

## Bret Bachteler, 51

Bret Bachteler, 51, of Columbia Falls, died at his home Friday, Oct. 23, 2020.

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

## Michael Bahr, 67

Michael Bahr, 67, died at his home in Columbia Falls on Jan. 6, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca, and children Naomi Bahr and

Caleb Bahr.

Services will be held later this year.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Delores Baker, 89

Delores Baker, 89, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 5, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held in Wolf Point. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Clayton and Stevenson Memorial Chapel are caring for the family.

## Lillian Lena Johanna Baller, 96

Lillian Lena Johanna Baller, 96, died on July 28, 2020, at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

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

## Gary W. Barlow, 65

Gary W. Barlow, 65, died July 14, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## Thomas William Bates, 83

Thomas William Bates passed away on Dec. 24, 2020, in Bigfork after a short illness. He was 83.

Tom was born June 24, 1937, in Ely, Minnesota, to Dorothy and William Bates.

After graduating from Albert Lea High School, Tom joined the Navy, served admirably and was honorably discharged. With the help of the G.I. Bill, Tom attended Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics.

After graduating from college in 1962, Tom started his career working for the Glidden Paint Company in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1964, Tom moved his wife Judi and young son Brent to Pleasant Hill, California, where he took a job with American Building Maintenance Company (ABM). It was at ABM that Tom would meet some of his closest and lifelong friends. Tom then took a job as Comptroller of a mid-sized Richmond, California manufacturing plant named Veriflo. Subsequently, Tom and two partners would purchase Veriflo from the existing owners and operate the firm until 1998 when the partners sold Veriflo to Parker Hannifin Corporation.

Tom then headed to Ashley Lake, Montana, to retire, where he had fished and hunted for years. He built a log home (and subsequent boat house) on 50 acres on the shores of Ashley Lake for the enjoyment of his family and friends.



During his time in Montana, Tom purchased and sold, among other things, a brewery (Lange Creek) and a

restaurant, Hilltop Hitching Post, both located in Marion. He enjoyed working on his estate on Ashley Lake, spending his days cutting down trees, landscaping, maintaining the structures and clearing land.

It was in Montana that Tom met some incredibly good friends, too many to mention individually. We personally want to thank each and every one of those friends for their kindness, sincerity and generosity. It was in the last few years that Tom's Montana friends displayed their devotion and helped him out anytime he needed support (whether he wanted help or not!). Tom was equally devoted to his family and friends, and it is this devotion, kindness and empathy that will forever define his legacy.

Tom was preceded in his death by his daughter Kelly Bates. Tom is survived by his son Brent; daughter-in-law Jennifer; grandchildren Jett, Maddy and Blake; and his sister Karen Lamey.

A tribute to his life will be held in late July or early August at his estate on Ashley Lake. Details to come.



## William Thomas Baird

William Thomas Baird was the first child of Mattie Morris Baird and Alva C. Baird of Missoula. He was born in 1925 in St. Patrick's Hospital. Alva served in World War I, and then earned his law degree at the University in Missoula. When the IRS offered the young Montana attorney a position in Washington, the family headed East. Shortly after, Alva was transferred to Los Angeles where the family spent the rest of their lives. There a second boy, Thomas (now deceased) and a girl, Nan, were born.

On graduating from Los Angeles High School in 1943, World War II was raging. Will enlisted in the Army Air Corps, serving as a radio man. Following his discharge, he enrolled at UCLA, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree. He joined Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate, and enjoyed many happy, successful years there before leaving to



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start his own business.

Will married Lourdes Gillespie in 1956. They had three children, Tom, Maria and John. When the children were in

their early teens their parents divorced.

In 1976 Will and Margaret Fay both happened to attend a benefit event at his daughter's high school, which was also the school where Margaret had taught for many years. Two years later they married. For Will, Los Angeles had been home for 66 years, yet fond memories of Montana and its relative calm, beauty, and family ties called him back. So, in 1991 the Bairds built their semi-retirement home in the beautiful Flathead. Will closed his L.A. office, and worked

thereafter from his new home, with lots of support from Dick Buchanan, the computer expert at Byte Savvy!

Life in Montana opened a new chapter in their lives: Will found great friends in the Lakeside Coffee Group; they enjoyed skiing the Big Mountain and Blacktail; and went on a pack trip and fishing in the Bob Marshall. Having been a lifelong Rotarian in Los Angeles, Will was delighted to discover the Kalispell Noon Rotary, and attended until the week before his death. Over the years, he served on the Flathead Lakers and the Lakeside County Water and Sewer board. He loved and supported the Glacier Symphony, Flathead Valley Community College, the hospital, and numerous other organizations in the valley.

When Will, at 91, decided he wanted to join the Catholic Church, Father Craig Hanley, pastor at St. John Paul II, and a man

Will deeply admired, welcomed him and baptized him. Often, Will would say, "That was one of the best things I ever did!"

Two years ago, a long fight with pneumonia took a serious toll on his health. This Feb. 22 pneumonia struck again. He was hospitalized at The HealthCenter for three days before he succumbed, peacefully, with Margaret and his daughter Maria at his side on Feb. 24, 2020. Will leaves three beloved children, Tom (Deirdre) of Sherman Oaks, California, Maria (George) of Berkeley, California, and John of Petersburg, Alaska; also, his cherished grandchildren, Caitlin and Dylan Baird, and Teresa and Joseph Cotsirilo; and his dear sister, Nan Baird in Kalispell, and his much loved wife, Margaret.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John Paul II Church, Bigfork, at a future date to be announced.

## Jacqueline Ann Bain, 70

Jacqueline Ann Bain, 70, of Yuma, Arizona, passed away Monday, March 2, 2020, in the loving presence of her husband Oakford and sons Jason and Robert.

Jackie was born Dec. 29, 1949, in Salt Lake City but spent her younger years in Kalispell. She graduated



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from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Social Welfare degrees. She later earned a Bachelor of Science in Primary Education degree at Fresno State University and taught elementary school in Fresno, California.

Jackie moved with husband Oakford and son Robert to Yuma in 2002 where she taught school in Yuma School District 1 and Crane Elementary School District. Following

retirement, Jackie was an avid volunteer at both Yuma Regional Medical Center and later for the Yuma Main Library.

Jackie enjoyed reading and participating in book clubs, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Jackie was predeceased by her father James and mother Mary Gardner.

She is survived by husband of 49 years Oakford, son Robert of Yuma, and son Jason (Melissa), and grandchildren Stella and Jackson. Jackie is also sur-

vived by brothers James, Bill and Michael, and by sisters Bonnie, Linda, Marilynne and Colleen.

A memorial service will be held at Yuma Mortuary, 775 S. 5th Ave., on Tuesday, March 10, with public viewing from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and services to follow at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Please sign the guest-book at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/yumasun](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/yumasun).



## Spencer Riley Bain, 17

P.A. 13 May 2020

Spencer Riley Bain, age 17, passed away on May 6, 2020.

Spencer was born on April 21, 2003, to Randy Bain and Megan (Poole) Walker, in Kalispell.

Spencer grew up in Kalispell. He attended Edgerton Elementary School followed by his high school years at Glacier High School. Spencer Riley Bain was a vibrant young man with a quick smile and a quicker wit. He had limitless creative energy, which he poured into telling jokes, pulling pranks and being goofy just to make others laugh. He dreamed of a future in engineering or aviation and invested countless hours into flying, deconstructing, and rebuilding drones and remote-controlled planes, making improvements or completely redesigning them. Give him anything electronic, and he could disassemble and rebuild it in some new, unusual way. His little brothers were his copilots, and he loved adventuring with them and turning cardboard boxes into castles and race cars for them to play in. Spencer especially loved speed, and his hobbies tended to include it—snowboarding, dirt biking, four wheeling, running and collecting speeding tickets—most



of which he enjoyed with his family, friends and dog, Jackson. He was also pas-

sionate about music, spending many hours at the piano, in his car with the sound system cranked up and walking through the neighborhood with his earbuds. He scribbled lyrics down on anything he could find and sang to his friends in the car.

Spencer was constantly on the hunt to find the ultimate sour candy and conquer it. Seafood nights were the highlight of dinners. At times, he wandered into the kitchen to experiment with smoothies, make a single bowl of ice cream from scratch or invent some strange concoction that he and his cousins dared each other to try—or tried to trick his mom into eating.

Of course, he also had his serious side: Spencer had a heart for other people, and he was always prepared to help out anyone who needed it, whether with a smile or a couple bucks. He couldn't stand to see anyone lonely or struggling, and he made it a point to reach out because he believed everyone should

have someone kind and uplifting looking out for them. He wasn't afraid to meet and talk to new people (especially when his plane was stuck on their roof).

He was a wonderful son who loved his parents and made them proud every day. He was a thoughtful, one-of-a-kind brother; a favorite cousin and best friend; and a treasured grandson and nephew.

