

Michelle P. Smith, 69

Michelle P. Smith, 69, died July 1, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.
No services are

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

Nathanael 'Nathan' Smith, 47

Nathanael "Nathan" Smith, 47, of Kalispell, died March 12, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, at

Columbia Mortuary.
Burial will be in Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Peggy Sue Smith, 88

Peggy Sue Smith, 88, of Columbia Falls, died on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at Hidden Meadows Assisted Living in Columbia Falls.

Private family services are being planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Deanna Jean Spletstoser, 83

Deanna Jean Spletstoser, 83, of Kalispell died Dec. 25, 2020.

No services are being held at this time.

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

George Christian Sprotte, 85

George Christian Sprotte, 85, died on July 28, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Dottie Sprotte.

No services are planned at this time.
Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Clinton 'Bill' Spurgeon, 88

Clinton "Bill" Spurgeon, 88, died on Friday, April 3, 2020, at Bee Hive Homes in Kalispell.

Arrangements are being made.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

James R. Sommers, 66

James R. Sommers, 66, died Aug. 30, 2020, at his home in Kalispell. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond Robert Sorenson, 79

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Raymond Robert Sorenson was born in Malta to Richard R. and Mary Craft Sorenson and died on April 20, 2020.

He went to school in Malta until he was 15 years old and then left home with suitcase in hand and traveled west to Columbia Falls, where he lived with extended family, John and Lola Craft. After a short stay with them, he was on the road again. He worked as a "gandy dancer" on the railroad and a carnie for Oakey Norton shows, and traveled from Montana to Mexico and back by the time he was 18 years old.

At the age of 21 he joined the U.S. Army and served his country faithfully from 1961 until 1967. During his army career he spent time in Korea and ended up as a drill instructor training troops in Fort Ord, California. While in Korea the first time, he met his future wife but was sent back to the U.S. early because the army discouraged marriage between American troops and Korean nationals. Always stubborn and single-minded, he reenlisted dependent on being sent back to Korea. Upon seeing him back in Korea, Sung said, "Why you come back, are you dingy, dingy?" Yes, he was. They were married on Feb. 12, 1964 and he was "dingy, dingy" for his wife Sung until her passing 54 and one-half years later.



playing any card game and was very good at poker and craps. 39 of the past 42 years he and a group of seven to nine friends who were

serious gamblers met in Las Vegas the weeks before and after each Super Bowl. Most of the time, he paid for his trip at the poker tables.

An excellent marksman, Raymond hunted many years. After having put in for a bull elk tag for south of Malta 18 years straight, he received one as a 78 year old and bagged a five point bull.

Besides his family, Raymond was most proud of being a Mason and a Shriner. Raymond entered the Masons in Jan. 1974 and became a Master Mason in May of that year. He became a noble for the Algeria Shriners in Dec. 1987 and was installed as Potentate of Algeria Shriners in Jan. 2010. He joined the Royal Arch Masons of Montana in 1980 and was elected Grand High Priest Royal Arch Mason of Montana in 2007.

After his release from the Army, Raymond and Sung settled in Columbia Falls when he began a career at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, where he worked for 34 years and was very involved in union affairs. While working his full shifts and taking every opportunity to work overtime, Raymond also attended Flathead Valley Community College and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. At the same time, he studied to take his real estate salesperson test and eventually obtained a broker's license and had his own office. During his FVCC years, he made many friends politically and became a "diehard" Democrat and was very active in the Democratic party. He took great pride in helping to start the Baucus for Senate committee in the Flathead Valley because Max Baucus stayed at his house during his walk across Montana to gather votes.

Known as a man who built a three-story home without getting above the first rung of a ladder because of fear of heights, he amazed all who knew him when he received his license to become one of the first hot air balloon pilots in Montana. Many friends and family spent hours in a "chase vehicle" as he floated thousands of feet in the air.

Raymond enjoyed

He felt the most important thing he could do was to sponsor a child to be sent to the Shrine Hospital for Children and was especially excited to have helped the grandchildren of his dear friend, Alan Connors. Dedicated to the Masonic Temple and Shriners far beyond most, he traveled from Vancouver and Calgary, Canada, to Houston and Orlando and many points in between to attend national conferences. He was proud of only missing three or four monthly business meetings in Helena over a 20-year period, because he was attending to other Masonic business.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Mary Sorenson; a brother Gary; and his beloved wife Sung. He is survived by his son Richard of Columbia Falls; his son Johnny of Tempe, Arizona and wife Paula; and grandchildren Justin, Morgan and Addison. He is also survived by his brother Karl and his wife Kathleen of Columbia Falls; his many cousins; and nieces Ranette Sorenson of Bigfork and Jessica Sorenson of Columbia Falls; as well as many friends.

Raymond will be cremated and Masonic graveside service and celebration of life will held at a later date to be announced.

The family asks that memorials be made to Shriner's Children Hospitals.

Evan Gilbert Speer, 91

Evan Gilbert Speer of Columbia Falls passed away on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at the age of 91. After several years of battling Alzheimer's, Evan died peacefully of pneumonia, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with beloved wife Shirley, their son David and David's wife Barbara by his side.

Evan was born in Havre on Nov. 23, 1929, to Gilbert and Mabel Speer. Evan was the fifth of seven children and following World War II, his family settled in the Flathead Valley. Evan was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager and given a year to live. He dropped out of high school and spent the next year enjoying the great outdoors of Western Montana. It was during this year that he developed his love for the outdoors, fishing, and hunting. It was also during this time that Evan found Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, a relationship that would shape the rest of his life. After a year he went back to the doctor to find that he had been healed of leukemia, something that he later shared with his children, was a miracle healing from God. He returned to high school and in 1949 graduated from Flathead County High School with his younger brother Hugh.



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retiring. Evan had several jobs before finding work at the Anaconda



Aluminum Plant where he was employed for 28 years retiring at the age of 55.



Evan was known as a man of integrity and honor.

He had a love for hunting, fishing and the outdoors, which he passed on to his children. He served his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all of his life, serving as a deacon in two churches and as a Sunday school teacher. He loved to read and study the Bible and would often have folks into his home to share about the Bible.

Evan was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Mabel; and Gilbert's second wife, Lelah; by his brothers, Alvin, Roy and Hugh; sisters, Dee and Evelyn; and his youngest son, Glen.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; sister, Jeanette DeCarrico, of Portland; children, Eugene Speer and Randa, of Regina, Saskatchewan, David Speer and Barbara of Columbia Falls, Kathy Box and Kelvin of Riverton, Utah, and Lea Lauria of San Antonio, Texas; as well as a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

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

During his high school years, he joined the National Guard and met the woman who would one day be his wife and soulmate, Shirley Mae Emmert. Following high school on July 27, 1952, Evan married Shirley. He and Shirley then moved to Columbus, Georgia, where he attended military school. During his time in Georgia, Shirley gave birth to their oldest of five children, Eugene. Evan and Shirley's second son, David, was born in Oklahoma while attending a second military school. After a short time in Colorado, the family moved back to the Flathead Valley where Evan and Shirley made Columbia Falls their permanent home. Their third son, Glen was born in Whitefish. On Evan's birthday in 1966, the family adopted Kathy and Lea. Evan would spend a total of 41 years serving his country in the National Guard before

A graveside service, officiated by Pastor Randy Olson, will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. Family and close friends are welcome to attend. Due to coronavirus restrictions, Evan's memorial service will not be held until sometime in the summer of 2021, the date and time to be announced later.

People wishing to honor Evan are asked to make donations in Evan's memory to the First Baptist Church of Whitefish.

Bill Staats, 84

Bill Staats, 84, of Lakeside, died May 20, 2020 at BeeHive Homes in Kalispell.

A funeral service to celebrate Bill's life is being held at 11 a.m. on May 26 at Darlington Cremation and Burial

Service. Pastor Dan McNeese will officiate. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A private family reception will be held at the church in Lakeside following interment.

Dorothy Stafford, 80

Dorothy Stafford, 80, died Oct. 7, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Donald Stafford; and children, Rhonda Wyant, Robert Stafford and Daniel Stafford.

Services will be held at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Dawn Michelle Henderson-Stadick, 46

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Heaven gained a beautiful angel on Saturday, May 23, 2020.



Dawn was born July 26, 1973, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She graduated from Billings West High School in 1992. After her graduation she joined the Air Force right away, as this had always been her plan. Once she was out of the Air Force, she and her two children, Makayla and Micah, moved to California, where she graduated with her Dental Assistant degree.

After earning her Dental Assisting degree,



she moved to Kalispell with Makayla and Micah. They settled in here quickly. It was not long after that she met Robert Henderson. They were married in 2004 and together they had Mason, their third child. Robert and Dawn's families united as one and spent time together doing the activities that were loved and are treasured memories. Everyone enjoyed camping, floating the river, football, kids' sporting events, and much more. In 2011, Robert went to be with the Lord after a courageous fight with brain cancer.

Dawn continued to work as a dental assistant and supported the three children. She met Chris Stadick and after meeting, their relationship blossomed. After a long courtship the two

were married in July 2019. They enjoyed the outdoors to the fullest together. The two families were combined with such passion and love.

Dawn enjoyed so many activities, such as fishing, hunting, huckleberry picking, dragon boating, bonfires, floating the river, hiking, kids' sporting events and spending time with her family. She loved working in the dental office and at Tamarack grief counseling. Her children were everything to her and she would move mountains for each one of them.

Dawn is survived by her husband, Chris Stadick of Kalispell; children Makayla Moore of Westbend, Wisconsin; Micah Moore of Missoula; Mason Henderson, Casson Stadick, Julia Stadick, Tailee Stadick, and

Kendall Stadick, all of Kalispell; her mother and father Donna and Randy Holland of Kalispell; three sisters, Kim Harvey of Thermopolis, Wyoming; Marcie Heeter of Kalispell; and Michelle Faber of Columbia Tennessee. She has so many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, extended family members and friends that became family through the years. She was loved by everyone who met her.

A celebration of life will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, at 120 Dern Road in Kalispell. In lieu of flowers and cards, please send donations to The Tamarack Grief Resource Center, 406-541-8472.

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

Nell Y. Steady, 95

Nell Y. Steady, 95, of Kalispell, died Sept. 21, 2020, at Heritage Place.

