

Orma Mae Zander Fairbank, 86

On Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, Orma Mae Zander Fairbank, loving wife and mother of four children, passed away at the age of 86.

Orma was born on July 9, 1933, to Grace and Julius Zander on a homestead near Harlem, Montana.

Orma was the sixth child and only girl born to Julius and Grace Zander. The family left the homestead and relocated to a farm near Florence just prior to Orma's high school years.

Orma won a scholarship to the St. Patrick School of Nursing in Missoula. She graduated as a registered nurse and was initially employed by the County Hospital before being hired to work at St. Patrick Hospital. She transitioned to an instructor at St. Pat's School of Nursing until taking a position as St. Pat's sur-



gery supervisor. She retired in 1990 as a vice president of the hospital. While still a nursing student she became engaged to Donald Fairbank. Following her graduation in 1954, she and Don were married on Nov. 28, 1954; a union of nearly 65 years.

Orma defined herself, proudly, as a nurse. Although she retired from nursing in 1990, she would maintain her nursing license into her 80s. She embodied the best that a nurse could be — intelligent, always warmly caring, compassionate and skilled.

Orma was a source of strength, wisdom and counsel to her family, whom she dearly loved having around her. She was selfless; her family always came first with

her. As the in-laws, grandchildren — and the great-grandchildren — arrived, her heart expanded to encompass all with great love.

In 1990, following her retirement from nursing, Orma and Don relocated to Harlowton where Orma, a fine seamstress, would make and donate hundreds of quilts to her church's charity. For many years Don and Orma were "snow birds," migrating south each winter to Yuma, Arizona.

Orma had a beautiful smile that would light up the room, and her warm and lovely eyes would positively snap with life. She was always an optimist, and believed firmly in the good in all people.

In 2015 Orma and Don briefly relocated to Columbia Falls before moving into assisted care living in Kalispell.

Orma is survived by her loving husband, Donald Fairbank; her

four children, Steven and Jill Fairbank, Diana Fairbank, Stacey and Rodger Freier, and Daniel and Kathi Fairbank; her nine grandchildren; her 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Orma has departed this world and is now in heavenly peace. Her beautiful soul will be greatly missed by all, but our love for her will continue on forever.

Her life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with burial following services at Fairview Cemetery.

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.

Carol D. Falk, 64

Carol D. Falk, 64, died Nov. 24, 2019 at Brendan House in Kalispell. Services are currently pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Louis C. Farrington, 93

Louis C. Farrington, 93, of Kalispell, died June 5, 2019, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughter, Peggy Templeton.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Robert Fausek, 76

Robert Fausek, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, at his home in Bigfork. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jessie M. Fauske

1916-2019 Whitefish Falls



Jessie M. Fauske of Columbia Falls passed away at age 93 on Oct. 22, 2019. Jessie was born in Whitefish on July 27, 1926, the third child of Cecilia and Peter Fauske. She grew up on the family property, five acres north of Whitefish. Jessie attended the Lakeside School and later the Whitefish Central School,

graduating from high school in 1944. She is survived by three of her four children, Jim Hume of Columbia Falls, Connie Mares of Wexford, Pennsylvania, and Laurabeth Michels of Whitefish. A son, Dorne Michels, passed away in 1992 after a long struggle with cancer. Jessie was predeceased by her sister, Luella, and brothers Bob,

Elmer, and Peter. Jessie was a employed at various places in Whitefish before embarking on a career with Montana Power. She worked on the family farm, enjoyed snowmobiling and bowling, and was a member of the Whitefish School Board for some years. After retiring she took up golf, mostly with her local area

friends. Jessie learned to line dance and taught classes in Whitefish, Columbia Falls, and in Big River, near Rio Del Sol, California, where she spent most winters. Jessie had numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an excellent swimmer and taught many of those kids to swim in Beaver Lake, a favorite family outdoor

destination. A memorial service will be held for Jessie at the Whitefish Community Center, 191 2nd Street, Whitefish, on Nov. 16, 2019 beginning at 11 a.m. Donations in Jessie's name should be made to the Whitefish Community Center.

Jeanette Feeken, 80

Jeanette Feeken, 80, died on May 28, 2019 at Hidden Meadows. She is survived by her husband, Jack Feeken; and children, Lori Meyer, Larry Feeken

and Kenneth Feeken. No services are planned at this time. Austin Funeral and cremation services is caring for Jeanette's family.

Catherine Mary Ferrari, 63

PAG 10 APR 2019
Cathy Ferrari, 63, of Kalispell, passed away on March 3, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with her son Chris by her side.

Cathy was born Feb. 24, 1956, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Roy and Mary Ferrari. She was raised and schooled in Detroit.

She had her first son Chris in Detroit. She then spent time in Alpena, Michigan, where she had her second son, Anthony, before moving to California. Cathy lived in the Bay Area before moving to Southern California. She eventually moved back to the Bay Area before heading to Kalispell. What brought her to the Flathead Valley were her son Chris and her grandchildren. She wanted to be near them to watch them grow and to spoil.

Cathy worked for Seller Direct as an office manager. She then worked as a bartender at Marina Cay in Bigfork. She eventually went to work for KRMC as a billing specialist where she had many friends who miss her.

Cathy loved spoiling her grandkids. She enjoyed her garden before COPD and fire season made it too hard to do. She loved family picnics on Flathead Lake, hanging out at Lake McDonald, and floating the Flathead River. She loved cooking for her family and making "snack bags" for the 11-year-old twins to take to school. She enjoyed "hitting it big" at the local casinos and was always up for a poker game. Jigsaw and crossword puzzles kept her busy during the winter months, and she was so good at them.

Cathy made friends wherever she went. Her



sense of humor and "smarts" will be missed by many.

Cathy loved her kitties Archie and Abby. Archie passed in 2017 and was truly missed by her and his twin Abby.

Cathy was a strong, independent woman who raised her sons on her own. Things could get hard, but they always pulled through.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Mary; her grandparents, Alec and Daisy Ferrari and Oscar and Mary Ellement; aunt, Marge; brother, David Ferrari; and sister, Colleen Dacey.

She is survived by her sons, Christopher Ferrari of Kalispell and Anthony Ferrari of Oklahoma; brother, Pat Ferrari, of California; sisters, Rosie (Doug) Higham of Kalispell, and Karen Woodward of Michigan; nieces, Sarah Dacey of California, Rebecca Showalter of Michigan, Amy Medlen of Michigan, Diana Zeier of California, and Rachel Higham of California; grandchildren, Jeffery, Christofer, Alac, Samantha, Raven, Chase, Gage, Tyler, Roxi, Chloe and Alexander; great-nieces and -nephews in Michigan; many friends and co-workers from Michigan, California and Montana, Marilyn Bunker, Darlene Hoylman and Mark Easton, just to name a few.

A memorial will be held on June 15 with the venue still to be decided.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Heart Locker in Kalispell.

Delbert Ray Ferree, 69

PAG 10 APR 2019
Delbert Ray Ferree, 69, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Delbert was born on Aug. 9, 1949, in Kalispell to Virgil and Lyra (Hardt) Ferree. Delbert attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1968, and went on to get his Associate of Science degree from Orange Coast College in California.

Delbert enlisted in the Army in 1968, during the Vietnam era, and was honorably discharged in 1971.

He married Colleen (Collier) in 1987 in Las Vegas. They celebrated 31-plus years together. Delbert worked as an electronics technician from 1980 through 1994. He then became a transportation specialist from 1995 to 2016 until his retirement.

