

## Garth W. 'Jake' Jacobi, 78

Garth W. "Jake" Jacobi, 78, of Whitefish, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Oct. 15 1926, an only child.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Chris and Lillian Jacobi, also of Whitefish.

Jake loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing. After he retired in 1988 as business manager of School Dist. No. 6 in Columbia Falls, Jake set out on a mission to turn a timbered piece of land he had grown up on and carve it into



a beautiful piece of heaven.

His mission was completed and it is there he is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Beverly Ann, and their five children and their families. They include, Karen and her husband, Jesse, Greg and his wife, Sandy, Patti and her husband, Todd, Steve and his wife, Roxanne, and Chris and his wife, Teresa. Also loved by him was his six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Memorials may be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Donald Allen 'Jake' Jacobson, 60

Donald Allen "Jake" Jacobson, 60, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Gillette, Wyo. He was born Dec. 31, 1943, to Erling N. and Lela M. (Grafton) Jacobson in Fargo, N.D.

Jake graduated from high school in Cut Bank in 1962. He attended Montana State University for three years, studying mechanical engineering.

Jake then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served for a total of 34 years with active and reserve time, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

On May 30, 1980, he married the former Vickie Van Alstine in Las Vegas.

From 1972 until present, Jake worked in the oil fields around the world as a driller, floor hand and mostly as a tool pusher. He worked for various contractors including Amoco, General Well Corporation, Sabre Drilling, Loffland Brothers, Nabors Drilling and, for the last four years, Nucor, based in Riverton, Wyo.

In April of 1996, Jake and Vickie purchased and began operating Mane Attraction Beauty Salon in

Lander, Wyo, which is still in operation.

Throughout his military Reserves career, Jake had various deployments, including a year with the 5th Special Forces Group in East Africa, five years operating in Seoul, South Korea, one year based at Fort Clayton, Panama, two years in Quarry Heights, Panama, with the U.S. Security Assistance Program for Central and South America and the Caribbean, and also a one-year deployment with the same program in Paramaribo, Suriname.

Jake was an avid bird hunter, a big supporter of UW Cowboys athletics, a dedicated Denver Broncos fan, and enjoyed listening to and telling tall tales and stories.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jake is survived by his wife, Vickie, of Lander; son, Andy Jacobson, of Mountain View, Calif.; he also leaves behind his black lab, Sadie. Don was also the son-in-law of Barb Schow of Lake Blaine.

Services were held Dec. 19 in Lander.

## Alvin Ingram 'Al' Jacobson, 88

Alvin Ingram "Al" Jacobson, 88, died on Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at the Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.



Al and his twin, Henry, were born on April 22, 1916, in Oak Grove, N.D. As infants, they moved to Montana where their father homesteaded. Their mother, Karin Lien Jacobson, died when the boys were toddlers in the flu epidemic of 1918. As a boy, Al worked along with his brother on the family farm in Flaxville, and eventually came to the Flathead Valley with the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935. Adventurous and followers of the jazz music scene, the brothers moved to Chicago in 1939, while supporting themselves by working odd jobs until Alvin was drafted in 1941.

Al served with an engineering unit. Henry was drafted in September 1942 to serve in the infantry. After a special request and much red tape, the brothers were eventually stationed together. In 1944, they were captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and held as prisoners of war in Stalag 13.

After returning home to Kalispell in 1945, Al soon met his wife-to-be, Marjory Caton. Together they raised three sons, Kirby, Rich and David. Al worked as an auto mechanic and in the heating,

cooling and refrigeration business for many years. Upon his retirement, Al joined his wife in running her business. The Robin's Nest.

Anybody who knew Alvin enjoyed his quick wit and affable way. He was a lover of music (especially jazz guitar) and dancing (mostly at the Bigfork Inn.) You could often see him tending to his flowers in the gardens of his Conrad Drive home. He also loved to "tinker." Alvin could cook, sew, weld, fish, hunt, repair and build all manner of things — whimsical or practical. Al was a man of his generation — capable in a many ways.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjory.

Al's survivors include his sons; grandchildren, Ju-Lin, Noya and Jake; great-granddaughter, Kiera; brothers, Henry and Howard; sisters, Evelyn, Florence, Mayme and Beverly; and cousins, nephews, nieces and in-laws.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, followed by a graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Marjory and Alvin Jacobson Memorial Art Scholarship, c/o Rich Jacobson, 120 Second Street East, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to a charity of donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## David Benjamin Jackson, 68

David Benjamin Jackson, 68, "was taken home" on Sept. 15, 2004.

He was born April 20, 1936, in Frazer. He lived in the Flathead for most of his life, but spent his last days in Seymour, Tenn.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Della Finch, Jim Jackson, Tom Jackson, Rachel Jackson and Bee Jackson; and by his children, Sherry Mellem, Kel-



ly Jackson, Maybelle McGuigan, Suzanne Roberts, Michael Jackson, David Jackson; and a stepdaughter, Jessica Rowe. He has 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He was an animal lover. He was known as "Grandpa Chips" by his grandchildren because he always gave them special chips when they would come to see him.

There will be a memorial held for him at 4 p.m. Sept. 25, at Christian Life Fellowship, 5600 U.S. 93 S., Whitefish.

## Walter Kenneth Jackson, 91

Walter Kenneth Jackson, 91, of Niarada, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at the Evergreen Health Center.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at Grogan Funeral Home on Monday, Sept. 6.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Grogan Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Jolene Jacobson residence in Big Arm.

## Virginia May Jahn, 72

Virginia May Jahn, 72, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Gary Profitt and Ron Profitt, Shari Anderson, James

Lucas, Gloria Halloday and Lori Diaz.

No services are to be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lise' James, 40

Lise' James "passed to the other side to join her beloved family members who have gone before her" on March 30, 2004.

Those who knew and loved her will happily remember her wit, charm and humor. She lived her entire 40 years with an unshakeable enthusiasm for life, an intense love for her family and her husband, and a passion for her art.

She was born June 9, 1963, received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Montana in 1991, and married the love of her life, Rande Hall, on Sept. 27, 1997.

Between those mileposts she squeezed in a multitude of experiences which included a highly visible public profile as partner and public relations representative for her family's publishing business. She was famous for her ability to surround herself with loyal and loving friends.

Her grace proved legendary as she faced the tremendous challenges of a rare and incurable cancer with optimism and courage. Her ability to continue living her life to the fullest and seeing the glass half full rather than half empty since her diagnosis on November 1999 was a remarkable



gift to those who loved her.

At her request there will be no funeral and cremation has taken place.

In the Mission Valley, she is survived by her husband, Rande Hall; her parents, Charlie and Katie James; her brother, Mark James; her sister in her heart, Jennifer (Blade) Davis; her special niece, Kayla Lynch; and uncle Jim and Connie James; and grandma Mollie Ziler. Throughout the state and elsewhere, she is survived by her grandmother, Opal Jones; aunts, Harriet Christiansen, Dorothy Brown, Charlene Sullivan and Doris and Herb Hollenbeck; uncles, Darrold and Darlene Morrison, Delmar and Concha Morrison; numerous cousins and many dedicated friends who loved her dearly.

