

Allen Haag, 59

Allen Haag, 59, passed away on Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born on April 8, 1945, in Kalispell, the son of Raymond Emil and Irene Vivian Haag.

He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1963. He joined the Army Reserve and served for six years. He worked at Plum Creek in Evergreen for a time. Then he worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company where he worked until his death.

He loved visiting family and friends. He enjoyed working around the home and yard planting trees. He also enjoyed traveling and the outdoors. Allen will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Arnold Haag;

and sister, Hazel Kiser.

He is survived by two brothers, Clifford Haag and Dick Haag; and sisters, Carol Learn and Dorothy Fredericks. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Funeral services for Allen Haag will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be on Friday from noon until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Spokane, 1015 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204-3001.

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Agnes L. Hafferman, 94

On Jan. 23, 2004, Agnes L. Hafferman, 94, "painted the last brush stroke on the canvas of her life" at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Agnes was born Sept. 17, 1909, in Warland to Orin and Maggie Brist. Her family later moved to Somers where two sisters and five brothers were added to the family.

Agnes attended elementary school in Somers and later boarded in Kalispell while attending Flathead County High School. In her class she met her future husband, William F. Hafferman and soon after graduation, Agnes and Bill married and made their first home in Lakeside.

Later they lived in Ashley Lake, the Yaak and Troy while Bill was employed as a hoister in the logging industry.

In the summer of 1940, Bill and Agnes moved to Libby to operate the H. Earl Clack Gas Station and Gables Grocery and Modern Cabins. Agnes managed the store and Bill continued to work in the woods. During the two years Bill served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II, Agnes managed the business alone.

In 1951, Agnes and Bill built Hafferman's Grocery and Frozen Food Lockers which is now the site of the Hi-Way Deli. Upon retiring from the grocery business, they built the Meadowlark Motel and Campground on U.S. 2 West of Libby.

During her active life, Agnes loved to fish and her car could be seen parked in many areas around the county lakes, rivers and streams.

Agnes was also well known for her artistic ability and many of her oil paintings can be seen in locations around Libby. In addi-

tion, Agnes owned and operated her own ceramic shop from which she taught ceramic lessons, while engaged in operating the Meadowlark Motel. Huckleberry picking was always the highlight of the summer for Agnes. Her jams, jellies and wine were always a welcome treat.

The greatest honor bestowed on Agnes during her busy life was in 1966 when she was named Business and Professional Women's "Woman of the Year." Agnes was also a member of the Women's Club for 60 years and a past president. Agnes was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church Ladies Guild and also active as a Gray Lady.

Agnes enjoyed accompanying Bill to the Montana Legislature during the 16 years he served as state senator. Regardless of where they traveled to, there was no better place on earth than Libby.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her son, Bill; great-grandson, Steven; great-granddaughter, Ashley; sister, Madeline Hanson; brothers, Orin Brist Jr., Robert Brist, and Thomas Brist; and parents, Orin and Maggie Brist.

Agnes is survived by her daughter, Norma Sanders, of Twin Falls, Idaho; daughter-in-law, Betty Hafferman of Libby; sister, Jessie Goodwin of Cheney, Wash.; brothers, Kenneth Brist and wife, Rose, of Alabama, and Claude Brist and wife, Mary, of Oregon; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or a charity of your choice.

LeVerna R. 'Verna' Hagen, 85

LeVerna R. "Verna" Hagen, 85, was born Jan. 3, 1919, on a farm north of Wolf Point, the daughter of Art and Josie (Felberg) Rensvold. "She shed her earthly body and went home to be with her Maker" on March 15, 2004.

She was baptized and confirmed Lutheran and spent her whole life dedicated to the Lutheran faith. She attended grade school at Dry Fork School, a one-room country school with one teacher.

On Oct. 26, 1939, she married Alvin R. Hagen in the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Four of their five children were born in Wolf Point and baptized in the same church.

In 1949, they left "God's country," (according to her father) and moved to Whitefish where her younger daughter was born. In 1952, the family moved to Kalispell.

Through the years, she worked at the Modern Cafe in Wolf Point, Woodland Floral, Lee's Glass shop, the Coke plant, the Econo Wash, Imperial Dry Cleaners, Rauthe's Art and Frame, Dr. Downey and Dr. Loren Kreck. Verna retired from the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a longtime member of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America and was treasurer for most of the years. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary for 43 years and was in the drill team and on the Sunshine committee. She belonged to a sewing club,

Kitchen Band, and 500 Club. She volunteered at Senior Citizens, helping with meals and at Peterson School to help with Swish. She was a charter member of Northridge Lutheran Church and volunteered there, too.

She loved to dance, garden, play cards, travel and would go anywhere to listen to music. The Tuesday afternoon jazz group that plays at Snappy's, and Dorothy and Friends had been her favorites. She was a good cook and insisted that family members gather at her house for holidays.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents, husband, an infant great-granddaughter, two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her five children, Rick and his wife, Rena, Dorothy Hanson and former son-in-law, C. Arthur Hanson, Lee and his wife, Fay, Ron and his wife, Bobbi, and Mary and her husband, Les Schlegel, all in the Flathead Valley. She is also survived by one brother, two sisters, 17 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Public viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Northridge Lutheran Church.

Verna suggested donations in lieu of flowers to the Northridge Lutheran Church Building Fund, or Hospice.

Martha Ann Haggett, 72

Martha Ann Haggett, 72, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 13, 2004, surrounded by family and friends at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Wash., following complications associated with a stroke.



She was born in Butte, on July 3, 1931, to Charles Owen and Martha (Mertz) Smithers, also long-time residents of Butte.

Martha graduated from Butte High School and received a bachelor of arts in education from the University of Montana. Martha taught school for 36 years, many of them in Helena, touching many young lives.

She had three loves — her family, Flathead Lake, and her Heavenly Father. Her life-long goal was to create a place where her family could gather. Driven by her faith that families are forever, she poured her resources and energy into building a family retreat on Flathead Lake in Montana. Even now her family is gathering there

to celebrate her life.

Martha's other interests included church service, art, photography, quilting, gardening, family reunions, genealogy, music, cooking and keeping in touch with family and friends. Martha was married twice and had five children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one infant son, Herbert A. Haggett Jr.

She is survived by four children, Mr. and Mrs. Christian J. Haggett, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O. Haggett, Charles S. Haggett, and Martha Shaun Haggett; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Owen Smithers.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, at The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints chapel on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Visitations will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, and Friday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the LDS church. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Constance 'Connie' Hamlin, 77

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The family suggests memorials be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Peter William Hammer, 81

Peter William Hammer, 81, formerly of Libby and Troy, died Monday, July 26, 2004, in Spokane.