Delbert loved doing yard work and cooking.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



He is survived by his loving wife Colleen, stepchildren Craig Hansen and wife

Mary of Rapid City, South Dakota, Heidi Antonini and husband Tony of Kalispell; siblings Virginia Wordell of Spokane and Janice Frysinger of Spirit Lake, Idaho; seven step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family ask that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society for leukemia and lymphoma.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at the Village Green Community Center at 195 West Nicklaus, Kalispell.

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

Joyce E. Ferrington, 93

Joyce E. Ferrington, 93, died on June 4, 2019 at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband Alan Ferrington

and son Michael Ferrington.

Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 10, at Woodlawn

Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services are caring for the family.

Andrew 'Andy' Carl Flack, 63

P.A. 4 Sept 2019

Andrew "Andy" Carl Flack, 63, passed away Aug. 22, 2019, at his home in Kalispell after a long battle of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, IPF.

Andy was born July 14, 1956, in San Bernardino, California, to Robert C. and Emmie B. (Peyton) Flack.

Andy graduated from Paris High School in Paris, California, in 1974. He worked several years for Nelsons Machinery Co. in Hemet, California, and married Kathleen Dunahee in 1977. In 1981 he and Kathy moved to Libby where he worked



for Payne Machinery.

Their son Joshua Flack was born in 1985; they divorced in 1987. He moved to

Idaho for several years, working at a furniture manufacturing warehouse before moving back to Kalispell where he worked at Applied Industry Technologies (Bearings Inc.) for 25 years, aspiring to store manager for 15 years, before having to retire for

health issues in 2017.

He met his love and life partner, Tiffany Little, in 2010. They enjoyed each other until the very end.

Andy's hobbies included hunting, competitive pistol shooting, archery and 3D shoots with his son and grandchildren. He taught martial arts in Libby and was a black belt in karate.

Andy was preceded in death by his mother and father, brother Thomas "Tommy" Flack, and infant sister.

He is survived by son Joshua Flack of Libby

and fiancée Elizabeth Boothman, and their sons Braiden and Carter Flack; life partner Tiffany Little of Kalispell, and her daughters Kyleigh and Miya Rogers; brothers James "Beau" Flack, Jeffrey Flack and Steve Knight, and sister Judy; in addition to nieces, nephews and their children.

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.

Barry John Flannigan, 51

Barry John Flannigan, 51, of Whitefish, died at his home and was found on March 8, 2019.

He is survived by his three children, Tyne,

James and McKenna, all of Kalispell.

Private family services are being planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

William Edward Flanigan

William Edward Flanigan died July 23, 2019 at The Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He is survived by his children; Dan, Paul, Anthony and

Karen Flanigan.

No services are planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Barbara Swartzenberger Fleming, 70

PA 13 Sept 2019
Barbara Swartzenberger Fleming, 70, passed away on Sept. 10, 2019, at her home surrounded by close family.

She was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, on April 3, 1949, to Isabel and John Swartzenberger. Barbara was the oldest daughter of 11 children and often helped care for her siblings after their father died in a drowning accident in 1961 leaving Isabel a single parent.

She had been battling cancer and heart problems since early 2017. She was recently diagnosed with brain cancer that eventually reduced her mobility, however, she never left the house that she shared and loved with her husband Jack. Barbara had a fierce, independent nature and demonstrated that independence even in her final days. She loved cooking large meals for family and friends, and it was not uncommon for her to host her nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters on a regular basis. Her fried chicken dinners and German noodle recipe passed down from her mother were a few memorable favorites.

Barbara worked as a bartender at many of the local bars around the valley for over 35 years. Her hard work ethic and larger than life smile attracted many to the places she worked. She was a faithful member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles for 36 years as well as a member of the Women of the Moose for 19 years.



make regular visits to spend time with Jack until her health prevented her from travel-

ing. Barbara's happiest moments were when she was surrounded by her large extended family. She loved attending family reunions, holiday gatherings and special events where friends and family could fellowship, play horse-shoes and card games. Barbara loved to play pinochle with family and friends. She started pinochle gatherings at her house in which they met weekly. Her events outgrew her house and the events were moved to the Moose Lodge where they still meet every Sunday afternoon. Barbara met several life friends through her love of pinochle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Jim and Dale Swartzenberger, her son Patrick Schneider and her grandson Levi Schneider.

She is survived by her two sons, Richy and wife Elyse Brensinger and Ray Schneider; her husband, Jack Fleming; four sisters, Dona and her husband Nick Aemisegger, Dana and her husband Art Toren, Debi Koski, and Lori Barrett. She is also survived by her four brothers, Danny Swartzenberger, Butch and wife Sandy Swartzenberger, Ron and wife Debbie Swartzenberger, and Joe and wife Barb Swartzenberger. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Lexie Brensinger, Ashlyn Brensinger, Breanna Brensinger, and Crosby Schneider; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and great-grandchildren who will miss her very much.

Heather L. Fleming, 76

Heather L. Fleming, 76, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at Wel-Life in Kalispell.

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

Robert A. Fleming, 82

Robert A. Fleming, 82, died Saturday, March 23, 2019, at his home in Kalispell.

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

Barbara met Jack Fleming in 1984 and spent 15 years together until they married in 1999. Both shared a happy life of 34 years together until Jack started to ~~develop~~ dementia in early 2018. Barbara cared and loved Jack for many months in their home until his condition deteriorated to a point that she could not care for him any longer and was admitted to the Columbia Falls Veterans Home in late 2018. Barbara continued to

A celebration of life will be held for close friends and family at the at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Eagles.

Jack K. Fletcher, 92

Jack K. Fletcher of Whitefish passed away peacefully on June 8, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. He was 92.

He was a longtime resident of Whitefish and was significantly involved in this community.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1926, Jack grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. He enlisted in the Navy at age 17, completed flight training in Pensacola, Florida, and was assigned to an air wing aboard the aircraft

carrier USS Yorktown as pilot of a Dauntless SB2C dive bomber. He flew many missions and was once shot down over China, rescued by members of the Chinese Army and eventually returned to the Yorktown. After the war, Jack

returned to Kansas City where he worked for his father who owned one of the first Packard automobile dealerships. He received a degree in civil engineering from Finley Engineering College in Kansas City and was hired by Lumbermen's Underwriting Alliance where he worked for 38 years throughout the United States, Pacific Northwest and California. During his career Jack lived in Redding, California; Kansas City,

Kansas; and Portland before retiring in 1988 and moving to Whitefish.

After relocating to Whitefish Jack became involved in many community, civic and recreational programs. He was one of the early members of the Stumptown Historical Society — the organization that purchased the Whitefish Train Depot and created the Stumptown Museum. He also took part in renovation of the depot in the early 1990s and volunteered for many

years at the museum. He worked to help pass the Whitefish Resort Tax, which to this day funds many community needs.

Jack attended the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish and was a member of the American Legion, Moose Lodge and an early member of the Whitefish Lake Institute. He participated for 13 years of the Over-The-Hill Gang and participated in countless hikes throughout Glacier National Park. He was an avid outdoors-

man who enjoyed hiking, fishing and cross-country skiing.

Jack is survived by Florence, his wife of 65 years; three sons, Steven Fletcher of Beaverton, Oregon, Ross Fletcher of Seattle, and Robert Fletcher of Portland; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of life will be held on July 27 at the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish. Please contact the church for more information.



James Leroy Flinchbaugh, 80

James Leroy Flinchbaugh 80, of Kalispell, died Feb. 22, 2019, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Linda and his sons James E. Flinchbaugh and David L.

Flinchbaugh.

No services are being held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Collin James Flores, newborn

Collin James Flores was born and died April 6, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his parents, Jarred Flores

and Kodee Reitzel, of Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Simon 'Scotty' Fierro, 43

Simon "Scotty" Fierro, 43, of Kalispell, died Saturday, March 9, 2019.

