quilting and loved working in her large garden.

Jane was preceded in death by parents John B. and Martha M. Sloan, all eight siblings (Francis, John, Glendetta "Midge" Marie, Thomas, Dorothy, Robert, Martha "Snookie" and Theodore), husband Clifford Bolles, and son John R. Bolles Sr.

She is survived by daughter Dian Cox Haines (Howard), grandson Matthew Cox (Sue),

granddaughter Michelle Kitch (Todd), grandson Clifford Cox, granddaughter Hannah Cox, John Bolles Sr.'s widow Elizabeth Bolles, granddaughter Carla Martin, grandson John Bolles Jr., granddaughter Emily Olsen (Paul), granddaughter Myra McCrorie (Ben), grandson Michael Bolles (Jessie) plus many great-grandchildren.

Jane was especially fond of her caregiver, Ashley, at Timber Creek. Our family greatly appreciates the outstanding care given to Jane during her stay.

Funeral services will be held at 12:10 p.m. Friday, April 26, at St. Richard's Church in Columbia Falls. A reception will be held in the basement of the church after interment.

Donations can be made to Covenant House, 800-388-3888; or the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 312-738-7560.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Jane's family.

Robert T. Borchardt, 82

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With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Navy veteran and longtime Montana resident, Robert T. Borchardt.



Bob died on May 22, 2019, of cardiac arrest in the hospital in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Bob is lovingly remembered by his wife

of 21 years, Barbara Borchardt, and his three stepdaughters along with their husbands, and six grandchildren.

Bob's memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7465 Montana 35 in Bigfork, followed by a celebration of life at the Bigfork VFW, 8098 Montana 35.

Charitable donations can be made to the Montana Chapter of the American Heart Association in Bob's name.

Jenny Mary Bornman, 82

Jenny Mary Bornman, 82, died Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Robert 'Jess' Borst, 70

Robert "Jess" Borst, 70, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at his home in Columbia Falls.

No services are planned at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Jeanne Ann Bowman, 66

Jeanne Ann Bowman went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 25, 2019, in Kalispell due to complications of metastatic breast cancer.

She was born on April 19, 1953, in Kalispell to Mary Katrina Deitrick and Bernick Hyder Bowman.

Jeanne grew up in the Kalispell public schools, later attending Flathead Valley Community College. She worked at the Liberty and Strand theaters as well as the drive-in. As a new mom, she ran a daycare out of her home and was active in the Helena Flats PTO. Jeanne later worked at JCPenney before moving on to work at her favorite job at Hooper's Nursery. Her last occupation was at the Flathead Electric Cooperative as an accounts payable accountant, making many lifelong friends in the process.

Jeanne married Greg Iverson on Nov. 28, 1969, and they were married for 37 years. They remained friends until her passing. Jeanne married Robb Hatton on July 19, 2014, and was married for four years.

Jeanne spent the last nine years bravely fighting breast cancer at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the Dana Farber Cancer Center and Brigham and Women's



Hospital in Boston, the Medical Center in Kalispell. As the cancer

advanced she was determined to participate in clinical trials and any treatment necessary to further research in hopes of a cure. And not just for herself. Jeanne fought for and welcomed the opportunity to be a pioneer for future generations and gave the ultimate gift.

Jeanne was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, friend and family member. She enjoyed the company of great friends and fussing over her children and grandchildren. Jeanne loved to garden, everything she touched flourished under her tender care. She had a deep love for dogs and her devoted sheltie, Tucker, reaped the benefits. She had a love of "Downton Abbey," "The Great British Baking Show," "Frankie and Grace," and made the best fried chicken and apple pie. Later in life, Jeanne cared for, and had a deep connection with the "big yellow house" in Somers where she loved to sit with her beloved collie Cymba and look out over Flathead Lake.

Jeanne is survived by her daughter, Nichole Bemis, her husband Jeff

and grandchildren Jeffrey James and Michael Haven of Farmington, Connecticut; Ty Iverson, his wife Rebecca and grandchildren Britton Gray and Gwenna Evangeline of Lancaster, California; brother Ben Bowman and wife Brenda of Albuquerque, New Mexico; sister Linda Bonar and husband Mick of Bigfork; sister Elaine Symington and husband Steve of Kalispell; and Brian Deitrick and wife Dana of Scottsdale, Arizona, in addition to many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Deitrick; father, Bennick Bowman; brother, Alan Bowman, and her grandmother Agnes Stenberg and grandfather Carl Stenberg.

A celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. on June 22 at the home of Elaine and Steve Symington, 903 Conrad Drive, Kalispell. Favorite pictures and sentiments of Jeanne would be appreciated.

Donations can be made in Jeanne's honor by going to www.dana-farber.org. Please reference the metastatic breast cancer program, Dr. Nancy Lin, Director.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Michael Edward Box, 71

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Michael Edward Box, 71, was called home by the Lord on May 7, 2019, after an extended battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mike was born Aug. 7, 1947, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended St. Patrick's Parochial School and then Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. He graduated in 1965. He then attended the University of Oklahoma, graduating in 1969 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He met his lifelong best friend and fellow OU fan, Art Sanders, during this time, and his friendship was one of the greatest blessings of his life.

Mike also served honorably in the National Guard during the Vietnam Era from 1969 to 1975.

After graduation, he married Margaret Tener (now Shawver). Mike worked for Shell Oil, and the couple lived in Indiana, Missouri and Ohio before settling back in Oklahoma City. They had two daughters: Angela and Allison. Mike worked for Ray Tener of Tener's Western



Outfitters and was responsible for greatly expanding the business during the "Urban Cowboy" days of the late 1970s. After he and Margaret divorced in

1979, Mike moved to San Francisco.

Over the years, Mike took on many business interests, eventually settling with Smith and Nephew Dyonics in 1987. He worked for Smith & Nephew in Illinois, Alabama and Texas. During this period, Mike married Lisa Cooney and they had two children: John Michael and Emily. They later divorced.

Mike excelled in his role at Smith & Nephew to become the most successful salesperson/distributor Smith & Nephew has ever had. Through the years, Mike had the pleasure to mentor many sales representatives to become successful them-

selves due to his ability to assess a situation and provide solid advice. He remained a good friend and mentor to many of them to his final days.

Mike finally found the love of his life when he met and married Kim DeSmyter in 2005. Kim is the mother of Alison DeSmyter, and Mike welcomed her with open arms into his family. He retired in 2011 and they moved to Montana, where he enjoyed meticulously maintaining his 10 acres in Whitefish and later working part time at Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply.

In October 2016, Mike was diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. He fought valiantly until the end and was surrounded by wife Kim and best friend Art when he passed on to the next life.

His generosity of spirit, his kind heart, his quick wit and unique sense of humor earned him the love and respect of many. This was demonstrated by a stream of visitors and calls from family and friends across the country whose lives

he impacted and who wished to express their love and gratitude during his final days.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents Jack and Louise Box and sister Kathy Box. He is survived by his brother Robert (Bob) Box; daughters Angela Box, Allison Whisler, and Emily Box; stepdaughter Alison DeSmyter; son John Michael Box; son-in-law Todd Whisler; grandchildren Maggie and Jackson Whisler; and his beloved wife Kim.

The funeral Mass will be at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, Montana at 11 a.m. on May 15. He will be memorialized, and his ashes interred, at Resurrection Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, Mike has asked that contributions be made to the St. Charles Borromeo Stained Glass Window Fund

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

James 'Jim' Otis Boyette, 87

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James "Jim" Otis Boyette, 87, passed away on April 16, 2019, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, with his family surrounding him with love.

James was born on Aug. 12, 1931, in Chadbourn, North Carolina, to George Otis Boyette and Kiva Lina (Brown) Boyette. He finished high school in only three years at the age of 16. He then continued to work at the family Otis Wholesalers and Boyette Grocery Store.

He enlisted in the Air



Force on July 19, 1950. On Oct. 13, 1953, he entered Officer Training Course. James retired from active duty as a major on July 31, 1970, as a master navigator, having served two tours in Vietnam where he had earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, the Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze service stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He married Alice Anna (Mowatt) on Aug. 2, 1957. They celebrated 42 years together.

James worked as the business manager at the

Montana State Prison from 1971 to 1977. Then moved on to selling Prudential Securities and Insurance in Missoula and Kalispell until his full retirement. James earned a sociology degree in 1976 and a business administration degree in 1979 from the University of Montana.

James lived in Bigfork for over 29 years where he enjoyed feeding the wild turkey, working on old vehicles and remodeling his home.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, and four brothers, George Otis, Charles Otis, William Otis and Robert Otis.

