

Grover F. Botkin, 80

Grover F. Botkin, 80, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. He was traveling in his beloved home state of Montana.

Grover was born on Oct. 2, 1924, in Washington, D.C., to Grover Cleveland Botkin and Lillian Webster Botkin.

He served over 39 years in dignitary service to our country. He entered World War II at the age of 17 with the United States Navy and served on the USS Emery DE-28 and the USS Prime.

Several years after the war, he enlisted with the United States Air Force as a radar controller, earning distinction with the rank of senior master sergeant at retirement.

For the next 15 years, Grover served as a police law enforcement officer in Great Falls. Grover lived for 40 years in Montana, owning homes in Opheim, Great Falls, and Billings.

He and his wife, Greta, built their retirement home on Flathead Lake and have resided in Dayton for 11 years. Grover loved hunting, fishing, and collecting antiques, artwork and guns. He was an avid lover of his horses and pets at home. "He will always have a special place in all of our hearts for his talent of telling 'the most won-

derful stories and tales of adventure!'"

He was a consultant in several large Hollywood movies. He was very proud to belong to the Mason, WCSM, NWMACA, and he was a life member of the NRA.

Grover was a father who taught us valuable lessons of good citizenship, manners and independence.

Grover is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Greta Botkin; and his family who include Bruce Botkin and Vici Peters, Ben Botkin and Rose Mary Taylor, Beverly Botkin LaCasse and her son, Nathan LaCasse, who currently is serving with the U.S. Coast Guard, Lisa Sell and her husband Dean Sell and their daughter, Nahtanha. Nathan and Nahtanha are the grandchildren of Grover.

A public memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Avenue East, Polson, with Father Gary Reller officiating. A community potluck welcomes all friends, neighbors, and family to the Idle Spur Saloon at Dayton at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Ada Mildred Bowden, 88

Ada Mildred Bowden, 88, passed away July 15, 2004.

Ada was born Feb. 19, 1916, in Joplin, Mo., to Arthur and Katie Irwin. The family moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo., where Ada graduated from high school.

Her young adult life led her to Sacramento Calif., where she met and married James E. Bowden. Together they raised Art, Mike and Judy.

Ada is survived by her loving son, Art Bowden and his wife Kelli, Mike Delaney, Judy Fitzpatrick, and Kay Delaney. Grandchildren include Kelli Kay Stephenson and her husband, Jared Stephenson, and Robert Bowden and his wife, Emily Bowden; great-grandchildren are Kyler Michnal, T.J. and Andrew Stephenson, and Torin and Colin Bowden. Nieces and nephews are J.P., Jennifer and Maggie Delaney, and Pam, Lorri and Terri Fitzpatrick; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Katie

Irwin; her beloved husband, James E Bowden "J.B.," and her sisters, Virginia and Irene.

"Her suffering has passed; time will heal the emptiness of a love bur-nished in the hearts of her son and those she touched. God bless this very strong woman. With a smile and a tear we say good-bye for now."

No services are planned at this time.

Dorothy M. Boyce, 74

Dorothy M. Boyce, 74, passed "into the loving arms of our Lord" on June 9, 2004. She was born on Feb. 5, 1930, in Lowell, Ind., to John and Matilda Worley.

The family later moved to Los Angeles where she met and married John Q. Boyce.

Dorothy was a devoted mother and gave her life to her children. She was always there in support of her children, to lend a compassionate ear and enjoyed good conversation over a cup of coffee.

After raising her four children, Dorothy applied her compassion and nurturing nature, taking a job at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, until illness forced

her to retire.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, and one sister.

She is survived by her four children, Vickie Johnson and husband, Norm, of Kalispell, Kenneth Boyce of San Clemente, Calif.; Kathy Hamner and husband, Tim, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Donna Branco and husband, Daniel, of Dallas; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; and two sisters.

"Though we will miss her terribly, we are comforted knowing she is in a better place."

Memorial services were held June 15, at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, Calif.

Robert Boyce, 54

Robert Boyce, 54, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born April 2, 1950, in Denver, to James Asa and Betty Darlene (Mendenhall) Boyce. He was raised and received his early education in Denver, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 1968.

He was married and raised three boys, Michael, James and Chris.

He became a master boiler operator at Hawaiian Electric, working in Hawaii from 1973 to 1986. He moved to Kalispell and was a machinist at Semitool, then worked at Stoltz Lumber as a boiler operator. He worked at Plum Creek at Evergreen until the time of his death.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing

and working on his house.

He was preceded in death by his father, James, in July 1999; and is now survived by his three sons, Michael Boyce of Bozeman, and James Boyce and Chris Boyce, both of Kalispell; his mother, Darlene Boyce of Ronan; two brothers, Kyle Boyce and wife, Caroline, of Missoula, and Jack Boyce and wife, Linda, of Lewistown.

An outdoor remembrance for the family and friends will be held for Bob Boyce at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the family home, 2279 Whalebone Drive, Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Bob Boyce Family Benefit Fund, c/o First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 7130, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bryan Hillyard Boyd, 43

Bryan Hillyard Boyd, 43, caring and loving father, devout Christian, died in his sleep Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at his home in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 29, 1960, in LaGrange, Ill.

Raised in Western Springs, Ill., he graduated from Lyons Township High School class of 1978.

He traveled the world, living in Minnesota, Washington, and California and settling in Whitefish. He most recent work was in the film industry as a grip on major motion pictures.

He was an active member of the Assembly of God church in Whitefish. He was regarded as a reliable man with a great sense of humor; many said, "His heart was as big as the state of Montana."

He is survived by his children, Kelly, 9; Samantha, 11; and Bryan,

13; his parents, William and Shirley Boyd of Mountain Home, Ark.; his siblings, Kathi Boyd of Chicago; William Boyd of Aspen, Colo.; Kristine Boyd Stepan of Austin, Texas; Colleen Boyd Sullivan of Hingham, Mass., and Robert Boyd of Downers Grove, Ill.; 14 nieces and nephews; and Scott and Erica Faraone of Whitefish.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, at the Assembly of God church, Whitefish, with a reception immediately following the service at the church hall.

Burial will be a private family service.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Flowers will be accepted at Assembly of God church, or donations can be made to the children's trust in care of Scott Faraone, 8 Miles Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

E.O. 'Gene' Boyle Sr., 90

E.O. "Gene" Boyle Sr., 90, passed away Dec. 30, 2004, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Gene was born Nov. 26, 1914, in Butte. His parents were Eugene and Elizabeth Boyle. He attended Hawthorne Grade School and graduated from Butte High School in 1931.

After graduating he lived with the Bill Buckley family due to the early deaths of both of his parents. He worked during the day and attended Butte Business College at night. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years.

In 1936, he was employed by the Montana Power Company. In 1939, he was transferred to Cut Bank where he was an accountant for the Glacier Production Refinery.

Gene married Susan O'Loughlin on June 9, 1941, at St. Margaret's Church in Cut Bank. They had two sons, Gene Jr. "Butch" and Thomas Patrick.

He opened his own accounting agency in 1948, with the help of some trusted friends. He retired in 1992, at the ripe age of 78.

Gene had three special loves — his faith, his family, and the city of Cut Bank. He was a very active member of St. Margaret's, serving as an usher, reader, and Eucharistic minister. He was active in the remodeling of the church and supported St. Margaret's school before it closed.

Gene was an active member of the city of Cut Bank. Among his official positions held were: 1947-49, city councilman; 1953-1987, city treasurer; 1975-1987, city clerk. Because of these formal positions,



Aug. 28, 1987, was proclaimed "Gene Boyle Day" by the mayor.

Other contributions to Cut Bank were serving as the secretary of the bowling association for 15 years and umpiring baseball and softball for over 20 years. Gene was a charter member of the Elks, serving as treasurer from 1940-1977. He served as secretary of the cemetery board from 1955-1999, and he also served as director of the Chamber of Commerce and library board. He was the secretary of the three different golf courses which Cut Bank has had.

Probably because of his lack of family growing up, family was especially important to Gene. He was proud of his entire family — wife, sons, in-laws, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his wife, Susan; his sons, Gene "Butch" and wife Barbara of Kalispell and Tom and wife Sheila of Vancouver, Wash.; five grandchildren and spouses, Mary Jane Holt and husband Robert of Lynden, Wash.; Brenda Boone and husband Keith of Fallon, Nev.; Bethann Kopf and husband John of Vancouver; Sean Boyle and his wife Echo of Vancouver; and Deanna McElwee and husband Chris of Polson; six great-grandchildren, Tanner Boone, Emily Holt, Alix Kopf, Jackson Holt, Kaitlin Boyle, Thomas Boyle; and one more great-grandchild expected in March.

The vigil service for Gene will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, with the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, both held at St. Margaret's.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to your favorite charity in the name of E.O. Boyle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Richard 'Boris' Bowman, 61

Richard "Boris" Bowman, 61, of Fortine, died July 18, 2004, in Fortine.

A wake will be held on Aug. 12 in Missoula. Call 728-1444 for details.

Boris Bowman, 61

Boris Bowman, 61, died July 18, 2004, at his home in Fortine.

He was a carpenter and enjoyed gardening and making furniture.

A wake will be held in Missoula on Aug. 12. Call 406-728-1444 for more details. Nelson Funeral Home is handling the cremation.