He is survived by his wife, Marry Hammer of Spokane, and children, Frances Baker of Spokane, Betty Warner of Kalispell, Peggy Smith of Veradale, Wash., Bill Hammer of Blanchard, Idaho, Rose Bowk-

er of Spokane Valley, Wash., and William Reed of Cincinnati.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. on Friday with Rosary at 7 p.m.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Eugene 'Gene' Keith Hagerty, 82

Eugene "Gene" Keith Hagerty, 82, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Survivors include his brother, Jack Lingle of Kalispell.

There will be no services at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Harold Fred Hahn, 83

Harold Fred Hahn, 83, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born March 21, 1921 in Williston, N.D., to Albert and Faye (Baker) Hahn.

Harold received his education in Minot, N.D. He married Arvilla Elizabeth Cain on Sept. 23, 1941, in Minot.

Harold was inducted in the Army/Air Force in December of 1942 at the age of 21 years. He finished up his basic training in Amarillo, Texas, and then graduated from gunnery school in Laredo, Texas. They then moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he was assigned to a 10-member crew on a B-24 bomber. While serving in World War II, his plane was shot down and he became a POW.

Harold and Arvilla spent the next 25 years, from 1951 to 1976, in Vallejo, Calif., where he was a shop superintendent at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Harold loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisher and



was a member of the NRA. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church and always expressed his deep love for the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bernice Sanders; and a grandson, James D. Hahn.

He is survived by his wife, Arvilla Hahn of Kalispell; two sons, Paul D. Hahn and his wife, Ann, and Michael A. Hahn, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Alan Hahn, Sarah Hahn, Suzanne Hahn, Michelle May and Rebekah Hahn; one sister, Donna Ford of Reno, Nev.

Funeral services for Harold Fred Hahn will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Clint Theline of the Faith Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the Faith Baptist Missionary Fund, 1395 Lake Blaine Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Grace Elizabeth Haines, 91

Grace Elizabeth Haines, 91, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 11, 1913, in San Diego.

Grace married Don Schrage and they adopted two sons as infants, David and Donnie. Her first husband, Don, passed away and Grace continued parenting as a single mom.

Grace left her home state of California to marry James H.



"Jim" Haines. Grace and Jim celebrated 30 years together before Jim passed away on Oct. 17, 2001. Gracie chose to continue living in the Flathead as she said, "I can't imagine living anywhere else. This is my home."

Both sons preceded her in death. One niece in Texas survives Grace.

To honor Grace's wishes, no service will take place.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Ellen (Sutherland) Hankinson, 83

Mary Ellen (Sutherland) Hankinson, 83, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, in Dillon.

Mary was born on Oct. 10, 1921, in Glendive, to Donald and Catherine Sutherland, who had come from Scotland and homesteaded in Wibaux. Mary moved with her family to Harrison, where she graduated from Harrison High School in 1939.

She married her high school sweetheart, Francis "Hank" Hankinson on Nov. 11, 1940, in Bozeman. When Fran was drafted into the Army, Mary moved with her family to Kalispell. Mary worked for a title company in Kalispell, while "Fran" served in the Army.

She will be remembered as a great cook and gardener and loved to can her vegetables from her garden. No one ever left her home hungry. Their home was full of love, and fun and always a gathering place for friends and relatives. She and Fran were the cooks at their son's hunting camp for 20 years, and were well known for their huckleberry pies. They have been greatly missed.

Mary was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Anne and Peg; one brother, George; and her husband, Fran.

She is survived by sons, Lester of Los Angeles, and Monty and wife, Edwira, of Dillon; grandchildren, Brenda and husband, Dan Wigert, of Anaconda, and Cody and wife, Vanessa, of Dillon; great-grandchildren, Brock Wigert of Anaconda and Brayden Hankinson of Dillon; brothers, Dr. Kenneth Sutherland and his wife, Doris, of Spokane, and Don and his wife, Jan, of Springfield, Ore.; brother-in-law, Ernie "June" Hankinson and his wife, Alice, of Kalispell; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Urn burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Laura Joele (Seifert) Hanlon

Laura Joele (Seifert) Hanlon died at her home near St. Louis, Mo., unexpectedly and unexplainably, in the night hours between June 1 and 2, 2004.



She is survived by her husband, Ryan Hanlon; and their children, Elizabeth Jean, Paul Cecil, and Nathan Orion; her parents, Steven Seifert of Troy, and Sharon Tisher Slaback and Gary of Geraldine; brother, Jade Seifert and Annie of Missoula; father-in-law, Paul Hanlon, and sister-in-law, Kara Hanlon, of Kentucky; brother-in-law, Marc and Dianne Hanlon of California, and their children.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Dr. Paul and Jean

Seifert, and Les and Jackie Tisher; mother-in-law, Jeni Hanlon; and cousin, Adam Seifert.

Born in Libby on Sept. 11, 1967, Laura graduated from Columbia Falls High School and attended the University of Montana, where she met and married Ryan Hanlon. As a child, some of Laura's best times were spent with family at Bull Lake, where Grandma Jean Seifert made a fellow water nymph of her. Wanting their children to have the same unforgettable summers, Laura and Ryan returned to Montana annually and considered Angel Island a second home.

Laura previously expressed her wish for Montana to be her final resting spot, and her remains will be returned there later this summer. Laura is cherished and missed by a large and loving group of extended family and friends across the country.

Dorothy D. Hansen, 91

Dorothy D. Hansen, 91, died on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold E. "Bud" Hansen of Kalispell; and one daughter,

Beverly Mihalovich of Northport, Wash.

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Dorothy Alice Hanson, 90

Dorothy Alice Hanson, 90, of Billings, passed away in her home on Wednesday morning, June 9, 2004.

Dorothy was born on Dec. 29, 1913, in Billings, to Irvin Doyle and Anna Ruth Shope. She was raised and educated in Billings and resided there her entire life.

On May 8, 1934, she married Allen D. Potts, who died in 1941 in an auto accident. On July 4, 1947, she married Clarence E. Hanson.

During World War II, Dorothy dedicated over 1,000 hours in volunteer work for the Red Cross in support of our troops.

