

Arthur Paul 'Art' La Brie, 92

Arthur Paul "Art" La Brie, 92, of Whitefish, passed away on Sept. 17, 2004, at North Valley Hospital as a result of complications due to congestive heart failure.



Art was born on Dec. 16, 1911, to Hector P. La Brie and Addie Mayhew La Brie in Malta. Art and his six brothers and sisters were raised on the family farm in South Wagner.

Art graduated from Malta High School and then attended Northern Montana College in Havre. It was there that he met his future wife, Evelyn Proost from Geraldine. After receiving their teaching credentials, Art and Evelyn married on Dec. 31, 1934. Art and Evelyn then each went to their separate schools to teach. Art taught at the Turtle School in South Wagner. Evelyn taught in Geraldine until the spring, then moved to Malta. Art then went to work in the Malta Drug Store and served on the Malta Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1939 Art and Evelyn moved to Whitefish and started Art & Ernie's Cafe with his sister Arlene and brother-in-law. The cafe was located at the site of the current Whitefish City Hall. After several years, they opened and operated Art's Cafe on Central Ave., until 1949 when health problems forced him off his feet and into other endeavors. Art worked for Reed's Jewelry for many years. He then sold mutual funds for both IDS and Pioneer. Art finished his formal work years at The New Toggery in Whitefish.

Art was very civic minded. He served 28 years on the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief for 14 of those years. He served as president of the Montana Fire Chiefs Association and as president of the Montana Volunteer Fire Association. He served eight years on the Whitefish City Council and eight years as mayor of Whitefish. He served many years on the Whitefish Memorial Hospital board of directors, the Flathead County Fair board, and was one of the charter members of the board of directors for Mountain Bank (formerly known as First State Bank). Art was a member of the Knights of Columbus for

71 years. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. Art was one of the founders of the Whitefish Winter Carnival Penguins and was the second Winter Carnival King Uller. Art also was a dedicated volunteer at the Whitefish Food Bank until poor health restricted some of his physical activity.

Art and Evelyn were the very proud parents of two sons, Bill and Leonard. Evelyn passed away in 1983 after 49 years of partnership in work and play.

Art married Louise Wellington in 1984 and they enjoyed their travel and their families together. Coffee was always on at the La Brie household. There were always friends both old and new visiting. Art had a gift of nurturing friends from all walks of life. He had the God-given gift of bringing people together who would then become friends of one another.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn; his brothers, Elmer and Clarence; and his sister, Mabel.

Art is survived by his wife, Louise; his sons, Bill and Alice La Brie of Whitefish, and Len and Patty La Brie of Scottsdale, Ariz.; granddaughter, Michelle and Gary Van Kilsdonk of Gilbert, Ariz.; grandson, Brian and Michelle La Brie of Santa Clarita, Calif.; and great-grandsons, Cameron Joseph and Jacob Joseph La Brie of Santa Clarita; great-granddaughter, Shaina Van Kilsdonk of Arizona.; Kevin and Rene Wellington of Wasilla, Alaska; Jane and Steve Hoyt of Escondido, Calif.; Curt Wellington of Eugene, Ore.; Mona and John Hayes of Rapid City, S.D.; Ryan Wellington of Tucson, Ariz.; Cory Wellington of Portland; Allie Wellington of Eugene; Jordan Hayes of Rapid City; Shelby Wellington of Wasilla; and many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and -nephews.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7:30 p.m. today, Sept. 21, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish. The Reverend Jack Hunthausen will officiate. Burial will follow in the Whitefish Cemetery.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Whitefish Knights of Columbus Council 7630, P.O. Box 4535, Whitefish, MT 59937.

William Michael 'Bill' Ladenburg, 48

William Michael "Bill" Ladenburg, 48, passed away Aug. 25, 2004, at his home in Milan, Ill., after a 9-month battle with brain cancer.

He was born Sept. 12, 1955, in Kalispell to John and Jennie Ladenburg of Columbia Falls. In 1989 he married LuAnne Baker of Milan. She preceded him in death in 1993. He was also preceded in death by his father, John, in 1987, cousin James and brother Charles in 1995, as well as maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his son, John, 13, of Milan; his mother, Jennie of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Martha and Pat Philbin, of Columbia Falls, and Paula and Steve Land of Seattle; brothers, Joseph and Darlene of Texas, Matthew and Denise of Havre, Mark and Sherrie of Columbia Falls, and Patrick and Renate of Libby; eight nephews; one niece; a great-nephew; two aunts, Irene Ladenburg of Columbia Falls, and Ellen Lynch of Washington; two uncles, Charles Pemble and Marge, Fay Pemble and Audrey; 40 first cousins; stepson Carson Bak-

er of Italy, stepdaughter Courtney and son Brandan Baker of Rock Island, Ill.; brother-in-law James Posateri and Cheryl of Milan; their children: Jamie of Chicago, Nick of Finland, and Danny of Milan; plus many other in-laws in Illinois and Montana.

Bill spent most of his working years as a timber faller in Montana, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona. In later years, he worked in construction in Montana, Iowa, Hawaii, and Illinois.

Visitation will be held at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls from 1-7 p.m. today.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls at 10 am on Tuesday, Sept. 7, with the Rev. Rudy Bullman officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in rural Columbia Falls under the direction of Family Funeral Service in Milan and Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Memorial donations may be made to the John M. Ladenburg Trust Fund, c/o Paula Land, Executor, 532 31st Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122.

Paul Thomas Lambert, 52

Paul Thomas Lambert, 52, passed away on Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on June 1, 1952, in Charleroi, Pa.,

to Paul and Margaret (Ledna) Lambert. Paul received his early education in Pennsylvania before moving with his family to Rialto, Calif., at the age of 8. He continued his education, graduating from high school and attending San Bernardino Valley College.

Paul worked as a master machinist for K&N Engineering. On Sept. 14, 1974, Paul married Loretta Davis in San Bernardino, Calif. They remained there until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1977, where they settled in the Mountain Brook area.

Paul worked for the Yamaha



dealership for a short time; then he and a friend opened and operated a machine shop. In 1986, he began work at the Helena Flats School and remained there as the head custodian until his passing.

Paul was a member of the Creston Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years, and had many interests. As a youth, Paul raced motorcycles and competed in flat track successfully for many years. He loved music and playing the guitar. He was an excellent bowler. But mostly, he loved his family and was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Paul was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta, of Kalispell; son, David and Michelle Johnson of Phelan, Calif.; daughters, Cindy Bland and husband, Tony, and Brandy Jones, all of Kalispell, and Dee Pitman of Ridge Crest, Calif.;

nine grandsons, Dustin and Bryce Landon, David, Ty, and Michael Johnson, Chaz and Tyler Pitman, and Tanner Levinski and Jason Jones; and one great-grandson, Benjamin Johnson. He is also survived by his parents, Paul and Marge Lambert; one brother, Michael and Sally Lambert; three sisters, Margaret and Kevin Kirk, Jackie and Hobert Ray, and Barbara and Robbie Beecham, all of California; numerous nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

A funeral mass will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Paul's name to the Creston Volunteer Fire Department or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lillie Frances Prouty Lammert, 70

Lillie Frances Prouty Lammert, 70, of Whitefish, passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Lillie was born on May 26, 1934, to William and Leona Prouty on their ranch just north of Metaline Falls, Wash., where she grew up and attended school.

