

## Craig Douglas Wagner, 83

Craig Douglas Wagner, 83, died Jan. 14, 2020 at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. He is survived by his

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

## Jennifer Lee Waite, 47

Jennifer Lee Waite passed away Aug. 24, 2020, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jennifer was born on April 27, 1973. Shortly thereafter, her family moved to various locations in Wyoming as Jennifer's father climbed the UPS corporate ladder. Ultimately the family landed in Casper, Wyoming, where Jennifer graduated from high school with honorable distinction. Jennifer received several scholarship offers and ultimately settled on Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

It was in Colorado that Jennifer met Dean Thurman who became her life partner. The couple lived in Colorado for several years and moved to the Flathead Valley in 2010. Jennifer and Dean had 16 wonderful years together.

Growing up in the northern Rocky Mountains, Jennifer enjoyed downhill skiing, cross country running, volleyball, and an occasional elk hunt. Most recently, Jennifer worked as an office manager in the valley until the time of her death.



Jennifer proved herself to be dependable, and was renowned for her intelli-

gence and work ethic. She had a sharp eye and nothing got past her. And she was quick with a wry comment on the foibles of people she observed around her. She also had a mind like a steel trap, so it was unwise to challenge her on a past issue she had knowledge of. That said, when things got contentious she could frequently be bought off with a pickle. Jennifer enjoyed horror movies, reading, doing large, complicated jigsaw puzzles, and her various cats over the years.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her father Steve, and sister Diana.

She is survived by her mother Sherry, brother Steven with Tammy, brother Michael, brother-in-law Jon Giffin, life partner Dean Thurman, and her kitten Braveheart.

Our beautiful Jenn is at peace.

## George Walker, 83

George Walker, 83, died at the Whitefish Springs in Whitefish on Jan. 27, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Jean Walker, and children Julie Walker Lowe, Laurence Walker

and Cheryl Walker Waite.

A celebration of life will be held in July.

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

## Michael Stuart Wallace, 67

Michael Stuart Wallace, 67, of Kalispell, died Jan. 20, 2020, in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

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

## Wava Wallack, 91

Wava Wallack, 91, died at her home on July 13, 2020.

She is survived by her children Melody Cliffe, Crystal Mastroianni, Jim Wallack, Greg Wallack,

and Wanda Leifheit.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Gary Walston, 76

Gary Walston, 76, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Jan. 14, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Cathy Walston.

Services are pending.

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

## Jim Walter Jr., 63

preceded him in death in September 2019. His is survived by his mother and five siblings.



Jim Jr. passed away June 18, 2020, in Livingston after a long illness.

Jim was born to Josephine and Jim Walter Sr. on May 17, 1957. He graduated from Flathead High School and the University of Montana. For 40 years he has worked as a CPA in Livingston.

His father, Jim Sr.,

nephews Michael, Jeff, Tom and Daniel.

Jim was always

present at every family gathering or holiday celebration. He was an active member of the Livingston Kiwanis. He loved to

travel and was able to see much of the world with his best friend, Judi. We will miss his quick wit and loving nature.

Catherine (Larry Pearson), Barbara (Keith Schultz), John, Chris (Jennifer), and Glenn (Jennifer); nieces, Susanna and Eirwyn, and

## Mildred "Millie" Estel Walter, 95

Mildred "Millie" Estel Walter, 95, died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at her home in Temecula, California.

She was born June 6, 1924, in Polson to Herman and Mary Walter. She was the fifth of seven children: Vernon Walter, Edith (Toby) Dutro, Arnold (Corky) Walter, Kenny Walter, Virgil Walter and Betty Reid.

The children attended school in a one-room schoolhouse known as "the little red schoolhouse" in Lakeside. Millie attended Flathead County High School, where she received her high school diploma.

She is survived by her four children: Stephen Chavarria of Moreno Valley,



California, Diana Witt of Idaho, Pauline Boland and Lisa Friddle of Temecula,

California; six grandchildren: Travis Page and Serene Streeper of Idaho, Cody and Jessica Boland, Brandon and Briana Friddle of Temecula, California; and four great-grandchildren: Keidren, Lachlan, Lili and Charlie Page of Idaho.

Millie will be greatly missed by her family, relatives and many, many friends.

Friends are encouraged to visit her memorial from Feb. 8 at [www.englishfamilymortuary.com](http://www.englishfamilymortuary.com).

## Willie L. Walton, 81

Willie L. Walton, 81, of Columbia Falls, died March 15, 2020 at her home. Private family services are being

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

## Lawrence D. 'Larry' Ward, 97

*P.A. 6 Sept 2020*

Lawrence D. "Larry" Ward passed away Sept. 2, 2020, in Kalispell after a recent, brief illness.

Larry was born Dec. 19, 1922, in Chester, Montana, the sixth child of Les and Laura Martell Ward.

On Feb. 28, 1946, he married his loving wife, Mary Maly Ward. Together they enjoyed 74 years of caring and sharing and were blessed with a wonderful family.

Larry was very active in his community and his church. He was a member of St. Matthew's parish for more than 70 years. He was devout in his Catholic faith and greatly comforted by it. He exuded faith and love in everything he did. He was ever grateful for all his blessings. He always had hope and trust in God. He loved the Lord with everything he had. He was a humble man.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for as many years, holding the offices of Grand Knight, District Deputy, State Deputy and



State Master of the Fourth Degree. He was also a member of the Kalispell Twirlers/square dancers.

During World War II Larry received the Bronze Star Award. He devised an ingenious modification of a field artillery support radio and a switchboard for artillery support, which is still in use today.

"The ingenuity, devotion to duty displayed by Tech. Ward reflect the highest credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

After retiring from Anaconda Aluminum and Larry's Radio & TV, he maintained oversight of the building and grounds of St. Matthew's for the next 30 years, retiring a second time at the age of 90.

He enjoyed golfing, woodworking, crafting

furniture, creating reassured keepsakes, and building sanctuary furniture and a procession cross for St. Matthew's Church

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary (February 2020); parents, Les and Laura Ward; parents-in-, James and Emma Maly; siblings, Walter, Aden, Vena, Stella and Edna; sons, Daniel and Lawrence; and sons-in-laws, Gregg Osborne and Dan Danaher.

He was a proud father of four daughters and four sons, Sister Marilyn Ward of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Susan Danaher and Todd Scholer of Kalispell, Barbara (Bob) Coccia of Newcastle, Washington, deceased sons Lawrence Ward and Daniel Ward, Sandra Ward and Dan Thompson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Christopher (Stephanie) Ward of Dayton, Ohio, and Patrick (Sherry) Ward of Kalispell.

Larry is also survived by his sister in-law Maxine Ward of

Chester, daughter-in-law Janice Hesketh of Good Year, Arizona, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Our family is most grateful for those who cared for Larry, especially Frontier Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Parish.

We are forever grateful for our dad and the many blessings he has given to us — they are priceless and can never be replaced. We thank God for the gift he was to all of us.

There will be visitation and rosary Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Sept. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's School gym; please use the main street entrance.

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

## Mary Helen (Maly) Ward, 91

Mary Helen (Maly) Ward, 91, passed away Feb. 11, 2020, in Kalispell after a recent, brief illness.

Mary was born Dec. 8, 1928, in East St. Louis, Illinois, the sixth child of James and Emma Skrha Maly. On Feb. 28, 1946, she married her loving husband Lawrence Ward. Together they enjoyed 74 years of caring and sharing and were blessed with a wonderful family. She was a proud mother of four daughters and four sons.

Mary was devout in her Catholic faith and greatly comforted by it. She was a member of St. Matthew's parish for more than 70 years. She was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella, Beta Sigma Phi, C.S.A. Lodge and the Kalispell Twirlers/square dancers.

She was an Avon representative for 32 years, served as an election judge, hospital volunteer washing patient's hair and was a Brownie leader. In addition to her sewing Mary developed her artistic talents painting and card-making; all are treasured keepsakes.