During her long life, Dorothy enjoyed raising her family, caring for her grandchildren, being an active member of Shiloh Homemakers, sewing, knitting, crocheting, canning, reading and completing daily crossword puzzles. She and Clarence enjoyed 25 years of summers at their second home on Flathead Lake in Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her three brothers



Robert, Rodney and Irvin; her sister Virginia Wagoner; and two infant siblings.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Clarence; her son, Allen and Claudia Potts, of Lakeside; her granddaughter, Michelle and Gregg Fandrich; her great-grandchildren, Derrick, Ashley and Nicholas of Auburn, Wash.; her daughter, Diane and John Gerharz; and her daughter, Kari and Tom Nelson and her grandchildren, Duncan and Kristin, all of Billings. Dorothy is also survived by her sister, Deloris and Floyd Hertz, of Harlowton; and her brother, Perry Shope, of Bigfork.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Dr. McClave and Dr. Kim and the staff at Dialysis Clinic, Incorporated for all of the loving care and kindness that they showed her.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Dialysis Clinic, Inc., 2411 Village Lane, Billings, MT 59102.

"Mom, we will always miss you."

Edwin R. Hanson, 89

Edwin R. Hanson, 89, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at the Kootenai Medical Center in Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

He worked for many years as log truck driver.

He is survived by his children, Don of Missoula, Bob of Spokane, and Dick of Coram, Debbie Ryan of Spokane, and Cindy Therriault of Athol, Ida-

ho.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. The Rev. Tod Fox will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Fred 'Art' and Patricia A. Hansen

Fred "Art" Hansen and Patricia A. Hansen died unexpectedly on the evening of July 6, 2004, in a one-car rollover on Montana 135 northwest of St. Regis. They were returning to their home in Dillon, from a Fourth of July reunion with family and friends at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Art Hansen was born to Danish immigrants Ras and Cecelie Hansen March 9, 1919, on a ranch in the upper Sheep Creek Basin southwest of Dell. The doctor was late arriving by sleigh so Art's birth was attended by two neighboring midwives.

Art attended the first five grades at Nicholia School in Sheep Creek before the Hansen family moved to a new ranch on Medicine Lodge Creek south of Grant, Mont. He attended the rest of grade school in Medicine Lodge and high school in Dillon. Like many rural students he boarded at the Dillon homes of Maud Kennedy, Alvira Gowan and Louise Brundage.

Art worked at the Safeway and Warner Foods stores during high school and after his graduation in 1936. He also worked on the family ranch and attended the Montana State Normal College in Dillon for one year until he transferred to University of Montana in 1939, and then to Northwestern Business College in Spokane, where he received his Associate of Business degree in 1941.

Art was inducted into the Army at Fort Missoula on April 25, 1941. During the early part of World War II, Art rose to the rank of second lieutenant. He served as executive officer of Battery C of the 413th Anti-Aircraft Gun Battalion initially in England and then landing on D-Day at Omaha Beach. He served with his unit in the breakout at St. Lo, France, and the march through France to Belgium. Art received a battlefield commission to captain while the Battle of the Bulge raged and shortly thereafter, on Dec. 16, 1944, received multiple shrapnel wounds during the German counteroffensive in the Ardennes near the German border. He was evacuated to an English hospital but returned to the fighting in France and Belgium, and finally the occupation of Germany where he served as the commanding officer of a POW camp for German soldiers. He received the Purple Heart for his wounds, ultimately attained the rank of major and returned to Montana after the War.

Patricia Ann Daugharty was born in Clark Fork, Idaho, Nov. 11, 1920, to Gordon M. Daugharty and Ruby T. Daugharty. The Daugharty



family were pioneers of Northern Idaho. Other than two years in Minneapolis, Pat's childhood was spent in Northern Idaho and Northwest Montana. She attended grade school in Sandpoint, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Troy, in 1938. In high school she competed and placed in several regional track meets and was a member of the Troy High School basketball team for three years.

Pat received many first place ribbons in shorthand and typing in county and multi-county competitions. She learned to hunt and fish from her mom and dad and brother and became an expert seamstress.

Pat attended Northwestern Business College in Spokane and worked for various Spokane businesses and was the executive secretary for Morrison Knudsen Construction Company in the Seattle area during the War.

During the Christmas holiday in 1945, Art made a trip to Libby, where he rekindled his acquaintance with Pat, whom he had met while at Northwestern prior to the War. He proposed to her at a New Year's Eve dance in Libby, and they were married at Libby on June 10, 1946.

Art and Pat moved to Seattle, where Art attended the University of Washington. After his graduation and post-graduate work, they moved to Dillon, in 1949, where they had son, Max, and then to Kalispell, in 1950. While in Kalispell, Art worked as a building contractor and Art and Pat had two more sons, Ross and Jay.

Upon the death of Art's brother Howard, the family moved to the Hansen Livestock Company Ranch in Medicine Lodge where Art and Pat worked on the ranch with Art's family. Their daughter, Mary Kay, was born in Dillon, in 1959.

They moved back to Kalispell in 1962, and Art continued his work as a building contractor and later obtained his Realtor's license and became a part owner of Valley Realty. Pat worked with a Kalispell accounting firm for many years and raised their family. She worked tirelessly for many years to supply clean, mended winter clothing to

the Northern Montana Indian reservations.

Pat and Art retired in 1981 and finally moved back to Dillon in 1989 to be closer to their family. They resided there until their deaths. They traveled extensively, enjoyed life with their children and grandchildren, and entertained their many friends. Devout Catholics, they supported their church in many ways.

Art took great satisfaction in repairing anything that was broken and remodeling projects for his friends and would take an occasional turn in the hayfields during the haying season. Pat loved to fly fish in the high mountain streams of Southwest Montana, sewing projects, tending to her prized roses and tracing the genealogy of her family. Art and Pat especially loved a good pinocle game and dinner with friends.

Most importantly, Art and Pat loved their family. They leave behind their children, Max and wife, Patti, of Dillon, Ross and wife, Sandy, of Dell, Jay and wife, Sue, of Dillon, and Mary Kay of Helena; and their grandchildren, Travis, Pete and wife, Crissie, Josh, Cecelia, Cooper, Garrett and Nicholia and, just recently, their first great-grandchild, Caden John. Pat and Art also leave behind Art's brother, Harry Hansen, DVM and wife, Jean, of Amery, Wis.; sisters-in-law, Hansine Hansen and Martha Hansen, both of Dillon; Pat's brother, Duane Daugharty, MD and sister, Ida Hawkins, both of Coeur d'Alene; and aunts, nephews, nieces, and grand-nephews and grand-nieces too numerous to mention.