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

Kathryn Louise Kelly Stebbins, 98

On July 15, 1922, the kind, generous soul of Kathryn Louise Kelly entered this world in Bynum, Montana, to Peter and Eula (Rowland) Kelly. On Oct. 13, 2020, she left it, as quietly and gently as she lived, surrounded by the love of her family.

Kathryn was the fourth of five children in the Kelly family. Her mother passed away when she was 7, and her younger sister, Marilyn, five years later. Kathryn was raised by her father, and eldest sister, Aunt Alice. She attended grade school in Bynum and high school in Choteau. Her interests were babysitting, reading, singing, playing the clarinet, tap dancing and sports, especially basketball and softball. As kids we heard stories, uncharacteristically, of her great throwing arm with spitballs on the school bus resulting in her being kicked off the bus to being called out by the local priest for being late to Mass on some Sundays. She graduated from the Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls in 1943. "Kelly" made lifelong friends while in nursing school.

In 1939, tomboy "Kate" met a dashing young man from Kalispell on the softball field in Bynum. She wasn't much impressed, thinking him "full of himself." They courted by mail for four years while Jiggs was working in Alaska for the Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA), and were married in Choteau on Nov. 19, 1943. They took a ship along the inside passage back to Alaska, windows blacked out to shield from the Japanese submarines, operating off the coast of U.S. and Canada, which was a constant fear at that time during World War II. For three years, the young couple adven-

tured in Alaska, living in Talkeetna, Anchorage and Fairbanks. Jiggs was gone for

weeks at a time putting in communication towers in remote locations, and Kathryn was the local nurse and sometime school teacher. She once received a large gold nugget and a bottle of whiskey when she delivered a miner's baby. Dad pulled her on big wooden skis behind the company truck, the only vehicle in Talkeetna at the time. Denali was framed in her kitchen window.

Although they didn't want to leave the rugged life in Alaska, when Jiggs' parents asked them to return to run the family farm in Kalispell they did so, bringing their son, Michael. Mike would soon be joined by John, Marilyn and Susan. Life on the farm and with four busy children never stopped. She always assisted in any activity or projects her children pursued. Mom was our biggest cheerleader. As far as the farm, she worked right along with Dad to keep it running, as he also had a full-time job outside the farm. In the community, she was active in the Egan Mothers' Club, 4-H socials, Home Demonstration Club, neighborhood pinochle gatherings, TOPS Ladies Club, and was a devoted member of Saint Matthew's Catholic Parish. In her latter years, she continued her love of reading many books per week, transitioning to a Kindle.

Everyone was welcomed at Kathryn's kitchen table. Over the years, they welcomed numerous cousins, acquaintances



and friends to stay, work, and be a part of the family. So many people speak of her home-

cooked meals as well as her weekly array of baked goods, breads, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts and cookies. Gardening and canning were also another way she provided for her family. Her love of the outdoors was portrayed in the immaculate care taken with her beautiful flowers and mowed lawn.

When Jiggs passed away in 1999, Kathryn never slowed down. She continued to be engaged in the lives of her family, never ceasing to write letters to her many far-flung loved ones. She worked out three days a week and attended her ladies club meetings. She was always game for whatever activity the family had planned, even going to Disneyland and Universal Studios and riding every single ride with her adult grandkids. In 2001, she traveled to Ireland (a trip she and Jiggs had made several times) with her daughters and granddaughters, where she was able to see her first cousins and show her family the farm her Dad had left at age 17. How many people are lucky enough to drink a pint of Guinness in an Irish pub with their Irish mother and grandmother?

Kathryn's character might be best described by the idea of communion. She was a woman of strong faith in God and prayer. Kathryn lived her faith with humility, strength and positivity. This legacy lives on in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

L.M. "Jiggs" Stebbins, her parents, her siblings, and her great-granddaughter, Abigail Louise Thompson. Kathryn was the last surviving first cousin from her Tipperary, Ireland, roots.

She will be forever loved by her sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Dr. Michael Stebbins D.D.S., John and Donna Stebbins, Marilyn and Tom Saubert, Susan and Emmett Quigley, Jennifer (Ella, Jonathan, Keenan) Stebbins, Jonathan and Martha (Sofia) Stebbins, Dr. Mandrea (Johnny) Stebbins D.M.D., Holly and Matt (Ethan, Chloe) Desch, Ellie and Fred (Peyton, Kathryn) Bicha, Kathryn and Steven (Samuel, Charlie, Hannah) Thompson, Jaime and Jeff (Branton, Kailey) Dickey, Matt and Brynne Russell, Bret and Jacqueline (Colten, Rylind, Jasper, Maddox, Beau) Saubert, Christopher and Jade Saubert, Melissa and Jason (Cooper, Brayden) Smith, Paul and Michelle (Capri, Emmett) Quigley, her sister-in-law Florence Stebbins of Alaska, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family celebration of Kathryn's life was held Friday, Oct. 16, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Donations were made to the rebuilding fund for St. Matthew's Parish.

It has been a blessing to be her family. Describing her sweet, unconditional love and unwavering support sounds like hyperbole. She was never too busy, never critical, and never harsh. She was a nurturer and caregiver. She was always there, with her sugar cookies and a freezer full of Popsicles, with soft arms, and a softer heart. We love you, Mom, Grandma, and G.G.

DeLane A. (Boehm) Steiner, 56

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DeLane A. (Boehm) Steiner, 56, was granted her angel wings on Oct. 27, 2020. When Dee grew her angel wings and left us, we were all very devastated and in shock. The cause of death was complications from surgery.



family and friends, taking off for rides and going for a piece of pie. Dee

unfortunately, her life was cut short.

DeLane is survived by her partner of seven years Charles D. Pierce, Kalispell; sons: Casey J. Steiner (Genevieve), Kalispell, and Chanz R. Steiner (Heather), Yelm, Washington; grandchildren: Angel, Eliza, Alyssa, Austin, Aaron, Keola, Kelub, Elizabeth, Koda, Elizabella, Kedon and Marley Ray; in addition to brother Greg Boehm (Chris), Anacortes, Washington; two sisters Debbie Engelhard (Dennis) Salem, Oregon, and Michele Glazier (Harold), Kalispell; brother-in-law Daniel Hodge, Rochester, Minnesota; and several nephews and nieces.

Dee was born March 27, 1964, in Glasgow, Montana. Dee was a radiant individual who brought joy to many. She had a fabulous smile that lit up the room everywhere she went. There were hugs and kisses — not only for her family, friends, but also for the elderly, and the many “extra sons and daughters” she acquired while her sons Casey and Chanz were growing up. There was always room for one more at the table, or one more person sleeping on the floor or couch; she always made things work the best she could. Dee was a big tease and loved to be teased right back! Dee loved camping, fishing and four-wheeling with

so enjoyed snowmobiling with the Glazier family. A quote from a friend, “She was the kindest person I have ever known.” She truly had a heart of gold and one as big as the sea.

DeLane was married to Elmer Steiner of Yelm, Washington, formerly from Kalispell, for approximately 25 years. They have two sons Casey and Chanz Steiner.

DeLane, was an employee of Northwest Family Medicine, Kalispell since 2013.

DeLane returned to Kalispell in March 2013 to rekindle a relationship with her high school sweetheart Chuck Pierce, the “love of her life.”

Dee always said that she and Chuck were going to be married in Las Vegas;

She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph E. and Willetta A. Boehm; a sister LaDonna Hodge; as well as a nephew, plus numerous family and friends.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Gloschat Mortuary, Kalispell.

Clarence ‘Butch’ Stephens, 71

Clarence “Butch” Stephens, 71, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, at his home.

He is survived by his son, Philip.

No services are being

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

Nyla L. Sterner, 78

Nyla L. Sterner, 78, of Missoula, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday Dec. 18, 2020, at Bee Hive Homes in Hamilton.

Sunset Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery in Missoula is in care of arrangements.

Sherryl Lee (Farroh) Stensos, 74

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Loving wife, mom and grandma, Sherryl Lee (Farroh) Stensos, 74, passed away on Jan. 27, 2020, at The HealthCenter with her loving family by her side.



James Stensos on Sept. 16, 1967, in Williston. They celebrated 52 wonderful years

together. She worked for many years as a receptionist at Western Dakota Medical Group and then moved on to American Family Insurance.

She was very active in supporting Jim as a state board member in the

auxiliary for the Rural Letters Association. Sherryl loved taking care of and spoiling her grandchildren. She was an amazing cook and was so proud to pass down her heritage and skills to her children. In Sherryl's younger years she played softball and was part of a team that made it to the National Tournament in Eugene, Oregon. The best part of Sherryl was her love and devotion as a wife, parent and grandparent. She

thrived on being with her family. Sherryl was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Richard Farroh and sister Beverly Farroh. She is survived by her husband, James Stensos; children, Kristy and husband Travis Tveidt, of Whitefish, and Jason and wife Brandi Stensos of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Cody Tveidt, Fynlee Tveidt, Sloan Stensos and Neve Stensos; brother, James Farroh; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and services will take place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Williston on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. The family suggests memorials be made in Sherryl's name to cancer research. 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.

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Joy Stevlingson, 78

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Joy Stevlingson of Bigfork passed away Monday, June 8, 2020, at her home at the age of 78 with her family by her side.

Born in Great Falls on Dec. 5, 1941, to Oliver and Agnes Tovson, Joy grew up on a farm just north of Black Eagle and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1960. She attended the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana State University-Northern in Havre and Providence University in Great Falls, graduating with a degree in education.

Joy married her high school sweetheart, Donald L. Stevlingson, on July 15, 1962. They were best friends and partners in life for 56 years until his death in 2018. Joy worked as an elementary school teacher at Russell Elementary School and as a PACE (Program for Advanced Children's Education) teacher for Great Falls Public Schools. She also worked as the director of the United Way of Cascade County.

Joy and Don moved from Great Falls to Bigfork in 1992 and she became a sales associate for A&A Research in Kalispell until she retired. Their home in Bigfork was "base camp" for both the immediate and extended family and hosted many reunions, weddings, and other family events over the years.

As Grizzly season ticket holders for 20 years, Joy and Don loved attending University of Montana football games. Joy was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway. She volunteered for many organizations and was active in the League of Women Voters.