We request that any memorials in her honor be directed in her name to Wings (a cancer support program that helped with her travel expenses to the treatments necessary to sustain her life) Wings/Jennifer Schaeffer, 310 Sunny View Lane, Kalispell MT 59901; Lake County Home Health/Hospice 1-406-676-7300 or At Home Solutions 1-406-752-4545 (these dedicated folks helped her remain in comfort in her home until her passing.)

On June 12, there will be a public exhibition of her art and a celebration of her life and talent at the Wild Plum Station in Dixon.

## William H. Jamieson

Family and friends will be remembering the life of William H. Jamieson who died Jan. 20, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after complications of a stroke.

Services to honor his memory will be held 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Born in Athens, N.Y., June 27, 1921, Bill grew up in Patchogue, N.Y., where he met Jean Merrill, whom he married in 1943.

He began his college studies at Duke University; but with the outbreak of World War II, Bill enlisted in the Army Air Force, serving as a navigator until his honorable discharge in 1945. He then returned to Duke to complete his degree. They returned to Patchogue, where he became a navigator for Seaboard Airlines, later known as Flying Tigers and now FedEx. A few years later, Bill, Jean and his two young daughters moved to Napa, Calif. There, he also sold real estate, became an owner of an apartment complex and established Napa's first coin-operated laundry and dry cleaning business.

In Napa, Bill was active in Kiwanis, the Napa Real Estate board, Toastmasters, and Elks, but his real dream was to sail "around the world" as captain of his own "ship." After his daughters grew up, he and Jean were able to make that trip in 1977, just the two of them, sailing their 36-foot boat from San Francisco Bay, through the Panama Canal, across the Gulf of Mexico, to Ft. Myers, Fla., where they lived for several years. That trip (one of several) was to become the basis of his book, "To Those Still at Sea," published this last summer.

Always a lover of music, Bill had a beautiful tenor voice and perfect pitch. He had sung with the Duke University Choir and later composed several original songs. He loved to play the piano and he and Jean enjoyed playing bridge with their many friends in town.

Both Bill and Jean were accom-

plished dancers, so it was inevitable that when they moved to Whitefish, they became regulars at the Bigfork Inn where they later celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In Whitefish, Jean and Bill also joined the Presbyterian Church, attending services almost every Sunday and developing some of their most enduring friendships.

After Jean died in 1997, Bill met a another very special lady, Betty Fjeld. Bill and Betty moved to Village Greens in Kalispell where Bill loved to play golf, and the two of them enjoyed travel, bridge, pinochle with Betty's parents and bowling with the Kalispell Senior League. Bill also became an active member of the Kalispell Lions Club, collecting the "mint" money and working at the fair booth.

Bill was a long-time skier, and spent many days on the slopes of Big Mountain with his daughters and especially, his brother, David Jamieson. It was just this last winter that he decided to forgo buying his season pass. It was only a day before his final stroke, however, that he failed to complete his daily two-mile walk.

Bill Jamieson was a unique, extraordinary man: a loving father, husband, and friend always loyal, considerate, generous and supportive. He was a man with creative ideas and many dreams, several of which he made come true. Always an optimist, he was truly great company. "We will miss him terribly as he makes this final journey without us."

Bill is survived by his daughters, Lea Given and Rey Otto; brothers, David and Robert Jamieson; sister, Louise Allen; dear friend and companion, Betty Fjeld; son-in-law, John Otto; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, memorial fund in his name, or to the Kalispell Lions memorial fund for William H. Jamieson.



## Lois Ann Jandron

Lois Ann Jandron was born on May 10, 1934, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Yola and Odelon Broussard. Lois passed away "in the arms of God" and her soul mate Fred on Sept. 15, 2004, at 2:30 a.m. She was surrounded by her loved ones at home after an amazing and wonderful summer with pancreatic cancer.

On Oct. 9, 1954, Lois married her only true love and soul mate, Frederick Clyde Jandron. During their 40 years of marriage they led a life full of adventure and magic. They traveled from Texas to Alaska showing their children the beauty of God's world. Life was a magical adventure and they lived the magic.

They settled in Montana in 1970. They bought the old store in Coram. They spent 24 hours a day, seven days a week together. They were best friends, business partners, soul mates and an inspiration to what true love really was all about. They had what everyone wants, true love.

Oct. 9, 2004, is Fred and Lois's 50th wedding anniversary. Fred patiently waited 11 years for her. Lois never considered herself not married. She continued to be his wife 'till she died. "We take comfort in knowing that they are together again." That's what they wanted, and the way it should be.

Lois's life was deeply rooted in religion. Her life was dictated by the

Ten Commandments and by 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13. She was an amazing woman and will be terribly missed.

Lois saw her three grandsons almost every day of their lives. She found out she loved them as much as her own children. She had so much love to give. We'll miss that love.

She is survived by daughter, Michelle and her three sons, Frederick, Benjamin and Alexander Morgan; her son by choice, Timothy Morgan; her daughter, Colette; "her constant companion Annie the cat"; and her estranged son, Fred Jandron; her dear, dear sister, Betty Broussard of Gallatin, Texas; her sister-in-law, Joan Broussard, of Jacksonville, Texas; and her niece, Carol Broussard, of Spring, Texas.

Lois was preceded in death by her only love, Fred, on April 21, 1993; her parents; her brother, James Broussard; and her niece, Jolyntte.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Hungry Horse Chapel with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating. "Please join us in the celebration of her life and rebirth into the arms of God, and Fred, her one love."

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

## John Bain Janetski, 79

John Bain Janetski, 79, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at 4:15 p.m. in the afternoon in his home in Eureka.

John was born April 9, 1925, in Great Falls, where he was schooled and raised by Paul and Pearl Janetski.

John was so eager to serve his country in World War II that he lied about his age and joined the Marine Corps when he was 16 years of age. He fought in the Pacific Theater which included a beachhead landing in Guam and the Marianas Islands, and later did patrol duty on Guam. John was honorably discharged due to the cessation of the war.

He returned to the states and married Ethel West, his loving wife of 52 years, and beloved mother of their three sons. John faithfully provided for his family through the cement finishing trade, and in later

years owned and operated a successful building center in Eureka.

After attending to Ethel day and night for many months, John lost his precious wife to bone cancer in August 1999. In the year 2000, John married Beverly Wilson, who at that time had experienced the loss of her husband, and for the past four years, they have enjoyed one another's friendship and company.

Tragically, John and Ethel lost George, their eldest son, to a logging accident on Nov. 4, 1968.

Survivors include his two sons, Mike and Jack Janetski, eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Woodlawn Cemetery where he will be laid to rest next to his wife. Friends and family will gather on Friday to bid John "So long" until that "Great getting' up morning."

## Shirley Jeffords, 67

Shirley Jeffords, 67, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, in Spokane at Holy Family Hospital.

She was born June 5, 1936, in Rossland, British Columbia, to Hildegard and Gunnar Erickson. She was the second of three children.

Shirley moved to Kalispell, in 1980, and lived here until 1996. She then moved to Spokane where she lived until she passed away.

She was a loving mother and a giving grandmother, had a gift for doing needlework, and enjoyed playing bingo and cards with her



friends.