He is survived by his parents, Simon and Ramona, and his children Haela and Corbyn.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Reuben Cons Figueroa, 76

Reuben Cons Figueroa, 76, died Sunday, March 24, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

William Edward 'Fuzzy' Fine Jr., 87

PAG 15 Sept 2019
Ed "Fuzzy" Fine, 87, of Missoula, passed away on Aug. 16, 2019, at Hillside Health and Rehabilitation from kidney disease.

Born on May 14, 1932, in Somers, Ed was the son of Sara (Kleinhans) and William E. Fine Sr.

As a pharmacist in Missoula, he was well-known in the community as the owner of Missoula Drug Co. from 1973 to 1987. Prior to owning the Missoula Drug Co., Ed also worked at the A and C Drug Co. on North Higgins.

Nicknamed "Fuzzy" as a youngster because of his kinky curly hair, he attended grade school in Somers where he was active in Scouting and school yard sports (No organized sports were available until after sixth grade when a gymnasium was constructed by the Works Progress Administration and basketball became the only organized sport).

As a student of Flathead County High School, Ed is best remembered as an all-state basketball player who also played football and participated in student government, Key Club, and band. Basketball talent earned him a scholarship to play for the University of Montana Grizzlies, graduating in 1955. Ed was an avid Griz sports fan and attended most basketball and football home games. He enjoyed classical music and was a patron of the Missoula Symphony. Following graduation from the School of Pharmacy and completion of two years of ROTC, Ed served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps for six years. While on active duty from 1957 through 1959, he was in charge of the Post Dispensary, Presidio of San Francisco. He resigned his commission as a captain after serving in the Army Reserves.



ly gatherings and holidays.

They purchased a lake-front cabin near Big Arm on Flathead Lake in 1981 which they shared with family and friends for over three decades. Many kids

were pulled on water skis behind Ed's boat in addition to sightseeing rides around Wild Horse Island. For 10 years he and Georgia lived the good life on Flathead Lake before returning to Missoula in 2012.

For those who knew Ed, he will be remembered as warmhearted, funny and kind. To the people who loved him as grandpa, dad, husband, brother, uncle or friend, he will forever be the generous and dedicated man who gave us all so much happiness and asked for so little ... a wonderful man that is loved, cherished, and missed each day by all of us.

Surviving family include wife Georgia, son David and wife Margie, son Steve, granddaughter Jordan and husband Aaron Overstreet, grandson Lt. Adam Fine, grandson Jacob Fine, great-grandsons Easton and Everett Overstreet; sister Beth (Mrs. William Biddison), sister Kathy (Mrs. John Babcock), nieces and nephews Mark (Christie) Biddison, Ellen (Chuck) Knobel, Kim (Mike) Somers, James (Susan) Babcock, and Kalli Babcock.

MEMORIAL

William Edward 'Fuzzy' Fine Jr.

PAG 20 Oct 2019
A celebration of life and luncheon for William Edward "Fuzzy" Fine Jr., 87, who died

Aug. 16 will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell.

During his early years of pharmacy he was active in the local chapter of the state pharmaceutical association and later progressed through the chairs of the state board of directors leading to the chairmanship position in 1975. Ed had also been an active member of the Elks Club (BPOE).

Ed married Patricia Felsman of Kalispell on Feb. 10, 1952, had two sons David and Steven and later divorced. In 1972 he married Georgia Van Camp who continues to reside in Missoula. During Ed's ownership of Missoula Drug Co. the couple lived on the "farm" off of River Road where they enjoyed gardening and hosting fami-

ly death by his mother Sara, father Will, and grandson Daniel.

The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff of St. Patrick Hospital Nurses Station, fifth floor, and the staff of Hillside Health and Rehab for their dedication and caring in helping us negotiate the final chapters of his physical life.

Cremation has occurred. Family and friends will be notified of a memorial gathering planned for later this fall.

Memorials may be made to the U of M Foundation "Go Griz" or the Arthritis Foundation.

Barry Neil Fisher, 65

PAG 16 Mar 2019



Barry Neil Fisher, 65, of Bigfork, passed away suddenly in Kalispell on Feb. 5, 2019.

Barry was born on Dec. 11, 1953, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to Dan and Mildred Fisher.

He grew up in Canada and moved to the U.S. in 1972. He spent several years in Southern California where he and his first wife had their three children before moving to Vail, Colorado, where he started his construction management company, BNF Construction.

Barry was involved in many building projects in Colorado, including Denver International Airport. Barry then built resorts all over the world for Ritz Carlton and later Marriot Corporation.

Barry had an unparalleled zest for life. As a teenager, he played Canadian Junior Hockey and was drafted into the NHL. He loved all things fast, including motorcycle riding, white-water rafting, and helisking. He was a life-long hockey fan, golf enthusiast, and master mixologist. But most of all he loved being on the water,

whether he was barefoot waterskiing or sitting on his beloved boat on Flathead Lake enjoying a cocktail at sunset. Barry touched everyone he met with his kindness. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. He was a student of the Bible and prided himself on reading it cover to cover every year.

Barry met and married his soulmate, Mary Exner, in Bigfork. They spent five joyous years together before his passing. He is survived by his wife Mary, son Joshua (Christine) of Gig Harbor, Washington; daughter Jasmine (David) Hale of Redondo Beach, California; son Jordan of Vail, Colorado, granddaughters Carmen and Kalvin; and brother Cameron (Loretta) of Earl Grey, Saskatchewan. Barry was preceded in death by his parents and older sister.

A celebration of Barry's extraordinary life will take place later this year.

Caroline "Carrie" Catherine Elizabeth Herriges Fisher, 87

PAG 3 Nov 2019

Caroline "Carrie" Fisher, 87, was born to Nicholas and Anastasia Herriges on Feb. 16, 1932, in Whitefish, and left this life peacefully on Oct. 21, 2019, with her husband Rod at her side.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, four children, 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, four siblings, and three generations of nieces and nephews. She enjoyed a long life rich in love and laughter and will live on in the hearts and memories of her many "fans."

Carrie was the eighth child and second daughter born to Anastasia Therese and Nicholas Peter Herriges. One of 12 children, she grew up in Whitefish on five acres between Sixth and Seventh, bisected today by Geddes Avenue, with a rowdy cacophony of elder and younger brothers and two more civilized sisters. When she was a toddler, her brothers called her "Dolly Dimples," and then shortened it to "Dimp" as she grew into an energetic, skinny tomboy who could give at least as good as she got in any situation — for nearly 88 years.

Carrie attended Whitefish public schools. In seventh grade, she



played drums in the VFW Drum & Bugle Corps and went to a national competition

in St. Louis. She fell in love with Rod Fisher in her junior year in high school. Rod claims, "I chased her till she caught me." She played tympani in the Whitefish High School Concert Band, was the Drum Major for the Marching Band, and a cheerleader. After graduating high school in 1950, she worked for the Great Northern Railroad as a secretary. On Dec. 10, 1951, they married and moved to Bryan, Texas, where Rod was stationed in the Air Force.

They used Idaho Falls, Idaho, as their home base for about 20 years as they raised their children and worked as professional musicians. As a duo with Rod, Carrie played bass, drums and sang and shared her true genius as an entertainer in various clubs in Idaho Falls as well as other venues from San Diego to Anchorage. Later, working as a trio with Tom Burroughs, they were known as "Tom, Rod & Carrie." During this time, Carrie

also served as the choir director for Christ the King Catholic Church in Idaho Falls.

In the mid-1980s, Carrie and Rod moved back to Whitefish and bought Carrie's family home. Carrie was mostly retired from professional entertaining, but kept active serving as choir director for St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish and later playing bass for the choir. She was a devoted and active Catholic her entire life and practiced the strong morals she preached. Carrie was a popular "sit-in" drummer for several bands in the Flathead Jazz Society well into her 70s, and never let her audiences down.