She enjoyed nature walks to identify wildflowers. Joy loved to travel and

had many exciting trips with family and friends. She was an avid bridge player, and also played a mean game of Scrabble. Joy was well-read and an engaging conversationalist. She had a rich social life and enjoyed enduring, cherished friendships.

Joy is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Julie and Jon Sims of Lakeside; and her son and daughter-in-law Eric and Katya Stevlingson and grandchildren Max Stevlingson and Anna Stevlingson, all of both Lakeside, Montana, and Moscow, Russia. She is also survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Jackie Berger of Helena, Hugh van Swearingen and Nancy Marks of Townsend, Steve and Jean Johnson of Des Moines, Washington, Jon and Gloria Tovson of Great Falls, and Jeri Anne O'Neil and Nick Terhaar of Polson. She hailed from a large family and had many nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom she loved dearly.

Joy was preceded in death by her husband Don, her parents, brothers-in-law James Canfield, Dick Berger and Gary Clapshaw, and her sister Janet van Swearingen.

A memorial service for Joy will be held in mid-July at her home in Bigfork, the exact date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Meals on Wheels or the charity of your choice.

Ronald Bruce Stevens

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Ronald Bruce Stevens was born on March 4, 1935, in Forsyth, Montana.

He passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Oct. 14, due to COVID-19-related illness.

Ron is survived by his wife Carol, his daughter Leigh Webber (Alan) of Phoenix, his brother Reid (Marlene) of Issaquah, Washington, and his brother Keith of Shelby. He is also survived by Carol's daughters, Quinn Fitzpatrick and Shannon Kimball (John), and grandchildren Carolyn and Noah.

He was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey, his wife Ilah, and his sister Iola.

Ron was known for his everlasting positive attitude. In lieu of a traditional obituary, the family is sharing a bio below that Ron recently wrote about himself for a project that he helped facilitate.

Colonel Ronald B. Stevens, U.S. Army Retired — "My twin brother, Reid, and I were born 4 March 1935 in our family home at Forsyth, Montana, to parents of modest means. Our dad taught manual training (shop) at the Forsyth High School and our mother worked in the school lunch program. Reid and I worked every evening after school until 6 p.m. and all day on Saturdays, he at a gas station and grocery, while I worked at Marshall Wells hardware store. Sunday mornings were occupied with Sunday School and church, so our only time off was Sunday afternoons, which were typically spent in \$100 used cars cruising the countryside shooting prairie dogs, jack rabbits and rocks. One Sunday when we were 16 years old, we were driving near Rosebud, and upon



assigned as Browning automatic rifleman and became so proficient that I could field strip it blindfolded in five seconds and reassemble it

in another five seconds. Those days our commander let me keep it at home under my bed so that I could practice disassembly and assembly whenever I wished. About a year after joining, that same sergeant, Bud Johnson, came to me and said, 'Ron, you ought to think about going on active duty.' 'Why would I want to do that?' I asked. 'Well,' Bud said, 'You seem to really like this business and the retirement is really good.' 'Bud,' I said, 'I am only 17, I am not really thinking about retirement, but how good is it?' He said, 'If you stay in the Army 20 years, they will pay you 50% of your salary for rest of your life.' I remember as if it were happening right now, responding, 'Nobody is that dumb!' 'Well,' Bud said, 'The U.S. Army is, and if you stay 30 years, they will pay you 3/4 of your salary for the rest of your life.' Well, that just encouraged my enthusiasm for soldiering, and although I didn't finally go on active duty until I was 20, I knew that was what I wanted to do. Due to reorganizations and moving I subsequently served as an M-141 Walker Bulldog light tank gunner and chief of section on the old 105MM self-propelled priest howitzer. In those days promotions came much faster than they do now and Reid and I were promoted each time on

never forget taking the ferry under the Oakland Bay bridge on the way to Fort Ord, California, for basic training. That was the biggest thing this Montana country boy had ever seen! My second eight weeks of basic training were spent in fire direction school at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, where I applied for Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was accepted for training as a field artillery officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon graduating 16 October 1956, I was commissioned as second lieutenant of field artillery and Ilah and I were married five days later. Our first assignment was back to Fort Ord. Ilah was highly impressed when I, dressed in my pinks and green uniform, drove through the east gate entrance and received my first salute from the MP gate guard! It is hard to believe two wonderful, formative years at Fort Ord were followed by three years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. There we witnessed Hawaii's statehood celebrations and formed our longest lasting, most meaningful military friendships. Subsequent career highlights include field artillery command at the battery, battalion and division artillery levels, Vietnam, Pentagon, U.S. Army exchange student to the Pakistan Command and Staff College, command of the Salt Lake City District Recruiting Command (my toughest assignment of all), graduation from the U.S. Army War College, and my final assignment as Defense Attache in Kathmandu, Nepal. Ilah was the consummate Army officer's wife, volunteering her talents at every opportunity, helping enlisted and junior wives however

I was elected president, replacing founder Gene Hawkes. I remained president until January 1992. Major accomplishments under my leadership include adjudication of prescriptive public easements over the Old Indian Trail to Cowboy Heaven east of Lake Ennis and the North Fork of Dupuyer Creek Road west of Dupuyer; and repair of the bridge over 16 Mile Creek between Clarkston and Toston that provides public access to that major fishery and surrounding country. I also actively supported the opening of Montana's School Trust Land for public recreation opportunities. On 1 May 1992 Gov. Stan Stephens appointed me co-chair of his new Montana Landowner/Sportsman Council. Reid and I enjoyed our last deer hunt a couple years ago on Rosebud Creek when we each shot nearly identical 3 by 4-point mule deer bucks (twins for the twins!). We now mostly enjoy spring prairie dog shoots near Forsyth. Over the last several years I have added nine recreational improvement projects to the East and West Rosebud Fishing Access Sites on the Yellowstone River at Forsyth, including picnic tables, benches, potty path, and a deluxe handicapped anglers fishing pier. The funds I have donated to these projects has been the funnest money I have ever spent! I lost Ilah to mesothelioma on 17 June 2009. High school girlfriend Carol McKeever lost her spouse about a year prior. We renewed our romance in February 2012 and married six months later. Carol has owned and operated LaSalle Lighting showroom in Kalispell for 41 years."

Ronald Bruce Stevens (Cont)

cresting a hill we were surprised to see about 15 soldiers shooting 60 MM mortars! We stopped, got out and approached them when a sergeant, whom we recognized as an older neighbor, walked up to us. 'Bud,' we said, 'What in the world is this all about?' He said, 'We're with the Montana National Guard. You guys ought to come join up!' Well, that was about the most excitement that we'd had in some time and couldn't wait to get home and tell our parents about it. A World War I veteran, Dad eagerly agreed to sign our enlistment papers, even though we were one year short of the required entry age of 17. Thus, I began my 36-year military career on 19 November 1951. As I recall, we drilled every Tuesday night in the Methodist Church basement. I was

the same set of orders to private first class, corporal, sergeant, and sergeant first class, E6, during a four-year period. While attending my freshman year at Rocky Mountain College in Billings I met my future wife, Ilah Glee Lund, from Belt, Montana. During our courtship I told her that I wanted a career in the Army, hopefully as an officer, and that during a 30-year period, we could expect to be separated one year for every 10 years served. Understanding this, we became engaged and I went on active duty on 9 October 1955. The highest rank a National Guardsman could enter active service was sergeant E5, so I had to take a voluntary reduction from E6 to enter. I will

possible. I retired from 36 years of military service on 1 June 1987. Finding nearby expanses of public land less accessible than expected I joined Public Land Access Association Incorporated and that evening became a board member. In January 1989

A graveside service with full military honors will be held at a future date in Bozeman with close family.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahl-cares.com.

John Creel Steward, 58

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John Creel Steward, 58, was peacefully invited to meet his maker in heaven on the morning of March 31, 2020.

John was born on July 16, 1961, to Barbara (Reich) and Clarence "Tarzan" Steward in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He followed in the path of his father by continuing a career in logging. He eventually moved on but stayed within the timber industry, working as a superintendent for Plum Creek. Most recently, up until his passing, he provided his vast experience, knowledge and talent of management to his extended family at Hanson Trucking.

John married the love of his life, his best friend Julie in the winter of 1980 and soon after started their family. They raised three beautiful children and instilled in them the importance of family and never taking any moment for granted. John undeniably loved his family more than anything in the world. Once the children grew up and moved away to start families of their own, John and Julie vowed to focus on each other and he spent the rest of his life nurturing and growing the love between them.

John had a passion for the great outdoors



and strongly believed in soaking up the sun at every given opportunity. He was always

going for a hike or a jog in the wilderness to clear his mind. He spent every possible opportunity hunting with his sons, fishing with his daughter, four wheeling with his wife or trying to find that one big antler that would allow him to pull into the lead as Julie was clearly winning. He loved camping and exploring and everything that allowed him to breathe in that crisp, clean Montana air.

John was an amazing father. He supported his children and attended (coached) every wrestling match, every football game, every award ceremony and assured them that he would be there anytime that they needed him, and he was. He constantly let them know how proud he was. John was so patient, kind and easygoing. He would listen to what you had to say and give the best advice, usually in relation to something he had to learn the hard way. He wanted better for his children, he wanted to protect them

from the hard lessons in life. He loved them more than anything in the world and they knew it.

He shared his love with his seven beautiful grandchildren, Laci, Payton, Hunter, Kambrie, Calem, Sage and Rone. He was always present and involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren whether it be a birthday, graduation, holiday, a camping trip or just an opportunity to spend the day with his family. He made the most of every situation and you would hardly ever see anything get him down or keep him from having a beautiful day.

John could make friends with nearly every person he spoke with. His heart was kind and honest. He had the ability to reflect on each conversation he had and look at it from both points of view. If he ever felt as though he was in the wrong, he never hesitated to take responsibility and apologize for what he could have done better. John's work ethic was matched by none. His sense of humor and ability to lighten any conversation was enviable. His legacy of compassion, caring, hard work and doing the right thing will live on through the

lives of those he loved and those who loved him more than he will ever know. He will be greatly missed but we find peace in knowing that God has gained the most beautiful angel and he, is watching over us.