Barbara Bower, 79

Barbara Bower, 79, of Proctor, passed away on Feb. 24, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on April 28, 1924, in Dayton, to James and Florence Lawrence. She spent her childhood swimming the Dayton Bay on Flathead Lake. Later she married Art Bower in 1942. They lived and ranched in the Big Draw in Elmo for several years. Later, they moved to Proctor where they have since resided.

She will always be remembered for her green thumb. Every summer she had the most beautiful flower beds and healthy garden that she enjoyed so much. She was a hard-working woman on the ranch, from managing the books to driving the tractor. She was by

Art's side in all their 62 years.

She was a special wife, mother, grandma, and great-grandmother that will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Art Bower, of Proctor; sister, Phyllis Reeves, of Kalispell; daughter, Frosty, and husband, Larry Johnson, of Post Falls, Idaho; granddaughter, Rhonda, and husband, Les Walter; and very special great-grandchildren, Jessica and Justin McCracken, all of Columbia Falls.

Cremation has taken place with Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

There will be a gathering for family and friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Idle Spur in Dayton.

Gladys Evangeline 'Eva' Martin Bower, 83

Gladys Evangeline "Eva" Martin Bower, 83, "went to be with Jesus and her beloved husband, Bennie," Saturday, June 5, 2004, at her home, surrounded by loving family and many dear friends.

Eva, number three of eight children, was born to Oscar and Marie Martin in Colville, Wash., June 7, 1920. It was there in the little mountain valley that she grew in beauty, character and wisdom of a type that only comes from hard work and a close, loving family.

She is survived by her children, Martin Bower and wife Linda of Troy, Eva Poor and husband Norman of Missoula, Roxie Sterling and husband Dave of Seeley Lake, and Bud Bower and wife LaVonne of Kalispell. She is also survived by three brothers, Ernest and wife Genevive Martin of Kettle Falls, Wash., Everett and wife Vi Martin of Spokane, and Joseph and wife Delores Martin of Palouse, Wash.; and also by her beloved sister-in-law, Hallie Sharp, of Spokane; 21 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and many others that Eva and Bennie claimed as their own.

Besides her great love for Jesus, Eva was best known for the love that she showed to others and for her beautiful smile that brightened the life of all who knew her.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, June 11, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, and again Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Christian Life Center in the Chapel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Christian Life Center Chapel with Pastor Don Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Missoula City Cemetery followed by a reception at CLC auditorium. All are welcome.

Pallbearers are Martin Bower, Bud Bower, Curtis Miller, Joe Bower, Allen Poor and Clay Sterling.

"As a thank you from all of us for their sacrificial work, dedicated love and nurturing care given to our sweet Eva these 11 years since Bennie has been gone," the family suggests gifts and memorials to be given to Norman and Eva Poor, 11680 Skagway, Missoula, MT 59808.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home.

Margaret Amelia Braaten, 86

Margaret Amelia Braaten, 86, of Kalispell, passed away on Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Her quiet, humble spirit was felt by those who loved her and cared for her.



Margaret was born Feb. 26, 1918, in McGregor, Iowa, to Sanford and Winifred Leibrand. The family lived in Verwood, Saskatchewan, and then moved to Scobey when Margaret was 11 years old.

In 1931, the gospel came to Scobey. Margaret embraced the truth, which gave true meaning to her life. In 1937, after she completed high school in Scobey, the family moved to Kalispell where Margaret had various housekeeping jobs and cooked in restaurants in the Kalispell/Whitefish area.

In 1947, Margaret was united in marriage to Henry Braaten in Wolf Point. They farmed in the Wolf Point area until moving to Winnett, in 1959, where they worked on a ranch. In 1963, they moved to Kalispell where they operated a dairy for six years. They moved back to Winnett and worked on a ranch until retirement in 1980.

Retirement years were spent in Kalispell where she enjoyed being close to her children and grandchildren. Margaret spent much time cooking, baking, canning and took pride in her garden and flow-

ers. She enjoyed spending time with family, friends and traveling. Margaret will be greatly missed by family and friends, but her influence will continue in the lives of others.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Henry, in 2003; two sons, Warren and Kenneth; and one brother, George (MIA in Korean War.)

Survivors include four sons, Edgar and Karen, Duane and Janette, and Dale and Bonnie, all of Kalispell, and Keith and Cyndee of Stanford; one daughter, Elaine and Dan Parsons of Baraboo, Wis.; one daughter-in-law, Jeanie and Steve Henderson of Moscow, Idaho; four sisters, Ruth Harris of Wolf Point, Blanche Brist of Tacoma, Wash., Eileen and Gil Reed, and Muriel and Herb Macdonald, all of Portland; two brothers, Bob and Eleanor Leibrand of Graham, Wash., and Albert and Ann Leibrand, of Boring, Ore.; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and special friends.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the New Expo building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

"Mother, the world may never know that you cared more, gave more, shared more, loved more than was ever expected, but mother, we know."

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Oma Stroope Branson, 90

Oma Stroope Branson, 90, died on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Patsy Byington and Charlotte Mills; and one son,

Michael Branson.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles E. Branson, 93

Charles E. Branson, 93, died on Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by two daughters, Charlotte Mills and Patsy Byington; and one son,

Michael Branson.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John Paul Brandewie

John Paul Brandewie of Bigfork died Aug. 5, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, of a massive stroke.

He was born June 20, 1950.

His livelihood included heavy machinery mechanics, the operation of heavy machinery, and long-haul trucking. He worked on the Libby Dam, logging and much construction, and enjoyed the companionship of many wonderful friends.

John was preceded in death by his brother, Joe, in 1973; and by his father, William John "Bud" Brandewie in 1974; also by his paternal grandparents, William John "Doc" and Edith Knapke Brandewie; and by his maternal grandparents, Paul and Mattie (Fox) Morton.

He is survived by his four children, Paulyn LeFever of Bend, Ore., William Lee "Bill" and his wife, Renee, Kayla Danielle, and Rebecca Jo Brandewie, all of Bigfork.

His four grandchildren are Michael, Phillip, Erica and Dustin

LeFever.

John is also survived by his mother, Melva Morton Brandewie; his sister, Jean Smith, and her daughters, Michele Rosman, and husband, Pat, and their sons, Cole and Owen, of Creston, Wash., Katie Cottle and husband, Clint, and their daughter, Karlee, of Polson, and Amanda Smith of Creston, Wash.

Surviving aunts and uncles on his maternal side are Bill Morton of Alamogordo, N.M., Dee and LaVera Morton of Swan Lake, Don and Caroline Morton of Polson, and Charles and Pat Phillips of Kalispell; and numerous cousins.

No aunts and uncles survive on the paternal side.

Surviving cousins are Ray and Teresa Brandewie, and their four children; and Ray's niece and nephew.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Bigfork Chapel, Assembly of God, 290 Montana 83, just east of the Korner Kitchen.

Ole Andrew 'Andy' Braaten, 89

Ole Andrew "Andy" Braaten, 89, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, of cancer under the loving care of the staff at Village Health Care in Missoula, and surrounded by his loving family.



He was born April 9, 1915, in McKenzie County, N.D., to Norwegian immigrant parents, Arnie and Kari (Sorlie) Braaten. The family homesteaded until Arnie passed away when Andy was 13 years old. Andy worked on various farms and later joined the Civilian Conservation Corps.

When World War II started he joined the Army and became a tank driver with the 748th Tank Battalion serving under General Patton in Germany and Austria, of which he was most proud.

Upon his return home he and a friend went looking for work and settled in Kalispell. He worked at various auto body shops in the Kalispell and Missoula area. He also worked for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the University Book Store in Missoula as a janitor.

In 1946, he met Hilma Knutson and they were married July of 1947 in Three Forks. Together they had two daughters, Marilyn and Sandra. Hilma passed away in 1964 and Andy was left to raise his two daughters alone. "Thank you Dad!"

In 1968 he married Marie Cummings of Missoula. To his family was added a stepson, Steve, and a stepdaughter, Julie. Marie passed away in 1977.

Andy moved back to Kalispell in 1978, and married Billie Schaffer. Billie had three grown children, Darold, Stanley and Janet Schaffer. Andy and Billie were married for 20 years; she passed away in February of 1999. Andy returned to Missoula, in 2001,

residing at Clark Fork Riverside and Hunters Glenn Assisted Living.

Andy was a member of the Scandinavian Fraternity and a lifetime member of the Sons of Norway Fedraheimen Lodge No. 140 in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Martha Rolfsrud; and his three wives.

He is survived by his two daughters, Marilyn Riggs and husband, William, and children, Kyle of Missoula, and Jamie of Phoenix, also Sandra Fullerton and husband, Thomas, and children, Alison and Deven of Kalispell, and Eric Fullerton and wife, Angela, of Aspen, Colo.; a stepson, Steve Cummings and his son, Bob, (soldier in Iraq) and stepdaughter, Julie Cummings Altamus and her three children, Syann of Los Angeles, and Caitlyn and son, Chris, both of Missoula; stepsons, Darold Schaffer and wife, Dore, of Kalispell, and children, Greg, Zonda, Robbin and Diana, and Stanley Schaffer and wife, Jueleen, and children, Kristy and Tana of Kalispell; a stepdaughter, Janet Toth and husband, Gary, of Riggins, Idaho, and children, Melanie and Melinda. Andy is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren and loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Andy will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Dewayne Price officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Sons of Norway to help purchase new dishes for the lutefisk dinners, P.O. Box 1292, Kalispell, MT 59903; or the Missoula Ronald McDonald House, P.O. Box 1119, Missoula, MT 59806.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ruth Bramwell, 91

Ruth Bramwell, 91, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by a son, Brent Kandarian of Kalispell, and a daughter, Donna Carbone of Irvine, Texas.