She leaves behind her husband of nearly 68 years, Rod Fisher; her daughters, Gail White ("Doc" Dickson), Ivy Merriot (Rob Bargatze), and Zo Herriges (Chris Berger); her son, Tom Fisher (Kim); grandchildren, Dain White, Sera White, Eben Howard, Even Howard, Andin Cullison, Max McKinnon,

Matthew Chandronait, Carrie Herriges-Whitfield, Dasan Herriges-Sherman and Asia Fisher; and great-grandchildren, Zahn White, Ava White, Avi Bosen, Benjamin Cullison, Oliver Cullison and Theo Chandronait. She is also survived by sisters Anastasia Follett and Mary Bullman, and brothers Roland Herriges and Dan Herriges; and a plethora of nieces and nephews.

An audio/video memorial of Carrie's life can be found at www.rodfisher.net. Carrie would love a big turnout for her funeral at 10 a.m. on Nov. 9 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish. A reception at the Parish Hall will follow burial in Whitefish Cemetery.

Gifts or donations in her memory can be made to any Catholic charity or to your local VFW, but the best way we can all honor her memory is to treat everyone in your life like they matter.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Services.

Christine Louise (Danner) Fisher, 72

Christine Louise (Danner) Fisher, 72, formerly of Kalispell, died Sept. 25, 2019, in Albuquerque, New

Mexico.

She is survived by her daughter and son.

A private service will be held in Havre.

Gerald Fischer, 81

Gerald Fischer, 81, of Moorhead, Minnesota, died Aug. 10, 2019, in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

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

Matthew Jon Fischer, 61

Matthew Jon Fischer, 61, of Kalispell, passed away Feb. 12, 2018.

Matthew was born in Cherokee, Iowa, on Jan. 3, 1958, and was raised in Kila. Matthew loved music and hiking.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, father Leslie, and

brother Mark.

He is survived by his mother Phyllis Fischer, sister Theresa (DJ)

Paolini, brothers Daniel (Connie) Fischer, David (Pam) Fischer, and Thaine (Tahna) Fischer, and many nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life

service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

"The answer of life ... Life is worth living. Life is worth trying. And at the end of life, the answer of life, is belief in Jesus Christ, and the hope of mercy of dying. And

then across the river of death. And then eternal life. That is the answer of life." — By Matthew Fischer, 1999.

Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army.

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

Phyllis Theresa Fischer, 88

moved back to Kalispell with her 105-year-old Mother in 2007.



Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and sons Mark Allan, who passed on Dec. 9, 1985 and Matthew Fischer, who passed on Feb. 12, 2019.

Phyllis is survived by her sons and daughter; Dan and wife Connie Fischer and their children, Andrea, Brittany and Luke; David and wife Pam Fischer, and their children Nicholas, Jacki and Rebekah; Thaine and wife Tahna Fischer and their children Regan and Sophia; Theresa and husband D.J. Paolini and their children, Morgan, Sarah, Daniel Joseph and Katherine. She also leaves behind nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 at Glacier Baptist Church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. 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.

Phyllis Theresa Fischer, age 88, passed away on Oct. 31, 2019. Phyllis was born to Boyd and Margaret Morgan on June 10, 1931 in Leon, Iowa. After completing high school in Lamoni, Iowa, she attended and graduated from Graceland College in Lamoni.

Phyllis taught first grade in Calumet, Iowa where she met and married Leslie B. Fischer. They were blessed with five sons and one daughter.

In 1969 they moved to Kila. Phyllis attended the University Of Montana and received her B.A. in Education and taught first grade for 23 years at Kila School. In that time she ran the track program, directed plays and introduced wrestling and gymnastics to the students in Kila.

Phyllis was baptized on December 14, 1980 and grew in her love of the Lord. Her husband Les passed away suddenly on Dec. 7, 1988. Phyllis continued teaching until 1994. Phyllis then cared for her aunt and mother and worked part-time for Foxy Lady Boutique in the Kalispell Center Mall. After her aunt's death she moved with her mother to Scottsdale, Arizona in 1996, which she called her 10-year vacation. She then

Myra (Hagerman) Finck, 90



PAG 7 Aug 2019
The family of Myra Finck nee Hagerman, announce her passing on Aug. 5, 2019.

She was our dear mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt. To honor her request, no service will be held. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Gregory F. Finneran, 92

Gregory F. Finneran, 92, died Sept. 3, 2019 at the Springs in Whitefish. Services are currently pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Gregory Finneran, 66

Gregory Finneran, 66, passed away Feb. 14, 2019 at Invigorate Post-Acute of Whitefish.

Gregory was born on Oct. 28, 1952 in Union

City, New Jersey.

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

Sharon Stewart Finney



On the morning of Nov. 18, 2019, Sharon Stewart Finney passed away at St. Joseph Medical in Polson, following several years of failing health.

Sharon was born in Helena to John and Violet Stewart in 1943, the third of their children. She enjoyed early rock 'n' roll, alpine and water skiing, travel, and mischief in general before graduating from Helena High School. Sharon attended college at University of Montana in Missoula where she was a member of Angel Flight. She studied radio and television broadcasting requiring theater classes where she met the love of her life, Wayne Finney. After marrying, the young couple

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lived in New Mexico and then Texas for Wayne's U.S. Air Force pilot training where their

daughter Shannon was born. Shortly after buying their first home in Great Falls, Sharon gave birth to her son, Jay. Once the children started school Sharon became highly involved with the PTA. She became the state president, then a member of the national PTA board, allowing her to visit many interesting cities across the country.

As an adult Sharon enjoyed travel, working in sales, hunting, fishing, shopping, vintage cars,

cooking and reading. After the children graduated from college and Wayne's retirement from the service, Sharon and Wayne moved to Somers for the next adventure — owning and operating the Osprey Inn Bed and Breakfast; both Sharon and Wayne became real estate brokers in the Flathead Valley. After 15 years of living on the northern shore of Flathead Lake the Finneys retired to Polson where Sharon lived for more than 15 years before her passing.

Sharon is survived by her husband Wayne, her daughter Shannon and her husband Todd, and her son Jay and his wife Patricia and their two children, as well as

numerous in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Sharon will be memorialized next summer.

As an early supporter of Lakeside Library, Sharon can be best memorialized through donations to the Lakeside Library a 501 (c) 3 organization. The family requests no flowers please. The family also wishes to thank all who have shared their condolences and support for both Sharon and her family.

Messages of condolences can be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneral-homeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

William Charles Fischer

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William Charles Fischer (AKA Bill, W.C., Bud, Pop, Himself, grumpy old bear) died in Kalispell on Dec. 10, 2018. The official cause of death was O.D.T.A.A. (one damn thing after another).

He was born in Glens Ferry, Idaho, in 1935, to Eugene and Frances Fischer. He had an older sister, Helen, and a younger brother, Robert. After receiving a bachelor's degree in engineering at the University of Idaho in 1959, he joined the U.S. Navy. From 1961-1964, he served as the officer-in-charge of construction at the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan. His time in Japan gave him an appreciation for Kabuki theater, Geisha girls, sushi, stereophonic music, and food grilled on a hibachi. Ever the consummate engineer, he learned how to use an abacus, in addition to his trusty slide rule.

After being honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant in 1965, he came back to the U.S., and took a job with the U.S. Forest Service in Salmon, Idaho, working as a civil engineer.