She was preceded in death by parents, James and Emma Maly; parents-in-law, Les and Laura Ward; brothers, Steve, Joe, Jim, John and William; sons, Daniel and Lawrence; and sons-in-law, Gregg Osborn and Dan Danaher.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Lawrence Ward; children, Sister Marilyn Ward



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of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Susan Danaher and Todd Scholer of Kalispell, Barbara

(Bob) Coccia of New Castle, Washington, Sandra Ward and Dan Thompson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Christopher (Stephanie) Ward of Dayton, Ohio, and Patrick (Sherry) Ward of Kalispell; sister, Margaret Diepholz of Troy, Illinois; sister-in-law, Maxine Ward of Chester, Montana; daughter-in-law, Janice Hesketh of Good Year, Arizona; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

There will be visitation and rosary at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 18 at St. Matthew's School gym; please use the Main Street entrance.

Our family is most grateful for those who cared for Mary, her health-care providers David Habel, Eve Gillespie and Frontier Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

We are forever grateful for Mom and the blessings she has given to us — they are priceless and can never be replaced. We thank God for the gift she was to all of us.

*16 Feb 2020*  
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for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Cindy L. Warner, 64

Cindy L. Warner, 64, of Columbia Falls, died at North Valley Hospital on Friday, April 10, 2020.

A ceremony will be

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

## Jay Waterbury, 85

*P.A.K. 13 Oct 2020*  
Jay Waterbury, 85, passed away Oct. 9, 2020, at is home.

He leaves behind his wife, Storm, of 63 years; daughters, Cindy and Tammy; and son, Rocky; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren.

One grandson went before him.

Jay wanted to thank Harry, Nina, Hank, Barb, Greg and Karen for their kindness and friendship; and Kim and Cindy for their compassion. They all have been a blessing to him.

At Jay's request there will be no funeral or memorial service.

## Grace V. Watters, 92

Grace V. Watters, 92, died Feb. 10, 2020, at her home in Kalispell.

Funeral services are

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

## Arthur Watrous, 89

Arthur Watrous, 89, of Polson, died on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Arrangements are pending. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.



## Larry 'Larz' Warren, 60

PAS 20 Dec 2020

Larry "Larz" Warren, at the age of 60, passed away from cancer in the comfort of his home on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. His final days were spent with all his loving family members at his home in Kalispell.

Larry was born in Seattle to father Larry E. Warren and mother Patricia Warren. At 2 years of age, the Warren family decided to move back to Montana. The family settled in Missoula. Larry attended Hellgate High School and spent much of his time with family and friends.

Larry has had many job adventures in his early years, from being a shepherd over by Plentywood, Montana, to traveling to Alaska with his dad to work on heavy equipment in the oil fields. He finally settled into being an automobile technician for more than 40 years. In 1991 Larry moved to the Flathead Valley where he spent several years working for Eisinger Motors and Don K Chevrolet.



Larry met his life mate Linda in 2005 and the two were married on Nov. 28, 2005. They

began to build their life together in Kalispell as a blended family.

Larry's first passion was snowmobiling. He would start planning his rides and preparing all his gear as soon as the first snows were seen on the mountains — and then would impatiently wait for more snow! His second passion was his three dogs. He spent every day hiking with them down along the Flathead River. Larry also loved to build cars, (he built many over the years); he also loved to ride his Harley!

Larry enjoyed hunting and would spend many weekends out with his dad and with Linda on trips ranging all over the state.

When summer arrived, Larry would spend as much time as he could

floating, fishing and camping with family and friends along the South Fork Flathead River and Hungry Horse Reservoir.

Larry is survived by his wife Linda, and their daughters Kristin, Amanda and Nicole; his sisters, Shannon, Joanne and Karen; his grandchildren, Alicya, Elisabeth, Ethan, Joshua, Trey, Tony, Timothy and Avacyn; nieces, Tricia and Tina; nephews, Cody and Zachary; along with several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; and his bonus brothers, Lonnie, Roger and Ron.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A celebration of life is planned for early summer 2021.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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

## Beverly H. Watts, 86

Beverly H. Watts was born on April 6, 1934, in Flaxville, Montana, to her parents, Hans P. and Beulah B. (Olds) Jacobson. She was the youngest of six children who joined the four half siblings from her father's first marriage. When Bev was 7 years old, the family moved to Kalispell. Bev loved her family and felt that the most important thing in her life was her children.

Bev enjoyed being in the commotion and bustle of such a large family, and her favorite times throughout her life were spent playing cards, laughing and listening during family gatherings. After graduating from Flathead County High School, she worked as a telephone switchboard operator and as a clerk for the local power company. In August of 1956, she married Clifford Watts, whose family had a farm in the Creston area. The young couple moved for his work as an ironworker for several years, living in many states. Upon becoming parents, they returned to Kalispell to be close to family, raising their



listener as one of her best traits, and she had a variety of long-lived friendships that centered on meeting for coffee or visiting people in their homes, as well as treasured yearly visits with friends who had moved farther away after high school. She always spent time with her mother and sisters, and they always supported her and her daughters, helping her create the same warm large family environment she loved from her own childhood for them.

Before and after her divorce in 1979, Bev held a variety of occupations but considered motherhood to be the most important and rewarding one. She always encouraged her daughters to go to college and was proud of their achievements. She loved their visits and calls and enjoyed visiting them.

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2020, of COVID-related complications/pneumonia. She is survived by her daughters, Brenda Watts of Lebanon, Oregon, and Bridget Watts of Washington, D.C.; her sister, Florence Jacobson, of Kalispell; and her brother, Howard Jacobson, of Columbia Falls; her ex-husband's sisters, Georgia Doane and Verna Wilson, with whom she remained close; and many treasured nieces and nephews throughout the United States as well as in Canada.

She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Beulah, her father Hans, her father-in-law C.P., her mother-in-law Evelyn, her ex-husband Cliff, sisters Evelyn Lohn and husband Vic, Dorothy Pettinato and husband Bert, and Mayme Robischon and husband Jim, half brothers Alvin Jacobson and wife Marge, Henry Jacobson and wife Agnes, and half-sisters Emily Fossum and husband Leif, and Myrtle Jacobson, her brothers-in-law Jim, Richard, and Clarence Watts, her sister-in-law Signa Howe and husband Bill, and her brothers-in-law George

Doane and Burt Wilson. She also sadly lost several nephews and a niece far too early in their lives as well as many dear friends.

Bev's daughters wish to express our deep appreciation for the tremendous efforts given by the outstanding staff at Brendan House. They became Bev's second family and her home for almost 11 years. She loved the activities, the games and the companionship and friendship of the staff and the other residents, which allowed her to feel part of a large family again. Thanks to their friendship and skilled and compassionate care, it was a happy place where she most wanted to be, and we will always be grateful to them.

In lieu of flowers or donations to charity, the family asks all to keep others safe by staying at home as much as possible, wearing a face mask when in public, avoiding gatherings, supporting your local healthcare workers, and getting the vaccine to protect those who are unable to take it for health reasons.

# Sam Wayman, 92

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Sam was a long time resident of Whitefish, Montana.

He died at the Beehive in Columbia Falls, Montana, on Dec. 17, 2020

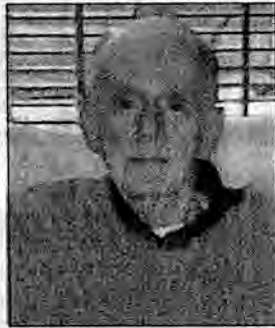
He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 18, 1928 to Samuel E Wayman and Edna Martin.

Sam graduated from Camp Hill High School in 1946. He was active in sports and loved football.

After high school in 1946 he enlisted in the Navy where he served aboard two heavy cruisers the USS Macon and USS Albany as a Seaman and where he discovered his love of boats and the ocean.

On completion of his service in 1948 he attended and graduated from Penn State University

With a bachelor's degree in Economics and



Finance with the intentions to enter the field of Financial Consulting. He graduated in 1952.

He joined Merrill Lynch in New York City for a year in an extensive training program. Upon completion Sam moved to the Merrill Lynch branch in La Jolla, California.

