

Shirley B. Abraham, 86

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Shirley Beverly Carlson was born Sept. 20, 1934, in Röcklake, North Dakota, to Florence (Hogenson) and Anton Carlson. Her father was an immigrant from Norway and she was fiercely proud of her 100% Norwegian heritage. Her childhood was overshadowed by the loss of her mother and brother. She was not yet 4 years old when her mother died suddenly. She remembers many times as a very young child walking to the cemetery at the edge of town to visit her mother's grave, just to be near her.

At the age of 16 she left school and married. This union would last seven years during which time she bore three children, Cindy, Linda Terry. At the age of 25 she married again. This marriage ended after 59 years. Her youngest son Rory was a result of this union. She lived in eight different states and started and ran a number of successful businesses. These included a laundromat, several motels, gas station and tree farms. She set an example of hard work for her family. Her attention to detail was legendary, and carried over into her hobbies of sewing and quilting.

Her family is what she was most proud

of. Her happiest times were spent with her grandchildren. She took them on long walks up and down the steep hills behind her Lakeside home. From her they received the love of the outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Florence and Anton Carlson, brother Dwaine Carlson, sisters Minnie Fosaaen and Edie Erickson, son Rory Abraham, and great-grandson George P. Brown.

She is survived by her children, Cindy Guthrie of Lolo, Linda (Dan) Martin of Big Timber, and Terry Price (Renee) of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Matt Brenna, Mandy Brenna, Meghan Brenna, Katie Brenna, Justin Brown, Andy Brown, Lucas Lee, Emelia Wolf, Anderson Wolf and Otto Wolf; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

She left this world Oct. 3, 2020, after a valiant struggle with cancer. Visitation for Shirley was held Oct. 7 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held today, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Lou Ann Abel, 73

Lou Ann Abel, 73, of Kalispell, died April 27, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Arrangements are

being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial is caring for her family.

George Calvin Adams, 77

George Calvin Adams, 77, died on or about July 1, 2020, in Glacier National Park.

No services are

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

Ruth E. Adams, 92

Ruth E. Adams, 92, died Aug. 9, 2020, at Wel Life in Kalispell. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Irene 'Lynn' (Patten) Aderhold, 74

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Irene "Lynn" (Patten) Aderhold, 74, 500 Gallatin Ave. (P.O. Box 342) West Yellowstone, MT 59758, passed peacefully at her home Saturday afternoon, Jan. 4, 2020, of liver complications due to diabetes.

Lynn was born at the end of World War II, between the atomic bombs, Aug. 7, 1945, in Morton, Washington. She was the oldest child of Grant and Margaret Patten and the first granddaughter of Ralph and Irene Whiting. Lynn grew up in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley near Hamilton and outside Missoula where she graduated from Sentinel High School in 1964. Four years later she received a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors and a Teaching Certificate from the University of Montana.

Lynn lived for extended periods in Missoula (1956-1968), Glasgow (1973-1980), Kalispell (1980-1990), Great Falls (1991-2012), and West Yellowstone (2012-2020) — all Montana.

June 9, 1967, Lynn married Mike Aderhold in Missoula. The two met while working summer jobs for the U.S. Forest Service on the, then isolated, Powell Ranger District in central Idaho. She worked as a lookout and he was a trail crew foreman. For four years, Lynn followed Mike on his military assignments as a wildlife biologist with the Army Corps of Engineers. They served at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Palatka, Florida (Cross Florida Barge Canal Project), and Clewiston, Florida (South Central

Florida Flood Control Project). Near Clewiston, in 1970, Lynn was the first white teacher to integrate an all black school in a satellite community called Harlem. There she and another teacher taught 52 first graders how to read.

Following their military experience, Lynn nurtured three children and supported her husband's 42-year career as a wildlife biologist, information officer and regional supervisor, mostly (36-plus years) with the Montana's Fish & Game Department. They knew every mile of the Hi-Line and eventually explored every township and visited every community in the northern half of Montana.

Lynn was a faithful and devoted, seventh generation, member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her ancestors on both sides came west in 1849. Lynn's father, Grant K. Patten, was starting in 1957, the first Stake president in western Montana and she was the granddaughter of William N. Patten, the first president of Idaho's Lost River Stake (1919). Lynn served as a primary instructor for over 25 years and was a Relief Society president in four different areas. Lynn and Mike served a three-year "service mission" on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, 2009-2012.

Lynn chose her college majors of art and home economics wisely. Those interests became lifelong passions. Everywhere she lived, Lynn found and celebrated the beauty of the

surrounding country and made friends easily. She was, at times, a potter, sketch artist and photographer. She was also into the needle arts of quilting, knitting, crocheting and needlepoint.

Most of all, Lynn loved being around children — her own and others. She followed and promoted their interest in literature, athletics and exploring the great outdoors. She was involved in numerous workshops, camps, youth conferences and scouting activities. For 10 years, 1996-2005, to help fund her children's college education and her boy's missions, Lynn worked as a cook for the Great Falls School District. She helped unionize the kitchen workers and they elected her a steward with the Teamster's Union. She observed children who got their best meals, and sometimes their only meals, at school and became a strong supporter and eventually Montana's lobbyist for the School Lunch Program. Sen. Baucus supported her cause and honored her on floor of the Senate for her advocacy.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Mike; and her children, Kerry and Cole Parker, West Yellowstone; Brian and Katie Aderhold, Eagle Mountain, Utah; and Jonathan and Katy Aderhold, Tukwila, Washington; her two sisters, Rhonda Grow and Becky Detro of Meridian and Boise, Idaho; three brothers, Courtney Patten, Blackfoot, Idaho; and David and Ralph

Patten of Nampa, Idaho; three beloved grandchildren, Sage, Bailee and Averi Parker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the community of West Yellowstone and the LDS Church for their many acts of kindness and concern. They would also like to thank Hospice of Bozeman Health for 41-days of tender care — particularly, the ministrations of nurse Debbie Butz, Big Sky. Also, the family is grateful for doctors Paul Hendrix, gastroenterologist, and Carl Vance, diabetes specialist, of Idaho Falls, for their excellent care the last eight years.

An impromptu, informal, living, memorial gathering was held at the West Yellowstone Ward building, Sunday, Dec. 30. Lynn has been cremated. There will be no funeral and no interment at this time.

