In Memoriam

PICTURE TRIBUTES

Accristo - Dougherty

Eaton - Lloyd
Lowney - Redfern
Reece - Verbanac
War - White

TEXT TRIBUTES

Page 7

ABOUT THIS SECTION

In Memoriam started in July 2019 and publishes six times a year. The section honors the memories of the community members we’ve lost during the prior two-month period. This edition includes those whose obituary appeared between September 2 and November 3.
IN MEMORIAM

**Eaton - Lloyd**

Michael L. Eaton, MD
April 30, 1945 - Oct. 12, 2019

Paul H. Feldman
July 24, 1934 - Oct. 8, 2019

Thomas Carl Fleury
Jan. 25, 1977 - Sept. 24, 2019

Robert T. “Robbie” Hensley
HELENA
July 14, 1948 - Sept. 23, 2019

Barbara Kenny
HELENA
May 9, 1932 - Sept. 15, 2019

Robert Earl Lea Jr.
July 21, 1959 - Aug. 31, 2019

Kermit Merle Edmonds
MISSOULA
Died Sept. 20, 2019

Jon M. “Mike” Fife
HELENA
May 27, 1939 - Sept. 9, 2019

Marsolee (Nunnally) Froehlich
Died Sept. 17, 2019

Janice Matilda Imhoff
April 17, 1942 - Oct. 1, 2019

William “Bill” Knott
EAST HELENA
Died Oct. 9, 2019

Phyllis Ann Drummond Ledbetter
June 16, 1931 - Aug. 26, 2019

James “Jim” Elliott
HELENA
Died Oct. 6, 2019

Sandra Joan Barnes Fischer
Dec. 9, 1937 - Aug. 31, 2019

Maria Goebel
HELENA
Died Oct. 17, 2019

Gordon M. Jackson
HELENA
Died Oct. 18, 2019

Gregory “Greg” Vaughn Kopp
March 1, 1985 - Oct. 21, 2019

Edward F. “Ed” Leu
HELENA
Oct. 20, 1928 - Oct. 17, 2019

Terri Eve
HELENA
Feb. 18, 1948 - Oct. 17, 2019

Murray Donald Fladeland
May 26, 1962 - Aug. 25, 2019

Richard W. Hargreaves
May 20, 1941 - Sept. 21, 2019

George “Jack” Jones
EAST HELENA
Died Sept. 5, 2019

Lorraine K. Kuntz
July 22, 1919 - Sept. 5, 2019

George C. Lloyd
HELENA
Died Aug. 27, 2019
IN MEMORIAM

John “Jack” Lowney
HELENA
Oct. 30, 1919 - Sept. 29, 2019

Kenneth “Ken” Ludtke
HELENA
Dec. 18, 1934 - Sept. 2, 2019

Gertrude F. “Trude” MacDonald
HELENA
March 13, 1923 - Sept. 13, 2019

Ronald “Ron” MacDougall
HELENA
Feb. 25, 1930 - Aug. 31, 2019

Ed Malensek
HELENA
April 25, 1925 - Oct. 18, 2019

Frank Martello
HELENA
Died Oct. 7, 2019

Mona Jean Mayer
HELENA
Feb. 8, 1950 - Oct. 20, 2019

Patricia Ann (Flynn) McCarthy
CORONA, CA
Sept. 16, 1932 - Oct. 23, 2019

Russell G. “Russ” McDonald
HELENA
Died Sept. 13, 2019

George Eli McCammon
MISSOULA
Sept. 1, 1927 - Oct. 17, 2019

Mary Nell Middlestead
May 23, 1934 - Oct. 11, 2019

Gilbert Charles Misplon
BELLEFONTAINE, OH
Oct. 12, 1924 - July 3, 2019

Robert C. McKenna
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL
May 1, 1936 - Oct. 23, 2019