While at Penn State he was married for a short time and had three chil-

dren. The marriage ended in 1957

In 1958 Sam met and married the love of his life, Irene Guthrie who at the time had

four children. They lived in southern California for a number of years where he managed the

Shearson Hammill & Co branch in San Diego.

In 1969 Sam and Irene set sail on the "Moby Dick" to see most of the world, what a great adventure it was, Siamese cats included on board.

In early 1971 they found their way to Whitefish where all things came together to make it home.

Sam entered a new phase of his career in investments at Birr Wilson in Kalispell as manager.

In 1974 he met Ian

Davidson who expressed interest in opening a branch in Kalispell.

They negotiated the opening and he began a 33 year career and friendship with Ian and all the D.A. Davidson crew.

Sam was involved in the community with Rotary, Toastmasters, Whitefish Community Development, Chamber of Commerce and Big Mountain Development.

Along with his busy career which he loved, Sam and Irene continued their adventures throughout the world, East Africa being like their second home. He and Irene loved the quiet country life with all the outdoor activities and spending time with family, horseback riding, hiking, reading, biking and local camping adventures. He loved all their many

four legged friends.

Sam was smart, loving, kind, generous and always ready to lend an ear. He was also quite a ham.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Irene, a daughter Phyllis, his parents, a sister Joan and numerous other relatives.

He is survived by his daughter Debbie Sands and husband Gordon of Whitefish, daughter Wendy Wayman of Kalispell, stepson Bill of California, his puppy pal Scruffy, special friends Pegge and Thomas, daughter Carol Wise and partner Roger, daughter Patty Wise and husband Hud and son Andrew Wise and partner all living in California. Sam also has five grandkids and 13 great-grandkids.

A small family cele-

bration will be at a later date.

In lieu of donations Sam would hope that all of you live your life to the fullest with no regrets and as dad would say, "Do it while you can." Sam is loved by so many and will be missed more than words can say. There is a tribute wall at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave a note, message or photo.

A very special thank you to all the staff at the Beehive for all their love and caring and to Frontier Hospice for all their support.

HAPPY TRAILS  
DAD!!!!

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Arthur Lyle Weaver, 89

PA7 22 Nov 2020

Arthur Lyle Weaver was born Sept. 23, 1931, in Creston to Mart and Adeline Weaver. He passed away Nov. 16, 2020, in Kalispell of natural causes.



many great employees and customers over the years.

In retirement he and Barb were able to travel to all the places they had



wanted to, including Hawaii, Mexico, and several winters fishing on the Oregon coast. Most of all, he loved traveling to Alaska where he was able to fish and hunt with new and very dear friends he had made there.

His family moved from Creston to the ranch he was to spend his life on when he was 8. Along with his brothers and sisters, he enjoyed a wonderful childhood in a rural setting. His parents instilled in him a strong work ethic, as well as a love for family, friends and fun. He passed those same traits on to his own children and grandchildren.

After completing elementary school at Deer Park, he moved on to high school at Flathead. It was here he that he ran into a pretty little red head that somehow took an interest in him too. That interest held through the rest of high school and through his service to country in the U.S. Army. While serving, he was wounded in battle near Old Baldy, North Korea, and later received the Purple Heart. He carried a piece of shrapnel in his leg with him the remainder of his days that he rarely, if ever, spoke of.

After marrying Barbara Bliss, they started raising a family in Evergreen. In 1963 they bought the family farm from his parents and he poured himself into it. They raised their four children there, giving them the same rural blessings he had enjoyed.

He was a leader in his community and served several terms on the school board, the Fairview Cemetery board and 18 years on the Bad Rock Fire Department. He was chief for eight years and gave many sleepless nights to his neighbors.

One of his biggest joys was restoring old cars and trucks, which he worked at endlessly, and could always be found in his shop. He leaves behind his legacy in those restorations that kept him busy to the very end. He also was a member of Glacier Woodturners and had his own rock polishing hobby. For several years he donated the use of his farm to the snowmobile grass drags. All of this didn't leave him much time, but he still managed to read a couple books a week and plug some leaks in his fish pond. Saturday mornings were spent with his good buddies and coffee at the Liar's Club, where he was a charter member.

Art was preceded in death by his parents Mart and Addie, his brothers Don, Glenn and Bill, his sister Kathi, and his granddaughter Jesi Lin; also his brother-in-law, Ron Radabah.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, his children Steve and (Debbie), Bruce and (Roxann), Jan and (Wayne) Woods,

and Brian and (Ginni), all local. Also surviving is his sister and husband Sandi and (Tom) VanAken, sister-in-law Joyce Radabah, brother-in-law Bill McKnight, 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, along with numerous other friends and relatives, all of whom he loved dearly.

There will be no services at this time and an announcement will be made for a celebration of life next summer.

Memorials on his behalf can be made to Bad Rock Fire Dept., 23 Columbia Pines Court, Columbia Falls MT 59912.

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His working career started out at Greig's Dairy and then on to driving logging truck. He owned and operated his own truck for many years before deciding to go into the highway hauling business. He then hauled all over the United States for a few years which he enjoyed. Eventually he decided that it was too much time away from family and home, and decided to go out on a limb and start his own gravel business. He put together his first crusher from bits and pieces and he was off and running. He and his wife worked long and hard and created a good business with

## Noel Weaver, 62

Noel Weaver, 62, of Thompson Falls, died on Sept. 3, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

## Woodrow 'Pete' Weaver, 85

Woodrow "Pete" Weaver, 85, of Kalispell, died May 3, 2020, at BeeHive Homes of Kalispell.

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



## Elsie Lorraine Weber, 81

*PAS 5 Feb 2020*  
 Elsie Lorraine Weber, 81, passed away on Friday, Jan. 31, 2020.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1939, in Williston, North Dakota.

She and her husband, Jerome Weber, met while attending college at University of North Dakota. Soon after their two sons were born they moved to Williston, North Dakota. Jerry joined his father in their family well drilling business.

In 1968 they moved to Columbia Falls where Jerry ran Weber Drilling. Elsie handled the book-keeping and took care of the home. In 2017 they relocated to Kalispell.

Elsie will be remembered for her endless care for and love for her husband as well as her entire family.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Alfred Johnson and Donald Johnson.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Weber, her sons Doug and Paul Weber, her sisters Melva Taubman and Linda Baker and an extended family.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

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

## Stanley Virgil Webber, 71

*PAL 20 Sept 2020*  
 Stanley Virgil Webber, 71, passed away Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, from kidney failure and pneumonia. He was COVID negative.

Stan was born Dec. 3, 1948, to George C. and Florence E. Webber in Whitefish. He was the younger brother to sister Mary and older brother to sisters Shirley and Linda.

Stan attended grade school and secondary school in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1968.

On June 23, 1969, Stan married Charlene Reich of Whitefish. After they were married Stan joined the Navy and served as a damage controlman. He was based out of San Francisco, San Diego and Bremerton, Washington. He served in Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam and in the



Philippines. Stan was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 1977.

Stan graduated from Northern Montana College

in Havre in 1983, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and a teaching certificate. He then taught industrial arts at Neah Bay High School, Neah Bay, Washington and driver's education at Neah Bay High School; Kicking Horse Job Corps by Ronan, and Eureka High School, Eureka. He taught motorcycle safety class-

es at Flathead Valley Community College and all over the state of Montana. He also drove buses on Big Mountain and in Glacier National Park. He retired in 2000.

Stan was a kind and gentle man who loved his family, who could fix anything and loved to share his knowledge with everyone. In addition to his students he taught countless friends and family members how to drive, including his wife Charlene whom he taught to drive for 51 years. He also taught those close to him how to craft, how to repair things, and how to be interested in everything. He loved both kids and animals and prided himself in being able to tame the untamable.

He is survived by his

wife, Charlene; three daughters, Dana (Joe) Snyder of Anchor Point, Alaska, Kama (David) Petty of Palmer, Alaska, and Rana (Jacob) Webber Henn of Stillwater, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Carly (Tucker) Helbling of Lewiston, Idaho, Paige Snyder of Anchor Point, and Tobias Petty and Josiah Petty of Palmer; one uncle, Robert (Arlene) Dunluck, of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Shirley Riebe of Kila, and Linda Setzer of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation is planned. A service will be held at a future date when family and friends will be able to gather.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Stan and his family.