Georgia Adkison, 92

Georgia Adkison, 92, of Whitefish died on Dec. 11, 2020, at The Springs at Whitefish.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William C. "Bill" Affonso, 84

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William C. "Bill" Affonso, 84, passed away on Nov. 5, 2020 at Brendan House.

Bill as he was known, was born on December 27, 1935 in Los Banos, Calif., to William Affonso, and Carmen Aso where he grew up on a beef and dairy farm, graduating from Los Banos High School in 1953. Bill served honorably in the US Army from February 1955 - February 1957. Bill met and married his wife Cecelia M. Nunes of Gustine, Calif., in 1958.

Over the next 60 years they worked together to raise their 4 children. Instilling in them a love of animals, and the discipline and rewards of hard work. Moving to "Heaven on Earth" Montana in 1992, residing in Columbia Falls. Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting in his later years and made many friends in the Flathead Valley.



Bill's wife Cecelia passed on Jan. 4, 2019.

Bill is survived by his children Deborah, William, Kathleen and Scott

as well as 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Nov. 11, 2020 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday Nov. 12, 2020 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial at Fairview Cemetery with Military Honors. 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.

James C. Aho, 86

The world was a better place with the presence of an honest and humble man, like you.

James C. Aho, 86, passed away Jan. 15, 2020.

James C. Aho was born Nov. 18, 1933, in Belden, North Dakota, to August and Myrtle Aho. James and his siblings Olga, Ina (twin to Yuva who died at birth), Joe, Robert, Evelyn, Alan (surviving), Della, David, Joann, Betty (surviving) and Rita (surviving) were raised on a small family farm. As a teenager, James made the courageous decision to dedicate himself to the Armed Forces as he enlisted in the United States Army. At the young age of 19 he began what would be a lifelong career. James served multiple tours in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During his time in the Army, James earned



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two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars. After 22 years, James retired at the rank of master sergeant in Salt Lake City and then settled with his family

great-grandchildren who live all across the United States.

James wasn't just a dedicated father, grandfather and great-grandfather, but the neighborhood dad as well. The Aho house became the home on the block where friends and neighbors could gather and know they would always be welcomed with love and respect. The lives James touched with his jokes and charm were countless.

After his time in the Army, James started his business, Jim's Locksmith and Sharpening. He was an active member in the community, serving as both member and commander of Cooties and the VFW Post 2252. He was considered a lifelong friend to anyone who crossed his path. To say James was a family man

is an understatement, as he was the kind of man every family wishes for, but only God can create.

In honor of James C. Aho, shake the hand of another human being, give a hug or a genuine smile.

This is the kind of legacy he left the world.

He will be profoundly missed, but never forgotten.

A veteran's 21-gun salute for James will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, at Depot Park in Kalispell. Bugle Taps will play at 2 p.m.

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.

Arnold R. Aklestad, 90

Arnold R. Aklestad, 90, died Sunday, April 12, 2020, at his home in Bigfork.

Arnold was born Jan. 1, 1930, in Plentywood, Montana, to Carl and Milia Anderson. His mother had tuberculosis when he was born, and she was bedridden for six years. Arnold went to live with Peder and Borghild Aklestad as their son his entire life.

In March of 1948, Arnold met his wife-to-be, Yasuko, and together they had a lifelong passion for sports and the outdoors. They raised three children who also developed a strong love for sports and fishing, and continue to pursue those interests today.

Arnold was honorably discharged as a Corporal Regular Army on Jan. 8, 1950, and received an Army of Occupation Medal. On his second tour of duty, he achieved the rank of Sergeant Regular Army and received an Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), a Korean Service Medal and a United Nations Service Medal. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 25, 1953, and returned to Bigfork with his wife, Yasuko and son, Jim, where he resided ever since.

Arnold, who was lovingly known throughout Bigfork as "Ak" or "Arnie," was a mainstay at the Bigfork Vikings basketball games since he moved to town his sophomore year of high school in 1944. Arnold played for the team for two years and later was the timekeeper for the boys' and girls' games for 34 years. In the 1950s, he helped start the Downtown Coaches Club which is now the present Bigfork Boosters Club. He attended home games, always sitting in the same spot



to root for his favorite squad. Many of the Bigfork Vikings athletes ate dinner at the family home prior to games. Arnold and Yasuko attended basketball

games at the district, divisional and state games all over Montana. A basketball highlight that he was proud to witness in his lifetime was the Bigfork Vikings State Championship game in 2014.

From 1953 to 1967, Arnold and Yasuko owned and operated Ak's Sport Shop in Bigfork, specializing in fishing tackle. The shop became a second home to many of the Bigfork youngsters who liked to hang out there when they weren't fishing on the Swan River.

Arnold was a Scoutmaster for Troop 13, and the younger boys came to the house to pass scouting requirements, especially in the Tenderfoot and Second-Class stages. Arnold received the Silver Beaver Award in 1964 which is the highest honor that any Boy Scout Council can bestow on an adult volunteer.

In 1965, Arnold (called "Smokey" by some) was assigned to the fire prevention job as a fire dispatcher with the Flathead National Forest. He contributed to the development of the fire management program, administered air contracts and coordinated with the State Division until he retired on Dec. 23, 1983. It was said that he possessed a "thoroughly professional approach

to fire dispatching and coordination, exceptional common sense, cool head, and just the right touch of stubbornness." During his young career, Arnold also served as the Assistant Chief for the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department.

Arnold could often be found working hard in his garden, golfing and fishing with his own lures and plugs on Flathead Lake for bull trout, whitefish, and perch. Arnold also went ice fishing for salmon on Bitterroot Lake as well as fishing throughout the state. Arnold was known for smoking fish. In the summer months, he worked at Eagle Bend as a golf marshal and later in the season, he tended carts.

When the Montana Athletic Club opened in 1991, Arnold and Yasuko would spend every morning going to the club to workout. In the past eight years, his spinal stenosis caused too much pain, but he would visit the club to read the paper and visit with the members. Following his workout, he would stop at Bigfork Harvest Foods for morning cards and coffee before going to the post office for his mail. In 2014, when the Flathead Lake Brewery Co. opened their doors, Arnold was there at open every day to enjoy a beer and conversation with the brewery crew and good friends. In honor of Arnold's 90th birthday, a special friend made an engraved bookmark, "It's not the years in your life, but the life in your years!" Arnold's piece of advice: "Once you get over the fear of dying, you can start to live."