Graveside services will be

held Saturday, July 31, at the Sugar City Cemetery in Sugar City, Idaho.

There will be no local services or visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carol Ann Bright, 60

Carol Ann Bright passed away Jan. 10, 2004, in Kalispell, at the age of 60.

She is survived by her son, Alan Thompson and his wife, Valerie, of Seattle; her daughter, Karen Thompson of Boise, Idaho; her aunt, Anne Folden, of Edmonton, Alberta; and several nieces and nephews.

Carol was born April 19, 1943, in Chinook, to Magnus and Jennie (Folden) Hanson. She was raised in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell, in 1961.

She married James B. Thompson in Bigfork, in 1962. After her children started school, Carol worked as a secretary and office assistant.

She married Ronald W. Bright in Stevensville, in 1974, and spent several years in Washington, Ida-

ho and the Bitterroot Valley before returning to the Flathead in 1994.

Carol volunteered at the Flathead Convention and Visitors' Bureau and the Flathead Food Bank. She enjoyed attending Central Bible Church and loved to spend time on or near Flathead Lake.

She enjoyed playing cards and working on crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She had recently taken up several needle craft and painting hobbies.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ron, and her seven brothers.

The family has requested any memorials be made to Life Center Northwest.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial is planned for this summer and will be announced at a later date.

Carol Ann Bright

A memorial service for Carol Ann Bright, who died on Jan. 10, will be at 6 p.m.,

Friday, July 16, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., Kalispell.

Sheila M. (Cavanaugh) Braun, 47

Sheila M. (Cavanaugh) Braun, 47, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer, and the family thanks Dr. Ward and his staff for their kind and loving care.

Sheila was born in Milwaukee, Wis., to Thomas and Sheila Cavanaugh, raised in Wauwatosa, Wis., and graduated from Stevens Point with a degree in forestry.

She had been a resident of Lincoln County since 1981. She married Gno Braun in 1986, and had worked in fire management for the Rexford Ranger District since 1984.

Sheila is survived by husband, Gno; and sons, Robert and Luke, of Trego; mother, Sheila Cavanaugh, of Wauwatosa; sister, Laurie Miller, and family of Green Bay, Wis.; sister, Martha Sachs, and

family of Plainfield, Wis.; brother, Thomas Cavanaugh, and family of Whitewright, Texas; and many other family members.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas E. Cavanaugh, and daughter, Andrea Rose Braun.

Sheila loved her family, friends, and her work, and she was devoted to each. She influenced many and will be sincerely missed. Her honest and forthright nature was a rare and cherished blessing.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Louise Burk Memorial, P.O. Box 532, Eureka, MT 59917, in memory of Sheila Braun.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, at the Baptist church in Eureka, with a potluck reception following.

Dorothy Louise Schlegel Brennan, 96

Dorothy Louise Schlegel Brennan, 96, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Dorothy was born on Aug. 7, 1907, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Francis and Catherine Vanwilde Schlegel. She graduated from Our Lady of Wisdom Academy.

After high school, she went to work for Aetna Life and Casualty Company as a telephone operator and worked there until she was married. Dorothy met her future husband, Arthur Brennan, in 1930. They were married on June 11, 1932, in Long Island, N.Y. They had one son, Richard.

During World War II, Art was working for Grumman Aircraft and was transferred to California. After the war they decided to stay on the West Coast, and settled in Portland.

Dorothy loved growing roses, and was a member of the Cedar Hills Garden Club in Beaverton,

Ore., for several years.

In 1961, she went to work part-time for the department store, Meier and Frank, in the handbag department. Dorothy made in clear to everyone she knew that she did not sell purses, she sold handbags.

Knitting was a favorite past time and she made the dress she wore to her son Richard's wedding.

In 1990, Art and Dottie moved to Kalispell, to be near to her son and his family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, and her husband Art in 1999, after 66 1/2 years of marriage.

She is survived by her son and his wife, Richard and Judy Brennan of Kalispell; grandson, Greg Brennan and Linda Brennan, both of Kalispell; granddaughter, Susan and her husband, Steve Absalonson, of Phoenix; grandson, Bruce and his wife, Teri Brennan of Mon-

roe, Wash.; granddaughter, Becky and Mark Connolly of Longview, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Michael Brennan of Florida, Jonathan and Gregory, and Jeffery Absalonson, all of Kalispell, Scott and Bryan Brennan of Monroe, Wash., and Ryan and Colin Connolly of Longview.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating. Burial will follow the service at

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David Somers Brewer, 94

David Somers Brewer, 94, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 14, 1910, in Bozeman, to Dr. Albert David and Myrtle Olive (Kraudy) Brewer.

David, after receiving his early education, went to receive his Bachelor of Science from Montana State University in 1932, and then went on to receive his Master of Art from the Columbia University in New York in 1939.

He met and married his wife, Myrtle Kraudy, in Miles City on Aug. 8, 1940.

David taught math in high schools in Jordan, Hardin, Miles City and Missoula, until he entered the Army in 1942 where he served in the weather service throughout World War II. He came to the Flathead Valley in 1946 and purchased a farm, where he raised turkeys for 10 years. He then converted the farm to a dairy and continued operating the dairy until he retired in 1975.

David loved fishing, playing cards and gardening. He also had interests in politics and giving community service.

David was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an elder. He was a school board



member and worked to consolidate schools into the current West Valley district. He was a high school board member for 10 years, a member of the board of directors for Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and he also served as a volunteer for the medical center. He gave his time as well to the Flathead Food Bank and was a past master of the Stillwater Grange. He was also a board member for the Montana Dairy Association.

David was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Myrtle; a brother, Leonard Brewer; and a sister, Winifred Ferkin.

David is survived by his five sons, David H. Brewer and his wife, Shirley, Roger Brewer and his wife, Marty, Mark Brewer and his wife, Denise, all of Kalispell, Glenn Brewer and his wife, Mary Ann, of Seattle, and Sidney Brewer and his wife, Joyce, of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Constance Zahl of Pendleton, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for David will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating.

The family suggests that donations be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Virginia G. Brewer, 83

Virginia G. Brewer, 83, passed away March 1, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Virginia was born March 17, 1920, in King City, Mo., to George and Gertrude (Gunderson) Vaughn. Virginia grew up, attended and graduated from high school in King City.

She married Lester Brewer in King City in 1938. They had 60 wonderful years together before Lester passed away.

Primarily a homemaker, Virginia loved to travel. Lester's job took them to Hammond, Ind., then to South Dakota, Wyoming, Alaska — before it was even a state, Idaho, and finally Montana where they settled.

Family always came first for Virginia. She also loved camping,

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Lester; and daughter, Janice Posnien.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Wilson, and husband, John; a son, Jim Brewer of Bigfork; son-in-law, Karl Posnien; grandchildren, John Wilson, and wife, Kimberlee, and daughter, Lauren, of Sacramento Calif., James Wilson and wife, Carrie, and their children, Charles, Brittany and Curtis of Proctor, Jennifer and husband, Dennis Cumming, and children, Kyle and Alyssa, of Bigfork; niece, Jean Rosenberg of Kansas City, Mo.; and nephew, Gary Vinzant, of Boise, Idaho.

At her request, no services will be held.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edward Briggs Jr., 60

Edward Briggs Jr., 60, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Private family services are

being planned.

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

Kenneth 'Ken' Brist, 83

Kenneth "Ken" Brist, 83, of Northport, Ala., passed away at DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Nov. 10, 2004.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Rose, and by his three sisters and four brothers.

He is survived by his children, Kenneth and Martha Brist of Valparaiso, Ind., Barbara and Ray Carroll of Northport, Randy and Georgia Brist of Lafayette, Ind., eight grandchildren; four beautiful great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ken who was affectionately known to all friends as "Dude," a nickname that he earned during his many adventures as a Boy Scout. He was born in the family home in Somers, on Nov. 27, 1920. His parents were Orin and Maggie Brist. He went to school in Somers and then to Flathead County High School where he graduated in the class of 1938. Upon graduation, Dude traveled by train to Washington D.C., where he went to work in a store owned by his aunt.

During that time, he told of his many trips to the big city of New York City to see the World's Fair and to see many baseball games and the likes of Lou Gehrig and young players like Joe Dimaggio and Ted Williams.

With the outbreak of World War II, Dude went to work in an aircraft factory in Baltimore. It was there in 1942 that he married his Montana sweetheart, Rose. Shortly thereafter he was drafted into the U.S. Army and was then transferred to the newly created Army Air Corps where he was sent to Officer Candidate School. He emerged as a 90-day wonder, 2nd lieutenant. He was then sent to flight school and became a navigator on a Super Fortress B-29.

After the war, he returned to Somers and began work at the Somers Mill. He worked there until the mill closed and then took his family with him as he enrolled in college to take advantage of the GI Bill as did so many others of his generation. He graduated from

Montana State University in 1953 as an industrial engineer. While receiving his education, he earned the Coldwater Scholarship for academic achievement in engineering and was inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honorary fraternity.