Etta McGee Murphy
Died Sept. 16, 2019

Emma “Maxine” Olsen
May 9, 1939 - Sept. 4, 2019

Ed Malensek
HELENA
Nov. 1, 1940 - Sept. 5, 2019

James D. Poirier
Feb. 4, 1947 - Sept. 6, 2019

Joseph B. Oblinger
BOZEMAN
Died Sept. 18, 2019

Joseph S. “Joe” Prebil III
HELENA
Died Oct. 16, 2019

Vern McTaggart
HELENA
Nov. 1, 1940 - Sept. 5, 2019

Jessie Nick
HELENA
Died Sept. 22, 2019

Janet L. Novy
HELENA
Died Sept. 16, 2019

Joseph S. “Joe” Prebil III
HELENA
Died Oct. 16, 2019

Shari Surman Redfern
Jan. 24, 1939 - Aug. 31, 2019
IN MEMORIAM

Reece - Verbanac

Elizabeth A. “Kasey”
Reece
DEER LODGE
Sept. 10, 1965 - Sept. 21, 2019

James D. “Jim” Shaw
HELENA
Died Oct. 6, 2019

Katrina Sinnott
HELENA
Aug. 30, 1959 - Oct. 6, 2019

Twyla Stratton
HELENA
Died Oct. 7, 2019

Alex J. Teberg
HELENA
Nov. 23, 1987 - Sept. 5, 2019

Patricia A. Tyanich
HELENA
March 15, 1932 - Oct. 29, 2019

John O. Ritchie
HELENA
1940 - Sept. 15, 2019

Wayne Shong
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
Died Oct. 27, 2019

Stanley “Dean” Smith
Feb. 23, 1935 - Oct. 15, 2019

George C. “Mike” Stump
HELENA
Aug. 4, 1926 - Sept. 17, 2019

Kelly Lane Toney
Aug. 25, 1964 - June 1, 2019

Celeste Tegg Rogers
HELENA
Nov. 14, 1947 - Oct. 10, 2019

John W. Simac
Jan. 26, 1933 - Oct. 2, 2019

Irene Johanna Spratt
Died Oct. 23, 2019

Myrna Mae Verbanac
Aug. 23, 1936 - Aug. 27, 2019

Fredrick “Fred” Earnest
Scherrer Jr.
Died Sept. 23, 2019

Wesley Bowman Simpson
Aug. 24, 1952 - Sept. 17, 2019

Christie “Chris” Rae
(Walker) Spurlock
April 6, 1961 - Oct. 23, 2019

Celebrating
a Life Lived

315 E. Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana
406.442.1550
www.retzfuneralhome.com
Estate planning tips and advice

Estate planning is for everyone. Don’t make the mistake of believing estate planning is only for the rich. Making a plan for how your affairs will be handled after death is the best thing you can do for your loved ones, regardless of your financial standing.

Document how you want your property and other assets handled to help your family avoid legal difficulties, inconvenience, unnecessary taxation and family arguments. An estate planning professional can have a lasting impact on your legacy.

Estate planning isn’t just about protecting heirlooms; it also provides security for your family. Consider these tips for creating a sound, logical estate plan.

Seek legal counsel

Some people use online forms to draft a will, most people will benefit from consulting with an estate planning attorney. This experienced professional can create legal documents with your specific circumstances in mind.

It’s true everyone should have a will, regardless of age. But that is only the first step in developing a solid estate plan. You should also create a living will, power of attorney and possibly a trust.

Consult an attorney who has experience in developing estate plans for those whose situations are similar to yours. Do not try to do it alone.

Life insurance policies

Life insurance policies provide for your loved ones in the event of your death. There are a wide range of options, and only a few will make sense for your situation. A professional can guide you through the possibilities and help you make appropriate choices.

Term life insurance policies are generally less expensive than other types of coverage. But whole life policies, annuities and other insurance products may be more appropriate for your circumstances.

Understand what you might be buying. In some cases, a policy may benefit the salesperson more than it does the customer.

