

## Albert C. Cochrane, 74

Albert C. Cochrane, 74, of Bigfork passed away Monday, July 19, 2004, surrounded by his loving wife and sons after a long and valiant battle with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP).



Born Jan. 26, 1930, in New Haven, Conn., the only child of Bert and Lory Cochrane, Al grew up and attended schools in Massachusetts and Michigan before the family moved to Billings, in 1946. Al graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1947 and went on to attend the University of Montana Journalism School, graduating in 1951 with a bachelor of arts and a commission from the ROTC program as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

He married his college sweetheart, Garene Webber of Great Falls, in 1951, and together they started a family, ultimately producing four sons, Mike, Jeff, John and Tim.

Al began his Air Force career as a squadron navigator flying 4,000 hours with the Tactical Air Command and Military Air Transport Service on special troop carrier missions in the C-124 Globemaster to all parts of the globe

~~Europe, Greenland, India, Nepal,~~ Lebanon, Brazil, New Zealand and Antarctica. He entered the public information field in 1959 serving as a public information officer at assignments in Illinois, Washington D.C., New Mexico, Vietnam, Belgium, Colorado and Montana. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1979 and moved to Bigfork.

Once retired, Al plunged into civic and community service in Bigfork, serving on the Montana Aeronautics board, the Bigfork School board as a member and chairman, as Scoutmaster of Boy

Scout Troop 13, member of Flathead Lake Cherry Growers and volunteer ski instructor at Big Mountain.

He was very involved in the Episcopal Church as a parishioner of St. Patrick's (Ferndale) and St. Andrew's (Polson) and served on the Commission on Ministries and as member of the volunteer Prison Ministry. Al was also active in affairs of the University of Montana, serving as an Alumni Association delegate, member of Sigma Chi fraternity and as a rabid fan at Griz football games.

Al is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Garene; sons, Mike of Bigfork, Jeff and Janice of Billings, John of Bigfork, and Tim of Seattle; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; as well as numerous very special aunts, cousins and friends.

The family wishes to thank the numerous medical professionals who have provided such compassionate care over the last few years including Drs. Lindsay, Obermiller and Rossetto of Kalispell and most especially Dr. Cara Harrop of Polson. Also, the family expresses grateful appreciation to the nurses and care givers of Lake County Home Health and Hospice who took such a personal interest in Al right up until the end.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bigfork HS Athletic Field Development Fund, Box 188, Bigfork, MT 59911; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 110 Sixth Ave. East, Polson, MT 59860; or the Don Anderson J-School Building Fund, University of Montana School of Journalism, Missoula, MT 59812-0648.

Committal with military honors will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, at Lake View Cemetery in Polson. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Polson.

## Richard H. Coffey III, 5

Richard H. Coffey III, 5, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include his mother, Jodee Morgan of Libby; father, Richard H. Coffey II of Texas; step-father, Chad Blake of Libby; sister, Samatha Morgan of Libby; grandparents, James Morgan, Dick and Linda Coffey, William and Linda

Jackson, and Robin Butkus, all of Texas, Jane and Randy Roberts, and Randy Holm, all of Libby; and great-grandparent, Wanda Coonce of Texas.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

## Shelley Cureau Cole, 44

Shelley Cureau Cole, 44, of Columbia Falls, died of a long battle with cancer Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 5, 1960, to John P. and Lucy Cureau in Atlanta, Ga.

Shelley attended Libby High School and graduated in 1978. During high school she worked as a cook at Henry's in Libby, and after graduation, she worked for a short time at St. Regis Paper Company.

She attended Salish Kootenai College for her registered nursing degree. Following graduation she



continued her profession at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center for about 13 years.

Shelley was an avid outdoors person, loving fishing, hunting, swimming, and also cooked for an outfitter in the Bob Marshall during vacation.

She loved music, cooking, sewing, artwork and gardening.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kelley and Sarah of Columbia Falls; her parents; four brothers, Carlton, Eric, Curtis and Paul; also several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow the service at the North Valley Eagles in Columbia Falls.

## Lorrie May Cole, 49

Lorrie May Cole, 49, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## John Rodger 'Jack' Cole, 87

John Rodger "Jack" Cole, 87, passed away on June 7, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 26, 1916, in Anaconda, to Frank and Kathleen (Munn) Cole, the eldest of four children.

Jack graduated from Anaconda High School and earned a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from the Montana School of Mines. Jack's college education was interrupted by a tour in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart upon discharge.

Jack married Kay Lacey in July 1948. He considered himself a lucky man to have her as his wife. The early years of their marriage withstood Jack's recovery from a brain tumor and lung cancer. They were blessed with four children, and together, endured the loss of their oldest son at the age of 12. In his later years, Jack remarked that although the loss of Mick was unbearable, he could see that it was through his death that "our family forged an uncommon strength and love."

Jack worked as a chemist for the Anaconda Company until 1979. During these years, he also operated the H & H Lockers to help support his family, and he designed and built two homes. For most of these years, he resided in the family home on Hamburg Street in Anaconda.



After Kay died in 1988, Jack continued to live an independent life. He found enjoyment in reading, and was a faithful patron of the public libraries in Anaconda and Kalispell. He enjoyed living near his daughter, Cathy, and her family for the last several years in Kalispell, and enjoyed the new friends he had made at Buffalo Hills Terrace over the last year.

His family was blessed to have this loving, strong man, and will miss his booming voice and the strength of his presence.

Preceding him in death were his wife; his parents; his sister, Nancy; two brothers, Frank and Bob; his son, Mick; and other loved ones.