Spencer is preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Margaret and Richard Trame; Herb and Vivi Poole; Don and Vivian Hartman; and Art and Dorothy Bain.

Spencer survived by his parents, Megan and Lance Walker of Kalispell and Randy and Katie Bain of Hawaii; his brothers, Bexton, Ganton, Tristan and Jaxon; his grandparents, Kathy and Scott Fraser, Daryl Bain, Deb and Nik Szalay, and Beverly Verworm; his aunts and uncles, Jamie and Cory Fuch, Sarah and Jeff Yerkes, Ryan and Rosie Fisher, Kristie and Walter Keathley, Dennis and Susan Bain, Jessa Szalay, Courtney Szalay, Ian Szalay, Michon Tankink, and Hannah and Cameron Kauffman; and cousins Zach, Kylie, Declan, Chella, Dawson, Cheyenne, Nate, Maddie,

Quincy, Thai, Paschence, Allie, Myles, Dylan, Jayce, Avery, Chloe, Reese, Noah and Randy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date this summer. A private family graveside service will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please send donations to Kalispell School District (5) in Spencer's name to assist youths in need.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family

## Greggory Andrew Bancroft, 25

Greggory Andrew Bancroft, 25, of Polson and the Flathead Valley, unexpectedly passed away



Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020.

Greggory was born April 9, 1994, to Leah Hancock and Andrew Bancroft in Kalispell.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 2013.

Gregg loved fishing, hunting, camping, travel, good food, hot babes, family, helping people and spending time with his family and friends. He was a practical joker and had people in gut-wrenching laughter often.

Welcoming Gregg to heaven are maternal uncle, Keith Hancock-Allen, formerly of Minnesota; paternal grandparents, Bonnie and George Bancroft, formerly of Martin City; maternal great-grandmother, Verona Harshbarger; maternal great-aunt, Glenda Harshbarger-Albert; great-uncles Charles and Thomas Baker; and many other loving friends and family.

Survived by his heart-broken mother of only

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 Gregg, Leah (Justin) Pulse, of Polson; father, Andrew Bancroft, of Martin City; paternal sisters, Andrea and Jessica Bancroft, Heather and Kelsie Ronnie and their children; maternal grandparents, Debra and Ed Hancock of Roswell, New Mexico, and Michael Baker of Martin City; maternal aunt, Jennifer (Calvin) Selvey and daughter of Billings; maternal uncle, John (Nicole) Hancock and children of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; and maternal uncle, Timothy (Tasheena) and children of Edinburg, Texas. Paternal uncles whom he spent much time with are Duane and Robert Bancroft of Martin City, Willy Bancroft of Sunnyside, Washington, and David Backen and paternal aunt Jamie Bancroft of Malta. Gregg was loved and spent much time with too many to list — great aunts and uncles and cousins. He is also survived by too many lifelong good friends to list.

A celebration of life will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Martin City Fire Hall/Leitz Hall. For the potluck dinner please bring your favorite food that Gregg loved.

## Suzanne Gail Kasch Bare, 84

Suzanne Gail Kasch Bare, 84, passed away on July 5, 2020.



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 She was born to Rachel and Clarence Kasch on Dec. 23, 1935, in Buffalo, New York. Suzanne's father was in the military, so they moved a lot. She graduated from Frederick High School in Frederick, Maryland, in 1953.

Suzanne worked from the time she was 15 years old and held some meaningful positions including attending college classes and seminars. Suzanne was married and

divorced. She leaves four children — three daughters, one son, and several relatives.

Suzanne wrote her own obituary adding: The oldest daughter, Jo Anne, and her husband Michael Crummitt unselfishly supplied me both emotionally and financially during my illness with cancer. I thank the medical staff at Brendan House for the care in my final years. Auf wiedersehen.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Emily Lynn Mohler, 42, and Piper Jocelyn Barge, 3

On June 30th of 2020, Emily Lynn Mohler, her lovely 3-year-old daughter, Piper Jocelyn Barge, and a dear friend, Cody Nevins, left this earthly realm in a tragic incident of domestic violence.

Emily is survived by her loving parents, Tom and Jan Mohler; her remaining children, Haakon Zander (Kenzie), Tully Zander, Isaiah Diafos, Marley Barge/Mohler, and Quinton Zander (Rebecca); her three brothers, Josh Mohler (Mandy), Isaac Mohler (Lexi), and Sam Mohler (Cora); as well many, many other friends and family.

Emily was born on Dec. 6, 1977, in Kalispell to Tom and Jan. Her older brother Josh was excited to have a sister in addition to two more brothers, Isaac and Sam, who arrived later on. At a young age she was very interested in horses and the outdoors. The latter being an indicator of the major influences



throughout the rest of her life. She attended Bigfork High School, graduating in 1996. Always the athlete, she competed at the varsity level in nearly everything a small high school had to offer.

After graduation, she moved on to study photography, jewelry and goldsmithing at Flathead Valley Community College. She was an avid photographer who shot professionally in the area for nearly 20 years. For the past several years, she was a ski guide and photographer for Great Northern Powder Guides. In addition to her photography, she was a talented artist who created

stunning jewelry found at many Montana artisan fairs.

Emily's love of the outdoors permeated her very existence. She lived the life of the liberated, non-traditional mother, free from the constraints of others' opinions. Whether hanging by the lake with her lovely children, skiing in the Montana backcountry or dancing to an indie band in Whitefish, she always brought her extraordinary energy and free spirit. Not one to sit back and watch, she dove headlong into every moment, every adventure, every inclination of her heart; she moved in rare air.

This tragedy of domestic violence also claimed the life of her youngest daughter, 3-year-old Piper. All of Emily's children were the love of her life. Little Piper, the youngest, was an absolute beam of sunlight. Piper's life was stolen before it had hardly begun.

The number of those

affected by this tragic event is large; Emily's sphere of influence was vast. This event painfully lingers with no end in sight. What will shine forever brighter, are the memories of our beloved sister and her little girl. She moves through all of us, her blue eyes radiating behind her eager smile.

Our hearts will be forever broken by this tragedy, and in that brokenness, we ask others feeling trapped in abusive relationships to know that they are not alone. Local and national domestic violence agencies can provide additional resources and offer safety planning and support to other brave souls attempting to leave the dangerous clutches of an abusive person. National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233; Abbie Shelter (Local): 406-752-7273.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Laura Barrera-Lipe, 70

Laura Barrera-Lipe, age 70, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2020 after battling cancer for over a year, two aggressive leukemias.

She was born and raised in Michigan, moved to Southern California, where she met her wonderful husband of 23 years. They moved to Montana in 2004, loving the wilderness and all

the creatures that make it so. They sold their "private piece of heaven" in Eureka and moved to Bigfork to be closer to treatment.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bill Lipe, and incredible sister, Gail Hoefflin, out of Ohio. She leaves behind many memories of her acts of kindness, grace, thoughtfulness, unconditional love,

inner-strength, and an unwavering love for God.

She has requested to be cremated, with no funeral or church service. Condolence cards are welcome to be sent to her husband; Bill Lipe, 1107 Boat Club Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

## Dennis Nello Bartolini, 75

Dennis Nello Bartolini, 75, of Kalispell died May 14, 2020.

No services are being held at this

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

## William "Brad" Barton, 57

William "Brad" Barton, 57, of Kalispell died Jan. 26, 2020 in Kalispell. Brad is survived by his wife Amy and his children.

Private family services are being held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Mary Lou (Gilbertson) Basham, 91

Mary Lou (Gilbertson) Basham, 91, of Thompson Falls, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

Mary Lou was born to parents Mary Elizabeth (Bondurant) Gilbertson and George Clarence Gilbertson on March 12, 1929, in the family's three-room cabin on a homestead outside of Kalispell. Mary Lou was the second child born, following a sister, Amelia Mae, just 13 months before. The family went on to have nine children, with the sixth child born into the three-room cabin home.

Mary Lou married John "Jack" Edward Basham on Aug. 17, 1947. Her beloved Jack died in August this year, nine days before their 73rd wedding anniversary. Four other couples made up of friends and a cousin were also married in the same timeframe as Mary Lou and Jack; Vernon and Thelma Johnson, Don and Betty Trankle, Bob and Dode Blake, all of Kalispell, and Gale and Charlene Warren of Polson. These five couples were constant companions and in later years got together once a year in order to celebrate and maintain their strong, lifelong friendships.