He is survived by his five children, Sherri Elizabeth Boyette of Salt Lake City, Rebecca

Ann Kress of Missoula, James Kevin Boyette (Hiromi) of Tomah, Wisconsin, Michael Scott Boyette (Jeanette) of Salt Lake City, and Edwin Arlington Boyette (Yun) of Reston, Virginia; plus six grandchildren, Dalis, Jessica, Brandon, Frankie, Kody, Parker and Michaela.

Family asks for memorials to be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, or the Montana Veterans Home of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

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

Irene Braaten, 93

Irene Braaten passed away at the age of 93 the morning of Friday, August 2, 2019, at Palouse Country Assisted Living, Fairfield, Wash., a farming town South of Spokane. Irene was the widow of Howard Braaten, a WWII veteran who died in 1964.

Born to Anton and Anna Abraham in New Ulm, Minn., on July 4, 1926, Irene grew up and worked on the family farm located near the town of Gaylord, Minn. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith at Emmanuel Lutheran in Gaylord. She moved with her family to McCone County in eastern Montana in 1944. Irene worked hard doing chores and filling in while her older brother, Ray, served in the Army.

Irene married Howard Markus Braaten on March 15, 1947. She and Howard purchased a farm 10 miles northwest of Kalispell in 1956, where Irene continued to raise her children after the death of her husband in 1964. She was happy to be a mother and homemaker and to live life on the farm. When the children were grown, she sold the farm and moved into the town of Kalispell, where she enjoyed new activi-



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ties and friends until moving to Spokane in her elderly years.

Irene is survived by four daughters and one son: Linda (David) Dybwad of Tacoma, Wash., Anita (Larry) Day of Chelan, Wash., Connie (Ron) Price of Spokane, Renee (Terry) Best of Spokane, and James (Becky) Braaten, who recently moved to Wenatchee, Wash. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren—Michael Braaten, Cindy Carrigan, Kim Kazmark, Amy Courtney, Matthew Dybwad, Joe Day, Jamie Sagastume, Carly Tu, Markus Burns, Cody Braaten, Jennifer Braaten, and Katherine Williams, plus 23 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Howard (age 46) in 1964, her brother, Ray, in 1997, and by three children—daughters Darlene, age 13 months in 1948, Carol, age 46 in 1995 and recently by her son, Reuben, age 73, in June, 2019.

Howard and Irene were members of Trinity

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Lutheran Church in Wolf Point and joined Trinity Lutheran Church when they moved to Kalispell. Irene remained a member of Trinity and raised her family faithfully attending church. Her faith in God was important to her and sustained her through many challenges. Gardening, sewing, and baking bread were a big part of Irene's activities as she did her best to raise her children on the farm. After her children were grown, she enjoyed serving with the Trinity Quilters, where her sewing skills contributed to thousands of quilts sent all over the globe through Lutheran World Relief. She contributed for many years organizing luncheons for church and was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Irene was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles. Being of German descent, a highlight of her life was a trip to Germany in 1978, seeing the sights from the life of Martin Luther with a church tour group. Irene

loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and made many contributions to their lives over the years. We will miss her dearly, but we are so happy to think about her now with Jesus and her Heavenly Father, joining all her family and friends in heaven that have gone before her.

Family and friends are welcome to celebrate the life of Irene Braaten on Saturday, August 17, 2019. There will be a Committal Service beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery (Whitefish Stage Road and Rose Crossing), followed by a memorial service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 12:30 p.m. Those attending are invited to a luncheon after the service. A viewing and visiting time for family and friends is scheduled from 4 – 6p.m. on Friday, August 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Fund, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Reuben R. Braaten, 73

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Reuben R. Braaten, 73, passed away at The Springs in Whitefish on Wednesday, May 30, 2019, after a long battle with cancer.

Reuben was born on Dec. 14, 1945, in Wolf Point to Irene and Howard Braaten. In 1956, he moved with his family to Kalispell where they started a small family farm. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1964. Shortly afterward, he enlisted into the Army and served in Vietnam until 1969.

Reuben had a passion for hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

Reuben is survived by his mother, his son, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, and four sisters.

At his request, a celebration of life will be held in his honor at 11 a.m. on



June 15 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider donating to

one of Reuben's favorite charities: Northwest Montana Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; or CASA for Kids, 1203 U.S. Highway 2 W. Ste. 39 Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Susan Renee' Braden, 70

Susan Renee' Braden, daughter of Bernard and Caroline (Bair) Braden,



was born in Glendive on March 11, 1949.

She died on Aug. 2, 2019. Susan leaves behind a life of hard work, her love of family, and her times with great friends.

Susan was raised and educated in Wibaux, graduating in 1967. She attended Eastern Montana College in Billings where she sponsored keggers in order to help buy her mother a Mother's Ring. A year later she moved to Everett, Washington, going to work at Boeing Aircraft. In 1970, Susan began her 34-year career at Scott Paper, now called Kimberly Clark.

During her years in Everett, Susan made many good friends at work, playing softball and bowling. She loved playing cards and board games. She managed a small mobile horse court, caring for and befriending many of its elderly residents. She also tutored and donated to needy families during the holidays. She was an avid sports fan, taping all her games so she wouldn't have to watch commercials! "Don't tell me the score, I haven't watched it yet!" She loved the Seahawks and the Mariners and, of course, the Wibaux Longhorns.

Even though she lived and worked in Everett, Wibaux was always Susan's home. She didn't hesitate to return home when the family needed her help. In Wibaux she

cared for her mother, mowed many lawns, and tended her property, Grandma Bair's old house. She always met with her good friends in Wibaux, maybe having a few rum and Cokes.

Susan retired from Kimberly Clark in 2004 amid much hoopla at the factory. She still maintained those friendships throughout her retirement years. Susan moved to Kalispell, making her home in the forest of Many Lakes, which she tirelessly maintained for 14 years. Susan never met a stranger and soon had a wide circle of friends who liked to have a good time. They kayaked and had paintball fights, and every Saturday night they met at someone's home for cards or board games. She was known for her fine cooking. She bowled in a league and volunteered at the food bank and the library. She loved to bring home the outdated books on tape!

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Barbara and Shelley, and her dog Sunshine.

She is survived by Shirley (Doug) Dundas, Bill (Cindy) Braden, brother-in-law Paul Ammon, Brenda (Mike) Huston, Bernie Braden, Buck Braden, Sharon Braden, Brad Braden, Steve (Janelle) Braden, and Scott Braden. She had 16 nieces and nephews. Susan's many friends and family will miss her very much, but know hers was a life well-lived.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux.

Melva Brandewie, 93

they built their life-long family home in Woods Bay where they raised their children and worked in the family cherry orchards.



Melva was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bud Brandewie; sis-

Melva Brandewie, 93, of Bigfork passed away peacefully in her home April 22, 2019.

Melva was born in Kalispell to Paul Morton and Mattie (Fox) Morton Jan. 27, 1926. She grew up on the family farm in Holt. After graduating from Bigfork High School in 1944, she married William "Bud" Brandewie Oct. 14, 1945. Together

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, the family suggests donations be made to The Cross Fund c/o Ed Ottosen, 304 Pine Needle Lane, Bigfork; Lone Pine Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 14, Bigfork; or Bigfork Fire/QRU, 810 Grand Dr., Bigfork, in memory of Melva Brandewie.

ter, Betty Graber; brother, Bill Morton; and sons, Joe and John Brandewie. Melva is survived by brothers, Don and Dee Morton; sister, Pat Phillips; daughter, Jean Smith; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held for Melva at 2 p.m. May 4 at Swan Chapel.

Samuel Jackson 'Sam' Brady Jr., 70



Expert
Badge -
Rifle/M-14.

Upon his
honorable
discharge
on June,
19, 1970, he
and Sue

began planning their wedding. They were married at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish on June 6, 1971. For the next seven years, Sam and Sue worked in the natural resource and medical industries, respectively, while they explored the wonder of Northwestern Montana and established themselves in the northern Flathead Valley. The traveled extensively, exploring, learning and planning. They were blessed with two daughters, Trisha Leah, (June 29, 1978) and Brooke Nichole (June, 14, 1980). Fatherhood was the most important job to Sam; family was his utmost priority. He strived to teach his children integrity, hard work and ethics. He raised his daughters in the passenger seat of the log truck and in the satisfaction of a hard day's labor. They helped him build roads, log property, raise horses, and erect their family home. Beyond hard work and an honest character, he taught them the value of life, the reward of a job done well, the joy of a close-knit family who plays together, and the importance of education.