Arnold is survived by his sons, Jim Aklestad of Great Falls and Pete Aklestad of Missoula;

daughter, Linda (Larry) Lockrem of Kennewick, Washington; daughter-in-law, Lori Aklestad of Great Falls; and his sister Hildreth Johnson VanBergh (100 years old) of Post Falls, Idaho. Arnold is also survived by granddaughters Dannelle (Kevin) Dyke of Great Falls, Jill (Jesse) Waldenberg of Great Falls, Lisa (John) Platt of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Lindsey (Kurt) Stone of Kennewick, Washington and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Yasuko Aklestad, his brothers Kenneth, Wilford and Marland, and his sisters Delora, Alvina and Lucille.

"We have had a good life and thanks to all who have made it possible." — Arnie

At Arnold's request, a private family interment with military funeral honors will be held at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. A celebration of life will be announced later.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available at www.johnsonmortuary.com. Memorial contributions may be made in Arnie's memory to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, 810 Grand Dr., Bigfork, MT 59911 or the Bigfork Booster Club, P.O. Box 204, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Barbara Louise (Burpee) Albertus, 94

Barbara Louise (Burpee) Albertus, 94, passed peacefully in her sleep of natural causes in Kalispell on June 17, 2020, surrounded by loving family.



Barbara was born Jan. 15, 1926, in Bellingham, Washington, to Briggs and Katherine Burpee. Her early childhood was spent on nearby Orcas Island where she developed a lifelong connection to the ocean and its beaches. Her family later moved to Roseburg, Oregon, where she attended school. She left for a few years, during which time she worked for Montgomery Ward in Oakland, California. She returned to Roseburg in 1946 where she worked as a telephone operator. It was there she was reacquainted with a childhood friend and wed Roy Albertus on May 26, 1949. They were married for 71 years and were friends for 84 years. They settled in Coquille, a small town near the coast.

During the years spent

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in Coquille, she reared six children and helped to build a home. She planted vegetable gardens, berries, raised chickens and pigs to help feed a growing family. She became a 4-H leader and was instrumental in growing the forestry program. She liked going to the beach with her family to search for glass balls that swept in during storms and to comb for seashells and agates.

In 1960, Roy's work took her and the family to Kalispell. She helped build a new home and grew other bountiful gardens that fed many in the area and that gave her great pleasure. Again, she became active in the 4-H community. She was a leader for 23 years including her service in Oregon.

As her children matured, her interests and involvement with the community also grew. She volunteered with the Red Cross, read to residents at what was then called the County Home, donated time at

Fair-Mont-Egan School and performed in plays at the community college. She was a congregant of the Episcopal church for many years.

She and Roy moved to Panama in 1973 for four years. It was an experience that expanded her worldview and demonstrated her resilience and tenacity. She learned Spanish and supported him during this new cultural work venture. It brought about a lifelong love for travel and adventure.

She continued to accompany Roy on work projects for the next 25 years, living in Kentucky, upstate New York and the Michigan peninsula. She and Roy continued to travel after his retirement and often vacationed with family.

She was a woman of many dimensions. She loved to dance and to play cards. She took great joy in helping others. She saw beauty in everyone and everything. She read her Bible daily wherein she derived a great spiritual calm and comfort. Her infectious laugh and quiet smile will remain with us forever.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Roy Albertus, of Kalispell; sister, Janet Porter, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; children, Rodney Albertus (Don Broad) of Kingman, Arizona; Kathleen Burke of Jordan, Minnesota; Michael Albertus of Kalispell; Arthur Albertus (Lois) of Grand Prairie, Texas; Patrick Albertus (Debra) of Klamath Falls, Oregon; and Tina Mauzey (John) of Kalispell; also 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

As per her wishes, there will be no memorial service. Rather than mourn her passing, she would want people to celebrate her life.

The family wishes to thank Home Options Hospice for their care and support during her final days. They also thank Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory for their courtesy and kindness.

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Herbert Albright, 81

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Herbert Albright, 81, of Kalispell, died at his home on Nov. 7, 2020, of natural causes.

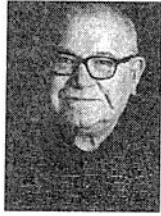
He was born in Butte to Herb and Bess Albright on March 10, 1939. He graduated from Butte High school in 1958 and married his high-school sweetheart, Bette Barker.

He moved to Great Falls and was employed by Fuller Paints as warehouse manager for seven years.

In 1966, along with Dale and Ted Howell, he moved to Kalispell and established Valley Glass. The business was successful and expanded to a new building and location. Further expansion came when they established stores in Helena, Polson and Whitefish.

Herb was the father of two sons, Keith and Neil, and one daughter, Cindy. He was very proud of the accomplishment of his children. Both Keith and Neil were involved in the Valley Glass businesses and Cindy is a high school teacher in Kalispell.

Being an active member of the Kalispell community was important to Herb. He was involved in Boy Scouts and Little League baseball in Evergreen. In later years, he was president of Kalispell Ski Club where he helped direct ski races on Whitefish Mountain. Herb's business expertise led him to serve on the board of directors for the Buffalo Hill Golf Club Association and Alpenglow Condominiums.



He was an avid supporter of the University of Montana Grizzlies, and was

a season pass holder for 50 years. Tailgate parties in Missoula with family and friends filled many fall weekends.

Family gatherings were spent floating and camping on the North Fork river along with time at the Thompson River cabins fishing and hunting. Being a grandfather was a delight and he loved to share his time and wisdom with each grandchild whether it was attending one of their sporting events or taking them on a special summer vacation.

Herb is survived by his wife of 62 years, Bette, and his daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Nick Jones; and grandchildren, Beau, Taylor, Emily and Austin. Herb's first great-grandson, Thompson Keith, was born in October.

Preceding Herb in death were his two sons, Keith and Neil, his parents, and his sister Claudia.

At his request and due to COVID, no services are scheduled. There will be a private family burial on Nov. 25 at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery when Herb will be interred beside his sons.

Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Beryl C. Alexander, 100

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Beryl C. Alexander, 100, passed away at the Brendan House on Nov. 17, 2020.