Shirley leaves behind five children, Julie Naethe and husband, Dave, of Kalispell, Robert Jeffords and fiancée, Rachel Ogle, of Kalispell, Steven Jeffords and wife, Laura, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Trina Snediker and husband, Don, of Spokane, and Kari McKittrick and husband, LeRoy, of Bellingham, Wash. She will also be missed by 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Allan Erickson, of Vancouver, British Columbia; and a sister, Karen Martin, of Rossland, British Columbia.

Cremation and a memorial took place in Spokane. Her final resting place is at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Lawrence Jenni, 79

Lawrence Jenni, 79, died of a heart attack at the ranch on lower Spring Creek Saturday, March 1, 2004.

He was born July 24, 1924, in Lewistown, to Fred and Bell Jenni.

He married Esther Rolfsness on Sept. 7, 1947. They celebrated 56 years together living on their ranch near Hanover. He loved the ranch and took great pride in it. His family and grandchildren were very special to him.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; daughter, Carol, and husband, Pete Nelson, of Kalispell, and their children, Jenn of Kalispell, and David of Bozeman; son, Don, and wife, Nancy (Colver) of Lewistown, and their three sons, Thaddeus, Scott and Michael; daughter, Patti Jo, and husband, John Meshnik of Eugene, Ore., and their children Kendra, Haley, Paul and Greg; brother, Floyd, and his wife, Peggy, of Lewistown; two sisters, Mildred Gatz of Lewistown, and Helen and Carl Rice of Sequim, Wash.

Lawrence attended the Jenni Country School through eighth grade, he graduated from Fergus High in 1942 and attended Montana State University at Bozeman for one year.

He served in the Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

He loved music, playing the organ and the accordion for many occasions. He often played the Uni-Fon as a Shriner in parades. A member of the Presbyterian church, he was an elder. He served on the local school board, Soil Conservation District, Republican

precinct committeeman, and was a member of the American Legion, Eagles, South Moccasin club and Sons of Norway. He was a member of Farm Bureau, serving as president. In 1957, the Jaycees selected him as Outstanding Young Farmer of the area, placing third in state.

Lawrence enjoyed his Masonic work. He was a member of Friendship Lodge No. 37, serving as master in 1973. He received his 50-year pin in 1999. He was a member of Lewistown York Rite Bodies and served as presiding officer of each of them. In 1977-78, he served as G.H.P. of Royal Arch Masons of Montana. He was a worthy patron of Marie Chapter Order of Eastern Star, and on both the Rainbow and DeMolay boards, receiving the DeMolay Cross of Honor. State Masonic honor organizations included: Red Cross of Constantine and Knights of the Cross of Honor. He began serving as grand organist of local and state York Rite bodies in 1968 until his passing. He was grand organist for Grand Lodge in 1991, '95 and '98. He had the honor to serve as general grand organist for York Rite International in 1990-93 and 1996-99. He joined the Al Bedo Shrine in 1964 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Great Falls in 1987.

Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown or the Shriner Children's Travel Fund.

The service will be held 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church today.

Cloyd's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Donald James Jensen, 72

Donald James Jensen, 72, of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, Mont.

He was born on May 13, 1931, in Chicago, Ill., to Oscar and Nellie (Burns) Jensen. Donald was educated in the Chicago school system.

Later he met and married Carmella Piscopo. They lived in Chicago where they owned a dry cleaning business. They had one child, a girl named Donnie who now lives in Bigfork, Mont., with her husband Richard.

Don and Carmella later moved northwest to live in the country, to a town named Fox River Grove, Ill. Donald worked for the 7-Up Company, and later for Redi-Mix Concrete, Meyers Concrete and The Standard Oil Company.

He enjoyed many vacations, taking long car trips with his wife and daughter traveling to other states. He enjoyed sightseeing, but especially loved water sports such as fishing, boating and swimming. He was an expert swimmer and diver. He also enjoyed horseback riding with his daughter or just watching her ride.

Don had many fond memories of getting together with many of the friends from the local Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, in Barrington, Ill. He was very close to many of them, always very giving and generous to them. He would go out of his way to do something special for one of them or help certain ones if he saw they needed something. He spoke about them often, even just days before he passed away.

Years later Donald and Carmella divorced. But he always had a special place for her in his heart. He was indebted to her for all she did for him over the years.

Don then moved to Barrington. There he began working as a car salesman. He often won awards for "Salesman of the Month" and "Salesman of the Year." Don had a way with people. He was well liked and respected by everyone. He said, "If you treat the customers right, they'll come back to you." For the next 25 years, he remained an extraordinary car salesman.

Over the next several years, Don

lived in Palatine, Cary, and Crystal Lake, Ill., where he lived last before his big move to Montana. Don still enjoyed fishing trips, tending the fish in his salt water aquarium, working in his yard and playing with his two dogs: a silky terrier named Taffy, and a West Highland terrier named Dynamite.

When Don became very ill, he moved from the Chicago area to be closer to his daughter, Donnie, and her husband Richard, in Bigfork, and to his granddaughter, Billie Roberts, and her husband Ryan, of Kalispell, along with their three children, Carson, Madeline and Parker. Don loved to be around Richard and was very proud of him as his son-in-law. He often commended his daughter Donnie for her working full-time and raising Billie all by herself. Don would beam at the sight of Billie, his granddaughter. He said, "She would always brighten up a room." During his last few years, he especially loved getting to see his three beautiful great-grandchildren laugh, play, and entertain him.

After a brief stay in Missoula, Mont., and Polson, Mont., he moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on April 15, 1998, where he stayed until April 15, 2004.

He is survived by his daughter, Donnie Meek, and her husband, Richard, of Bigfork; a granddaughter, Billie Roberts, and her husband, Ryan, of Kalispell; three great-grandchildren, Carson, Madeline and Parker of Kalispell; two step-granddaughters, Autumn Drey of Milwaukie, Ore., and Britney Meek of Bigfork; an older sister, Shirley Sammarco, and a younger sister, Darlene Soresta, both of Las Vegas; and a younger brother, Jack Jensen, of Chicago.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Nellie (Burns) Jensen; his older brother Leroy Jensen; and his younger sister, Betty Demas.

There will be a private memorial service for Donald J. Jensen for family, close friends and care givers. Burial was held in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Donald Sigurd 'Don' Jensen, 79

Donald Sigurd "Don" Jensen, 79, of Elmo, passed away quietly Aug. 3, 2004, at his home after courageously fighting a long illness. He was born April 12,



1925, to Walter and Lillie Jensen, and attended school in Polson until joining the Navy soon after the invasion of Pearl Harbor.

He was attached to the 6th Marines Division as a Seabee and was sent to China and the Philippines, where he was engaged in the Battle for Lehte Gulf. Upon returning from the Navy, he completed his high school education with the Polson High School Class of '45.

He later attended Montana State University and became an operating engineer before assuming ownership and operations of the Jensen family ranch.

On Feb. 15, 1957, Donald married Carrie Anna Marshall in Polson at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. They had two children, Sigurd and Leif.

Donald was a lifelong member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where he served on the

church council. He was a member of the VFW Post 2986, DAV, American Legion Post 112, Elks Lodge 1695 and a charter member of the Mission Valley Chapter of the Sons of Norway.