She started tending bar in California, later moving back to Metaline Falls, where she continued bartending, then later moving to Hungry Horse, where she tended bar until she retired in 1993. She moved to Hungry Horse in 1976 to care for her parents until their deaths.

After retiring, she moved to Mountain View Manor in Whitefish, where she lived until her

death.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and one granddaughter.

She is survived by her son Darrell and his wife Nancy Hicks of Kalispell; a daughter, Lucinda Sharp; a sister, Peggy Bishop of Modesto, Calif.; 8 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 1 niece, 1 nephew, and numerous great and great great nieces and nephews.

Lillie requested to be cremated with no funeral services, and that her ashes be buried beside her parents in Colville, Wash. Memorials should be made in her name to Brendan House, or Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

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

Dr. Richard G. Landini, 75

Dr. Richard G. Landini, 75, of Terre Haute, Ind., died Sunday morning, Oct. 24, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He had been president of Indiana University from 1975 until 1992 when he retired. He also served on the Governor's Committee on Medical Education in Montana, and as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Education Committee, St. Patrick School of Nursing.

Survivors include his wife,

Barbara Lee Shockley; five children, Richard Landini of Missoula, Greg Landini of Iowa City, Iowa, Matt Landini and Vince Landini, both of Carmel, Ind., and Cynthia Ewick of Greenwood, Ind.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 12:05 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at St. Benedict Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence Landini officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the church. Private burial will be in Highland Lawn Cemetery.

Jacob Conrad Lanfear, 3 months

Jacob Conrad Lanfear, 3 months, passed away on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jacob was born on Feb. 11, 2004, in Portland, to Jeremy C. and Alisha Hanson Lanfear. He had endured a heart condition from birth.

Jacob was truly a precious gift and a wonderful joy to everyone that he touched.

He is survived by his parents,



Jeremy Conrad Lanfear and Alisha F. Hanson; brothers, Richie Hanson of Kalispell, and Austin Lanfear of Santa Rosa, Calif.; grandparents Bob Lanfear of Kalispell, Diana Case and Andy Wilkinson of Missoula, "Papa Bear" Barron and Lee Prichard, all of Kalispell; great-grandmothers, June Hill of Kalispell, and Iva May DiGiovanni; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held 4 p.m. Monday, May 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Youde officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley Ann (Bloomfeild) Lansing, 67

Shirley Ann (Bloomfeild) Lansing, 67, "went to be with her Father in Heaven" on March 28, 2004, in Mesa, Ariz., due to heart failure.



Shirley was born April 28, 1936, in Michigan, to Carl and Grace Bloomfeild, the youngest of five children. She attended school in Michigan.

She then married Paul Lansing, the love of her life. They lived in Michigan until moving to beautiful Montana where they raised their five children — three sons and two daughters.

After moving to Hungry Horse in 1967, Shirley worked for a lumber mill in Whitefish until she was no longer able to work due to open heart surgery. After being unable to work, she stayed home and raised her children, then helped with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both parents; one brother, Clifford; two sisters, Marg and Dorothy; and two sons, Aaron Paul and Dwight Dawn.

She is survived by her husband, Paul, of 46 years; her children, April Billi, Bud Lansing and wife, Kaylee, and daughter, Anncherie Mellem and husband, Mark. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, JohnPaul, Victoria and Shawn Billi, Steven, Aaron, Chris, Jenifer, Josh and Sarah Lansing, Dustin, Christopher, Melissa, Jack and Amanda Mellem; and one very special great-granddaughter, Jordan Elizabeth Lansing.

Cremation has taken place and services are pending Paul's return to Hungry Horse from wintering in Arizona. The date and time of services will be listed at a later date.

"God bless you, mom, sweetie, grandmom and great-grandmom. We love and miss you much!"

Jillian E. LaRoche, 74

Jillian E. LaRoche, 74, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Jillian was born on Aug. 9, 1930, in Wilmington, Vt., to Bian and Muriel Shippee. She was raised and attended schools in Wilmington. Jillian married Robert J. LaRoche on Nov. 13, 1954, in Bennington, Vt.

She was a career employee for AT&T in Omaha, Neb. Her hobbies included being a writer and an artist.

Jillian was preceded in death by her mother and her father.

She is survived by a daughter, Leslie J. Allen and her husband, Kenneth, of Columbia Falls; beloved sisters Jacqueline Corco-

ran Clark of LaFargeville, N.Y., and Jeanne Rodrigue and her husband Joseph of Wethersfield, Conn.; grandchildren Pamela Jill Stolte and her husband, Geoffrey, of Kalispell, and John and Aaron Allen of Columbia Falls; cherished nieces and nephews in Vermont, New York, New Hampshire and Connecticut, and numerous friends in Fremont, Neb., and her new home here in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John W. 'Bill' LaRoque, 96

John W. "Bill" LaRoque, 96, died Dec. 30, 2004, at his home in east Missoula.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the City of

Libby Cemetery.

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

Edna F. Larson, 80

Edna F. Larson, 80, "went to be with her Lord" on August 21, 2004.

Edna was born on Oct. 31, 1923 in Sidney, Mont., to Lars and Agnes Anderson. She was raised in Sidney and, after graduating, she attended Sacred Heart School of Nursing and became a registered nurse.

She married Marvin O. Larson on March 11, 1948. They lived on the family farm in the LaSalle area where they raised five children.

Edna is survived by her husband, Marvin Larson of Columbia Falls; sons, Rodney of Whitefish, Virgil and wife Denise of Kalispell, and Kevin and wife Wendy of Columbia Falls; daughters, Terry



and Gary Koepke of Missoula and Melanie and Ken Olson of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; a brother, Albert Anderson of Sidney, and numerous other relatives.

Edna was a registered nurse at Kalispell Regional Hospital, North Valley Hospital, Colonial Manor, and the Montana Veterans home. She was a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, LaSalle Grange, and Good Sam's Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. We will all remember her for her deep faith in the Lord.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 407 Seventh St. W. in Columbia Falls. Pastor Tom Gopp will be officiating.

Jerome 'Jerry' Larson, 67

Jerome "Jerry" Larson, 67, died on Sept. 12, 2004, at his home on Flathead Lake following a courageous battle with cancer.

Jerry was born on Jan. 27, 1937, in Helena, to Al and Marion Larson. Jerry spent his early years growing up in Great Falls where he graduated from Great Falls High School.

Following high school, Jerry attended two years of college at Montana State College and later served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964.

On Jan. 22, 1965, Jerry married his first and only love, Donna Brewster of Apgar Village. Jerry and Donna met in 1964 while Jerry was working road construction in the Fish Creek Campground area of Glacier National Park. To this union, two children were born, Kelli and Greg. Jerry and his family divided their time between Apgar Village, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Flathead Lake. Jerry and Don-



na are best known in the Flathead Valley for the 30-plus years they have owned and operated Eddie's Restaurant, Grocery and Gifts in Apgar Village.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Kelli, and son-in-law, T.J. Harrington, and their children, Braden and Austin of Butte; son, Greg Larson of Apgar Village; sister, Rita, of Helena; brother-in-law, Neil Brewster, of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Jerry will be missed by all whose lives he touched. He will undoubtedly be remembered as a successful businessman and wonderful husband, father, papa and friend. He is gone from this life but he will remain an inspiration to all who knew him.

Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of Jerry's life at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. Catherine's Catholic church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or a charity of choice.