Like others of the "greatest generation," Dude would now spend the next 30 plus years working to help make this the country we know today. He chose to work for the Aluminum Company of America, ALCOA, and he and his family moved to Vancouver, Wash. After seven years there, his administrative and supervisory skills were recognized and he was promoted to superintendent of the ingot department which required a family move to Evansville, Ind. From there, he was transferred to Chicago and then to the home plant in New Kensington, Pa. His last move was to ALCOA's Wear Ever Division in Fort Wayne, Ind. The last 12 years of his career were spent there and he retired in 1985 from the company which is now known as Lincoln Manufacturing.

Dude and Rose retired to Northport, where they could be near grandchildren and where Dude could follow his passion of being more than a weekend duffer on the golf course. He was also an avid follower of the Alabama Crimson Tide football team and served many years as an usher at home football games. Watching his grandchildren grow into adults and immersing himself into producing a 200-plus page family history were his lasting legacy.

Dude was a loving, faithful, and loyal husband, father and grandfather. His gentle manner and quick wit were admired by all of those who he knew as friends. Dude and Rose made yearly trips home to Montana to visit friends and their many relatives, and as his wife did before him, Dude will return to the beautiful Flathead Valley one last time.

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

The family requests that any memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 1449 Medical Park Dr., Birmingham, AL 35213; or to The Arc of Tuscaloosa County, P.O. Box 40246, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404.

Rose Olive Brist, 83

Rose Olive Brist, 83, of Northport, Ala., died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at DCH Regional Medical Center in Northport. Rose had been a resident of Northport since 1983, when she and Kenneth, her husband of 62 years, who survives, settled after their retirement.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Antonio and Angelina Carbonari; stepmother, Louise Carbonari; and sister, Mary Carbonari Meade.

Rose is survived by a sister, Caroline, (Jack) Edwards of Great Falls; her children, Barbara Brist (Ray) Carroll, of Northport, Ala., the executive director of The Arc of Tuscaloosa County; her oldest son, Ken (Martha) Brist, principal of Valparaiso High School, Valparaiso, Ind.; and youngest son, Randy (Georgia) Brist, director of radio and TV at Jefferson High School, Lafayette, Ind.; eight grandchildren; four great-granddaughters; and by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rose's life is the great American story. Her Italian parents joined relatives in the tiny company town of Somers, where they worked at the sawmill operated by the Great Northern Railroad. After her mother, Angelina, died when Rose was 6 years of age, Tony Carbonari returned to Italy to persuade his late wife's sister to marry him. Following a long delay before being allowed to emigrate, Louise came to Ellis Island and journeyed from New York to become the mother of Rose and her two sisters.

After graduation from Flathead County High School, class of 1939, Rose married a local boy, Kenneth Brist, better known to friends as "Dude." After his discharge from

the Army Air Corps at the end of World War II, the couple supported two young children while Dude completed his college degree at Montana State University.

In following the American dream, Rose's husband joined The Aluminum Company of America. Like many of their contemporaries, Alcoa transferred the family often, from Vancouver, Wash., to Evansville, Ind., then to Chicago, on to Pittsburgh, and, finally, back to Indiana where Rose worked for JCPenney until she and Dude retired.

Although thoroughly immersed in American life, Rose nonetheless reflected much of her Italian heritage. She was famous among family and friends for her homemade ravioli dinners. Equally popular within the family was polenta, spaghetti, gnocchis, and of course, lasagna. Rose prepared a lasting gift for family members with a cookbook called "Mangia, Mangia", a collection of her famous recipes that will keep her memory alive for many, many years to come.

Although Rose Brist lived for many years in Alabama, and likewise for long periods of time in the Midwest, her heart resided in her children and grandchildren. But her sense of place was Montana, where she visited almost annually. She will return home to the Flathead Valley, to be part of the place where she was born, came of age, and started her family. A memorial service will be held Aug. 7 in Somers where her husband, children, relatives and many lifelong friends will gather in her honor. Time and place will be announced in the Daily Inter Lake at a later date.

The family asks that memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research; or to the Arc of Tuscaloosa County, P.O. Box 40246, Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35404.

Gordon Ira Broeder, 85

Gordon Ira Broeder, 85, passed away Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Gordon was born July 10, 1919, in Sumatra, Mont., to Fred and Alma Carlson Broeder Sr. He attended elementary school in Eastern Montana and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938. Gordon married Hazel J. Jensen in 1941, in Kalispell. They were together for 63 years.

As a young man, Gordon worked on the family farm. After high school, he started working in the woods until he entered the Navy on May 17, 1944. He served as a Fireman 1st Class on the U.S.S. Massachusetts battleship during World War II. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 15, 1946.

After serving in the military, Gordon worked for several sawmills until he and his brother Fred began their own lumber mill, Broeder Brothers Lumber Co. He retired from the lumber business in 1974.

Gordon was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church, the Masons Lodge of Bigfork, The Scottish Rites, Flathead Shriners and the Shriners Band, Elks, Eagles, Hoo Hoo's (lumbermen's organization), VFW, Creston Grange and the Creston Volunteer Fire Department.

He served on the Bethany Lutheran Church Council and the Creston School Board. He was a 4-H leader, Babe Ruth baseball coach and women's softball coach.

He loved golfing, hunting, fishing, gardening, taking family trips in the camper, playing cards, reading, music, winter in Arizona with his wife Hazel, and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Arlene Wellman; and one brother, Fred Broeder Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Kalispell; daughter, Carol and her husband, Richard Seddon, of Kalispell; son, Gary and his wife, Karen Broeder, of Billings; daughter, Barbara and her husband, Nathan Byrd, of Kalispell, daughter, Sandra and husband, Bill Hall, of Bozeman; twins, Dale and his wife, Janis Broeder, of Kalispell, and Diane and her husband, Chip Todd, of Butte; son, David and his wife, Jude Broeder, of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow the services in Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

Gordon was a kind and gentle person with a great sense of humor. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. "We will miss you so much but your spirit will live on in all of us."

The family requests memorials in Gordon's name be given to the Bethany Lutheran Church or the Spokane Children's Hospital.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joan Brooks, 65

Joan Brooks, 65, of Libby, died Tuesday evening at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Ron, at the family home in Libby; and her children, Joyce Greer of Renton, Wash.,

and Joe Brooks of Libby.

Services will be today at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Libby. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Nelson & Vial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Cook Brooks died peacefully at her residence in Annapolis, Md., on Nov. 1, 2003, surrounded by family and friends.

Virginia Cook was born on June 5, 1919, in Helena. She was the eldest daughter of Dr. John Alden and June Kennedy Cook of Kalispell, where she grew up.

She attended the University of Montana, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She later studied acting at the Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena, Calif., before moving to New York during World War II. She met her husband, Dr. Ralph K. Brooks, in New York, and they were married on Aug. 26, 1945.

A homemaker and a Navy wife for 30 years, she lived all over the United States, and in England,

finally settling in Annapolis when Dr. Brooks retired from active service. She traveled widely, enjoyed Asian art, and was an active member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Randall K. Brooks, of San Francisco; two daughters, Charlotte B. Lindsley of Annapolis, Md., and Victoria B. Tyson of Laurel, Md.; her sister, Rachel Cook Griffin of Missoula; and two grandchildren, Spencer and Lucia Tyson.

A memorial service was held at St. Anne's in Annapolis on Nov. 5, 2003. Her ashes will be interred in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29. A tea will be held following the ceremony at Vivian's, 21 Fifth Street East, in Kalispell.

Lillian Carol 'Mickie' Broom, 68

Lillian Carol "Mickie" Broom, 68, died at her home in Eureka, Jan. 19, 2004.

She was born in Eureka, the second daughter of Roscoe P. and Opal Kearney on Jan. 26, 1935. Carol/Mickie, graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1951 and married Wayne Broom on Oct. 9, 1953. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Eureka at their son's home.

Through her children's development years, Carol served on various parent teacher organizations and Girl Scout leader groups throughout the country following Wayne throughout his U.S. Marine Corps Service. She also served in the Eureka Veterans of Foreign Wars service organization. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend.

Carol was an avid gardener exuding pleasure in seeing her flowers and vegetables grow. In most recent years, she was known as the Christmas wreath lady, making and sending, with Wayne's encouragement and help, wreaths all over the United States, including Hawaii and Guam.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; sister, Louella Willette; and brother-in-law, Harold Keller.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne; daughters, Colleen Deets and husband, Tom, and Charlene Uttecht of San Diego, son, Jeffrey Broom and wife, Andrea, of Eureka; grandchildren, Ben Deets, Daniel Deets, Chris Uttecht, Rachael Broom, Michael Broom, and Patrick Broom; stepdaughter, Ellen Barge of Proctor, and grandchildren, Karri and Tara; sisters, Lee Keller of Kalispell, Jeanne Jewell and husband, Clark, of Hillsboro, Ore.; brothers, Pat Kearney and wife, Diane, of Eureka, Michael Kearney and wife, Arlene, of Kalispell, and Les Kearney and wife, Darlene of Seeley Lake; and a brother-in-law, Stan Willette.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorials may be made to Wings, regional cancer support, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ralph Orval Brower, 78

Ralph Orval Brower, 78, passed away Jan. 23, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home with his eyes on the prize and his love for Jehovah in sight.