He met Amaryllis (Marda) Warner in 1966, and they married the next year. As part of the deal, he became an instant father to her four children from her previous marriage: Wendy (6 years old), Pete (15 years old), Ern (14 years old), and Paul (4 years old). He requested and received a transfer to the Forest Service office in Council, Idaho, and the family



moved there later that same year. In 1973, he transferred to the Forest Service office in Eureka, California. Bill relished every opportunity

to get into the woods, and do actual field work. His ability to accurately measure any distance with just a glance, from a few yards to hundreds of yards, was uncanny. His freehand drawings of plots, buildings and roads were rendered with a sparsely precise reality, using his favorite mechanical pencil.

In 1979 Bill transferred once more, and for the last time, to the Forest Service office in Kalispell. Bill honestly believed that Montana was the last great place, and the family moved into what would become known as the "Two Bucket" farm in Ferndale. In addition to working full-time in the Forest Service office in Kalispell, he developed the Two Bucket into a productive farm, with a large garden, milk cows, chickens, pigs and geese. It was hard work, but he was a pragmatic man, and enjoyed seeing his labor and sweat turned into milk and hand-churned butter, and meat and eggs and vegetables for the table.

Over the previous years, Bill had experienced the loss of his father and mother, and

then his sister and brother, and he had taken these losses as he always did, stoically and with a private and succinct grief. If there was ever a person on this Earth that accepted the inevitability of death, Bill was that person. Then, on July 12, 1987, Marda died. He was 52 years old, devastated, and suddenly the farm seemed like a big lonely place.

One evening a few years later, he went into Bigfork and had dinner at the Bigfork Inn. He ended up dancing with Jeanie Frazer, and after a proper courtship, they were married in June 1991. The ceremony took place on the Two Bucket farm, with games, and food, and fireworks, and a bunch of fun and good times for a large and extended group of family and friends. Although he had no biological children of his own, Bill loved kids, and would buy toys and design games that would make them laugh, and he would laugh, too, and he would be silly and goofy and funny with them. He and Jeanie lived on the farm for many years, and they were happy.

Bill retired from the Forest Service after 30 years of dedicated service, and bought an RV. He and Jeanie trav-

eled the United States, working with Canine Companions to help initial training of companion dogs, and helping Habitat For Humanity build houses for people in need. Bill and Jeanie actually met Jimmie Carter and his wife during these travels. Even though he was getting older, he didn't let it slow him down, and continued to use his engineering knowledge and expertise to help people where he could.

Because of their traveling and increasing age, Bill and Jeanie had to give up the care of the Two Bucket farm. They moved to Kalispell and, even up until the end of his life at 83 years old, he kept a small garden plot with tomatoes, strawberries and chives.

W. C. Fischer was honest, smart, hard-working, kind, fair, strong, giving and funny. He had integrity, and you could trust him at his word. He embraced the joys of his life, and endured the hardships in his life. He was truly and honestly a good man. He will be missed and remembered.

In observance with his wishes, a private gathering to inter his ashes at the Two Bucket farm will take place in early summer 2019.

Harriet Caroline Flaget, 78

Harriet Caroline Flaget, 78, died Nov. 7, 2019 at her home in Kalispell. Services

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

Miriam Batt Foot, 90

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Miriam Batt Foot, 90, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Expressions Memory Care in Kalispell.

Miriam was born Feb. 26, 1929, in Ballantine, Montana, the ninth and youngest born to Fred and Mary Batt.



Miriam attended grades 1-4 at Longfellow Grade School north of Shepherd, Montana, and then spent the rest of her formal schooling at Shepherd and graduated from high school there.

She then moved to Billings and did secretarial work until she married Ken Waller in 1948 and they later made their home in Kalispell. They had four children, Lloyd, Cynthia, Lynne and Steven. Miriam married John Britt in 1959, and they lived in Roundup, Montana, where her last child, Wayne was born.

She had her own house-cleaning business while living in Billings, and when she moved to Roundup she did alterations for a local clothing store. After John retired, they moved to Canyon Ferry Lake near Helena, where she co-managed a marina, campground and small grocery store. After John died in 1987, she met Frank Foot for the

second time in her life, and five years later married him and moved back to Kalispell where they built a new home to spend their golden years.

Miriam had 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter, who she loved dearly. Miriam loved her little dogs. They brought her great joy and made her laugh so many, many times. She had numerous hobbies and was an avid gardener and loved her flowers. She was always sharing plants and cuttings with her children, and those plants still grace their yards and gardens.

Miriam was preceded in death by her husband Frank Foot, her youngest son Wayne Britt, her father and mother and three sisters and five brothers.

She is survived by Lloyd Waller, Cynthia Whitbeck, Lynne (Steven) Cook and Steven Waller and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers Miriam wanted donations sent to your local hospice, because she felt they are so important and the work they do helps so many.

Memorial services will be held in late summer for both Papa and Mom.

Archie Earl Forman, 84

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Archie Earl Forman, of Ronan, 84, passed away on Sept. 29, 2019. Archie was born Dec. 18, 1934, to Archie and Lorna Wemple Forman in Polson. He grew up on the ranch in Valley View along with his five siblings, taking on many chores and activities that were required of life growing up on the ranch. Archie graduated from Polson High School and then went on to serve in the Army for two years.

In the ensuing years Archie was a rancher, construction operator, truck driver and an auto body repairman. He took over the family ranch in Valley View after his dad retired. Archie married Jeanette James in 1965 and became a father to her two children, Sheila and Tracy. Jeanette passed away in 1996.

Archie married Barbara Atwood on Feb. 5, 2000. After Archie's retirement he and Barb were able to spend many years as "snowbirds" enjoying all of what the South had to offer and developing long-lasting friendships. They also served for several years as camp hosts at various campgrounds. Having attended Auto Body School, Archie put his talents to work repairing and restoring vintage cars as well as tractors. He was very proud of the restoration of his 1955 Ford Crown Victoria, which he drove in numerous



Donald, wife Jeanette, and son Tracy.

He is survived by his wife Barb, and her children, Sue Ann Sizemore (Clancy) of Helena, Shelly Atwood-Deneault of Helena, Scott Atwood (Kelly) of Montrose, Colorado, Sandy Atwood Wilson (Lewis Brown) of Las Vegas, and his daughter Sheila Clairmont of Liberty Lake, Washington; his

parades and participated in activities of the Pioneer Car Club in Polson.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Lorna, brother

siblings, Thomas Forman (Rose-Marie Mandryk) of Polson and Mesquite, Nevada, Linda Richwine of Portland, Lorna Fox of Missoula, and Nancy Forman-Ebel (Douglas Ebel) of Florence; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m.

on Oct. 12 at Polson Community Church, with a luncheon after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

Condolences for the family can be sent to Foster Funeral Home & Crematory 216 Project Drive, St. Ignatius, MT 59865.

Elva Marie Forman, 87

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Elva passed away Feb. 18, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Elva was born in Ohio on April 6, 1931, to Clarence and Inez McClain.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Glen Forman, a brother Cecil McClain, a son Glen Forman Jr., son-in-law Peter Keller, and daughters-in-law Rosalinda Forman and Laurie Forman.

She is survived by her children, Dewayne and Kim Riddell, Karen and John Waytausky, Ronald Forman, Jim and Sherry Lakes, Pam Lakes, Kenneth Forman,



Deborah Forman Keller, and Benjamin and Joelle Forman; a brother, William

McClain; 39 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Columbia Mortuary. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at First Baptist Church of Whitefish. A graveside service will follow.

Loretta M. Fortine, 82

Loretta M. Fortine, 82, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, at Heritage Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Vicky Fluid, Becky Schultz, and Thomas Garrison. No services are

planned at this time. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be taken to the Washington Coast.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Eureka.

