

Thor A. Jackola, 84

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Beloved husband and father Thor A. Jackola of Kalispell passed away quietly in his home Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at the age of 84.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1935, in Stanton Township, Michigan, to Saima and William Jackola.

Thor was a retired engineer and faithful member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. His faith was foremost in his life, followed by his unconditional love of family and friends and a strong sense of community.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nancy (Tonjum) Jackola; and his nine children, Jennifer and husband Dick Uskoski of Kalispell, Sara and husband Tom Massie of La Center, Washington, Kristian Jackola and wife Sharon of Columbia Falls, Gina and husband Stephen Petrini of Kalispell, Michael Jackola and wife Tonya of Kalispell, Melissa and husband Timothy Linge of Heisson, Washington, Shane Jackola and wife

Kristin of Kalispell, Maria Jackola of Vancouver, Washington, and Melinda and husband Kent Rosenlund of Kalispell. He's also survived by his brother-in-law David

Tonjum with Ann Marie, sisters-in-law Sally with David Waatti and Kristine Hallstrom, all of Kalispell, and his brother's children, Lynn Cheney and Charles Jackola of California with their families.

Thor loved his 33 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, relatives and friends dearly.

Thor was preceded in death by both parents, his only sibling Arthur Jackola of Reseda, California, and brother-in-law Willard Hallstrom of Kalispell.

There will be a viewing at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today, Oct. 20. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the church, with burial services at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Kenneth Eugene Jacobs, 70

Kenneth Eugene Jacobs, 70, of Kalispell, died on Dec. 1, 2020, at his home. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond L. Jackson, 81

Raymond L. Jackson, 81, of Kalispell, died on Dec. 10, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gary Zane Jacobs, 86

Gary Zane Jacobs, 86, died Feb. 19, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

Services will be

announced at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alan L. Jackson, 72

Alan L. Jackson, 72, of Hot Springs, died on Sept. 25, 2020, from a motor vehicle accident. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Daniel Charles Jackson, 79

Daniel Charles Jackson, 79, of Ronan, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

Funeral services are pending.

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

Sabrina Kuzio-James, 40

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Sabrina Kuzio-James, dearest friend, wife, daughter, sister and auntie, a therapist in Kalispell, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 8, 2020 at the age of 40.

Sabrina is survived by her husband, Mark Daniel; her mother, Linda Kuzio; sisters, Corrine (Steve) Hill, their children Ana and Aaron; Debbie (Colin) Greenaway, their children Lisa and Scott; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her father, Jerry Kuzio; cousins Aaron Motiuk; and Allan Hall.

Sabrina was born on May 11, 1979 in Lamont, Alberta. Her lifelong love of animals began while she was growing up in Canada, constantly bringing home various animals to be loved like they were her children. She carried this through her life and had her animals' pictures taken with Santa every year. Sabrina threw wonderful parties and decorated for every holiday. Her Christmas gifts were wrapped by July and she always had an extra sweet to give to any visiting children, despite their parents' protests. She was stubborn to



the bone, after all. Her bright, mischievous smile lit up a room, and everyone wanted to

be her friend when they met her. Sabrina always saw the best in others and encouraged them to be their best selves. She loved her community and was the first person to let you know when something exciting was on the calendar. Always thinking of others before herself, she was very active in a number of charities and local organizations.

Sabrina was the co-chair of Good Grief Camp and gave so much to help the children involved there. We ask that instead of flowers, donations be made to Good Grief Camp in her name to honor her hard work, devotion, and love to the cause she held so dear; www.goodgrief-camp.org

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.

Alice Linda 'Lindy' Mar Porter James, 78

Alice Linda "Lindy" Mar Porter James, 78, of Big Arm, died Sunday, July 5, 2020, at the St. Patrick Hospital in

Missoula. Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home.

William James, 40

William James, 40, died Feb. 1, 2020, at his home in Kalispell. No services are

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

M. Dean Jellison passed away on Dec. 6, 2020, at the Lodge at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Dean was born in Kalispell on Dec. 26, 1928, as the second of four sons born to Charles J. and Ramona Roe Jellison. He attended the one room LaSalle rural grade school located on part of what is now Glacier Park International Airport. Attending Flathead County High School during World War II meant working on the family dairy farm when not in class. At age 14, he was a licensed driver serving a retail dairy route during the summer months.

In high school he was a member of the debate team that won the state championship in 1946 and continued that activity at the University of Montana, where his team won the state four years in a row and won the Northwest Regional three years in a row.

Summers and vacations during the college years were spent working at



his father's logging operation, where he became proficient in the operation of heavy machinery and trucks and had the opportunity of being the first person in Montana

to try out the new one man chainsaw. (It needed improvement to be practical.)

Highlights of the University years included being invited to the National Invitational Debate Tournament twice and defeating major universities such as Yale, Army, the University of Chicago, and finally losing to a little tiny school in Alabama. The big event, even overshadowing graduation from law school, was meeting Joan Hardin. They were married in 1952 following her graduation from the university and became parents to three daughters.

M. Dean Jellison, 91

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Having been an ROTC cadet during the Korean War, Dean was summoned to active duty when he graduated from law school in 1953 and spent the next two years lawyering for the Air Force. During most of that time he was the Air Force representative negotiating a potentially multibillion-dollar contract with the seven major airlines which called for their participation in supporting the military in the event of a national emergency.

Completing his military service, he and Joan returned to Montana and he entered private law practice. He was elected in 1956 to be the Flathead County Attorney which was then a part-time job, and he held it for six years.

With experience on both the prosecution and defense sides of the fence, he was appointed in 1964 to the Montana Criminal Law Commission by the Montana Supreme Court. Over a 10-year period, that commission completely revised the 1895 Criminal

Code to make it fit the modern world. He and other members of the commission received a formal commendation and thank you from the Supreme Court for a job well done.

In 1969 he became the Chairman of the Advisory Board to Kalispell General Hospital, operated by the Sisters of Mercy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At the request of the Sisters, he formed a local non-profit corporation to purchase the hospital and with the assistance of a Board of Trustees from the community, this purchase was accomplished.

During the next 15 years, he was deeply involved in the hospital industry, serving as Board Chairman for the Kalispell Hospital, the new Kalispell Regional Hospital, Chairman of the Board of Blue Cross of Montana, Montana representative to, and Chairman of, the American Hospital Association's National Council of Hospital

Governing Boards, and a member of the AHA's General Council.