He was born in Riverside, Calif., Sept. 18, 1925, one of 14 children born to Orton and Nellie Brower. Ralph graduated high school in Grossmont, Calif., and promptly joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

On Aug. 10, 1946, he married Beatrice Granger. The couple raised three children. They moved to Marion, in 1980.



woodworking and riding horses. He also had a special love for dogs and animals in general, and will always be remembered as a loving father and husband.

He is survived by his wife; their three children, Donald Brower of Santa Ana, Calif., Donna and husband, Jerry Fedor, of Vancouver, Wash., and Deborah and husband, Russ Vincent, of North Plains, Ore. He also has nine grandchildren, Frances Spandorf; Brett, Justin, John, James and Joel Fedor; Melissa Grigsby; and Sara and Travis Vincent. He also has nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Clarence R. 'Snoose' Brown, 93

Clarence R. "Snoose" Brown, 93, of Libby, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include his two sons, Don Brown of Libby, and

Bob Brown of Las Vegas.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Jeanne Mildred Knox Brown, 84

Jeanne Mildred Knox Brown, 84, of Whitefish, died peacefully of natural causes at the Whitefish Colonial Manor on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease the last years of her life.



Jeanne was born Oct. 9, 1920, in Denton, to Joseph Knox and Marian Day Knox. Plagued by severe chronic asthma during her childhood, she was raised on a farm in central Montana, and graduated high school from Stanford High School in 1940. She attended Montana State College in Bozeman from 1940-1942 where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

During World War II, Jeanne lived in Peoria, Ill., where, as part of the war effort, she worked in a Caterpillar manufacturing plant. During this time, she met by mail and corresponded with Clifford "Red" Brown while he was serving in North Africa and Italy. When he returned from the war in the fall of 1945, they courted and were married in Kalispell on Dec. 9, 1945. They had celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in 2002.

They lived briefly in Dixon and then in Thompson Falls before moving back to the Flathead in 1952. In 1962, they purchased a grain and cattle ranch in the Bissell community west of Whitefish where they lived until two years ago.

Jeanne was a longtime member of the Flathead County Republican Women's Club. She participated in Stillwater Free Lutheran Church's choir and Bible studies for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Whitefish in recent years.

In addition to being a homemaker, Jeanne worked as a teacher's aide at Bissell school for 10 years and loved hosting children in her home for special treats. Jeanne always enjoyed her cats and dogs, her flower gardens, her art and craft projects, and her many nature walks. She was, most of all, devoted to her family.

She is survived by her son, Bob Brown, daughter-in-law, Sue, and granddaughters, Robin and Kelly; her daughter, Marian Cartee, son-in-law, Mike, and grandson, Dale,

bara Fuller and brother-in-law, Eddie, of Kalispell; her sister, Grace "Sunny" Waller of Wenatchee, Wash.; her sister-in-law, Doris Knox of Winifred; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Dick Knox; and her husband, Red.

Jeanne will be remembered by family and friends as a compassionate woman who taught others the values by which she lived. She believed "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." And she always stressed the importance of "being particularly kind to those who are less fortunate." She often opened her home for extended periods to children whose families were having hard times.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Memorial services will be conducted by the Rev. Kent Morrison at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish.

Memorials can be made to the Friendship House, 606 Second Ave. W., Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Virginia 'Ginger' Marie Brue, 72

Virginia "Ginger" Marie Brue, 72, passed away at her home in Bigfork on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004. She was born on August 30, 1931 in Livingston, Montana to Harry C. And Susie A. (Gravelly) Nelson.

Virginia attended schools in Livingston and married Robert Benson of Big Timber on Aug. 30, 1948. The couple resided in Anaconda, Livingston and later had a ranch in Deer Lodge with their family. Robert passed away in July 1957.

In May of 1962, Virginia married Leland K. Brue. She spent many years as a VFW Auxiliary member serving as president and district president in 1990-91. She was also a Cootie member. Her greatest love was her family and children. She was involved in child care for several years and was also loved by the children. She always enjoyed doing for others.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Leland; her children, Rita Hanson of Whitefish, Ronald Benson of Virginia Beach, Va., Bill Benson of Creston, Paul Benson of Kalispell, David Benson of East Helena, and Leanna LaGree of Glasgow; stepchildren, Jimmy Brue of Libby, Nancy Fleming of Kalispell and Robert Brue of Portland; three brothers, Howard Nelson of Bozeman, George Nelson of Dillon and Robert Nelson of Las Vegas; 26 grandchildren, and 29 great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Louis Nelson, and one granddaughter.

No services are scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the VFW Auxiliary in Polson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roy 'Bud' Edward Brusell, 74

Roy "Bud" Edward Brusell, 74, passed away on Monday, June 28, 2004, at the Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. Bud was born on Oct.



11, 1929, in Stanley, N.D., to James and Anna Olson Brusell. He moved with his family to Polson when he was 2 years old, where he was raised.

Bud married Beaneita Meuli on Feb. 27, 1954, in Kalispell in the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah Witnesses.

He worked as a logger, in the days of crosscut saws and skidding with horses. Most of his life was spent working in the woods, except for a period of time he spent working for the city of Kalispell. He retired in 1985.

He was a faithful witness of Jehovah. Wherever Bud was he never hesitated to tell others about Jehovah and his wonderful promises even when he could no longer speak due to his strokes. He always found a way to talk about Jehovah our God.

Bud loved hunting and fishing with his family. In the 70s, he enjoyed three trips to Alaska. Bud

was a kind and happy gentleman with a good sense of humor. In the summer he would take his family camping in the woods. He would saw while his family played, picked berries and fished. His great big smile will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Anna Brusell; and one brother, Bob Brusell.

He is survived by his beautiful wife of 50 years, Beaneita of Kalispell; sons and daughters, James Brusell of Kalispell, Irene and husband Tony Serio, Robin Brusell of Kalispell, Todd and wife Debbie Brusell of Libby, Jamie and wife Stefanie Brusell of Kalispell, and Spenser and wife Mandy Brusell of Kalispell; sisters, Loraine Manicke of Bigfork and Marlene Barton of Bigfork; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and lifelong friend, Kenny Mattson.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. today, July 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 4, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 1414 Woodland Ave., Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carol Joy Brush, 63

Carol Joy Brush, 63, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at Brendan House after her courageous, but sudden, battle with cancer. She was born Dec. 18, 1940, in Baker to Joseph Nick and Olga B. (Tronstad) Madler.



Carol received her formal education in Baker, then went into some nursing studies.

She met LeRoy Harold Brush Sr. in Miles City and was married there on Nov. 14, 1959.

She worked as a cook and waitress at the Park Inn Restaurant in the 1970s, while sharing in a partnership with LeRoy at their body shop (LeRoy and Sons). That business was operated from 1969 to around 1990. They then started another business in their ownership of Leroy's Produce, and located many of their fruit stands throughout the area.

Carol loved to travel, and was often found snow birding during the winter months. She enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. She also

enjoyed a good game of bingo now and then.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LeRoy in June of 2003; son, Rick; grandson, Tommy Enger and two brothers, Larry and Raymond Madler.

She is survived by three children, Les Brush and his wife Monica of Parkersburg, W.V., LeRoy Brush and his wife Teresa of Kalispell, and Kim Enger and her husband Don of Whitefish; eight grandchildren, Eric Brush and his wife C.C., Mandy Casto and her husband Nathan, Crystal, Justin and Tim Brush, Samantha, Daniel and Danielle Enger; two great-grandchildren, Preston Brush and Kaleigh Casto; two stepgreat-grandchildren, William and Mike Fluharty; three brothers, Jerry, Alvin and Rodney; and one sister, Alice.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Davita Michelle Colker Bryant, 32

Davita Michelle Colker Bryant, 32, of Whitefish, passed away Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, after the plane in which she was traveling crashed into Mount Liebig in the Great Bear Wilderness.



Davita is survived by her husband, Brian Bryant, of Whitefish; her mother, Lynne, and father, Allan Colker; sisters, Sandy Hanberry, Barbara Colker and Susan Colker; her brother, Greg Colker; and by nieces and nephews, Julianna Schroeger, Evan, Davis, Bryant and Lia Hanberry, and by Madeline, Jacob and Simon Colker, all of Pittsburgh.

Davita was raised in Pittsburgh and moved to Whitefish in 1995. She was an all-around outdoorswoman who loved skiing and the backcountry, jazz and especially live music, dancing and yoga.

Davita was a kind and loving woman who laughed beautifully and often. She had a knack for seeing only the best in people, and for

making everyone around her feel comfortable and at home.

Davita met her husband in January 1993, when they both were students at Ohio State University. She graduated in 1994 with a degree in environmental communications. The couple traveled and often were on plot together as part of their work with the National Forest Service, where they were a part of the Rocky Mountain Research Station. Davita was very pleased this year to be stationed near Glacier Park so that she could be closer to her friends and her Happy Valley home.

A brief memorial service to celebrate Davita's life and the many ways that she is loved will begin at 4 p.m. today, Sept. 24, at the top of Big Mountain, and will continue with a potluck gathering at Dire Wolf in Whitefish from 6 to 9 p.m. Friends are encouraged to attend and to bring photos, poems or stories to share.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the Flathead Valley Food Bank; World Wildlife Fund; or Dream Adaptive Recreation Inc. at Big Mountain.