Beryl was born to William and Luda Dye on Oct. 9, 1920, in Belleville, Virginia.

She married Mr. William Alexander on May 18, 1938. Beryl loved her family and was an amazing great-grandmother. She will be

remembered by her chocolate cake — it was the best.

Beryl had an amazing love for her Lord and Savior.

A memorial service for Beryl will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Norman G. Allan, 88

Norman G. Allan, 88, died at North Valley Hospital on Dec. 9, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Allan, and his children, Debbie Allan and Vince Allan. Graveside services with

military honors will be held Saturday Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Lloyd Lester Allen, 90

Lloyd Lester Allen, 90, died Nov. 7, 2020, at his home in Dayton.

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

Richard Albrecht, 72

Richard Albrecht, 72, died Jan. 3, 2020 at his home in Columbia Falls. Arrangements are

being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for his family.

Charles Stuart ("Chef Stu") Hale Allen

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"He had a heart bigger than most, and he shared it with everyone he met."

Charles Stuart Hale Allen - "Chef Stu" - was born in Memphis on Sept. 15, 1961, to Dr. Chester Glenn Allen, Sr. and Jeanette Sencerbox (Hord) Allen. He was the youngest of four children.

When he was a child, Stu's mother came upon him salting and tasting the family dogs' food, the first hint of the brilliant, instinctive chef he would become.

In grade school, Stu met Jason Lee Peeples and Hugh Stewart ("Stew") Nunn, friends who became his brothers, and with whom he remained in touch for the rest of his life.

Stu graduated from Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School in Memphis. He held a master's degree in history from the University of Arizona ("Bear Down").

Shortly after university, Stu fully embraced his ever-present passion for cooking beautiful food, and began the dedicated and glorious pursuit of a career as a chef. He never looked back.

Stu's culinary career garnered him success and friendship in every corner of the continent: from Tucson, where he apprenticed under Chef Alma Vactor, to New Orleans, where he was chef de partie under Chef Emeril Lagasse; from New York, where he lived in the heart of Hell's Kitchen, to Juneau, where, between shifts, he walked the stunning beaches with his Bernese Mountain Dogs Laszlo and Vildy.

In Boulder in the 1990s, Stu reached pinnacles as general manager of the award-winning 15 Degrees, and as executive chef at the four-star Hotel Boulderado. Moving to Whitefish in 2001, Stu



began work at Whitefish Mountain Resort, first as general manager and chef at the Summit House, and later as chef de cuisine at Hellroaring Saloon and Eatery on The Big Mountain. His goal was to ski every day if possible, and, as in all things, Stu gave it his best.

Stu's passion for fly-fishing brought him to the paradise of Complete Fly-Fisher on Montana's Big Hole River, where he was executive chef during the summers of 2009 to 2011.

Around this time, Stu took a drive across the border into Alberta, and met Julie Smith, with whom he had been corresponding online. The visit went well. Stu moved to Crowsnest Pass in October 2011, and soon started working as director of food and beverage/executive chef at Castle Mountain Resort, sharing wisdom and mentoring the young staff who surrounded him. "He made a massive difference for many of us kids with his humour, passion, professionalism, and wonderful attitude," a former Castle colleague recently wrote.

Stu and Julie were married in Crowsnest Pass on Oct. 13, 2012, with Julie's adult children, Stephanie Neufeld and Madeline Neufeld, as attendants. In December 2015, Stu and Julie welcomed Niko, a nine-week-old Bernese Mountain Dog, to the family. Niko

became the honorary mascot and greeter at Castle Mountain, lapping-up the attention and giving love to all.

In 2019, Stu, Julie, and Niko moved to the municipality of Jasper, in Jasper National Park, and Stu began work as executive chef for Pursuit Banff Jasper Collection, at Maligne Canyon and Maligne Lake. He was excited to join this forward-thinking company, and to continue making magnificent food and mentoring younger chefs.

In early August, 2020, Stu was diagnosed with inoperable glioblastoma multiforme. "To face one's own mortality," Stu wrote, "is a very grim visage. To realize that there is still so much to do in life, so many differences to make, so many lives still to touch." Stu vowed to fight the tumour, which he likened to a renegade dumpling.

Stu underwent six weeks of focused radiation and concurrent chemotherapy at Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton. He never stopped believing in the fight, but he became very tired.

On Nov. 30, 2020, in a cozy palliative care room at Jasper Healthcare Centre, Stu breathed his last, with Julie, Stephanie, and Madeline caressing him and whispering their love.

The dumpling did not win. Stu's soul will shine forever.

Stu never hesitated to say, "I love you" to friends, colleagues, and family. His passions included feeding those he loved, historical tomes, the New Orleans Saints, rivers, mountains, loud and live music, and Hornitos, neat. He followed his heart and lived life to the fullest, with an outrageous, irreverent

sense of humour ("You can't have stupid without the Stu!") and a zest for life. We are all better people for having had our time on earth infused with his.

"I am the luckiest man alive right now, to be showered with Love and support from those around me," he wrote in mid-August. "The Love of my Life, our daughters, all of my friends collected in this beautiful and wondrous life that I have had the great fortune of living. I have had the great fortune of living in some of the world's most beautiful places and, as a Chef, had the rare opportunity to work with the most outstanding and cutting-edge pioneers in my field."

Stuart Allen will be forever cherished by his wife Julie Faye Smith-Allen; beloved stepchildren Stephanie Erin Neufeld and Madeline Shea Neufeld; soulmate Tailspin's Niko Heart in Pocket; mother-in-law Evelynne Harriet Smith; brother Lawrence H. (Gail) Allen; nephews Lawrence Chester (Jennifer) Allen and Daniel Palmer Allen; great-nephew Joseph Glenn Allen; sisters-in-law Nadene Elaine (Eric Gauthier) Smith and Marla Jean (Carmen Carnegie) Bryan; chosen brothers Jason Lee (Kerry) Peeples, Hugh Stewart (Andrea) Nunn; as well as by the many precious friends and colleagues he loved with all his heart. Stuart Allen was predeceased by his parents; his siblings Chester Glenn Allen, Jr. and Mary Celeste Allen; and by several Very Good Dogs.