Dean retired from active law practice in 1993. In retirement, he has been active in Republican politics, as an editorial commentator for the university's NPR radio station KUFM. Dean loved being outdoors and in addition to hunting, sailing, and fishing he was most of all an avid skier, and a dedicated member of the Over the Hill Gang hiking group in Glacier National Park. Dean enjoyed both international and domestic travel, visiting several foreign countries and most of the U.S. States.

He served as treasurer for the local Republican party for 12 years and was particularly proud of the fact that the party made a clean sweep of the elections in Flathead County for five successive elections. He was the first president of the Flathead County Pachyderm Club. For many years, he assist-

ed his wife, Joan, in compiling and maintaining a list of Republican supporters which was a key tool for the candidates.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ramona Jellison; brother John; and youngest daughter Paula. He is survived by his wife Joan of Kalispell; and daughters Pam (Clark) Cummings of Loveland, Colorado and Beth Smith of Lakeside. He leaves three grandchildren: Matthew (Lysa) Smith; Chaille (Shawn) Hymes; J.D. (Rachel) Cummings; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Bruce (Betty) Jellison; Gene (Carol) Jellison; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dean will be laid to rest with a private family burial and will be honored with a celebration of life when the pandemic permits. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory are caring for the family.

Donald K. Jensen, 92

Donald K. Jensen, 92, died on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at his home in Whitefish. Private family services

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

Adelyn and Amelia Jensen, infants

Twin girls Adelyn and Amelia Jensen were born and died on April 28, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. They are survived by

their parents Jeremy and Kristina Jensen. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Thomas H. Jehlik, 69

Thomas H. Jehlik, 69, of Bigfork, died on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Private family services will be held. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Pauline Loiseau Jepsen, 84

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Pauline Loiseau Jepsen passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her children, on Nov. 6, 2020, in Kalispell.



Pauline was born to Albert and Alberta Loiseau on Nov. 15, 1935, in Hartford, Connecticut; she was the youngest of two children. Pauline graduated from Mt. St. Joseph's Academy and also graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing and St. Francis School of Anesthesia. She worked briefly at St. Francis Hospital.

Pauline met the love of her life, Richard Jepsen, at a basketball game at UCONN in 1956. They married on Dec. 27, 1958. They had eight children while living in Connecticut and

Massachusetts.

In 1977, Pauline and Richard moved with their family to Haines, Alaska. They lived there for 37 years. In 2014 Pauline and Richard moved down to Kalispell to be close to their children.

Pauline had a contagious, sweet smile and loved to laugh. Pauline lived a full life, was always thinking of and doing for others — she had a true gift of hospitality. Her love of baking and cooking will be long remembered with her delicious scones,

Christmas cookies and pies. She had such a special relationship with each of her children and took a special interest in each of her grandchildren.

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, brother Roger Loiseau, husband Richard Jepsen, son Steven Jepsen, daughter Christine Moore, and two grandchildren.

Pauline is survived by her children, son Richard Jepsen and wife Sarah of Delta Junction, Alaska, daughter Jean Kierce and husband Dan of Salem, Oregon, son Ken Jepsen and wife Joan of Kalispell, daughter Sarah Carbajal and husband Francisco of Kalispell, daughter Beth Kimble and husband

Ben of Kalispell, and son Peter Jepsen and wife Esther of Kalispell; 18 grandchildren, Mickelle, Christopher, Kristen, Kevin, Seth, Andrea, Elizabeth, Joshua, Julie, Sarah Beth, Ana, James, Rachel, Celeste, Paulina, Kathrin, Isabella, and Karissa; 10 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Alma Loiseau, niece Heidi Loiseau, nephew Roger Loiseau, all of West Haven, Connecticut, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. 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.

Doris M. Anderson Job, 93

Doris M. Anderson Job, 93, died on Nov. 1, 2020, at Wel-Life in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children Dawn Nock, Ric Anderson, Jennifer Sipe and Randy Anderson.

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

Douglas Charles Johns, 80

PAC 19 July 2020

Douglas Charles Johns was born in Kalispell on May 7, 1940, the only child of Helen Jane Dickey and Samuel Douglas Johns.



Doug graduated from Flathead County High School in 1958 and served in the U.S. Army in 1962. Doug enrolled in the University of Montana and then worked for the U.S. Forest Service.

Doug married and was blessed with a daughter Karen and two stepdaughters.

Doug received his real estate license to sell and develop residential and commercial property in the Flathead Valley from 1965 to 1982. He also developed a cherry orchard on the west shore of Flathead Lake.

He was also a boon to his community. Ott was an organizer, a founder, and served as treasurer of the Columbia Falls Booster Club. He was asked to solicit funds for improvements to the football field (now known as Satterthwaite Field) at the new Columbia Falls High School. Mr. Satterthwaite (AAC general manager) made it clear that the company would be more than happy to provide the materials and funding for the new lights, bleachers and running track to complete the field.

Ott Johnson was instrumental in the founding, construction and operation of the Badrock Fire Department. When called on, he served as deputy fire chief and head of fire education for the firefighters and community. Ott was also selected to the first board of directors of the Anaconda Aluminum

In 1983, Doug moved to San Francisco where he founded Pacific Book Auction.

On Sept. 2, 1990, Doug married Celeste Leitch, also a native of Kalispell. Doug and Celeste moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2011 where they opened Johns Western Gallery.

In February 2020, Doug was diagnosed with cancer and passed away peacefully at home on May 11, 2020.

Doug was preceded in death by his father and mother.

Doug is survived by his wife Celeste, and his daughter Karen, two stepdaughters and three grandsons. Doug is also survived by his stepchildren Leslie and Joe, Bob and Pam, three grandsons, and four great-granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Northwest Montana Historical Society, 124 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family takes comfort in knowing that Ott lived his best life every day and that he is now reunited in heaven with Lois, his wife of 72 years at her passing. He was a jokester and would love to, as he would say, "pull someone's leg" if he sensed they were gullible. He always "fessed up" to his storytelling antics.

In all his time, Ott Johnson contributed time and effort in the shadows, caring nothing for personal praise or honor, caring only for accomplishment and community betterment. He was well liked and loved by all who knew him. Lois preceded him in death on Aug. 25, 2019.