He is survived by his sister, Kathleen Schmautz of Worcester, Mass.; his children and their spouses, Cathy and Dave Meredith of Kalispell, Bob and Ruth Cole of Chandler, Ariz., and Judy and Gary Peasley of Walla Walla, Wash., along with his grandchildren, Denny and Jeff Meredith, Taylor, Mikayla and Jorji Cole, and Greg and Nick Peasley.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 11, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Visitation for Jack will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel followed immediately by the recitation of the Rosary with Deacon Fred Topp. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Anaconda.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

### David Edmond 'Moose' Collins, 57

David Edmond "Moose" Collins, 57, formerly of Kalispell, died of cancer Friday at a nursing home in Sun River.

He had been a mechanic. Survivors include a sister, Ellen Marsh, of Lewistown;

and brothers, Walter Collins and Gary Collins, both of Great Falls.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home in Great Falls. Private family services will be held.

### Robert L. Combs, 79

Robert L. Combs, 79, of Fortine, died Aug. 20, 2004.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, of Fortine; sons, Robert of Hawaii, Gary of Oregon, and Russell of Washington; and daughters, Lela Sistok of Kalispell, and Shelley Ax of

Alaska.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka, with burial following with military honors at the Eureka Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

### Lawrence 'Larry' Comfort, 70

Lawrence "Larry" Comfort, 70, of Kila, died on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include four daughters, Zoette McMickle, of Kila, Lottie Comfort, Marilyn Hallock and Nikki Jo

Depalma; and a son, Troy Comfort.

Graveside services will be held this spring in Pennsylvania.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

### Neva Conant, 74

Neva Conant, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by a sister, Marjorie Falkenhagen.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran

Church with the Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. There will be no visitation. Urn burial will have taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lucy (Echanis) Conder, 76

Lucy (Echanis) Conder, 76, of Polson, a longtime Pendleton, Ore., resident and businesswoman, passed away at her home in Polson, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, after a lengthy illness.



Lucy was born Lucille Jane McKnight on July 21, 1928, in Caldwell, Idaho, the seventh of 11 children of Virgil and Lola (Shriner) McKnight. She was raised and educated in Ontario, Ore., and worked there for Ginzle Jewelry nine years prior to her first marriage.

In January 1953, she married Andres Echanis in Vancouver, Wash. The couple settled in Yakima, Wash., where their two children were born. In 1956 they moved to Pendleton after purchasing Umatilla Distributing Co., a beer and wine wholesale business that thrived and expanded over the years. Although the couple divorced in 1975, Lucy remained a working partner in the business until its sale in 1984.

While in Pendleton, Lucy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and did volunteer work for St. Anthony's Hospital and St. Mary's Outreach. She was renowned for her capacity for

hard work and excelled in her cooking, decorating and hostess skills.

After 1984, Lucy lived in both Walla Walla, Wash., and Portland, before moving back to Pendleton in 1990. In 1996, she moved to Flathead Lake in Montana to marry Dr. John Conder, formerly of Walla Walla. The couple enjoyed sharing their life in northwest Montana until Dr. Conder's death in 1999.

Lucy is survived by her son, Carlos Echanis, of East Hampton, N.Y.; her daughter, Paula Rosenberg, of Pendleton; and two grandchildren, Sarajane and Andrew Rosenberg, also of Pendleton. At the time of her death, she had two surviving sisters.

Besides her husband, John, she was preceded in death by both her parents; two brothers; and six sisters.

At her request there is no funeral or memorial services planned.

Donations in Lucy Conder's name may be made to: The Scleroderma Foundation, 12 Kent Way, Suite 101, Byfield, MA 01922, 800-722-HOPE, or the Neuropathy Association, 60 East 42nd Street No. 942, New York, NY 10165, 212-692-0662.

Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

## Glen Elmer Conley, 36

Glen Elmer Conley, 36, passed away Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Glen was born on March 28, 1968, in Kalispell to Bill and Pat Conley.

Glen lived most of his life in Bigfork, around his family and friends. He loved anything that included being outdoors, such as family gatherings and being with his friends.

Glen worked for Bennett Construction, Sliters, and logging in Alaska and most currently in Polebridge.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Conley; the Conley grandparents; Kirby grandpar-

ents; Conley aunts, and uncles, cousins and two stepbrothers.

He is survived by his parents, Pat and Cecil Zachary, three children, Thomas, Erin and Matthew; one brother, Ron, and his wife, Ann; three sisters, Donna, Marlene and Phyllis; two stepbrothers, three step-sisters; and numerous nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

Visitation will be from 9 to 5 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at Thelma Kirby's on the Swan River Highway in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## James Andrew 'Jim' Connelly, 87

James Andrew "Jim" Connelly, 87, of Quartzsite, Ariz., former longtime Kalispell resident, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, due to complications of congestive heart failure.

He was born June 14, 1917, in Bagnell, Mo., to Andrew and Alice (Keown) Connelly, the youngest of three sons. He moved to Brady, Neb., as a youngster and lived there until he moved to Electric City, Wash., in 1951, then to Kalispell, in 1954.

James served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II, with duty in France and Germany.

He worked many years in the automotive industry, and retired as a body and fender man after being employed for many years by Rygg Ford Body Shop in Kalispell. Following that, he and his wife, Opal, became "snowbirds," spending their winters in Arizona, and summering in California, Oregon and Montana.

Jim loved boating, hunting and fishing, flying the model airplanes he built, and panning and dredging for gold. His greatest "strike" was in being a wonderful family man who had many friends who enjoyed just being in his presence. Jim loved to "tinker" and was always busy at one task or another. His friends often joked that when he bought something new he was planning on remodeling it even before getting it out of the box.

His greatest gift to his family was his good name. Few men have the integrity he passed on to those who followed him. His patience and generosity sprinkled with his quiet sense of humor touched us all.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Noble and John, and his son, Maurice.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Opal, in Quartzsite, Ariz.; and his daughter, Sharon, and her husband, Ron Albiston, of Lolo. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Patrick and Cathy Connelly of Kalispell, Joe and Kim Harness of Kila, Doug and Tana Carey of Bigfork, Stephen and Ginger Kauffman of Kalispell, Holly Presnell of Milwaukie, Ore., Lloyd and Penny Benetti of Milwaukie, David and Shawnee Adams of Oregon City, Ore., Wade and Brenda Albiston of Colville, Wash., and Rand and Gina Albiston of Kettle Falls, Wash. He also has 17 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews across the states, and countless friends.