Pat and Art were preceded in death by their parents; and siblings, Howard Hansen, Leonard Hansen, Ethel Martinell and Gordon Daugharty.

Last but not least, Art and Pat's special friends, Cali the cat, and Leroy and Abbi, the Jack Russell dogs, will not know what to do now that Pat and Art are gone. "They left us all too soon and we will love them and cherish their memory forever."

Art and Pat's family invite you to attend a memorial gathering at Brundage Chapel on Monday evening, July 12, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with a rosary thereafter. A memorial mass will be held Tuesday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barrett Hospital Foundation, Elks Lodge, both of Dillon or Carroll College in Helena.

Helen Eula Miles Hanson, 88

Helen Eula Miles Hanson, 88, died May 1, 2004, at the Brendan House, following a lingering illness. She was born at home on the family farm on March 31, 1916, in Russell, Kan. In the following years, her family would move to Salina, Kan., where she graduated from high school.



After attending Wichita Kansas Business College, where she learned stenography, Helen enlisted in the Navy and became a Yeoman in the WAVES. It was during that time that she met her husband, George, at the USO in Stillwater, Okla. He was attending the Oklahoma A & M College as a Navy radio technician. After many months of letter writing and following their respective discharges from the military, Helen and George were married in March of 1946. They continued to share a loving relationship for the next 58 years.

When George's work brought the couple to Anaconda, Helen was challenged to learn how to hunt and fish and that she did. An energetic and vivacious woman, Helen could be found casting her fly on the beautiful mountain streams, camping in the Big Hole, or shooting her own rifle on rugged hunting trips, and even became a hunter's safety instructor.

In 1954, the couple moved to Columbia Falls when George was transferred to the new aluminum plant. Helen had so many interests that she was always involved in some activity. If she couldn't be found in the large garden, she might have been found in her kitchen trying a new recipe. If not

there, she might be found working at one of the many community organizations she belonged to. She was a member of the Columbia Falls Woman's Club, a Lioness in Kalispell and a member of the Columbia Falls Lions Club. She was especially proud of her work with the Klothes Kloset. A lover of music, she actively worked with the Community Concert Association and she was actively involved in the Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

Helen and George loved to square dance and danced their way across this country throughout their many travels in the U.S.A. They also spent time in Europe as tourists or on business when Helen frequently joined George, especially in France.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, George; two sisters-in-law, Audrey Vandever and Phyllis Miles; two nephews; and three nieces. She will also be missed by her poodle dog, Sammy.

Helen was a special lady known for her strong spirit, courage, kindness and smile. Helen will be greatly missed by all who made her acquaintance. She and her husband were residents of Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. today, May 4, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A memorial service is planned for this summer.

Memorials can be made to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 80807, Billings, MT 59108-0807; or Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Bertelsen Hanson, 78

Phyllis Bertelsen Hanson, 78, longtime resident of Kalispell, died in Washington on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004.

Phyllis was born in North Dakota on May 25, 1926, to Martin and Kathleen Bertelsen, one of seven children.

On March 26, 1946, Phyllis married Levi Bernard Hanson.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Bernard, in Washington; two sons, Mark Hanson, and Vic-



tor and Diana Hanson, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Carol Hanson of Bothell, Wash., and Cheryl Ann and Charles Ferree of Kalispell; five grandchildren, David Ferree, Molly Miller and Rochelle Hanson, all of Kalispell, William Martinson of Redmond, Wash., and Shannon Gobbato of Blaine, Wash.; brother, Neil Bertelsen and wife, Phyllis "Pete," of Crystal Lake and Kalispell; sister, Minrada Lemmons of California; sister-in-law, Shirley Bertelsen of Columbia Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are pending.

Helen Eula Miles Hanson

A memorial service for Helen Eula Miles Hanson, who died May 1, will be 1:30 p.m. Tues-

day, July 20, at the Central Christian Church in Kalispell, 248 Second Avenue East.

Ray W. Hanson, 83

Ray W. Hanson, 83, formerly of Kalispell, passed away of bone cancer on April 20, 2004.

He was born on March 12, 1921, in Swan-River, to Gillrock and Bertha Hanson. He grew up and attended school in Swan-River and attended high school in Bigfork and graduated in 1939.

Ray was a salesman and owned and operated Kootenai Motor Freight until his retirement.

He married Blanche Estell Havre, on Aug. 9, 1941. They lived in the Flathead Valley until they moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1991.

Ray is survived by his wife, Blanche Hanson, of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Norm and Sue Hanson; and three children, Jerry Hanson of Columbia Falls, Karen Sims and Kay Gladden of Mesa; one uncle, Ernie Hanson; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gill and Bert Hanson, and his sister, Lorraine Forsyth.

Please make memorials to HOSPICE Family Care 5037, E. Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ 85206.

Stanley James 'Jim' Hanson, 48

Stanley James "Jim" Hanson, 48, formerly of Eureka, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, in Tacoma, Wash.

He was born Dec. 13, 1955, in Whitefish, to Stanley Hanson and Leola Frost Hanson and was raised and educated in Eureka.

Following service with the United States Army, he had resided in Eureka and Kalispell, and later in Oregon, residing in Coos Bay and Roseburg.

He is survived by his daughter, Jasmyn Hanson of Elma, Wash.; two grandchildren; his parents, Stan and Leola Frost of Whitefish; a brother, Ron Hanson and his wife, Carol, of Eureka; and sister, Carrie Hanson, of Tacoma, Wash.; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Violet (Lund) Hanson, 94

Violet (Lund) Hanson, 94 years young, of Kalispell, "went to be with her God" on May 15, 2004.

She was born Jan. 22, 1910, in Pretty Rock, N.D., to Charley and Rose Stoller. She lived in Spearfish and Rapid City, S.D., before residing permanently on Flathead Lake.

She is survived by five children, ReVard Lund and Noemi of Kalispell, Lavere Lund and Connie of Santa Ynez, Calif., Nadeen Ellison and Vern of Mesa, Ariz., Veree Lund of Redmond, Wash., and Erik Lund and Cate of San Diego. Also there are nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was full of faith and love

for family and friends.

Funeral services for Violet Lund Hanson will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Easthaven Baptist Church with Pastor Daniel Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 21, at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests a memorial may be made in Violet's name to: Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Easthaven Baptist Church, 1225 U.S. 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Blanche Harding, 95

Blanche Harding, 95, of Polson, died on Monday, April 5, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, from natural causes. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, in the First Pres-

byterian Church in Polson, with Rev. Dave Anson officiating. A full obituary will follow later.