Chester V. 'Buck' Buchanan, 87

Chester V. "Buck" Buchanan, 87, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls.



Buck was born in Mandan, N.D., on April 3, 1917, to Sydney and Jessie (Bartram) Buchanan. The family later settled in Casper, Wyo., where he completed his education, graduating from Natrona County High School in 1935.

After high school, Buck completed a commercial course at Barnes School of Business in Denver. He worked for Freuhauf Trailers in Denver, and moved to Baltimore, Md., where he began working for the Social Security Administration.

In August of 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and completed officers' training at quartermaster school on Aug. 28, 1942, at Camp Lee, Va. He had attained the rank of second lieutenant with the 89th Infantry Division.

Buck joined the 101st Airborne Division in November of 1942, and became first lieutenant. His division was a part of the Normandy

Beach invasion of France via Utah Beach, and the Battle of the Bulge in Germany. He was honorably discharged from the service on Nov. 23, 1945.

Buck was manager of the U.S. Employment Service in Rawlins, Wyo., but shortly thereafter resumed his career with the Social Security Administration in Rock Springs, Wyo. It was there he met his future wife, Elinor "Ellie" Carlson, and they were united in marriage on Aug. 20, 1947, at the Methodist Church in Casper.

Buck and Ellie lived in Casper and Miles City, and in January of 1961, they moved to the Flathead Valley, and Buck continued his career with Social Security until his retirement on June 23, 1973.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor Buchanan, of Kalispell; and their daughter, Penny Lee Buchanan, of Butte.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church in Creston, with Rev. Jeryl Hollinger officiating. Urn burial will be in the Elliott Cemetery in Wilson, Wyo. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Florence M. Bucher, 85

Florence M. Bucher, 85, died April 14, 2004, at her home in Camas, Wash.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence, of Camas; three sons, Edward, Dennis and David Bucher, all of Kalispell; and three daughters, Virginia Roberts of Stevenson,

Wash., Sharon Bartusek of Vancouver, Wash., and Joyce Reiersen of Anchorage, Alaska.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 28, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Lloyd A. 'Jack' Bucher, 75

Lloyd A. "Jack" Bucher, 75, formerly of Polson, died from cancer on Thursday, March 4, 2004, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Dean Bucher; and son,

Scott A. Bucher.

Services were held on March 16.

Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory Inc.

Emily Ulstad Bucholz, 90

Emily Ulstad Bucholz, 90, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughters, Marlene McCleskey of Columbia Falls, Shirley Pettigrew of Lafayette, Colo., Evelyn Brockman of The Dalles, Ore.; and her son, Benny

Bucholz of Anaconda.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at Hope Lutheran Church in Anaconda, with the Rev. Ted Hamann officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Brandon Lee Buck, 18

Brandon Lee Buck, 18, has "gone home to his Lord and Savior." He was born Jan. 31, 1986, in Kalispell. He left this world on Wednesday, June 23, 2004, but his spirit lives on in all who knew him and love him still.



He was the youngest of the three children in Tim and Dianne Buck's family, and was born and raised in Kalispell and Kila. Brandon had a beautiful, special spirit from the beginning. He was so full of life that it was impossible to contain, and he showered everyone with the joy of life that was his.

He was raised in Evergreen and Kila, attended school there, and enjoyed doing all of the things that kids do, especially wrestling with his family and his friends. He loved to fish, camp and hike, and was designated "trailbreaker" on trips to high mountain lakes. Brandon was involved in sports for a time; playing football, soccer and basketball. He was never a big guy, but he had a big heart and gave it his all.

Brandon loved life. He played video games and computer games, often networking with his dad, his brother, Chris, and his cousin, Logan. All night gaming was also common with Devon, Colin and all of his friends. He and his dear friend Mandy would make up their own rules for Monopoly and play the game for hours. He loved collecting swords, knives and "all things Ninja." Brandon also had a passion for fireworks, and with his buddy Devon and brother Chris, would entertain everyone with their "custom pyrotechnics" displays. He loved to have paintball wars with his friends and family, and would turn his beloved woods at home into an action-filled battlefield. Brandon loved to go snowboarding and took on the slopes like he approached everything else in life — with no fear and a will-

ingness to try it all.

He loved his home, and when he prayed, he always thanked God for "bringing his family up here to live."

Brandon graduated from Flathead High School this year and made his family very proud of that and of all that he did in his life. He was always a gentleman, polite, helpful and happy. He was always there for everyone, and didn't like to see anyone unhappy. The Lord gave him a special gift that enabled him to help make us all happy; whether it was with a look, a hug, a smile, his clowning around, or just by being there to talk to and always willing to listen. "We all miss that terribly. He would understand our being sad, but he wouldn't want us to be unhappy."

There are many things that Brandon will never get to do. But he lived a very full life and loved and touched us all in a way that makes us better people for having known him. "We thank the Lord for sending him to us all."

Brandon was preceded in death by his grandpa, Bill; his uncle, Jeff; and his nephew, Talis. He is survived by his dad and mom, Tim and Dianne; his brother, Chris; his sister, Danielle and his brother-in-law, Mark, and nephews, Camron, Sky, and Ryder. He is also survived by Uncle Brian, Aunt Audrey, and their family; Uncle Nic, Aunt Kirsten, and their family; Uncle Leonard; Uncle Jim; Uncle Ray, Aunt Wendie, and their family; Uncle Steve; Uncle Greg; Uncle Duane and his family; Uncle Eric, fiancée Jen, and their family; a multitude of extended family; and a vast number of beloved friends including those who were together with him on his last day.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Pastor Steve Snipstead are caring for the family.

Memorial services celebrating Brandon's life will be held outdoors at the family home on Friday, July 2, beginning at 3 p.m. As this is Brandon's beloved Montana, an umbrella might be a good idea.

Reginald J. 'Reggie' Buck, 85

Reginald J. "Reggie" Buck, 85, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Havre, to Wesley and Mary Jane (Gloer) Buck. Reggie's family lived in Helena, and then in Patrick Creek and also in the Kalispell area during his early years.

In October of 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Force, where he was a side gunner on a B-17. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 16, 1945, in Fort Bliss, Texas.

On Dec. 15, 1949, he married his sweetheart, Lois Nadeane Daley, in Missoula. He was a working man and a loving family man.

All of Reggie's life he worked as a woods worker; he owned and operated two grocery stores and a small cafe and bar. In December of 1972, the family moved to Lakeside, and Reg worked for Bell Manufacturing. When his health began failing in February of 2002, he spent the time between his home



in Lakeside and the Montana Veterans Home; it was there that he went to be with those who have gone on ahead.

Reggie was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Tom, Roy and Wesley Buck; and a daughter, Donna Lois Buck.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Lakeside; son, Steve Buck of Rollins; daughters, Sandra Penrod and husband, Stan, of Whitefish, Barbara Kirby and husband, Paul, of Helena; and son, David Buck of Lakeside; sisters, Jean Cobb, Dorothy Weaver and husband, Ira, and Beth Steele and husband, LeRoy; brothers, Clifford Buck and wife, Johnnie, Milton Buck and wife, Helen; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell, with burial following at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 15, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ruth T. (Gardiner) Buck, 87

Ruth T. (Gardiner) Buck, 87, of Hot Springs, passed away on Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson.

Ruth was born in Red Deer, Alberta, on Dec. 14, 1917, to Clara and Vince Gardiner. The family moved to North Dakota and then eventually settled in the Flathead Valley. She attended and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1933. Her class was the first class to hold their commencement ceremony in the present Flathead High School auditorium.

Ruth received her bachelor's degree in education from Western Montana College in Dillon.

Ruth married Howard Buck in 1955 and they spent 49 wonderful years together.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, John Dolan and Earl Gardiner; and two sisters, Mildred Roberts and Myrtle Paulding.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Howard Buck, of Hot Springs; her daughters and their husbands, Claire Massey and husband, Bill, of Hot Springs, Kathy Andrews and husband, Colin, of Kalispell, and Donna Andrews and husband, Steve, of Kalispell; her sister, Irene Benson, of Billings; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous

nieces and nephews.

Ruth was a wife, mother, grandmother, sweetheart, partner and "pal." She taught the second grade in Hot Springs for 25 years. She touched the lives of so many children through her love of teaching and learning. She took pride in the memories many of her former students returned to share with her.

Ruth was an avid gardener — her roses were her pride and joy. She was a voracious reader, she knitted and crocheted afghans for each member of her extended family and each year created beautiful ceramic Christmas decorations.

She and Howard spent much of their retirement years traveling, camping, picking huckleberries and fishing (she never threw one back.)

Ruth's family expresses their gratitude to the staff of Evergreen Health and Rehab in Hot Springs and St. Joseph Hospital in Polson for their care and compassion.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs with the Rev. James Dickinson officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Murray Memorial Cemetery at Lonepine.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

Steven James Buller, 16

Steven James Buller, 16, passed away Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula as a result of injuries sustained in an ATV accident on July 31.



Steven was born on Aug. 29, 1987, in Kalispell to Leland and Melody Buller. He attended Creston and Bigfork elementary schools, Bigfork Middle School, and Kalispell Junior High School.