Beyond that, Sam became a beloved member of the logging community. His love of the outdoors drew him to a career in the wilds of the mountains; he cherished every

sunrise from the mountaintop and found his peace and knowledge of God in those quiet places in early morning solitude. From that career, he found a passion for helping his fellow logging community. He, along with Lyle Doty and Mike Mrgich (his brother-in-law) established the Log Truckers Association of Montana. (now disbanded) to champion the local log hauling community and sustain their culture. He was a key catalyst in the Great Northwest Log Haul to Darby, providing national coverage of the Northwest timber industry. The kids helped paint those very first fluorescent yellow signs: "This Family Supported by Timber Dollars."

Upon the downturn in the timber industry, Sam swapped his log bunks for a dump box and continued to haul in the valley until his retirement in 2010 (even hauling logs in the dump box — "You can take the man out of the woods; but you cannot take the woods out of the man"). Sam lost count of the highway miles after the 2 million-mile mark, accident-free. Spare time found him hunting, fishing, exploring, digging sapphires, hiking, water/snow skiing, and fishing at every opportunity. Spring breakup always found the family deep sea fishing somewhere — anywhere. Sue even made a good huckleberry picker out of him — eventually.

As with everything Sam did, he committed himself with integrity and honesty. His character and reputation preceded him in all of his

dealings, both personal and business.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Jim and Jerry, and nephew Justin Brady.

He is survived by his wife, Sue, of Whitefish; his daughter Trisha and husband Lyle Boll of Whitefish; daughter Brooke and husband David Broadstock of Burrum River, QLD, Australia; granddaughters, Hannah, Brady and Kimber Boll; and brother Albert Brady and wife Darlene of Glen Burnie.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at the Whitefish Moose Lodge (230 W. 10th Street). Sam had always wanted an "Irish Wake" where his friends and family would gather to enjoy camaraderie and have a beer in his memory. All whom wish to celebrate his life are invited to come, share a story, and carry on his memory.

Samuel Jackson "Sam" Brady Jr., of Whitefish, passed peacefully on May 20, 2019.

He was born in Harwood, Maryland, Aug. 18, 1948, to Samuel Jackson Brady, Sr. and Clara Brady. He was the second oldest of four boys and grew up in the Maryland countryside near Baltimore. He was raised working on a farm until moving to Glen Burnie, Maryland, where he graduated from high school in 1966. He spent his high school years working with his father building houses and at a drugstore.

He attended college at College Park, Maryland, for a time, and then traveled to Minnesota to visit his older brother, Jim, who was an MP commander at Fort Snelling. While there, he met the future love of his life, Suellen Deist "Dusty" of Whitefish who was attending school there at the time. In the midst of a brief courtship, he was drafted for the Vietnam War, where he attended Basic Training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for artillery training. Sam entered active duty on Aug. 23, 1968. He was in D Battery, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. While in-country, he was based at one of the two 8-inch guns in an LZ fire base in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Army Commendation Medal; two O/S Bars; Expert Badge - Rifle/M-16; and

"Family and friends, say goodbye to an amazing man!"

James "Jim" Glen Bray, of Kalispell, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, reaching the age of 79 years old. After months of health concerns, the Lord chose for his battle to be over and took him home.

Jim was born June 15, 1940, in Butte to Roy Bray and Elsie Victoria Faurer, then later by guardians Ted and Lavern Rodler with their two children Sandra and Kenneth. After the death



of his father in Butte, Elsie moved Jim and his brother Robert to The Dalles, Oregon.

After she passed, he moved to Bigfork to his guardians Ted and Lavern Rodler.

In 1958, he met and married the love of his life, Jeanette Boucher, in Bigfork. They lived together almost inseparably for over 61 years. Together they raised

their three children in Evergreen and Bigfork. When Jim retired in 2005, they moved to Kalispell.

From 1967 to 1982, Jim loved working with his log truck and in 1983 became part owner of Owens and Bray Chip Trucking with Lum Owens. When he wasn't at work, you could always catch him in his shop tinkering with projects and listening to "Orange Blossom Special."

Jim was a breed of his own. He marched to his own beat and you

James 'Jim' Glen Bray, 79

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could always count on him. He loved God, family and country. Most of the time he was a man with few words, but if he had something to say, he wasn't quiet!

He was a strong patriarch of his family, a good friend to many and all. He was always willing to teach and help. He would always say, "There's a right way, a wrong way and the Bray way."

He was a good father who always took care of his children and did the best he could to teach and guide them, as well

as a loving grandfather ("Papa") and great-grandfather.

Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jeanette; three children, Victoria Bray, Michael (Terri) Bray, and Timothy Bray; three grandchildren, Amanda Ajitsingh, Cheryl Steenson and Justin Bray; great-grandchildren, Gretchen Ajitsingh and Ayla Steenson; foreign exchange son Chris Kaiser and family; and his brother, Robert Bray.

Jim was preceded in death by parents, Roy and Elsie Bay; guardians,

Ted and Lavern Rodler, with their two children Sandra and Kenneth.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at First Nazarene Church, 1295 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell.

A reception will follow at Village Greens Community Center, 500 Palmer Drive, Kalispell.

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.

Kyssan Allan Brauer, infant

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Born Dec. 30, 2018, Kyssan Allan Brauer, our little angel, was called to the Lord on Jan. 12, 2019.

He is survived by his parents, Kiah Brauer and Robert Brauer, big brother Kean Brauer, maternal grandmother Melinda Galloway and great-grandmother Nancy Galloway; paternal grandparents Vernice Lund and Mark Lund and great-grandparents Fran Roose and Roy Roose;

aunts, Noelle Hendahl, Tiffany Galloway, Natasha Bernhard and Amanda Shephard; and uncles, Russell Brauer, Matthew Freeman and Tristian Owens.

Mommy and Daddy are going to miss you so much. We love you with all our hearts. Spread your wings and fly, our little angel.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Leonard Willis Breezee, 85

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Leonard Willis Breezee, 85, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Known as "Len" to his friends and family, he was born to Louis and Annie Breezee in Park Rapids, Minnesota, on April 24, 1934. He spent 10 years driving school bus and working at the Pure Oil Station.

He married Joanne Jasken in 1962 and moved to Kent, Washington, where he worked for the Kent School District for 30 years, as well as being a volunteer fireman all those years. After retirement Len moved to Columbia Falls in 1992 where he did dealer trades for Scarff Auto for years.

Len loved camping and restoring older garden tractors and tinkering in his shop. He was a very social person and truly enjoyed being around people. He enjoyed listening to the Jammers at the Columbia Falls Senior



Center.

Len was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Louise, two brothers-in-law, Carl

Wettels and Bill Sjolín, and one sister-in-law Lucille Breezee.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Joanne, son Jeffery (Yevgeniya), granddaughter Anastasia, two brothers John (Kristy), and Joe; three sisters, Bonnie (Marvin) Berg, Shirley (Deeane) Markel, and Julia Sjolín, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 28, at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

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.

Donald L. Bromley, 93

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Donald L. Bromley passed away on Monday, June 17, 2019, surrounded by his family.

Don was born in Dodge Center, Minnesota, on July 23, 1925, to Vernon and Hannah Bromley.

In 1942, at age 17, Don volunteered and proudly served his country as a Merchant Marine. During his service Don saw the world, including multiple crossings of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He survived two days in a life raft on the Caribbean Ocean after his ship was torpedoed and sunk.

Following his discharge in 1945 Don worked for the Great Northern Railway in Whitefish, specializing in telegraphy. In 1951 Don was drafted into the Army to serve during the Korean War; he was stationed in Germany as a telegraph operator. After the Korean War Don returned to Montana and became the railroad agent in Belton (West Glacier).

Don married Jean Rudick in 1954. They were married for 65 years and raised daughters Judy, Patti and Bonnie at their home in West Glacier. Don retired in 1989 after working 47 years with the Great Northern, then Burlington Northern Railways. He was a founding member and volunteer fireman for the Coram/



West Glacier Fire Department.

Don was a passionate fly fisherman and enjoyed many camping trips with his wife



and family. He loved playing pinochle and taking walks. Don liked sharing his love of books and we all appreciated his ability to entertain everyone with his stories. Don was committed to the importance of education and was a great influence to his children and grandchildren. He was so proud of the success of each of them. Don is remembered most of all for the pleasure he got from teasing, his sense of humor, and his strong political beliefs. He deeply loved his wife, daughters, sons-in-law (Gordy Beck and Mike Streeter), seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

At Don's request no funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the local humane society or animal shelter.

Jan Esther Joyce Brinton, 66

On Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, Jan passed away peacefully in her sleep of natural causes.