A private prayer service following cremation was held for "Poppa." "Next summer when the skies are blue, the sun is shining, and the fish are biting, a celebration of the life he shared with us will be held in the Flathead Valley by his family and friends."

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## Georgene M. Contreras, 77

Georgene M. Contreras, 77, formerly of Martin City, died from natural causes on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, in Sandy, Ore.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is planned on May 1 in Troutdale, Ore.

## Robert 'Bob' Cook, 85

Robert "Bob" Cook, 85, of Kenton, Ohio, died on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, after a lengthy illness. He was born, April 9, 1919, in Kenton, the son of Nathaniel Dee Cook and Lula Mattie (Oder) Cook, both of whom are deceased.

He attended Champion School and was a 1937 graduate of Kenton High School.

During World War II, he was assigned to General Headquarters Company, Army Forces of the Pacific which was charged with the personal security and assistance for General Douglas MacArthur. In this capacity, he often served as one of General MacArthur's personal bodyguards. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star for action in the Battle for Luzon, the Philippines.

He married Norma Jeanne Holmes on May 9, 1948, who predeceased him in 1999. He was also pre-deceased by his only sibling, William Kent Cook in 1979.

He was a lifelong dairy and crop farmer; and was the fifth generation to live on and operate the same farm south of Kenton. He had also served on the zoning board for Buck Township.

Bob was active in many community and service organizations. He was a member of Wolf Creek and Silver Creek United Methodist Churches, 60-year member of Wolf Creek and Lawrence Valley Granges, a 65-year member of the Latham Chapter of the Masonic Lodge and a 32nd Degree Mason. He was also active in the Hardin County Historical Society, Hardin County Genealogical Association, Hardin County Farm Bureau and had been a 4-H advisor.

In his younger years, he was

very active in the Hardin Central School PTA, serving as its president. He was also one of a group of community members who helped to form the Kenton "Teen Canteen" in the early 1960s.

He is survived by children, Jim Cook and Teresa of St. Paris, Ohio; Judy Skidmore and Charles of Rushsylvania, Ohio; and Joyce Schreiner and Jim of Kalispell; grandchildren, Wendee Giovanelli and Jeff of Canton, Mich.; Chris Cook and Annie of Springfield, Ohio; Jocelyn Hyder and Mike of Kenton, Ohio; Jill Ward of Belle Center, Ohio; Jessica Skidmore of Rushsylvania, Ohio; Heidi Wilson of Belle Center, Ohio; and Cody Schreiner, James Schreiner II and Robert Schreiner, all of Kalispell; stepgrandchildren, Chasity Sizemore of Clearwater, Fla., Tiffany Kellner and Eric of Centerville, Ohio; Nichole Glidden and Brian of Springboro, Ohio; and Richard Sizemore II, Sara Galluzzo and Kelsie Galluzzo, all of St. Paris, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Brandenburg-Cook, Kari Lynn Giovanelli, and Sophia Rose Giovanelli; and stepgreat-grandchildren, Brianna Nichole Glidden, Jacob Glidden and Evan Kellner.

He was preceded in death by one brother, William Cook.

Burial will be in Wolf Creek Cemetery in Kenton. Graveside military services will be conducted by AmVets Post 994, honor guard Kenton. Masonic Services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Schindewolf-Stevens-Stout Funeral Home in Kenton, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Silver Creek Church, Hardin County Hospice, or the donor's choice.

## Howard Wright Copenhaver, 89

Howard Wright Copenhaver, 89, "went to be with the Lord" on Feb. 6, 2004, after a long, full life.

He was born in a sod house on the eastern Montana prairie on March 7, 1914, to Moody and Elizabeth Copenhaver.

At an early age, he moved with his family to Ovando, where they took up ranching. After graduating from Hellgate High School, he went on to rodeo, break horses and trap.

In 1941, he volunteered for the Navy. Serving four years on the USS Maryland, he was involved in the Pacific naval battles of World War II. While on leave in 1944, he married the love of his life, Margaret McLean. Shortly after Howard was wounded in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, he recovered and received an honorable discharge.

Returning home to Ovando, he continued to ranch as well as log, and outfitting hunting and fishing trips in the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness as Copenhaver Outfitters. It was the latter that he touched and was touched by many wonderful people from all walks of life all over the world. His outfitting expeditions lead him to write four books; "They Left Their Tracks," "More Tracks," "Copenhaver Country" and "Mule Tracks," sharing his experiences



with those he loved as well as those that were unable to experience it for themselves.

Throughout his life, Howard enjoyed playing the guitar, music and dancing, lending his hand to all, especially in the reconstruction of the Community Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Leona Copenhaver and Louise Brunett; and grandson Peter Lapka.

He is survived by his brothers, David Eugene, Lawrence and his wife, Laura, Richard Wendell, Leon and his wife, Mary Jo; sister Betty Roe and their families. He is also survived by his wife, Margaret; son, Steve and his wife, Donna; grandson Todd; great-grandson Ethan; grandsons Rich and David; granddaughter Beth and Mike Zander; daughter Sue and John Lapka; granddaughter Andrea; granddaughter Patricia and Jimmy Watson; great-grandchildren Terell, Olivia, Elaina and Celina; granddaughter Sarah and Mike Melnick; great-grandson Marcellinus; grandson Timothy and Mary Lapka; great-granddaughter Luciana; and grandchildren Christopher, Bridget, Rory, Anthony, Ruth, Benjamin, Brian and Daniel Lapka.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, in Ovando at the grade school gymnasium.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Howard's name.