Memorials can be sent to the Columbia Falls Wildcat Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 1462, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Alton 'Ott' Johnson, 92

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Alton "Ott" Johnson passed away on Sept. 7, 2020, of COVID-19 while rehabbing from surgery for a broken hip.

Ott was born March 6, 1928, in Red Wing, Minnesota, to John and Amelia Johnson. He was raised primarily in Half Moon with his brother DeWayne and sisters Dee Savage McCann and Altabelle Darling, all who preceded him in death. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1947. He had several college scholarship offers, but instead opted to wed his high school sweetheart, Lois Thacker. Ott and Lois chose Columbia Falls as the place they wanted to live and raise their family, Dennis (Cheryl Posey) of Fort Collins, Colorado, Randy (Cheri Cheek) of Columbia Falls, and Deb of Kalispell.

Ott's work history and experience began at age 15 with the Forest Service clearing trails and manning the Moose Peak Lookout. Later he worked at Stoltz Lumber Company and then for Jellison Logging, finally moving to Anaconda Aluminum Company, retiring after 37 years.

Ott's kindness and patience denoted his actions of generosity and integrity. Behind the scenes, he was a mover and shaker content to stay in the shadows. He was incredibly dependable. Once he told someone he would do something or be somewhere he always fulfilled that commitment and he was always on time. He was a man of his word and a superb role model.



Company Credit Union where he served as treasurer and remained in that position until it merged with

Park Side Credit Union.

His community involvement continued as he helped construction of Little League baseball fields and by helping mobilize donations of equipment, lumber and finances from Plum Creek Lumber Company, Superior Building and Rocky Mountain Lumber Company. He also took a turn at coaching when they needed him. He was a caring, positive, enthusiastic, supportive coach who loved sports and had the patience to bring out the best in his athletes.

He helped build the parsonage for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls where he attended with his family, taught Sunday School, and served as president of the Church Council.

Ott and Lois's single greatest joy was their unconditional love of family. Ott was revered by his four grandchildren Tyler, Kelly, Christine and Jael, five great-grandchildren Marley, Alec, Joshua, Kyle and Hannah, and great-great-grandson Nash. Fortunately for Ott and Lois, their family was spread out across the U.S., so they capitalized on their love for travel by covering all 48 contiguous states as well as Canada to be with family, which also satiated their thirst for history. Ott was an avid reader and found great joy in baking and was famous for his Special K bars.

Barbara Jean Johnson, 75

Barbara Jean Johnson, 75, took her last breath on Aug. 3, 2020, at her home in Kalispell with her daughter Athena and grandson Derek by her side.

Barbara was born on Aug. 22, 1944, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to John Owen and Leola Houston (Lyman) Poteet. Barbara attended and graduated from Jasper High school in Jasper, Missouri, in 1962. She then went on to attend Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri, and received her associate's degree.

Barbara worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Air Force for 27 years when she retired. In March 1975 she married Carl Johnson and he passed away, bless his soul, on Nov. 10, 2007. Barbara was active in her Christian church. She loved to garden, crochet, knit and being with her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her love of music included listening to Elvis, the Oak Ridge Boys and Garth Brooks; but most of all she was an avid Seahawks fan. She would watch them and cheer them on (quite vocally) each and every time.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Carl Johnson; parents, John O. Poteet Sr. Leola Nicholas and stepfather Charles Nicholas; broth-



er, Ken W. Poteet Sr. and his wife Camilla Poteet; and nephew, John O. Poteet

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She is survived by her daughters, Athena Ellis and Alicia Richardson; grandchildren, Staff Sgt. Benjamin and wife Elisa Garcia, Derek Riley, Michelle Johnson, John Richardson, Carl Richardson, Shinia Richardson and Angelina Richardson; great-grandchildren, Alayana Garcia, Tayden Garcia and Nellina Garcia; brother, John O. Poteet Jr.; niece Jennifer Poteet, nephew Ken W. Poteet Jr. and their children.

Barbara was an amazing woman with a beautiful heart. She never would accept that she could not do something; she knew in her heart that she could do anything as long as she believed. She overcame all obstacles put before her in her life and fought this last one to the end.

At Barbara's request there will be no services held.

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.

Ralph and Les; and sisters Jo and Edith. Also preceding her were Keith's brother Richard and his wife Arlene; Keith's sister Kay Witham; and many other dear relatives and friends.

She is survived by her four children and their families; brother-in-law Ted Witham; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in the spring 2021 and announced at a later date. Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Blanche Eunice Shodo Johnson, 91

Blanche Eunice Shodo Johnson, age 91, passed away at home with family on Dec. 24, 2020. Blanche was born in Grassy Butte, North Dakota, on March 2, 1929, to Vincent and Olive Shodo. She was the youngest of six children. Shortly after graduating high school she moved with her family to Polson. There she met her future husband, Keith A. Johnson. They were married on Christmas Eve in 1949. They enjoyed nearly 60 years of marriage.

Blanche and Keith had four children: Paul (Joan) of Whitefish; Kevin (Jane) and their daughters Kristin and Lisa of Butte; Rod (Cindy) and their sons Erik (Martel) and daughters Eleanor

and Evelyn Blanche (Blanche's namesake); and Andrew (Shauna) and their sons Riley and Austin of Polson; Lauren Quien of Kalispell and children Keith Allen (Cara) and their daughters Kyla, Lena and Nora of Spokane; and Nicole (Brian) Piercy and their daughters Sage and Jordan of Marana, Arizona; and Jennifer Quien and her son Oliver of Kalispell.

Blanche found joy in her relationship with many things, her family, friends, and animals. She surrounded her home with beautiful flower gardens and was proud to feed her family home-grown produce. Her many family adventures included camping, hunt-

ing, fishing and spending many happy days at the family cabin near Dayton. In their retirement years, Blanche and Keith traveled extensively in their motorhome, spending winters in Yuma, Arizona, and later Waldport, Oregon. Her favorite pastimes were playing card games with family and sewing.

While she did some office and retail work outside the home, her main focus was on being a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She also volunteered for many years at the Country Store in Polson, finding much joy in the friendships fostered there.