Lyle C. Larson, 90

Lyle C. Larson, 90, of Bothell, Wash., died March 16, 2004.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; brother, Marvin of Columbia Falls, and sisters, Muriel Hayes of Tulsa, Okla.,

and Emogean Baldwin of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Margaret Larson, 89

Margaret Larson, 89, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Gunnar, of Libby; her children, Ralph Wolbert of Colbert, Wash., and Marie Collins of Spokane; and stepchildren, Reese Larson of Spokane, Anna

LeBlanc of Prosser, Wash., and Sonja May of Ilwaco, Wash.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Christ Lutheran Church; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Marvin O. Larson, 84

Marvin O. Larson, 84, "left us Nov. 3, 2004, to be at peace with his Lord."

He was born on Nov. 14, 1919, in Hendrom, Minn., to Lars and Cora Larson.

They moved to eastern Montana in 1924 to homestead a farm. In 1935, they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Marvin worked for the CC camp and helped build the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier Park. He later joined the Army and served in World War II, European Theater, 12th Air Force. He returned from the war in 1945.

Marvin met and married Edna F. Anderson in 1948, and started a family in the LaSalle area. They raised five children and continued farming until retirement in 1982.

Marvin was a charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and a member of LaSalle Grange.

He loved to go camping, water skiing, snowmobiling and farm-



ing. In later years he took up golfing, and helped out driving truck for local forest fires.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna; brother, Lyle; and son-in-law, Gary Koepke.

Marvin is survived by sisters, Muriel Hayes of Oklahoma, and Emogene Baldwin of Kalispell; sons, Rodney of Whitefish, Virgil and wife, Denise, of Kalispell, and Kevin and wife, Wendy, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Terry Koepke of Missoula, and Melanie Olson and husband, Ken, of Columbia Falls; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

The family requests memorials be sent to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

"Dad loved chatting with family and friends; we will miss his stories, but know he is surely dancing up a storm in heaven with mom."

Shirley Mae Larson, 69

Shirley Mae Larson, 69, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Shirley was born Feb. 8, 1935, in Chambersburg, Pa., to Walter and Laura (Peters) Perry. Shirley graduated from Chambersburg High School. After graduation, she worked in the dry cleaning business for several years.

She married David Arnold Larson on Aug. 16, 1963, in Maryland. Shirley then helped her husband run his business as well as hostessing at local restaurants in Oregon. Shirley also worked at a convenience store in Tunalo, Ore.. About eight and a half years ago she moved to Bigfork (Ferndale) and worked briefly for Bill's Conoco before returning.

Shirley enjoyed reading, puz-

zles, shopping, and loved flowers, especially peonies.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, David; her parents; and eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Laurie Valliere, and husband, Frank; and grandchildren, Patrick, Brian and Alisha. A great-granddaughter is expected May 4. Several nieces and nephews also survive her.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 105 S. Crane Mountain, Road, Bigfork, MT 59911. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lucile Turco Lattimer, 92

Lucile Turco Lattimer, 92, passed away on Feb. 15, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Lucile was born on Dec. 29, 1911, in Fishtail, to Lawrence and Jessie Turco. She graduated from high school in Livingston, then went on to attend Billings Business College in Billings.

She worked as an office worker at the Artificial Ice Co., then went to work at the Property Division of the Bureau of Reclamation in Billings for 27 years.

She married Harley Nelson, whom she later divorced; then married Woodrow Lattimer in 1952. They were married for 42 years.

Lucile lived her entire life in Montana; over 60 years in Billings. She loved gardening, reading, sewing, traveling, and especially visiting her relatives.

She was a longtime treasurer of the Oil Workers auxiliary in

Billings, and had worked as a volunteer at the Billings Deaconess Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Woodrow Lattimer; and four brothers, Ted, Paul, Bob and William.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol, and her husband, Neil Eliason, of Bigfork; stepson, Robert Lattimer of Honolulu, Hawaii; stepdaughters, Pat Roach and her husband, Jay, of Palmetto, Fla., and Bonnie Morgan of Seneca, N.Y.; grandchildren, Lauri Miron of Billings, Rich Eliason of Elko, Nev., John Eliason of Philadelphia; and several stepgrandchildren; great-grandchildren, Erik and Patrick Miron of Billings, and Sophia Eliason of Philadelphia.

Urn burial will be at Mount View Cemetery in Billings at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Daniel Robert 'Bob' Lawyer, 74

Daniel Robert "Bob" Lawyer, 74, "went to be with the Lord" on Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at 6:15 p.m., at his Kalispell home.

Bob was born Jan. 29, 1930, in Pasadena, Calif., to Ralph and Ruby Lawyer. He grew up in California before moving to Montana in 1987.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Bob was a retired United States Forest Service worker.

Bob loved to fish, garden and was always good to go out to eat with family and friends. He loved his family and was loved by all who knew him. He always enjoyed the company of his chocolate lab, Murphy, and was extremely proud of his Porsche.

Bob returned to the Lord in his later years and enjoyed watching the Gaither Homecoming videos and DVDs. He attended New Covenant Fellowship and, after being home bound, he was a part of Kalispell Apostolic Church. Bob



was baptized in Jesus' Name by his friend, Pastor Dawn Schnur on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Roxanne Carpenter, and husband, Charles Carpenter of La Crescenta, Calif.; three granddaughters, Amber, Malissa and Willow; and two sisters, Barbara Frost of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., and Shirley Howke of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Kalispell Apostolic Church, 1765 Montana 35 in Kalispell with Rev. D.M. Schnur officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking any memorials to be sent to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family would like to express a very warm heartfelt thanks to Bob's caregivers, Lynn Schnur, Kalispell Apostolic Church, all of the Hospice nurses and volunteers, as well as those who brought in meals, prayed and were such a wonderful support of Bob and his family. "We also want to thank the many people who have brought joy into Bob's life by being who they were to him."

Karen Tana Latimer, 59

Karen Tana Latimer, 59, died on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her mother, Hettie Mikolajczak of Paradise, Calif.; one son, Harry Sheppard of Kalispell; and a

daughter, Vicki Martin of Camino, Calif.

There will be no visitation or services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hazel Rose Laughlin, 92

Hazel Rose Laughlin, 92, passed away peacefully at Sunset Point in Chelan, Wash., on Nov. 2, 2004.

Hazel was born in Plains, Nov. 30, 1911, the daughter of Nicholas Aemisegger and Rosa Scheupbach. She was orphaned at the age of 4, and moved to Kalispell where she was adopted by Ed and Bertha Rose.

Following graduation from high school in 1929, she worked as a clerk/stenographer for the U.S. Forest Service until 1945, when she resigned to have her only child, John. From 1953 to 1965, she was employed as secretary to the superintendent of schools in Columbia Falls.

On Oct. 3, 1936, Hazel married Conrad H. Laughlin. In 1968, Hazel and "Connie" moved from Columbia Falls to Walla Walla, Wash., where she was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Forest Service. Following Connie's death in 1987, she continued to reside in Walla Walla, until 1998, when she moved to Chelan, Wash., to be closer to her son, John, daughter-in-law, Lori, and her grandchildren.

Hazel enjoyed writing. She completed three children's books and had published several short

stories and devotionals. She enjoyed reading, gardening, intellectual discussions, and playing cards. She always had good friends and looked for the best in others. She believed continual learning and growth were important.

She was a devoted Christian, and a member of the Methodist church.