Celebrations of Stu's life will be held, when safe to do so, in many of the places where his spirit lives on. Details will be

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Sammy Allick, 92



Sammy passed into the arms of his Lord on Dec. 2, 2020, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, due to complications from COVID-19. Sammy was born Oct. 18, 1928, on the family farm near Boone Trail, North Dakota, to Masada and Sam Allick.

He now joins parents Masada and Sam Allick, sister Maryann, baby brother, Joe, first wife, of 27 years, Grace Baxter, infant son Robert, second wife of 38 years, Beryl Buck, son-in-law, Art Anderson, and granddaughter Kelly Tsenovold.

After several tough years of working on the family farm, and at the age of 38, Sammy decided to move his family west to Montana. First stop, the big city of Wibaux, Montana, while he worked on the highway department as a heavy roller operator. After several months he moved the family to Scobey. A few months later, Sammy and wife Grace decided to move the family further west to be closer to her parents in Ronan. They ended up stopping in the thriving metropolis of Kalispell in 1965 where he went to work at the C&C plywood mill in Evergreen. He soon decided that he would rather get back into farming and went to work for the Grosswiler dairy farm.

Life was a challenge raising five children on a farm worker's wages, and then a house fire in 1968 didn't help the situation. The house, located in an inferno when an oil heater tank, at the back of the home, exploded, Sammy was blown through the rear wall and sustained severe burns. Sammy got up, walked to the front of the burning house, gathered Grace and his five children into the

family car and drove them to the Grosswiler main house three miles away, before passing out.

Friends and neighbors came upon the burning house and believed all had perished in the fire. The doctors were amazed that Sammy spent only six weeks in the hospital. The house was a total loss and starting over was all but overwhelming. With the help of friends and the local community, Sammy and Grace continued to provide for their family.

That house fire, while devastating to the Allick family, became one of the catalysts for creating the West Valley Volunteer

Fire Department. Sammy also became a West Valley volunteer firefighter for 10 years. He and his family were also members of the Stillwater 4-H club and Stillwater Grange for many years. Grace and Sammy continued together until 1978 when they decided to go their separate ways. In 1979, Sammy met the love of his life, Beryl Buck, while attending a dance at the Eagle's Club. They married in January 1980 and were together until her death in 2017. Sammy worked at the Grosswiler dairy farm for 38 years and four years for Kalispell Parks and Recreation when he finally retired at age 60. During this time, Beryl and Sammy lived on the Grosswiler farm until 1984 when they moved into their "new" trailer at Spruce Park, "down by the river," on the east side of Kalispell. They had a wonderful view of the river with Blaine

Mountains in the background. When it became too much for Sammy to take care of Beryl by himself, they decided they needed full time care for her and they both moved into the Heritage Place in April of 2017. Their next move was into the Brendan House in November of 2017, where Beryl passed away in December. Sammy was Beryl's lifelong caregiver and missed her terribly when she was gone. They described themselves as "just a couple of old farm kids." A few months after she passed Sammy commented that half of him had passed with her passing.

Sammy loved dancing, and enjoyed bingo, playing keno, playing cards, especially pinochle

when you only need two cards for your run ... that's what partners are for." He also had a passion for reading old Louis L'Amour Western novels. Sammy enjoyed visiting with anyone, as he never knew a stranger. If you were willing to listen, he would make the time to visit.

Sammy is survived by his sisters, Ruda Roe and Helen Baesler, and brother, Joseph (Bertha) Allick, along with his children, Roger (Pat) Allick, Doreen Marquet, Karen Fillion, Marilyn (Kathy) Allick, Steven (Leah) Allick, Sharon Anderson and Vivian (Frank) Williams. Sammy was blessed with 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Due to current health concerns there will be a private visitation Monday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and graveside services

at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Sammy's family wishes to express our appreciation for the tremendous efforts given by the outstanding staff at the Brendan House. They became Sammy's second family during this time of isolation and need. They continued to demonstrate unequalled passion in caring for him and were very pro-active in dealing with any changes that were needed while caring for Sammy. We are truly thankful for their heartfelt compassion.

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

Charles S.H. Allen (Cont)

provided on his Facebook page.

Donations in Stu's memory will be gratefully accepted at the Humane Society of Northwest Montana at https://

tinyurl.com/y2b7lfgg, the North Valley Food Bank https://tinyurl.com/y3yajp2s or at the charity of your choice.

Benona F. Anderson, 83

Benona F. Anderson, 83, died on May 30, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

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

Carroll 'Chuck' Anderson, 68

Carroll "Chuck" Anderson, 68, of Bigfork, died Saturday, June 13, 2020, at his home.

A private family gathering is being planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Daniel J. Anderson, 71

Daniel J. Anderson of Columbia Falls passed away on Sept. 17, 2020, at home with his family, at the age of 71.

A Montana native, Dan was an auto body repairman for many years. He was a volunteer with the local ambulance for eight years, then went to Flathead Valley Community College and obtained his paramedic license. For the next 11 years he was a paid paramedic with the same ambulance service. His love for Emergency Medical Services lead him to become a certified state instructor and tester. He taught many EMS classes here in the valley.

Dan's favorite saying "It's just another adventure" proved true. He raced motorcycles and then went on to stock car racing. Other adventures were boating, water skiing, camping, snowmo-



biling and four wheeling. He definitely loved life.

Survivors include his wife, Diane, of 51 years; sons, Daniel of Kalispell, and Darrin in Kansas; nine grandchildren; two great-grandsons; brothers, Tom and wife Deanna of Columbia Falls, and Andrew and wife Diane of North Dakota; and several nieces and nephews.

Dan was pre-deceased by his parents, Andrew and Cecelia; and sisters, Barbara Kimmet and her husband Bill, and Cathy Evans and her husband Stanley; and infant daughter, Sanna Lee.

Dan's request was for no services, instead a camping weekend of family and friends in September 2021.

Dorisan Anderson, 95

Dorisan Anderson passed away Sept. 13, 2020, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born June 27, 1925, in Poplar, Montana, to Carl and Anna Hill. She worked at the Fort Peck Dam during its construction and got her beautician's license.

On Oct. 18, 1948, she married the love of her life, Harry Anderson, and they soon moved to Bigfork. There, Dorisan opened her own beauty shop while Harry had his own trucking company. In 1945 she and Harry moved to Columbia Falls with two new family members, Kandy and Eric. Once again, she opened her own beauty shop. Jule and Theron were added to the family a few years later.