She was preceded in death by her husband Keith; brothers Floyd,

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Dennis H. Johnson, 77

Dennis H. Johnson, 77, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at his home in San Antonio, Texas, with his loved ones by his side. Dennis



was born Feb. 3, 1943, in Portland to Astrid and Hans Johnson. He was raised alongside Bob Brovick by Orva and Bertina Steffarud in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1961. Upon graduation from the University of Montana, he was commissioned into the U.S. Army. After a tour in Vietnam, he married the love of his life, Frankie Anne Hacker. They had two sons, Peter and Patrick, and traveled the world in service to this great nation. Dennis served for over 26 years with multiple deployments in a variety of command and senior staff positions and received many awards and decorations, including the Vietnam Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. He retired in 1992 at Fort Sam Houston.

In retirement, he built a second home in Montana on Whitefish Lake. He spent his time between Whitefish (his hometown) and San

Antonio with his wife Frankie while enjoying their family and wonderful friends.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie; children, Peter (Shelley) and Patrick (Kellie); and grandchildren, Benjamin, Riley, Brooke, Barrett, Landry and Cooper.

The family will receive friends beginning at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Porter Loring Mortuary North in San Antonio. Rosary will be said at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Porter Loring Mortuary North. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Shrine of St. Padre Pio Catholic Church, 3843 Bulverde Parkway, San Antonio. Msgr. Ragsdale will officiate. A private interment with military honors will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Peter Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Barrett Johnson, Anthony Bosworth and Roger Ojeda.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research michaeljfox.org/donate. You are invited to sign the Guestbook at www.porterloring.com.

Arrangements are with Porter Loring Mortuary North, 2102 North Loop 1604 East, San Antonio, TX 78232; 210-495-8221.

F. Scott Johnson, 78

F. Scott Johnson, 78, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine.

Private services will

be held at a future date.

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

Joan A. Johnson, 82

Joan A. Johnson, 82, formerly of Kalispell, died Aug. 19, 2020, in Bryan, Texas.

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Home and Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Texas are caring for the family.

Earl Arve Johnson, 94

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ball team. The couple were

blessed with six children, Julie Woody, Janet, David (Patricia), Brett, Jeff, and Jennifer Johnson-Bell (Steve).

Earl deeply appreciated nature and the outdoors.

The family moved to Great Falls in 1957 where he started Modern Soft Water. A true entrepreneur, Earl later left the plains for the Flathead Valley, where he turned Northwestern Truss into a major supplier to builders. He served as a bishop for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was a dedicated Scout master for several troops, guiding the Scouts on many 50-mile hikes through places

like the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Besides his church service, his passions in life included flying, owning three airplanes, horses, hunting, fishing and golf. He also loved reciting poetry and playing music, teaching himself to play the harmonica, mandolin and guitar. He loved to tell stories about his adventures, especially to his eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arve and Valeria, sister Dorothy, son Brett, and granddaughter Stacy Shane.



World War II in China and the Pacific front. After returning home, he attended Utah State University, majoring in welding engineering.

In 1948, he met and married the love of his life, Pauline Maughan Johnson, and recently celebrated 72 years of marriage. He and Polly moved to Idaho Falls where Earl worked for Westinghouse building the first atomic subma-



Earl Arve Johnson passed away on June 27, 2020, at the age of 94, due to natural causes.

He was born May 12, 1926, to Arve and Valeria Weeks Johnson in Hatch, Idaho. Earl was raised on a farm and learned early on the value of hard work. His youth and high school years brought him much joy, including riding his beloved horse, Old Mary, to grade school and starting on the Bancroft foot-

Gary Johnston, 78

Gary Johnston, 78, died Sept. 23, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Linda; and children, Erin Lopez and Christopher Lopez.

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

Jean A. Johnson, 82

Jean A. Johnson, 82, of Kalispell, died Sept. 19, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Myron Duane Johnson, 87



Myron Duane Johnson, age 87, of Kalispell passed away on April 26, 2020, peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. He was under the care of Frontier Hospice.



Myron was born in 1933 in North Dakota to Henning and Christine Johnson. He was raised on the family farm with three brothers and one sister. He graduated in 1951. The family then moved to Kalispell in 1952.

Myron served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He met the love of his life, Patricia Vaughn. They were married in 1953 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, raising three children, Randy, Robyn and Teri.

Myron worked at Jet Oil, CFAC and Aluminum Products, which became Aluma Glass. Myron retired at age 80. Myron and Pat spent many years visiting their son Randy in Arizona. He enjoyed working on his farm, volunteering his

time to Meals on Wheels and spending time with his family.

He was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, serving on the church council and the building committee. He was also a board member of the Immanuel Lutheran Home and served as president for a year.

We were all blessed to have him in our life, and he will be greatly missed.

Myron was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, of 51 years; their son, Randy; his mother and father; three brothers and a sister.

Myron is survived by his daughters, Robyn (Sean) Ward; Teri (Mike) Wood, all of Kalispell; four grandchildren: Brianne (Riley) Tuyls, Bradyn Ward, Christopher Wood, and Rande Wood; and one great-grandson, Corbin Myron Wood.

At Myron's request a private graveside memorial service was held.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Frontier Hospice.

Darlington Cremation and Burial is caring for Myron and his family.

Jeanette Johnsrud, 78

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Jeanette Johnsrud of Kalispell passed away on Oct. 1, 2020, at the age of 78.

Jeanette was born in Owensboro, Kentucky. Her father, John Alver Hamberg, emigrated from Sweden, to the U.S. via Ellis Island, with plans to settle in Los Angeles. But as he crossed the country, that northern Swede happened upon Ms. Effie Wood in her native state of Kentucky, where they married and raised Jeanette, along with her sister, Mary, and four brothers, George, John, Fred and Ellis.



It was in Kentucky that Jeanette was also fated to meet her very own northern lad, a Norwegian farm boy from North Dakota, Donald Johnsrud, whom she married in 1958. The two Scandinavians spent decades discovering new Swede and Norsky jokes to razz one another, while the rest of us chuckled "Aren't Swedes and Norwegians basically the same thing?"

Jeanette and Don raised a trio of kind-hearted children, Larry, Steven and Cynthia, and Jeanette passed on her remarkable love and laughter to eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, who knew her as "Nana." An avid gourmet and

whole-hearted laugher, Jeanette's spirit shone brightest at family gatherings, sharing good food, jokes, card games and stories.