She is survived by three children, daughters Jacklyn Lou Rossing (Steve) and Susan Diane Neville, and son Michael Dean Basham (Marshanna). Mary Lou had seven grandchildren, Jessica Dawn Gravlee (Billy), Eric Zachariah Hensyel (Gabrielle), Dana Alia Hensyel (Jonathan), Arielle Nicole Hensyel (Attila), Samantha Ashley Basham (Joel), Katelynn Marie Mosher (Cody), and Parker Jack Basham (Micah); 14 great-grandchildren and numerous *nieces and nephews*. Three of Mary Lou's siblings are living; Teddy Ray Gilbertson (Donna) of Kalispell, Lawrence A. Gilbertson (Marie) of South Carolina, and



John Edward "Jack" Basham; her parents; siblings, Amelia Mae Tilton, Margaret J. "Peggy" Burgess, Harold B. Gilbertson, Clarence LeRoy Gilbertson and Jimmy Gene Gilbertson; and brothers-in law, Lloyd Tilton, Jesse Burgess and Larry McMillan.

She attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse, with five of her nine fellow students being siblings. She graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell, having completed a business program preparing for a secretarial and bookkeeping career. She excelled in bookkeeping, following in her father's footsteps who kept books for many businesses around Kalispell while also tending their small farm. While in high school, she was hired by Armstrong Insurance Agency, earning pay along with high school credit. This job continued long after grad-

uation. Her bookkeeping skills were instrumental in opening Clark Fork Gas Service with husband, Jack, after they decided on Thompson Falls to make their home.

She was predeceased by her husband, Janice Kay McMillan of Chandler, Arizona.

Mary Lou volunteered her skills for the many organizations she belonged to. She was secretary/treasurer for Community Congregational Church for decades. She was secretary for Women's Club for many years. She was hired as secretary for the school board in Thompson Falls and worked through the completion of the new high school built in 1972. The church was a big part of Mary Lou's life. She sang in the choir and worked on many committees throughout the years. Because of this, and in honor of her parents' 60th wedding anniversary, daughter Jacki created a stained-glass panel for the narthex of the church.

Burial is Monday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. at Whitepine Cemetery. The family plans on a celebration of life in the spring, weather and pandemic permitting.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to Community Congregational Church of Thompson Falls.

## Lester D. 'Jim' Basham, 81

Lester D. "Jim" Basham, 81, died on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, at his home in Libby of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby.



## Kathleen Elinor Bauer, 78

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Kathleen Elinor Bauer, 78, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, in Whitefish.

Kathie was born in Billings in 1942 and grew up there. She attended Carroll College and the Sisters of Charity School of Nursing and enjoyed a long career as a registered nurse, including 28 years working at the Flathead Outpatient Surgery Center in Kalispell.

In 1966, she met her husband of 52 years, Dave. A few years later they moved to Polson and then to Whitefish in 1979 where she spent the rest of her life.

Kathie was preceded in death by her father, Floyd; her mother, Lena;



and siblings Ray, Charles, Margaret, Loren, Carl and Ellen.

She is survived by her husband, Dave; sister, Anna Lee; and children, Maisie (Greg), Jann (Jeff), Patrick (Kimberly) and Mike (Stacey); as well as eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish on Friday, Feb. 14, at 11 a.m.

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

## Roy W. Bauska, 76

*PAG 20 Dec 2020*  
Roy W. Bauska was born Sept. 16, 1944, in Kalispell to Lester and Camilla (Metcalf) Bauska.

He died on Nov. 8, 2020, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Seattle. About five years ago, he was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic prostate cancer. He was able to live an active life, until a few weeks ago, when the cancer pain took him to the VA Hospital. He was confirmed with COVID-19, and spent two weeks in ICU until his death on Nov. 8.

Roy grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. He worked various jobs in town, then moved to Seattle and worked briefly at Boeing. After being in the National Guard Reserves, he joined the Army. He was a proud veteran with 26 years of service. Duty assignments took him to Texas and Germany, where he spent 16 years. While there, he became an ardent "volkswalker," and walked all over



Europe, visiting eight countries. After retiring from the military in 1990, he worked various jobs in the Edmonds and Seattle area. He became

an active member of four walking clubs: his "home" club, Sound Steppers, Surrey Trekkers (Canada), Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association (Puyallup, Washington), and Capitol Volkssporting Club (Olympia, Washington). He enjoyed the challenges presented, both in distance and number of walks. He completed sanctioned walks in 46 states, and walked a distance of twice around the globe. He especially valued the friendships with fellow walkers that he developed over the years.

Roy was a very sociable man, who enjoyed

time with friends, playing pool, darts and cribbage. He followed all the major professional sports teams, was a great Seahawks fan, and had an extensive record collection, including many genres from country western to light classical. He was second to none in Trivial Pursuit, especially the sports category. Over the years he was in Germany, he accumulated a large collection of German beer steins. He collected anything bison-related, such as pictures and statues.

One of his favorite pastimes at Christmas was to play Santa Claus at his walking clubs' parties, and at O'Houlie's Pub. He would write cards to 300-plus of his friends and acquaintances and distribute them. For many years he would also prepare Christmas gift sacks for each person.

Roy is survived by his sister, Leslie Millspaugh, brothers Jack and Greg, son John, grandsons Jonathan and Josh, and great-grandchildren Kilah and Tyler.



## Arthur 'Art' Duane Baumann, 83

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Arthur "Art" Duane Baumann passed on July 30, 2020, at the age of 83, after a long battle with Parkinson's.



Art was a quiet observer of people, with a quick wit. He was easygoing and could make you laugh with his wry observations.

Art was born in Conrad, Montana, on Nov. 20, 1936, to John and Norma Baumann and raised as the youngest of 10 children, three who passed at birth. He grew up farming and enjoyed riding a horse to school. As a teenager he worked at a gas station during the summers. He went on to attend Northern College in Havre where he studied teaching and auto mechanics. Shortly after he graduated, he met his sweetheart, Genevieve Sirucek, who was also attending college at Havre. When she graduated, they got married in Bigfork on June 23, 1962.

They both taught school in Fairfield, which ended up becoming a turning point in their lives. A student of Art's sent the Latter-day Saints missionaries to their door, which ended with them joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The gospel was a leading influence in their lives.

ward and stake levels. He retired the same year his youngest son graduated from high school. The next several years he took on various jobs helping supplement retirement. They considered themselves fortunate when the opportunity came and they were able to serve the Lord for two years in the Mississippi, Jackson Mission. In their later years they were able to enjoy their time with their children and grandchildren. He had a passion for genealogy that he shares with his older daughter Roselle. Together they have mapped a family tree tying together many generations.

Arthur was humble while filling a life full of service. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, church leader and community member. He was loved by family and friends alike. He touched the lives of many and was a quiet anchor for those that were close to him.

Arthur was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Genevieve Sirucek Baumann; his parents John and Norma Baumann; and his siblings James, Vern, Verna, Mavis, Burke, John "Jack", James "Jim", Elizabeth "Bettie" and Bruce.

He is survived by his children, Roselle and Mike Harney, Debbie and Andy McKane, Duane and Barbi Baumann, and Benj and Mindy Baumann. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

ing as a Boy Scout and Cub Scout leader over the years, and serving as clerk at church on

Looking for adventure, they moved to Alaska where both Roselle and Debbie were born. They taught school while there and during summers worked on a fishing boat and in the canneries. Wanting to own their own farm, they eventually moved to Minnesota where Duane was born. They had a small dairy herd while there. Montana beckoned them home and they moved back to Great Falls where Art was offered a teaching job at an automotive college. Benjamin "Benj" was born there, being the youngest of their children. Feeling prompted to take a teaching job at Flathead High School, they later moved to Kalispell.

During his 17 years teaching auto mechanics and drafting, he was able to take students to "Trouble Shooting" competitions, twice going to nationals. In 1992 he won Valvoline Montana Automotive Teacher of the Year. He was active in church and community, helping coach Little League while the boys participated, volunteer-

A viewing will be held on Saturday morning, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. at Darlington Cremation and Burial Service's Funeral Home at 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell. Graveside services and interment will follow at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. Lawn chairs are recommended as seating is not available at the graveside.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Art and his family.

## Juanita Bays, 67

Juanita Bays, 67, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020.

She is survived by her two sons, Dusty and Michael Bays.

No services are being planned. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.



## Carl Banik 76

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On Oct. 3, 2020, Carl Banik lost his 10-year battle with heart failure peacefully at home surrounded by the wife he idolized and the daughters he adored.



Ronda and Carl married 42 years ago, and from then on where there was a Carl, there was a Ronda; and where there was a Ronda, there was a Carl.

A true professional, Carl was an entrepreneur. In their early years together, Carl and Ronda ventured into the

restaurant business, and later on bought a small advertising agency in Great Falls, which they built into a large, regional marketing firm, Banik Communications.

Carl loved fast cars and airplanes. He drove fast cars, and he read and knew everything about airplanes from the Wright Brothers to today's jumbo jets, and because Ronda wouldn't let him buy an airplane, he fantasized about the plane he would someday own.