## Eleanor Ruth Weidman, 96

Eleanor Ruth Weidman died on July 1, 2020, in Kalispell at age 96.

She was born on a farm in southern Iowa to Leland and Lois Young. During her childhood years in the Great Depression, Eleanor and her younger brother and sister enjoyed life on the several dairy farms managed by her father. When she was 12, her family moved to southern California, where Eleanor enjoyed life near the Mojave Desert. She enlisted in the Navy on her 20th birthday during World War II. As a WAVE, she was stationed at Washington, D.C., and Pearl Harbor, and was discharged at the end of the war with the rank of storekeeper first class.

Eleanor completed her college studies thanks to the GI Bill and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her Master of Science in Home Management degree from Iowa State



An active homemaker, Eleanor raised her four daughters to share her and Bob's love of music, fine arts, and outdoor activities. Throughout her daughters' formative years, she spent much of her time and talents as home room mother, library mother, Camp Fire Girl and Bluebird leader, and chauffeur for endless music and recreational activities. Eleanor

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University. She returned to California and worked for the University of California as a research assistant in Consumer Economics. There she met and married Robert Weidman. The couple moved to Missoula in 1953, where Bob taught geology at the University of Montana.

was active in many women's groups and also volunteered at the Missoula Historical Museum, delivered Meals on Wheels, and served as an election judge.

Eleanor enjoyed hiking, skiing, bicycling, bird watching, flower identification, photography, history, cooking and travel. She was a founding member of the Missoula Tuesday and Wednesday Outdoor Women's hiking groups and continued to hike and cross-country ski through her mid-80s. After Bob's retirement, they traveled to many places abroad as a couple and with the Missoula Friendship Force.

Eleanor will be missed by her daughters and their husbands, including Carolyn and Ron, Nancy and Paul, Lois and Dean, and Vicki and Mike. She is also survived by two grandsons, three granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

She was predeceased by her two siblings and her husband.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent

in her memory to the Five Valleys Land Trust (Missoula), the Montana Nature Conservancy, or the Montana Audubon Society.

At Eleanor's request, there will be a private, family memorial service.

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

## Melanie Kristine Weisler, 71



*P A 7 26 Feb 2020*  
Melanie Kristine Weisler passed away peacefully with her daughters by her side on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020.

She was 71 years old and is survived by her six children, 11 grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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



## Lisa Welzel, 61



Local ceramic artist Lisa Welzel passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020, peacefully in the early morning surrounded by her family.

She was born on May 25, 1958.

She is survived by her husband of over 38 years, Lt. Col. Robert Welzel, USMC (Ret.); their children Jennifer, Michele and John; and their six grandchildren.

She was a talented artist who frequented

Carol's Ceramics and won many awards for her creations, including first place at the Montana State Ceramic Association Show in 2018.

All agree that she was far too young to be taken by leukemia and we will miss her talent, care, love and laughter.

She and her husband created a charity in 2019 to assist veterans in our community, and requested that any gifts be directed towards the Vigilant Warrior Project.

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

## Daniel G. Weldele, 63

Dan died tragically the evening of Oct. 17, 2020.

He was born to David V. Weldele and Elizabeth M. (Weber) Weldele on Jan. 20, 1957, in Romeo, Michigan. He joined three brothers and, in the next three years, two sisters were born.

In 1960 the family moved back to Montana, and in 1963 settled in Whitefish.

Dan's school years were all in Whitefish. He enjoyed all sports and played baseball and football as his two sons, Jason and Jeff, grew. He spent many years coaching them in Little League.

He loved the outdoors and time spent mentoring his sons to appreciate what was available to them in the Flathead.

Some of his most special times were spent hunting and fishing with his father. They had many great trips floating the Missouri River and

pike fishing on Tally Lake. In the last few years his greatest joy was spending time with his granddaughters, Ella and Caden. He adored them and every minute spent with them meant the world to him.

He is survived by his brothers, Dave (Judy), Darryl, and Duane (Janna), and sister Denise; several nieces and nephews and many aunts and uncles and cousins that he always loved joking with.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Betty, and sister Dawn (Gary) Alsop.

He has been cremated and there will be an informal gathering to scatter his ashes when the pandemic restrictions allow.

In the meantime our thoughts and prayers are with you as you are reunited with Mom, Dad, and Dawn again.

## Eleanor Ruth-Young Weidman, 96

Eleanor Ruth-Young Weidman, 96, died July 1, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Inurnment will

take place at Sunset Memorial in Missoula. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## John Arthur Welker, 59

John Arthur Welker, 59, died on Monday, April 20, 2020, at his residence in Ronan.

Private memorial ser-

vices are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home.

## Dawn K. Werner, 52

Dawn K. Werner, 52, died March 1, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

*Dawn K. Hampton Werner  
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## JoAnn R. Werre

JoAnn R. Werre, 74, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at HCNW on Feb. 24, 2020.

JoAnn is survived by her husband John and her children.

No services are scheduled. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for JoAnn's family.



## Roger Verne Wendt, 91

Roger Verne Wendt passed away Nov. 27, 2020, with his sons at his side.

He was born to Gustav and Minnie Isch Wendt on Jan. 1, 1929, in Creston, the youngest of eight children.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1946, and attended Kinman Business University. He married Donna Jean Grainger Oct. 8, 1950, in Kalispell. Together they made a happy home for their four children, Diane (Tom) Brunkow, Gresham, Oregon; Diane (Pam) Wendt, Kalispell; Carol (Jerry) DeRego, Warner, New Hampshire; and Jim (Charlotte) Wendt, Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; his children; nine grandchildren, Laura Sullivan, Nathaniel Wendt, Peter DeRego,



Shane Salisbury  
Diana DeRego  
Heather Roberts  
Jennifer Johnson,  
Brandon

and Brock Wendt; 14 great-grandchildren, Lily Turay, Mahala, James, Noah, Jonah Roberts, Gabe and Zoe Wendt, Angela and Bryan Wells, Maribel, Daniel, Cecilia, Vivian DeRego and Jessica Johnson; sister, Pat Giroux; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Roger worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbus Falls, and was in the first machinist apprenticeship program. He was also a gunsmith, working alongside Les Bauska at Les' Gun Shop. He was one of the first members of the Creston Volunteer Fire

Department. After his retirement, he and Donna traveled the country in their motorhome, spending summers managing the Elks campground in Kalispell. Roger made many friends in his travels.

He lived life to the fullest, always had a gleam in his eye, happy and having a good time whatever he did. He had many spontaneous adventures, including whale watching, rafting, side trips to ghost towns and other out of the way places; he always had one more thing to do or one more place to show you.

God, Donna, family and friends were important to him; he wanted everyone to be happy. He was very generous, kind, thoughtful and soft hearted. Friends were always welcome, day or night. He was loved by all who

knew him.

Over the years Roger hosted many parties, including ice skating parties at his Creston home on the ice rink he made for his children, sprinkling water every night until it was perfect, to gatherings at the Elks or Moose club. Roger held family and friends together. We will carry on that tradition by having a memorial service and party in the summer.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials on his behalf can be sent to Shodair Children's Hospital, 2755 Colonial Dr., Helena, MT 59601; or Habitat for Humanity, 2535 Hwy. 93 S., Kalispell, MT 59607.

## Chuck White, 88



Chuck White's wonderful life ended on Aug. 8, 2020, in Kalispell.

He was born Charles Cole White, the only child of Constance and Cecil White in Flagstaff, Arizona, on May 1, 1932. Cece and Connie owned a ranch in Sedona during Chuck's early childhood, then later moved the Bar-U-Bar Ranch to remote Skull Valley, Arizona. With no consistent public school near the ranch, much of Chuck's early education came from his mother, Connie. Chuck began his life as a cowboy and stockman under the guidance of his dad. He also gained a slightly different education hanging around the young cowhands in the bunkhouse. Connie and Cece made the choice to have him board in town with family friends through eighth grade to have some exposure to other kids his age.