She is survived by a sister, Martha, of Plains; and a sister, Audrey, of Concord, Calif.; son, John, and grandchildren, Emily and Luke of Chelan; grandson, Brad of Walla Walla, grandson, Jim of Olympia; and many highly regarded nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Conrad, and seven brothers and sisters.

Services of commemoration will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Johnson Funeral Home in Kalispell. Committal service and interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Chelan United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1236, Chelan, WA 98816, or a charity of choice.

Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel, Chelan.

Arlene E. Launer, 85

Arlene E. Launer, 85, passed away Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish.

She was born in Mandan, N.D., on Aug. 30, 1918, the daughter of Carl (Charley) and Amelia Lohstreter. She had two younger brothers and a sister.

Arlene married Carl Launer in 1944. They had two children, Carlene and Charles. The family moved from Scranton, N.D., to Columbia Falls in 1952.

Arlene was a graduate of Winona Teacher's College in Winona, Minn. She taught school in Nebraska, North Dakota, and Montana, and worked for the Flathead County Superintendent of Schools. Arlene was active in St. Richard's Altar Society and



Columbia Falls Church Women United. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, and handcrafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl; her brother, Lloyd; and her sister, Phyllis.

Arlene is survived by a brother, Kenneth of Mandan, N.D.; daughter, Charlene of Morgan, Calif.; and a son, Charles of Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A vigil service will be held at the Columbia Mortuary today at 7 p.m. The Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested in Arlene's name to the American Cancer Society.

Florence D. Ledum, 82

Florence D. Ledum, 82, former Libby resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, in Spokane.

She is survived by her son, Larry Ledum, of Mead, Wash. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Christ Lutheran

Church with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Rachel Merlene Lehmer, 68

Rachel Merlene Lehmer, 68, passed away in San Diego, Calif., on March 17, 2004.

Merlene was born in Kalispell, on July 13, 1935, the first of two girls born to David and Rachel (Wise) Mitton. The family moved to San Diego in 1942. Merlene attended schools in Pacific Beach and graduated from La Jolla High School in 1954. She also attended business school for one year.

After her children were in school, she worked at civil service jobs, the last being in hotel management for the Navy Exchange on Coronado Island in California, retiring in 1995.

Kenneth Lehmer and Merlene were married in 1960 and spent most of their married life in San Diego.

Merlene will always be remembered as a wonderful wife, sister, mother and grandmother. Her family was blessed with her wisdom, love and wonderful attitude. She will be sorely missed by her

family.

Merlene was preceded in death by her beloved parents, David and Rachel Mitton, and one nephew, Gregory Scott Brown.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Lehmer, of San Diego; sister, Lauralee Mitton Brown, of Kalispell; her children, David Lehmer and family of Shreveport., La., Douglas Lehmer and family of Blue Jay, Calif., Ronnie Lehmer and family, and Renee Smith and family, all of San Diego; a niece, Linda Lee Hill, of Kalispell; and many uncles, aunts and cousins of Kalispell, as well as special cousins, Bob Mitton of San Diego, and Marlene Morris of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Father Vic Langhans officiating.

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

Bailey Brook-Lynn Leineweber, infant

Bailey Brook-Lynn Leineweber died at birth, Jan. 9, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as a result of labor complications.

She is survived by her parents, Leonard W. Leineweber and Sheila A. Pitman of Coram.

Cremation has taken place.

A wake service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in the Backroom at the Night Owl Cafe in Columbia Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Vernon Leming, 84

Vernon Leming, 84, died on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Margie, of Kalispell; and two sons, Charles Leming of San Lorenzo, Calif., and Vernon Leming of Ramona, Calif.

Graveside memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gerald T. 'Jerry' Laya, 77

Gerald T. "Jerry" Laya, 77, of Ranchester, Wyo., formerly of Kalispell, passed away at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County in Wyoming on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004.

Mr. Laya was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Kooil, Wyo., to Joe and Mary Laya. He attended school in Acme and graduated from Sheridan High School. Following high school, he served in the Army then went on to the University of Wyoming to earn a bachelor's degree in business.

He married Suzanne Williams, his wife of 52 years. The couple had three children together, Gary Laya, Steven Laya, and Deb Laya Johnston.

Jerry was best known for his years at V.C. Johnston Lumber Co. and as the owner of Country Gardens in Ranchester. He was a member of the Ranchester Rotary Club. Jerry served the town of Ranchester as a councilman for many years and one term as mayor. He was an avid fly fisherman

and hunted upland birds, but his true passion was gardening.

Mr. Laya was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Steven; and a sister, Joan.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne of Ranchester; his two children, Gary Laya, and his wife, Teri, of Ranchester, and Deb Johnston and her husband, Greg, of Sheridan, Wyo.; his four grandchildren, Brian, Jerry Ray, Jami, and Stephanie; his brother, Bill Laya, of Sheridan; and his sister, Beverly Pilch, of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan, and a celebration of life with special dedication will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Ranchester Park with Pastor Dan Keller officiating. Arrangements are with Kane Funeral Home.

Flowers may be sent to the family home at 335 Gillette Street in Ranchester; and memorials be made in Gerald's name to the Dog and Cat Shelter in care of Janet Evans, Cowboy State Bank, P.O. Box 6026, Ranchester, WY 82801.

Mark E. Leatzow, 54

Mark E. Leatzow, 54, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Mark was born Aug. 1, 1950, in Chicago, to Victor and Nancy (Ernest) Leatzow. Mark was an elementary school principal.

He is survived by his wife, Willi, of Marion; daughters, Brett Balmer and Paige Bartley, of Oak Park, Ill., and Ashley Leatzow of Marion; son, Cody Leatzow, of

Marion; and granddaughter, Kimberly Rowe Balmer, of Oak Park.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Marion Volunteer Fire Department.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard J. 'Dick' LeDuc, 76

Richard J. "Dick" LeDuc, 76, loving husband of Vergie LeDuc of Kalispell, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Nov. 11, 2004.

Dick was born in Lakota, N.D., on Feb. 10, 1928, to Leo and Nelva (Howser) LeDuc. He received his primary education at St. Mary's Academy in Devils Lake, N.D., and secondary education at O'Dea High School in Seattle.

Dick served in the U.S. Army with the Japanese Occupational Forces and was honorably discharged in 1949.

Shortly thereafter, he moved to Kalispell with his family where he worked various jobs until he gained permanent employment with the Great Northern and Burlington railroads where he worked until his retirement in 1982.

Dick married Vergie (Houser) Ellsworth in 1972. They had no chil-



dren, however. Dick earned the respect and love of Vergie's children and grandchildren, who will miss him.

Dick was an avid outdoorsman around the Kalispell area. His favorite stomping ground was the North Fork area where he spent many happy days fishing and hunting.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Kenneth "Buck" LeDuc.

He is survived by his wife; brother, Robert LeDuc of Kalispell; sisters, Donnabelle Jones of McMinnville, Ore., and Patricia Weed of Whitefish.

Visitation will be held from noon until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with funeral services held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions made to Hospice Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Howard Pius Lemm, 72

Howard Pius Lemm, 72, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 1, 1931, in Luxemburg, Minn. to Conrad and Magdalena (Wicker) Lemm. Howard attended the rural county schools in Minnesota.

He met his wife Norma in Fairbanks, Alaska, and has been with her since September of 1978.