To Carl, friends were important, and he was blessed to have many. Friendships he made lasted a lifetime. Too numerous to count, the value of

each friend was immeasurable to Carl.

Carl is survived by his wife Ronda, his daughters KC and KayDee (Sahil), his brother Paul Banik (Shelly), and his brother-in-law Jim Farrell (Max).

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Joy Banik of Shelby.

His family is planning an outdoor celebration of Carl's life on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 202 Beach Road, Bigfork, from 2 to 5 p.m. Masks and social distancing will be appreciated.

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

## Lester Austin Barnett, 65

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"Cresting the ridge I hear a shot ring out. Dad got one. I see him heading down the draw. We meet by the large body of a 6-point buck.



the hills and forests of the Flathead over Glacier

Resting his hand on the shoulder of his kill, Dad says, 'He gave his life for ours this winter.'"

Born on Oct. 25, 1955, to George and Carol Barnett, Lester Austin Barnett was an outdoorsman. His early years were molded by hard work and play on the family ranch in Ovando, Montana, and then moving to the Flathead Valley at the age of 9; Les taught always his love for nature and the conservation of our public land through proper stewardship. Hunting, fishing, hiking and camping were regular activities for

our family. Les and his wife Michele kept a garden, picked berries and gathered wood for winter with their two boys Brandon and Justin. Les rode his Harley through

and across Montana with his fellow bikers.

Les served his country proudly as an ordnance man aboard the USS Nimitz from 1974 to 1978. After his tour, he returned to Montana beginning work at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls where his father worked.

Les is survived by his wife Michele Barnett, their son Justin Barnett, and grandchildren, Ashley, Evan and Isaac of Kalispell, and their son Brandon Barnett and grandchildren Noam, Asher, Netiyah, Aziza, David and Lev who live in Israel.

Les's last day on this Earth was Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. May our memories of him be a blessing to us all. We will have a tree planting memorial in the spring on our property.



## Dewitt Clinton "Duke" Beattie III, 74

Dewitt Clinton "Duke" Beattie III, 74, died Dec. 20, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

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

## George Dennis Beaudoin, 79

George Dennis Beaudoin went to golf heaven on June 12, 2020, with his family by his side.



Dennis was born Oct. 24, 1940, to George and Leone Beaudoin in Wenatchee, Washington.

He attended high school in Brewster, Washington, graduating in 1958.

Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas. After serving four years he was honorably discharged in 1962.

He obtained his commercial pilot's license with his VA grant.

He attended Seattle Tech, studying accounting.

Dennis married his wife of 56 years, Margaret "Pegi" Mantei, on Aug. 8, 1964, and they had two sons.

He was a man who had many adventures and much talent at various things. He was a woodcarving artist and teacher, he taught karate,

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coached Little League baseball, obtained his gunsmithing degree and was an avid golfer. So avid that in 2019 he golfed, 257 days out of the year!

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Pegi Beaudoin of Ronan, his son Jason Beaudoin and wife Christy of Superior, his son Loren Beaudoin and wife Marty of Kalispell, grandchildren Paxton, Jacob, Owen, Lyla and Gia, and his only sister Nancy and husband Roger Nafziger of Tomball, Texas.

Graveside services for immediate family will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell per his wishes.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to the Youth Golf Program at Buffalo Hill Golf Course in Kalispell or Mission Valley Golf Club in Ronan.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Alan George Beaulieu, 61

Our much-loved Papa, Dad, brother, husband, and lover of Jesus Christ Alan George Beaulieu took up his heavenly reward on Feb. 14, 2020, Valentine's Day.



Alan was born to Thomas and Virginia Beaulieu on Jan. 22, 1959, in Libby. He was the eighth of the infamous Beaulieu brothers. In 1977, Alan graduated from Libby High School. After dating for only two weeks, his search was over and he proposed to Sally Emmett and they were married on Jan. 15, 1983. She and her family showed Alan the value of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which he gladly embraced. It was the best decision he ever made, explaining to everyone around him that because of Jesus, "the grass is greener, the sky is bluer, and everything is just more beautiful with Him in my life." He passed the truth of his faith and many others onto his sons Bradley, Christian, and Jordan.

Alan was employed by the W.R. Grace mine as a service mechanic until he heard the "call of the woods" in 1984 and started Emmett Trucking & Logging with his "more-father-than-in-law" Leonard Emmett. For 14 years he jammed gears in his '71 and '84 Kenworths with the phrase "Going on faith — John 3:16" hand painted on the air cleaner. Lovingly referred to as "Meathead" by his fellow loggers, Alan could always be counted on to sing "Marshmallow World" on snowy days over the CB. In 1998, Alan was offered a position at JTL Inc. Construction as a heavy equipment mechanic by his dear friend and boss Dennis Rooney. The handwriting was on the wall for the

Montana. There wasn't a mountain he didn't haul logs off at some point. He could often be heard saying, "I hauled logs off there one time," which would invoke the reply, "Where didn't you haul logs off of?"

Alan loved people, especially his family. He had a special gift to be able to make anyone feel like he'd known them forever. With his affection and charm, he left a lasting impact on anyone that had the pleasure of meeting him. He will always be remembered saying, "All I need is my family!"

Alan is preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Virginia Beaulieu; brothers Terrance and Peter, and "more-father-than-in-law" Leonard Emmett. He is survived by his wife of 37 wonderful years, Sally; sons Bradley (Sarah) of Kalispell, Christian (Jessica) of Meridian, Idaho, Jordan (Jocelyn) of Kalispell; brothers Jim (Linda) of Clear Spring, Maryland, Patrick (Jean) of Florence, Steve of Bigfork, Vincent (Cindy) of Libby, Jules of Libby, Sean (Vicki) of Missoula; sister Annette of Libby; "bonus-mom" Bonnie Emmett of Kalispell; "bonus-brother" Guy Emmett of Kalispell; six beautiful grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A special thanks to our dear Libby church family who will be hosting Alan's celebration of life service at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Libby Assembly of God, 105 Collins Ave., Libby, with Pastor Kevin Lindgren presiding. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Special music will be provided by longtime friend and "brother in Christ," Gary Halvorson. Lifelong friend Steve Schnackenberg of Schnackenberg Funeral Home will be helping care for the family.

logging industry and he knew this was the best opportunity to provide for his family and so they set out for Belgrade. In 2001, Alan was able to transfer to the company's Kalispell branch as his love for the family that still resided in Northwest Montana was too strong to keep him away. In 2006, Alan started as a welder/machinist for the Montana Department of Transportation in Kalispell where he turned wrenches and busted knuckles until his retirement in 2019.

Alan was always up for golfing, fishing, hiking, camping, and had enough hunting stories to write a book...a thick book. The outdoors was a part of what made him who he was. He may not have driven a logging truck anymore, but he never stopped being a logger at heart. If anyone needed firewood for camping you'd have been smart to stand back as he would fire up the Stihl and disappear into a blaze of sawdust. He was better than a GPS at finding his way around the back roads of Northwest

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Flathead Cancer Aid Services at P.O. Box 1166, Lakeside, MT 59922 or Wings Regional Cancer Support at P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

When Tomorrow Starts  
Without Me  
by David Romano

When tomorrow starts  
without me, please try to  
understand,

That an angel came  
and called my name, and  
took me by the hand;

The angel said my  
place was ready, in heav-  
en far above,

And that I'd have to  
leave behind all those I  
dearly love.

But when I walked  
through Heaven's Gates, I  
felt so much at home,

For God looked down,  
smiled at me, and told me  
"Welcome Home."

So when tomorrow  
starts without me, don't  
think we're far apart,

For every time you  
think of me, I'm right  
there in your heart.

## Frederick Malcolm Armson Beavon, 96

Frederick Malcolm  
Armson Beavon,  
96, of Dayton, died  
Sunday, June 21, 2020,  
at Kalispell Regional

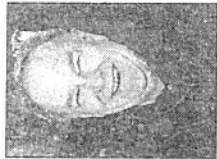
Medical Center.

Arrangements are  
under the care of The  
Lake Funeral Home and  
Crematory.



## Floyd Leroy Bechtold, 77

Floyd Leroy Bechtold, age 77, passed away on June 26, 2020 at his home with family by his side.



Floyd was born on April 25, 1943 to Christian and Lydia (Bliege) Bechtold, in Ellendale, North Dakota.

Floyd attended Dallas High School in Dallas, Oregon, where he graduated in 1962. He then went on to

attend Hillcrest Christian College in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.

Floyd joined the U.S. Air Force where he was an Aircraft Engine Mechanic Foreman until he was honorably discharged in 1972. He then made his career as Fireman Lieutenant for the City of Kalispell from 1974 through 1997 (23 years). He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, hiking, camping, buying and selling cars, car restoration, building homes, and was a motorcycle enthusiast. He took pride in the active participation of building the Kalispell Nazarene Church. He

was the Layman's Retreat Director and Family Camp Director for a number of years.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents Christian and Lydia (Bliege) Bechtold and brothers Herold and Ted Bechtold.