She was born Jan Esther Joyce on March 30, 1952,

to Dennis and Hazel

Joyce in Pueblo, Colorado, and was raised in the Kalispell/Whitefish area.

Jan married Geoffrey Brinton in 1975 and had a total of three children.

Jan's careers included house cleaning, dish-washing/prep cook and elderly care.

Jan loved being around and also helping people. She used to frequent "old Sykes" and sit around the "round table" having coffee and "bs-ing." She was loved by the community and was known for her caring and loving nature.

Jan was preceded in death by both of her parents, two brothers, and husband.

Jan is survived by her three children,



Halvdan 'Dan' Brosten, 91

Halvdan "Dan" Brosten, 91, passed away on June 26, 2019, at the Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls.

He was born in 1928 at home near Sandnes, Norway. His parents were Hallgerd and Arne Brosten. Dan was an infant when his family emigrated from Norway to the United States in November, 1928. The family soon began working a homestead south of Sidney, Montana.

Dan's father, who worked as a shepherd, passed away unexpectedly in 1931 during the era of the Great Depression. Within a few months Dan's widowed mother abandoned their homestead and moved with five of her eight surviving children to the Flathead Valley.

Dan graduated from



Flathead County High School in 1946 and subsequently worked for the Farmer's Union Service Station, Sidney. One day, while Dan was working at the gas station, he spotted a customer admiring Dan's Indian Motorcycle. The customer said, "You should give my sister, Tordis, a ride on your bike sometime." The bike ride blossomed into a romance. They had a lot in common because both Dan and Tordis had parents that recently arrived from Norway. The couple were married in 1951.

Dan served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was stationed at Malmstrom Air Base near Great Falls. He attained the rank of staff sergeant during four years of service. Dan and Tordis settled in Great Falls where he worked as a contracted distributor for the Great Falls Tribune for many years. He graduated from the College of Great Falls with a major in history and minor in English. For several years he taught high school in Colstrip, Geraldine, Helena and at

Cottonwood Union School, Deer Lodge. Later on, he worked for the Montana Job Service in Helena.

Dan and Tordis had four sons, Dennis, Eric, Carl, and Ralph. Dan encouraged his sons to join the Boy Scouts and spent many weekends camping with troops from Colstrip and Helena. He was instrumental in founding the first Boy Scout troop in Colstrip. In recognition of Dan's volunteer work, the Prickly Pear Scout District awarded him the Silver Beaver medal. All four of Dan's sons attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Over the years, Dan and his sons spent many hours working on cars and motorcycles. In those days cars were simple to fix. Besides saving money, the repair work served as a way to learn basic mechanics and bond as a family. Later on, Dan logged over 130,000 miles on his Goldwing motorcycle during visits to his grown sons. During those visits, Dan was always eager to help with projects such as roof repairs,

plumbing repairs, and babysit grandchildren.

Dan and his brother, Einar, were founding members of the Sons of Norway chapter in Helena. Dan, a lifelong Lutheran, attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena.

Dan is survived by his widow, Tordis; three sons, Dennis, Eric and Carl; a sister, Gunnborg Knudsen; a brother, Einar; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dan was preceded in death by his son, Ralph; brothers, Per "Pete," Henrik "Henry," and Heming; and sisters, Ingjerd, Gislaug and Aashild.

Dan's family is very grateful to the staff at the Montana Veterans Home that cared for him over the past five years. Appreciation is also extended to Home Options Hospice Services for care after Dan's stroke on June 11. Cremation has taken place.

A graveside service is planned for later this summer.

Leslie (Aric) Littlefield, Michael (Heang) Brinton and Rebecca Brinton; seven grandchildren, Caleb, Kaylynn, Alex, Joe, Justin, Jasmine Brinton and Jourdan Joyce; and great-grandson, Cooper Brinton.

She adored and was very proud of her grandchildren. She is also survived by her four sisters, Carol Denny, Jewel Bond, Paula Anderson Heil and Patti Pagan.

A celebration of life will be held summer of 2019 at a date to be determined.

Instead of flowers, we are asking that donations be made care of Jan's daughter Leslie Littlefield, 100 S. Curtis No. 2, Missoula, MT 59801, to help with costs of not only the funeral but the care of her 16-year-old granddaughter that she was raising.

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.

MEMORIAL

Jan (Joyce) Brinton

A celebration of life for Jan (Joyce) Brinton, 66, who died Feb. 25, will be held from 1 to 4

p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Springhill Suites, 250 Old Reserve Road, in Kalispell.

Delsie D. Brooks, 91

Delsie D. Brooks, 91, died Monday June 3, 2019, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Judy Kay Brown, 80

Judy Kay Brown, 80, passed away on Nov. 17, 2019, at her home in Kalispell.

Judy was born in Spokane and is the daughter of James Dee Johnston and Florence Lynn Mathison. Judy was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had a strong testimony of Jesus Christ. Judy spent much of her early life in Spokane and graduated from North Central High School. She married George Harold Brown on Nov. 9, 1957, in Spokane. Judy and George have five children and she loved spending time with her family. Judy was a devoted wife and mother. Judy and George raised their family in Spokane and later relocated to Auburn, Washington, for several years before eventually retiring in Kalispell. Judy worked in accounts payable for North Park Racquet Club in Spokane and later at Valley Cities Mental Health in Auburn.

Judy is survived by her children, Deanna Bennett (Doug) of Kalispell, George Brown Jr. (Kathy) of Tumtum, Washington, Patrick



Brown (Linda) of Bozeman, Eric Brown (Melissa) of Mesa, Arizona, and

David Brown (Manon) of Auburn; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; her brother Jim Johnston (Kay) of Spokane, brother-in-law Richard Huss (Molly) of Spokane; and a large extended family.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband George, her parents, and sister Molly Huss.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel, 1380 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell. A visitation will begin one hour prior to the funeral at noon. Bishop David Wigginton will officiate. Graveside interment will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, at Greenwood Cemetery, N. 211 Government Way, Spokane, Washington; 509-838-1405.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Judy and her family.

Mary Jane Browne, 84

Mary Jane Browne, 84, died at her home in Bigfork on March 8, 2019.

She is survived by her children, Brent Jensen, Therese Jensen, Lori Morris, Beth

Cocchiarella and Mary Faseler.

A celebration of life will be held later this summer.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Chong Bruce, 78

Chong Bruce, 78, of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 23, 2019 at Hidden Meadows. Chong is survived by her husband

Henry Bruce. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Beatrice Bruce, 73

Beatrice Bruce, 73, died on April 18, 2019 in Martin City. Beatrice was born on Nov. 5, 1945.

There are no services planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lester N. Brown Jr., 76

Lester N. Brown Jr., 76, of Hungry Horse, died in Whitefish on April 3, 2019, at Invigorate Post Acute Care Center.

Private family services are being planned. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Terry G. Brutscher, 70

Terry G. Brutscher, 70, passed away on April 19, 2019, from complications from leukemia.

Terry was born on Dec. 20, 1948, in Spirit Lake, Idaho, and was raised in Weston, Oregon.

Terry joined the Army and served his time during the Korean conflict.

Terry worked as a real estate appraiser first in Umatilla County for a few years and then became self-employed for the remainder of his 30-year career.

He enjoyed ATVing, hunting and fishing. He loved the RV life before



and after retirement, especially after. Terry was preceded in death by his loving wife Sharron Brutscher, and brother Ronald Brutscher.

He is survived by his children, Dawn Aby of Weston, Oregon, Chad Brutscher of Kalispell, and Monica Navarro of Kennewick, Washington; brothers, Ken Brutscher of Hermiston, Oregon, and Bob Brutscher of Boardman, Oregon; and grandchildren, Jacob Brutscher, Samantha Keeney, Matison Keeney,

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Brittney Brutscher, Blake Brutscher and Jared Brutscher.

No services are planned per Terry's request. A small gathering of family and close friends will take place at the Brutscher ranch in Weston.

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

Charles T. 'Terry' Bryer, 74

Charles T. "Terry" Bryer, 74, of Kalispell, died at his home Monday June 3, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; and his sons, Jim and Jerry Bryer and Joel, Scott

and Chad Thomas. No services are being planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Joseph 'Joe' Bucariza, 84

Lifelong resident of Whitefish, Joseph "Joe" Bucariza passed away peacefully of natural causes on Friday afternoon, May 24, 2019, at North Valley Hospital. Joe was 13 days short of his 85th birthday.

His parents, Venancio and Demetria Bucariza, emigrated from the Philippines to the United States in 1929, settling in Whitefish. Joe's father went to work for the Great Northern Railway.