Howard enjoyed, in his earlier years, the outdoor sports of both hunting and fishing. Howard loved making things, with the art of woods and metals. Howard had been involved in many business avenues; he had owned and operated Howard's Deep Rock Gas Station, and Holmes Radiator Shop, both in the city of Brainerd, Minn.; he was employed at Boeing Airlines in the area of tooling on their manufacturing line in Seattle, Washington; he was a heavy equipment operator during road construction for the Alaskan oil fields; and he purchased and panned in his own gold mine for 10 years.

Howard was a member of the Operating Engineers' Union and



the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Irma Noble; a brother, Leonard Lemm; and a stepson, Rick Vulk.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Monica DeBiase, and her husband, John, of Bonaire, Ga.; a son, Randy Lemm, and his wife, Sherry, of Fort Ripley, Minn.; an adopted son, Steven Lemm (Black); a stepson, Michael Vulk, and his wife, Theresa, of Helena; two stepdaughters, Sandra Rae Vulk (Michael Forester), of Helena, and Jacqueline Jean Hasbrook and her husband, Ed, of Polson; there are 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Selma Herron and her husband, Bill, of Minnesota, and Leona McCartney of California; a brother, Joseph Lemm and his wife, Lise, of Maine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Howard Lemm will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Columbia Mortuary, with Deacon Bob Pearce officiating.

The family suggests memorials be given to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT, 59903-1002.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Michael Lynn Lengstorf, 45

Michael Lynn Lengstorf, 45, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 13, 1959, in Kalispell, to John Allen and Marilyn (Berg) Lengstorf.

After graduating from Flathead High School, Mike went to work for Arco aluminum plant, and then he went to work for Mocal Lumber. He enjoyed the outdoors: hunting and fishing. He also



played as well as enjoyed all sports.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and a brother, John Allen Lengstorf Jr.

Mike is survived by his parents, John and Marilyn of Marion; two daughters, Jennifer Lengstorf and Mandie Lengstorf of Kalispell; three grandchildren: two boys and one girl, and was to be a grandfather to a grandson on his way; and one sister, Katherine Joy Lengstorf of Kalispell.

The family will be having a private urn burial.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Shane Allen Lengstorf, 44

Shane Allen Lengstorf, 44, formerly of Whitefish, passed away June 2, 2004, at his home in Missoula.

Shane was born May 7, 1960, in Evinston, Wyo., to Marjorie and Clifford Lengstorf Sr., the youngest of five children. The family moved to Whitefish where Shane attended



school.

Shane had a brief career in sales and traveled the country extensively. He had an adventurous spirit and a unique and wonderful sense of humor. Shane will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Shane is survived by sister, Deb Clinton, of Eureka; and brothers, Archie of Kalispell, Dan of Dillon, and Clifford of Columbia Falls.

Family services will be held at a later date.

Violet R. Lerum, 93

Violet R. Lerum, 93, longtime resident of Sunburst and Lakeside "went to be home with the Lord" on March 15, 2004. She was born in Milk River, Alberta, on July 4, 1910, to Lewis and Daisy Brooks.



She married Helmer Lerum on Oct. 30, 1933. They lived in Sweetgrass and Sunburst where their children, Donald, David and Nova, were born. During World War II, the family moved to Portland where Violet and Helmer were both employed at the shipyards.

After the war they purchased a farm in the Cut Bank area and lived there until they sold the farm in 1950 and moved back to Sunburst, residing there until Helmer retired in 1974. They then bought a home in Lakeside that overlooked Flathead Lake. These were very happy years for them and they greatly enjoyed the network of friends they had there.

Violet and Helmer loved traveling and visiting their children and their families. Violet lived in her home in Lakeside until August of 2001 when she moved to an apartment at Life Manor in Tacoma, Wash.

Survivors include her brother, Mickey, and wife, Pat, of Lethbridge, Alberta; sisters-in-law, Grace Lerum and Helene Lerum, of Sweetgrass; son, Donald, and wife, Verla, of Tacoma; son, David, and wife, Shirley, of Bieber, Calif.; daughter, Nova, of Apache Junction, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Violet's parents, husband, four sisters and three brothers all preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with viewing at the church at 10 a.m.

The family has requested that memorials be given to the Lutheran World Relief.

George E. Lester, 87

George E. Lester, 87, died Friday, April 16, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

Arlin C. Lewis, 75

Arlin C. Lewis, 75, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, of Libby; and his children, Sherry Brandt of Paige, Idaho, Ronald Lewis of Marion, Ind., David Lewis of Hun-

gry Horse, Darla Lewis of Priest River, Idaho, and Karen Lewis of Battle Ground, Wash.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Kingdom Hall.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Clara Della 'Dee' Lewis, 79

Clara Della "Dee" Lewis, 79, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Lee, and a son,

Mike Dee, both of Kalispell.

There will be no services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dorothy Marie Slack Lewis, 94

Dorothy Marie Slack Lewis, 94, passed away on Monday, July 26, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Dorothy was born May 15, 1910, in Kalispell, to Alvin and Mary Slack. Dorothy attended rural LaSalle School for her grade school years and attended and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell.

After high school, she attended Kupersmith Beauty School in Great Falls. She worked as a beautician for a number of years.

Dorothy married John E. "Ed" Lewis on July 21, 1933, in Wallace, Idaho. They lived in Kansas City, Mo.; Fort Payne, Ala.; Fort Peck and Fairfield, Mont., before

returning to the Flathead Valley in 1940 where they developed their farm near the county airport south of Kalispell.

Dorothy belonged to the VFW auxiliary and the Central Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter; her husband, Ed, in 1977; and three brothers, George, Thomas and John Slack.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Her ashes will be interred next to her husband's at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Albert 'Al' Lincoln, 84

Albert "Al" Lincoln, 84, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Al was born on July 25, 1920, south of Inverness, Mont., to Fred and Anna R. Lincoln. Al was raised south of Inverness and worked on the family farm and ranch.

He joined the Army Air Corps 78th Troop Carrier Squadron in 1941 and spent most of World War II in England where he met his wife Joan. They were married in 1945.

After the war, he returned to Montana where he and Joan raised their three children on the family farm and ranch. In 1977, Al and Joan purchased a home in the Flathead Valley and they divided their time between their home and the family farm. Later on they spent their winters in California and then in Florida where he spent time with relatives and also helped his son in the restaurant business.

Al enjoyed playing golf and was forever "fixing things." He will be remembered most for being a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many.



He will be greatly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerome Lincoln, in 1998, and his parents Fred and Anna Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; son, Rodney Lincoln and Kathryn of Zephyrhills, Fla.; daughter, Valerie Gillies and Gary of Havre; brothers and sisters, Esther Lonergon of Omaha, Neb., Ray Lincoln Great Falls, Charlie Lincoln of Shelby, Adelle Alessandrone of Greenwich, Conn., Lottie Bourdeau of Great Falls; grandchildren, Josh and Chris Lincoln of Bozeman, Ryan and Jessica Lincoln of Zephyrhills, David and Debbie Harris of Port Orchard, Wash., Brian and Angie Harris of Davenport, Wash., Janelle Gillies of Havre, Trevor and Tyler Lincoln of Zephyrhills, Brian Jr., Nathan, Lexie, and Kylee Harris of Davenport, Wash., Jamie, McKenzie, and Steve Harris of Port Orchard.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday Aug. 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

D. Duane 'Dewey' Lind, 82

D. Duane "Dewey" Lind, 82, passed away Monday evening, March 2, 2004.

He was born July 4, 1921, in Pellston, Mich., to Gladys McDivitt Lind and Marvin Lind. At a young age, the family moved to lower Michigan. In 1933, the family moved to Montana, settling at Pompey's Pillar, then to Custer and Proctor. While in Proctor, Duane attended the first year of high school in Polson. The family then moved to Kalispell and Duane attended Flathead County High School for three years, graduating in 1939.