He is survived by his wife; Leigh Ann Bechtold of Kalispell; daughter Christi Nielsen and son-in-law Jerry of New Orleans, Louisiana; sister Doris Russell of Keizer, Oregon; Grandson Colby Coen of Kalispell; his daughter's mother Lea Dickey Bechtold of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene - 1295 Whitefish Stage Rd. The family is requesting that everyone please follow social distancing guidelines.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to The Flathead Veteran Food Pantry. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Virginia Mae Petruscha Becker, 96

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Virginia Mae Petruscha Becker passed away peacefully on April 15, 2020.

*May 2020*



Virginia was born in Ironwood, Michigan, on Jan. 26, 1924, to Michael and Elizabeth Petruscha. She was raised in Libby, the eldest of eight siblings, four brothers and three sisters. She graduated from Libby High School in 1943 and joined the Coast Guard with an honorable discharge Yeoman Third Class in 1945.

She married Robert J. Becker on Dec. 26, 1944, in Port Angeles, Washington, and returned to Libby in 1945 where they worked and raised their family. Robert and Virginia were married for 45 years until Robert's passing in 1989. In Libby they raised six children - David; Victoria (Vicki); Robert Jr. (Joe); Susan; Bernice (Bunny); and Patricia (Tricia), who were so blessed to have her for 96 years.

After retirement in 1976 they traveled to California, Oregon and Washington. Upon Robert's death in 1989, Virginia came back to beloved Montana to be closer to her children. In 2015, Virginia moved to the Columbia Falls Montana Veterans Home where she made many new friends and had the best care. She loved them dearly and her family is forever grateful. While living at the Veterans Home she loved to play

Bingo, Scrabble with her special friend "Scrabble Patty", and knit booties and baby blankets for many, many babies.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Becker; son, David R. Becker; grandson, Shane R. Becker; great-grandson Walter Bruce Enger; brothers, Robert Petruscha, John Petruscha and Darrel Petruscha; sisters, Elizabeth Earle, Barbara Mertel and Corine Christenson.

Virginia is survived by her brother Michael Petruscha; her five children and spouses, Vicki and Victor Duffy, Joe and Jean Becker, Susan and Charlie Ash, Bunny and Joe Masolo and Tricia and Jim Watson; 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who are all scattered like leaves across the northwest. Her family was her greatest joy in life....."love you more!"

A memorial service will be held at a later date, when we can all be together.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



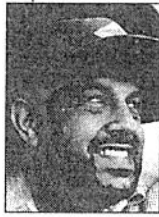
## Dennis Duane Bee, 52

Dennis Duane Bee joined heaven on June 23, 2020.

He was born July 31, 1967, in Wolf Point, Montana. His family relocated to Whitefish in 1978 where he attended the Whitefish school system. Numerous memories of growing up in Montana with his brother Benny Bee Jr. were some of his favorite stories to share.

Dennis woke up every morning optimistic and excited for each day. He was a man of honesty and integrity; he fiercely loved his family and was incredibly protective over them. Dennis prided himself in being a father as he spent the past 27 years guiding and supporting his four children. He was also eagerly awaiting the arrival of his first grandchild — delighted at the opportunity to become a grandpa. Not only was he the world's best family man, he was a friend to everyone.

Dennis worked various jobs — off and on as a car salesman, a general contractor, president and owner of Enviro Vac Duct Cleaning Inc. in the late '90s, and general sales manager of Bee Broadcasting. Recently, Dennis decided to follow his dreams and started producing music. He worked so passionately and was always detail oriented. In his down time, he enjoyed hiking, bike riding, shooting, rafting, writing music, working in his studio and investing in the betterment of our country.



Dennis was preceded in death by his father Benny Bee Sr., grandmother Marie

Battani, stepmother Colleen "Coco" Bee and half brother Tim Zundel.

He is survived by his four children, Nicholette L. Bee and her fiancé John Lynch, Logan L. Bee, Molly R. Bee and Samantha G. Bee; fiancée Tiffany Ekern and her two daughters Taylor Ekern and Baylee Ekern-Gonzales; brother Benny Bee Jr. (nieces Izabella, Haley, Ava and Lauren) (nephews Ezra, Kyle and Kaden); sister Cassie Bee; stepmother Lucy Bee; mother Darlene "Mem" Zundel, wife of Tom Zundel; brother Taj Zundel (niece Zoe Zundel); brother Gordy Zundel (nephews Tim, Topher and Trystan); nephew Kyler Zundel; and the mother of his four children, Tammy Curry.

"My mission in life is not to merely survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style."

— Maya Angelou

We will miss his laugh, singing, hugs and one-of-a-kind dance moves. Until we meet again, we know he is watching over us.

The planning of Dennis' celebration of life is in process and will be announced at a later date.

## Alexis Marie Beecham, 20

Alexis Marie Beecham, 20, died at 8:11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, as a result of a car accident near Bigfork. Icy roads caused her car to slide sideways into oncoming traffic. Mercifully, she did not suffer. Alexis was born April 13, 2000, in Fort Collins, Colorado. At age 5 her family moved to Kalispell so she considered herself a Montanan. She enjoyed the outdoors, loved little kids and animals on our farm. She was active in the local homeschooling community and loved bringing joy to others with her fiddle, playing privately for family and loved ones, as well as in several public venues including the local Glacier Fiddle Festival, Montana State Fair, Huckleberry Days, and Regionals. The light that radiated from her life was living for the Lord. She started her walk with our Lord in 2013 at her church's convention in Ronan and was baptized a few years later. She was always serious about seeking out his guidance on the big decisions in life and separated herself for his purpose. She felt she was in the exact place she needed to be and always put her whole heart into whatever she did. She made friends with almost everyone she met and had a perpetual smile. She was her brother's best friend.



She is survived by her parents Dale and Jennifer Beecham, of Marion, her brother Lance, grandparents Bill and Kay Wilcox of Colorado, Brad and Nancy Beecham of Colorado, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

A public visitation was held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Friday, Nov. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. Due to the social gathering restrictions, a private family service will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Saturday Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. For those that would like to attend via computer, there will be a Live Stream (audio and pictures): [www.facebook.com/AlexisMarieBeechamMemorialService](http://www.facebook.com/AlexisMarieBeechamMemorialService). Call in audio (only) will be 518-418-1705.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made toward the funeral cost and the children's charities that Alexis would have supported. Donations can be made payable and sent to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 Hwy. 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Leslie Wayne Belcourt, 71

Leslie Wayne Belcourt, 71, of Starr School, died on Oct. 15, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A private burial service with family will be held in Starr School.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Walter Beland, 88

Walter Beland, 88, died on Nov. 27, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## PA6 Dave Bell, 65

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Dave Bell, age 65, after a short,



unexpected illness, on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Dave was born on Feb. 13, 1955, to Willie and Judy Bell in Boulder, Colorado. Dave was "the eldest, with two little sisters." In 1968, the Bells moved to Montana to continue their family adventure. Dave attended Columbia Falls High School and, without too much mischief, graduated in 1973. The little mischief we know about included events such as climbing Columbia Mountain with a buddy and a case of beer and many motorcycle rides on the country dirt roads.

Dave started what he called his "100-year stint" at Plum Creek Timber Company the day after he graduated high school. This was where he would later retire. He worked his way from the Green Chain on up — making many friends and memories along the way. Dave called in sick only two days of the 43 years he was employed there. To say he was dedicated would be an understatement. Dave retired the day the mill shut down.

When he wasn't working hard, he was playing hard. You could find him watering the many flowers that filled the yard, camping with his family on the Reservoir or Bitterroot Lake, feeding the birds and enjoying yearly trips to Mexico with many family and friends.

Dave was known for his delicious jams/jelly and his greenhouse production. He was "The King" of the hottest homemade pickles in the land. He was deemed the best brother-father-son-boss-husband-uncle-neighbor-employee-cousin-nephew and citizen you could ask for. Dave was incredibly

skilled in woodworking and carpentry. After many beautiful projects he earned himself the name, "Mr. Wood."

Over the course of his life, Dave accomplished many great things, but he would tell you his greatest was being a father. His only child, Lisa, was born in 1976 to himself and Cindy. Dave always had a smile when he was talking about his family. He made sure to carry a kind word and a quick-witted punch line in his back pocket on a daily basis. He never met a stranger. He was an optimist. His enthusiasm was contagious and his zest for life overflowed into everything he did. He was fair, honest and lived by the Golden Rule. Dave was the first to lend a hand and loved doing so.

In 1991, Dave married the love of his life, Karen. In their 29 years together, they worked hard to be able to enjoy the finer things. They tended to their beautiful yard and always had a project going.