Donald is survived by his wife, Carrie Jensen, of Elmo; his two sons, Sigurd M. Jensen of Elmo, and Leif D. Jensen and his wife Nancy, of Fort Wayne, Ind. His brothers and sisters are Walden and Bernice Jensen of Missoula, Nordis and Ron Baker of Tacoma, Wash., Dolores Franzen of San Diego, Doris and Harlis Hansen of Edmonds, Wash., Wayne and Karen Jensen of Kalispell. Don leaves his grandchildren, Kelly of Elmo, Catherine, Kerrianna and Erik of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and many more nieces and nephews, all of whom were special to him.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, with interment to follow at the Lakeview Cemetery with military honors.

The family suggests memorials to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, or to a charity of your choice.

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

## Edna Olsen Jensen, 92

Edna Olsen Jensen, 92, passed away Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 9, 1911, in Minden, Neb., to Chris and Christina (Grosskurth) Olsen. Edna was one of four daughters. Her father died when she was young and her uncles helped Christina and the girls. The extended family moved to Hallock, Minn., where Edna and her sisters went to school. Her uncles farmed and her mother worked as a homemaker and dressmaker.

Edna moved to Junction City, Ore., in 1948, where she met her future husband while working in the hotel which he owned. James Jensen also worked in a lumber mill. The couple married at Faith Lutheran Church in Junction City,



in 1950, and raised one daughter.

Edna was employed at a nursing home and a flower shop once her daughter started college. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting and crocheting. She was active in Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell and was a member of Rebecca's Lodge in Oregon.

James died in 1985 and in 1990, Edna moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

She is survived by one daughter, Edna Neils and her husband, Ralph, of Kalispell, and four grandchildren, Heather, Tim, Stacy, and Greg.

Memorial services for Edna Jensen will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Dan Hackett officiating. Burial was at West Lawn Memorial Park in Eugene, Ore.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Edward Victor Jensen, 81

Edward Victor Jensen, 81, passed away while surrounded by loving family on Jan. 8, 2004, at Brendan House following a courageous battle with cancer.



Ed was born on March 18, 1922, to Harold and Julia Jensen in Browning. He spent his younger years on the family farm east of Chester. He attended school in both Joplin and Chester, graduating with the class of 1940.

After graduation, he farmed with his father before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in November 1942. He served three years in the South Pacific and was active in the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Battle of Saipan. When the war was declared over, he was part of the occupation forces stationed in Nagasaki, Japan. After returning to the U.S. on Dec. 7, 1945, he received his Marine Corps discharge.

On Jan. 10, 1946, Ed married Beth Hanson. He spent time farming with his parents until 1948 when the family moved to Shelby. Ed was attached to the I & I staff of the Marine Corps Reserve. In 1950, faced with the probability of leaving his family for active duty in the then brewing Korean Conflict, Ed chose to end his career in his beloved Corps. Ed's name is listed

in the book of registry for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Ed then returned to Chester with Beth, where they continued to farm and raise their three daughters, Arlene, Christine and Twyla.

In 1962 they moved to Kalispell where Ed worked at C&C Plywood and Montana Power.

Ed is survived by Beth, his wife of 58 years; his daughters, Arlene McFarland and husband, Jay, of Kalispell, Christine Hale and husband, John, of Hurricane, Utah, and Twyla Stoddard and husband, Rockney, of Kennewick, Wash.; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Albert Hanson of Chester; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Beverly Bergh of Longview, Wash. Also extended family, Bob and Cheri Hooper and Bob and Carrie Hooper.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 13, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, 65 West Evergreen, Kalispell. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 12, at Risen Christ.

Following cremation, burial will take place alongside his mother in the Chester Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

Rockman Funeral Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Veterans Pantry at 1527 Montana 35, Kalispell.

## Marlyn George 'Huz' Jensen, 74

Marlyn George "Huz" Jensen, 74, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at home in the company of his family on Monday, Nov. 8, 2004.



Huz was born on March 18, 1930, in Lostwood, N.D., to Eileene (Hammond) and George Jensen. He and his older brother Cliff grew up and attended schools in Berthold, N.D., Livingston and Miles City. A graduate of Custer County High School in Miles City in 1948, Huz was an all-around athlete. He played on a state champion American Legion baseball team in 1947 and in other sports, including his lifelong favorite, football.

Prior to attending the University of Montana, Huz served in the U.S. Navy as a gunners mate on the destroyer USS Hollister that was deployed to Hawaii and along the West Coast.

After playing on the Grizzly football team for four years, Huz graduated from UM in 1955 with a degree in physical education. He began his 38-year career as an educator and coach by teaching biology and coaching sports for two years at Flathead High School. He moved to Boys' Central in Butte from 1957 through 1965, where he also taught biology. He served as the head football coach at Central, with his team winning the state championship and Huz receiving Class 1-A Football Coach of the Year honors in 1964.

Returning to Kalispell in 1965, Huz was Flathead's head football coach for four years, and assisted with coaching wrestling and track and field. He taught U.S. history for 28 years, retiring from FHS in 1993. He was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1990.

This past August friends and family helped Huz celebrate the 50th anniversary of his marriage to Jo Ann (Warzeka). In addition to raising four daughters of their own, Huz and Jo Ann were the AFS parents of Claudia Macias de Angeles of Mexico City in 1980-81.

Huz recently celebrated another golden anniversary. He rode in the 2004 University of Montana

homecoming parade along with his 1954 football teammates, who were recognized at a pregame ceremony at the homecoming game of his beloved Grizzlies.

Besides teaching, Huz often worked as a wrestling official and served for several years as the director of city recreation in Kalispell, responsible for Bruckhauser Pool and sporting fields in the community. He also worked for 24 years in Flathead County's Juvenile Work Program, helping to nudge many slightly wayward youth back toward the path of the straight and narrow as he supervised them during their assigned work hours.

Huz was active in several community organizations, including the Sunrises Lions Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the board of the Central School Museum, the Grizzly Athletic Association, and the Elks, who recognized him as Elk of the Year, 1985-1986.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Cliff Jensen; and a nephew, Mark Jensen.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; four daughters and their husbands, Tracey and Dick Dramstad of Arlington, Mass., Robin and Ron Marvin and Laura Jensen and Paul Wagner, all of Kalispell, and Jackie and Jon Fenton of Lynnwood, Wash.; his sister-in-law, Gale Jensen, of Kalispell; nephews, Steve Jensen of Billings, and David Jensen of Texas; niece, Debbie Pemberton, also of Texas; four grandchildren, Zachary Lindsay of Missoula, Eric and Will Dramstad of Arlington, and Nina Wagner of Kalispell; he also leaves behind his feline companion, Harriett the Spy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with Father Vic Langhans, celebrant. Commital will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to The Grizzly Football Teams of 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956 Scholarship Fund, in care of the University of Montana Foundation, PO Box 7159, Missoula MT 59807.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Peter Larrin 'Pete' Jensen, 60

Peter Larrin "Pete" Jensen, 60, passed away on Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

Pete was born on Feb. 20, 1944, in Billings, to Lester and Charlotte Bohl Jensen. As a child, Pete lived in Ballantine, Laurel, Custer, Pompey's Pillar and Cut Bank. Pete attended Wren-Croff country school north of Cut Bank for four years. He graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1962.