Following graduation, he was in the CCC for a year and then attended trade school in Spokane, learning telegraphy.

Duane went to work for the Great Northern Railroad on June 4, 1941, and retired from the Burlington Northern in 1982. He served in the Navy for two years and was stationed in the Admiral-

ty Islands as a radio operator. He was honorably discharged.

Duane was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, a life member of the Columbia Falls Lodge No. 89 and past master of the Lodge. He was a member of the Algeria Shrine and a past patron of Eastern Star.

His hobbies were golfing, fishing, and working on his amateur radio.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, at the family home in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor Tom Gopp will officiate. A reception will follow the service at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Shrine Children's Hospital, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, or to the North Valley Senior Citizens Center.

Goldie M. Lindsey, 77

Goldie M. Lindsey, 77, of Troy, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She and her husband had owned and operated the Ray Lindsey Insurance Agency.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Lindsey, of Libby; and sons, Bim Lindsey of Lincoln City, Ore., and Tim Lind-

sey of Houston.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Troy Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Private graveside services will follow at a later date.

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

Mildred Lipske, 91

Mildred Lipske, 91, died Aug. 1, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by daughters Judith Kuehn of Kalispell and

Loretta Strunc of Wisconsin.

Funeral services are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Walter Lewis Little, 99

Walter Lewis Little, 99, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at his residence in Hungry Horse.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1905, at the family home in Rockford, Wash., to Lewis Elzy and Stella Nora (Morris) Little.

Walter received his education at Rockford until the age of 16 when he began work to run his parents' feed store. They had two businesses on Sprague Avenue in Spokane. The family also had ranches in Pleasant Valley, Mont., where he also worked for many years. He worked as a mechanic on Department of Defense Projects, including the Coulee Dam and Hungry Horse Dam. He was an avid agate collector and was the proprietor of the Ball & Chain Agate and Antique Shop in Hungry Horse.

He was a longtime member of the Moran Prairie Grange No. 161 in Spokane. He was a very active member of the Senior Citizen centers in Kalispell, Whitefish and mainly Columbia Falls the last few years, where he enjoyed playing pool and cards.

Walter was preceded in death

by his parents; his wives; his three children, daughters, Nadine Murray on Oct. 11, 1982, and Colleen May Gay on Sept. 26, 1988; and his son Walter Junior Little on April 13, 1994; a grandson, Larry Gay on Aug. 13, 2003; a brother, Jacob Little; and three sisters, Frances, Rosa and Dollie.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Shelene Erickson and husband, Ron, of Hungry Horse, Pam Gay of Spokane, Georgine Sampley and husband, Robert, of Spokane, Terrigene Gomez and husband, Jim, of Spokane, Larry O'Neil and wife, Chris, of Sicily, Diana Bauer and husband, Jack, of Columbia Falls, Dacia Stone of Troy, and Koni Davis of Puyallap, Wash.; 25 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

There will be no services at this time.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the North Valley Senior Center, P.O. Box 676, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Howard 'Harry' Little Dog, 33

Howard "Harry" Little Dog, 33, died while enroute to the Great Falls Hospital on Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, of diverticulitis.

A wake has started at the Glacier Center in Browning. It will be moved to the Heart Butte Community Center at 3 p.m. today and a rosary service will be at 7 p.m. today at the Heart Butte Community Center.

Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Heart Butte. Burial to follow in Horn Cemetery. Pondera Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Howard was born Sept. 11, 1971, in Kalispell to Howard and Mary Louise (Horn) Little Dog. He was raised in Heart Butte and Browning areas where he also attended school, graduating from Browning High School in 1989.

While attending school in Browning he met the love of his life, Memory Heisel. He attended



college at Northern Montana College. After his short college career he returned to Browning, to start his life with Memory. From this union were born daughters, Lucretia and Alicia, and one son, Justin. He is also survived by his parents, Howard and Mary Louise Little Dog Sr.; a brother, Richard and Gabriel; a sister, Bonnie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Howard was employed at the Western Hotel in Browning as a housekeeper. He also worked as a cook's helper and kitchen helper at the Glacier Park Lodge and at the Villager Restaurant in East Glacier. He also spent some time working as a cashier at IGA.

Howard was a computer whiz — he loved playing video games from dusk till dawn, with his many friends.

Howard will be missed by family and friends. He was a good kind hearted person who loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Lawrence "Namski" Horn.

Leland Duane Loehr, 76

Leland Duane Loehr, 76, passed on "to his new life" on Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell with loving children by his side.



He was born on July 25, 1927, in Starkweather, N.D., to Dewitt Talmadge and Cleo Belle (Paul) Loehr. He grew up working for the family farm with 13 other children. He finished eighth grade in Starkweather. When he was 13, he moved on to help with family finances. During World War II he moved to the Oregon coast to work in the shipyards.

He returned to Starkweather and married Beverly Jane Bolmer on Nov. 28, 1946, in Bisbee, N.D. They then moved to Minot, N.D., where they adopted a son and had two daughters. At this time, he worked for White's Creamery until 1964, when the family moved to Kalispell.

After moving to Kalispell, he went to work for Skyline Dairy, where he quickly advanced to production manager/supervisor. He added two members to his family here, a son and a daughter. He did much traveling for the dairy, attending numerous conferences, and would take Beverly every chance he had. He was also a dairy products judge for the Northwest Montana Fair and Rodeo for many years. He finally had to retire from the work he so enjoyed due to a heart attack in 1985.

He was a 20-plus years member of the Eagle's Club in Kalispell and also a member in Columbia Falls. He loved the summer picnics, where he could take all of the family to enjoy the outdoors and fellowship.

He was extremely devoted to his wife and children. He loved

fishing, especially fly-fishing, camping, hunting, and anything outdoors. He loved spending time with all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Most of all, he loved dancing with his sweet wife.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and a very special love that will much be missed by everyone that knew him. "You will be so very missed; you are in our hearts forever. Give hugs and kisses and dance with Mom for us all! We love you!"

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Beverly; an unborn child; and two grandchildren, Daniel and Tia Poor; also three brothers, William, John and Cloyce; and two sisters, Bernice and Ethel.

He is survived by two sons, Michael Loehr and wife, Bonnie, of Montana, and Lee Loehr of Kalispell; three daughters, Dorothy Sekora and husband, David, of Choteau, Rita Young and husband, Dan, of Kalispell, and Lori Arnold and husband, David, of Whitefish; nine grandchildren, Jay Sekora and wife, Tracy, of Pennsylvania, Jason Poor in the Army in Arizona, Jessica Poor and Beverly Poor in Kalispell, Ruben, Marvette, Tanya, and Cheryl and Duane Arnold in Whitefish; also two great-grandchildren in Pennsylvania; Justin and Anthony; six brothers, Charles, Lawrence, Bud, Ralph, Clayton, and Donald; two sisters; Alice and Catherine; also many nieces, nephews, and family and friends.