Joe was born on June 6, 1934, joining an older sister, Wilma. Brother William "Willy" was born in January 1937 to complete the family.

After his freshman year in Whitefish High School, the family moved to Stockton, California. After one year in California, Joe decided that he wanted to return to Whitefish and Montana. After his soph-



omore year of school he, by himself, moved back to Whitefish. He rented an apartment in the Samson Block, peddled papers, worked odd jobs to support himself and enrolled in the junior class at Whitefish High School.

After his junior year the family moved back to Whitefish to reunite the family in Whitefish. Joe graduated with the class of 1953. Joe was an outstanding basketball player even though he only had the use of one eye, losing the other early in his life due to a childhood disease.

While still in school and at the age of 16, Joe went to work for the Great Northern Railway in the clerical

department. Over the years he worked many different positions with the Great Northern, then the Burlington Northern and finally Burlington Northern Santa Fe, retiring in 1997 with 44 years of service.

In you lived in Whitefish during the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s you probably knew Joe. He was always ready to help his friends. He helped build houses, barns, fences, helped with the haying, cutting firewood, shoveled snow, plowed driveways. You name it, Joe helped with it.

Joe loved the outdoors. He successfully hunted deer, elk, moose, bear and antelope. For several years he traveled to Canada for goose hunting. Fishing was also a great love of his. When arthritis struck his right hand,

he trained himself to fly fish with his left hand. He and Willy and many friends spent many trips to the east side of the mountains to fish the various lakes on the reservation. For years he was regular trap shooter, even with the problem with his eyes he was able to score many 25s.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sister Wilma Aguinid, niece Conde and nephew Marcus, all of Sacramento, California; and his brother Willy at the family home in Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering to honor Joe's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Bulldog in Whitefish. So many people will always have fond memories of Joe.

Dorothy Jean 'Jerry' Buck, 85

Dorothy Jean "Jerry" Buck went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 19, 2019 with her loving husband by her side.

Dorothy was born to Arthur and Dorothy Redfield on February 25, 1934 at the family home in Lakeside, where she spent her childhood and lived at the time of her passing. Dorothy lived her life through her Lord and Savior and was the pride of her family. Dorothy met the love of her life John "Jack" Buck while in high school. The bond these two created inspired the generations around her. Jack went into the U.S. Army and while in the service they wrote love letters until his return. On May 14, 1954 Jack and Dorothy made their vows and were married for 64 wonderful years. They had 72 years of memories.

Together throughout the years their family grew. Jack and Dorothy had seven children and she was a very devoted wife, mother, sister and grandmother. She spent 29 years at Kalispell Regional Hospital as a seamstress and loved her hospital family. Her grandchildren often visited her while she worked and nothing made her prouder than to show off her grandchildren. She

was so devoted to her family, especially her grandchildren. She would be given several schedules of her numerous grandchildren's school and sports events and, with her husband by her side, they went to every single event. She was always found in the stands, cheering.

She was an amazing seamstress, always making our babies sweaters, socks and blankets. She wove rugs by hand on her loom and enjoyed selling them at the Farmers Market. Louise Redfield was her sister-in-law, but more her best friend, and they spent many years at the Farmers Market together. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and, most importantly, spending time with her family.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 64 years, Jack Buck, and her children Doug Buck, Vicki Swartzenberger, Ronnie Buck, Kenny Buck, Robert Buck (wife Lynn) and Josie Buck, all of Kalispell. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson and one on the way. Her siblings are Arthur (Bud) Redfield, Bainbridge Island, WA, Joseph Redfield and wife Louise of Lakeside, Charles

(Rusty) Redfield and wife Maureen of Lakeside. She also had her "adopted" grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Dorothy Redfield, Ed and Ruth Buck, sister Patricia Graham, Brother Larry Redfield (wife Lynn), son-in-law Jim Swartzenberger, beloved daughter Elizabeth "Ruthie" Buck and grandson Joseph "Joe Joe" Buck.

Services will be held on Tuesday July 23, 2019, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Viewing will be from 12:00-1:30. Service will be from 1:30-2:30 with Graveside service and dedication at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. After dedication, the family invites you to a BBQ to celebrate the life of our wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend at the family home, 158 Redfield Lane, Lakeside.

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

Diana May Buckley, 51

Diana May Buckley, 51, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 after a lengthy illness, at her home in Whitefish with her family by her side. Diane was born on April 14, 1968 in Puyallup, Washington, to Duane and Arlee (Payne) Shipman. Diana attended school in Helena and graduated from Helena High School.

Diana served in The U.S. Navy. She married James Buckley in 1992 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They celebrated 27 years



Club. Diana loved spending time with her family. Her three boys and Jim were the world to her. She especially found joy

together. Diana had many work experiences including many positions with the State of Montana.

Most recently she worked at the Iron Horse Golf Club. Diana loved spending time with her family. Her three boys and Jim were the world to her. She especially found joy

in fishing Stillwater Lake, whether by boat, from the bank or through the ice. Diana could be found with a fish on the end of her line and enjoying the peace being outdoors brought her.

Diana was preceded in death by her father Duane Shipman. She is survived by her husband James Buckley, children Duane James Buckley of Kalispell, James Buckley of Missoula, Nathan Buckley of Whitefish, stepdaughter Jami Buckley of Billings, moth-

er Arlee Shipman of Big Sky, and brothers Dan Shipman of Helena and Dustin (Kasia) Shipman of Big Sky. There will be a Celebration of Life on Dec. 29, 2019 at the Stillwater Bar and Grill, U.S. 6699 Highway 93. The family asks donation be made to Wings Regional Cancer Support Center., P.O. Box 7852 Kalispell, MT 59904. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Dianne Marie Livermore Bufton, 62

Dianne Marie Livermore Bufton, 62, walks with Jesus today after a short battle with cancer that ultimately led her home Jan. 28, 2019. She loved and was loved by many from both of her earthly homes. She always said, "I have the family that God gave me and the family that I chose," as she referred to family, respectively, that were based out of Livingston and those she later adopted in Kalispell.

She lived a life of love and is survived by many, her mother, Anne Livermore, of Livingston, her brothers and sisters-in-law, Mick Livermore of Helena, Jim and Debbie Livermore of Belgrade, and Roger Jr. and Teresa Livermore of Livingston; her daughters and son-in-law, Aimee Williams and Sarah and Matthew Sheldon of Billings and Nita Williams of Helena; as well as many grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and numerous friends and other "family members" from the Kalispell area, including her best friend, Tom Crausie, also of Kalispell.

Sadly, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Patrick Dean Williams, her husband, Larry Bufton, formerly of Kalispell, and her father, Roger Dee Livermore, formerly of Livingston.

Born in Munising, Michigan, on Feb. 17, 1956, she lived her early childhood years there before moving with her parents and three broth-

ers to Livingston where she grew up and lived into young adulthood. Eventually, she landed in Kalispell where she spent the majority of her life.

In addition to loving her family and friends, Dianne loved the simple things — music, good food, walks in Woodland Park, holiday get-togethers and potlucks, as well as, the annual family reunion that brought her close to her family, always in the middle of "Somewhere, Montana."

Above all things, Dianne was a dreamer, a fighter, a lover and a believer. She dreamed like John Lennon and believed like John the Baptist; she knew her

place in heaven. Not just for her friends and family, her unconditional love of anyone from anywhere made her one of the least judgmental people you could ever meet. There was never a truer keeper of the Scripture, "Love thy Neighbor." Lastly, she fought the good fight every day of her life, a life not without adversity, as she had many crosses to bear and struggles that were deep and personal, but she never quit fighting. Her strength and perseverance through these struggles were a testament of her character and served as a model for those of us that love her.

From the lyrics of one of Dianne's favorite

songs, "I beg your pardon I never promised you a rose garden, Along with the sunshine there's gotta be a little rain sometime," by Lynn Anderson, she sends us all a message. Life is a rose garden, but in order for us to enjoy and really appreciate it, we all have to have a little rain sometimes. Dianne understood this, and so do her family and friends. God Bless Dianne and all of you who are reading this!

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.

Parker Konrad Burgess-Corrigan, 17

Parker Konrad Burgess-Corrigan, 17, passed away at his home on May 31, 2019.

He was born Sept. 5, 2001, in Kalispell and is survived by his parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a very special lady he called his queen, and all his amazing buddies. He attended school at Kalispell Montessori through fifth grade and continued his schooling with the local home-school program through his senior year of high school.