He served for three years in the U.S. Army with the 118th Aviation Company as a helicopter crew chief. During his enlistment he served his country for 18 months in Vietnam, where he received the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star for Valor, and the Air Medal with 16 Oak Leaf clusters.

He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1965. He returned to Montana where he worked as a civil servant at Malmstrom Air Base in Great Falls, from December of 1966 until October of 1980.

Pete married Anita Acord in 1966, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; they were divorced later on.

He married Irene Lorge on March 28, 1987, in Whitefish.

He worked construction for several years, before being forced to retire due to a back problem.

He loved horse racing, and had



worked at several race tracks, including tracks at Helena, Kalispell, Great Falls and Missoula. He loved playing with his dogs, and working in the yard. He had taken up golf at the age of 52, and dearly loved it.

"With Pete, you always knew where you stood." He was well known as being very honest and upfront with everyone he knew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; four daughters and their spouses, Suzie and Tim Doughty, Cindy and Jim Clark, Linda and Mark Smith and Jaylene and Tracey Murphy; 10 grandchildren, Laura, Derek and Cole Doughty, Jennifer, Justin and Tyler Clark, Ashley and Jessica Smith, and Kayla and Cody Murphy, all of Great Falls; one sister, Carol Mattson Chester; one brother, Tim Jensen, of Sheridan, Wyo.; five nephews, several aunts, uncles and lots of cousins. He was also fond of two very special springer spaniels named Krissy and Megra.

A gathering to celebrate and remember his life will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, at Spencer and Co. steakhouse. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Memorials in his name are requested to the Home Options Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Dorothy C. Jewett, 86

Dorothy C. Jewett, 86, a longtime resident of Kalispell, "began a better journey" on Aug. 24, 2004.

Dorothy was born Nov. 5, 1917, in Saskatchewan where she remained until her marriage to Fred in 1937. They moved about Saskatchewan and Alberta and the United States from Indiana, Tennessee, Utah, and finally to Montana in 1946. They remained in Kalispell during their working years, where they raised daughter, Sharon (Vasques), and son, James.

Upon retirement they rotated between Mesa, Ariz., in the winter and Kalispell in the summer. Dorothy and Fred also enjoyed traveling to visit friends and relatives across the United States and Canada.

Following Fred's passing in 1988, Dorothy remained in Kalispell until 1999, when she moved to Richland, Wash., to be near her son, Jim, and his family.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband; her daughter,

Sharon; and two sisters, Francis Lang, and Genevieve Howell.

Surviving Dorothy are son, Jim; grandsons, Matthew of Atlanta, Ga., Christopher Jewett of Corpus Christi, Texas, Travies Vasques, and granddaughter, Tabetha Vasques Lorta, of Iuka, Miss.; sister, Sunny Harris, and brother, Clarence Grant of Calgary, Alberta; and four great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. She will always be remembered and missed.

One of her favorite things to do was to listen to music played by Cy Howell and "the band" — "so play away Cy and dance, Dorothy, dance!"

Graveside services were held on Aug. 26 at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland, Wash.

Einan's Funeral Home, 915 By-pass Hwy., Richland, WA 99352, is in charge of funeral arrangements. 509) 943-1114.



## Clarke V. Johnson, 48

Clarke V. Johnson, 48, died on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place

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

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

## Elmore 'Bob' S. Johnson, 83

Elmore "Bob" S. Johnson, 83, passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at his home in Somers.

He was born in Kalispell, on July 17, 1920, to Orin and Lillie (Croy) Johnson. Elmore received his early education in the Flathead Valley but because of complications with polio he was unable to complete school.

He worked as an airplane mechanic during World War II in California until the end of the war. After returning to Kalispell, he continued his work as a mechanic for the majority of his working life.



On Dec. 16, 1962, Elmore met and married Norma Jean Weed in Whitefish. After his retirement, Elmore operated his own shop for a time. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

Elmore was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter, Victoria Hawk.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; two sons, Doyle Russell and Gary Russell, both of East Lakeshore; a daughter, Mary'l Luntsford of Kalispell; four granddaughters, Kimberly Luntsford, Krystal Fishel, Desiree Russell and Shiree Russell; and many great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lee H. Johnson, 74

Lee H. Johnson, 74, passed away on Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born on Dec. 18, 1929, in Conway, S.C., the son of Leo and Reba (Martin) Johnson.

Lee received his early education in Conway and continued in Charleston before joining the Navy at the age of 17. He was able to complete his GED and two years of college while on active duty.

Lee retired in 1965 and, after returning to North Carolina, went to work for Mosler Safe & Coin. He worked in Tennessee, Kentucky and California before retiring in Tennessee in 1982. He moved to Florida for five years before moving to Kalispell in 1987.

Lee met Nancy R. Hardgrove Ray in 1995 and the couple married on April 10, 1999, in Kalispell.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, coin collecting and NASCAR races.

Lee was preceded in death by his father; two brothers, William and Wendall; and two sisters, Letha Jones and Elizabeth Speers.

He is survived by his wife, Nan-



cy; his mother, Reba Sanders, of Ridgeway, S.C.; three sons, Michael Johnson and wife, Nancy, of Hillsboro, Ore.; Matthew Johnson of Molalla, Ore.; and Mitchell Johnson and wife, Deann, of Auburn, Wash.; one daughter, Melissa Glad and husband, Joe, of Portland; five stepchildren, Laurie Severson of Dayton; Tammy Gossett, Robert Hardgrove and wife Katina, and Schrie Jones and husband Eric, all of Kalispell; and Boon Hardgrove of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by a brother, Al Sanders of Winnboro, S.C.; a sister, Gail Derrick and husband, Jay, of Virginia; 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Lee Johnson will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Dan Wurster of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Urn burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Letitia 'Tish' Kleinhans Johnson

Letitia "Tish" Kleinhans Johnson was born Jan. 14, 1915, in Somers, the sixth child of Mary Jane and Weber Kleinhans. Her childhood was happy, loving, social and hardworking, all of which set the stage for her high-achieving life. She died from natural causes on Sunday, May 16, 2004.



She attended Rousselle Grade School in Somers, and high school in Kalispell. She received her bachelor's degree in education in 1936.

On June 28, 1942, she married Bernard "Ben" F. Johnson. They resided in San Diego, until 1945, when they returned to Montana to the Johnson family homestead at Round Butte in Ronan.

As a young mother and full-time teacher, she cared for her husband and four daughters, and nephews and nieces. Being a wife and mother on a farm led to hard work and long hours. In addition, she sponsored and participated in community activities and events.

Her professional teaching/librarian career began at Ronan High School, teaching English, American history, Latin 1 and 2 and journalism. She later taught in Missoula District One and returned to Ronan High School as English teacher and librarian. She founded a Student Librarian Club, which ultimately evolved into the Montana State Student Librarians.

In 1962, she was hired by Missoula County High School as instructional materials director and librarian. She was also school librarian at Sentinel High School.

With a lifelong love of learning, Letitia earned her master's degree in 1963 at the University of Montana, followed by a continuing education degree in 1964, and a master's degree in library science at California State University in 1972. She was also a visiting lecturer and instructor at the University of Montana.

She encouraged students, teachers, her children and grandchildren, to view learning as a life-long process and to make it a top priority.