Robert Carl Fortune, 77

Robert Carl Fortune, 77, died Dec. 12, 2019 at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. He is survived by his wife Beth, children Debby, Rickey and

Bobbi Fortune. Services are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ruby Foss, 66

On Sept. 13, 2019, Ruby Foss went home to walk the streets of heaven with the love of her life Bill Foss and to sing and dance with the angels. Ruby fought stage 4 cancer with all her might, always a smile on her face and faith in her heart. She loved to spend time

with family, camp, the lights of Vegas, Elvis in his blue suede shoes, sunsets and every shade of ruby. Ruby worked hard, never wanting anything in return. Holidays were a must to her. Every birth, celebration and chaotic event, she was there loving everyone along the way. Ruby was a wonderfully loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, sister and best friend to her niece Leslie Foss-Herman. She is survived by her children Ben Foss, Ken Foss, Joe Foss and Bobbie Chapman; brother Dale Clark, sister MaryJane Foss along with many (great) grandchildren, (great) nieces and (great) nephews. She is preceded in passing by her father Duane Clark Sr., mother Bernice Stevens-Clark, brother Daniel Clark,

brother Duane Clark Jr., sister Emily Clark-Williams, daughter Pearl Foss, niece TinaMay Foss, niece Felicia Foss and brother-in-law Bennie Foss. She will be greatly missed by us all, until we meet again. Services will be announced later.



Georgette L. Foster, 81

Georgette L. Foster, 81, passed away at her home in Kalispell on Oct. 17, 2019.

Georgette was born May 10, 1938, in Hanoi, Vietnam, to George and Phuong thi ngoi Benoit.

Georgette graduated high school. She enjoyed cooking Asian dishes, gardening, and driving in the mountains with family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Foster.

Georgette is survived by her children, Lucie (Rod), Pierre (Nancy), and Anne-Marie (Robert); sister, Bernadette Chan (Jean); grandchildren, Cody, Michelle, Jacob, Gaetan, Kevin, Nicola and

Emma; and great-grandchildren, Rayne, Gabriel, Samson, Raeden, Lane, Bryden, Chole, Elina, Lucas, Alexis, Elly Mae, Amaury and Alois.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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.

Georgette L. Foster, 81

Georgette L. Foster, 81, of Kalispell died Oct. 17, 2019. Funeral Mass services are pending and

will be announced this coming week. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Vera Founds, 85

Vera Founds, 85, died in Marion on April 19, 2019. Vera was born on Feb. 18, 1934.

Services are pending

at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Stephanie Fox, 51

Stephanie Fox, 51, of Kalispell, died Dec. 15, 2019.

Arrangements are

pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and crematory is caring for the family.

Joyce E. Frank, 72

Joyce E. Frank, 72, of Kila died July 18, 2019. Services are pending.

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

David 'Dale' Fredenberg, 93

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David "Dale" Fredenberg, 93, of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 14, 2019, at the Vets' Home in Columbia Falls.

Dale and his twin were born to Anson and Ruth Fredenberg on June 14, 1926, at their grandmother's home in Kalispell. Dale was the 11th of 16 children, Dale worked tirelessly as a child on the family farm. He left home at the early age of 17; enlisting in the Navy, he served his country until the war's end.

Dale married the love of his life, Jean Naumann, on the 10th of February 1951. To this union were born seven children. He retired from the railroad after many years of service, at the age of 59.

Dale also played a variety of percussion instruments as well as the harmonica at several dances around the country. At the age of 59



he taught himself how to play the fiddle.

David was preceded in death by his daughter Nina Fredenberg.



David is survived by his wife, Jean Fredenberg; and his children Alan Fredenberg, Virgil Fredenberg, Hazel Riebe, Connie Bush, Anson Fredenberg and Harlan Fredenberg. There will be a celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory. A reception will follow services at Sykes Diner from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Teena Marie Frank, 48

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On Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, Teena Marie Frank passed away at the age of 48 after a long battle with cancer.

Teena was born July 8, 1971, in Silverton, Idaho, to Tom Graham and Jacki Bennett. She attended school in Montana and Idaho, graduating from Flathead High School, Kalispell. In the fall of 1997, she married David Frank and in January 2009, had a son, Jaxon, who was the center of her universe. She was employed at Bank of America for almost 20 years where she built a fortress of friends amongst her co-workers and banking customers.

Teena loved everything outdoors! Camping, ice fishing, horn hunting, running on Tubbs Hill and bicycling all kept her actively happy. She loved family and tradition like no other. Teena was known for her quick wit, her infectious smile and her kind and compassionate spirit. She was a treasure to those who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Teena was preceded in death by her father, Thomas "Tommy" Graham; and grand-



parents, Norman and Norma Graham and Papa, Peter Bennett.

She is survived by her son, Jaxon Kyle Frank; mother, Jacki Riley (Terry); sister, Shaila Maciosek (Peyton and Bo); brother, Taj Hagadone (Kandis, Trace and Koraline); grandmother, Barbara Bennett; beloved extended families, Brad and Teresa Hagadone, Jan C. Berry and family and many cousins.

Thank you to all the doctors and nurses who helped us through this difficult time, the Hospice of North Idaho Schneidmiller Hospice House for the special care we received and English Funeral Home for all their support.

Special thanks to Angie Frank, Becky Brewer Ross and all those who sent love and prayers.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Best Western Plus Coeur d'Alene Inn. Please join us in sharing memories of our beautiful Teena.

LaVerne (Bruyer) Fredenberg, 85

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LaVerne E. Bruyer was born April 4, 1933, in her grandmother Bauer's house on Whitefish Stage. She was the oldest child of Ben Bruyer and Erma (Bauer) Bruyer, both of whom were born in the Flathead to pioneer families north of Kalispell.

She left us March 14, 2019, after a relatively brief battle with liver cancer.

LaVerne grew up, with her only sibling and younger sister Dorothy, on her family's farm along the Stillwater River bottom. Following a major flood in the spring of 1948, the family moved their entire home and belongings from what is now the 13th hole of Buffalo Hill Golf Course "up the hill" to a new home close to Whitefish Stage. She attended school at Edgerton and St. Matthew's and graduated in the Flathead High Class of 1952, part of a close group with which she maintained many friendships throughout her life.

After a couple of years working for an optometrist she attended a dance in Whitefish and was asked to the dance floor by a dark-haired, handsome man. She was smitten and thus began the lifelong journey of Roger and LaVerne Fredenberg. They were married May 12, 1954, while Roger was in the U.S. Navy and spent their honeymoon year in San Diego.

Roger had searched for the kind of wife he wanted and found what he was looking for, a woman who would be a great mother to their five children (Mark, Wade, Kevin, Ben and Jovita) who came



along in rapid order after they returned to live in Kalispell in 1955.

Roger was the 15th of 16 children and somehow LaVerne adjusted seamlessly, going from a small family to becoming part of the Flathead's largest tribe. She formed lifelong bonds with her many sisters-in-law and abundant nieces and nephews and will be missed at their monthly luncheons. The same was true with her lifelong relationships with the ladies of her Home Demonstration Club.

LaVerne was a great listener and was always ready to give her time and love to those who needed to be heard. She was so kind and mellow that the small handful of times she ever got upset or angry became part of the family lore. She loved her daughters-in-law Susie, Linda, Judy and Patti, and son-in-law Lonny as if she had chosen them herself.

After her cancer diagnosis she was able to reflect back on her selfless life and pronounced that she was ready because: "My cup is full." Her peaceful passing, surrounded by family at her home, was 20 years almost to the day after Roger died and she was ready for their reunion. We learned through the life of LaVerne that the happiest people are not the richest or most famous, but those who are the least selfish and the most accepting of the flaws in others.