Parker was full of life. He was an all-around Montana young man. He was extremely hard working and everything he did he did to his fullest with a whole heart. From bucking bales, branding cattle, training horses, a spot behind the chutes or a prayer for safety. Parker was truly a one-of-a-kind sort of buddy. He had a heart of gold and was always willing to help anyone



in need. He had a love for animals, especially horses. He was rodeo through and

through. He was an old soul cowboy who was born hundreds of years too late.

We love him more than words and he will be truly missed by so many. Parker we love you and miss you — until we meet again.

Please join us for a memorial with a small reception afterward to celebrate the life of Parker Konrad Burgess-Corrigan at 3 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the Elks Club Kalispell.

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.

Margrye M. (Roeseler) Butchart, 102

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and her niece Marie Doyle, her radiant smile will be lovingly remembered by her daughters Bonita Smith of Victoria, British Columbia, and Nadine (Don) Hart of Loomis, California, her cousin Nilmeh Cook of Nashville, Tennessee; her nephews Bob (Calgary, Alberta), Brian



By immigrating to Canada in January 2011, Margrye carried on the pioneering spirit of her parents. Her father crossed the Atlantic in a sailboat as a very young lad and her parents moved West to Montana by covered wagon. Margrye's final journey ended with her passing in Victoria, British Columbia, April 22, 2019, following a stroke. Predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Maro Neelands Butchart; her parents Zelma (Trowbridge) and William F. Roeseler; brothers Harold, Lyle, and Ernest; sisters Vera Roeseler and Liane (Bob) McGuire;

ride on him, and working at Gilkerson's Cafeteria in West Yellowstone the summer before she went to college.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Subjects degree from Montana State College (Bozeman) in 1938, she moved to Stanford, Montana, to teach. There she met Maro, a fellow teacher (band, choir, English, French) and they were married in Stanford on May 19, 1940.

The young couple moved to Kalispell in the fall of 1943, where Margrye was active in the Central Christian

Church, and in the community, as a member of the American Association of University Women (past president of the local chapter) and serving with the Girl Scouts for 25 years.

In 2009, after a fall on the ice in Kalispell, she moved to an apartment in Port Angeles, Washington, to be nearer to her daughter in Victoria. Here she became re-acquainted with Maro's cousin Ross Jones and enjoyed frequent visits from Bonnie and Nadine and Don, and short "hikes" with her walker in Olympic National Park and along the waterfront.

Margrye's life will be celebrated in Kalispell Aug. 28, with a celebration of life at the Central Christian Church in the afternoon, at a time to be determined. The church address is 246 Second Ave. East. In loving memory of Margrye, you are invited to share the beauty of love with a donation to the Central Christian Church in Kalispell or by a random act of kindness to another person. Margrye's daughters would also like to thank her wonderful "family" of caregivers at the Gorge Road Hospital, Waterview Unit, in Victoria for their outstanding care of Mom.

MEMORIAL

Dorothy Harvey Bunting

A casual gathering of family and friends to honor the memory of Dorothy Harvey Bunting will be held Friday, June 28. Join us from

2 to 5 p.m. at the Vista Linda Restaurant, 240 Boon Road, Somers. Refreshments will be served.

Bruce R. Bungay, 76

Bruce R. Bungay, 76, died at his home in Columbia Falls on April 11, 2019. He is survived by his sons Troy Bungay, Corey Bungay and Daniel

Bungay. A private family service will be held. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Bruce's family.

Rosetta 'Rosie' Marian Burke, 84

Rosetta "Rosie" Marian Burke passed away at her home in Columbia Falls on Oct. 9, 2019, after a long and tenacious battle with cancer.

Rosie was born on Aug. 17, 1935, in Lewistown to Iverene and Albert Ayers. She, with her four brothers, grew up in Grass Range and Lewistown and other small towns in central Montana. After her first marriage, she moved to Minneapolis to pursue an education in laboratory technology.

She then moved with her three children to Plentywood in northeastern Montana, where she began her career as a laboratory technologist. It was in Plentywood where she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Burke. They married at Rosie's parents' farm near Grass Range in 1966 and soon moved to a small farm outside of Columbia Falls, where they resided for the rest of their lives.

For the majority of her career, Rosie worked at the Whitefish Hospital and then the Whitefish Clinic. Additionally, for a short time, she and a friend had their own laboratory, P&F Labs. She was extremely well respected for her professional skills.

Rosie spent her free time working with Bob on the farm and raising their children. She also loved to go fishing and boating with her family and eventually took up



beekeeping. She was well known for "Rosie's Wildflower Honey" and became an advocate of baking with honey instead of sugar. Even after she gave up her own beehives, she remained a mentor to younger beekeepers who continued to learn from her until just days before her death. Rosie had also earned her black belt in judo, enjoyed snowmobiling and downhill and cross country skiing, and was well known for riding her bicycle back and forth to work in Whitefish for many years, often going "the long way" to ensure a 35-mile round trip. She stopped riding her bike so she could spend time in the evenings with her mother who was in a nursing home. Not one to sit idly, she soon set up a home gym and until just recently exercised daily for at least an hour, alternating between the treadmill, elliptical, bicycle and her Bowflex. It is no wonder cancer had such a hard battle; Rosie was in shape. In her later years, she also became a rock hound and learned how to facet gems and stones to make beautiful jewelry.

Throughout their life together, Rosie and Bob constantly opened their home to family and friends in need, providing not only shelter but also

love (sometimes "tough love") and guidance. Rosie was tough, but you could always count on her, and she would always tell you the truth, even if you didn't like it.

After retiring, Rosie volunteered with the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, where she loved to work alongside her many friends to reduce the population of stray cats and dogs in the Flathead. She did this until cancer slowed her down in 2017, at the age of 82. When she "retired" from her volunteer work, she still enjoyed the monthly lunches with her friends at the Task Force and also with her former coworkers from the Whitefish Clinic.

Rosie is survived by her three children, Richard (Sue) Burke, Dale (Winnifred) Burke, all of Columbia Falls, and Tracie Burke (Maureen O'Brien), of Memphis, Tennessee. She also leaves her grandson Josh Burke (Jennilee) and great-grandchildren Sydnee and Parker, great-granddaughter Alyssa Leimkuehler, as well as several stepgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Iverene and Fred Triepke, formerly of Lewistown, husband Robert "Bob" Burke, her four brothers, Walt Ayers formerly of Kalispell, Don Ayers formerly of Edmonton,

Alberta, Kenny Ayers formerly of Lewistown, and Tom Ayers formerly of Lewistown, and two grandchildren, Peggy Burke and Travis Burke, formerly of Plentywood.

The family is grateful to all of Rosie's friends and family for their visits and calls over the past several months, especially her niece Roxy Ayers Iverson, who was a constant companion. They also wish to thank her longtime primary care provider, Rayne Beach, the professionals at Kalispell Regional Health who provided treatment during her recent illnesses (with a special tip of the nurse's hat to Jane Mildren) and her caregivers from Loyal Care.

Services for Rosie will be held at noon Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

Rosie was a very practical lady who eschewed sentimentality. She could often be heard to say "What other people spend on booze, I spend on my dogs," so should friends desire, in lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution to Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force would be a most fitting tribute to this woman who was a true force of nature.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Rosie's family.

Roy Burkhart, 67

Roy Burkhart, 67, of Condon, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, in Bigfork.

He is survived by his children, April Verboven and Forest Burkhart.

Private services are

planned for a later date.

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

Gene F. Birky, 79

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Gene F. Birky went to be with his Lord and Savior March 12, 2019. After a lengthy illness, he passed away in Anchorage, Alaska, with both of his sons and daughters-in-law by his side.



Alaska, and many distant locations including Egypt, Iceland, Indonesia and

Japan. After retirement in 2004, Gene moved to Wasilla, Alaska, and enjoyed flying model airplanes with friends, ministering in small churches, and taking every opportunity to tell others about Jesus, whom he loved so much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife.

Gene leaves behind their three children, Gene S. Birky, (Melinda); David Birky (Janet), both of Anchorage, and Terena Ronan (Michael) of Newton, Kansas. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren, Matthew Birky and Rachel Odom (Shaquille); Benjamin, Daniel, and Michael Birky; Mariah and Sydney Ronan; and one great-grandchild, Olivia Odom.

A celebration of life is planned for 2 p.m. June 22 at Northern Light Chapel, 7550 E. Palmer Wasilla Hwy. After the service, at Gene's request, his ashes will be scattered over Visnaw Lake, where he last lived.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in memory of Gene to Alaska Bible Institute, Homer, Alaska, or the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska.

Alan Blair, 68

Alan Blair, 68, of Plains, died May 19, 2019, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

Frederic 'Ray' Raymond Blais, 78

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Frederic "Ray" Raymond Blais was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on Dec. 31, 1940 and passed away on Jan. 18, 2019.