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

### **Sister Mary Danielita Cooper RSM, 93**

Sister Mary Danielita Cooper RSM, 93, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, following a sudden illness.

She served as obstetrics supervisor at Kalispell General Hospital from 1937-1939, and again from 1947 to 1966.

Services were held Oct. 11 at Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids.

### **Lindol 'Hank' Cookson, 52**

Lindol "Hank" Cookson, 52, "went to be with his Lord" Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Kalispell.

Hank was born March 25, 1951, in Guymon, Okla., to OL and Mary Cookson. The family moved to Tulsa, Okla., where Hank completed the sixth grade and on to Keys School near Tahlequah, Okla. His family settled in Tahlequah where Hank attended high school and college. After a brief move to California, he came back to Oklahoma and spent many years building pole barns throughout several southern states.

In 1987, Hank moved to Whitefish where he met JoEllen, the true love of his life. They became very close friends, and later married in March 1988 in Whitefish.

Hank worked for Campfire Products of Kalispell for the last seven years and will be dearly missed by his fellow workers. He loved all sports and enjoyed camping and road trips, but utmost in his life was spending time with his wife. He was a quiet man with a wonderful sense of humor and infectious smile, was very special

to his family and loved by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, OL Cookson.

He is survived by his loving wife, JoEllen, at the family home. He is also survived by his loving mom, Mary Alice Cookson of Tahlequah; one son, Kenny Kassel, his wife, Brittany, and his three grandchildren, Zachary, Chloe and Garrett of Juneau, Alaska; two brothers, Tom Cookson of Columbia Falls, and David Cookson and his wife, Bernice, of Tahlequah; JoEllen's family who meant so much to him, Don and his wife, Jean Phillips, Debbie Phillips, Lyle and his wife, Judy Phillips; and several nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

A memorial service for Hank Cookson will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Kalispell Christian Church with Pastor Duane Hull officiating. Cremation has taken place by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

The family suggested memorials be directed to the Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.



## Mary Louise 'Mae' Corbett, 81

Mary Louise "Mae" Corbett, 81, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at the Community Hospital of Anaconda.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated from St. Peter's Catholic Church, at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29. Interment will follow in the family plot of Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Services are under the care of the KT Riddle Funeral Homes, Anaconda.

## Audrey William Corrigan, 82

Audrey William Corrigan, 82, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born July 24, 1921, in Irwin, Wash., to Bryan and Mary (Morris) Corrigan.

Bill was a longtime resident of Missoula, and had lived also in Polson, from 1993, up to the time he and his wife Elaine moved here in 2003. He retired from the lumber industry as a saw mill operator. As age caught up with him, he and his wife moved closer to their family here in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and four

sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; five children, Kathie Pomeroy and husband, Ray, of California, Loren Corrigan and wife, Jo Ellen, of Great Falls, Maureen Corrigan of Missoula, Sean Corrigan and wife, Kristina, of Kalispell, Gavin Corrigan and wife, Kathy, of Kalispell; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

At his request no services will be held. A private memorial will be held for the family at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

## Lois Marie Cornelius, 86

Lois Marie Cornelius, 86, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1917 in Polson, to Frederick and Mollie (Rien) Blumhagen. Lois grew up with her younger sister and brother in the Polson farming community. She graduated from Polson High School in 1933.

She married James Cornelius and the couple made their home in Polson. In the mid 50s Lois moved to Kalispell. When she retired she moved to Columbia Falls. She was the head housekeeper at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Lois was well like by neighbors and co-workers. She enjoyed playing cards,

fly-fishing and taking drives to historic sites.

Lois was preceded in death by James Cornelius; one son, Duane; and a great-grandson, Christian; and her brother, Walter.

She is survived by her son, Dennis Cornelius and wife, Jeanette, and a daughter, Rita Cornelius, all of Kalispell; one sister, Eleanor Seifert of Spokane; two grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Memorial services for Lois will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Peter Ramseth officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Albert Vernon McGlenn 'Al' Corban, 87

Albert Vernon McGlenn "Al" Corban, 87, passed away Monday, April 26, 2004, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born in a "dugout" cabin on Sept. 20, 1916, to George C. and Ida M. (Moore) Corban on the family homestead 21 miles from Terry. George and Ida were originally from the Cadiz, Ohio, area.

The family moved to the Flathead Valley in June of 1932 where they established the home Al lived in until being moved to the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. Most recently, he was a resident at the Montana Veteran's Home.

At the age of six, Al tells in his own biography written for high school, that he "thought he would show cowboys how to ride" and subsequently ended up "landing on a pile of cactus! He said right then that he would never be anything but a mechanic because a car would not buck him off." After Al was 10 years old, he always had a job working on someone's car or truck. For six continuous years he could say that he had seen the inside of all the cars and trucks in the camp, and that he had done repairs on most of them.

His repairing led him into a life-long profession in driving cars, trucks and heavy equipment, most anything on wheels. He learned to drive at age 8, and later at age 12, began to chauffeur neighbors to town. A man who worked in the shop at Oilmont told Al that he should put the parts (from junked cars) together and make himself a "bug." He did just that!

Al began to haul various loads on trucks; lumber, produce, oil, water, gravel, timber and eventually, heavy equipment. In his career he drove literally millions of miles, often over extremely poor country and homemade logging roads.

During World War II, he served as a dispatcher for several months in a motor pool in Hawaii.

In 1954, Al purchased a new 1954 LTL Mack and Fruehauf log trailer and drove this truck over one million miles hauling logs in western Montana.

In 1962, Governor Tim Babcock of Montana presented him with a trophy awarded by the Timber Hauler's Association of Montana in recognition of 30 years of safe driving, with no accidents or citations. He maintained this stellar record right up until his retirement in 1986.

On May 26, 1995, he was named a founding member of the trucking industry by the American Truck Historical Society for his contribution towards "the emergence of

motor transportation as one of America's greatest industries."