The Bar-U-Bar moved to Miles City when Chuck was 14. He thrived in high school as a Custer County Cowboy, played four years of varsity football, held leadership roles in FFA through graduation in 1950, and made friendships that lasted a lifetime. Shortly after graduation, the Whites purchased a ranch in Musselshell, Montana. While Chuck was making plans to attend Montana State University, Cece survived a heart attack, but Chuck had to step into his dad's shoes to move the whole ranch operation to the new Bar-U-Bar location. College was no longer an option, and Chuck's new role was as a full partner in the running of the ranch.

Pleasant Valley, a mountain ranch 45 miles west of Kalispell. This was a huge leap for Chuck and Marian, leaving friends and family to cross the divide to western Montana. It was a dream ranch for Chuck, but too remote for access to school once the kids finished eighth grade. The Whites moved the ranch for the last time to the Stillwater River near Kalispell where they became part of another wonderful community of West Valley friends. Full time ranching gave way to other career chapters. Chuck and Marian were co-owners of Kalispell Feed and Grain, and Chuck later started a business as a financial advisor. Our family prospered and always had the good fortune to live and work in the country as ranch kids.

After Marian's death in 2011, Chuck took on the responsibilities of head parent, grandparent and great-grandparent. He and Marian owned a second home in the Sunbird Community in Chandler, Arizona, and he continued to spend some very lonely winters there. On New Year's Eve in Sunbird in 2014, Chuck met a lovely lady, Marie Dosco, and they danced the night away. Dad felt his life had been blessed by a second true love, and he and Marie were together until his death. Nana Marie will always be part of our family, and our favorite Canadian!

Chuck set an example for all of us through a lifetime of community service in Rotary, on school boards, church boards, and as one of the founding patrons of Samaritan House in Kalispell. He was a devoted member of Northridge Lutheran Church, and the power of his faith is an inspiration to us all.

## Robert G. Whalen, 65

Robert G. Whalen, 65, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, at Whitefish Care and Rehab in Whitefish.

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

## James Russell White

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James Russell White, 77, passed away in Eureka on Dec. 24, 2019.

James is survived by his wife Carla, daughter Kim Beard and son Zane

Charles White. Services will be held in the spring. Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for James' family.

## Elizabeth Mary Whitney, 68

Elizabeth Mary Whitney, 68, died Jan. 18, 2020, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She is survived by

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

In his early 20s, Chuck's main focus was on the ranch, but he also made time to rope in local rodeos with his new Musselshell friends. His beautiful gray quarter horse, Bucky, was one of many great horse relationships in his life. Not all his great partnerships were with horses. He also found time to fall in love with Marian Kozeliski who had recently graduated from Roundup High School. Marian and Chuck were married in Roundup in 1954. It was the beginning of what their children and grandchildren believe to be one of the great love affairs of all time. As their family grew, Chuck and Marian took over the ownership of the Bar-U-Bar. The Musselshell years were a time of hard work and incredible friendships. The neighboring ranches were owned by other young couples who were also raising kids and calves. Those families formed bonds that continue today.

The last major move of the Bar-U-Bar was to

Chuck is survived by his four children, Lindy (Jerry Anderson, sons Adam [Melissa Anderson] and Daniel [Lacey Anderson]), Barb (Steve Graham, sons Cooper [Brittany Graham] and Spencer [Jenni Cruz]), Ken (Gwen White, daughters Katie [Bobby Pfenning] and Mandy [Ryan Pokorny]), and Bob (Laura White and their daughter Victoria). His great-grandchildren are Hayden, Sidney, Olivia, Jory, Riot, Vincent, Sebastian, Lea, Beau, Decker and Charlie Jane. Chuck White left us all a legacy of positive attitude, hard work, fun times, and boundless love. We are forever grateful.

In light of the pandemic, we regret that there will not be a large gathering. A private family memorial will be scheduled at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Samaritan House at 124 9th Ave. W., Kalispell; or Northridge Lutheran Church at 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell.

## Valery G. Wiederrich, 88

Valery G. Wiederrich, 88, of Kalispell, died Sunday, March 1, 2020, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

## Lorraine Mahala Wigner, 68

Lorraine Mahala Wigner, 68, died Aug. 9, 2020, at her home in Kalispell.

No services are

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

## Alexander Kae Wildes, 38

*PAG 5 July 2020*  
Alexander Kae Wildes, age 38, passed away on June 20, 2020 in Bigfork.

Alexander was born March 9, 1982 in Beaumont, California. He lived in Beaumont and Morongo Valley, California until 1995, when the family moved to Kalispell.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 2001. After graduation he tried to find his niche in life in construction at Richcreek Construction and painting with Big Sky Finishes, before settling on woodworking. He worked with both his mother and father building custom cabinets and furniture.

Alexander is survived by his maternal grandmother, Shirley Mayhood of Banning, California; father Brad Wildes (Dana) of Bigfork; mother Tracy Mayhood of Creston; sisters Trisha Clark (Gene) of Kauai, Hawaii; and



Krystyn Wildes of Kalispell; brother Nick Wildes (Chardee) of Kalispell; a special

dear friend, Connie Hedrick; nieces and nephews he liked to pick on but dearly loved; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A Memorial is planned for 6 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 at Grace Baptist Church - 1385 Columbia Falls Stage Rd. Columbia Falls, MT.

In lieu of flowers please feel free to make donations to the Bigfork Food Pantry. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.



## David William Wilkening, 61

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David William Wilkening, born the 14th of January 1958, passed away at home in Ronan on the 23rd of December 2019, at the age of 61.

David was the second of five children, and the first son, born to Ruth Linder Wilkening and Walter Deseniss Wilkening. He grew up in Libertyville, Illinois, and completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at Montana State University in 1984 where he fell in love with Big Sky Country.

David was a perpetual outdoors enthusiast and energetic man — fishing, hiking, camping, hunting and building in every place he lived. He and his wife, Angela, raised their family in Columbia Falls, then bought their country retreat in Ronan where David lived the rest of his earthly days. He was a man of honor, helping anyone he saw in need, making numerous friends, earning a solid reputation, and teaching integrity and compassion to his family and all who were blessed to interact with him.

His career included



R&D in biotechnology at a Seattle startup working in antibody based cancer diagnostics and therapeutics, project leader at Dow Chemical developing advanced lubricants for the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, process and environmental engineering at Columbia Falls Aluminum where he developed and managed a multimillion dollar retrofit to improve smelter efficiency, director of Quality and Product Development at a Utah salt producer, and then product manager for corrosion inhibitors at a university derived biotechnology start-up. In 2012 he founded Wilkening & Associates to serve the needs of the winter road maintenance industry where he consulted nationally with Departments of Transportation and their suppliers, helping them improve winter maintenance chemicals and practices. Over the years,

David developed and patented multiple products, learned how to build and fix most things, from cars to homes to children's hearts, and even quietly saved a few lives.

He taught by example, living the values he was raised with and doing what was right. Above all, David valued his family and friends. He was a truly adored husband, brother, father and grandfather who tried and succeeded in providing for all his family's needs and more while never asking for anything in return except backrubs and homemade food. David's friends also knew he was the man to call whether help of any kind or a fishing partner was needed.

David is survived by his much loved wife of 40 years, Angela Wilkening; his sisters, Sondra Wilkening and Diana Nikolai; his brother, Rich Wilkening; as well as his sons, Sam Wilkening and Jacob Wilkening, daughter, Jessica Singer, favorite son-in-law, Sam Singer and three grandchildren, Wrigley, Molly and Griffin David Singer.

A celebration of his life will be held this summer, June 26, near Ronan.

Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at [jsesinger@gmail.com](mailto:jsesinger@gmail.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a cause dear to David's heart, the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, or your own local no-kill animal shelter.

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

## Jackie 'Jack' L. Williams

Jackie "Jack" L. Williams, 67, died at his home on Saturday, November 14, 2020, in Bigfork.

A private family graveside service is being planned at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Karen 'Jeanie' Williams, 80

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 Karen "Jeanie" Williams, 80, of Polson, loving mother, sister, Nana, and wife of Francis C. "Toot" Williams, left home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 4, 2020.