Dorisan was active in later years, enjoying

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her many artistic talents, including quilting and painting. Her paintings adorn the

walls of her children's homes and nights are warmer with the quilts she made for many throughout the years. She also was an avid fisherwoman and loved playing cards. She lived at the family farm until 2015 when she moved to the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by children, Kandy, Eric, Jule and Theron; and grandchildren, Cory, Keri, Josh, Christina, Cody, Justus and Tessa. There will be a private memorial service at a future date.

Ella Andersen, 94

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Ella Andersen (born Ella Reich) passed away in the early hours of July 8, 2020. She spent her last days with family and in her familiar home at Buffalo Hill Terrace. She lived a remarkable life and was cracking jokes even at 94. Her warmth, humor, and sense of perspective will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was tough, smart and adventurous.

She was born Feb. 24, 1926, in North Dakota, the third oldest of eight siblings, Esther, Florence, Ella, Frieda, Gilmer, Milton, Reuben and Rosemary. Her parents had immigrated there as part of an ethnic minority of Germans in what was then part of Russia, from along the Black Sea. Her ancestors had in turn moved to the Black Sea area only a few generations before, keeping their German language and religion as they went. Ella grew up speaking an old form of German at home and learned English at school.

When Ella was young, her parents moved the whole family to Hamilton, Montana. They all started out picking sugar beets there. They stayed for a while in the big barn where the beets were kept. Another family also lived there, on the other side of a sheet they strung up in the barn. Ella made it through eighth grade before leaving school to work. She and her two older sisters went to work in the shipyards in Bremerton, Washington, during World War II, doing welding and riveting work for the war effort.



decided to move to the Flathead. Ella was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran

Church in Thompson Falls and Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell. She was, in many ways, a classic Lutheran of that generation. Civic engagement and taking care of family was a central way to show one's feelings.

She loved traveling once she started doing it in early retirement. Ella traveled internationally with her sisters and daughters on different trips. One of her favorites was a trip to the Holy Lands and the Middle East. She loved taking Mystery Tours — she was open to any adventure. There was so much to see that was interesting, and traveling with great company was always fun, no matter the destination. Ella managed to see so much in Montana, the United States, and across the world, during those years when she finally got to scratch that travel itch. She even came along as kind of a band chaperone to watch grandkids play in the Flathead High School band on trips to Disneyland, Seattle and Edmonton, Alberta.

Ella cultivated a following of hummingbirds wherever she lived. In Thompson Falls, she was known to be able to put up a hand and have them land on her finger; they trusted her so much. She was a masterful quilter. She made a special quilt for each of her grandchildren as an heirloom. Quilting combined her skills at precise handwork with a kind of mathematical challenge in spatial rotation, and the end product keeps people cozy.

During World War II, as part of her church youth group, Ella started exchanging letters with a soldier named Walter Andersen. They connected, and when he returned to Hamilton, where his family also lived, it was a whirlwind courtship in person. They married shortly after Walt returned from the war, staying in Hamilton. Walt gave her the nickname "Shorty," and it stuck. She preferred to be called Shorty instead of Ella for most of her life.

In 1964, they moved to Thompson Falls where Walt worked for the Montana Power company dam. It took many generations, from Germany to the Black Sea, to North Dakota, to Montana, but Ella put down her roots. In one case, literally: Walt built her a house there in Thompson that encircled two living trees, growing from the foundation through the house and out the roof. Her youngest son, his wife and their two sons, still live in that house. She had chocolate chip cookies and snacks ready for her grandkids any day they stopped by after school.

Shorty took huckleberry picking as serious business in the woods. She also loved going for drives along the quiet back roads. She and her family spent many happy summers cutting firewood to heat the house and picking huckleberries to make pies through the winter. Her pumpkin and apple pies were made with produce from the lovely garden around the house. You could always ask for some huckleberry jelly.

Montana is where much of her family still lives. Walter Andersen passed away in 1991; Ella

She cooked many meals for extended family in Thompson Falls over the years. Feeding people was a main way she showed you she cared. In Kalispell, she discovered many great restaurants. Going out for lunch or dinner with kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids as they came to town was a favorite activity. There was so much good food to explore and she didn't have to do all the cooking herself — finally!

Those family members benefited from her listening, her understated support, and her down to earth approach. She wasn't going to sugar-coat things for you, but she was also on your side, cheering for you. She was proud when you found something that made you happy, even if it wasn't a normal path you wanted to walk. Grandma Shorty welcomed many new people into the family over the years as people got married and had children. There was room in her heart for everyone.

She is survived by all four of her children, Mary, Shirley, Vic and Dan, and their spouses Gary, Barb and Jeri; her grandchildren, Ron, Janice, Joanne, Melanie, Brad, Holly, Jacob, Derek and Lucas; and her 16 great-grandkids ranging from 7 to 28.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her memory to your local food bank.

— Written by Ella's granddaughter Holly Andersen

Mabel "Marie" Anderson, 76

Mabel "Marie" Anderson, 76, of Kalispell, died Jan. 28, 2020 at Hidden Meadows in Columbia

Falls. Arrangements are being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for her family.

Sherlyn Irene Anderson, 72

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With profound sadness we announce the passing of Sherri, our loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all who knew her. She left us while under hospice care on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.



reader, and loved her time in her many book clubs. She also enjoyed

her many years in The Crafti-Annas homemakers club, where she made many lifelong friendships. Sherri loved to make baby blankets out of hairpin lace. She made hundreds of them, and lovingly gifted them to anyone.

Sherri was the caretaker of our family, loving wife of 52 years to Jerry, and the kindest, most supportive mom to Cari and Dan. She doted on her grandchildren, and they adored her right back. Time with grammy was simply the best, from countless sleepovers with Gabi, to endless card games with Jaden and many trips to Idaho and Texas to see Richard, Brian, Trevin and Triston. She will forever be remembered as Super Gram.

Sherri's sweet smile is forever etched in our hearts, she will be deeply missed and remembered as the kindest woman we've ever known. We are comforted in knowing she was a believer of Jesus Christ and is now in heaven with him.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2021.

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.

Traveling was one of her passions. She took train rides to see the Seattle Seahawks in the Kingdome with friends; Connecticut, to visit Cari; Hawaii to visit Dan; several tropical vacations to Mexico with family and friends; and many trips to Texas to visit grandkids.