Steve played basketball for Bigfork Elementary and Kalispell Junior High School. He loved the outdoors, hunting with his dad and close friends, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, camping, horseback riding, and snowboarding. He was never afraid of hard work, and showed it as he spent each day farming with his dad. What set Steve apart was his thoughtful, loving heart, his willingness to help others, his sense of humor, and his mischievous tendencies. Steve surrounded himself with family and friends, and the time he spent with them was his greatest joy. Steve's motto was "You only live once, and you have to live life to the fullest," and that was how he lived and loved.

Steve is survived by his mother, Melody Buller, and her fiance Mike Murberger of Bigfork; father Lee

Buller and wife Lisa; sisters Stacy and Meaghan Buller; Shannon Shearer; brother Ryan Shearer, all of Kalispell; grandparents, Bob and Cookie McCandless of Kalispell, Art and DeeDee Walls of Banning, Calif., and Carl and Sandie Hogman of Coram; and great-grandmothers Martha Jones and Madeline Casey of Kalispell, and Marie Eubanks of Rialto, Calif.

He is also survived by aunts and uncles: Twila Buller, Andy and Brenda Buller, Ellen Gibson, Frieda and Ken Kauffman, Sarah and Phil Gunderson, Lena and Rod Dressbach, Neal McCandless, Jennifer and Creg Dieziger, Julie and David Mailman, Debbie and Jim Corbett, Amy and Solomon Pannell, and Brandon Walls; many cousins, great aunts and uncles, and friends too numerous to name.

Steve was preceded in death by grandparents Jeff and Priscilla Buller, and great-grandfather William Jones, Jr., who all held a special place in Steve's heart.

Services will be held 4 p.m. Monday at the Majestic Valley Arena. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Steven Buller FFA Scholarship Fund at Glacier Bank.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Neita Ola Burger, 82

Neita Ola Burger, 82, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Heritage Place Nursing Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her sisters, Viola Slusher of Whitefish, and Virginia Noble of Palmdale, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 21, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Deborah Schmidt officiating.

Cremation has taken place at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Norma Bundy, 87

Norma Bundy, 87, passed away Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Norma was born July 1, 1917, in Logan, Mont., to Charles and Leila (Weir) Bumgarner.

She married Thomas Bundy in Whitefish in 1940.

Norma was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Valencia, in 1995.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas, of Kalispell; daughter, Barbara A. Barclay of Ashburn, Va.; and grandsons, Antonio Valencia of Creston, and Thomas Valencia of Los Angeles.

Graveside urn burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Paul L. Burkhart, 58

Paul L. Burkhart, 58, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at his home in Kalispell of an apparent heart attack.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Herron Park Schoolhouse. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be spread in the mountains of Montana that he loved so much.

Paul was born April 22, 1946, in Bellefonte, Pa., to Paul Jr., and Louise Burkhart. The family moved to Alton, Ill., where Paul graduated from Alton High School in 1964. He attended Purdue University, studying chemical engineering and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in social science from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Ill., in 1972.

Paul served in the Army from 1967-1969, including a tour of duty in Vietnam as a radio operator.

Paul worked as a counselor at the Veteran's Service Center in Alton and was active in other veteran's support groups and organizations. He leaves a large group of friends in Alton, with whom he has maintained and nurtured friendship.

Paul moved to Montana in 1977 and has held various jobs in the Kalispell area, working with Flathead Industries, Semitool, and

tending bar at First Avenue West, the Branding Iron and the Kalispell Bar. Most recently he worked as a housing specialist with Northwest Montana Human Resources.

Paul was active with the Sierra Club, Citizens for a Better Flathead, Flathead Blues Society and several veterans' support groups. His hobbies and interests included hiking, camping, pottery, playing guitar and gardening — including the peppers with which he made his famous hot sauce. He enjoyed sailing and vacationing in the Caribbean.

His mother, Louise, preceded Paul in death.

He is survived by his father, Paul Jr. and his wife, Lola, of Alton, Ill.; his brother, Randy, of Boston; and sister, Barbara, of St. Louis, Mo. Former spouses, Karen Nesbitt of Eureka, and Lou Stone of Kalispell, also survive him.

Paul was always open and inviting to anyone he met. He will be missed and remembered by the large number of friends whom he considered his chosen family.

Contributions in lieu of flowers should be made to the Sierra Club or the Citizens for a Better Flathead.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Judith T. 'Judy' Burnham, 60

Judith T. "Judy" Burnham, 60, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Survivors include her mother, Theresa Burnham, of Kalispell.

A funeral mass will be cele-

brated at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, June 7, at Johnson Mortuary.

Fred Burriss, 65

Fred Burriss, 65, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, in Libby.

He had been a longtime employee of the St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International until his retirement.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and until noon Wednesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Miriam F. Burckhard, 88

Miriam F. Burckhard, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Katherine Genevieve Brevig Burch, 83

Katherine Genevieve Brevig Burch, 83, of Kalispell, formerly of Lewistown, died Saturday morning, March 6, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born April 12, 1920, in Great Falls, the daughter of Ole and Evelyn Brevig. She attended grade school in Great Falls, and high school in Belt, graduating there.

On Dec. 12, 1944, she was united in marriage to Lee Burch in Lewistown. They made their home in Lewistown for most of their married life. They had one son, Bob, who resides in Kalispell. In 1995, her husband, Lee, passed away after 55 years of marriage. She had been residing at Heritage Place in Kalispell since 2001.

Katherine enjoyed making crafts and knitting as well as playing cards and learning Norwegian. She received many prizes for her crafts at the Central Montana Fair.

She was a member of the Heath Community Club, Zion Lutheran

Church and Auxiliary, and the Sons of Norway.

Katherine is survived by her son, Robert, and wife, Joleen, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Kelley and Jeff Hatfield of Columbia Falls, Jodee and Ed Perkins of Columbia Falls, Jennifer and Dana D'Ambrosio of Kalispell; and nine great-granddaughters; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee; her parents, Ole and Evelyn Brevig; and brother, Charles Brevig.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, at Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown.

The Cloyd Funeral Home in Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Gerald L. 'Jerry' Burghduff, 64

Gerald L. "Jerry" Burghduff, 64, "left this world to meet his savior" on Friday evening, Feb. 13, 2004, at his home surrounded by all his children and loved ones.



He was born June 2, 1939, in Everett, Wash., to Elmer and Agnes Burghduff, the first of four sons. He attended schools in Everett, graduating from Everett High School with the class of 1958.

Upon graduating, he entered the Army where he spent 25 months in Germany. During that time, he toured Europe.

In 1963, he married Polly Mack and had two great sons. They later divorced.

In 1976, while working throughout the state for a telephone contractor, he came to the Flathead Valley.

In 1979, he met the love of his life, Sharon, and they were married in 1981 and made Columbia Falls their home.

Also in 1979, he went to work for Arco, remaining until 1994 when he retired on disability.

Jerry loved the outdoors, fishing with family and friends and hunting with his sons. He always

and a nice yard.

Just about anyone he knew has something Jerry made with his wonderful gift of woodworking.

Family was a very important part of his life.

Jerry is survived at the family home by his beloved wife, Sharon; his sons, Duane Burghduff and his wife, Tammy, of Columbia Falls, Darrell Burghduff and wife, Genie, of Kalispell; a stepson, Jason Johnsrud who was considered his own, of Echo Lake; three grandchildren, Gerald, Cody and Casey; his mother, Agnes of Marysville, Wash.; a brother, Jack and his wife, Susan; many uncles, aunts and cousins; and his closest friend, Ken Olson.

He was preceded in death by his father; brothers, Tom and James; his stepson, Raymond Johnsrud; a grandson, Brandon; and a granddaughter, Desiree.

He also leaves behind his beloved springer spaniel, Brandy.

Services for Jerry will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Assembly of God church in Columbia Falls with Pastor Newby officiating. Graveside services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Hospice or Breezy Bob, Box 4058, Whitefish, MT in lieu of flowers.

This paid obituary is being run

Henrietta Marie Burtsfield, 88

Henrietta Marie Burtsfield, 88, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 20, 1915, in Columbia Falls to Lewis Cecil and Henrietta Douglas (Scott) Robinson.



- Marie attended school in Columbia Falls and then moved to Kalispell to live with a family member while attending Flathead County High School.

- She married William Henry Burtsfield on Sep. 20, 1936, in Shelby. After Williams's death in 1958, Marie went to work for School District No. 5 in the food service department. She worked for District No. 5 until 1986 and continued to spend many summers cooking at the 4-H camp in Ferndale.

- Marie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities as well as spending many hours in the Family History

Library. She enjoyed crocheting and quilting.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband; and infant son, Roger; her parents; a sister, Margaret Nichols; and a granddaughter, Ranae.

She is survived by two sons, Robert and wife Carol of Blackwell, Okla., and Ralph and wife Peggy of Bigfork; two daughters, Kathleen Barker and husband Fred of Bigfork, and Linda Burton and husband Jim of Kalispell; two sisters, Louise Cassan and Irene Klingler; 25 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Marie will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center on Whitefish Stage. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursday for one hour prior to the services at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Dorothy Butterworth, 86

Dorothy Butterworth, 86, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Robert Butterworth, of Big-

fork.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Iola Butts

Iola Butts, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away April 13, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

Iola was the third child of Guy and Josie Harwood, born at Arrow Creek near Stanford, on Feb. 19, 1913. Her early years were in Eureka and she graduated from high school there. She then taught in rural schools.