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 past 50 years to the First Baptist Church in Polson, where she taught Awanas,

She was born March 22, 1940, to Kirby and Esther Hicklin in Livingston.

Jeanie graduated from Three Forks High School in Montana in 1958.

After graduation, she worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in Helena.

Jeanie was introduced to Francis in 1959 by her brother, Milton, and married in 1960 in Three Forks. In the 1970s, Jeanie and Francis moved to Finley Point on Flathead Lake in Polson.

Jeanie could always be found in a color-coordinated outfit from head to toe, whether it be blue, purple, green, yellow, or her absolute favorite — pink. Along with her trending taste in clothes, was her eye for sparkling jewelry; a fashion icon at 80.

She was extremely family oriented. Jeanie could be found at every one of her granddaughters' events, no matter the distance. Her favorite activities included spending the day shopping with her daughter, Kim, after buying a hazelnut latte. One memory she spoke fondly of was traveling to Ireland with Kim in 2016. When she wasn't with her family, she was either out at lunch with friends, or devoting herself for the

sang in the choir, and was treasurer for the church.

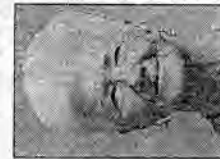
Jeanie was preceded in death by her parents, and loving husband of what would be 58 years, Francis.

She is survived by her daughter, Kim Stallknecht and husband Kurt of Kalispell, and son, Bill Williams and his family of Lavon, Texas. Jeanie was a caring "Nana" to two grandchildren, Ariel and Alanis Stallknecht. Jeanie is also survived by her brother, Milton Hicklin, and leaves behind several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 10, at The Lake Funeral Home in Polson. A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 11, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Polson, with Scott Craven officiating. There will be a graveside service following the funeral at the Lake View Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the First Baptist Church.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family at [www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com). Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Marjorie Lorraine Williams, 93



*PA 6*  
 Marjorie Lorraine Williams, 93, of Kalispell, passed away on March 2, 2020. Marjorie was born on Feb. 25, 1927, in Rudyard, Montana, to Anna Nora Lambott Peebler and George Allen Peebler. She grew up in Rudyard until her family moved to Kalispell.

On April 23, 1945, Marjorie married the love of her life, Warren R. Williams. They celebrated 72 years together before Warren's passing in July of 2017. Together they had one son, Dale Williams.

Marjorie is also preceded in death by her son, Dale Williams, and two sisters, Ruby Langel and Betty DeShazer.

Marjorie is survived by a sister, Sharon Reynolds and husband John of Kalispell, a brother, Larry Peebler of Rudyard, grandson Sean Williams and wife Beth of Bozeman, great-grand-

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 daughter Riley Williams of Bozeman, a nephew she helped raise, Michael DeShazer and wife Lori of Columbia Falls, daughter-in-law Brenda Williams Cuthbertson and Gary of Bigfork and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Marge's passion was being a homemaker and mother. She found her joy in all areas relating to that, especially gardening and baking.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on March 16 at the Kalispell First Church of the

Nazarene with Pastor Mike Holien officiating. Family and friends will gather at the church immediately following the service.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home will be caring for the family. Private burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

At the request of the family, memorial donations may be made to the Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Patricia Williams, 75

Patricia Williams, 75, died on July 11, 2020. She is survived her daughter Yvette Bennett. A private family ser-

vice will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Raymond Delano 'Del' Williams, 80

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Raymond Delano "Del" Williams, M.D., F.A.C.S., 80, of Fredericksburg, Texas, entered into his heavenly home on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020.

Del was born in Mills County on Oct. 16, 1940, to Raymond Harper Williams and Martha Lou Audra Reynolds Williams. Del grew up in Goldthwaite, Texas, and later moved to Odessa, Texas, where he attended Odessa High School and Ector High School. Upon graduation, Del attended Texas Western in El Paso where he was a four-year letterman on both the football and track and field teams and served as captain of both teams his senior year. Following college, Del attended the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1966. He was selected by his classmates to receive the prestigious Gold Headed Cane Award for his extraordinary dedication to the health and welfare of his patients. He competed his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and his general



surgery residency at UTMB Galveston.

Del proudly served his country as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves

from 1971 to 1973.

The majority of Del's 40-plus year surgical career was spent in Victoria, Texas, where he was a founding partner of Victoria Surgical Associates and served the greater Victoria area to include Goliad, Cuero, Port Lavaca and Yoakum. Del was known among his patients for his kindness, compassion and impeccable bedside manner. In 2004, Del and his wife Mary Ann headed north to fulfill his dream of practicing rural medicine in Montana. Del served thousands of patients in Northern Montana to include members of the Blackfeet Indian Tribe who welcomed him with open arms.

Del was a member of

numerous professional societies, namely, the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Fellow American College of Surgeons, Alpha Kappa Medical Fraternity, Singleton Surgical Society, and the Victoria-Goliad County Medical Society.

When not in the operating room, Del could be found on his ranch in Tivoli or his family ranch in Goldthwaite. An avid rancher, Del enjoyed raising cattle, stocking fish ponds and mending fences. His true haven was perched in a duck blind at sunrise with his black lab at his feet and a lanyard of duck calls hanging around his neck. Following his retirement, Del enjoyed the final years of his life at Boot Ranch in Fredericksburg, Texas, surrounded by family and friends where you could find him telling stories in the men's clubhouse, bass fishing or hunting for golf balls with his grandchildren. He loved watching the Battlin' Billies football team on Friday nights.

A loving husband, father, grandfather

"Papa" and friend "Doc," Del is survived by the love of his life, Mary Ann McGuffie Williams; his children (and their spouses), Doug (Lina) Williams, David (Anna) Williams, Mitch (Kelly) McGuffie; and his grandchildren, Shelby, Taylor, Hunter, Madison, Riley, Morgan, Macey and Kennedy.

A memorial service in celebration of Del's life will be held at Baptist Temple in Victoria, Texas, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be given in his memory to Hill Country Memorial Hospice (808 Reuben Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624) or to the charity of your choice.

The family offers a special thank you to the entire staff of Hill Country Memorial Hospice and Isabell for their loving care for Del these past few months.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at [www.schaetter.com](http://www.schaetter.com)

Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Schaetter Funeral Home in Fredericksburg.

## Richard Williams, 82

Richard Williams, 82, died on Oct. 9, 2020, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Clifford Buttler Willis Jr., 60

Clifford Buttler Willis Jr., 60, died at North Valley Hospital Aug. 16, 2020. He is survived by his wife Denise Willis. A celebration of life potluck will be held at Marantette Park in Columbia Falls Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.



## Glenn Eugene Wills, 88

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Glenn Eugene Wills walked the road to heaven in his cowboy boots on Aug. 24, 2020.

He was born on March 25, 1932, to John and Cecil Wills. He grew up in Power, Montana, and in June 1952 married Roberta Munroe of Dutton. They had been married almost 62 years when Roberta made her own journey to heaven in 2014.

Just weeks after his wedding, Glenn left for basic training. He served as a medic in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1952 to 1954. He was very proud of the Korean War Service Medal he received from the Republic of Korea on the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

After his military service, Glenn joined Roberta in Montana. They raised their family in Dutton, where Glenn worked his way to managing the Farmers



load up the pickup camper and spend Saturday night by a creek somewhere with his wife and four children.

In 1975 Glenn and Roberta moved to Kalispell where Glenn managed the Jet Oil Company. A move to Choteau in 1976 to manage the Petrolane plant there brought them back to the "other side of the mountains" for a time. They returned to Kalispell in 1982, and Glenn managed the Petrolane/AmeriGas plant in Kalispell until he retired in 1994. Kalispell was home for the rest of

Mercantile. their days.

Glenn had a natural musical talent. He could sit at a piano, or pick up his guitar or accordion, and play a tune he had heard on the radio without any written music. He enjoyed playing cards and games with his family and friends, camping trips, and working in his yard. Glenn cared deeply about his family and was always there when they needed him. He was a wonderful dad and an awesome grandpa.