At his request there will be no service.

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

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

Maxine Lamberson Robertson Lodinoff, 79

Maxine Lamberson Robertson Lodinoff, 79, passed away on Oct. 5, 2004, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Maxine was born to LeRoy and Helen Lamberson in Deer Park, Wash., on Jan. 3, 1925. She married William Robertson; later they were divorced. She married Alex Lodinoff Jr. in August 1956.

Maxine worked at Frenchy's, Safeway and Markus Grocery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Car-

lene; daughter, Carol Smith; her sister, Arlene Fenney; and her brothers, Leland, Cloyd and Donald.

She is survived by her husband, Alex; her son, William "Bub"; sister, Wilma "Billie" O'Connell; grandsons, Jason Lodinoff and Douglas Smith; granddaughters, Kim Smith and Jill Tagliareni; and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Dannie E. Louterback, 78

Dannie E. Louterback, 78, died on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Memorial services are pend-

ing at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Irene deLongpre' Loveday, 87

Irene deLongpre' Loveday, 87, passed away Oct. 20, 2004, in Chino Hills, Calif.

Irene was born in Frenchtown on Sept. 8, 1917, the third daughter of Ed and Theresa deLongpre'. The family moved to Kalispell in 1920. She graduated from Flathead County High School with high honors in 1935.

After graduation she worked as a stenographer at the Elementary West Side School and the Kalispell Public Library.

Irene met the love of her life, George Loveday, and they were married in 1938 in Kalispell. George's home was Newark, N.J. He had hopped a freight to Montana to join the Civilian Conservation Corps. The couple later moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where George worked for the Forest Service. He joined the Seebies in World War II.

Irene came home to live and was hired by the Kalispell Post Office. She was the first post lady, delivering mail during the war years.

After the war they moved to Castro Valley, Calif. Irene worked as a dispatcher for the state highway department in the Bay area.

Irene enjoyed playing the piano, sewing, and caring for, with much love, her beautiful rose garden. It was a special time spending a weekend in San Francisco with her loving family, enjoying Fisherman's Wharf, Candlestick Park, baseball and fine dining.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Loveday; her parents; four sisters, Dorothy Rose, Amber Mero, Elva Walters and Frances Shepherd.

She is survived by her daughter, Georgia Loveday Kirby, and husband Franf, of Chino Hills; her son, George Jr. and wife, Janice, and two grandsons of northern California; brother, Joseph, and wife, Evelyn; and sister, Almeda King, and husband, Jack, of Kalispell.

She was buried beside her husband, George, at San Bruno National Cemetery, San Francisco.

Alvin Long, 85

Alvin Long, 85, passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Alvin was born Feb. 2, 1919, in Oswego to Chancy and Serena (Martinson) Long. "A true Montana cowboy, time to put the harmonica down, Dad." He was Montana born and raised in McCone County with five brothers and four sisters. His love of horses came at a very early age and working with them was a life-long passion. After completing his country schooling, Alvin served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Germany.

He married Lillian Olson in 1948. Together they had three daughters, LaVonne Conley and David of Santa Ana, Calif.; Evelyn Say and Randy of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Marilyn Schofield and Joe of Stevensville.

In 1962, they moved from Frazier to Charlo to farm and raise

horses. They later moved to Corvallis to retire. Alvin and Lillian enjoyed parades, rodeos, gardening, camping and country music. Alvin enjoyed riding his horse on the annual Bison Range Ride through his 80th birthday. His wife passed away just before their 50th wedding anniversary.

He leaves four grandsons and one granddaughter, Travis, Adam, and Clinton Conley, and Gage and Gina Schofield. His surviving siblings are Lillian Johnson, Dorothy Bell, Thelma Frost, Betty Johnson, and John and Chancy Long.

"A big thank you to the beautiful people at Heritage Place in Kalispell who gave him a soft place to fall and lots of TLC. We will never forget you. Happy trails, Dad, as you gallop off to heaven."

At his request, there will be no services at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James H. 'Jim' Long Jr., 60

James H. "Jim" Long Jr., of Columbia Falls, passed away on Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, as a result of an airplane accident in the Great Bear Wilderness. He was 60 years old.



Jim was active in a number of community programs in the area that utilized his managerial skills and also his love of flying. He was a member of the Flathead Civil Air Patrol, and was serving as chapter chair of the Kalispell SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). He also was serving on the board of the Glacier Park International Airport Authority.

His true passion for flying was embodied in his extensive work for Angel Flight West, as a member of the board of directors and as Montana Wing Leader, but mostly as a pilot flying patients and families to medical help around the Northwest.

Jim was born on Sept. 14, 1944, in Johnson City, Tenn., to Beulah A. and James Long Sr. After the award of his doctoral degree in organic chemistry in 1968 from the University of Tennessee, he moved

to Houston where he worked for many years for Shell Chemical Company.

In 1986, Jim left the Houston area, moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., and married Laura Stone. He worked there for 13 years in a variety of management positions in the high-tech industry. His last position was as chief executive officer of Unix. In 1999, he and his wife moved to the Flathead Valley.

Nothing gave Jim more pleasure than the hours he spent flying and learning new skills as a pilot. He is remembered by friends as a truly kind, caring and capable man, with a never-failing smile and helping hand.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 15 years, Laura; two sons, Robert M. Long and wife, Cassie, of Houston, and Christopher W. Long of Chicago; as well as his brother, Richard Long, of Tennessee, and his family.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. today at Glacier Park International Airport (north hangars), with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Angel Flight memorial fund established in Jim's name (www.angelflight.org).

Forrest Ersul Lovering, 83

On Sunday, March 7, 2004, with his family at his side, Forrest Ersul Lovering, 83, "slipped quietly from this earthly life into eternity" at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born Dec. 29, 1920, in Watford City, N.D., to Ersul Eldorus Lovering and Bertie Rose (Shelley) Lovering.

When Forrest was 3 years old, his family moved to Montana and settled in the Flathead Valley, where he attended school and graduated from Flathead County High School. After graduation, Forrest took a typing course and found that he had a natural talent in that he could type as fast as a person could talk without making a mistake.

In 1941, he joined the Army and was soon stationed in Salt Lake City where he met his eternal companion, Louisa Barnum. Forrest saw Louisa at a dance, leaned over to his friend and said, "I'm going to marry that girl." They were married on March 19, 1942. While stationed in Alaska during World War II, his typing ability put him in a position to type seven-page carbon copy reports for the judge advocate.

After an honorable discharge as a warrant officer from the Army, Forrest returned to Montana and began working for Kalispell Motor Supply (NAPA) of which he later became part owner. He retired in 1986.

He served 21 years in the Army Reserve, 40 years in the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse, and was a charter member of the Flathead County Search & Rescue Association, where he served over 40 years.

Forrest was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he became friends with and was "adopted as family" by many wonderful people.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses who have cared for Dad. They would like to give a very special thank you to the staff of the Forest Pod at Brendan House. Their love and care for Dad and our family was exceptional.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Harry.