A lover of literature, animals, and an immaculately spotless house, she also found peace and grace in the quieter moments at home. If shopping was in the books, it was usually to stock up on rugs, vacuum cleaners, place mats or other household wares, all the better for Jeanette to embrace the true Swedish "hygge," (or "cozy") lifestyle at home.

She intuitively knew before anyone when loved ones around her were struggling or needed extra attention, and her immediate response was

always to rally the family with her characteristic mantra: "The best thing we can do is just love and support them." Those who felt Nana's intuitive, unconditional love know it was truly the very best.

Jeanette is survived by her husband Donald, children Steven and Cynthia, three siblings, and 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In heaven she's enjoying decadent meals and exuberant laughs with her parents, brothers George and John, and her son Larry.

A small memorial service for close friends and family will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Church at Creston (5447 Montana Hwy. 35, Kalispell).

Ronald H. Johnson, 63

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Ron gained his wings Dec. 21, 2020, in Anchorage, Alaska. He will be remembered for his smile that could warm anyone's heart. He never met a stranger, after starting a conversation, it was as though they were great friends.

He was born April 21, 1957, in Kalispell to Howard and Patricia Johnson. They later moved to Polson where he went from elementary through high school. He enjoyed visiting with his classmates whenever he could and never missed a class reunion. Ron and wife Ruthie fostered 150 children over 20 years. After retiring from Plum Creek Lumber company, they moved to Monroe, Washington, where he started a second career with Elliot Bay Metal Fabricating. While working with the Monroe Correctional system, he made lasting relationships with the inmates and saw them as equals. He had many hobbies, including golf, collecting baseball cards, Hot Wheels, clowns and Seahawks memorabilia. He was a member of the Glacier Street Rod Association in Kalispell.



He was preceded in death by his father Howard H. Johnson, a nephew Kristopher

Scott, sisters-in-law Mary Freese and Carolinda Darling, and numerous family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ruthie Johnson; children, Theron, Tamara, Tiffany, Damien and Nathan; 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother Patricia Johnson, and sister Barb Scott, numerous friends and family.

There will be a celebration of life at the South Kalispell Fire Department on April 21 at 2 p.m. The address is 1255 Willow Glen Drive, Kalispell. We are sending him off in style with a Mexican potluck as per his love of making (hot!) salsa. I'm going to supply a taco bar. It would be wonderful if you would bring your favorite Mexican dish and your memories to share. There will be coffee and water.

Verda Johnson, 90

Verda Johnson, 90, died on Aug. 28, 2020, in Whitefish.

No services are

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

Crystal Marie Jones, 49

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Crystal Marie Jones passed away on May 15, 2020 in Kalispell at the age of 49.

She was born Aug. 2, 1970 in Tupelo, Mississippi. Crystal is survived by her loving husband, Troy Jones, and many friends and loved ones, including four stepchildren, five grandchildren, two

brothers, two sisters and a niece.

Crystal loved little dogs and people. She enjoyed Christmas, grandkids' birthday parties, playing cards, and using colored pencils on pictures, which she gave to everyone. Crystal loved her fashions and lived her life to the fullest every day.

Elizabeth May Naumann Jones, 85

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Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Elizabeth May Naumann Jones, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at the age of 85 years while sleeping at her residence in Long Beach, California.

Liz was born on Nov. 5, 1934, on her family's farm near Kalispell. She was the fifth of seven children of George and May Naumann. Liz loved growing up with her large family and helping on the farm. She frequently told stories about the farm.

Liz is survived by her two brothers, Carl (Ellen) Naumann and George (Ellie) Naumann, one sister, Jean Fredenberg, two wonderful children and one not so much, Lisa Benlian, Mike Pollinger and Brian Pollinger, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She has joined her son Scotty and daughter Julie



in her eternal home.

Liz was a longtime resident of Kalispell where she lived a full life prior to leaving

in 2018. For many years, Liz worked at Montana Power and eventually retired. She loved quilting, enjoyed reading and playing card games. Her very favorite thing to do was visiting garage sales on the weekends.

Liz was a huge part of her families' lives where she will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Please join us celebrating her life Tuesday morning Nov. 17, graveside at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Kalispell.

A memorial service and reception will follow at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California Street.

Sherry Ann Johnson

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Sherry Ann Johnson, 82, passed away Oct. 18, 2020, surrounded by loved ones at her home in Wasilla, Alaska. Per her request, no services will be performed.

Sherry was born Dec. 1, 1937, in Malta, Montana to Clarence and Irene Nitz. After graduating high school, she worked at First National Bank in Kalispell, started a family, and worked at a local doctor's office. In 1983, Sherry moved to Wasilla, Alaska, with her husband, Jerry, and remained there for the



rest of her days, working in the engineering department at MEA until her retirement.

Surrogate mother/

grandmother to many, Sherry loved to spend time with loved ones and shower them with delicious treats. When not creating potato salad by the gallon, she enjoyed camping with friends and family, cheering on grandchildren at various sporting events, and watching Survivor. Sherry never met a crossword puzzle she couldn't conquer and was a formidable Scrabble opponent. She also loved cutting a rug on the dance floor with the love of her life.

Sherry is survived by

her sister, Joan; daughters, Jackie Crosby, Jody Finley, Juanita Nilsby and Julie Skaro; son, James Johnson; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and too many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and relatives to name. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She will be forever loved and missed by all.

Condolences may be sent to: 2431 135th Place SW, Lynnwood, WA 98087.

Henry O. Jordahl, 98

Henry O. Jordahl went to be with his Lord and Savior quietly and peacefully in the early morning, on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 of natural causes. He was 98 years old. He was born in Billings on Aug. 15, 1922 to Gertrude Conover Jordahl and Henry Oscar Jordahl, Sr.

He was married to Alberta June (Toni) Desmarais in 1945. They were married for 56 years. Henry graduated from Billings High School at the age of 15, graduating from Denver University in 1949. The following year he received his Certification in Public Accounting in Chicago. His schooling was interrupted in October of 1942 when he joined the Navy and served in World War II as a pilot on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. He continued his service as a pilot by joining the Montana National Guard in 1950-1969.