She was project director and past president for the state in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and was elected to offices at local, state and national levels of multiple professional organizations.

During the '60s and '70s, she strived to place a reliable library/resource center for teach-

ers and students in every school system in the state of Montana. She later considered this her greatest professional accomplishment. She went further to implement programs to teach schools to use these resources effectively. She administered a multi-media program that increased the services to students, educators and public; provided research and instructional aides; formed a teacher advisory committee and made use of speakers and other community resources. She actively cooperated with teachers in writing curriculum units for career education, gave workshops for secretarial and home economics classes and in-service training for teachers.

She was a devout Christian and Methodist. Her church remained a priority throughout her life. She founded Easter Sunrise Service in 1937, held on the top of the Round Butte Hill, a tradition which still continues in the community. She played the pump organ for services. She was also active in the Ronan Methodist Church and the Missoula United Methodist Church. Her membership and fellowship in Wesley Foundation provided lasting lifetime friendships.

Letitia "Tish" was a mother, grandmother, counselor, loyal friend, a gracious hostess, educator and advocate for human rights.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ben Johnson; son-in-law, Tom Lautzenheiser; three brothers, Paul, William and Henry Kleinhans; and one sister, Jeanette Koenig Lussier.

She is survived by her four daughters and their husbands, Florence and Bob Pallett of Spokane, Lyn and Bob McKee of Hamilton, Lea and Gary Johnson and Karin Lautzenheiser of Missoula; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Sara Fine of Kalispell, and Martha Pratt of Salem Ore.; a sister-in-law, Helen Johnson; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St. in Missoula.

Suggested memorial contributions are to the First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main, Missoula 59801; the United Methodist Church, 407 Adams St. SW, Ronan, 59864; and the Alpha Mu State of Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Fund, in care of Rosanne Jones, State Treasurer, 405 Bay View Drive, Polson, MT 59860; or to a memorial of the donor's choice.

## Paulette (Branstetter) Johnson, 61

Paulette (Branstetter) Johnson passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2004, at her home with her kids by her side. She battled cancer for two years. She was 61 years old. By her request, no services will be held.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1942, in Greybull, Wyo., to Orville and Catherine (Meyers) Townsley. Later her family moved her to Powell, Wyo., where she attended the Powell schools.

On May 21, 1960, Paulette married Glenn F. Branstetter; they raised three children then later divorced in 1981.

Paulette later married Ron Johnson; they moved from Wyoming to Oregon where they built a home and business.

Her hobbies included antique shopping, flower gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Johnson; brother-in-law, Rob

Johnson; son-in-law, Justin and his wife, Stacey Johnson; granddaughter, and Mara Johnson, 7 years old, all from Prineville, Ore.; daughter, Lynette and Don Norman, and granddaughters, Melissa, 9 years and Chelsea, 7 years old, all of Columbia Falls; two sons, Brandy Branstetter of Yellowstone National Park and Thomas Branstetter of Wyoming; and cousin, Elaine and Dale Massing of Harlowton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Catherine Townsley; sisters, Lucil Martin, Virginia Townsley and Pauline Siebel; grandchildren, Chelsie Anne, Chase William and Sara Olivia Norman; brother-in-law, James Martin; and nephew, Edward Martin.

Memorials may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Columbia Falls.

Whispering Pines Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements; 541-416-9733.

## Margaret L. 'Joni' Johnson, 93

Margaret L. "Joni" Johnson, 93, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1911, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Charles H. and Cora E. (Knollenberg) Johntz.

She attended schools in Kansas City and graduated from Southwest High School in Kansas City from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan. A member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, she received a degree in French in 1933.

She went to work for Hall Bros. (later Hallmark Card Co.) in Kansas City as their first creative editorial writer, creating thousands of greeting cards before resigning to be married in October 1939.

She married Harry C. Johnson of Marquette, Kan., moving immediately to Cleveland, Ohio, where Harry was employed by Montana Flour Mills Co. Their first son, Jim, was born there.

The family moved to Great Falls in 1944. Harry was an executive for Montana Flour Mills until 1968, when it was purchased by ConAgra Inc. and he became the manager of Montana operations. Three more children were born to them in Great Falls; Bob, Denny and Signe.

Joni and Harry moved to Lakeside after Harry's 1980 retirement, and then to Kalispell in 1995. Har-



ry died in September 2000.

Joni was a member of the PEO Sisterhood for nearly 50 years, the Society of Mayflower Descendants (charter member of the Montana society) and the First Presbyterian churches of Great Falls and Kalispell. She was a gifted and brilliant artist all her life, creating a drawing and a verse for every event or occasion.

Joni is survived by three sons, James W. Johnson and his wife, Myrna, of Kalispell, Robert E. Johnson and his wife, Paula Botelho, of Rockville, Md., and Dennis C. Johnson and his partner, Steve Smith, of Portland, Ore.; one daughter, Signe L. Johnson and her fiance, David A. Krise, of Lander, Wyo.; also six grandchildren, Mike Johnson and Amy of Kalispell, Erika Johnson and David Sandler of Kalispell, Tyler J. Johnson of Missoula, August Braden of Klamath Falls, Ore., Charles Braden of Chicago, and Mariana Botelho Johnson of Rockville, Md.

At her request, there will be no public service. The family will conduct private interment services for both Harry and Joni at a later date. A portion of her ashes will be returned to nature, as she wished.

If remembrances are desired, donations to the endowment of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, MT.; or Immanuel Lutheran Corp., Kalispell, MT are requested.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Steven William Johnstone, 93

Steven William Johnstone, 93, of Havre and formerly of Whitefish, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Peace Hospice of natural causes.

He had been a foreman for the railroad.

Survivors include his children, Dolores Hrisisce, Barbara Fontana, Marilyn Rose and Daniel Johnstone, all of Great Falls, and Stephen Johnstone of Havre.

Visitation will be from noon

to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel and his funeral liturgy will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, with the Rev. Lou Krauth as president. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

## Thomas Fredrick Johnston Sr.

Thomas Fredrick Johnston Sr., passed away in his sleep after a long illness on Nov. 13, 2004, at his son's residence in Kalispell.

Tom was born on March 27, 1925, in Penn Hills, Pa., the son of Thomas Johnston and Ida (Stein) Johnston. At an early age he and his sister were orphaned and needed to move to Pittsburgh to be raised by his aunt and uncle. Tom attended grade school, high school and Washington Trade School. While in junior high he met his only love, Jean Ewing.

Tom enlisted in the U.S. Navy June of 1943. Other than basic training, Tom spent 2-1/2 years on board the DE198 (Lovelace) in the South Pacific. He was one of the original crew of the Lovelace (plank holder). During this time he engaged in many battles, including the Battle of Layte Gulf and the liberation of the Philippines. For this he was awarded three bronze stars.

After Tom's discharge, he married Jean in December of 1945. He soon began his career as a boiler fireman at creameries and high-rise office buildings in Pittsburgh.

In 1974, Tom and Jean moved to Montana to be closer to their grandchildren. He quickly started working part-time at Kalispell Regional Hospital, Baypoint Estates, and retired in 1991 at head custodian of Central School in Whitefish. In 1993 he retired from his second job as custodian of the Daily Inter Lake.