Sherri was an avid

Martha Christine Archer, 84

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Our beloved Christine Archer passed away Feb. 13, 2020, peacefully at her home in Kila surrounded by loved ones.



for helping others, her love for her children and grandchildren, Christine also enjoyed nature. She enjoyed gardening and landscaping with rocks and camping every hunting season with her husband and her brother Bill (who would visit from Arkansas). She spoke fondly of the many years that she her husband and brother enjoyed the outdoors. Christine also enjoyed travel. She would marvel at the unique beauty of different landscapes and how wonderful it was to see God's creation.

She was born April 13, 1935, in Pocahontas, Arkansas. She was the youngest child of Joseph and Martha Hoelscher. She attended St. Paul's Catholic School until her graduation in 1953.

In 1954 she married her husband William W. Archer. In 1961 she and her husband moved their family to Milpitas, California, where Bill found work in the plumbing trade. They lived there for 15 years and made a wonderful home for their family of four children. In 1976 they moved their family back to Pocahontas to Christine's family farm so that she could care for her father after her mother's death. She often recalled many happy times being with her family and friends on that beautiful, peaceful farm. In 1984 Christine and Bill moved to Montana where she resided with her husband until her death.

Christine was more than a wonderful wife and mother; she was the perfect example of kindness and love. Anyone who knew her will tell you that her beautiful, loving spirit shone through not only in her smile but also in her touch and everything that she did. Her kindness was not only limited to her family; she was extremely charitable and deeply touched by the pain and needs of others. Her charity and her earnest, devout prayers have helped many people.

Along with her passion

Christine is survived by her husband William W. Archer, her children Bill Archer Jr., James Archer and Magda Anderson, Robert Archer and his wife Jennifer, Rebecca Borden and her husband Stuart, and their many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, her siblings William "Bill" Hoelscher and John "Leo" Hoelscher, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Paul Martin Hoelscher, James Edward Hoelscher and Robert Mathew Hoelscher, her parents Joseph and Martha Hoelscher, and also her daughter-in-law Charlotte Archer.

Christine will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She saw the world through "childlike" eyes full of purity and innocence. She taught us to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the world around us. She also taught us the power of love! The greatest way we can honor her memory is to love and be kind to one another.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Margaret 'Martie' E. Jones Armstrong, 88

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Margaret "Martie" E. Jones Armstrong, 88, a loving mother and grandmother, passed away on Sept. 22, 2020.

Martie was born on May 6, 1932, in Spokane to Eli Jones and Alta Patterson Jones.

She enjoyed spending time watching her children and grandchildren's sporting activities, bowling, playing softball and watching basketball. Martie was also a member of the Whitefish Boat Club. She lived in

Whitefish for 50 years until moving to Columbia Falls in 2015.

She is survived by her children, Debra Armstrong of Piedmont, Oklahoma, sons Ronald (Maggie) Armstrong of Aloha, Oregon, Donald (Sue) Armstrong of Ogden, Utah, Randy (Leslie) Armstrong, Gail (Shorty) Shepard, Linda (Joe) Hutchens, and



Donna Bruner, all of Columbia Falls; son-in-law, Melvin Norgaard, of

Whitefish; 20 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Martie was preceded in death by her parents Eli and Alta Jones, husband Donald Armstrong, sister Maxine Jackson, daughter Maxine Norgaard, son Gordon Armstrong, grandson Shane Hankinson, and great-grandson Dakota Jetty.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Ross Oertel Armstrong, 96

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Ross departed on his final fishing trip Oct. 6, 2020.

He was born Nov. 21, 1923, to Tom and Margaret Armstrong in Kalispell. His parents managed the depot for the Great Northern Railroad in Essex and Summit. Ross and his sister Shirley spent their early years in the shadows of Glacier Park.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942. He then went to work for the railroad, until enlisting in the Army in 1943. Upon his discharge he returned to work for the Great Northern Railroad.

In 1952 he married Gen Nash. They raised their three daughters in Whitefish, which allowed



them access to the great outdoors. When not working

or raising his family, Ross could be found hunting, fishing, gardening and climbing up mountainsides. He fished and hunted from the Great Lakes to Alaska. Ross loved the outdoors and found his peace in nature. He shared his knowledge and many family memories were created from his passion for the outdoors.

Ross and Gen owned the Palace Bar during the 1970s and were active in the Moose Lodge where he enjoyed cooking. He retired from the Burlington Northern in

1986. Ross enjoyed traveling with Gen until her death in 1988.

He always dreamed of living on a lake and his dream became a reality when he moved to Glen Lake. His love of gardening created a serene oasis. At this time Ross welcomed his special friend Mona Shook and her family into his heart and family. Ross was a true Montana man. He could grow it, catch it, shoot it and prepare it for bountiful tables to share with family and friends. His quiet manner and sly humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Dad, no matter where we are, your spirit will always be beside us, as there is no expiration

date on the love between a father and his family.

Ross was preceded in death by his parents, sister, wife Gen, and Mona Shook.

He is survived by his three daughters, Vicki Gallo Whitefish, Colleen Armstrong of Ocean Shores, Washington, and Jackie Gray (Dennis) of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tom Gallo (Jessica), Mike Gallo, Amanda Fischer and Genna Gray; and great-grandchildren, Violet and Zoe Gallo and Lawton Williams.

At his request there will be no services.

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

Dorothy Bunker Artley

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 Dorothy Bunker Artley passed away in her sleep on May 16, 2020. She and her husband, Carvel R. "Bud" Artley, moved to Whitefish in 1992. Dorothy was born on July 25, 1920 in Yankton, South Dakota and passed away two months prior to her 100th birthday. She and her husband Bud were married in

1943 while he was attending flight school in the Army Air Corps and she became the wife of a career Airforce pilot for over 60 years. Dorothy is survived by her sons,

Donald of Florence, Douglas of Whitefish, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two daughters-in-law.

Robert Boyd Askelson, 84

Robert Boyd Askelson entered into the hands of his Lord on Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, at the age of 84.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents Olga Askelson and Patrick Murphy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jill Deanne Askelson; his beloved children, Brian



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 Mitchell Askelson (Denise), and Colleen McGuire; his brother, Ben Askelson; and his beloved grandchildren, Eric Askelson, Ashley McGuire, Stephanie McGuire Cadena (Jaron), Laura Askelson Kenders (Daniel), Jill McGuire, Anna Askelson, Ciara McGuire, and Elsa Askelson.