Over the years Al took many photographs of jobs he worked on and wrecks that he had seen. These have been arranged in three books, "Al Corban's Life Work History", "Al Corban's 65 Years of Wrecks and Catastrophies," by his son, Vernon, and "Through the Rear View Mirror" — a book of memoirs — which was produced from several hours of careful transcriptions of taped interviews by local historian, Carle O'Neil, with final production by Vernon. Copies of these books have been accepted in the Smithsonian Institution.

As Al's eyesight failed, he enjoyed visits by his friends. His eyes would sparkle when the conversation turned to trucking and old cars.

Al was a member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and a founding member of the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club in Kalispell. He was a long-time collector and restorer of vintage automobiles, his passion for many years. He had an excellent memory and knew where every part was in his shops and yard. He enjoyed numerous trips over the years to antique shows, campouts and meetings with old friends. He went to many tours and swap meets in Montana, Washington and Canada.

Al was preceded in death by his father, George, in 1947; his mother, Ida, in 1948; Lenore Cook, Al's first wife and mother of his sons, in 1999; and his second wife, Velma, in 1993.

He is survived by his sons, Ronnie M. Corban, of Woods Bay, and Vernon R. Corban, of Sylmar, Calif.; Ronnie's wife, Shirley Ann, and their daughters, Lynne Watson and husband, Shanon, and Sheila Jupka and husband, Gary, and their children, Darcy and Ryan. He also has a number of relatives in other parts of the state who are descendants of his sister, Louella, who died in 1994, and has other relations in Ohio.

Al will be missed by his friends and neighbors who took the time to look in on him and visit, his caregivers and his personal helpers, Ronald and Barbara Buentemeier.

The last couple of months, Al wanted to be "on the road again."

Memorial services for Albert Vernon McGlenn Corban will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Urn burial will follow at the Lone Pine Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be sent to the Montana Veteran's Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Dorothy Marie Cox, 88

Dorothy Marie Cox, 88, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1916,

in the Demarsville community south of Kalispell, the daughter of William and Florence (Dowling) Lanegan. She was one of 13 children. She attended schools in Kalispell until completing the 10th grade.

She was united in marriage to Jim Doverspike in Kalispell and they relocated to California and were later divorced. She was later married to Taylor Cox and they lived in California for many years where they enjoyed traveling, camping and sailing in the Pacific Ocean.

Following the death of Taylor, she moved back to Kalispell where she relished being around her family and tending to her garden. She enjoyed being out working in the yard and was still mowing her own yard. She was a voracious reader and enjoyed visiting museums. She also enjoyed listening to



music and visiting with her neighbors. She regularly attended Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Taylor Cox; and her brothers and sisters, stillborn twins, Isaac, George, Ralph, Henry, Ellen, Clara, Albert, Milo, Alice, James and Harry.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Sandra Lanegan of Kalispell, Shirley Parker and her husband, Jerry, and Ellie Naumann and her husband, George, all of Bigfork, Mike Lanegan and his wife, Linda, of Glenellen, Alaska, Bev Langford of Charlotte, N.C.; and numerous other nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Easthaven Baptist Church, 1225 U.S. 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Thomas F. Costich

Thomas F. Costich died Nov. 25, 2004, at the veteran's home in Columbia Falls. He was born on June 12, 1924, in Eureka to Loretta and Frank Costich.

He was a cartoonist for Hanna Barbera and a costume supervisor and costume design trainer for Edith Head. He retired to the Flathead Valley

in 1992.

Visitation will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## Stanley R. Court, 81

Stanley R. Court, 81, a long-time summer resident of Bitterroot Lake, died Nov. 11, 2004, at his home in Cairo, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife,

Eileen, in Cairo; and his children.

Graveside services with military honors were held at the new National Cemetery in Saratoga, N.Y.

## Winfield S. 'Wynn' Cowan, 83

Winfield S. "Wynn" Cowan, 83, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with family by his side.

He was born May 20, 1920, in Malta, to Winfield S. and Ruth Cowan. He was raised in Whitefish.

He married Phyllis Jacobson on May 16, 1941. They had four children. She preceded him in death September 1995. On March 16, 1994, he married Florence Quien and she preceded him in death Dec. 18, 2003.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on April 20, 1944, and was honorably discharged April 24, 1946. He retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in 1981 as a yard master.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, camping, fishing, cribbage and visiting with family and friends. He thoroughly enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



He was also preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Winfield S. "Skip" Cowan on Nov. 14, 2001.

He is survived by his son, Chuck Cowan, of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Carlyn Holzworth and husband, Jay, of Wasilla, Alaska; and son, Billy Cowan of Kansas City, Kan.; grandchildren, Winfield S. "Scott" Cowan of Kalispell, Shawn Cowan and wife, Karen, of Columbia Falls, Dawnette Briscoe and husband, Sidney, of Columbia Falls, Cassandra Cowan of Dallas, Annie Flood and husband, Chris, of Glendale, Ariz., Leigha Bone of Seattle, and Jeff Bone of Spokane. Wynn had 10 great-grandchildren, Athea Cowan, Tyler, Tessa, Trista and Terra Cowan, Jeremy, Summer and Amber Sams, Kyla Briscoe and Eisllyn Flood. He had four stepchildren and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Wynn was a great father, husband and grandpa!

He will truly be missed but will be remembered through memories, pictures and movies.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Marsonne E. Cramer, 88

Marsonne E. Cramer, 88, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughters, Martha and Lin-

da; and sons, George and David.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Betty Ann (Detten) Crandall, 75

Betty Ann (Detten) Crandall, 75, left her husband, Art, family and friends to be with her "Lord in heaven" on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004.

Betty was born Oct. 29, 1928, in Saint Francis, Texas, to Robert and Eulalia (Berg) Detten. She graduated from Saint Mary's High School in Amarillo, Texas, in 1947, and graduated from Saint Theresa College (now called Avila College) in Kansas City, Mo., in 1951, where she met the love of her life, Art Crandall. They were married on Sept. 8, 1951, in Saint Francis.