John is survived by his wife of 39 years, Julie, his daughter Joni (Stephen) Struck, son Jaron (Brenda) Steward and son Jonas (Katrin) Steward. John left behind two brothers and one sister, Jesse Steward (his children, Craig, Dane and Barb), Sam Steward and Ona Steward; his mother and father-in-law, Richard and Linda Browne; and his many sisters-in-law, Linde (Mike) Pavlik, Janet (Bob) Liston, Barb (Dwayne) Nielsen and Addy (Kevin) Reid as well as many nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Creel Steward, his mother, Barbara Jean Grant and his brother-in-law, Ty Damaskos.

A small, private memorial will be held at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Carol A. Stewart, 70

Carol A. Stewart, 70, of Browning, died on Friday, May 1, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held. A public celebration of life is being planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Leonard Lester Stewart, 81

Leonard Lester Stewart, 81, of Dillon, formerly of Bigfork, died from Alzheimer's disease July 20, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Stewart, and daughters Gloria Janus and Amy

Vandenburg.

Services will be held at Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon on Friday, July 24, at 10 a.m., followed by burial in Lima Cemetery in Lima.

Neta Stilkey

Neta Stilkey passed away Aug. 25, 2020.

LaNeta "Neta" Stuart was born on July 8 to Clay and Freda Stuart. Her father was in England flying on a B-17 as a ball turret gunner at the time of her birth. When World War II was over and he was discharged, the family moved to the Wenatchee/Okanagan area of Washington to grow apples. In 1948 her brother Pete completed the family.

In the spring of 1959 Clay went to Fairbanks, Alaska, to more easily support his family. When school was out, Freda sold the orchard, house, and most of their belongings, loaded her children up and drove to Fairbanks. In those days you had to plan ahead as accommodations were few and far ahead on the approximately 1,800 miles of gravel road. But by the time they arrived in Fairbanks, Neta knew she had reached her forever home — Fairbanks, Alaska.

In the fall of 1959 on the first day of school, she met Bill Campbell. She and Bill were married in 1961, however, she remained in school and graduated with her class. During the winter of 1961, their son Stuart was born — and in spring of 1963, Crystal joined the family. Later that year they moved to Phoenix, where Bill completed his education in computer science, and Neta worked at the Phoenix Credit Bureau and Motorola.

Eventually they decided to divorce, and grandmother Freda flew to Phoenix and brought Stuart and Crystal back to Fairbanks. Neta then drove from Phoenix to



Fairbanks by herself, with the car packed with everything she could squeeze in (including a swing set).

Accommodations along the Alaska Highway were much better than in 1959, but most of the road was still gravel. She had nine flat tires, and has never changed a flat tire in her life. Upon arriving in Fairbanks she said that if she couldn't afford an airline ticket, she was never leaving — and she has pretty much stuck to that.

Shortly after arriving back in Fairbanks, she was hired as a six-week temporary at the UAF Geophysical Institute. She retired 31 years later. She held all the positions in the business office and within approximately eight years, was the business manager — the position she held until her retirement. She loved working in the Institute, loved the scientific staff and the support staff — but mostly she loved the business office staff, some of whom had worked together 25 years or more. They were family.

In 1967, she married Richard "Dick" Stilkey, coming home from their honeymoon in Dawson, Alaska, just in time for the 1967 flood. They had moved into a home in Island Homes, with all of their combined belongings. A few days later they were awakened by someone pounding at their door. They had to evacuate.

Then came the busy years with growing children and a full-time job. She was a hockey mom

and a softball mom. She made sure that there was a full, nutritious meal on the table every night. If a friend needed her, she was there for them. Dick usually had an airplane, and they saw a great many off-road places, landing on gravel bars to fish and camp. The children grew up as her position at the Institute gradually increased in responsibility.

She retired in 1997 so she could spend more time with her husband. In 2004 she sold their home in Fairbanks, and moved to Montana to be with Dick full-time. In Montana she made many wonderful friends, including those from BUGS, Ferndale Sewing Circle (even though she could not sew a stitch), Ladies Afternoon Reading Group, and Eating Club. She volunteered at the Bigfork Food Bank for 16 years and the other volunteers and the clients became new friends. She was an avid reader and a creative gardener. She was always a proud Democrat.

When Neta received the diagnosis of cancer, she got second opinions — and then faced the reality of her cancer with her usual intelligence, courage and grace.

She died on Aug. 25. Her smile and spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Dick; son, Stuart (Debra) Campbell; grandsons, Wesley and Brandon Campbell and Clay Easterling; granddaughter, Sara Easterling; mother-in-law, Nita Showalter; aunt, Frances Smith; and many cousins, all of Fairbanks; Uncle Claud

Stuart of Springfield Missouri; brother-in-law, Jay Stilkey; sisters-in-law, Debbie and Lynn Stilkey, all of Post Falls Idaho; sister-in-law Lesley Stuart and nephew Seth Stuart of Bellevue, Washington; niece, Lacey Thompson, of Bellingham, Washington; and niece, Lorinda Thompson, of Ventura, California; also many cousins across the nation.

She was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Clay and Helen Stuart; mother and stepfather, Freda and Jack Pruitt; brother, Pete Stuart; and daughter, Crystal Easterling.

Because of COVID-19 there will be no funeral service at this time, but a celebration of life will be held in the future in Bigfork. An announcement will be made.

If you would like to make memorial donations, please consider the Bigfork Food Bank at P.O. Box 850, 59911, or the Bigfork Friends of the Library, at 525 Electric Ave., 59911, or a charity of your choice.

Neta would like everyone to know that she had a wonderful life, a family that she adored and that adored her, many wonderful friends, a profession that she loved, and many wonderful adventures.

Elaine Skiles Stewart, 83

PAG 3 July 2020
Elaine Skiles Stewart, 83, of Gainesville, Texas, passed away June 27, 2020 in Gainesville after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 21, 1933 in West Monroe, Louisiana to John Potter and Fannie Mae (McManus) Skiles.

Elaine's career began as a bank teller at Hesperian Savings and Loan and over her career was promoted to loan officer then branch manager. Before retirement, she was promoted to junior vice president with Bank of America. She always enjoyed playing cards and board games. She was a past member of the Gainesville Rotary Club.

Mrs. Stewart was



preceded in death by her husband Frank Stewart, two brothers, and two sisters.

Elaine is survived by her daughter Stephanie Lucas and husband Russ of Columbia Falls; son Scott Walker and wife Debi of Flint, Texas; granddaughter Jennifer Wilson and husband Jody of Rosston, Texas, niece Donna Price and husband Dave; nephew Steve Hammons of Phoenix, Arizona.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.

Rickey Stone, 65

Rickey Stone, 65, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are

being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Michael 'Jay' St. Onge, 37

PAG 4 4 Sept 2020
Michael "Jay" St. Onge, 37, passed away Aug. 20, 2020.

He was born June 14, 1983, in Libby to Michael Leroy St. Onge and Julie Hagen. Jay attended school in Libby where he made many friends.

In 2004 he joined the Army where had made a new family of Army brothers and sisters. He served for five years as a Patriot Missile systems technician.

He worked as a logger, as his dad did, and as a wind turbine tech and many other jobs.

Jay had a passion for the wilderness, climbing to the highest peaks, fishing with his Grandpa Cal, music, family, wanting to help whomever needed it.

Jay will be dearly missed. His best bud,



as he put it, his Grandpa Cal St. Onge had the honor to baptize him. Heaven bound, he will be dearly missed.



Jay is survived by his father Michael St. Onge of Coram, his mother Julie Hagen; sister Lindsay Ray of Kalispell, sister Amanda Johnson; grandparents, Cal and Gerry St. Onge of Libby, Linda Stehlik of the Yaak; and many other family members.

A private service with military honors is planned.

Traci Lee (Moran) Stolte, 46

PAG 5 Nov 2020
Traci Lee (Moran) Stolte passed away on Oct. 29, 2020. She was surrounded by love, light, and all of her immediate family.

Born Nov. 2, 1973, in Columbus, Montana, she was the daughter of Thomas and Patricia Moran. She grew up with her brother, Travis, in Laurel, before moving to Whitefish her sophomore year.

Traci's heart had room for everyone—her children, her family and friends, even a stranger on the street. Most significantly, she adored her husband and high school sweetheart, Caleb Stolte. Married for over 25 years, together they created a beautiful family of five, a business and countless memories filled with adventure, laughter and admiration.

Giving and gifted, she gave of herself completely, always willing to help her family, friends and her community. Be it grooming a dog, shaking up a cocktail or keeping the railroad clean, she approached every endeavor with enthusiasm, curiosity, authenticity, and humor.

"She lived with intention," a close friend said. "She took the time to let the people she loved know they were loved every single day."

The contributions Traci made to the Whitefish community are countless—from overseeing the Backpack Assistance Program, putting the flags out for the Whitefish Lions Club, or competing in the Glacier Challenge, rarely did she refuse an opportunity to roll up her sleeves and make a difference in the community she held dear.

Tenacious yet gra-



rious, she adored the outdoors and embraced every opportunity to challenge

herself, push limits, and defy the odds. After competing in her fifth 24 Hours of Flathead mountain bike race with her husband last year, Traci said:

"I remember years ago when Caleb was trying to teach me how to ride a mountain bike, he said, 'when you get to the top of the climb, always put it in your big gear and keep pedaling, don't stop because you're at the top.' This applies to my life. I have always kept myself humbled, proud, tired, slow, happy, but above all lucky to be right where I am. I think the hardest hills we climb are in our minds."

Traci's infectious smile and positive outlook will be cherished and remembered by her husband, Caleb; their three children, Luna, Azure and Kiva; her father, Tom Moran; brother, Travis Moran—as well as countless relatives and friends, and the Whitefish community at large. She was preceded in death by her mother.

The universe has gained a new star and she will continue to shine bright. Per Traci's wishes, a funeral service will not be held. Instead friends and family are encouraged to keep pedaling. Love big, laugh hard, care for each other—and find the fun in absolutely everything you do. Forever seek out the love and light.

Veronica Rose St. Onge, 16

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Veronica Rose St. Onge was born to Robert St. Onge and Debby St. Onge on Aug. 28 of 2004. She was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy type 1 (SMA) on Feb. 2 of 2005, which she fought valiantly every day of her life. On Oct. 17, 2020, after completing her Honor Walk, and surrounded by her family, she danced through the gates of heaven.