After a short time working with Arthur Anderson in Chicago, he and his wife, Toni, moved to Kalispell where he worked with Harry Ish until establishing his own firm, Jordahl & Sliter, for 38 years, with locations in Kalispell, Missoula and Bozeman. He was known



for being a man with integrity in business and social dealings and was highly regarded in the CPA profession. Upon retiring, he and Toni spent their win-

ters in Green Valley, Ariz., and their summers in Kalispell, until permanently settling in Green Valley. Henry resided there from 2002 to 2018, and then moved back to Montana. He enjoyed golf as his favorite sport, pursuing it to his heart's content, scoring 14 aces in his lifetime.

Toni preceded him in death in 2001. He is survived by his three daughters, Jacque (Gene) Van Dyken of Green Valley, Ariz., Jayne Lister and Kelly (Jeff) Stone of Belgrade; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren who all adored, enjoyed and had great admiration for him.

No services are planned at this time. Condolences & memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

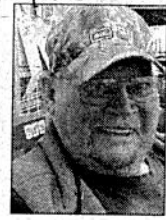
Charles Augusta Judkins, 80

On April 26, 2020, after a long fight with various medical issues, Charles Augusta Judkins, age 80, passed away at Schneidmiller Hospice House in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Charlie was born March 8, 1940, in Banks, North Dakota, to Jay Fred Judkins and Borghild Louise (Dahl) Judkins.

At the age of 21, Charlie went to serve his country in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963. While in the service he was stationed for most of his time abroad in Germany. When he returned, he moved to Libby where he worked at the St. Regis paper mill for over 30 years until he retired. He was an active member in the Honor Guard for one year. He was a lifetime VFW and American Legion member.

Charlie loved to go hunting, fishing or do anything outdoors. He played on a pool league and bowling league. He always had time to enjoy a cold beer with his many friends in the VFW or American Legion. He was a favorite uncle to his 26 nieces and nephews. He had a very special bond with his nephew Greg



Judkins Laasch when he was a young boy that continued until the day he passed with Greg by his side.

He was preceded

in death by his father and mother, Jay and Borghild Judkins; and his brothers, Duane Judkins of Hugo, Oklahoma and Leslie Judkins of Bridger, Montana.

He is survived by his brother Jim Judkins of Libby; sister Barbara Arthaud of Dickinson, North Dakota; Brother Jack (Wilma) Judkins of Libby; twin sisters Elaine Laasch and Eileen Felland of Sagle, Idaho; and 26 Nieces and Nephews.

Charlie wanted to thank everyone for all the prayers and best wishes over the last six months. They meant the world to him!

A memorial will follow at a later date in the coming summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local VFW or American Legion.

Debbie Lynn Jones, 59

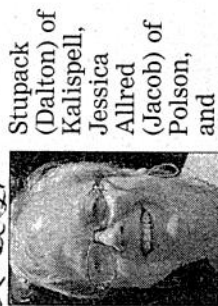
Debbie Lynn Jones, 59, of Polson, passed away Nov. 15, 2020, with her family by her side.

She was born to and affectionately raised by Bill Hunter, Shirley (Green) Hunter and Gene Powers in Missoula on April 19, 1961.

Debbie graduated from Polson High School in 1979. She married Jeffrey Lyle Jones June 19, 1982, and they lived happily while raising their family together in Polson for 38 years. Debbie devoted many years working for the Polson School District as the world's coolest lunch lady.

Debbie had the most infectious laugh and always brightened any room she was in. Her smile instantly brought warmth and comfort to whoever she was near. Debbie loved her family fiercely, accepted every one, and cared for all. She was selfless in every act and deed. Debbie was the kind of person you enjoy knowing and treasure forever having known.

Debbie is survived by husband, Jeff; her four children, Walter (Ty) Jones of Kennewick, Washington, Breanna



Moran (Zach) of Kennewick; as well as her siblings, Cindy Dake (Royce) and Sharon Olson (Bob). She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Bridger, Landon, Isabella, Jasmyn, Bailey, Bowen, Gage and Lux.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents Gene Powers and Bill and Shirley (Green) Hunter, her brother Rick Hunter, as well as her mother- and father-in-law, Winnie and Walt Jones.

A celebration of life will be held at the Jones residence for both Debbie and Winnie on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lake-funeralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

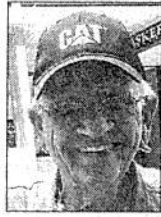
Jack Duwayne Jones, 83

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March 3, 2020, marked the passing of Jack Duwayne Jones, 83, of Kalispell. Jack finally succumbed to lung cancer after a valiant, five-year struggle.

Jack's life involved numerous ups and downs in both his business and personal affairs. He started more business enterprises than can properly be enumerated here ... including fast food restaurants in the early '60s, farming and ranching operations, real estate dealings, gold mining in Montana, bowling alleys, pawn brokerage, and more. He was the quintessential entrepreneur ... always thinking of a new way to make a buck. In personal affairs, he had two marriages, which ended in two friendships — because a person could not “unlove” him. His personality was strangely, intensely magnetic, and he loved to have a good time. His smile never failed to brighten. Throughout his adult life he was very involved in Alcoholics Anonymous, helping many folks with similar struggles in his 50 years of sobriety. He was particularly proud of his West Texas ranching heritage and his strong handshake reflected his belief in the sanctity of honoring one's word. Jack D. Jones was the eternal optimist. His zest for life was unparalleled and the passing of this character left a hole in the world, which cannot be filled.

Jack was survived by his two sons, Clayton Jones of Harper, Texas,



and Clifton Jones of Austin, Texas — and their families, which include

daughter-in-law Danita Jones, granddaughters Lindsey Taylor, Vivian Kim, and Claire Jones, also daughter-in-law Leah Jones, and granddaughter Olivia Jones. Other family members include Luke Taylor, Avery Taylor, Pierce Taylor and Dan Kim. Extended “family” includes Marion Sue and John DeFoore, the Balches, Kathy and Allen Spurger, Don Hofman, Phil and Donna Pharies and family, Tina Terry, Tyson Carter, and many, many wonderful friends in the local area (of whom the family is deeply appreciative).

Jack D. Jones - Nov. 6, 1936 to March 3, 2020. Peace in Jesus' arms. You are sorely missed. “Let's ride!”

There will be a celebratory “get together” at Sykes Restaurant (202 2nd Ave. West in Kalispell) on Friday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appetizers and drinks will be provided.