She was a lifelong member of St. Matthew's

Catholic Church, and also attended services in the parish of Risen Christ Catholic Church the last few years with her family.

LaVerne loved nothing more than helping her granddaughters and great-granddaughters (to whom she was GG) dress up and show off their jewelry and costumes. She always left the house looking nice. A full wardrobe of blue and pink and purple apparel with dozens of pairs of tiny shoes is left behind. The best of times were spent at the Fredenberg family cabin in the woods near Olney. For LaVerne, Fourth of July and other significant life events.

LaVerne was preceded in death by her parents and husband Roger (1999), and is survived by her five children, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren: oldest son Mark and his wife Susie with their three children Amanda (Joel) Rasmussen and daughters Julia and Evie; Sara (Andy) Smith and daughters Hattie and Clara; Carter and wife Rebecca. Second son Wade and his wife Linda, with their boys Brian and Kurt and daughter-in-law Christine; middle son Kevin and his wife Judy, son Paul and daughter Kate; youngest son Ben, his four boys David, Sam, Noah, Abraham, and daughter Molly; daughter Jovita, son-in-law Lonny Kottraba and their three daughters and families; Lindsay (Landon) Godfrey, son Owen and daughters Quinn, and Isla; Krista (Kevin) Pancich and

daughters Emerson and Finley; Kelsey (Bryce) Hattel, daughter Charlotte and sons Fletcher and Oliver. She also leaves behind many beloved relatives in the extended Frehse, Sweeney, Walter and Fredenberg clans.

A vigil service with time for sharing and reminiscing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen. A Catholic funeral Mass, followed by a luncheon, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, also at Risen Christ Church. Graveside services will be private.

In lieu of sending flowers, please consider donations to Wings Regional Cancer Support in Kalispell.

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 caring for the family.

Donald Lloyd Frey Sr., 67

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 Donald Lloyd Frey Sr., 67, passed away Monday, April 1, 2019, in Whitefish.

Donald was born Aug. 15, 1951, in Bremerton, Washington, to John and Marlys Frey.

Don grew up in Garrison, North Dakota. At age 15 he decided to go and travel the country side custom combining. He did that for a couple years and at age 17 he enlisted in the Navy. He proudly served from 1968-1971. He was able to travel the world and see other countries. He was on a mine sweeper during the Vietnam War. He was a diesel mechanic, and the captain right-hand man. He continued working as a diesel mechanic after his honorable discharge from the Navy.

He moved to Columbia Falls in 1971 where he and his wife Sharon started their family. Throughout the years he worked at the lumber mills, then he and his father opened Frey's Meats in 1984. In the off-season he did custom haying for several people in the valley. He loved what he did and was very passionate about his work.

He coached baseball for over 30 years. He coached all ages from 8- to 18-year-olds: Deer Park Baseball, Little League, Columbia Falls Babe Ruth Baseball, and American Legion Baseball. He coached for Columbia Falls Little Guy Wrestling. He touched the lives of many kids that are now adults today. He impacted lives on every level.

During the last five



years of his life he moved to Idaho with his daughter and her family. He was able to enjoy those retirement years spending



time with grandkids, going fishing, camping and he learned how to play guitar.

He survived by his three children: Donald Frey Jr., Shawna Smith and Justin Frey, nine grandchildren, sister Marla Smith, brothers Lonnie Frey, Johnnie Frey, Melvin Frey.

He is preceded in death by his parents John and Marlys Frey; brothers Rodney Frey and Ronnie Frey, sister Gloria Crawford; and two sons Cody Frey and Branden Frey.

Don was loved by many and he had so many friends who loved him dearly; he was a brave and courageous man. He will be missed by friends and family forever.

A visitation will be held for Don from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Columbia Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Deer Park School gymnasium, 2105 Middle Road Columbia Falls. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery and a luncheon will follow at the Back Room.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia falls is caring for Don's family.

Alice M. Fromm, 81

With heavy hearts we announce the death of Alice M. Fromm, age 81, of Kalispell.



Alice passed away at home, surrounded by family on June 1, 2019.

Alice was born in Great Falls on Aug. 5, 1937.

She married the love of her life, Stephen D. Fromm, on Feb. 12, 1957. Together they spent most of their lives in Montana, and raised four children.

Alice had a great love for family, her roots in Montana, and was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. She was preceded in death by her mother Eunice F. Buffington, father Les Cowie, stepfather Harry H. Gerdsmeyer, and brother George G. Cowie.

She is survived by her husband Stephen D. Fromm, son Scott Fromm, and daughters Marie Fromm, Kathy Roman and Karen Fromm, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mom was cared for at home in her last days by her loving husband and companion with the same loving tenderness and care that she gave to us all during her lifetime.

Special thanks to Kalispell Regional Medical Center Hospice.

A small graveside service was held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on June 5. A memorial will be held by the family at a later date.

Edward L. Fuller, 84

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Edward L. Fuller passed away on May 20, 2019, in Whitefish at the good old age of 84. He was born in Anaconda on a cold day on Feb. 5, 1935, to James and Cora Fuller. He loved riding horses, fishing and hunting. Over the years he loved to snowmobile, four-wheel, camp and ride motorcycles. He could do anything. He farmed, ranched, welded, worked on automobiles and worked with wood. He could build anything he set his mind to — from buildings to a 14-foot trailer, to fabricating a rack on the back of a snowmobile to carry extra gas. He spent most of his life working around and in lumber mills. He started in a little saw mill in the woods as a teenager and retired from Stolze Land and Lumber with 35 years, almost 50 years later. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Cora Fuller; his

brothers, Bob and Joe; and his daughter-in-law, Beverly. He leaves behind two sons, Jim and George; daughter, Debra and son-in-law David; grandchildren, Cindy and Ed, Bob, Janie and Duane, James and Cheyenne, Katie and Cory, Myles, Joe and Myke, and Justin and Katie; and great-grandchildren, Eli, Leroy, Melanie, Michelle, Jessica, D J, Amanda, Shain, Adelee, Alexis, Elizabeth and Travis.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, at First Baptist Church, 355 9th St., in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Barbara Knox 'Bobbie' Fuller, 94

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Barbara Knox "Bobbie" Fuller was a bright and loving daughter, sister to three siblings, mother to three children, grandmother to seven, and great-grandmother to six. She was Aunt Bobbie to many nephews and nieces now living in Montana, Washington, Wyoming and Nevada.

Bobbie was born Aug. 1, 1924 in Great Falls to Joe and Marian Knox and was raised in the Judith Valley north of Stanford on a farm during the depression. Her father died when she was 17 and she had to help her mom on the farm and with running the household. She graduated from Stanford High in 1942. During World War II she worked in Phoenix as a typist and waited for the safe return of her high school sweetheart, Eddie Fuller, from service as an airman in England and 23 months in a German POW Camp after his B-17 was shot down over Germany.