She moved with Art around the country, living first in Florida, then Michigan, Texas, Montana and California, moving back to a home on Flathead Lake in Montana where she lived until her death. They raised a family of eight children.

Betty loved her life as a busy mom, easily juggling all the aspects of caring for and teaching a large family of six girls and two boys. Her greatest joy throughout her life was gathering her large family around her from the early childhood days until her death. Her family included 21 grandchildren and one special great-grandchild. She loved to celebrate life's many milestones with her family, including births, graduations, marriages, anniversaries and family reunions.

She joyously celebrated 50 years of marriage with Art in 2001.

She loved to can beans, salsa, and applesauce for her family and her favorite pastime was a friendly card game — pitch with the family or bridge with the ladies. This was the only time she was known to be a little "feisty."

Ten years ago Betty and Art returned to the Flathead Valley to live their "life's dream" by building a home on Flathead Lake. It was a great place for family gatherings and she seemed to be the happiest when things were at their craziest. She made many wonderful friends wherever she lived.



Betty and Art traveled 120 miles south for every University of Montana football game and frequently made it to some of the out-of-town games. They traveled around the country to visit their kids and did not hesitate to make a road trip for new babies, baptisms, first communions, or anything important in the lives of their family.

Books were always Betty's passion. She loved to read and shared that love with everyone. This inspired her to help with the early organization and institution of the Lakeside library, now the Westshore Community Library. She volunteered many hours helping the Friends of the Library collect, sort and sell books.

Betty loved her friends and especially enjoyed Wednesday morning coffee with her Lakeside lady friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her infant son, Arthur Crandall; brothers, Bob and Ray Detten; and by her sister-in-law, Judy Detten.

She is survived by her brothers, Dick Detten, of Ponca City, Okla., Tom and Joe Detten and sister-in-law, Eileen Detten, of Amarillo, Texas; as well as her daughters, Michelle Dauenhauer and Roxanne Baker of Kalispell, Mimi Lampert of Puyallup, Wash., Beth Rotteveel of Dixon, Calif., Yvonne Petrunin of Wilsonville, Ore., Arlynn Crandall of Davis, Calif.; and her two sons, Bill Crandall of Missoula, and Robert Crandall of Leonardtown, Md.; along with 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral mass for Betty Crandall will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Robert Noonan officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Mortuary, with a parish vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Westshore Community Library, P.O. Box 107, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Julie Elizabeth Craft, 87

Julie Elizabeth Craft, 87, died July 18, 2004.

Julie E. Luce was the first-born child of Ronald S. and Marie Keck Luce on Nov. 1, 1916, in New Richmond, Wis. As a young girl 6 years of age, Julie arrived in Columbia Falls with her mother and father and three brothers and all of their worldly belongings in a horse-drawn covered wagon. In order to pay for passage for his family on the Great Northern Railroad from East Glacier to West Glacier, since there was no road, her father had worked for Jim Hill on the railroad for one month.

Julie attended schools in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1934 after which she attended and graduated from Kinmon Business School in Spokane.

Armed with her bright red hair and big smile, a love of life and people and a good education, Julie became an astute, respected business lady and eventually became partners with Bud Schrock for 20 years at the Park Drug in Columbia Falls. Julie was always proud that she and Bud had a strict policy of "never turning anyone away for lack of money." They sold the business to Jack Therrien in 1968.

Julie became the first woman elected to the Columbia Falls city council and served two terms, being so proud to "give something back" to the town and people she loved. During this same time period she also worked as a secretary for the Columbia Falls Chamber of

Commerce.

Although she started painting at an early age, during her retirement years Julie became an accomplished artist and painted many beautiful pictures with oil paints.

After her husband, Laurence, retired, they were able to become "snowbirds" and traveled south in the winter for about 20 years, during which they traveled through most all of the states except the northeast.

Her mother and father, Marie and Ronald; her four brothers, Robert, Lewis, Joseph and Albert; and two infant daughters from a previous marriage, Frankie Julia and Janice Marie Barnett preceded Julie in death.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Laurence, at their Columbia Falls residence and by many loving and loved nieces and nephews and a large family who loved her. Many will remember the red hair, the smile and laughter and the big heart as well as the economic and emotional help, which she gave freely.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of final arrangements. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. July 31, with inurnment at Woodlawn Cemetery led by Reverend Ray Davis and accompanied by Marcia Dewkett. A celebration of Julie's life will be held at Connie Kenfield's home on Poverty Lane just off Tamarack Lane. All friends and family are welcome and are invited to attend.

## Steve Curtis Crawford, 59

Steve Curtis Crawford, 59, died Friday morning, Aug. 27, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of heart failure.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Faye Crawford of Columbia Falls, and his sons,

Robert and Steve Jr. of Great Falls, William of Deer Lodge, and John of Seattle.

Services will be held at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Gloria Jean Crawford, 51

Gloria Jean Crawford, 51, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at her home in Columbia Falls from a heart attack.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Bill; two daughters, Billie Jean Scott and husband, Monty, and Donna Jean Crawford, both of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Michael, Trevor, Shelby, Tyler and Kristen; her mother, Marllys Frey; brothers and sister Rodney Frey of Salem, Ore., Johnny and wife, Debbie Frey, of Gunterville, Ala., Don and wife, Sharon Frey, of Columbia Falls.



Marla and husband, Tom Smith, of Klamath Falls, Ore., Melvin and Lori Frey of Anchorage, Alaska, and Lonnie Frey of Columbia Falls; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Frey, and brother Ronald Frey and numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

"She will be missed by all. We Love You."

## Earl H. Crick, 85

Earl H. Crick, 85, passed away Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 4, 1918, in Escanaba, Mich., to David E. and Bernice (Sherbinow) Crick.