After retirement, Tom and Jean wintered in Key Largo, Fla. Soon Jean's health began to fail and he started his next career as caregiver.

Tom had many hobbies. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, building model ships and planes, and dabbling in Paint-by-Numbers artwork. He also enjoyed building a cabin in the Swan Valley and helping his son remodel their homes.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Stella; his wife, Jean, in December 2002; and his son, Paul, in November 2003.

Tom is survived by his son, Thomas F. Johnston Jr., and his wife, Terry, their children, Michelle Mitchell and her husband, Paul, of Kalispell, Jackie Johnston of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Andrea Johnston of Kalispell, his late son's children, Christine Johnston, Lisa Johnston and Paul Johnston Jr., all of Pittsburgh, and daughter-in-law Peggy Johnston of Kalispell. He also has many nieces and nephews scattered throughout the United States.

At Tom's request there will not be a visitation or service. A private family burial will be conducted at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Dialysis Clinic patient fund or the Kalispell Hospice. There will be a small gathering of friends and family at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the home of Tom Johnston Jr.

"So long old sailor, we will miss you, but Jean and Paul are waiting for you."

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## William R. 'Bill' Johnson, 92

William R. "Bill" Johnson, 92, passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Wel-Life of Kalispell in Kalispell. He was born on Aug. 8, 1911, in Essex to Charles Dean and Margaret (Kelly) Johnson.

William's family homesteaded in the Fortine area and lived in Montana all their lives. Bill, as he was known, spent his high school years in Havre and started working for the Great Northern Railroad while still in high school. He was a welder, track inspector and section foreman for Great Northern and Burlington Railroad for over 47 years.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Charlotte

Kempf Johnson; his parents, four brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his son, William C. Johnson of Memphis, Tenn.; a daughter, Charlene Heron of Bigfork; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

Graveside services for William R. Johnson will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Stumptown Historical Society, 500 Depot St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Gerald William Johnston, 81

Gerald William Johnston, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, in Kerrville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Albina "Beanie" Johnston of Kerrville; daughter, Sharon

Johnston of San Antonio, Texas; and son, William G. Johnston of St. Louis.

Memorial services were held in Kerrville.

## Lillian B. Johnston, 74

Lillian B. Johnston, 74, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her children, Joseph Johnston and Jonette Johnston-Tubb of Libby, and Jerry Johnston of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fireman's Park; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Luke Shannon Johnston, 32

Luke Shannon Johnston, 32, of Columbia Falls, died in a motor vehicle accident on Friday, Dec. 24, 2004.

Luke is survived by his wife, Kami; and his two daughters, Kyla and Cheyanne; his father, Lewis Johnston of White Sulphur Springs; and mother, Kathleen Moran Johnston of Boise, Idaho; He is also survived by his grandmothers, Neva Lou Johnston of White

Sulphur Springs, and Hazel Moran of St. Ignatius.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 28, at the Twichel Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the White Sulphur Springs High School, with graveside services immediately following at Mayn Cemetery. A coffee hour will be held at the Lutheran church.

## Craig Alan Jonason, 56

Craig Alan Jonason, 56, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home.

He was born on June 24, 1948, in Sleepy Eye, Minn., the son of Reinhold Abram and Ardelle Vera (Johnson) Jonason. He grew up in Fairfax, Minn., and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn.

He and his wife, Carolyn were united in marriage on Aug. 1, 1970, at Russell, Minn. They lived in Sartell, Minn., where they raised three children.

Craig was an insurance salesman for 28 years in the St. Cloud area. He and his wife moved to Somers in 1998, where he devoted much of his time to his flea market, volunteering at Buffalo Terrace; selling real estate and driving around town to check in on friends and favorite businesses.

Craig was a loyal husband, father and friend. He was a wonderful listener and loved to "talk-smart" with other people. He took a sincere and active interest in the well-being of his friends, relatives and acquaintances and was always eager to provide assistance when it was needed. Craig will also be remembered for his hard work ethic and dedication to all ventures he undertook. He had a good

sense of humor honoring his Swedish ancestry with "Ole and Lena" jokes. He delighted in his family and friends with grilled ribs and chicken made with his own "secret sauce," in addition to being a master lefse maker. He enjoyed golfing and the process of collecting and creating inventory for his flea market, as well as making a good sale.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Mark Jonason.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, of Somers; two daughters, Heidi Becken and husband, Eric, and Kristina Jonason, all of St. Paul, Minn.; one son, Gregg Jonason, of Somers; grandson, Jonah Becken of St. Paul; "and a loving pet, Molly;" and other family members and friends who loved him and will hold him in their hearts forever.

A memorial service for Craig Alan Jonason will be 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 1, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 South, Somers, MT 59932.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Ilene Mary Jones, 85

Ilene Mary Jones, 85, passed away on Monday, April 12, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Ilene was born on July 16, 1918, in Marcus, Wash., to George R. and Pearl Wilson Jessee.

While living in Spokane, she worked as an elevator operator at the Davenport Hotel, than at Sacred Heart Hospital.

She moved to Kalispell in 1975 to be near her daughter. She retired in 1978.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters; one

brother; and her husband.

She is survived by three daughters, Joan Sipe and her husband Richard of Kalispell, Judy Burton and her husband Dave of Oklahoma, and Janet Sullivan of Oregon; seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family burial has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Wallace Eugene Jordt, 70

Wallace Eugene Jordt, beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many, passed "from this life to the next" on the morning of July 2, 2004.



Wally was born on March 14, 1934, to John and Gertrude (Otto) Jordt. The fourth of five children raised in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Wally joined the U.S. Navy in 1953. He served his country for three years and then returned to the Black Hills, where he met his sweetheart, Carol Holbach. Wally and Carol were married on March 9, 1957, in Pierre, S.D.

Wally, employed as a "power-saw man" for the Campbell Lumber Co. of Custer, S.D., heard tales of taller timber in Montana. He brought his wife and the first of many sons to the Flathead in 1959.

Wally soon found work as a sawyer for Royal Logging Co. and began a logging career in the Flathead that would last until the very moment of his passing.

As an independent contractor, Wally raised his seven sons in the woods, teaching and leading by example the principles of hard work, integrity, honesty, respect and loyalty. These qualities defined Wally's public life as well: 15 years service on the Evergreen School Board (12 as chairman), baseball coach, longtime member of Montana Logging Association, most recently a member of the board of the Buffalo Hills Golf Course.

As a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and later Trinity Lutheran Church, a Sunday School teacher and Bible Study

Fellowship leader, the Lord, through Wally, touched and molded countless lives.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents; brother Elwood; and sister Ruth.

He is survived by his brother Lester and wife Delores of Bigfork; sister Audrey of Rapid City, S.D.; his beloved bride Carol of Kalispell; his sons and their families: Jason and Mary and their daughters Erin and Sarah; Aaron and Tammy and their daughters Sydney and Cedar; Luke and Heather and their sons Chase and Keaton and daughter Kailyn; Nathan and Joanna and his daughter Kelsey; Thadeus and Brenda and their sons Evan, Austin, and Adam, all of the Flathead; Lance and Jennifer and their daughter Candace and sons Eric and Issac of Eagle River, Alaska; Caleb and Holly and their sons Cody and Caden and daughter Kylee of Missoula.