Bobbie and Eddie married in Stanford in 1945 and moved to join Bobbie's mother to help on a newly purchased farm on the Stillwater River north of Kalispell. There they began a family with the birth of their son, Jeffrey, in 1946. Eddie started working for the county driving road equipment and then moved the family to Bremerton to work as a welder on Naval ships during the Korean War. The family moved to Conrad Drive in Kalispell where they welcomed two girls, Kathleen and Nancy. Bobbie became an electrician and then purchased Ferguson Electric. They raised their children and Bobbie studied nursing and helped put her children through college by working as a practical

nurse at Kalispell General Hospital. A few years later they entertained their grandchildren with memorable summer fishing and camping trips. When they were ready to retire they moved to the Village Greens Golf Course community. A few years after Eddie's death in 2005, Bobbie moved to Prestige Assisted Living at Kalispell. For the last several years she has been under the loving care of Edgewood Memory Care Home in Evergreen. Bobbie loved music and played piano and organ for family gatherings and she played for services at several churches in the Flathead. She and Eddie were regulars at BJ's weekly jazz sessions. She volunteered to entertain residents at several retirement and assisted living homes and she played for funeral services for many years. Even as time stole her memory, she was able to

play her favorite music on the piano. She possessed a quiet but steadfast faith that gave her the strength to withstand hardship and loss while setting an example for her family and friends. Everyone who knew her will miss her calm and reassuring presence. Whenever we hear "Amazing Grace," we will think of her playing it on her piano. The family is very grateful for the loving care from Edgewood Vista and family and friends. The family will have a private graveside service at Conrad Cemetery and a celebration of life later. If you wish to remember Barbara, please send donations to one of her favorite charities, Braveheart Chaplains Ministries, at <http://braveheartministry.com/>, or any veterans charity. Please fill in your information in the online form.

Richard Thomas Funk, 66

Richard Thomas Funk passed away peacefully surrounded by his daughters and wife in Kalispell, on Dec. 28, 2019.

Richard was born on Feb. 17, 1953 to Thomas and Phyllis Funk in Kalispell. He was the oldest of three children. He was always searching for a new adventure which kept his mom very busy. He loved the Lord above all else.

He attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1971. From there he attended Central Christian College in McPherson, Kansas. He came back to Kalispell and worked for a time in a lumber mill. Rick married his first wife Carleen Erickson in 1974 and they had four children, Adam, Amy, Kimberly and Teri. He joined the Air Force and was later honorably discharged. He came back to Kalispell and worked for the Somers Tie plant running the steam locomotive between Kalispell and Somers, one of which is on display at the museum in Somers. He was active in the local National Guard. He later was honorably discharged from that service.

After the Tie plant closed, Richard decided to attend the University of Montana. He moved his young family to Missoula and became an English major. He also attended the U of M branch in Dillon to become a teacher and librarian. His first teaching job was in southern California. After a year down there, he and his family were very anxious to get back to Montana. He accepted a teaching position in Kila as a Language Arts teacher, drama teacher and school librarian. Rick could finally share stories all day long and made sure his eighth graders could recite their linking verb list. He taught there until 2007.

During this time, Rick was active in the Flathead Sheriff's Posse, Flathead Search and Rescue, and Marion Quick Response Unit. He became an EMT and taught many CPR/First Aid courses throughout the valley. He also worked during the summers at Sportsman



and Ski Haus, all of which made for more stories.

In 1999, he married his second wife, Glenda Schauer, who had two children from a previous marriage. He was very proud of the 20 grandchildren that came from six children.

After his retirement from teaching, he worked as a cook at a hunting camp one fall, worked for Total Lawn Care and spent many hours hunting, fishing, shooting, camping, tying flies and teaching grandchildren these skills. Every episode became a story which he shared verbally and written for the Montana Woman Magazine and The Daily Inter Lake. He compiled many of his stories into a book called Tom's Tattered Tales.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Phyllis Funk, his first wife, Carleen Erickson Thomas and one granddaughter Ashlee Funk.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Funk, brother, Robin (Renee) Funk, sister, Mary (Eric) Sklany, son, Adam Funk, daughter Amy (Nick) Moody, Kimberly Schexnider, Teri Funk (Manson Dunk), stepdaughter Christina Schauer and stepson Jacob (Patty) Schauer. He is also survived by grandchildren: Mykaila Funk, Te'a, Scott and Matthue Mergenthaler; Bailee, Leilani, Breukelen and Vincent Moody; Kendrew, Dillon, and Terah Schexnider; Tavian Gagne, Adrianna Escobedo, Kaitlynn Shupert, Carter Dunk, Delilah and Aurora Eslick, Serenity Neubert and Jacob and Zoey Schauer. He is also survived by several nieces and a nephew.

The funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 28, 2019 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will be at 12:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery. A reception to remember Rick will follow at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider the Flathead County Search and Rescue or charity of your choice.

Inter Lake outdoors writer Rick Funk dies

BY LYNNETTE HINTZE

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Longtime Daily Inter
Lake outdoors writ-
er Rick Funk, 66, died
Monday at Brendan
House in Kalispell follow-
ing a lengthy illness. He
had been diagnosed with
cancer earlier this year
and had undergone treat-
ment.

Funk wrote his
"Tattered Tales" column
and other feature sto-
ries for the Inter Lake
for more than a decade.
Earlier this year he pub-
lished "Tom's Tattered
Tales," a 42-chapter com-
pilation of his writing,
both fiction and non-fic-
tion.

"Rick loved to share
a good story, and he
knew plenty of them,"
said former Inter Lake
Managing Editor Frank
Miele. "What was sur-
prising was that most of
them were out of his own
rather unassuming life.
He could elevate the most
ordinary moments into
high drama — or comedy
— especially if it involved
a bullet or a fishhook.

"He was a gentleman
scholar who had a vast
store of practical knowl-
edge about the world
around him that never
ceased to amaze me,"
Miele said. "As a native-
born resident of Kalispell,
he was a conduit of not

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wisdom from our frontier roots. He loved the outdoors as much as anyone I have ever known, and was passionate about sharing that love with his own children and grand-children or with anyone else who got within earshot."

Funk was one of three children born to Thomas Willard Funk and Phyllis Miller Funk. One of his jobs early on in life was working at the railroad tie plant in Somers with his father.

Funk graduated from Flathead High School in 1971, and served in the U.S. Air Force in 1975 and 1976. He guarded Strategic Air Command aircraft armed with nuclear weapons at Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, according to a profile about Funk written by former Inter Lake staffer Duncan Adams in May this year.

He graduated from the University of Montana in 1989, and became a school teacher that same year, spending the majority of his career at Kila School, teaching English and drama and working as a librarian. He retired in 2007.

Paul Nockleby, a friend and high school classmate



RICK FUNK holds a copy of his newly self-published book *Tom's Tattered Tales* in Woodland Park on April 29, 2019. (Brenda Ahearn/Daily Inter Lake FILE)

who edited and helped publish Funk's "Tom's Tattered Tales," said he became close friends with Funk after their 40th class reunion in 2011.

"Rick liked to talk, and he liked to tell stories to receptive audiences," Nockleby said. "Over the past six years Rick and I would get together for coffee or lunch on our regular trips to the Flathead, and we would call each other on the phone on a regular basis over the last several years.

"I enjoyed those visits with Rick. He was a natural storyteller," he said.

Nockleby recalled Funk's love of the outdoors. "Every season since he was knee-high he was on the front-line with

the hunters and on the banks of area rivers and lakes," he said.

"Rick could describe situations and experiences so vividly with such color and detail that I could easily imagine them," Nockleby continued. "Some of those stories could be quite hilarious; all of them were told with flashes of wit. Sometimes he would remind me of Will Rogers, sometimes of Mark Twain."

Through the years, Miele said he heard from many Inter Lake readers who were touched by his self-deprecating humor and humility.

"He made us laugh and also taught us to savor

the small miracles that make life worth living," Miele said.

Nockleby said Funk was often "over-generous" with his time" and modest in accepting reimbursement and thanks.

"That is what I would describe as his 'agape' — his 'self-giving love.' That is what you felt when you were around Rick for any length of time. He was generous in that way — and I think he was similarly generous to everyone in his path or acquaintance," Nockleby said.

"I will miss Rick, and will take out his Christmas story (near the end of Funk's book) and remember the talent and sensitivity he shared with us in his writing," Nockleby added.

Among Funk's survivors are his wife Glenda, four children, two step-children and grand-children.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a viewing starting one hour before services. Burial will follow service at Fairview Cemetery.

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