He is now survived by his wife, Louisa Lovering, of Kalispell; three daughters, Ruth Ruggles and Marilyn Lovering of Kalispell, and Linda Doty and husband Larry of Salt Lake City; three grandchildren, Dennis Ruggles of Tampa Bay, Fla., Brenda Fenger and husband Jim of Kalispell, and Mindy Haroldsen and husband Craig of Salt Lake City; three great-grandchildren, Jackie Ruggles, Wendy Storey and James, and Shelby Fenger; one great-great-granddaughter, Athena Storey (a great-great-grandson, Adian Storey, is due in May); and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Bishop Steve Perrone will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors by the Veterans of the Flathead and Posse honors. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of services in the Relief Society room at the church. The family suggests memorials be sent to Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Robert H. Lubenow

Memorial services for Robert H. Lubenow who died on Feb. 10 in Bigfork will be

held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Mary E. Lucey, 92

Mary E. Lucey, 92, formerly of Missoula, died Monday, May 3, 2004, in Eureka.

She is survived by her son, Jim Lucey.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church

in Eureka with the Rev. Pat-tiann Bennett officiating. Interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and until noon Monday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ethel Augustine Sophia Ludwig, 95

Ethel Augustine Sophia Ludwig, 95, "was taken to her Lord Jesus in heaven" on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born July 27, 1909, at the family homestead near Hankinson, N.D., to Edwin C. Magdalena (Jasmer) Gadcke. She had a happy childhood in Hankinson, and attended a one-room school through eighth grade, learning German and religious classes in the Lutheran faith.

On Aug. 4, 1929, she married Rev. Martin Ludwig in Hankinson, and the couple began their many years of serving parishes of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Martin was assigned parishes in Sidney, Glendive, Marsh, Bridger and Belfry, Mont., Gardena, N.D., Lake Crystal and Madelia, Minn., Glidden, Iowa, and Watertown, Wis.

Ethel and Martin raised five children, and lost an infant son, Michael, while living in North Dakota. They made many friends in every parish they served and enjoyed their years in the ministry. Ethel also worked in a nursing home in Carroll, Iowa, and became a supervisor at Bethesda Lutheran Home, a home for the developmentally disabled in Watertown, Wis.

The couple spent their retirement years in Jefferson City, Mo. While in Missouri, Ethel lost her husband in 1985, and her daughter,

Ruth in 1992.

She moved to Kalispell, in 1993, to be closer to her sons in the Northwest. She moved into Immanuel Lutheran Home on Sept. 17, 2003, where she recently celebrated her 95th birthday with many new friends, faithful staff members and also a few members of her immediate family.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Martin; one son, Michael; one daughter, Ruth; and a sister, Olivia.

She is survived by four sons, William E. Ludwig and wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell, Rev. Eugene Ludwig and wife, Wilma, of McMinnville, Ore., Delton Ludwig and wife, Janet, of Billings, and Larry Ludwig and wife, Jackie, of Fayetteville, Ga.; a son-in-law, Dr. Robert Jacob of Jefferson City, Mo.; a sister, Irma of Osseo, Minn.; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Trinity Lutheran Church with visitation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday Aug. 30, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Riverview Cemetery in Jefferson City, Mo.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ethel Lundeen, 100

Ethel Lundeen, 100, a longtime Tobacco Valley resident, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at her residence in Eureka.

She is survived by her sons, Carl Lundeen and Don Lun-

deen, both of Eureka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ethel B. Lund, 82

Ethel B. Lund, 82, passed away while surrounded by family on Jan. 11, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Ethel was born on June 26, 1921, to Celestine, "Polly" and Norris Boice in South Shore, S.D. She was born in her grandfather's house and named after her grandmother.



Arnold Lund and Ethel were married on June 12, 1946. They had five children: Jeanne Thomason of Aurora, Colo., Sharon Wood of Bigfork, Allan Lund (deceased), Larry and Stanley Lund of Havre.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold Lund; two sisters, Margie Coulter and husband Neal

of Charlo, and Marion D'Arcy and husband Chuck of Helena; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ethel Lund loved life and family. She won many prizes at the Hill County Fair for her baking and canning.

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hills Crematory, Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held in Havre in the Spring.

Memorials will be sent to a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to thank the third floor staff at Kalispell Regional Hospital and Brendan House. The ministers of both locations were extremely helpful.

Lyle D. (Dalrymple) Lulow, 91

Lyle D. (Dalrymple) Lulow, 91, of Polson, passed away on Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

Lyle was born Sept. 24, 1913, to George and Mable Dalrymple in Spade, Neb. She was the fourth of eight children in the Dalrymple family. She was raised in a sod house in the Sand Hills of Nebraska. She enjoyed school as a child and her life dream was to teach.

She fulfilled that dream after graduating from Rushville High School in 1930. She taught for several years at the Bourne School and the Brum School in the same rural area where she grown up near Rushville. She loved to teach students in rural schools because of the variety of ages and grades.

On Nov. 15, 1939, Lyle married Howard N. Lulow, a neighbor of the Dalrymple family and a schoolmate. Howard and Lyle farmed for a living. They sold their Nebraska farm in 1948 and moved with their daughter, Jacquin, and twin sons, James and Robert, to Montana to a farm in Valley View near Polson. They had two more sons, Harvey and George, after they moved to Montana.

Lyle worked very hard as a farm wife and mother of five children. She was a very dedicated wife and mother and was the pillar of the family. She was an excellent cook and everyone looked forward to having a meal at her home. Her home was always open and everyone was welcome. She was a gracious hostess and had a positive impact on all lives she touched.

Lyle was faithful to her Christian belief; she loved the Truth of God and valued the privilege of the Sunday morning meeting that was held in their home for many years.

Howard and Lyle enjoyed over 54 years together until his passing in April of 1994. Lyle then sold her place in Valley View and moved to Polson that fall. In June 2000, declining health required her to move to the St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan where she resided until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; parents; sisters, Louise and Claire; brother, Bruce; and two infant grandsons, Anthony Lulow, and Christopher Lulow.

She is survived by her children, Jacquin Simurdak of Lolo, James and Vicki of West Seattle, Robert and Sherry of Ronan, Harvey and Debra of Clancy, and George and Joan of Salem, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Maude, of Walla Walla, Wash.; three brothers, Norman and Emily of Elk Grove, Calif., Robert and Ruth of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Winfred and Mary of Grayland, Wash.; and sister-in-law, Lily Dalrymple, of Silverton, Ore. Many other special friends and relatives also survive her.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren and honorary pallbearers will be her great-grandchildren. Following the services there will be a luncheon at Polson Senior Citizens Center.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Valley View School Library Fund, c/o Valley View School District No. 35, 7000 Valley View Road, Polson, MT 59860.

Edwina 'Sunny' Lynch, 85

Edwina "Sunny" Lynch, 85, died June 26, 2004, as a result of an auto accident. She was born on April 28, 1919, to Edward and Lillian Sundholm in Brooklyn, N.Y.



She attended Duke University in North Carolina and received a degree in English and foreign languages in 1940.

Sunny served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and married Donald Lynch of Highwood in 1945.

She is survived by husband, Donald Lynch; and by her children, David Lynch of Los Angeles, John Lynch of Olympia, Wash., and Martha Lynch Levacy of Coronado, Calif. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Sunny and Don have been part-

time residents of Whitefish for the past 24 years and they also maintain a home in Riverside, Calif.

Sunny was an active member of the Presbyterian Church in both Whitefish and Riverside.

She was a great mother to her three children and supported them through numerous activities. She was a devoted wife to her husband, Don, and a faithful friend to many. Her loving strength will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m., today, June 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Andy Kennaly officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Donations may be made to the Glacier Presbytery Camp, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922; www.glaciercamp.org

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.