He was a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, most recently living in Whitefish. He endured a brief hospitalization in late December when cancer was discovered. He spent his last days at Brendan House in the loving care of family and friends.

Ray graduated high school in Techny, Illinois, at Divine Word. Ray was a devout Catholic who enjoyed simplicity, prayer, meditation, reading and worship.

Ray enjoyed farm

work, rural living and was also a factory worker, maintenance worker and caregiver. Ray lived a Christian life demonstrated by his expression of love, kindness, generosity and gentleness with all those he encountered.

His funeral is at 12:10 p.m. Jan. 24 at St. Matthew's Church, Kalispell followed by a luncheon.

He is survived by his cousins, Ann Mulready, Karen Dasakos and George Karapicki of Connecticut, Mary Alexine of Whitefish, Alexandra Engler of Kalispell, Lori Engler of Portland, and Cole Gorton of Columbia Falls.

Robert E. Bittinger, 73

Robert E. Bittinger, 73, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Patrick Joseph Burns, 66

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Dr. Pat Burns passed from this life unexpectedly Nov. 4, 2019, while caring for his land and the trees he so loved. His beloved dogs were by his side.

Pat was born July 31, 1953, in Philadelphia. He attended La Salle University and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. His initial internship and medical residency was at the Chicago College and Hospital of Osteopathic Medicine, followed by a neurology residency at George Washington University Hospital. He discovered his

love for Montana during his early years of work in Poplar and then Browning, where

Jeanne, as well as his chosen family of office staff and a small group of close friends. He cherished them with all his heart, and one could not imagine having had a more loyal or generous friend.

Pat was a brilliant and caring neurologist, establishing the first fully accredited sleep medicine center in Northwest Montana and practicing in Kalispell for 31 years at Glacier Neuroscience and Spine Center, then later at Glacier Headache and Sleep Medicine Center. He couldn't imagine retiring, as his devo-

tion to his patients and area of study was integral to who he was. Pat's lectures were dynamic and he could relate his wealth of knowledge to audiences of diverse backgrounds and interests.

Intellectually, Pat's curiosity was insatiable. With an impressive memory, he could easily recall pages of medical research, scripts from films, and details of historic events to support his philosophies. He had a huge personality and was intensely passionate about his opinions and ideas, much to the delight and, sometimes, dismay,

of his friends and colleagues! Baseball was a great love of his, from the design of the fields to the strategies of the players. He loved the workings of Google Earth and the study of architectural design. His talent is evidenced in the structure and details of his homes.

As a champion rescuer of abandoned, abused and injured dogs, he provided an idyllic existence for his pets and treated them as his children. His dogs were equally happy swimming in Flathead Lake, hiking trails with him in the woods, and being comfort pets at his medi-

cal office.

Another passion of Pat's was the natural world. He relished hiking in the mountains of Glacier Park with good friends, as well as "in the woods," near his home. He looked forward to summers on Flathead Lake, swimming daily with his "pups," and touring on his jet ski.

Dr. Patrick Burns, you were loved and you will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter or RezQ Dogs.



he began frequenting Glacier National Park. He moved to the Flathead Valley soon after, where he made his home for the remainder of his life, while continuing to provide medical services in Browning for many years.

He is survived by his brother, Jack, and his wife, Doreen, niece Kimberly, and cousin,

Glenn I. Burner, 87

Glenn I. Burner, 87, died Oct. 31, 2019 at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. Services

are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Viola Burnich, 87

Viola Burnich, 87, died Sunday, April 21, 2019, at her home in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ted Burton, 94

Ted Burton, 94, died July 13, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. Ted was born on March

6, 1925. Services are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Thomas P. Burton, 85

Thomas P. Burton, 85 of Whitefish, died July 23, 2019 at Whitefish Care and Rehab. Thomas is survived by his children Paul Burton, Jeff Burton and

Rebecca Weprin. A private family ceremony will be held. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Thomas' family.

Kay Ann Bush, 70

Kay Ann Bush, 70, of Columbia Falls, died June 14, 2019, at her home.

Kay is survived by her husband Ralph Sievers and daughter

Tina Speas.

No services are scheduled.

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

Jennifer Beall Bush, 45

Jennifer Lynn Bush passed away Oct. 8, 2019, after a long and fiercely fought battle against melanoma cancer.



Jen was a loving mother to her daughter Amanda Jane Bush of Whitefish, and a loving daughter to Cheryl Klein (Robert) of Somers and Robert Beall (Annie) of Kalispell. She was an incredible friend to the many people whose lives she touched.

Jen grew up outside of Detroit and was a music fanatic of the time. She spent two years at Flathead Valley Community College, transferred to University of Montana-Missoula to complete studies and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree. She returned to the Flathead Valley where she then completed two years of Montessori training.

She loved family trips to the ocean, (gathering shells in the waves), camping trips around the West (gathering interesting rocks), tending her gardens (which she filled with her special rocks and shells)

and taking photographs of old Western barns. She also enjoyed quiet times at home with friends and family.

Jen was a beloved cornerstone of the local Montessori community for 20 years. During her career as a teacher and an administrator, she supported and influenced many tiny humans (and their parents) with her beautiful smile and patient manner. Her knowledge of the Montessori curriculum and her ability to implement it in the classroom was unsurpassed. Jennifer made friends easily and every friend felt that they were special. When a friend was troubled she did not hesitate to take them under her wing and guide them to safety.

A daughter, mother, friend, teacher and confidant, Jennifer's warm radiant smile and beautiful soul will warm our hearts forever. We will miss her terribly.

A celebration of Jen's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Vista Linda Restaurant in Somers.

Donations to the Melanoma Research Foundation are suggested.

Donald Butts, 91

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Donald Butts, 91, longtime resident of Bigfork, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Donald was born in Plainview, Nebraska, in 1927 to Alvin and Ester Butts, the second of nine children.



friends.

Don was a great story teller and loved a good joke. He was generous and kind to all.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, his parents, four brothers, one sister and his beloved wife of 66 years.

He is survived by his two daughters, Karen Eddy (Jack) of Petersburg, Alaska, and Leta Quinn (Mike) of Bigfork; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Don was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

No services are planned at this time.

Retirement brought much needed time to fish, camp and spend sunny days down south in the winters. Don

Jane Doreen Belknap Butkay, 88



By the shores of Flathead Lake, Jane Doreen Belknap Butkay was born on July 15, 1931 at Hotel Le Dieu Hospital in Polson, to parents Cassius Belknap and Florence (Turner) Belknap. She joined a sister Louise. On July 16, 2019, Jane passed away peacefully at her Rollins home overlooking her beloved Flathead Lake after celebrating her 88th birthday with her loving husband, Paul Butkay. In between those two dates she had a life story to tell.

Jane spent her first 16 years growing up in Polson. She fondly told stories of her life in Polson, her mother taking them to Sacajawea Park to swim, roller skating down the sidewalks, delivering milk with her father, spending summers in the woods while her dad worked in the woods and her mother fed the logging crew, helping her grandfather Henry Turner and Uncle Alvie Turner on their cattle ranch west of Polson, living next door to her other grandparents, Charles T. and Bertha Belknap, and running through and picking up a piece of candy on her way home from school. She remembered having taffy pulls at Christmas with neighbors and friends. Times were tough, but you would never have known it from her childhood memories.

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in chemistry. She dearly loved her college days. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, where she made lifelong friends. During these years, the love of her life, Paul Robert Butkay, caught her eye. Paul was an agronomy major, Sigma Nu fraternity member and a Navy veteran. They enjoyed many dances together. Paul claims he saw her first and had to catch her eye. Paul graduated from MSC in 1952 and went to work for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Plentywood. A year later Jane graduated from MSC in 1953 in applied science and chemistry. Jane's first year teaching was in Roundup.

Jane and Paul were married in East Helena on August 16, 1954 and they started their adventure together that led them across Montana. They lived and worked in Plentywood for 2 years and another 2 years at Culbertson. During this time Jane taught at Antelope and Culbertson, teaching multiple subjects including science, math, and even physical education. Paul worked for the SCS office. Jane, being a mountain girl, found the northeast Montana prairie a bit windy and bitterly cold in the winter. She was tough, but she missed her mountains and lakes. She informed Paul that if they stayed another year he would have to buy her a fur coat.

loved it. It was during this time that their first child, Laurie Ann, arrived on the scene in August, 1962. Soon to follow was their second child, Daniel Robert, born in December, 1964.