Dave is preceded in death by his equally wonderful father, Willie Bell.

He is survived by his mom, Judy Bell; his wife, Karen; daughter, Lisa and husband Derek Ballard; sister, Joyce Bell and her husband (a lifelong friend) Jim Bob; sister, Gayla and husband Dave Weyrauch; two nieces—Tessa and husband Jake Veto, Amy Piilola and her two children, Cassidy and Kenly; Aunt Joyln (Ginner) Stotts and many relatives whom he loved dearly.

Always remembered, never forgotten and forever known as "one of the last, best good guys."

A memorial will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please do an act of kindness in honor of Dave Bell, and think of him when you feed the birds. Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family

## Marjorie A. Bell, 93

Marjorie A. Bell, 93, died at her home Nov. 3, 2020.

She is survived by her daughters Barbara Francis and Deborah Hovey, and sons Mike, David and James Bell.

A memorial celebration of life will be held next summer in Algona, Iowa.

Darlington Cremation & Burial is caring for the family.

## Martha 'Marty' (Danford) Bell, 68

Martha "Marty" (Danford) Bell, 68, of Wasilla, Alaska, and formerly of Kalispell, died unexpectedly Feb. 13, 2020, due to a heart attack.

She had worked at the B&B in Kalispell for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Micki.

Services are pending.

## Helen Marie Bell-White, 62

Helen Marie Bell-White, 62, died Aug. 7, 2020, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jerry DeLyle Benbrooks, 80

Jerry DeLyle Benbrooks, 80, died March 4, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

No services are planned at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Elmer Clarence Benson, III, 74

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Elmer Clarence Benson, III, 74, of Kalispell, went home to be with the Lord, on June 24, 2020.

Elmer was born, in Kalispell, on April 24, 1946. He was raised on the family farm, north of town. Being the eldest son, he learned determination, dedication and how to work hard. There, he resolved to "fight the good fight" and to be loyal. He was proud of his close-knit, farming family.

Elmer graduated from Flathead High School in 1965 and the family moved to Kettle Falls, Washington. He attended college, studying drafting engineering. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served in Germany and Vietnam, in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and as a commanding sergeant of the Intelligence and Security Command Division. Elmer said he should have stayed in the military and made it a career because he enjoyed seeing the world and he excelled at his duties. But ... when his service was complete, he decided to come home and help his family ... and we sure were blessed that he made this decision.

Elmer married Nancy Pennoyer in 1972, and from this union came two children, Carol Lynn and Garey. They later divorced.

For those who knew Elmer, one would say, he was a true friend, a tough, strong-willed man; who never gave up. Elmer always made the time for reading or hearing a good story and many times, he was our shoulder to lean on, but, he didn't have the time of day for any BS. Elmer loved his family more than anything. He was especially close to his mother. He sent her special cards and gifts from overseas and never left her side during her illness. He had great affection and reverence for his aunts and uncles. He was proud and spent



countless times working, visiting and trucking in the 18-wheeler with his dad, his brother, Jerry, and nephew, Justin. One of the highlights

of his life was taking a backcountry trip on his sister-in-law, Cathy's, horse, Togy Blue. He was so thankful and proud of the memories he made on that adventure. Elmer loved his little sister and stood by her through thick and thin. Elmer held a special place in his heart for his sibling's and cousin's children, and was a constant supporter and mentor. He came alongside of us. He was so proud of our accomplishments and he would get mad as a hornet at our heartaches ... but we still knew, he was always "there" for us. He once said his favorite place was at his brother's church. Elmer respected, cared for, and at times, humored, his friends and family "up north" and enjoyed his many years, in the North Fork. He spent these years working and volunteering, with the great neighbors he had over the years. Elmer spent special times with his friend, Alma Reder. Elmer held his memories close to him, of the people, wildlife, beautiful trees, rivers and his little cabin in the woods. He found peace in the sunrises, watching the northern lights dance in the night sky and he never took his eye off of that northern star.

Elmer was a talented farmer, service man, builder, photographer, truck driver, hunter, a skilled equipment operator and foreman. Elmer loved showing and telling about the homes and projects he was working on. He had an innate eye

and gave great attention to detail in the homes he built.

Elmer served on North Valley Search and Rescue, North Fork Sheriff Department Patrol and he was president of the North Fork Land Owners Association. Elmer was loyal, committed and honest. He always showed up in the best and worst of times.

One could count on Elmer to be there, no matter what. Elmer would say "grab your boots and gloves and let's get to work." Elmer's encouraging spirit would remind one to always keep your head up and stay strong. Elmer believed we should forgive, but never forget the lesson life was trying to teach us. He taught, by example, and through his words, that there wasn't much a person couldn't get through, if you have great friends, good books, a can of WD-40, or a walk, alone with Jesus. He enjoyed a good meal, a funny story, and he would "laugh until he bawled" at a good story, a humorous flick, such as, Jerry Clower's "Ain't God Good?... anyone for some 'appela pie and coffee?'" ... and we did the same ... when he would share a knee-slapping yarn with us.

Elmer lived through many trials, including the loss of loved ones, floods, and a devastating forest fire, which took many of his treasured keepsakes ... just to name a few ... but he was a fighter, and never gave up in a crisis. Even the diagnosis of a serious illness didn't daunt him and he gave it all he had. He always had hope that the best is yet to come and he believed, received and lived ... I John 3:16 ... "by this we know love, because He laid down His life for us and we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." Now he is resting "high on that mountain" with Jesus.

He is survived by his children, Carol Lynn

and Garey; his brothers, Duane Benson and wife, Edith, Jerry Benson and wife, Cathy; his nieces, Violet Benson, Stephanie and, husband, Tad Lepinski, Brenda Benson, Michaela Nelson and Larissa Landry, Kindi, Shianne, and Bailey Benson, Hope and Faith Benson; his nephews, Justin Benson and, wife, Pauline, Daryn Benson and wife, Jessica, Daryl Benson, Bucky Nelson, Byron Benson and Scout Benson, Aunt Bonnie Benson and her family, several cousins and beloved friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elmer and Emma Benson, Arthur and Harriett Jeffries; parents, Elmer and Lula; sisters, Carol Benson and Janet Pruett; Uncle Jack Benson; and Aunt and Uncle Melvin and Emma Vestre, friend, Alma Reder, and several closes relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Lynn and Bonnie Ogle for the love and special care they showed Elmer, the kind staff at hospice and Meals on Wheels, the care and kindness of his many pards' of the North Fork, as well as his neighbors at the Blue and White Motel.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Darlington Funeral Home, 3408 U.S. Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell. Funeral services will be held on Thursday July 2, at Victory Baptist Church, 1830 MT. Hwy. 35, Kalispell. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors. A reception will follow the interment at the church.

Although the family would be honored for you to join them to celebrate Elmer's life, due to COVID-19, there is no obligation to attend services at this time.

Darlington Funeral Home is caring for Elmer's family.



## Ricky Berg, 66

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Ricky Berg, 66, passed away on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, at Thee HealthCenter in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Tresha Scallen and Dustin Berg.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, at Columbia Mortuary.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Ricky's family.

## David "Dave" Berger, 79

David "Dave" Berger, 79, died at his home in Whitefish. Arrangements are being made at

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

## Odin Palmer Berger Jr., 92

Odin Palmer Berger Jr., 92, died on March 19, 2020, at Hidden Meadows Memory Care in Columbia Falls.

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

## Onah Louise Berger, 87

Onah Louise Berger, 87, died on May 27, 2020, at Hidden Meadows in Columbia Falls.

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

## Philip Lee Berger, 83

Following a successful surgery, recovery was difficult and he passed from this life into the hands of God on March 12, 2020. Phil was born December 7, 1936 to Lily Berger-Brash and Philip Snow Berger in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The family moved to the Great Falls area, and at age 11 they moved to Whitefish where he completed school.

He worked as a mechanic at Hendrickson Motors and Manions in Kalispell. He moved his family to Seattle and went to work at Boeing. After moving back to Kalispell he owned and operated



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Trend Coiffure's Hair Salon. He spent most of his life as a building contractor. He built his first home for his family in 1962 and discovered his passion, which sparked his desire to enter into the construction business. He earned a great reputation building beautiful, high-quality homes around the Flathead Valley until he retired. He obtained his pilot's license for small aircrafts and enjoyed

many great adventures.

He married Dorothy Hader on April 1, 1956 (April Fools' Day... interesting date) and had four children. He is survived by wife Dorothy, daughters: Debbie Bosley (Rob), Cheryl Morgan (Wayne), Denise Michel (Garret), all of Kalispell, son Dennis Berger of Littleton, Colorado; eleven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren and brother Richard Berger (Jordy) of Whitefish and many nieces and nephews.