Arrangements under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

Johnathan Thomas Harding, 35

Johnathan Thomas Harding, 35, "was taken home to be with his Lord" on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born on Oct. 11, 1969, the son of Nancy Marie Harding in Spokane. He attended the Sunshine Room at Peterson School in Kalispell until he was 21. He enjoyed listening to books on tape and also was an avid listener of Country Western music. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Thomas and Phyllis Harding.

He is survived by his parents,

Nancy Marie and Gordon Helland of Kalispell; aunts and uncles Anita and Frenchie LaFrance and Donna and Roy Harding, all of Kalispell; cousins, Ralph and Rodney Harding, both of Kalispell; as well as numerous other cousins, great-aunts and uncles and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Johnathan will be held 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. There will be no visitation. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mildred M. Harless, 93

Mildred M. Harless, 93, died on April 13, 2004, in Bigfork.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1,

at the First Methodist Church in Molalla, Ore.

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

Elaine M. Harma, 64

Elaine M. Harma, 64, a long-time Libby resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, Rodney Harma, of Libby; a son, John Harma of Phoenix; and daughter, Sara Shuck, of

Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Faith Bible Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Robert Clemans Harner, 80

Robert Clemans Harner, 80, of Columbia Falls, died peacefully in his home on Aug. 20, 2004, surrounded by his family.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1923, in Colville, Wash., and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1941.

From 1943 to 1945 he served in the United States Army Air Corps as a flight engineer and was honorably discharged in 1945 after attaining the rank of Tech Sergeant. During his military service, he was awarded several medals and honors, including the Purple Heart.

On June 3, 1942, he married Mary Louise Reuter. He was employed as a Power Plant Operator at Hungry Horse Dam for 30 years. After retiring, he and his



wife continued to reside in Columbia Falls, spending winter vacations in the southwest where he played his beloved sport of golf.

He was preceded in death by his son, Steven Robert Harner, in August of 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise, of Columbia Falls; his daughter, Cheryl Harner Walsh, and son-in-law, Michael Walsh, of Gilroy, Calif.; and his brother, William Harner, and his family of Libby.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Rudy Bullman officiating. Committal services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Beverly Maxwell Harpster, 77

Beverly Maxwell Harpster, age 77, passed away Thursday, December 30, 2004 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born May 5, 1927, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Thomas Norman and Reva (Ludlow) Maxwell.

She was raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, until her family moved to Butte, where she graduated from Butte High School. She attended the University of Utah where she got her nursing degree. She married Harry Harpster in Elko, Nev., and they had one child, Bobby.

She was a watercolor artist of flowers and outdoor scenes. She also loved to quilt and sew dresses and other clothing for her granddaughters.

Beverly was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved her callings

to serve in the church.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Tom and her son, Bobby.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Harpster of Bigfork; two sisters, Marilyn and Margaret; three brothers, Lowell, Paul and David; many grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for Beverly Maxwell Harpster will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Bigfork Ward Chapel with Bishop Jon Marshall officiating. Burial will follow at Lonespine Cemetery. There will no public visitation.

Memorials made be made to the Lupus foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Kenneth Harold 'Kenny' Harris, 92

Kenneth Harold "Kenny" Harris, 92, passed away on Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, of natural causes, resting peacefully at home.

Kenny was born on Feb. 22, 1912, in Wauzeka, Wis., to Henry and Ester Harris. At 13 months, Kenny and his family moved to north central Montana, where they homesteaded.

In 1921, the family moved to Somers, where Kenny finished his schooling at Flathead County High School, graduating in the class of 1930. After graduating, Kenny started working at the Somers sawmill.

In 1941, Kenny married his true love of 56 years, Mava Hall. They started their family there with the birth of a son, Robert Lee, and a daughter, Karen Louise.

In 1950, Kenny moved his family to Missoula, where he went to work for the White Pine sawmill. He retired from there on Jan. 1, 1976.

After retiring, Kenny loved his



garden and talking to people all over the world on his ham radio.

Kenny was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen L. Albert; his wife, Mava Harris; and two sisters, Edna Cyr and Irene Mellen.

Survivors include his son, Robert L. Harris, who took care of him at the family home until his passing; two grandchildren, Roxanne and Mike Birdeau and Keith and Autumn Albert. Kenny also had five great-grandchildren that he adored, Colton and Bridger Birdeau, and Jayden, McKaylen, and Madison Albert. Kenny also loved his neighbors, Bev Buckner and Katie MacMillen, who helped him and his family through his last days.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Garden City Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Missoula City Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Partners Hospice, 2687 Palmer St., Missoula, MT 59808, who helped Kenny and the family lovingly until his last day.

Mildred Harris, 93

Mildred Harris, 93, "danced her way home" on Aug. 7, 2004. She was born Mildred Ione Warner on Sept. 18, 1910, in Cass Lake, Minn., to Fred and Cora Warner.



She moved to Whitefish with her family at the age of 7. She attended schools in Whitefish, Libby and Columbia Falls, where she graduated in 1930. That same year she married Leslie Harris, and in 1931 they had a son, Jacques.

While Les worked for the Great Northern Railroad, Mildred worked as a meat cutter at Safeway in Whitefish. In 1951, they moved to Eureka, where she opened Millies Dress Shop. In 1955, they built the Point of Rocks Restaurant, where for the next 16 years as chief cook, bottle washer, bartender, and bouncer she met many friends.

She loved playing cards, fishing, singing, bowling, picking huckleberries and dancing — as much and as often as possible. In 1972, she and Les moved back to Whitefish due to his illness; when he passed on later that year, Millie became active in service groups and seniors activities. She was a charter member of the Whitefish Golden Agers and worked tirelessly in the creation of the local center.

Well known for her not-so-good driving skills, she still delivered many Meals on Wheels throughout the years to those unable to get to town. She joined the Women of the Moose in 1974, and spent many hours working on and traveling to Lodge events during the next 25 years. In 1979 she was Cadet of

Friendship, and was Senior Regent for the 1989-1990 term. She was also active in the Hospital Guild, the Eagles, and was a continuous member of the VFW Auxiliary since 1954.

In 1984 she received the Soroptimist "Women helping Women" award for her work with the Whitefish Golden Agers, Meals on Wheels, Flathead Council on Aging, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the Hospital Guild. In 1988, she was honored as Flathead Senior Citizen of the Year.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie; her parents; three sisters; and two brothers.