Services will be held privately by his family.

Services are entrusted to Sunset Funeral HomeWest, 480 N. Resler Drive, El Paso, TX 79912; www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net.

Denise Atchinson, 60

Denise Atchinson, age 60, passed away on June 5, 2020.

Denise was born on June 14, 1959 in Riverton, Washington, and graduated from Tumwater high school. She has been the manager at Forest Acres Mobile Home Park for the last 19 years.

She loved to spend hours in her yard tending to her lilacs and many garden beds. She loved making arts and crafts and was constantly giving them away trying to brighten other peoples day.

Denise was known to many as "grandma" in the community the "grandma" that always had popsicles and mints.

She was proud to have been baptized with her



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 daughter Christina and five grandchildren on December 22 of last year. She is now with her soul mate Rusty Atchinson. He preceded her in death in April of 2018.

She is survived by five children Christina Hull, Ryan Atchinson, Brian Bostwick, Mindy Atchinson and Wendy Vick, 24 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She often said: "Life is so short to take any moment for granted," and, "Always say c-ya, because goodbye means forever..."

So give dad a big hug and we will c-ya mom.

An open house celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 2-7 p.m. at 4870 U.S. Highway 93 S., #100.

Austin funeral and cremation services in Whitefish is caring for Denise's family.

William 'Bill' Dean Ayers, 67

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 Bill was freed from his suffering Jan. 2, 2020.

Bill spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley with a short stint in Germany while serving in the United States Army.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Jean, brother Jack, and sister Kelli.

He is survived by his mother, Dollie, of Columbia Falls; three brothers, Kirk of Port



Angeles, Washington, Don of Deer Lodge, Scott of Kalispell, and two sisters, Tracy of Libby and Sandra of Buda, Texas.

Bill loved to fish and spent most of his free time honing those skills.

Kirk Maxwell Atlee, 52

Kirk Maxwell Atlee, 52, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at Sacred Heart

Medical Center in Spokane due to COVID-19.

Harold David Avery

On Dec. 10, 2020, the world lost a good man.

Harold David Avery was born in Whitefish to Harold W. and Mary Hunt Avery, joining an older brother, Bruce. His family always called him David, but he would earn many names over his lifetime: Dad, Grandpa, Uncle Dave, and said more than once, call him whatever you would like, "just don't call him late for dinner." He would spend most of his growing up years in Whitefish, then he and his mother would move to Spokane. As a teenager and he would go on to graduate from Rogers High School. After his school years, Harold enlisted in the United States Navy. He would humbly speak little of his service years, although he was proud to have served his country. His adulthood would bring laborers work and the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) as their training director. He would have a lifelong career with the union and be honored later in his career by the naming of a training center after him located in Kingston, Washington.

He married his wife Nancy in Spokane and inherited two children with that union, Kim and Ray. He and Nancy would also have a daughter of their own, Heather. Later in life they would take on the raising of their grandsons Brandon, Aaron and Jordan. Heather blessed them with the addition of a granddaughter, Tiffany, who was the apple of her grandfather's eye. He was present when she took her first breath and she was with him when he took his last.

He spent many years in Ocean Shores, Washington, but his retirement plan was always to move back to Montana. Harold and Nancy at this point had gone their separate ways,



and he would move to Libby to be near his brother. His remaining years were spent enjoying the beauty of his beloved

Montana, sharing stories with his family and friends. His brother and he had a special bond and they both enjoyed being closer to one another in their later years.

Harold always loved dogs, and greatly enjoyed the companionship of his four-legged friends. When his beloved Poppers met his end, he, after a few months, made the announcement he was going to the shelter to adopt a dog, a small dog; he missed having one in the house. He came home with a 100-pound moose of a dog; when asked why he would choose that big guy, the dog came with a story and after he heard it he said, "I had to take him, who else would have him?" They turned out to be wonderful, gentle, loving companions for each other in his last years. He named him Friend.

His son, Ray would join him three years ago to help him navigate all the chores of home and yard and together they enjoy one another's company; they loved watching football, most especially the Seahawks. Ray was his tireless companion and loving caregiver, and he was much appreciated by his dad.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his children, Kim, Ray and Heather, his grandchildren, Brandon, Aaron, Jordan and Tiffany, his brother Bruce, and nieces, Tammy and Shannon.

No services are planned.

Kenneth George 'Ken' Avison, 75

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Kenneth George Avison, "Ken," of Polson, died on Aug. 26, 2020, due to complications from cancer.

Ken was born in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to Frances McDougal and George Avison on June 5, 1945. When Ken was 8 years old he found his love for the art of magic and performed 100s of shows with his faithful assistant Dorothy, his sister. He has performed thousands of shows, 500 birthday party shows alone in the 17 years The Cove has been open.

Ken was an avid musician as well, the drums being his instrument of choice. He played in several bands, including Paul Revere and the Raiders as well as The Fendermen. When he was with The Fendermen they had a huge hit called "Muleskinner Blues" that has been covered several times, most notably by Dolly Parton.

During this time, he was also an avid hockey player (goalie) and got picked to play in the NHL. The day of signing he snapped his leg and that dream went out the window.

He had a long career as a school administrator, both as a principal and superintendent, touching many young lives. He was given the nickname "Radar" because of his uncanny way of hearing and seeing everything, resulting in no one getting away with anything in his school. His mother, when visiting him at one of his schools, would ask if he was really in



charge or if he was pranking her and was actually the janitor. This had to do

with it taking more than seven years to finish high school due to his pranks and rock and roll lifestyle!

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers-in-law Tom Vert and Darrell Sutton and several good friends.

Ken is survived by his wife of 50 years, Tami; his sons, Jason, Kevin (Aimee), and Ryan Avison; his sister, Dorothy, of Sherwood Park, Alberta; many nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law, Chris Vert of Seattle and Steve Vert of Polson; and sister-in-law, Sadie Vert of Minnesota; and grandchildren, Christian, Declan, Lex, Nate, Zane and Zander.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Lake Funeral Home. A vigil and sharing will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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