Glenn was preceded in death by his wife Roberta, his parents John and Cecil Wills, and his brother Jack Wills.

He is survived by his children, Glenda and Russell Elser, full-time RVers; Sandra Wills of Missoula; Zack Wills and Kristi Frantz of Milton, Washington; and Rick and Tracy Wills of Kalispell; by nine grandchildren, Jason, Dustin, Suzanne, Erin, Kristen,

Keifer, Kevin, Keenen and Kaden; and seven great-grandchildren, Connor, Gwynn, Liliana, Jaerik, Willy, Charlotte and Evelyn. He is also survived by three sisters, Carol (Bob) Suek, Shirley Davis, and Mary (Chuck) Crowell, and a sister-in-law, Irene Young.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Dutton Cemetery in Dutton.

Memorial donations may be made to the NW Montana Veterans Stand Down & Food Pantry, 1349 Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Faith Church, 405 Liberty Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Glenn's family. You are invited to go to [jgfuneralhome.com](http://jgfuneralhome.com) to view Glenn's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Charles W. Wilson, 87

Charles W. Wilson, 87, died July 26, 2020, at his home in Kalispell. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Dale Charles Wilson, 72

Dale Charles Wilson, 72, died Nov. 8, 2020, at The HealthCenter.

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

## Connie Rae Wilson, 83

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Connie Rae Wilson went to be with the Lord on July 26, 2020, at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan, surrounded by her children.

Connie was born April 25, 1937, in Kalispell to Lucille and Ford Peckham. She attended and graduated from Flathead County High School, where she was a member of the drill team. One of her fondest high school memories was marching in the Portland Rose Festival Parade.

Connie was a loving mother to her children and a second mom to many; a devoted wife, sister, grandmother and mother-in-law. She was a huge supporter of all her children and grandchildren, attending as many events as she could manage and cheering for all.

Connie married Richard "Dick" Wilson on Aug. 12, 1956, at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. She and Dick had 55 years together until his death in 2011, raising four amazing children. Connie and Dick were partners in life; they also started a family business, Dick Wilson Trucking. It was truly a family business employing Dad, Mom, and all four children.

Connie enjoyed camping and boating with her family. Connie loved to garden; her flowers were her pride and joy. She was passionate about her animals, especially her horses. She loved sharing her hobbies with family and friends.

Connie was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi for over 30 years and enjoyed helping with



many of their civic activities. She was especially fond of working the Beta Booth at

the Western Montana Fair. After retirement, Connie was active in the Foster Grandparent program in the Polson elementary schools. She loved spending time with the children.

Connie is survived by her sons, Richard (Karen), Randall (Kari) and Scott; grandchildren, Jenifer (James) Layton, Jeremy, Rich (Candace), Brandi (Jeremy) DeGier, Craig (Heather), Jessica (Shane) Olson, Josh (Kari) Schoening, Tanner, Jarrett, Trent and Colter; and 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Victor Green, numerous cousins and friends.

Connie will be welcomed in heaven by her husband, Richard Wilson; her mother Lucille (Gust) Green; daughter Tamara Jones; and great-grandchildren Norah Wilson and Camden Olson.

To share memories of Connie and sign the online guestbook go to [www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of Connie's life will be held next summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Norah Foundation; <https://www.thenorahfoundation.org>.

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

## Bernard T. Windauer, 65

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Bernie Windauer passed away on Jan. 23, 2020, of natural causes while traveling home to Kalispell.



the world during travels with his wife and family. He raised his children on legends of the Bob Marshall, introducing them to remote stretches of the South Fork and "dancing with the water" in his kayak. He was also a remarkable competitive shooter.

Bernie was born to Robert and Bernadine Windauer on June 20, 1954, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, and grew up surrounded by his five siblings and many relatives. He followed family to Montana where he fell in love with the mountains, rivers, and his soon-to-be-wife, Leslie Newman, whom he married in 1977. While at Montana State University, he enjoyed skiing and competing in the College of Engineering concrete canoe races. After graduating in 1980 in construction engineering, he designed earth moving equipment in Billings for a year before he and Leslie ventured to San Diego for nearly 10 years of sailing, SCUBA diving, and work in the defense and aerospace industry putting satellites into space. It was here he got involved in amateur radios, both as an operator and working on towers — including one for Sea World to communicate with penguin researchers in Antarctica. In 1987, Bernie and Leslie finally returned to Montana to raise a family and enjoy the camping, floating and forests Bernie loved.

Bernie was a devoted husband, attentive father and adoring grandfather. He was also a loyal and honorable friend. Bernie was active in all facets of the community, coaching his children's soccer and shooting sports teams, and volunteering extensively in devotion to his Catholic faith. He loved to mentor and enjoyed truly connecting with people, especially in far-flung corners of

Bernie's passion was service — for his family, community and country. He was a truly brilliant engineer, designing innovative test fixtures, more effective industrial equipment and systems, and creating visionary designs for the best firearms and optics companies in the world, and was recognized by the Pentagon for his role in ending the first Gulf War. There was nothing he could not fix, or would not try, for anyone who asked. From designing a train engine to testing arrow flight accuracy, from repairing vandalized religious statues to healing his children's broken hearts, there was no problem he would not tackle. He was always the one you would call. Bernie cared deeply — and was deeply loved — by family and friends alike. He will be greatly missed.

Bernie is survived by his wife Leslie, children Erin Windauer, Dan Windauer, and Heidi Becksted, her husband Blayde, grandchildren Liam and Quinn, and siblings Bob Windauer, Barb Wolgast, Bill Windauer, and Bernadette Windauer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Bea (Moenich) Windauer, and sister, Bette Carlos.

Bernie's celebration of life is today, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Engineers Without Borders at [ewb-usa.org/](http://ewb-usa.org/) donate to continue his life's work of engineering in the service of others.

## Daniel James Winegar, 79

Daniel James Winegar, 79, died on July 28, 2020, at his home in Kalispell. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Glenda Winegarner, 77

Glenda Winegarner, 77, of Kalispell, died Oct. 21, 2020, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband Alan, and Her daughter Brandy Sutton.

No services are being held at this time. Johnson-Glsochat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Michael Douglas Winter, 69

Michael Douglas Winter, 69, passed peacefully in his home July 2, 2020.

Mike was born May 6, 1951, to Carl "Doug" and Margaret Winter in Inglewood, California. Mike graduated from Hawthorne High School in 1969 and attended El Camino College.

A California surfer at his core, in his earlier years Mike also enjoyed skateboarding, drag racing, and worked ski patrol. His love of skiing frequently brought him to Montana to visit Big Mountain. In the early 1980s Mike moved to Montana with his wife



his forever home. It was here that Mike began his career driving truck; the births of Juliene and Jonathan followed.

Mike was passionate about the Flathead Valley, he loved to boat and fish the lakes and rivers. There wasn't a road he couldn't name and likely a story to go along with it. Whether it was about a propane

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Sarah and their two young children Dustin and Lauren, putting down roots in delivery knee deep in snow, a low boy haul he had maneuvered or jack-knifing a double bottom, Mike could make "a long story short" for hours! He loved music, jamming out playing his guitar, conversing and laughing with friends and family. He had a wealth of knowledge he was eager to share. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

He was preceded in death by his parents Doug and Margie Winter, and sister Carol Winter; and is survived by his children, Dustin Winter (Nicole), Lauren Winter-Callahan, Juliene Lynas

(Justin), and Jonathan Winter; siblings, Sheri Winter-Glass, Susie Winter-Barton and Mae Winter; nephew, Ian Winter; niece, Kristyn Barton; and grandchildren, Hailee, Izabelle, Gaige, Alexander, Kya, Tovar, Cydney, Henry, Colter, Damon and Daysen.

A celebration of life will be held at the home of Dustin and Nicole Winter Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m., 2346 Middle Road, Columbia Falls.

Johnson-Glsochat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Timothy Wiltfong, 53

Timothy Wiltfong, 53, of Kalispell, died Jan. 28, 2020 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Arrangements are being made at this time. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for his family.