She is survived by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Jacques & Willo Harris; grandson, T.J. Harris; granddaughter, Wanda Wooten and her husband, Joe; and great-grandson, Zac Wooten, all of Whitefish; great-grandson, Josh Petersen and his wife, Jaclyn, of Port Orchard, Wash. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, including Evelyn Maddux of Whitefish and Earl Chase of Troy.

Mildred was a strong-willed and independent lady throughout her 93 years. She could be as sweet as pie and could cuss up a storm, too. Most recently she made her home at the Riverside Senior Living Center in Whitefish, where she participated in bingo, cards and made many new friends.

We will miss you "Millie, Mom, Gram, Shorty", until next time.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Austin Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery. The family suggests that memorials be made in Mildred's name to the Stumptown Historical Society or to the Mooseheart.

Shari Marie McCann Harris, 43

Shari Marie McCann Harris, 43, died on Sept. 23, 2004 at her home in Whitefish after a long, courageous battle with cancer.



Shari was born in Billings on Aug. 9, 1961, to Donald L. and Joneva Svetich McCann. Shari attended elementary schools in Yellowstone National Park and Billings. She graduated from high school in Bozeman in 1979 after spending a year as a foreign exchange student in Japan with her host parents, Mikio and Asako Akune. She later returned to Japan where she attended college before returning to college in Bozeman.

She applied her many talents and creative ability successfully in both her personal life and business pursuits. She married Rex Harris in Havre on May 18, 1985, and was the proud and loving mother of two sons, Evan Alexander and

Adam Lee, who were the center of her life. Shortly after they were married, she and Rex also chose to be host parents to Margarita Toral of Cuenco, Ecuador.

Shari was a caring, giving person who will be remembered for her generosity and take-charge way of helping anyone who needed her.

She is survived by her husband, Rex, and her sons, Evan and Adam, all of Whitefish; her parents, Don and Jonny of Kalispell; her sister, Lesli McIntosh of Kalispell; her brother, Mike McCann, and sister-in-law Liz, and nephews, Jesse and Zach McCann of Meeker, Colo., a large extended family and friends who love her deeply and will hold her in their hearts forever.

A memorial service is planned at 11 a.m., Oct. 9, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Memorials maybe made to Wings at 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of your choice.

Sheila Ann Harris, 72

Sheila Ann Harris, 72, died on Nov. 21, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Libby, on April 3, 1932, to Earl and Alice (Balding) McCrory. (She was always proud of being born on the family farm on the Kootenai River.) She graduated from Libby High School in the class of 1950.

Sheila married Billy Blew Harris in Libby on Aug. 12, 1950. They had three children, Perry, Paul and Patty. Sheila was a waitress from age 16 until retirement. She was an avid gardener, wonderful cook and animal lover. She liked to fish and pick huckleberries.

She will be remembered for her kind and loving heart for her family and friends, and the gift of making everyone feel special.

At the time of her death, she had been living with her daughter

and grandson, residing there for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Sheila is survived by sons, Perry Blew Harris, and his wife, Alice, of Libby, Paul Burdell Harris, and his wife, Diana, of Roseburg, Ore., daughter, Patty Craft, and son, Travis, of Kalispell; three sisters, Earline Shields and her husband, Bernard, of Buckley, Wash., Sharon Neff and her husband, Butch, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Kathleen Wheeler and husband, Gary, of Libby; cousin, Kayo Smith, and his wife, Delores "Wienie," of Libby; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her special puppies, Sunshine and Coal Be.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Ralph F. 'Dutch' Hart, 73

Ralph F. "Dutch" Hart, 73, passed away on June 6, 2004, in Sandpoint, Idaho, during a family outing.

Dutch was born June 23, 1930 in Peekskill, N.Y., to Harold and Thelma Hart. He was the younger of two children.

His parents, a sister, Ruth Tarrant, and granddaughter, Heather Grace Henderson, preceded him in death.

He grew up and was educated in Watertown, N.Y. Dutch attended college and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Sept. 29, 1947. He dedicated his life to his Navy career, with service including training chief and chief Navy recruiter until Jan. 6, 1968.

His career developed in other areas of interest, spanning to police officer for the Reno, Nev., Police Department, and investigator for Sonoma County Fraud Investigation Unit in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Dutch moved to Montana in 1975 and worked as claims adjudicator with the Department of Employment Security. Fulfilling

his dream to go to Alaska, Dutch began working for the Alaska State Troopers and Department of Commerce until his retirement from the state of Alaska in 1988. At that time Dutch and his family returned to Montana and settled in Kalispell. He worked for the Department of Health and Social Services until 1991, when he permanently retired due to health changes.

Dutch is survived by his wife of 29 years, Trish; his daughter, Marisa Henderson and husband, Terry; son, Andrew Hart, daughter, Jana Hart, and dear grandchildren, Kayman and Kirya Henderson, all residing in Kalispell.

Dutch is well known for his great sense of humor and life perspective; love of people; unfailing devotion to family; duty to country; belief in justice; and commitment to God. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service celebrating Dutch's life will be held 7 p.m. on June 23 at Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

Melva F. Harrison, 79

Melva F. Harrison, 79, died on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at her winter home in Yuma, Ariz.

She will be buried at

Lonepine Cemetery and a memorial service will be held in the spring.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Frederick William 'Freddie' Hartman Jr., 67

Frederick William "Freddie" Hartman Jr., 67, passed away after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 2004, at his home in Martin City surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 18, 1937, in Saginaw, Mich., to Frederick William Hartman Sr. and Orra Mae (Heil) Hartman. He was raised in Midland, Mich., and moved to his parents' cherry orchard on the East Lake Shore of Flathead Lake in 1976. In 1989, he moved to Martin City, to live with his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Tom Church.

As a boy he was active in Boy Scouts, bowling, and loved working in his parents' orchard picking cherries and apples. Freddie loved the outdoors, and could often be seen at sporting events. Freddie's biggest joy was meeting people and shaking their hand. He worked for Flathead Industries in Columbia Falls with his brother,

Richard, for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Mae Hartman; and his brother-in-law, Tom Church.

Freddie is survived by his sister, Mary Jane Church; his brother and best friend, Richard Hartman; his nephew, Louie Church; and his nieces, Carma Johnson and Cathy Nash, and their families.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and was an inspiration to us all.

Freddie's memorial service will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. There will be a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. in the Ed building next to the church preceding the service.

Memorials can be made in Freddie's name to Flathead Industries of Columbia Falls, P.O. Box 1446, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Bruce Wayne Haskell,

Born to Rolland and Leona Haskell on Sept. 20, 1956, in Rapid City, S.D., Bruce Wayne Haskell died on Nov. 8, 2004, near Anchorage, Alaska.