Viewing hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening March 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home (1890 Hwy. 93 North in Kalispell).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that tax-deductible donations be made to: Alano Club of Kalispell (Alcoholics Anonymous), P.O. Box 9762, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Martha Jones, 100

Martha Jones, 100, of Missoula, formerly Lakeside and Kalispell, died Aug. 8, 2020, at Community Medical Center in Missoula. Cremation is planned

and no services will be held at this time.

Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula is assisting with these arrangements.

Roberta “Bobbi” Jones, 78

Roberta “Bobbi” Jones, 78, of Columbia Falls, died July 2, 2020, at her home.

She is survived by her daughters Korri

Barkkari and Holli Scheetz-Guthrie.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for her family.

Shawn R. Jordan, 61

Shawn R. Jordan, 61, died suddenly of a heart attack late in evening on March 22, 2020, at his home in Arizona.

He was born in Britton, South Dakota to

Henry (Hank) and Twila Jordan.

He is survived by his mother Twila Jordan.

Memorial services will be held later this summer.

Lorene "Sue" Jones, 78

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Sept. 8, 2020, our much loved mother lost her battle with cancer but began her journey to her new life in heaven with God whom she worshipped faithfully.

Lorene was born in 1942 to Egil and Alice (Pierston) Engbretson. She grew up in the Flathead Valley with her siblings, Ardell, Maurice, Florence and Alan.

Sue married Don Bunker; they eventually divorced and then later she married Roy Jones. Most of our mother's life was spent as a homemaker/caregiver to her children, Kelly Smith (spouse Steve), Ron Bunker

(spouse Nicole), Rebecca Williamson (spouse Jim), Holly Dierman (spouse Damen), Charity Leighty (spouse Terry), Mike Jones (spouse Susan), Dave Jones (spouse Tami), Pam Ridenour (spouse Bill) and to her numerous grandchildren. Mom also worked outside of the home as an usher for the Liberty and Strand theaters, a sorter for Cherry Warehouse, a caregiver for the convalescent home that her mother owned, a waitress, a housekeeper for Kalispell Regional and a Sunday School teacher.

Suzy was a good friend to all. She was honest, caring, loving, sincere, courageous, fierce and

funny. Mom was known for her great sense of humor. Special occasions always brought out our mother's shenanigans. For instance, one Easter she dressed up as the Easter Bunny and hopped around the neighborhood delivering candy to wide-eyed children. Or, the time she arranged a treasure hunt, taking us all over town looking for clues and ending up at the Fairy Steps at the cemetery.

Mom may have lost her battle with cancer, but she won the fight. For many years she suffered from severe effects of arthritis and no longer will she be in pain. In her last days she opened her eyes and said, "Damn, I think God forgot about me"; but he did not. He was just slower than she'd like. She mentioned to her family a few days before passing that she would leave pennies as a sign that she was around after her death, and butterflies. We love you, Mom!

A private memorial with the immediate family will be held. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Sue's family.

Ray Jones passed away peacefully on April 20, 2020, at the Springs of Whitefish after a long illness of dementia.

Ray married Iris Stokes on Nov. 5, 1954. Together they had three children and raised Judy Stokes, Iris's sister.



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He was drafted into the Army shortly after he married and was stationed in Hawaii for two years. Upon returning he was employed with Plum Creek Timber Co. of Columbia Falls until his retirement at age 62. Over the years he worked many jobs, from cattle ranching to construction, to provide for his family.

After retiring, Ray and Iris stayed active with their dahlia garden, Homestead Gardens. They were members of

the Dahlia society and cultivated many friends. Homestead Gardens grew from a hobby to a business, shipping dahlia bulbs all over the world. Ray enjoyed fresh-cut flower sales, largely due to the people who came to the garden. He loved interacting with the people as much as they loved him.

Ray is survived by his wife Iris Jones of Whitefish; daughter Sindy Robinson and husband Jeff of Spokane; son Roger

Jones and wife Mary of Kalispell; two grandsons Brandon Robinson and Chad Jones; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by grandson Caleb Jones; granddaughter Ashlee Robinson; and daughter Bonnie Jones.

The family would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during this time. Ray's smile will be greatly missed.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Fairview Cemetery.

Gloria Jones, 81

Gloria Jones, 81, died on Nov. 26, 2020, at The HealthCenter.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jimmie Jones, 74

Jimmie Jones, 74, died on Dec. 18, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Winnie Jones, 93

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Winnie Jones, 93, of Polson, passed away Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, surrounded by her family.

She was born to parents Fred August Bauer and Frances Ester (McFadden) Bauer Aug. 7, 1927, in Kalispell.

Winnie spent many years working for the U.S. Postal Service. She married Walter "Walt" Jones on April 14, 1946. They lived together in Kalispell before moving to Polson where they happily grew their family for many years.

Winnie loved her family more than life itself and always strived to make them happy. She was kind, compassionate and regal. Winnie was the sort of person that could always make you feel better and would stop any task at hand for the needs of others. She enjoyed going to church and being around her congregation. She loved sitting peacefully in her home watching, from her window, the many birds she fed.

Winnie is survived



by four children, Julie Ann Paul (Richard) of Ronan, Jeffrey Lyle Jones

(Debbie) of Polson, Randal Larry Jones (Monica) of Polson, and Kevin Lee Jones (Cheryl) of Missoula. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Winnie was preceded in death by her husband Walter Lyle Jones, her parents Fred and Frances Bauer, as well as her siblings Frank Bauer, Ester McAtee and Evelyn Jones.

A celebration of life will be held at the Jones residence for both Winnie and Debbie on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lake-funeralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Vickie Lynn Jumper, 60

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Vickie Lynn Jumper passed away on Dec. 22, 2020, at home with her family, surrounded by love.



loved Mount Rainier, memories of her summit bid, the Kentucky Derby, the Oregon Ducks and, more recently, the Washington Huskies.

Following her cancer diagnosis in 2012, Vickie embraced the challenges thrown her way. She lifted others with a smile, a touch or a joke, and made it a goal to spark laughter in anyone that needed it. Her pleasure came from comforting others and she held on a little longer to make sure her husband and family would be alright without her. With God's work finished and her soul's work complete, she passed with grace, surrounded with love!

Vickie was greeted in heaven by her mother Darlene, grandmothers Nelly and Doris, grandfathers Vince and Sam, cousin Rene, many loving friends, and dear pets Gunner, Custer and Bones.