Veronica was a gift from heaven, and we took great pride in being selected to guide her incredible life journey. Veronica had never uttered a single sentence, yet spoke volumes with her eyes and expressions. She had limited movement, yet was able to move people to tears just by her presence. She was restricted in what she could do, yet left an enormous impact on all who knew and loved her.

Veronica had a thirst for travel and adventure. In her 16 years, Veronica traveled through all 48 lower states. She lived a life most only dream of. She saw four Broadway shows. She visited the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. She visited countless national parks across the country, hiking in Zion, watching the sunset over the Grand Canyon, seeing the falls in Yosemite, being awestruck by the Redwoods, riding on an airboat in the Everglades, and looking for wildlife in her beloved Glacier Park, to name a few. She went spelunking in the Wind Cave and Carlsbad Caverns. She got trapped by a herd of buffalo in South Dakota. She visited Morgan's Wonderland, Give Kids



tiful and kind soul. She loved her dog Bo, who was her companion and protec-

tor. She enjoyed being an Arizona snowbird, where she got to take Bo for a walk every day in the winter. She had a wicked sense of humor. Veronica was intelligent, tenacious and creative. She was inquisitive, and loved to learn new things. She attended school in Bigfork, and had friends there as well as all across the country. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her presence on this earth was a blessing beyond description. Veronica defined what true love means. The hole she left in the hearts of those who loved her can never be filled.

Veronica leaves behind her mom, Debby, and her dad, Bob. She is survived by her grandparents, Don Crosswhite of Swan Lake, and Ron and Caroline St. Onge of Ferndale; her aunt, Karen Scullion; uncles and aunts, Dave and Jennifer Crosswhite, DeAnna and Pat Eisenman, Brian and Laura St. Onge and Kevin St. Onge; great-aunts and -uncles, Ron and Connie Brown and Ed and Ginger St. Onge; and cousins, Tristan, Taylor and Travis, Jason, Becca, Baylee, Courtney, Carrie, Jessica, Skyler, Shane, Sheena and Carson.

Veronica was preceded in death by her grandma, Geri Crosswhite; great-aunt, Patti Mackie; and great-uncles, George Mackie, John Brown and Dick Brown.

the World Village, Disneyworld three times, and Disneyland four. She visited the Smithsonian, Natural History Museums, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Country Music Hall of Fame, Meow Wolf, Graceland, as well as countless attractions and events across the country. She loved to ride on her uncle's boat on Swan Lake — the faster the better. She even rode on an innertube behind the boat once. Her mom still hasn't recovered from that one. Veronica had the most epic birthday party every year, and always bedazzled with her Halloween costumes. She lived her 16 years with a ferocity for loving life.

Veronica had a beau-

tiful and kind soul. She loved her dog Bo, who was her companion and protector. She enjoyed being an Arizona snowbird, where she got to take Bo for a walk every day in the winter. She had a wicked sense of humor. Veronica was intelligent, tenacious and creative. She was inquisitive, and loved to learn new things. She attended school in Bigfork, and had friends there as well as all across the country. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her presence on this earth was a blessing beyond description. Veronica defined what true love means. The hole she left in the hearts of those who loved her can never be filled.

Veronica was able to enhance the lives of at least three people through organ donation. She also was able to help advance research and treatment for others with spinal muscular atrophy.

A special thank you to Dr. Kathryn Swoboda, Dr. Lynn Dykstra and Dr. Wallace Wilder, as well as the amazing doctors, nurses and staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Due to COVID concerns, a celebration of Veronica's amazing life will be held the summer of 2021.

"When the links of life are broken and a child has to part, there is nothing that will ever heal a parent's broken heart."

Carrie Ann Halverson Stotts, 68

Carrie Ann Halverson Stotts, of Temple, Texas (formerly of Kalispell) passed



away peacefully into the arms of the Lord at her home in Temple on May 18, 2020.

Carrie was born May 28, 1951 to Bennie Halverson and Betty Young Halverson in McLaughlin, South Dakota. She was the first of three children. In 1952, the family left the farm behind and moved to Whitefish. Carrie attended both elementary and high school in Whitefish, graduating in 1969.

Growing up Carrie loved the water. From their house in Whitefish it was only seven blocks to Whitefish Lake, if you cut through the mill yard and crossed on the railroad trestle, and many summer days were spent on the beach with friends.

After high school Carrie worked several jobs in the Flathead Valley, including being an assistant manager at the Circle K in Columbia Falls. This particular store was frequented by several police officers. One of them looked particularly good in a uniform, and Carrie and Mike Stotts were married in 1975. This union resulted in the birth of two children, Erin and Shawn. They later divorced.

Mike took a job in Helena and moved his young family there in 1980. In Helena, Carrie found her career working

for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana for the next 15 years. Carrie and her family found their way back to the Flathead in 1990.

Carrie loved sunshine and warm weather. After the relentless snowfalls of the winter of 1996-97, where Carrie was seen throwing a snow shovel and cursing the heavens, she moved to Las Vegas and never shoveled again. While in Las Vegas she worked for Ford Motor Credit until a disability forced her into early retirement.

Carrie loved to read. She was a particular fan of the works of James Patterson. When she died Carrie had collected and read all but two of his books.

In 2007, Carrie moved again. This time to Temple, Texas to be near her son who had recently been discharged from the Army. Her daughter followed a year later.

Carrie was preceded in death by her father Bennie O. Halverson, her mother Betty Gordon and ex-husband Mike Stotts. She is survived by her children, Erin M. Stotts and Shawn A. Stotts, both of Temple, Texas; her sister Peggy Halverson Turner (Wayne) of Kalispell; her brother Norm L. Halverson (Shawna) of Dayton, Nevada; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church located at 540 S. Main St. in Kalispell. A celebration of life will follow at Lawrence Park.

John McGarry Stout, 91

John McGarry Stout, 91, of Kalispell, died Nov. 6, 2020, in Kalispell.

Services are being planned for next summer.

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

Glen T. Stratton, 88

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a Bronze Star for heroism.



He married Arlene L. Pietz on Aug. 26, 1957, in Billings and they had a wonderful life together.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Irene; two brothers, one sister, and one grand-son.

He is survived by his



and will be missed immensely.

Glen was an Army veteran who fought for our country in the Korean War and received



Glen T. Stratton, longtime Flathead Valley resident, passed away peacefully on Jan. 29, 2020, from a short illness while in Yuma, Arizona. At his side were his wife, Arlene, and sons Mike, Sam and Bill.

He was proud to be born in Redstone, Montana, on Nov. 24, 1931.

Glen was loved and respected by everyone

wife, Arlene; son, Mike Stratton and wife Karla, of Alpharetta, Georgia; son, Sam and wife Carol, of Erie, Colorado; son, Bill and wife Cassie of Vancouver, Washington; grandchildren, Glen, Kevin, Kyle, Lauren and Rachel; brothers, Sandy, Britt and Louie; and sisters, June, Virginia and Elaine.

No services are planned.

Raymond L. Strash, 87

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Ray was a 1950 graduate of Egg Harbor



Raymond L. Strash left us to be with his wife Loretta on Oct. 8, 2020. For just over a year, he was residing at the Beehive Assisted Living Home in Columbia Falls where they took exceptional care of him.

He was born June 2, 1933, to Lewis and Margaret (Layton) Strash in Mays Landing, New Jersey. He enjoyed fishing the Atlantic Ocean and his annual hunting trips with his buddies at the cabin in Maine. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the Hamilton Township Fire Department in Mays Landing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and his wife Loretta (Mieth) Strash, whom he married in September 1975 and lost to cancer in December 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Sherry Jenkins (and husband David) of Lewiston, Idaho, and William "Bill" Strash, as well as his former son-in-law and very best friend, Kris R. Woll of Kalispell. He also leaves behind two grandsons, Adam (and wife Laura) Strash and Nathan (and wife Emma) Strash and several great-grandchildren.

City High School in Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He joined the United States Air Force in 1952 as an aircraft mechanic. He returned to his home town to run his family's automobile service station upon his father's passing in 1960. He later worked as a foreman with Wheaton's Glass in Millville, New Jersey. Soon after he married the love of his life, he moved the family to Montana in 1977. It was always his dream to fish, hunt and explore the Big Sky Country. He worked as a machinist for years and later followed his passion selling guns and telling stories to all that would listen! He worked in the gun department at Drug Fair, Snappy's and Brass and Bullets, where he could tell you everything you ever wanted to know about gun history and how to respect the safety and preservation of guns.

He enjoyed exploring the Flathead Valley on his four-wheeler and

heading east of the mountains. Weekly breakfasts with friends and dinners with family were always very important to him. He spent many hunting seasons and holidays telling stories and making memories at the Woll Family Farm.

He was a loving husband, a loyal friend and devoted father. His memories of buddies he worked with, grew up with, and shared some crazy shenanigans with, always made for some very lively stories! He spoke his mind, cared deeply and will be missed more than he will ever know!

Viewing will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the C.E. Conrad Cemetery, Kalispell, followed by a lunch reception at Scotty's Bar.

Kalispell. Family and friends are welcome.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Carol Ann Street, 85

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 Carol Ann Street, 85, passed away peacefully on Oct. 24, 2020, in her home surrounded by family.

She was born to Melvin and Dolly Larson Dec. 21, 1934, in Lodgegrass, Montana.

She married Richard Street on Sept. 14, 1954. Carol truly lived her life by enjoying simple pleasures of company from friends and family, snacking and sharing laughter.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard; brothers, Leroy, Tiny and Ronnie Larson; sisters, Sis Veigt and Donna Hatlen; daughter-in-law, Cathy Street; and great-grandchild, Kaiden Spain.

She is survived by her children, Ray Street, Sandy (Nelson) Samples, Kathy (Ralph) Swanson, Richard (Robin) Street, Bruce Street, John Street, Rocky (CJ) Street, Kevin Street, Mark (July) Street, Staci (Curt) Ost and Heidi Fretz (Mark Dunville); and her siblings, Bunny Miller, Karen Caldbeck, Jeanna Root and Sharon Secord.