As a younger boy, Bruce moved along with his family to Kalispell. He completed his early education at Helena Flats School and Flathead High School. Following, he joined the Naval Forces, receiving training in nuclear science.

Previously married to Vicki (Schlabs), the two share a beautiful daughter Sonia, now age 28.

He moved to Alaska, in 1979, and there he remained, working as a journeyman electrician with the IBEW union. His work included the pipeline and oil-spill cleanup in Valdeze.

In Alaska, Bruce was dubbed aka "Hoppy." He was very much a part of the land where he lived; fishing, hunting, trapping, and panning for gold. His truest passion was the great outdoors.

In Anchorage, Michelle Pruis

(his girlfriend) shared the last part of his life along with two dogs and a cat ("their kids").

His family writes: "In great admiration of this man that walks, soul and spirit, kinship with the bear, we say goodbye."

He was preceded in death by mother, Leona (Strand) Haskell; niece, Angela Sanford; and nephew, Jesse Archibald.

Surviving family: father, Rolland Haskell; daughter, Sonia Petersen; sisters, Sherri Witschger, Christina May Haskell, Patty Archibald, and Diane Sanford.

Memorial service 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19 at the Little Brown Church, (125 Swan Hwy., Bigfork). A memory gathering and celebration of his life will be held directly following the service at his sister Patty's home (1087 Mooring Road, Columbia Falls).

Private burial of his cremated remains will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

James Victor 'Jim' Harshbarger, 72

James Victor "Jim" Harshbarger, 72, died of natural causes on Nov. 20, 2004, at his home in Seattle.

He had worked throughout Montana building homes and bridges.

Survivors are his six chil-

dren, Debbie Hancock of Roswell, N.M., Sandy Blades, Cliff Harshbarger and Holly Harshbarger, all of Kalispell, Glenda Alberts of Basin, Wyo., and Dolly Green of Martin City.

Services will be held at a later date.

Mildred Sutter Harvey, 79

Mildred Sutter Harvey, 79, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 7, 1924, in Kalispell, to Joseph M. and Elva (Brown) Sutter.

Mildred received her early education in Kalispell before moving to Helena.

During the war Mildred worked in the NYA school where she met Cleo W. Harvey. The couple married on Dec. 11, 1943, in Helena. Cleo and Mildred were very active in the Kalispell Christian Church and devoted much time to the church.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one grandson, Hank Fettler; and one

brother, Kenneth Sutter.

She is survived by one daughter, Yvonne and Henry Fettler of Kalispell; three sons, Dale and Phyllis Harvey of Everson, Wash., Lynn and Lillian Harvey of Kalispell, and Joseph and Pattie Harvey of Cougar, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joyce Reichenbach.

Funeral services for Mildred will be held 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Duane Hull of the Kalispell Christian Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph W. 'Joe' Hays, 84

Joseph W. "Joe" Hays, 84, passed away Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Sept. 12, 1920, to Joseph W. and Annie (Martindale) Hays in Pittsburg County, Okla., the youngest of 12 children. He was schooled in Oklahoma. He worked on the family farm until he left home to work as an ironworker in New York and Texas.

He was called to the Army in 1943 and served with the combat engineers and saw combat action in France, Belgium and Germany. He also saw action in the Asiatic Pacific, the Philippines and Japan. He received many medals including the American Theater Service medal, European African Middle Eastern Service medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Service medal, Philippine Liberation Service medal, and the Good Conduct medal. He was discharged from the service in 1946, at Fort Lewis, Wash.

He moved to California and worked in construction and logging. He moved his family back to Washington after 20 years and con-

tinued working construction there. He retired to Montana in 1994.

He was an active member in the AA program, Carpenters Union, Masonic Lodge, Epworth United Methodist Church, the VFW, and the Moose Lodge.

Joe is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; daughters, Joanne and Winfred Coon of Lindsey, Okla., Susan Kilcup, and Ann Hays of Seattle; son, Joseph W. and Brenda Hays of Olympia, Wash.; stepchildren, James and Deb Thompson of Katy, Texas, Ron and Margie Thompson of Whitefish, Lori and Terry Holleman of Kenai, Alaska, and Joseph Thompson of Whitefish; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Inurnment will follow the service in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell with military graveside honors.

Pearl Margaret Hays, 86

Pearl Margaret Hays, 86, died peacefully at her home Sunday, April 4, 2004 in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 12, 1917, in Chinook to Robert John and Ethyl Maud (Quantrill) Leach.



Pearl received her education in Chinook. She lived in the Montana area from 1917 to 1952. She and her husband, John, moved with their family to Spokane where they raised their girls from 1952 until 1973. She then moved to the San Fernando, Calif., area in 1973 where she owned and managed several rental properties until relocating back to Kalispell in 1994.

Pearl was a professional roller-skater in her youth, and enjoyed gardening, sewing, dancing and bowling. In her later years she enjoyed working jigsaw and crossword puzzles and the excitement and sound of casino play, especially at the Finish Line.

Pearl was quick-witted, spicy and made friends easily. The gals at the Fifth Avenue Beauty Salon were special to her. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge 725 in

Kalispell. Pearl was a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Lloyd Harbottle.

She is survived by two daughters, Marcy Thompson and husband, Ken, of Spokane, and Jody Hays and Mark Loyd of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Jamey Sledge of Portland, and Michele Greenwood and husband Tim of Spokane; two great-grandchildren, Ben and Nick Greenwood, also of Spokane; one sister, Greta Reed, of Kalispell; a sister-in-law, Rose Harbottle, of Grass Valley, Calif.; nephew, Oren Reed, of Kalispell; niece, Gynel Peterson, of Grass Valley; and dear friends, Jean Lovaas of Kansas, and Yvonne Berg of Spokane.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Chaplin Maggie Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Sylvia 'Sue' Arla Helland Haugen, 79

Sylvia "Sue" Arla Helland Haugen, 79, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, June 14, 2004 in Whitefish.

Sue was born July 12, 1924, in Binford, N.D. She was raised and educated in North Dakota where she met Millard Haugen. They were married on Jan. 1, 1945, in Hannaford, N.D. They farmed there until moving to Plains, in 1953.

In 1961, they moved to Columbia Falls, where she worked at Anaconda Aluminum and helped her husband at the Standard Station in Columbia Falls. She worked at the Junction Gas in Columbia Heights until 1997 when her health forced her to retire.