Jane, Paul, and Cassius decided to buy a farm and ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills area near Oilmont in the fall of 1964. They formed the B & B Ranch Co. and a new life chapter began. They planted their first wheat crop in the spring of 1965 and ran their cattle on the grassy prairie. In August of 1965 their third child, Susan Marie, joined the family. With "three children under 3 years old," Jane said the beginning year on B & B Ranch was a blur of activity and that continued for their 30 years on the family farm and ranch. Jane took care of her three children, husband Paul and father Cassius, making three meals a day, driving the grain truck, bookkeeping, attending church, helping neighbors and staying involved in her children's many activities.

Jane volunteered as a 4-H leader, Oilmont and Sunburst school board member, and hospital board member. She was active in the Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar Guild and the Prairie Homemakers. She dearly loved sewing, making beautiful garments for her children and nieces and work shirts for her husband and father. She made wedding gowns, prom dresses, and bridesmaid dresses for daughters, nieces, and friends.

In the late 1970s Jane and Paul purchased Flathead shoreline on Goose Bay south of Lakeside. Jane loved being back on Flathead and Paul loved fishing on the lake. Their children enjoyed swimming, waterskiing, and making friends with all the other teens on Goose Bay. As a family they finished the lake house and enjoyed time together.

Paul. She loved sharing the joys of Flathead with her 3 children, their spouses, her 10 grandchildren and their many, many friends. Jane also dearly loved and appreciated her Rollins area friends and neighbors. She especially enjoyed her aerobics "sisters" and her PEO "sisters" who all became her dear, dear friends. She held her dear friend Carmen O'Brien close to her heart like another daughter. Jane and Paul truly appreciated her caring help through the last decade.

Jane is survived by her husband of 65 years, Paul Robert Butkay, her three children and their spouses, Laurie (Craig) Wenger, Daniel (Leah) Butkay and Susan (Mike) Ehlers, and her 10 grandchildren: Christian (fiancé Stephanie), Megan, Erik (wife Riley), and Jonathan Wenger; Stephen and Joshua Butkay; Ben (wife Shayle), Cassius, Rachel, and Paul Ehlers. She is also survived by her dear five nieces, the "Zook girls": Linda (Darrell) Peterson, Bette Zook, Donna (Terry) Campbell, Joyce (Mike) Potter, and Carol (Brian) Boettcher. Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Cassius and Florence Belknap, her grandparents Charles T. and Bertha Belknap and Henry and Louisa Turner, and her dear sister and brother-in-law Louise and Donald Zook.

Jane's family appreciates the outflow of love and kind words from family and friends. Her new chapter in life goes on and her memory is in our hearts. She was always quick to acknowledge the generosity and kindness shown to Paul and herself from others in their community. She truly felt loved!

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Jane Doreen Belknap Butkay 88

When Jane was a junior in high school, her parents bought a ranch in the Gates of the Mountains area near Nelson. Jane, her parents, sister Louise and grandfather Charles T. Belknap started another adventure in life. Jane and Louise attended Helena High School. Due to the remoteness of the ranch, they boarded and roomed in Helena during the school year and their parents would retrieve them on the weekends. Jane shared many fond memories of the ranch on Beaver Creek. They had no electricity nor phone. They spent hours on horseback, working cattle and packing salt and mineral to the cattle in the mountains. She fished on Beaver Creek right next to the house, helped her mom put up preserves and hosted many friends and family at the ranch.

After graduating from Helena High, Jane began her next chapter in life. Jane attended Montana State College (now MSU) from 1949 to 1953, majoring

Paul and Jane then moved to Lewistown for 4 years, where Jane worked as a lab technician at the hospital and Paul worked for the Bureau of Land Management. They both loved the Lewistown area. They bought their first house. During this time Jane enjoyed the challenges of being lab technician, sewing clothes for her five nieces (the Zook girls) and visiting back at the ranch on Beaver Creek. Jane lovingly helped care for her mama Florence who had a heart condition. When Florence passed away in 1961, Jane and Paul pulled up stakes in Lewistown and went to Beaver Creek to help Jane's dad, Cassius, on the ranch.

Another page in their life began. Jane and Paul spent 4 years at Beaver Creek and absolutely

In 1991, Jane and Paul purchased their current home near Rollins on the shore of Flathead Lake and started their new chapter called "retirement." But farmers never really retire. They cared for their orchard full of cherry and apple trees and would return to the farm to help with seeding, harvesting, branding and attending grandchildren activities. Jane dearly loved this place that she shared with

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, at the Dayton Presbyterian Church in Dayton. A reception with a lunch will be held at the Idle Spur also in Dayton. In Jane's memory, donations may be made to the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department in Rollins.

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

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

Billy Earl Butts, 89

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Billy Earl Butts went to his heavenly home on Sept. 3, 2019 after a long and wonderful life and a short battle with cancer. We were able to celebrate his 90th birthday early (Sept. 1) with many family members in attendance. What a wonderful afternoon it was for all of us, especially Billy.

Billy Earl Butts was born in Altus, Oklahoma on Sept. 12, 1929, to Archie Benjamin and Esta (Phillips) Butts. He grew up and went to school in Texas and Oklahoma, graduating from Bogota, Texas, high school in 1947. He was the valedictorian of his class and received a scholarship (\$100) to attend Paris Junior College. After two years at Paris he transferred to Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas. In the spring of 1950 Billy completed his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education degree. He decided he needed a Teacher's Certificate, so he took two more semesters of college, finally finishing his schooling in the spring of 1951. Upon graduation Billy secured his first professional job, teaching Vocational Agriculture in Wolf Point, Montana, with an annual salary of \$3,800. His dad loaned him money to buy a 1950 Chevrolet Fleetline and his brother Dorman loaned him money to get started in Montana. Billy took a more lucrative job working on a seismograph crew for U.S. Geophysical. The proper title of his position was "doodle-bugger." In 1954, while working near Beaver, Oklahoma, Billy met a young woman who really caught his eye and his heart. A very short time later he and Marianne Gregory were married on Aug. 5, 1954, in Culbertson, Nebraska,



George and shortly thereafter they moved to Clarkston, Washington, to be closer

to her family.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, all his siblings, Ben, Geraldine, Dorman (Clifford), Kenneth, Raymond, Ima Jean, and James; and his sisters-in-law, Betty Maxine, Betty Ruth and Jeri. He was also preceded in death by his first wife Marianne Gregory Butts and his second wife Carol L. Nicholson.

He is survived by his current wife, Eileen George; his brother-in-law, Claude Reynolds, two sisters-in-law, Jeanette Butts and Nancy Butts; his five children with Marianne, Ima Jean Heron (Marty) of Kalispell, Christina Marie Baker of Blaine, Washington, Gregory Earl Butts (Karla) of Kalispell, Susan Kay Boyer (Doug) of Santaquin, Utah, and Richard Franklin Butts (Phil) of Seattle; and Carol Nicolson's daughter Tracy Morsching (Brian) of Arizona. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Rob, Kalani, Malia, Connie Megan, Tim, Catherine, Douglas, Michael, Katelyn, Benjamin, Taryn, Zachary, Emily, Nicholas and Brianna; plus 19 great-grandchildren.

They lived many places during their almost 40 years together, including Tucson, Arizona, Fort Washakie, Wyoming, Lame Deer, Browning, Billings, Ashland and Crow Agency, Montana, Fairbanks and North Pole, Alaska, finally settling in Fromberg, Montana, for retirement. Billy worked about 35 years for the federal government (19 with Bureau of Indian Affairs and 16 with Bureau of Land Management). He and Marianne were active members of several different congregations of the United Methodist Church. Before Marianne died in 1994, she made Billy promise that he would find a suitable woman to marry and spend life with. A very short time later Billy courted and married Carol L. Nicholson on Sept. 10, 1994. They were married for 20 years when Carol passed away in 2015. On April 6, 2018, he married Eileen Irene

Billy lived a long and adventurous life, and touched the lives of many people through his kindness, his joy, and love of a good laugh. He loved being outdoors and teaching his children and grandchildren about the natural world through numerous camping, hunting, fishing and fruit picking adventures. An avid gardener, he always managed to have a vegetable garden with bountiful produce to round out the pantry and freezer, wherever he lived. He enjoyed music and dancing and always made sure that all the ladies, whatever their age, got a dance. During family and social gatherings, Billy could always be found with a baby or two on his lap and a contented smile on his face. He loved to read and work on puzzles, and playing games, especially dominoes. Over the years, he developed an interest in the history of his family and passed this information to younger generations to continue.

His wishes were to be cremated and his ashes buried next to Marianne at the Gebo Cemetery near Fromberg. We hope to have a short graveside service later this fall but that date has not been determined.