

Richard Charles Ibsen, 77

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It is with saddened hearts that we share the fact that Richard Charles Ibsen gracefully passed away in Bandon, Oregon, at 77 years of age on Dec. 12, 2019.

Born on Aug. 19, 1942, in Seattle to Ivan and Darlene Ibsen, Rich spent most of his early life in Whitefish where he attended school, worked at Marcus Grocery, served in the Montana National Guard and ultimately dedicated his working life to the family business of plumbing. Also during this time, Rich courted and married his high school sweetheart, Montana "Tana" Rae Hunsinger (Ibsen).

While a portion of his heart remained in Whitefish, ambition called him to work as a master plumber, operating throughout multiple states within the Western U.S., which was an incredible feat in and of itself. As life continued, Rich ended up in California where he worked with his son, Mitch, who also was working in the plumbing trade. Rich continued to work until a few years ago, when health com-

plications associated with ALS called him away, but work never seemed to leave his mind.

Rich was always protective and supportive about family. Notably, he took to grand-fatherhood easily where he naturally became the loveable "Papa." Unable to bear a moment of what he considered suffering, Papa spent many hours rocking his five granddaughters to sleep. There wasn't a birthday, graduation, performance, horse show or wedding that wasn't brightened by Papa's smile or embrace. His five great-grandsons, Aspen, Leopold, Bridger, Finley and Ellis are lucky to have known his genuine hugs and easy smile. While the two great-grandchildren on their way won't have the privilege of meeting him on Earth, they will know his love when eating excessively buttered popcorn and the making of family lefse.

After Tana's untimely passing at 62 years of age in 2004, Rich found love in a familiar friend,

MaryAnn Hawkins (Ibsen). Rich and MaryAnn married in 2008 and our family is grateful for her love and devotion to Rich throughout the years. With MaryAnn, or "GG" as she's better known to all the grandkids, came more loved ones, including her two great-granddaughters, Paige and Riley, another son and daughter, and grandchildren all loved equally by Papa.

Rich is survived by his wife MaryAnn Ibsen and family, daughter Lacey Ibsen; son and daughter-in-law Mitch and Erika Ibsen, brother-in-law Benton Cavin and family; brother- and sister-in-law Gerry and Leslie Hunsinger, five loving granddaughters and their amazing husbands and seven great-grandchildren. He will also be sorely missed by nieces, nephews and wonderfully dedicated friends.

Rich was preceded

in death by Montana Rae Ibsen, parents Ivan and Darlene Ibsen, sister Doreen Cavin, and in-laws Bob and Gert Hunsinger.

Rich was an enigma, fierce, handsome, charismatic and passionate. We will all miss his amazing love for family, a strong, heartfelt handshake, an infectious smile and an energetic air that made you believe anything was possible.

A memorial service in honor of his life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, between 2 and 5 p.m. at the home of Gerry and Leslie Hunsinger, located at 590 Michael Slough Road, Columbia Falls.

The family asks that any desired memorial gift in the honor of Rich should be sent to the ALS Association whose research and resolve to cure this devastating disease is of immeasurable importance.

Richard T. Immel, 82

Richard "Dick" Immel succumbed to cancer on June 5, 2019, at the age of 82 in Kalispell.

Born in El Centro, California, on Oct. 18, 1936, he attended the University of California at Davis where he met Penney, the love of his life. They married on Sept. 27, 1959, in Ukiah, California, and enjoyed nearly 60 years of marriage before his passing.

While serving in the Army he pursued his dream of flying and scored No. 1 in his class of fixed-wing aircraft. He flew OV-1 Mohawks in Germany and later served as a recruiter for the West Point Academy. He ended his 28-year military career in the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.

Dick was a TWA commercial airline pilot for almost 20 years. The family lived in San Clemente, California, where they raised their two sons and took annual trips to various countries around the world.

After taking early retirement, he and Penney purchased an RV and traveled extensively



They settled down in the small town of Lakeside in 1989, built their dream house, and became friends with

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all over the United States and Canada. It was on one of these trips that they discovered and fell in love with the Flathead Valley of Montana.

everyone in the community.

Dick loved to fly, invest in real estate, go boating in the San Juan Islands, and help his neighbors.

He is survived by his wife Penney, his sons Russell Immel of Redmond, Washington, and his children Reid, Madison and Audrey; and Jeffrey and Rachel Immel of Tustin, California, and their children Andrew and Anya.

There will be a private graveside service

on June 22. He will be buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Henrietta M. Irish, 91

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Henrietta M. Irish was born as Henrietta Margaret Hellman on June 27, 1927, in Columbia Falls to James and Mary Hellman. She grew up in Kalispell.

She passed away comfortably at home on Jan. 27, 2019, in Oregon. Henrietta was known for her kindness, sweetness and generosity. She will be greatly missed, but is at peace, and has gone on to be with her Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her two daughters, Katherine Hegge of Idaho, and Debra Irish of Oregon; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; one brother, and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by one daughter and one brother.

Henrietta's passion was education and teaching. The first grade was her favorite. Her teaching career began in the late 1940s in Havre, in a one-room schoolhouse teaching all eight grades. She later taught third and fourth grades in Stevensville. Her final teaching position was for the first grade in Salmon, Idaho, from 1971 to 1992. She retired in Salmon and lived there until moving to Oregon in 2015.