## Marilyn Lee Wolf, 88

*PAG 14 June 2020*  
Marilyn Lee Wolf, 88, of Kalispell passed away May 30, 2020 at Immanuel Lutheran Communities The Retreat.

Marilyn was born Sept. 3, 1931, in Wellington, Kansas, to Paul and Hazel Bacon of South Haven, Kansas. As a small girl she enjoyed tap dancing and play time exploring the nearby wooded creek. One tap-dancing recital in particular included tap-dancing on the top of a drum. She also survived a tornado in the basement of the family home, which was destroyed. She was active in the Christian Church, South Haven, including playing the piano for church service, weddings and funerals. She graduated from South Haven High School in 1947.

In 1953, she married Carl Adam Wolf and they farmed near Geuda Springs, Kansas. Marilyn and Carl had four children, Merritt, Stan, Tiena and Lee. On camping trips to Colorado the family developed a fondness of more mountainous regions and the family moved to Kalispell in the summer of 1964. In 1966, they bought a farm east of Kalispell where they remained until the passing of her husband, Carl. In 1974, she moved to Spokane where she resided for several years, later returning to Kalispell in the early 1980s. Among other jobs, she spent con-

siderable time as a nanny for families with small children and as a caretaker for the elderly, both in the Flathead Valley and Seattle area.

She enjoyed gardening, tending her flowers and spending time with family and friends, including telling how "it used to be." She enjoyed riding along on her children's and grandchildren's drives around the Flathead Valley and into Glacier Park, sometimes playing the role of tour guide or going on short hikes in the park; and not afraid of some adventure while doing so. Family and friends are sure to remember her as independent and strong-willed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, and granddaughter Jessica Wolf.

She is survived by her sister, Myrna Lauterbach; children, Merritt (Valerie) Wolf, Stan (Gina) Wolf, Tiena (Jon) Anderson and Lee (Sydney) Wolf; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled at 1 p.m. June 19 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private interment will be at Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Eileen 'Elly' Carole Wheeler-Woll, 51

*PAS 17 Sept 2020*  
Eileen "Elly" Carole Wheeler-Woll, 51, was born April 24, 1969, to Thomas Wheeler and Donna Reum Elly at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan.

Elly passed away Sept. 8, 2020, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

Elly was raised in the Mission Valley. She attended elementary school in Ronan. She then moved to St. Ignatius, where she attended junior high and high school, graduating in 1987. She later married her high school sweetheart, Tom Mitchell Jr., and from this union came four beautiful children. They later divorced, and Elly found love again when she met and married her soul mate Steven Woll. Shortly after, the two were blessed with twins.

Elly worked at the Mission Valley Vet Clinic for a short time. She spent the next 13 years as a custodian at the St. Ignatius School District. Next, the adventure was tending bar at Allard's and Grizzly Jack's. She was then lucky enough to spend the next five years at home with Bailee and Brodee. When the twins began school, she followed suit and became a paraprofessional in the Ronan School District. She did this for eight years until she found her true calling as a certified health coach with Optavia. Elly was passionate about helping others, shaping lives, and setting a great example. She saved numerous lives with her dedication and coaching and helped so many begin their journey toward health.

Elly had numerous hobbies and interests. Of course, the main one involved being in the mountains. She loved camping, hiking, fishing,



skiing, kayaking, swimming, rafting and riding ATVs. It did not matter

where she was or what she was doing, as long as she had her family, she was happy. Elly's greatest joy in life was always being there for all eight of her children and her seven grandchildren. Regardless of who you were, Elly held a special place for everyone in her heart. Even in death Elly gave the gift of life by being an organ donor. Complete strangers will live by her generous gift. To date, Elly has saved four lives and counting as a result of her generosity.

Elly was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Reum; grandparents, Melvin and Elizabeth Reum; grandparents, Tom and Edna Wheeler; brother, Mike Wheeler; aunt, Rosalie Reum; aunt, Deloris "Dee Dee" Begay; uncle, John Wheeler Sr.; aunt, June Orr; and uncle, Ike Orr.

Elly is survived by her father, Thomas Wheeler (Janet); her stepfather, Gary Burland; her husband, Steve Woll; her children, Brian Mitchell, Ashley Mitchell, Kelsie Mitchell (Casey Morgan), Kyla Managhan (Kyle), Brodee Woll, Bailee Woll, Kristen Hagen and Tim Woll; her brothers, Dale Wheeler (Lisa), and John Wheeler Jr. (Cindy); sisters, Colleen Wheeler, Melodie McLeod (Jason), and Julie Stewart; her seven grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Services will be held at the St. Ignatius High School today, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m.; we ask that you please bring a mask.

### Christina Wood, 33

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On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Christina Wood passed away suddenly at the age of 33.



in need. Christina will be remembered and greatly missed by those she loved.

She grew up in Bigfork with her dad and sister, who were surrounded by their family. Christina always looked forward to family events and long days at the river or on the lake. After graduating high school, she moved to Kalispell.

Christina loved her dogs, arts and crafts, camping and gardening. She had an infectious laugh and a loving heart. She was selfless for a friend if they were

Christina is survived by her father, Tim Wood; sister Alicia (Ben Sletvold); her partner Jamie; grandmother Joanne Wood; and her aunts, uncles and cousins. Christina was predeceased by her grandfather Jim Wood.

Services will be announced.

### Wayne Worthington, 93

Wayne Worthington, 93, died on July 24, 2020 at The Lodge in Kalispell. Services are

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

### Daniel Wright, 78

Daniel Wright, 78, of Columbia Falls, died Jan. 30, 2020 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

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

### Gertrude A. Wright, 99

Gertrude A. Wright, 99, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at the HealthCenter in Kalispell. Funeral Services

are will be held in San Jose, California. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

### Joanne Wood, 90

Joanne Wood, 90, of Bigfork, died Oct. 17, 2020, in Bigfork.

Private family services are being held.

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

### Clinton Charles Worcester, 58

Clinton Charles Worcester, 58, died Feb. 20, 2020, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

### Claire LaVerna (Biegler) Workman, 83

Claire LaVerna (Biegler) Workman, 83, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020.

A celebration of life will be held Sept. 13, at 3:30 p.m. at the Pinkham Schoolhouse. A meal will be provided. Bring

a chair, feel free to wear bright colors and bring a handful of wildflowers. General pandemic protocols will be practiced.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Eureka.

### Audrey Marilyn Michaelson Sedivy Worrell, 87

Audrey Marilyn Michaelson Sedivy Worrell, 87, died Dec. 29, 2020.

She is survived by her daughters.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

### Karen Wright, 73

Karen Wright, 73, of Columbia Falls, died on Aug. 19, 2020, at Hidden Meadows Memory Care Center in Columbia Falls. Arrangements are

pending. Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Carl Alvin Wurst, 91

Carl Alvin Wurst, 91, passed away on Sept. 16, 2020, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on July 31, 1929, in Kalispell to Karl and Gertrude (Wagner) Wurst. Because his mother died soon after of complication of childbirth, Carl was primarily raised by his maternal grandparents, Alvin and Florence Wagner, on their farm east of Kalispell. He enjoyed a happy childhood, attending Lake Blaine School until the family moved into Kalispell where he attended Flathead County High School and graduated in

1948.

Carl worked for the Kalispell Grocery and on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam before beginning a 30-year career with Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls.

On January 8, 1949, he married his high school sweetheart, Helen Lampman. They made their home in Kalispell, where their two daughters and one son were born. Carl had fond memories of his childhood experiences living on a farm and never lost the influence of that early life. In his younger years, he enjoyed many differ-

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ent activities with family members and friends. In his later years, he continued to live independently and meticulously cared for his home, yard and vegetable garden into his late 80s.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and his wife Helen in February of 1999.

He is survived by his two daughters, Carla (Richard) Holman of Kalispell, and Beth Tkachyk of Somers, and son Chris Wurst of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Ryan (Billie) Roberts, Brandon Roberts, Brittney

(Jesse) Johnson, Andrea (Shailesh) Agarwal and Ben Holman; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; cousin and other extended family.

Per Carl's wishes there will be no formal funeral. He will be laid to rest at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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