Her son John had cared for her and her dog Bugzie for the last few years of her life. Whether it was helping with her tasks inside the house, outside in the garden, or keeping up with making sure her squirrels and birds had plenty of food to snack on, he was there to help make her and her little outdoor friends happy.

Carol took pride in her family and their



successes and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. She was blessed with 22

grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. If she was on the phone or had company at her house, you could guarantee that her last words to you would be "love you more." A song that made her heart full was, "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey." She was our sunshine. She had the best laugh that would light up a room and she always gave the best hugs.

Carol loved to spend time in the kitchen making delicious food for herself, her family and visitors. If you were full, you could guarantee that she would be trying to make sure you eat more food so you didn't leave her house hungry. She knew how to fill our stomachs with delicious food, but to also fill our hearts with so much love. We were blessed to have such a strong, amazing woman to look up to in our lives.

We want to thank the hospice staff of Home Options for providing her with love and proper care.

We will have a celebration of life for her at a later date.

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

Margaret Loraine Ferree Street

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 Margaret Loraine Ferree Street, fondly known as Peggy, 85, of Kalispell, went to meet her Lord and Savior on May, 25, 2020.



Peg was born in Malta, Montana to Walt and Helen Ferree on the 5th of July 1935. When she was a little girl the family lived in the Landusky mining camp where her father was employed.

The family moved to Kalispell when she was seven and her and her siblings started at Mountain Brooks School, next Cornelius Hedges Grade School. She then attended Central Junior High, and eventually graduated from Flathead High School. As a young girl she enjoyed tap dancing, but what she loved the most was music. She played the drums in school, took piano lessons and even tried her sister's accordion.

She was married on Oct. 16, 1954 to Clifford Ray Street in Kalispell. They went on to have seven children, she passed on her love for music to those children and three of her boys played guitar. She loved to listen to them play and sing. Later in life she enjoyed watching her brother Chuck drive his car in the stock car races. Every Friday/Saturday night she could be found sitting next to her father on the bleachers "at the

Her living room was always filled with pictures of her family, as they were the thing that brought her joy.

Peg is preceded in death by her husband Cliff, an infant daughter Cheryl Ann, and a son Mark Street, and brother Chuck Ferree.

Peg is survived by her children Ronald Street (Martha) of Libby, Darrell Street, Joan Stienen, both of Kalispell, Arlene Street of Marion, Brian Street (Misty) of Kalispell; sister Sydne Smith of Fortine; 13 grandchildren Angela (Jes) Adams of Libby, Kieth (Jenny) Hood, Brianna (Mike) of Kalispell, Lacey (Shannon) Swan of Puyallup, Washington; Scott Street, Elizabeth Steiner of Kalispell, Travis Steiner of Kalispell, Kendall Street of Boise, Idaho; Dakota Sakariason, Danny Street, and Shali Street, Hailey, Sami, Judy; seven great-grandchildren Samantha, Stephen, Alyssa, Sierra, Alex, Becca, Mariah, Corey, Haley, and even four great-great grandchildren Madison, Linzie, Kallie, Hunter, and Colton.

Her family would like to extend a special thank you to the Heritage Place for the care they provided our loved one. May the Lord bless you.

Private family services will take place at a later date.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Peg's family.

David J. Stremel

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David J. Stremel, "Super Dave," went to be with the Lord on Oct. 16, 2020. He was an amazing man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

Dave was born in Hugoton, Kansas, in 1959 to Carl Stremel and Annis Bell (Willis) Stremel. He grew up on the family farm working the fields and running around with his .22 rifle. This love of the outdoors and hunting stayed with him his entire life.

He attended Hugoton High School and graduated from diesel tech school in 1978. He married his first wife Tammey Nix in 1979. From this marriage came three children, Lesile, Carrie and Joseph. They divorced in 1996. In 1997 he married the love of his life, Alaine. From this marriage he received two daughters, Jessica and Hannah.

Dave worked for Rocky Mountain Contractors as a welder, fabricator, diesel mechanic, and eventually as their shop foreman. If it could be driven, shot or built, Dave knew how to fix it or make it better and more efficient. His knowledge about the world was endless. It was very rare that he didn't have an answer to your questions.

Next to his family, his number one passion was being in the outdoors hunting and fishing. He was always the most at peace on the trail of a big buck, bugling in an elk,



waiting for the next flock to fly over, or the next big fish to hit his lure.

He attended taxidermy school in 1985 so he could preserve his, and so many others', precious hunting memories.

Dave courageously fought multiple myeloma for 10 years utilizing just about every treatment option available to him. His last days were spent on the river with his hunting dog Moose waiting for the ducks and geese to fly by. When he became too weak to continue on in this world, he was surrounded by family as he was placed in the loving arms of the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his mother Annis (Willis) Stremel and father Carl Stremel.

He is survived by his wife, Alaine; children, Lesile Driear (Mat), Carrie Stremel, Joseph Stremel, Jessica Petersen (Nick), and Hannah Stremel (Wyatt); and 13 grandchildren. Also included are his brother Carl Stremel, sisters Carol Bates and Carla Vaughn, and numerous nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Darlington Cremation and Burial Services. A memorial is pending at this time.

Marvin Dwain Stidmon, 78

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Marvin Dwain Stidmon, 78, passed away on Oct. 3, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.



his nephew, Cody Stidmon, and family; and his niece, Kari

Stidmon, and family. No services are planned at this time. 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.

Marvin was born on Sept. 11, 1942, to Claude Alto and Hilda Faye (Snyder) Stidmon, in Kirksville, Missouri. Marvin was preceded in death by his mother, Hilda; his father, Claude; and his brother, Larry Stidmon.

Marvin is survived by his brother, Rick Stidmon (wife) Linda; his daughter, Wendy Jo Stidmon;

Stidmon, and family. No services are planned at this time. 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.

Lawrence 'Larry' Stinger, 72

Lawrence "Larry" Stinger, 72, died on Monday, June 29, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

A memorial gathering

will be held on Aug. 15. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Arliss Jean Stringfellow, 87

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Arliss Jean Stringfellow, 87 years old, passed away on April 29, 2020, surrounded by her loved ones.



She is survived by her husband Budd Stringfellow; daughter Linda with husband

Tim Rosenlund; son Larry with wife Rachel Stringfellow; brother Bill Redinger; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Arliss was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Robert and Earl; sisters Shirley, Ruth, Karen and Lilian; her son Les; and grandson Chad. Services were held at 11 a.m. on May 7 at Old Apostolic Lutheran Church on 1610 Dike Access Road, in Woodland, Washington. Arliss was a lifelong member of Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma and friend. She will be dearly missed.

She was born in Lead, South Dakota, to Glen and Ella (Charlson) Redinger. As a young girl, she moved to Vancouver, Washington, where she graduated from Battle Ground High School. On Dec. 20, 1952, she married Martin Stringfellow, known to his friends as Budd. They were happily married for 65 years in Columbia Falls before moving back to Washington to be closer to family.

Tim Rosenlund; son Larry with wife Rachel Stringfellow; brother Bill Redinger; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arless was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Robert and Earl; sisters Shirley, Ruth, Karen and Lilian; her son Les; and grandson Chad.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on May 7 at Old Apostolic Lutheran Church on 1610 Dike Access Road, in Woodland, Washington.

August James Strobbe, 92

PAG 2 Dec 2020

August James Strobbe, born May 8, 1928, in Pompeys Pillar, Montana, went to be with the Lord Nov. 28, 2020, just three weeks shy of his and his wife Jeanette's 70th wedding anniversary.

August was a sergeant in the Air Force and served in Germany in World War II. He was called back to service

December of 1950 to serve in the Korean War.

August worked as an engineer for the Montana State Highway Department for over 36 years.

One of his greatest



joys in life was traveling with Jeanette to Arizona and the southern states after retirement, where he met many lifelong friends.

August loved fishing, hunting and camping in his beloved state of Montana.

He was a loving husband to Jeanette, father to Debbie Hoerner (Larry), Jeanie Fee, Keith Strobbe (Jenn) and Greg Strobbe. He was grandpa to 11, great-grandpa to 19, great-great-grandpa to two, and had many loving nieces and nephews. August came from a family of nine children and is survived by his sister June Strobbe Kratochvil, and his brother Bob (Helen) Strobbe and sister-in-law Betty Strobbe.

A rosary will be held at St. Richard Church in Columbia Falls, Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7p.m. A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

Keith O. Strohschein, 84

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Keith O. Strohschein, a longtime resident of Kalispell, went home to be with our Lord on Aug. 30, 2020. We were blessed to have him for 84 years.

The beloved husband, father and grandfather was born in Clear Lake, South Dakota. He attended the School of Mines and went on to work in multiple body shops in Kalispell. He then worked as a millwright at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company until retirement in 1997.

He married Gail Nordstrom on July 2, 1955. Together they raised three children, Brian, Marty and Krystal.

They moved to Montana in 1964 and soon settled in a house they loved and filled with memories for over 50 years before moving



to Florida in 2017.

When he wasn't working, he was an avid outdoorsman. Between

hunting, fishing and camping he spent most of his days somewhere in the woods. Their cabin on Echo Lake holds countless precious memories for family and friends. "Grandpa" was a very social person and loved to share a story to anyone he came across.

He is survived by his wife Gail, sister Marilyn, son Brian (Sue), daughter Krystal (Tom Birky), as well as grandchildren Travis, Sara, Niki, Brandi, Alyssa, Levi and Parker.

A memorial service will be held next spring in Montana.

Kenneth 'Swede' John Stromberg, 92

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Kenneth "Swede" John Stromberg, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Jan. 20, 2020, at North Valley Hospital from complications following hip surgery. He was 92.

Ken was born to Henry and Selma Stromberg on Sept. 21, 1927, in Saskatchewan. Ken grew up in International Falls, Minnesota.

At the age of 16 Ken headed west and worked as a logger in Northwest Montana and along the Pacific Coast, falling trees from Northern California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Ken proudly served his country as an Army infantryman in the Korean War; his service included combat in Korea and deployment in Alaska. Following his military service, Ken returned to logging and fell trees until a severe logging accident in 1971 nearly took his life, forcing him from the career he loved.

Ken then worked as the maintenance man at the Kalispell Medical Arts Building until his retirement. Even after retiring Ken continued to work one day a week for Kalispell Medical Arts Building into his early 80s.