Some of the biggest loves of his life were

his many Boston Bull pups that graced his life throughout his retirement years.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lily Brash and Philip Snow Berger, brother David Berger and sister Darlene Berger-Bothman.

Because of his great love for animals, memorials are suggested to the Humane Society of NW Montana.

At his request, no service will be held. A private family gathering will be held to celebrate his life at a later date.

## Sharon VanNoy Berger, 77

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Sharon VanNoy Berger passed away peacefully on Aug. 21, 2020, in the presence of her three children.

Sharon was born July 13, 1943, in Great Falls to Arthur "Art" and Violet "Vi" VanNoy. She was the youngest of three children, sister Artha Mae Slaughter and brother Howard "Howie" VanNoy. Sharon grew up in Helena and graduated from Helena High School. She went on to attend Montana State University, earning her degree in education. She was a proud member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at MSU. She always looked forward to and enjoyed her frequent reunions with her sorority sisters up until her passing.

Sharon married her high school sweetheart, Lee, on July 17, 1966, in Butte. Upon graduat-



ing from college, Sharon moved to Las Vegas to begin her teaching career. It was soon

after though that she came back to Montana to be with Lee and begin to raise a family in Helena. Sharon and Lee have three wonderful children and six grandchildren. Derek and Simone Berger reside in Issaquah, Washington, and have two children, Blake and Brienne; Brandon "Buddy" and Janell Berger live in Billings with two children, Spencer and Kamryn; and Dacia and Craig Prather live in Whitefish and have two children, Hagen and Axel.

Family, and most particularly, grandkids,

were what Sharon loved most and held dearest to her heart. Time with the "granddarlings" could never come soon enough for her! Sharon became known as Meema or Meeme by all her grandchildren! They were the treasures in her life and every time she was with them, there was always at least one leading her around by her fingers!

Sharon's hobbies all kept her close to home. Gardening became one of her favorites. She enjoyed her time working endlessly in her expansive flower gardens in Kalispell, all the while Lee complaining about the weeds (even though never one to be found with her green thumb!). She also loved to read and write, always having a book in hand. Mom kept endless notes and diaries, and it was always one of her pas-

sions to sometime write a book, but never did (grandkid time did not permit this). Her keen sense of grammar and writing was always most beneficial to her children when it was time to have to write any essay or paper — she was always available to proof and edit! A handwritten note could always be expected in the mail! Travel was another of her passions. While raising their children, this mostly involved camping and summer days boating at Canyon Ferry. Later the travels finally became more expansive, with European trips with Lee, friends and family. Her favorite was when Lee finally took her to France, a lifelong dream! Friendships were very important to Sharon. She kept in touch with many throughout her life, particularly her Helena

neighbors, high school classmates, sorority sisters and all her and Lee's close friends. Rarely did she miss a high school or sorority reunion. She was an active member of the PEO chapters in Helena and then Kalispell. This organization was very dear to her.

Upon Lee's passing in 2018, Mom was fortunate enough to get to live out her final years with family. She moved in with Dacia and her family, and so enjoyed getting to be around the grandkids daily. We know that when Sharon arrived in heaven and they asked her how she's doing, her response was "I'm good!" Sharon's positive outlook on life warmed our hearts and reminds us to find the best in everything!

Sharon was preceded in death by her loving husband of nearly

52 years, Lee; mother and father, Art and Vi VanNoy; sister Ardie Slaughter, and brother Howard VanNoy.

She is survived by her three children, Derek (Simone) Berger, Brandon "Buddy" (Janell) Berger, and Dacia (Craig) Prather. Meema is also survived by her six beautiful grandchildren, Blake, Brienne, Spencer, Kami, Hagen and Axel.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial gifts be directed in Sharon's name to MT PEO - JHH Scholarship, c/o Nanci Schoenfelder, 735 7th Ave. N., Glasgow, MT 59230.

A private service is planned for a later date.

Friends are encouraged to visit Dahl Funeral Chapel's website at [www.dahlfuneralchapel.com](http://www.dahlfuneralchapel.com) to leave notes of condolence and share memories.



## Rebecca Anne Berger, 62

Rebecca Anne Berger, 62, died Jan. 19, 2020, at her home in Kalispell. She is survived by her husband Jon.

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

## Douglas Robert Bergeson, 69

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Douglas Robert Bergeson passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Doug was born April 14, 1950, to Robert and Gloria Bergeson in Whitefish. Doug was the eldest of his four siblings, with whom he wreaked havoc on the early streets of Whitefish. Doug spent his entire youth and adult life in Whitefish, having deep family roots there. Doug spent a short time in the Army in 1969, only to return to his beloved wife Dixie in Whitefish.

Doug met Dixielee Kelsey in high school and they were inseparable after that. Doug and Dixie married in Whitefish in 1969, and just recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. Dixie was Doug's "other half," keeping house and home and was the person whom his life revolved around.



Gardens in Whitefish for many years.

Doug was predeceased by his mother and father and a dear sister-in-law, Patty Ross.

Doug is survived,

at the family home, by his loving wife of 51 years, Dixie, and his three children Bruce, Shawn (Catherine), and Donovan (Debi). Also surviving are his grandchildren, of whom he was extremely proud, Justin, Samantha, Jordan, Lauren (Levi), Nicole, Auston (Sofie), Brady, Carter and Josephine. In addition, Doug's great-grandchildren are Bryson, Westley, Nicholas and Hunter. Also surviving Doug is his sister Robin Strunk and family in Oregon; Tracy Haas and family of Columbia Falls; and a half brother, Brian Kelly, whom Doug had the enormous pleasure of meeting only 10 years ago. Sister-in-law Jeanette Krueger and family live in Olney, and brother-in-law Corey Kelsey lives in Kalispell. Doug treasured his siblings immensely.

Being a jack-of-all-trades, Doug worked as a logger, and on the building of the Libby Dam. He also worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for a time. Throughout his life, Doug was first and foremost husband and father, with a close second being the salesman of all salesmen. He passed his skill set on to each of his three boys, with Bruce being a skilled mechanic and Shawn and Donovan following in his salesman footsteps. He had a car lot on Highway 93 in Whitefish and another on Highway 40 in Columbia Falls back in the day. In retirement, Doug dabbled in buying and selling a used car here and there and was an avid gun collector; but most of all he was available anytime, day or night for his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Doug also liked to hunt, fish, go camping and target shooting. Doug was very proud of his Whitefish heritage and the fact that his maternal grandfather Frenchy DeVall, owned and operated Frenchy's Chinese

For the many friends that Doug knew and loved over the years, there will be a memorial gathering later this summer in Whitefish. The date will be announced soon. Doug told his family daily how proud he was of each and every one of them and his boys were his world. At this time, Doug's family would ask that you honor Doug's life and memory by forgiving someone who has wronged you, help someone who is struggling and take a little extra effort to appreciate your loved ones. Life is short and precious.

Friends and family are encouraged to visit [www.austinhf.com](http://www.austinhf.com) to send notes of condolences.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Doug's family.

## Virginia J. 'Ginnie' Bergeson, 89

Virginia J. "Ginnie" Bergeson, 89, died Aug. 14, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Pearl Bergum, 93

Pearl Bergum, 93, of Whitefish, died Jan. 20, 2020, at her residence.

She is survived by her daughter Linda

Maynard.

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



## Robert Neil Berkey, 91

Robert Neil Berkey passed away, April 29, 2020, in Whitefish.

Bob Berkey was born at home in Penfield, Ohio on April 7, 1929.

He married Grace Gill on April 15, 1950. They were married for 70 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Mildred Berkey, his brothers Howard and Raymond (Bud) and his sister Helen.

Bob is survived by Grace, and by their son James Berkey (Jeanne) and daughter Cynda (Steve). He is also survived by four grandchildren and their partners, Marissa (Tim), Troy, Brenda (Eric) and Clara (Joel); one great-granddaughter, due in the fall; and by many nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated from Rocky River High School in Ohio in June 1947. He began work at Warner & Swasey Company in Cleveland, Ohio in September 1947, as a machinist apprentice. He rose through the ranks, and was the Plant Manager when he retired in April 1988.

After retirement, Bob and Grace enjoyed their



motor home, including wintering in Florida for several years while living in Ohio. They moved to Whitefish in 1995. Bob loved Whitefish; from the deck of their condo, he enjoyed the view of Big Mountain Ski Resort, the peaks of the Rocky Mountains in Glacier National Park, and the golf course below. Bob called it, "God's Country."

In retirement, Bob enjoyed spending time with his family, making stained glass, and golfing with his friends from the golf club.

One of Bob's greatest pleasures was helping others with all sorts of tasks, and leadership in numerous organizations. Bob lived a life of service and integrity. He was devoted to Grace, his wife of 70 years. His two children were his pride and joy and he was a loving Papa to his four grandchildren. Bob was a friend you could depend on.