Earl married Olive L. Thompson on May 12, 1941. Later that same year, he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Fort Ord, Calif. As a young bride, Olive rode the train to meet and be with him in California. It was in California that their first child was born.

Upon Earl's discharge from the Army, the Cricks returned to Michigan to eventually open "Crick's Grocery," and operate a dairy farm. Four more children were born there. In 1956, Earl moved his family to Kalispell to begin working in the timber industry. He had a passion for the outdoors, and his favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing.

He retired in 1983 from the Montana Power Company, having worked for them the previous 15 years. After retiring, Earl and Olive enjoyed traveling to many places, including winters in Arizona and Nevada, and taking trips to Alaska to fish, explore, and visit with their daughter and his brother.

Earl was a 62-year member of the American Legion and was a member of the Epworth United



Methodist Church.

Earl, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and true friend, will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive, in 1999; his parents; two brothers, Russell and Howard; and a sister, Thelma Underwood.

He is now survived by his five children, Beverly Withey and her husband, Skip, and Lorraine Stotts and her husband, Dick, all of Kalispell, Carol Lou Gustafson and her husband, Melvin, of Somers, Clifford Crick and his wife, Vicki, of Whitefish, and Marlene Brunaugh and her husband, Thomas, of Columbia Falls; also 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Ada Crick, of Michigan; and two brothers-in-law, Malcolm Thompson and his wife, Libby, of Michigan, and Jess Underwood, of Butte.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Ray Davis and Rev. Joe Gardner officiating. Everyone is invited after the service to Earl's home in Village Greens for refreshments.

Memorials in Earl's name may be sent to the Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., Kalispell 59901; the Veterans Food Pantry, 1527 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Cynthia Jean Cripps, 58

Cynthia Jean Cripps, 58, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Eck, and son, Eric Hayes, both of Kalispell; and a daughter, April Lubin, of

Phoenix, Ore.

There will be no services at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Ann Critchlow

Ann Critchlow, born May 6, 1947, died on Oct. 30, 2004, at her home in Spokane.

Her sister, Polly Latimer, of Seattle, her sister, Mary Critchlow, of Kalispell, and her two brothers, Ben Critchlow of Port Townsend, Wash., and George Critchlow of Spokane, survive her.

Born in Spokane, Ann was raised in the Tri-Cities of Washington. She lived, for the most part, in the Northwest — in Walla Walla, Wash., Seattle, Kalispell, Whitefish and Spokane.

Ann lived a life as varied and intense as the generation of which she was a part. She was a VISTA volunteer, committed to civil rights and progressive change in rural Alabama in 1967-68. She graduated from the University of Washington, in 1972, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in African-American studies. She worked as a paralegal, alcohol counselor, teamster, and probation officer.

Ann was dry, honest, sentimental or not — depending on the issue, gentle and authentic in her rela-

tionships and self-expression. She loved her family, her cats, and those she believed told the truth. She disliked insincerity. She appreciated art but was not materialistic.

Ann will be remembered for her sense of social justice and her laser-focused interpersonal skills. Direct and assertive, she was also capable of great deference and sensitivity. She made others feel comfortable and worthy because she communicated genuine interest in their lives and feelings. She possessed a special talent for recalling family history. She lived in the realm of feelings and could always relate the emotional story behind the mundane, humorous, and momentous events that shaped the lives of those close to her.

Ann was completely human — loving and loved, sometimes troubled, always herself. She struggled quietly and tenaciously to be life affirming and a good neighbor.

Ann's family and friends will miss her loyalty, insight, humor and humanity. "We wish for her a great and abiding peace."

## Janet Elizabeth Crowe, 86

Janet Elizabeth Crowe, 86, passed away Friday, June 4, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born March 28, 1918 in Frostburg, Md., to Phillip Henry and Bertha Knepp. Janet was a twin sister to Marguerite; they were two of ten children. Her husband Fred came from a family of 13 children (11 boys, 2 girls). This made for a great softball team. Janet remembers dresses that her mother made for their May Day, and enjoyed helping her mother around the house.

Janet met her husband-to-be, Charles Fredrick "Fred" Crowe, at a church revival, and two years later they were married on October 10, 1936, in the parsonage at Frostburg by Rev. Coe.

Janet became a Methodist minister's wife, supporting her husband first in Roundup. They had five wonderful children, and also lived in Choteau, Glendive, Kalispell and Glasgow. They enjoyed their retirement years here in Kalispell.

After Fred had a stroke they decided to move into Buffalo Hill Terrace; Fred preceded Janet in death in 1998. Janet was Fred's lifetime companion and soul mate. She loved doing God's work as a minister's wife.

Janet was "The Cookie Lady" at Buffalo Hill Terrace and would bake cookies for every new resident, making them feel welcome to their new home. For the past few years her eyesight and hearing prevented her from baking; she missed her special mission. She loved to meet people and had made



a lot of good friends over the years with her church affiliations. Along with being active in her church, she enjoyed gardening, reading and baking. She never missed a birthday, and loved writing her family and friends (this included Christmas cards every year up to late). Janet has survived many hardships and health problems. She was tough and even survived being hit by a car. She was a role model to many. Janet was a member of Rebecca Circle, Minister's Mates (Minister's wives in conference) and Parsonage Club.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Fred, and six siblings.

She is survived by her sons, David Crowe and his wife Bernie of Columbia Falls, and Paul Crowe of Seattle; three daughters, Mary Bond and her husband Ron of Columbia Falls, Sarah Grigg and her husband Richard of Portsmouth, Va., and Rebecca Obermolte and her husband Bob of Spokane, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; her twin sister, Marguerite; and 2 brothers.

Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Memorial services will follow graveside at 4 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Ray Davis officiating. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, June 7, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 2nd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Beverly Thorpe Crompton, 74,

This is in loving memory of Beverly Thorpe Crompton, 74, of Lakeside, who passed away after a sudden illness Jan. 22, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Beverly was born June 8, 1929, in Paterson, N.J., to Amy and Rev. Roswell Hinkelman and was raised in the New England area. She attended Oberlin College in Ohio, graduating with a degree in zoology.

On Nov. 26, 1953, Beverly married Francis Melvin Crompton in Bristol, Conn. They were known to have a zest for adventure, pursuing their dreams in many locations which included Boston, Cincinnati, Detroit, Washington, D.C., Fort Erie, Ontario and Red Deer, Alberta. In 1991, they chose Lakeside as their retirement location.

The couple have four children, Catherine of Edmonton, Alberta; David of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Samuel of Kansas City; and Leslie of Philadelphia. Beverly's greatest love was her family. "She raised her children with unsurpassed devotion and love, something for which we will always be grateful." As her kids moved to different locations, Bev was never far behind, always helping out when

needed.

Beverly's talents were endless. They included sewing, quilting, flower arranging, scrapbooking and knitting. She was an avid gardener and was especially proud of her prize-winning roses cultivated while living in Fort Erie and Red Deer. She also had a passion for photography, decorating her home with family photos.

Bev also devoted time to helping Mel with his construction projects. Together they built eight houses. She helped from start to finish and was very proud of their accomplishments together.

Over the last five years Beverly also found time to research and document her genealogy, providing an everlasting record of our ancestral heritage.

"Thank you for everything Mom."

Bev is survived by her beloved husband Mel, four children, six grandchildren and three nieces.

Memorial services for Beverly T. Crompton will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary, with Rev. Glenn Woodson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the Facioscapulothoracic Muscular Dystrophy (FSH) Society, 3 Westwood Rd., Lexington, MA 02420, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Francis Edward Croucher, 82

Francis Edward Croucher, 82, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby, ending his battle with chronic lung complications.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Croucher, of Libby; his sons, Ed Croucher, Charlie and Bret "Buster" Croucher,

both of Libby, and Bob of Troy; and his daughters, Lana Managhan of Troy, and Brenda Croucher of Missoula.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, with services at 2 p.m. Monday at the Libby Christian church.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Maureen Patricia Keating-Csikasz, 64

Maureen Patricia Keating-Csikasz, 64, passed away on Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, peacefully at home with her family in Kila, just days shy of one year of battling pancreatic cancer.



Maureen was born and grew up in Melrose, Mass. She met and married her husband of 41 years, and they raised their family in Wakefield, Mass. In July of 1993, they moved to Montana. She met and exchanged love with so many along the way in her life from the East Coast to the West Coast. She made many trips with family visiting across the ocean to Ireland and Hungary.

She enjoyed crafts, cooking and gardening. Daisies were her favorite flower. Maureen always had a passion for sewing and quilting and was great at it. She worked in fabric sales for most of her life. Many always recognized her from working at Zauner's and then Wal-Mart. She volunteered and belonged to many places including Flathead Quilter's Guild and Linus Project. One of her entertainments nightly was to watch David Letterman and sip some tea.

She always put her family first and did more than she had to which made her feel so good and proud. She was a most precious Nana to her grandboys, mothering them from the time they were babies. She always having a way of

fixing things and making things right.

She always kept her spirits and her spunk up even when the cancer overtook her, showing what an amazing strong woman, wife, mother and Nana she was. She was a very beautiful, special lady with a big warm heart, always being thoughtful of others and caring.

Maureen always felt it very important that those caring for her knew how much she appreciated them. She will always be remembered.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Joseph; and her baby daughter, Maureen, in 1982.

She is survived by her husband, Sandor Alex Csikasz of Kalispell; three sons, Sandor, Miklos and Andras; one daughter, Julianna; also three grandsons, Austin, MacLean and Alexander; with many aunts, uncles, cousins and other close friends and family. She was also fond of Russell like a grandson.

Memorial services for Maureen will be held 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1414 Woodland Ave., Kalispell, with Bill Norton officiating.

The family suggests memorial be made to The Maureen P. Csikasz Memorial Garden Fund, P. O. Box 97, Kila, MT 59920, with the purpose of restoring a beautiful rock and flower pond garden in Maureen's memory.

Arrangement are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## JoAnn A. Cunningham, 70

JoAnn A. Cunningham, 70, died with her loving family at her side on Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at her home in Woods Bay.

She is survived locally by her son, Joe.

At her request, her body has been donated for scientific research.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Fred Albert Cusick, 87

Fred Albert Cusick, 87, of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born in Kalispell, on Nov. 25, 1916, the son of Fred A. and Mary M. (Stefani) Cusick. He was educated in Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He farmed, raising chickens and would sell the eggs. He also raised chinchillas. He later worked for Forest Wood Products until his retirement.

He was united in marriage to his first wife, Lucy Syth, on Nov. 15, 1956, in Kalispell, and helped in the raising of her children.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing and camping, and also enjoyed boating. He enjoyed road hunting, family get-togethers, and was an avid card player; his favorite game being cribbage. He was an avid reader and also enjoyed golfing.

On Oct. 5, 1996, he was united in marriage to Bonnie in Kalispell.

He was an active member of the North Valley Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls as well as a

devout member of St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lucy on April 3, 1991; and his second wife, Bonnie, on May 12, 1999; brothers, Harold, Bill, and Ed Cusick; and sisters Eileen, Lorraine, Lucille and Sr. Mary Eileen Katherine; and stepsons, Marlin and Jerry Syth.

He is survived by his sisters, Betty Emerson and Mary Slama, both of Spokane; a stepson, Leon Syth of Kalispell; and a stepdaughter, Lois Krause of Bigfork; and countless nieces and nephews of several generations who loved him dearly.

A Mass of Christian burial for Fred A. Cusick will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell. A vigil service will follow at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be sent to St. Richards Catholic Church, 1210 Ninth Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.