Ken had a gregarious personality, generous



heart, and a keen sense of humor. He never met a stranger. Ken was an exceptionally hard worker. He was an avid outdoors-

man who loved to fish and hunt. Ken took great pride in his son and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his great-grandson, Maverick John Kanis.

He is survived by his son Mark (Krista) Stromberg of Lynden, Washington, and his grandchildren, Mackenzie (Nathan) Kanis of Everson, Washington, John-Mark Stromberg of Lynden, Washington, and Johanna Stromberg of Lynden, Washington.

The funeral for Ken Stromberg will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

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

John Strode, 79

John Strode, 79, of Bigfork, died Dec 9, 2020, in Bigfork.

No services are being held at this time.

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

Charles Thomas Storfa, 85

Charles Thomas Storfa, 85, of Kalispell, died Sept. 9, 2020. A private family gathering will be held.

Darvin D. Struck, 69

PAS 11 Oct 2020

Darvin D. Struck passed away peacefully Sept. 25, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from an accident experienced at home. Darvin was born Sept. 23, 1951, to Clarence and Irene (Averman) Struck; he was raised on the family farm in Evergreen. During Darv's early years he worked alongside his dad and older brother logging and working the family farm. Each fall the family went to Rudyard, Montana, to help his mother's brother with the grain harvest.



Thompson River Drainage Association for 10-plus years. Darvin was an adventurous man

who thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors; he could often be found motorcycle racing, fishing, hunting, boating, cross-country skiing, getting firewood or riding the four-wheelers. In his quiet time, playing the guitar and singing were his joy. Both his family and friends will miss him greatly.

Darvin graduated from Flathead High School in 1969; he then attended Flathead Valley Community College, graduating with a forestry degree in 1971. After pursuing a short career in forestry from 1971 to 1973, Darvin started his own log trucking business and then a scale business, which kept him busy for many years. Darv eventually went back to his first love, being a farmer; he was farming hay right up to the time of his passing. Darvin was always available to help others and being a "fix-it" kind of guy, loved the challenge of repairing small and large engines alike.

Darvin is survived by his wife, Kim Struck, at the family home; daughter, Jenny (Struck) Rodriguez; and daughter-of-the-heart, Amanda Swanson; son, Andy Struck; and son-of-the-heart, Tony Trebas; along with four grandchildren.

Darvin's happy place was the Thompson River cabin; he was on the board of directors of the

An outdoor celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the family's home, 521 E. Cottonwood Drive, Kalispell. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

Beverly J. Sublet, 82

Beverly J. Sublet, 82, died at her son's home in Columbia Falls on April 2, 2020.

She is survived by three children.

A celebration of life will be held later this year.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for her family.

Betty Super, 89

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Betty Super, 89, died on April 16, 2020, at Rising Mountain Assisted Living in Bigfork.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held in Miles City with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Time

and date to be announced. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Florence Sutherland, 98

On Oct. 20, 2020, Florence Sutherland passed away at the age of 98.5 years.

She was born Jan. 25, 1922, in Conrad, Montana, the daughter of Ida Clementina Pauli Fowler and Walter Fowler, and the oldest of seven siblings, Clark (Lorraine) Flower, Jim (Barbara) Fowler, Virginia "Ginger" (Jim) Todd, Bill (Rosemary) Fowler, Tom (Kay) Fowler, Dick (Arla) Fowler, and Mary (Dale) Inabnit.

She married Bill Sutherland on April 1942 in Conrad. Bill left for service in the Air Force in July of 1942 and Florence joined him in Texas that September.

The next two years Florence followed Bill to the states of Texas, California (Inglewood) and Florida. Florence came to Kalispell in 1945 to get her sister Ginger to go back to Tampa, Florida. At the time Florence worked at Moss Brothers as a Germaine Monte representative in Florida. However, she never left the Flathead Valley. She stayed in Kalispell and waited for Bill, who was serving in India and China until April 28, 1946. Bill joined Florence in Kalispell and purchased Hansen Dry Cleaners. It was soon renamed Sutherland Cleaners.

Florence and Bill were lifelong members of St. Matthew's Parish in Kalispell.

Florence enjoyed family and friends throughout her life. Along with being a full-time homemaker and bookkeeper for the business, Florence enjoyed playing in three bridge clubs, duplicate bridge, skiing, and volunteering at the hospital and as a remedial reading tutor at St. Matthew's School. One of her proud and important achievements was that she was a founding member of the first women's stock club in the state of Montana and they called them-



selves the "Money Mad Mothers."

She is survived by some four children, 12

grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. The children are Sister Shari Sutherland (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Greg (Raelene) Sutherland (Puyallup, Washington), Steve (Cris) Sutherland (Whitefish), Judi (Doug) LaCroix and son-in-law Mike Tronstad of Kalispell. Her grandchildren are Tara (Steve) Thomas, Amy Kortus, Nathan (Anna) Sutherland, Nicole (Justin) Pavey, Kelsey (Doug) Richabaugh, Bryan (Lusha) Tronstad, Michelle (Dan) Hodge, Kory (Matt) Sutherland, Bree Sutherland, Justin (Leigh Ann) LaCroix, Jennifer (Ethen) Long, and Jacob (Rebekah) LaCroix. Florence was preceded in death by her husband Bill Sutherland, daughter Vicky Tronstad, daughter-in-law Brithi Sutherland, and great-grandsons Everett Tronstad, Daniel Sutherland and Emmett LaCroix.

The family wishes to thank Mike Tronstad for his vigilant care of Florence these past years; to her neighbors, Sandra, Jeannie and Shirley, who helped and kept an eye on her; Rochelle, Mary Ellen and Randy, who have helped care for her this past month; Loretta, who came many a Saturday to make sure her hair was fixed and in place; and family friends Ann Johnson, Ph.D. and Maurice Johnson, M.D.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Jerry Sutcliffe, 68

Jerry Sutcliffe, 68, died at his home in Kalispell on July 20, 2020.

No services are

planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Norman Charles Sutter, 80

Norman Charles Sutter, 80, of Kila died Jan. 19, 2020, in Kila.

He is survived by his children, Michael Sutter

and Natalie Crivellaro.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Evelyn M. Sutton, 89

Evelyn M. Sutton, 89, born Sept 20, 1931, passed Dec. 2, 2020, at Footsteps Memory



Care in Whitefish.

She is survived by ten children, Edith Elder, Mike Sutton, Alice Malmanger, Wally Sutton, Pauline Cleveland, Lee Buffington, Doug Buffington, Marie Monroe, Frank Sutton and Kathleen Carlson; 29 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Clifton Forseth.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Robert J. Sutton, brother Robert Forseth, one son and three grandsons.

Evelyn was born and raised in the Sweet Grass Hills by Sigurd and Edith Forseth, where she rode her horse to Hill School. She graduated high school in Chester and attended Montana State University Northern in Havre. She lived with her first husband, Don Buffington, on a ranch south of Chester before

moving to Kalispell where she married Robert to make their "His Hers and Theirs" family. They lived outside of Kalispell and were active in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, LaSalle Grange and Flathead County 4-H as leaders for 20 plus years. She was an avid seamstress, quilter, cook, gardener and crafter. She made many gifts and necessities for family and friends that they display in their homes today. She was always sweet, giving and a loving wife, sister, mother and grandmother.

The funeral service for Evelyn will be at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on Dec. 9 for family viewing and burial ceremony at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family intends to hold a memorial service in her garden at her Kalispell home in early summer.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Flathead 4-H Foundation/Daryl Fenner 4-H Camp, Bethlehem Lutheran Church sewing and prayer shawl ministries, Immanuel Foundation.org - Memory Care Program, or a charity of choice.

Katherine Sutton, 86

Katherine Sutton, 86, died on July 15, 2020, in Kalispell.

Services will be held in

Lynnwood, Washington. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard B. Swanner, 52

Richard B. Swanner, 52, of Kalispell, died on Sept. 23, 2020, at his home.
No services are planned at this time.
Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Clara (Cricket) Dorothy Swartzenberger, 70

Clara (Cricket) Dorothy Swartzenberger, 70, passed away on Oct. 31, 2020, in Kalispell.
She was born Aug. 17, 1950, in Sidney, Montana. For her first five years, she was raised in Culbertson, Montana, but she spent the rest of her life in Kalispell.

She married Ron Swartzenberger in January 1966, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. They had two daughters — Joy and Tammy — and divorced in July, 1984, after 18 years of marriage.

Mom left the world as she lived it — on her terms! She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and being very active in her church. Cricket will always be remembered for her spunky wit, infectious laugh and always being willing to help others, even when she couldn't. She will



always be missed! She is survived by her daughters, Joy Brechel (Eric) and

Tammy Olson (Danny); grandchildren, Corey Smith and family from Kalispell; Jamie Cofer (Camron) and family from Yelm, Washington; Jeffery Schultz (Candace); Kevin Smith (Courtney) and family; Treven Schultz; Tiffany Keck (Robert) and family from Kalispell; Stacia Olson from Cut Bank; and Tiahna Kushmaul from Kalispell; and sisters, Phyllis Druesdow from Billings, and Micki Rasmussen from Washington.

A celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 7, at Family Life Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell.

Elizabeth Rose Sweeney, 95

Elizabeth Rose Sweeney, 95, died at her home in Whitefish on Feb. 4, 2020.

She is survived by her children, Shelia Picard, Edward Sweeney, Cathy Wallace, Al Sweeney and Perry Sweeney.

A rosary service will be said at 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 10, at St. Richard Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at St. Richard Church, with a luncheon to follow services.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

John 'Butch' Swartzenberger, 74

John "Butch" Swartzenberger, 74, a longtime Flathead resident and business owner, answered his call to home on the morning on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020.

Butch enjoyed being outdoors, horses and cows, as well as hunting and fishing. He always had a special love for anything with a motor; he was an avid stock car fan and driver. In fact, his first kiss with Sandi, his wife of over 50 years, was at the old Kalispell racetrack. She was a trophy girl and he won the race as well as the girl.

Butch lost his father while still in his teens and left school to share responsibility in the family business that his father started. Three years later he and Sandi married. It was then he assumed the role to us of husband and a father to Bill and Tina. One year later, their son John was born.