Private graveside services will be held at Buffalo Hills Cemetery, Kalispell, later this week.

A memorial gathering in his beloved Whitefish will be announced later this year, when we can all be together.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana in Bob's memory would be appreciated.

## Lucille 'Pat' L. Bermel, 93

Lucille "Pat" L. Bermel, 93, of Bigfork was granted her angel wings on June 22, 2020.

Pat was born March 15th in Randall, Minnesota, during the flood of 1927 to David and Verena McGuire. Doctor S. G. Knight had to come in hip waders to deliver her. She attended school in Lincoln, Minnesota through second grade, Randall through eighth grade, and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1945.

She married James (Jim) Bermel June 19, 1947, in Randall. They lived and worked in Minneapolis for a short time before settling back in Randall to raise their family. Pat and Jim moved to Bigfork in 1973 where they owned and operated the Echo Lake Store/Bermel's Store until a few months following Jim's death in December 1982.

Pat had an infectious laugh and smile and was a great cook and baker. Grandma Pat cherished the time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to celebrate Christmas with the family and stuff many stockings. She was a lifetime member of the



Minnesota VFW Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by husband Jim, son

Timothy, and two brothers, Gerald and Richard.

Survivors include children David Bermel (Pamela), of Bigfork; Debra Kohan (George), of Crosslake, Minnesota; Steven Bermel (Laura), of Polson; Susan Senti (Wesley), of Virginia Beach, Virginia; sisters Betty McGuire of Anchorage, Alaska and Karen Helmerick of Boynton Beach, Florida, 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral and graveside ceremony will be family only. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. All are welcome to visit [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to share memories of Pat or condolences with the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or a charity of your choice.



## Patricia Ann Beseler, 68

Patricia Ann Beseler, loving sister and aunt, passed away unexpectedly on April 27, 2020, at the age of 68.

Patty was born on July 5, 1951, in Bismarck, North Dakota, to Betty Heyne and William Beseler. The oldest of five children, Patty took an important role in the household, helping to raise her younger brothers and sisters in the small farming town of Hazelton, North Dakota. In 1974, the family moved to Kalispell, where Patty lived for most of her life.

Patty had many interests, including cooking, antiquing and playing board games with her family. Patty also had a strong relationship with and played an important role within the AA community earlier in her life.

To know Patty was to love her. She was larger than life, with a rolling, infectious laugh and generous heart. Even when Patty didn't have much, she was always thinking of others and giving whatever she had to give. She especially had a soft spot for animals and saved numerous animals throughout her life. My Aunt Patty had a profound effect on my life,

and I will be eternally grateful for the relationship I was lucky enough to have with her. Throughout her life, Patty had the spirit of a fighter, which especially held true in the last years of her life. Patty had many health issues, but always had an optimistic, positive attitude which served her well.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, Betty Heyne and William Beseler and her younger brother David Beseler. Patty is survived by siblings Brenda Butler, Deborah Germain, Steven Beseler and his wife Linda Beseler; nephews Carson Butler, William Beseler and Robert Beseler; and niece, Lindsey Carter. She was a proud great aunt as well and is survived by Noah and Lily Carter, who also loved her very much.

She will be missed immensely by those who had the opportunity to know her. Rest in peace, Aunt Patty.

A small family gathering will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to the Flathead County Animal Shelter in Patty's name.

Cecelia Marie Bertram, age 95, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Cecelia was born July 16, 1924, in Hibbing, Minnesota to Charles and Jeanette Lengstorf. The oldest of nine, she was a second mother to many of her siblings. Her auburn hair and feisty personality earned her the nickname "Red," all three of which lasted her whole life. She graduated from Deer River High School in 1943. She married returning World War II vet Charlie Bertram in 1945; they were together for 58 years before his passing in 2003.

Charlie's work for Mills Lumber brought them from Minnesota to Kalispell, to Kemmerer, Wyoming, and then back to Kalispell. Over the years she worked as a bookkeeper for the county courthouse, the original JC Penney's, Wards, Kalispell Mercantile, and Montana Power. Later



she worked for the Agency on Aging and Immanuel Lutheran Communities. Cecelia was well known for her kindness and generosity. She fed many hungry mill workers at her table where there was always room for one more for a meal or cards and conversation. Her hard work, dedication to detail, phenomenal memory, quick wit, and easy conversation made her a beloved employee everywhere she worked. Later she was a grandma to every child she met, but especially delighted in spoiling her grandchildren, and it was well known her cookie jar was always full.

Cecelia was dedicated to her church and her Lord. She served in many ways but especially through the Ruth Circle and Thimble Club at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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She fed her family and friends with wonderful meals always accompanied with cherished stories to enthrall us. While always keeping us on our toes with her wry wit served with a mischievous grin and twinkle in her eye.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her infant daughter Lynn; her son Dennis; and her husband Charles Bertram; siblings: Alice (Rusty) Gamble, Charles Lengstorf, Clifford Lengstorf, John Lengstorf, Walter Lengstorf, Floyd Lengstorf, Eileen Murray, four nephews; and one niece.

Cecelia is survived by her sister Laura Rajala of Bigfork, Minnesota; her son David and Susie Bertram of Kalispell; her grandchildren: John and MB Bertram, Casey and Lacey Bertram, and Justin Bertram; and great-grandchildren: Elli, Averi, Spencer, Mamush, Daniel, Thomas, Natalie, and Isaac; eight nieces;

and seven nephews.

A private urn burial service with immediate family will be held in July. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Thimble Club at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell.

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



## Eleanor 'Dolly' Berry, 79

Eleanor "Dolly" Berry, 79, died Feb. 28, 2020.

She is survived by her children Carrie Pestegaard and Richard Berry.

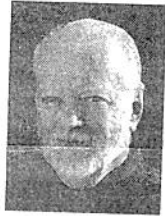
Services will be held at a later date.

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

## Burr 'Bob' Betts, 85

F. Burr "Bob" Betts, 85, passed away in Green Valley, Arizona, on Feb. 21, 2020, from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Bob was born April 26, 1934, in Denver to Burr and Lucille Betts of Cherry Hills, Colorado. He graduated from Randall High School and studied at Denver University. He worked at Security Life Insurance with his father and grandfather.



Bob and his wife, Sharon, moved to Rollins in 1994, where he loved to take his boat and his family/friends out to show them around on Flathead Lake. Bob had a clever wit, was an avid reader, passionate about cars, loved to cook, a dedicated jazz fan and played the piano beautifully.

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He and Sharon moved to Green Valley in 2016 to a warmer climate.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Betts; daughter from a previous marriage, Lisa Cover and husband Wallis of Ardmore, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Chance Cover of Oak Harbor, Ohio, and Cayce Cover of Stillwater, Oklahoma; three stepchildren, Victoria West of Tucson, Arizona, Suzanne Schlieker and husband

Brandon Schlieker of Fort. Lupton, Colorado, and Jeffrey West of Denver; three stepgrandchildren, Jennifer Kohl of Tucson, Jeremy West of Denver, and Barrett Schlieker of Fort Lupton; and two step-great-grandchildren.

In gratitude, we ask that tribute donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in the memory of Bob Betts.

## Betty Olsen Blair, 86

*PAT 12 Aug 2020*  
Betty Olsen Blair was a force to be reckoned with but COVID-19 proved stronger than she. Her battle with the virus was lost on Aug. 3, 2020, the day after her 86th birthday, at Pine Meadows nursing home in Lexington, Kentucky, where she had been a resident since 2018.



Betty was born Aug. 2, 1934.

Betty lived in Kalispell from 1963 to 1975 and had worked for JCPenney.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Linda, but left behind her daughters Brenda Bowman (Ben) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Chandra Galik

(John) of Lexington and Paula Wilburn (Don) of Palm Coast, Florida, nine beloved grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, one sister Peggy Johnson of Wenatchee, Washington; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as beloved friends.

Her family will miss her greatly but rejoice that she is free of the pain and sadness of this world.

No services are planned due to the restrictions of the current pandemic.

The family requests expressions of sympathy be donated to Ashland Terrace Retirement Home 475 N. Ashland Ave. Lexington, KY 40502; and Fun Coast Down Syndrome Association, 3601 E. Moody Blvd. Bunnell, FL 32110-3601.

## Jeri Blakeney, 54

Jeri Blakeney, 54, died July 21, 2020 at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Jessica Menard.

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

## Ivy Irene Bloodworth-Hubbs, 62

Ivy Irene Bloodworth-Hubbs, 62, died on Sept. 15, 2020, as a result of an automobile accident in Marion.

She is survived by her children, James Bloodworth, Lance Hubbs, Edward Lee Hubbs III and Clyde Hubbs and parents Peck and Bertha Bloodworth.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Teri L. Brew, 64

Teri L. Brew, 64, of Kalispell died Jan. 28, 2020 in Kalispell. No services are planned

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