Funeral expenses

Funerals are very expensive, sometimes up to $10,000. You don’t want to leave your family with large bills. That’s why you should plan ahead to cover the cost of your own funeral.

Pre-paid funeral plans are a popular option, or you can simply buy a burial plot in advance so that one major task will be handled before your death.

It may be uncomfortable and even frightening to consider, but it is something that must be addressed as part of a solid estate plan. Visit funeral homes in your area to discuss prepayment options.

Communication is key

Communicate with your family in general terms about your estate plan. Talking to them about what they can expect could head off estate disputes and heartache.

A good estate planner can help you navigate complicated family dynamics and concerns that may accompany this process. The right estate plan and experienced professionals can make your legacy a blessing that your heirs will treasure for the rest of their lives.
### Text Tributes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Date of Birth - Date of Death</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pete A. Ames</td>
<td>Aug. 7, 1936 - Sept. 10, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zachariah Bennett</td>
<td>Died Sept. 28, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Santina Branz</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 3, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Father Joseph L. Byrne</td>
<td>HELENA Died Aug. 27, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert J. “Bob” Cowan</td>
<td>HELENA Died March 29, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Richard Cron</td>
<td>Jan. 9, 1954 - Aug. 24, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mike W. Danzer</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 5, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bradley Earl Doggett</td>
<td>June 15, 1965 - Sept. 27, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michelle “Micki” (Murray) Dugan</td>
<td>ELLISTON Died Oct. 31, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ruth Jayne Egan</td>
<td>ANDERSON June 4, 1956 - Sept. 26, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George Lansing Eichhorn</td>
<td>Sept. 14, 1943 - Oct. 20, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roman Fautsch</td>
<td>TOWNSEND Died Sept. 28, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel W. Fountaine</td>
<td>HELENA April 27, 1965 - Sept. 18, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert W. “Bob” Gage</td>
<td>MISSOULA Died Oct. 3, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leila Goldes</td>
<td>Dec. 4, 1927 - Aug. 28, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert Michael “Mike” Graham</td>
<td>HELENA Died Sept. 19, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Thomas Gustafson</td>
<td>Died Sept. 14, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patricia F. “Pat” Imes</td>
<td>HELENA Died Sept. 17, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laurence Johnson</td>
<td>HELENA Died Sept. 23, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephen R. Jordan</td>
<td>NASHVILLE Oct. 9, 1953 - Sept. 7, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pamela J. Kroll</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 1, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>J. (Nunnally) Froehlich Marsolee</td>
<td>Died Sept. 17, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>William “Bill” McKenzie</td>
<td>May 21, 1921 - July 9, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna Marie Metcalf</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 24, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harry Miller</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 5, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard “Rick” Morse</td>
<td>TOWNSEND Died Sept. 2, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walter “Blacikie” Nelson</td>
<td>HELENA 1926 - Aug. 6, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charles Peavey</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 17, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donald J. Pocha</td>
<td>Died Oct. 10, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Douglas R. Porter</td>
<td>FORMERLY OF HELENA Died Aug. 12, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Myrl L. Wright</td>
<td>HELENA Died Sept. 6, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Austin Miles Smith</td>
<td>MISSOULA Died Oct. 9, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jerry Watson</td>
<td>HELENA Died Oct. 20, 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patricia Jo “PJ” White-Emineth</td>
<td>FORMERLY OF HELENA Died Sept. 10, 2019</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Become an organ donor

When you make a commitment to donate healthy organs or tissue at the time of your death, you positively impact the lives of others. When planning your legacy, it’s easy to have your loved ones at the forefront of your mind, but a simple registration could influence the life of a stranger.

According to the United States Department of Health & Human Services, there are two ways to sign up to be an organ donor. From the comfort of your home, visit their website and fill out a simple form. If you would rather complete the process with a representative, the experts at the local Department of Motor Vehicles can help.