Butch worked hard at that time, commuting to work on the Libby Dam while building the family business, where he continued to go six days a week until shortly before his passing.

Butch was also preceded by his mother, Isabel Swartzenberger-



Meyer, brothers, Dale and Jim, and most recently, sister Barbara.



Butch loved and was loved by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren

and great-great-grandchildren. He also held the heart of many, many nieces and nephews, cousins, uncles and aunts — the blessings of a being part of a large and loving family. Butch was second eldest of 11 siblings, and they spent time together, working and playing hard. In addition to his kin are numerous other honorary family members, always embraced at any and all family functions.

The entire family welcomes friends and loved ones to join them at a celebration of life at the Kalispell Eagles Club on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. to share stories and fond memories of Butch and his life.

Timothy Sweeza, 59

Timothy Sweeza, 59, of Kalispell, died on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are

pending.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family

Joyce M. Sweley, 87

Joyce M. Sweley, 87, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Private family services are being planned.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Dennis Swensgard

Dennis Swensgard passed peacefully on March 16, 2020, only 11 days before his birthday of March 27, 1944.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Jean Swensgard, infant sister Lana Gail and infant brother, Gregory Roy.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca; stepsons Richard and Robert; and grandchildren Taylor Dean, Reese Dean and Carson Dean; as well as sisters, Kareen (Glee Bratt), and Renae (Alan Anderson), and brothers Don (Butch) and Jim (Gail) Swensgard.

Denny grew up in Fort Benton and graduated from Northern Montana College where he played football for the college.



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Many friends from those early years have been his staunchest friends and encourag-

ers. Summer get-togethers and visits were high points every year.

Family reunions were another favorite event. A lake and his boat had to be available as he endeavored to teach all his nephews and nieces how to water ski. He was also proud of teaching most of them the art of downhill skiing.

Dennis loved Montana history. He had an in-depth knowledge of Fort Benton's early days and was always eager to

discuss historical events with "old timers." Even though he was retired from his profession as an industrial arts teacher at Kalispell Jr. High, he never really retired. One of his finest achievements was building hundreds of toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. He continued to substitute teach for several years and informally passed along his expertise in many areas. Denny was always a teacher.

In later years, mostly because of the blessings of a faithful and loving wife as his caregiver, Denny became a thankful and committed follower of his Lord Jesus Christ. He came to love the Bible as he loved his church family and served his

God through good works such as taking others into his home to help them through tough times and serving as a Church camera man.

As one of the early LVAD (left ventricular assist device) recipients Denny was also grateful to God for the extra eight years it gave him to share with family and friends. As his time grew near and we said our last goodbyes he was able to express his love and concerns to us all.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to the family for causes dear to Denny's heart. Due to the coronavirus, dates and times of services will be delayed until May or June of this year.

Thomas H. Swisher

On Monday, April 20, 2020, Thomas H. Swisher entered into eternal life.

Tom was born in 1940 in Whitefish. He graduated from high school in Lewiston, Idaho, in 1958, however he identified with "The Great of '58" of Whitefish. Tom joined the U.S. Navy, then attended the University of Montana and received his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education. In 1965 he married Esther Norris of Browning. They moved to Barrow, Alaska, in 1970 and had two girls. He was active in the Lion's Club (Treasurer '71, President '73) and enjoyed hunting and participating in whaling. Tom worked for NSB Housing for 12 years.

In 2004, he and Esther moved into their Stevensville home which quickly became the family gathering place. Tom joined the Knights of



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Columbus at St. Mary's. After Esther passed in January 2015, Tom had a hard time. He rekindled a friendship with his classmate, Carol,

and his smile returned! They were married on July 9, 2016, and lived in Paradise Valley. In 2018, they moved to Arizona. He thought kids were a real "kick in the pants" and often took his kids and grandkids camping, and on snow machine, four-wheeler and golf cart rides. Tom had a fun-loving, optimistic attitude and enjoyed word play. When asked, "How are you?" He would reply, "outstanding, but getting

better!"
He is survived by his wife Carol Newbury Howe Swisher; siblings, Mike Swisher (Ann), Peggy Cain (Tom); brothers-in-law, Jack Norris, Eden Norris; daughters, Michelle Tyson (Eric), Anna delaRosa (Rick); eight grandchildren: Priscilla (USMC), Charles III, Thomas John, Eric, Jr., Ricky, Camron, Vada, and Cassidy; a great-grandchild, Abigail; step-children, Dale Eyre (Gloria), Marianne Buller (Delmer), Mike Eyre, Kay McDonell (Aaron); 11 step-grandchildren; nieces Lynn Rosenberg, Renee Evenson, Angela Schultz, Amy Elsmore, Denise Norris; nephews, Steven Trombley, Ty Evenson, Rory Cain; and many more family members and dear friends. Tom is reunited with: parents, Lester and Fay Swisher; sister, Louise Evenson;

and his late wife, Esther Swisher.

A Catholic service was held May 2, 2020, at St. Mary's Graveyard in Stevensville. A memorial is to follow; for information please email: delarosa_anna@yahoo.com, subject, "Memorial." The family encourages all who knew him to attend. Tom had a social joy that was contagious, coupled with a remarkable memory. He often spoke fondly of, and was able to quote, exact names of people and dates of events he remembered as far back as grade school.

Condolences and memories may be shared at whitesittfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations can be made to: Knights of Columbus Council 13093, PO Box 851, Stevensville, MT 59870.

Charles Willis Swope, 85

On Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, Charles Willis Swope took his last breath and reunited with



his parents Fredric and Ellen Swope, sisters Fern Merritt, Bertha Goethlich, Kathleen Jacobson and Evelyn Fulton, plus his brother Clarence.

Chuck was born Sept. 2, 1934, in Miles City. He is the eldest of nine children and has three brothers that are still living life to their fullest; John, Lee and Ronnie (Carol).

July 17, 1954, brought a new chapter to Chuck's life; he married Ramona Magera. At that time, Ramona was healing from rheumatic fever and Chuck says that she healed because the fever changed to "Romantic Fever." The couple has two children, Jeanne and Chuck Jr. He is also blessed with three grandchildren, Shannon Salisbury DePoe (JR Parot), JB Salisbury (Kelly) and Barbara Michaud (Travis).

Chuck's family-man attitude shined when it came to his great-grandchildren, Ryder, Sadie, Triston, Christie Ann, Levi and Tyler. Chuck enjoyed every second that

he was able to spend time with each and every one of them.

Everyone can agree that Chuck was one tough cowboy because of how he battled cancer and other health issues. When asked how he was feeling his response is always "I am as fine as a frog's hair" when in reality he was suffering.

Chuck accomplished many things in his life but his most proudest moments are when he became a potentate with the Shriners and has been a Mason for 50 years. Another moment is when he became a ranch owner at such a young age. We will all miss Chuck's kind, loving heart, his free spirit attitude and the permanent smile. He loves to give and it's a guarantee he is socializing with his friends and family that are up above.

A family service will be held on Sept. 26 at the Morgan Place (John's) at 1 p.m. and a public service will be next spring. The family will give a two-week notice for the service.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory

Evelyn Syth, 88

Our beautiful princess, mother and grandmother, Evelyn Syth of Kalispell passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 20, 1932, in Beulaville, North Carolina, to Ernest Whaley and Sarah Edwards. Evelyn was really young when her parents passed away. She went from one relative to another. She was placed in and orphanage for one year. Ralph and Liz Orcutt found Evelyn, and brought her home and raised her as their own.

She graduated from high school and came to Kalispell to see her sister Annie Lou. Annie's husband Ernie worked with our father at Safeway. He introduced our father to our mother and he fell in love with the Southern gal. They were married on March 16, 1952. They had five children.

Evelyn loved people. She was a waitress for 50 years. She worked at the White Star Cafe, Temple Tea Room and the Park Inn. In 1976 our parents bought a restaurant called Pines Cafe in Columbia Falls. They sold the restaurant in 2005. Everyone knew Evelyn with her big hair and she loved to chew gum and pop it.

Evelyn loved to visit. She was on a bowling league for many years. Her son-in-law Ron bought her an orange bowling ball, shoes and a bag. Evelyn loved her grandchildren,



great-grandchildren and she was blessed with a great-great-grandchild born May 2020.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; husband; Leon Syth; her son who died at birth, Leon Ralph Syth; grandson, Dan Fredenberg; great-grandson, Dillon Moore; sisters, Emily, Val and Annie Lou, brothers, Salas and Gerald; brother-in-law, Jerry and Marlin; and nephew, John Syth.

She is survived by her children, Liz Fredenberg (Ron), Leona Tilton (Ritchie), Laura Ingram (Michael), Lana De Grio and Leon A Syth; foster daughter, Nancy Swanson (Lance); sister-in-law, Lois Krause (Bob); nieces, Carolyn Barlow (Steve), and Teena Wood; and numerous nieces and nephews. Evelyn was blessed with 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild.

We are having a viewing at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home on Monday, Oct. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 20, at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held at Split Rock Cafe, 30 2nd Street East, Kalispell.

Frank 'David' Szalay

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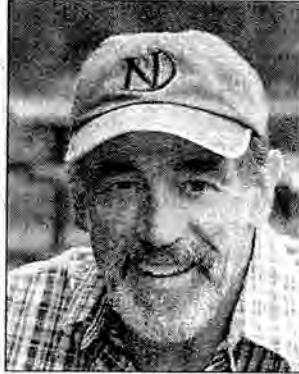
Frank 'David' Szalay passed away following an unexpected illness in Bend, Oregon, on Feb. 18, 2020. Dave was born Sept. 30, 1948 in Pasadena, California, to Frank and Ruth Szalay.

Dave is survived by his wife of 50 years, Diane; his daughter Rachel Szalay Gerken (husband Adam); and son, Thatcher Szalay (wife Katy).

He was proud "Papa Dave" to his five grandkids: Bram, Kane, Della, Greer and Harper.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ted Szalay and will be missed by his five siblings and their families.

Dave will be remembered for his love of the Montana way of life, his



commitment to avoiding technology, his true belief in importance of knowing how to survive any situation, his sense of humor and his big, kind heart. He loved his family, hunting, fishing and having a good time. Not a perfect man, but a good one. We will miss you forever, Papa Dave.