Brother, husband, lover, provider, father, grandfather, companion, fisherman, hunter, golfer, Griz fan, teacher, advocate, servant, leader, logger: In the end it all proved too great for his heart. He left us with a smile on his face, a chain saw in his hand, surrounded by a beautifully parked-out forest, the morning sun breaking over the mountains, just the way he promised all of us he would go.

Thank you Wally, we love you.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

People who wish to make a gift are asked to consider a donation to Bigfork Quick Response Unit at 837-2521.

Johnson Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

## Edwin W. 'Bud' Jordan, 79

Edwin W. "Bud" Jordan, 79, passed quietly at his winter home in Manzanillo, Mexico, on Dec. 18, 2004.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., on March 7, 1925, Bud attended the Kenwood and Blake Schools and joined the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 17. He fought in the Pacific during World War II and was part of the occupation of Japan after the war.

In 1946, Bud moved to Wilsall, Mont. He met and married the former Mary Ann Work and owned and managed the Shields River Ranch, a commercial Hereford cattle operation. Bud and Mary Ann ranched for 30 years, sold the ranch, built a home in Whitefish, bought one in Mexico and split

their time between the two.

They loved to golf, ski, hunt and fish and entertain together.

Mary Ann preceded Bud in death in 1986.

Bud married Eleanor Newell of Austin, Texas, in 1987, and had 10 wonderful years with her until her death in 1997.

Survivors include daughters, Sara Fisher of Gypsum, Colo., Markie Burch of Santa Maria, Calif., and son, Wink Jordan of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held in the summer of 2005 at Bud's home on Whitefish Lake.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice and cards may be sent to P.O. Box 1471, Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Clifford M. Jore, 81

Clifford M. Jore, 81, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at his residence at Kila. He was born on Nov. 5, 1923, on a farm at Keene, McKenzie County, N.D., the son of Clarence and Marit (Haugen) Jore. He was one of eight children.



He took over the family farm in North Dakota at the age of 16 and took care of his mother until her death in 1956. Later he worked on the Keogh Ranch, in the oil fields, and was in partnership with his brother, Donald, in a service station in Billings for some time. He worked at a Moosehead Guest Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in 1965; worked at the Kindred Livestock Barn in Bloomington, Ill., and a welding factory there.

On June 26, 1966, he was united in marriage to Sandra Bressner in Pontiac, Ill., and they bought the CM Quarter Circle Ranch at Kila in 1967. From that marriage, a son, Craig Michael Jore, was born on June 26, 1969, who became the love of his life.

He worked for Wilson Construction Co. for a while and then managed Walter Christmas Tree Co. and enjoyed harvesting many wild trees. He was a rancher at heart, loving that way of life. Though hard at times, he always loved what he did for a living. Raising cattle and horses and

working the land made him happy. Neighbors would say he was always willing to lend a hand whenever help was needed.

He was a longtime member of the Montana Oldtime Fiddlers Association and loved to play his violins and dance. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

His family and closest friends meant everything to him. To his son Craig, Cliff was his role model, teacher, inspiration and true best friend. "I love you Dad and will miss you so very much."

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers and sisters, Selmer, Hazel, Cora, Lydia, Ernest and Arthur.

He is survived by his son, Craig Jore, of Kila; a brother, Donald Jore, of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Clifford Jore will be held at 4 p.m. today, Jan. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main Street Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 3499 Hwy. 93 N. Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

*This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.*

## Beverly LaVonne 'Bev' Coverdell Josephson

Beverly LaVonne "Bev" Coverdell Josephson passed away March 24, 2004, as a result of heart failure at the Billings Deaconess Hospital.



Bev was born Dec. 11, 1936, in Kalispell, to Forrest and Esther Swallow Coverdell.

Bev was a valedictorian of Bigfork High; and graduated with a business degree and minor in music from the University of Montana in 1960.

She married Richard "Dick" Josephson, of Billings, on Aug. 28, 1960. They moved to Livingston, in 1962, then to Big Timber in 1964.

Possessing a ceaseless work ethic and boundless creativity, her entire family and friends are proud of the contributions she made to the lives of everyone around her.

She was an award-winning miniature oil and pencil artist. Bev was a patient and persistent gardener and landscape artist at the family home of her design along the Yellowstone River. She

devoted herself the last several years as curator of the Crazy Mountain Museum. Bev also was a passionate genealogist, researching and archiving the family history back centuries. She was and remains an angel to many.

Bev was preceded in death by her father, Forrest Coverdell.

She is survived by her husband, Dick; her mother, Esther Swallow Coverdell of Big Timber; her sister, Shirley Seanor and George of Soldatna, Alaska; sons, Mark and Bonnie of Big Timber, Jon and Dawn of Vancouver, Wash., and Joe and Nichole of Bozeman; sister-in-law, Peggy and Paul Miller of Missoula. Her beautiful grandchildren are Brianna, Emma, Ellie, Sojin and Taesan.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Following graveside services at Mountain View Cemetery, Crazy Mountain Museum will be open for a reception in memory of Bev.

Contributions in Bev's memory may be made to the Crazy Mountain Museum, P.O. Box 83, Big Timber, MT 59011.

Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.



## William E. Journot, 73

William E. Journot, 73, of Libby, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Delores, of Libby; and three daughters, Roxanne Escudero of Libby, Terri Mirador of

Havre, and Jeannie Journot of Missouri.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the funeral home.

## Milton Eugene 'Milt' Just, 66

Milton Eugene "Milt" Just, 66, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his family at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born on March 4, 1938, in Turtle Lake, N.D., the son of Emil E. and Louise (Wagner) Just. Milt graduated from Mercer High School in Mercer, N.D., in 1955.

He married Berniece B. Wageman Aug. 18, 1957, at Mercer. He went to work for Eddy's Bread in Bismarck, N.D., in June of 1958. He transferred with the company to Kalispell in December of 1967. He became a district sales manager for Eddy's Bread in May of 1986 which required him to move to Missoula. He retired from Eddy's in May of 1996 due to an illness, and he and Berniece moved back to Kalispell in September of 1997.

Milt was an avid fisherman and became captain of his own 28-foot twin engine Fiberform boat called the "Kandy Kay." Together he and Berniece set out to fish in Neah Bay catching halibut, salmon and shrimp and crabbing. His favorite trip was to go from Prince Rupert to Sitka, Alaska, via the Inland Passage way.

In his later years, he enjoyed attending games and functions for

his grandchildren. He also enjoyed dinners with his kids and grandkids with a good game of Uno. He made the best North Dakota sausage ever!

He was a past member of the Eagles and the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Louise Just.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Berniece B. Just of Kalispell; three sons, Wes Just and his wife, Kalie, and Kevin Just and his wife, Kim, all of Kalispell, and Wayne Just and his wife, Judy, of Oak Creek, Wis.; one daughter, Candi Roberts and her husband, Dave, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren, Jacque, Jantsen, Tyler, Kaylin, Sheena, Tim, Josh, Sean, Rachel, Breann and Chad; one brother, Mel Just, of Aurora, Minn.; three sisters, Eileen Spilman of Bemidji, Minn., Mavis Campbell of Zurich, and Lynn McLean of Grand Rapids, Minn.; also numerous nieces and nephews and other family members.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.