### Statistics

- There are thousands of Americans in need of healthy organs or tissue. Here are some sobering statistics from the United Network of Organ Sharing, to show you the importance of registering:
  - 113,864 people are on a waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant.
  - One organ donor can save eight lives.
  - A person is added to the national transplant waiting list every ten minutes.
  - In 2018, there were 33,432 transplants performed.

### How you can help

- Adults who are legal citizens in the United States are eligible to donate organs at the time of death, and, in some cases, during their lifetime. Of course, certain diseases may inhibit you from becoming a donor; be honest about your health conditions during registration.

- Some things that may prevent someone from applying are an HIV infection, cancer or a systemic infection. Keep in mind that organs that aren’t affected from these diseases may qualify, so visit a representative to discuss your options.

### Talking with family

- Make sure to discuss your wishes with your family. Conversations regarding death are never easy. You should approach the subject with sensitivity by discussing the benefits that registration offers to others. Your loved ones may even be curious as to how they register for the national donor list.
How to choose a final resting place

No one likes to think about it—but we all need to plan for our eventual demise.

And one of the most compassionate things you can do for your loved ones is making sure you’ve made a plan for a final resting place.

Whether you’re pre-planning for yourself or helping a family member with choices, these end-of-life decisions will have a lasting impact.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a final resting place.

Cemetery

Choosing a resting place is similar to buying real estate. Location will play a large part in choosing a cemetery plot or mausoleum.

Your final resting place should have special meaning for you and your loved ones. Ideally, it should be neat, clean and have long-term arrangements for taking care of the grounds. A convenient location is preferable, so loved ones can pay their respects easily and conveniently.

Much of this decision will be based on personal preference. It might be a small, quiet country location or a plot in the middle of a bustling city. There are plenty of options available, depending on your wishes.

The property manager should have a stellar reputation and a lengthy track record of being professional. It is important that they make you feel comfortable and at peace with your decisions.

Look for a cemetery that will be run in perpetuity. It should have stable management now and detailed plans for ongoing maintenance through decades to come. Do not be afraid to ask questions about the company’s history and plans for the future.

Headstones

Deciding on the right headstone is another way to leave a legacy.

The monument or headstone can say a lot about the deceased’s life. You can choose a simple, straightforward stone or an elaborate stone with a custom design. You can also leave a message for descendants. This headstone will be around for a very long time, and it can inform people about your life.

So you might want something more unique. Monuments can also reflect the personality and interests of the person they are honoring.

Many companies offer a variety of designs and layouts for people who want a special headstone. They have symbols and messages that can honor religious beliefs, clubs, honors or careers. These elements will add personality to your headstone.

These companies are happy to cater to your request. They might also make recommendations.

A final resting place will honor a legacy for many years to come. The decisions you make will leave a meaningful impression, so take the time to choose wisely.

Make a succession plan

If you own your own business, you know the importance of planning. One aspect many avoid is creating a succession plan in case of death. Building a detailed report of what is expected provides a way for your vision to continue.

When preparing these documents, hiring the services of an estate attorney is helpful. Don’t risk the future of your business and family by failing to create a solid succession plan.

Buy-sell agreements

The death or disability of a business owner can destroy a company without a detailed buy-sell agreement in place. According to the American Management Association, your agreement should cover the following terms:

- Who buys or sells;
- Under what conditions is the business transferred;
- The price and terms; and
- How the transaction is funded.

Make sure to spend ample time deciding the best avenues and strategies when handing over the business to capable hands.

Involving an expert

A good way to ensure all the bases are covered is by hiring a succession plan consultant. Be honest about your role and importance to the business so they can help find a successor who shares the same goals and talent to keep your company afloat.

There will also be the issue of funding. If you’re a major contributor to supplying financial resources, you will need a plan in place to ensure the funds are still available. Inquire about a life insurance policy that will protect your business and the employees and families who rely on it.

Involving your family

Talk with your family and loved ones about their vision for the future of the business. While your succession plan should have key players in place in case of an emergency, don’t forget to include the younger generation for future planning.