In retirement she was active in the Saint Charles Catholic Church in Salmon, and at one



time was secretary for the Senior Citizens. She was also active in a chapter of Phi

Beta Kappa, volunteered for respite care with Alzheimer's patients, and continued to help out in the elementary school. Henrietta participated in the Senior Olympics and won many medals for speed walking.

Her hobbies included gardening, reading, photography and self-education. After retirement she took a Spanish class, taught herself songs on the piano and went through two books on algebra.

Mom, you were a very special person and have contributed to the lives of many. We were blessed to have you as a mother and grandmother, and we will deeply miss you.

A Catholic burial service for Henrietta will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the graveside at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

In the very near future, Crown Memorial Center - Cremation & Burial will have a tribute page for Henrietta where a virtual candle can be lit and a sentiment entered: www.ANewTradition.com

Ronald M. Iverson, 71

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Ronald Michael Iverson was born Jan. 29, 1948, the second son of Kenneth and Elsie (Mickelson) Iverson, in Williston, North Dakota. The family moved to Glasgow, where Ron attended school and graduated in 1966. Ron always wanted to earn extra money and had his first job setting bowling pins at 9 years of age, with other jobs to follow.

He attended University of Montana in Missoula for a year before transferring to Eastern Montana College in Billings. It was then that he decided to continue his education at Schiller College in Heidelberg, Germany. He arrived in Germany with \$10 in his pocket, sure that he could land a suitable part-time job using his high school German. Unfortunately, that was not the case, and his job turned out to be washing dishes at an American Army base. Having no money for a car, he commuted to his job on a series of broken-down bicycles, and was always convinced this was one of the best times of his life. The highlight of his day was gathering a few pennies together to get a beer at a local pub.

At Schiller a fellow student introduced Ron to a friend in the insurance business. The man was in management at American International Group and became Ron's boss and mentor. Ron was a born salesman and at 21 became AIG's youngest department head in the newly emerging travel insurance field. He made many good friends at AIG, became fluent in German, and absorbed the German culture which he loved.

At EMC he met Carley Zimmer and they began a romance which would continue in Germany when Carley traveled to visit. The two married in



Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1974. Ron always loved motorcycles while growing up, and he purchased

a BSA bike from an American soldier. Many miles were spent on the bike exploring Europe.

In 1975 Ron was transferred by AIG to the New York home office to start a travel insurance department there. The home office did not hold the same interest for him, and in 1976 he started his own travel insurance agency in New Jersey and later in Ontario, Canada. With the business established, Ron and Carley set about looking for a more favorable location. After a trip to Northwest Montana they decided on Kalispell, and in 1984 moved the New Jersey office, traveling cross country with two cats to set up shop in their new home.

In the Flathead, Ron enjoyed snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing like a true Norwegian, only tolerating the summers. Ron and Carley retired in 2013 after 37 years in the business.

He was predeceased by his parents and a succession of beloved cats.

Ron is survived by Carley, his wife of 45 years, and his brother, Gregory, of Wisconsin and United Arab Republic, and his wife Hong-Im.

No services are planned as per his wishes.

As a true animal lover, he would appreciate gifts to the Northwest Montana Humane Society.

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.

RoseMarie Iverson, 87

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RoseMarie Iverson, 87 years young, passed away on March 15, 2019, at inpatient hospice at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She went to the arms of her dear savior, Jesus Christ.



Jean Lightner living in Village Greens and spent many years making new

She was born to Ralph and Ruth (Kjelstrup) Jager on July 11, 1931, in Whitefish.

Her dad worked for H. Earl Klack and the family finally settled in Great Falls where RoseMarie grew up and graduated from high school.

She then went on to complete a two-year music scholarship in Moscow, Idaho, where she played her beloved violin and graduated with a teaching certificate.

She started teaching first grade in Conrad in 1952.

She went on a blind date in early 1953 and met her soul mate, Robert Iverson. They married Oct. 3, 1953, and moved to the Iverson Ranch in Ledger to start their life together.

As their children grew and became school age, RoseMarie opened a kindergarten class for all rural children within a 5-mile radius of the farm.

RoseMarie continued to be active in her church and the community of Ledger, even playing for the Great Falls symphony as the second chair violinist during the early years of their marriage. She and Robert provided a rich environment for all their children, grandchildren and friends throughout their life, enjoying everything to the fullest with much laughter and love.

She moved eight years ago to the Flathead Valley to live with Renee. She was fortunate enough to have

Rummy friends with a lot of laughter and mostly losing at cards. Rick would be the maitre d', keeping the coffee flowing with sweet treats.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Iverson (2009), her parents Ruth (1972) and Ralph Jager (1976), and her brother Bobby (1945).

She is survived by four children Ron (Connie) of Ledger, Renee of Kalispell, Rick of Missoula and Rhonda of Ledger; six grandchildren Joren (Nancy), Kirsten (Kyle), Aaron, Chris, Kelsey and Kyle (Mina); seven great-grandchildren Hunter, Abby, Jakob (parents are Joren and Nancy), Lauren, Layne, Kade (parents are Kirsten and Kyle) and Rose (parents are Kyle and Mina). She leaves behind her beloved four-legged animals — Sugar, Maddy and Bailey.

A celebration of her life will be held June 8 at the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church in Conrad with the time to be announced. Condolences can be sent to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell at wecare@jgfuneral-home.com.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you simply make a donation to a charity of your choice.

RoseMarie will be greatly missed, but she will always be remembered in our hearts!

Love you Momma!