There was always room for another one at the dinner table with many a cookie and fresh buns. She loved to knit, crochet, and make quilts for her 10 grand-

children and nine great-grandchildren.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Millard; her parents, Hjelmer and Julia Helland; and a brother, Arthur Helland.

She is survived by her brothers, Gordon of Kalispell, and Howard of Rochester, Minn.; her sisters, Myrt Lima of Fargo, N.D., Irene Cook of Hamilton, and Gladys Vomen of Audubon, Pa.; her children, Arla Wilson of Columbia Falls, Myron "Sonny" Haugen of Great Falls, Milton Haugen of Kalispell, and Marsha Wagenhauser of Great Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The casket will not be open for viewing.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

William Edward 'Bill' Hawk Sr., 73

William Edward "Bill" Hawk Sr., 73, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Billie B. Hawks, 81

Billie B. Hawks, 81, a long-time Libby resident, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include her three children, Kurt B. Kelley and Georgia L. Rayson, both of Libby, and Kimberly J. Johnson

of Worley, Idaho.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

James E. Hayes, 81

James E. Hayes, 81, of Cut Bank, a retired carpenter and Deacon of St. Margaret's Catholic Church, died Oct. 22, 2004, at Benefis Hospital after a short illness. A vigil service will be held today at 7 p.m. at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Cut Bank.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Margaret's on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m., followed by a burial at Crown Hill Cemetery and a gathering

at the parish social center.

Day Funeral Home of Cut Bank is in charge of arrangements.

Jim is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sandy (Holm) of Cut Bank, sons David (LeAnne) Hayes of Gardiner and Ray (Edythe) Hayes of Conrad, daughters Suzie (Ken) Grimm of Cut Bank, Marj (Les) DeZort of Kalispell, Julie Hayes of Cut Bank and Molly Hayes of Great Falls.

Werner Held, 88

Werner Held, 88, resident of Eureka from 1948 to 1962, died Nov. 17, 2004, in Lynnwood, Wash.

In the late '40s he taught school in Eureka, and later taught math, chemistry, French and German at Lincoln County High School, and math

at Hellgate High School in Missoula until 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughter, Pauline Utter, of Anchorage, Alaska; and son, Arthur Held, of Laurel, Md.

Services took place on Nov. 20 in Lynnwood, Wash.

Sigmund Helvik, 73

Sigmund Helvik, 73, of Libby, passed away Oct. 27, 2004. Sigmund was born Nov. 13, 1930, on a ranch east of Big Timber, to Julian and Ingeborg (Sofie) Helvik, the third of six boys. He grew up on the family ranch in Big Timber and attended Dry Creek School and Howe School.

Sigmund married Patricia Fay on March 12, 1955. They had three children.

Sigmund worked on the family ranch and Bieber Feed and Grain in Big Timber before working for a time at the smelter in Anaconda and finally settling in Libby in 1965. He worked for St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International in Libby for 27 years, retiring in 1991.

Sigmund enjoyed working in his garage fixing things. He had infinite patience for details and

liked to create sculptures out of Popsicle sticks and paper clips. Sigmund also loved to tell stories. He was an honest, loving, kind and most generous man that always had time to help others.

Sigmund was preceded in death by both of his parents, and his brother, Jacob Helvik.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his children, Sandra Simonich of Helena, Johnny Helvik of Livingston, and Bryan Helvik of Carson City, Nev.; his brothers, Hans Helvik of Libby, Carl Helvik of Helena, Julian Helvik and Sidney Helvik of Big Timber; and eight grandchildren.

Sigmund was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather that will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Inez R. Herrig

Inez R. Herrig, lifelong Libby resident, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at her home in Libby.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial

Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wallace Smith officiating.

Randolph R. 'Randy' Henderson, 56

Randolph R. "Randy" Henderson, 56, died at his home in Kalispell, on May 11, 2004.

Services are pending at this

time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Debbie Marie Hedman

Debbie Marie Hedman of Kalispell passed away Oct. 12, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell, surrounded by her loving family.



Debbie was born May 9, 1959, in Whitefish, the daughter of Gene and Marie Hedman. Debbie attended Whitefish schools and graduated in 1977.

She attended San Diego Court Reporting School and became a freelance court reporter, working in Kalispell. She soon started her own business, Hedman Reporting. In 1987, her business grew by adding two new partners, Hedman, Asa, and Gilman Reporting Inc.

Debbie became ill in the fall of 2001; after several months she was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. She stopped work to begin what became two years of cancer treatments including chemotherapy. Her positive attitude extended her life from the six months that the doctors gave her to over two and a half years. She was an inspiration to other cancer patients and a source of joy and strength for all those who knew her.

Debbie loved to travel and her favorite travel companion was her mother, Marie. Together they traveled to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean. Debbie's hobbies included bowling, hiking in

Glacier Park, golfing and playing pool with her dad and friends. She had so many friends that her family had to have a guest book for all of her hospital visitors. Debbie loved her family and friends with a strong passion. She loved life and lived it to the fullest.

She is survived by her mother, Marie Hedman of Kalispell; her father, Gene Hedman and Lenore Jorgenson of Whitefish; brothers, Doug and his wife, Kathy, of Graham, Wash., and Dale and his wife, Annette, of San Jose, Calif.; and half sister, Gina, of New York. She was also the adored aunt to Jenna, Daniel and Paige of San Jose, and Jason and his wife, Rachael, and great-niece, Raylena of Fort Riley, Kan.; and cherished by her maternal grandparents, David and Helen Morris of Whitefish. Debbie was loved and will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Her paternal grandparents, Vern and Edena Hedman, preceded her in death.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Deborah Schmidt of the Methodist Church in Whitefish will officiate. A private family urn burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Whitefish United Methodist Church, or a charity of your choice in Debbie's name.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Hazel Held, 90

Elizabeth "Betty" Hazel Held, 90, passed away Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at her residence in Kalispell.

Betty worked as a homemaker and bookkeeper.

Betty is survived by her husband, Herbert Held, of Kalispell; daughter, Marlene Benner and husband, Darrell, of Billings; and

son, Harold Held and wife, Sylvia, of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Betty will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont Street, Kalispell. Cremation has taken place.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ray Wayne Headrick, 52

Ray Wayne Headrick, 52, was found deceased Monday, April 12, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

Survivors include his mother, Jackie Headrick; and two daughters, Christy Phillips and Kelly Linam, all of Savan-

nah, Tenn.

There will be no local services.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.