Vickie is survived by and looking forward to seeing again, husband Jim Jumper, daughter Cassie Jumper, son Jimmy Jumper (Mackenzie), father Sam Matousek, sisters Pamela (Danny), Kaylee (Adam), brother Michael, brothers-in-law Waylon (Diana) and Brandon (Debbie), nieces Lynn, Ashley, Shelby, Riley, Madison and Makenzie, nephews, Alex, Nickolas, Caden and Cody, grand-nephews, Hunter, Jannik and Sammy, aunt Robin, and special friends Angela, Kim and Linda. Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 2, and led by dear family friend, Mitch Barnes. A celebration will be held after at Vickie's home. Please contact the family to send flowers or if you would like to attend.

Vickie was Jim's favorite hunting partner, Jimmy's biggest fan at baseball games, and loved hauling Cassie around Montana to high school rodeos. Vickie

Lillian Ellen (Merkle) Judge, 91

Lillian Ellen (Merkle) Judge passed away on April 29, 2020, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, at the age of 91.

She was born to Thomas and Leona Merkle in Butte and graduated from Butte High School in 1946.

Kenneth and Lillian were married in Butte in 1951. They relocated to Whitefish and established their life there. Lillian had eight children, Linda, Karen, Ken, Lee, Kevin, Lucy, Karla and Lisa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter Lee, and daughter-in-law Lori.

Lillian's love of dance began at age 5 and eventually led her to Chicago for professional training. Lillian's School of Dance opened in 1964. She inspired the Whitefish community to dance for 45 years, teaching tap, ballet and tumbling to girls, boys and adults. Her teaching and per-



forming reached beyond the studio. She choreographed dances for Whitefish Junior Miss pageants, Whitefish Theater Company, and Whitefish Winter Carnival skits. Lillian loved to perform and participated in the North Valley Hospital Mash Bash fundraiser on numerous occasions. Her most cherished performance featured her dancing with her daughters at her final recital.

Lillian was an avid supporter of all children's extracurricular activities, including swim team, Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, and Arts in April at the Whitefish Schools. She was sure to be found in the bleachers at her children's and grandchildren activities.

Lillian was a member of the Calamity Singers,

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Loyal Order of the Moose, and The Red Hat Society. She volunteered at Shepherd's Hand Clinic, local elections and Habitat for Humanity. For all her community involvement, she was named First Lady of Whitefish in 1978.

Lillian worked at Lacy's Photography Studio for 11 years and especially enjoyed helping with school portraits in all Whitefish schools.

As a devoted Catholic, Lillian was very involved in St. Charles Parish for many years. She served as province director for the National Council of Catholic Women traveling and speaking throughout the country.

Travel was another one of Lillian's passions, taking her to Europe and Argentina, an Alaskan cruise, and to a Yankees game in New York City, to name just a few. Lillian lived a full life and shared her enthusiasm with many.

She is survived by her children, Linda, Karen (Cliff) Lengstorf, Ken, Kevin (Mary) Judge, Lucy McFadden, Karla, and Lisa (John) Illich. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and cousins Helen and Judy.

The family wishes to thank the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful care they provided. Thank you also to Father Raftis and Deacon Doug Cordier at St. Richard's Parish for their support.

In lieu of flowers, Lillian's wish was that donations be made to Shepherd's Hand Clinic.

A memorial Mass will be held Friday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

"May your heart be as light as your dancing feet."

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

Francis S. June Jr., 76

Francis June, a native of Kalispell and philanthropist of life, who gave of himself and touched the lives and hearts of many, passed away peacefully at the Immanuel Lutheran Communities Skilled Nursing Care facility on Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Francis S. June was born on Aug. 24, 1943, in Kalispell to his parents Irene and Francis S. June Sr. As a child he attended Cornelius Hedges grade school and proudly graduated from Flathead County High School.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents Irene and Francis S. June Sr., and his sister Ruth June Borchert.

Francis delivered newspapers on three separate routes on the East Side of Kalispell for over 19 years. Lynnette Hintze of the Daily Inter Lake said that his customers could set their clocks to the punctuality of his deliveries. Francis was a frequent visitor to many Main Street banks, businesses, churches and social service agencies where many life-long friendships were formed. Francis held dear his relationships with anyone he met in his travels along the streets of Kalispell. Whether it be the customers he delivered papers to or bank presidents, the mayor of Kalispell, governors or Congressional representatives or homeless individuals, Francis greeted each person as if they were his longtime best friend and someone to share bits of information with that tickled Francis.



down-town area looking for help. After his surgery for a broken arm, with help

from the United Way, he was able to stay at the Samaritan House while waiting for an opening at the Immanuel Lutheran Communities. Since that time Francis has wanted to give back to the charities that helped him. He began purchasing lottery tickets, one at a time, in the hopes that he would be able to win a million dollars that he would give to those who helped him when he was down.

Francis is survived by a sister, Jane McKnight of Arizona/Browning and community members who have lovingly cared and supported Francis throughout the last 20 years: Dr. Marise Johnson and staff, Ann Johnson, Immanuel Lutheran Communities staff and volunteers, Linda Shearer, Chris Krager and Samaritan House, Rebecca Manna, Matt Shearer, Vic Houser, Eagle Transit, Agency on Aging, the United Way, Frontier Hospice, Easthaven Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, friends at the Daily Inter Lake, Doug Houtz, Susan Gregory, Paulette Lawrence, Robbin Larson, and his dear friends Nikki and Ev Sliter. Francis would want anyone that has been omitted from this list and all his friends at local businesses to know how much he appreciated their care.

Francis was a special and gifted individual. His quick wit, friendly outgoing manner and bits of conversation, quick pace walk, and his memories of local history and architecture, buildings, cars — you name it — brought smiles to people's faces. His savant ability to correctly recall dates, people and their family relationships, history and construction of buildings, as well as who lived in each and every house on the East side of Kalispell amazed everyone. Twenty years ago, Francis slipped on the ice and fell while delivering papers on his morning routes, breaking his arm and shoulder. He immediately went to Sen. Max Baucus's office in the

“Tell my customers that I miss them.”

In lieu of flowers please send donations toward Francis' grave marker to the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell. Any funds above the costs of a marker will be donated to the Samaritan House, United Way, and the Immanuel Foundation.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. No public reception is planned due to the virus restriction. Please bring your favorite memory of Francis to share.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral is caring for the family.