She met and married Harry Butts on Feb. 12, 1933. She raised her family for the next 13 years in the west Kootenay area. She made clothes and quilts from both old and new materials. She fed her family from a very limited larder.

She belonged to the local HEO club and looked forward each month to her meetings. She served as Worthy Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star in Dutton. She belonged to the Whitefish Chapter of the teachers sorority.

She attended college in Dillon and Havre and took many correspondence courses. Attending only summer quarters, she graduated in 1953 with a teaching certificate and a bachelor's degree in 1964. Iola taught for 27 years and 22 of them in Powell.

She retired in 1975 and lived in Happy Valley until 2000 when she went to Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; parents; and

brothers, Vernon and Floyd Harwood; and a sister, June Autry.

Survivors include her three sisters, Merrial Franzel of Ventura, Calif., and Ruth Glover in Casper, Wyo., and Dean Miner of Kevin; her three children, Dale Butts and Becky of Kalispell, Darlene Ballard and Bob of Helena, and Danny Butts and Cheri of Whitefish; grandchildren, Vicky Krug and Randy of Billings, Sandy Sievers of Kalispell, Kaye Butts of Billings, Jeanne Bandy of Silverton, Ore., Judy Kanady and Randy of Anchorage, Alaska, Wade Ballard and Bonnie of Stanwood, Wash., Shawn Butts and Michelle of Helena, and Karla Scrafford and Kirk of Florence; great-grandchildren, Chad Swanson, Dustin Krug, Michael Sievers, Jeff and Cody Butts, Grace and Eden Scrafford, Dustin and Logan (twins) and Kaytlan Schneider, Rachelle and Mackinzie Kanady, and Devan and Brendan Ballard.

Viewing will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Whitefish Church of God with Rev. Larry Lautaret officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Whitefish Church of God.

Lois A. (Burnett) Buxton, 100

Lois A. (Burnett) Buxton, at 100 years of age, passed away of natural causes on Tuesday morning, Nov. 23, 2004, at Hillside Manor in Missoula.

Lois Buxton was born in Hamilton on July 26, 1904. Her parents, James V. Burnett and Etta Sanders Burnett were early pioneers in the Bitterroot Valley.

Lois's grandfather, John Justus Burnett, her father, James V. Burnett and her oldest brother, Leonard Burnett, were all building contractors and were instrumental in the construction of the majority of the original buildings at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Lois's mother, Etta Sanders Burnett, was a young girl that took refuge with her family inside the security of Fort Owen when the early settlers thought that the Indians were on the war path prior to and during the time when Chief Joseph and his tribe came through the Bitterroot Valley as they were on the way to that tragic destination at the battle of The Big Hole.

Lois received her education through the Stevensville school system, then met the love of her life, Charles Marlin Buxton. They were married in September of

1922. This new Buxton family lived in Stevensville until Marlin Buxton accepted a position with the Ford Motor Company in Seattle.

They returned to the western Montana area in 1939 and subsequently operated the Montana Dairy Supply. When they approached retirement age, they transferred their hobby of antiques into an ongoing antique business that they operated from their home in Hamilton.

Lois's husband, Marlin passed away in November of 1971.

Lois Buxton was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, three sisters and one granddaughter.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Marlin Buxton, and his wife, Isabelle, of Missoula, and her son, Jim, and his wife, Marjorie, of Kalispell, plus five grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Lois Buxton was a sweet, dear person that came from early pioneer stock. She lived a long and a good life but she will be missed by all those that loved her so.

Services are pending at a later date at the Dowling Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Gordon Ray Byerly, 63

Gordon Ray Byerly, 63, died June 20, 2004, of complications from diabetes.

He was born on May 26, 1941, in Forsyth, the son of Ray Byerly and Helen Ennis.

He married Roma Lusk on Aug. 20, 1960.

He was an honest man with high integrity and a wonderful work ethic. He worked many years as a diesel mechanic. He grew up with the Milwaukee Railroad literally in his backyard. His love of railroad-ing remained throughout his life.

He loved his family. His grandchildren were all very special to their Papa.

He was preceded in death by his



parents; a brother, Larry Morrison; and great-grandson, Gage Gates.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Roma of Bozeman; children, J.A. Byerly of Garden Grove, Calif., Sindi and Wade Hasler of Ogden, Utah, Mitch and Kathy of Rapid City, S.D.; sister, Linda and Allen Himsl of Kalispell. He is also survived by grandchildren, Sari Byerly, Elizabeth Gates, Jessica, and Ashley Hasler, Casey, Stacy, Stephanie, and Tristan Byerly, and great-granddaughters, Abigail and Megan Gates.

"Special thanks to the staff of McKay Dee Hospital."

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. on July 5, at the Senior Center, 807 North Tracy, Bozeman.

Send condolences to the family at www.leavittsmortuary.com.

June Filiatreau McCully Byers, 89

June Filiatreau McCully Byers, 89, died March 7, 2004, in Kalispell.

She was born on June 24, 1914, the first of six children to Jerry and Frances Filiatreau. She lived with her family at what is now the Bolen Ranch. She attended school at Roosevelt grade school and graduated valedictorian at Lincoln County High School in 1933.

She worked numerous jobs around the area including the Curley Bear Cafe in Glacier Park, as a cook in Olney, did housework for Lem Collar in Rexford, and worked for Purdys at the Milk House. She also worked as a reporter for Dick and Joan Shirley as the Tobacco Valley Newspaper began.

June married George McCully on Jan. 30, 1935. To their union three children were born, Dolores Reynolds, Keith McCully and Jerry McCully. They bought and lived on what is now the Hansberry Ranch. After George's death she moved to Eureka and worked for Victor Peltier at the Creamery.

She married Laird Byers in 1951. Laird had two children, Larry Byers and Naomi Rogers.

June was an avid gardener,

photographer, seamstress, knitter, letter correspondent and reader.

June was baptized in the Baptist church by Rev. Pershall. She really loved her Lord and her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerome and Frances Filiatreau; husbands, George McCully and Laird Byers; a brother, Jerome "Romie" Filiatreau; a sister, Joyce Fisher; an infant brother, Robert Filiatreau; and a grandson, Travis McCully.

She is survived by her children, Dolores Reynolds and husband, Jim, Keith McCully and wife, Christine, Jerry McCully and wife, Donna, all of Eureka, Larry Byers and wife, Leslie, of Vale, Ore., and Naomi Rogers and husband, Dave, of La Grand, Ore.; her sisters, Edith Douglas of Eureka, and Alberta "Bertie" Reich and husband, George, of Kalispell; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held on March 11 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Pershall presiding; interment was at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Lois Rita Byers, 85

Lois Rita Byers, 85, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away Sept. 6, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.



"Grammie" was born Sept. 2, 1919, to Ross and Rose Kirkpatrick in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937. She went on to Kinman Business College in Spokane where she graduated with a degree in book-keeping III in 1939.

In 1940, Lois married Charles "Chuck" Byers in Superior. They moved to Seattle where they lived during World War II while Chuck worked in the shipyards. Grammie never forgot the blackouts and bomb sirens that sounded day or night. They had two daughters, Theresa (1942) and Cheryl (1944).

Returning to Kalispell after the war, Lois worked at various office jobs before joining with Robert Gatis in 1956 to begin First Federal Savings (now Glacier Bank). She worked with the company 28 years and retired as senior vice-president. Because of her dedication, she was listed in "Who's Who" as Business Woman of the Year.

Lois was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the Soroptimist Club and the Senior Citizens Center where she will be remembered as one heck of a pinochle player. She also had many good times with her friends supporting the local keno and poker machines.

She was very proud of her Irish heritage and the fact that she did actually kiss the Blarney Stone.

Upon retiring in 1985, "Grammie" and "Gramps" spent their winters in Yuma, Ariz., where they enjoyed golf, visiting with friends and simply enjoying the sunshine. The summers were the time they most enjoyed at their

Bitterroot Lake home which they purchased in 1955. "The times shared are dear to us all, each of us has our own special memories and stories of the lake place that will be treasured forever."

Family was so important to Grammie, whether she was traveling the state to watch her two grandsons, Chuck and Rick, race motocross, helping granddaughter, Rita, with her son where a very special bond was formed between Grammie and her "little Zackie," or the pride she had for granddaughter, Tina, with her career in the dental field.

Charles, her husband of 56 years, passed away in 1996.

Lois is survived by her two daughters, Theresa "Terry" Richardson and husband, Jim, Cheryl Pierce and husband, Dale; her sisters, Helen "Pogie" Larivee, Shirley "Shy" McClarty and husband, Elwood, Kyrol Jystad, and Barbara "Butchie" Roche and husband, Paul; her brother, Mick Kirkpatrick, and sister-in-law, Ruth Kirkpatrick; grandchildren, Chuck Pierce and companion, Tina, Rita Sanders and husband, Scott, Rick Carlon and Tina, Colby and husband, Mark; great-grandchildren, Kyle Pierce and Zachary Sanders; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Ross and Rose Kirkpatrick; brother, Theodore "Teddy" Kirkpatrick; and her husband, Charles Byers.

Grammie touched so many lives in so many ways. "Each of you who knew her, please cherish your special memories and be happy for that was the most important thing to her. We love and miss you, Grammie."

Viewing will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, with the rosary beginning at 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 11, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.