

## Charles 'Chuck' Paul Mendenhall, 89

Charles "Chuck" Paul Mendenhall passed away on Jan. 15, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center at the age of 89. At the time of his death, he resided on Strucek Lane in Kalispell.



Chuck was born in Winifred, on May 28, 1914, to Edward Douglas and Bessie (Shaefer) Mendenhall. Chuck spent much of his childhood in Great Falls where his family lived behind and became friends with Charles M. Russell. Chuck recalled often how he loved to watch Mr. Russell paint and listen to his stories of the cowboy life.

After graduating from high school at Oilmont where his father was working, Chuck moved to Cut Bank and began working in the oil fields. While in Cut Bank, Chuck met the love of his life, a beautiful 4'10" firecracker of a gal named Anna "Dolly" Devlin. They married on Feb. 1, 1941, and spent the next 63 wonderful years together.

Chuck and Dolly would move periodically, with Chuck taking jobs in Washington, California, Colorado and Alaska, but they would always return to the state they loved the most — Montana.

Chuck's adventures led him to work for the Civilian Conservation Corps; and during World War II, he worked for Kaiser at the shipyards in Washington and California. Later, Chuck worked for Howard Hughes where he assisted in the construction of the Spruce Goose, the largest plane ever built.

After returning from California, Chuck and Dolly lived at the family homestead between East and West Glacier, referred to by family as simply the "Ranch." Chuck worked as an outfitter and for a number of years ran a hunting camp out of Schaefer Meadows in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. After a short stop in East Glacier where Chuck owned the Graves Cabins, they moved back to Cut Bank where Chuck took a job in the oil fields and Dolly ran a rooming house.

After leaving the oil fields, Chuck took a job with Petrolane, which eventually took him to Browning and then to Alaska for nine years. Chuck retired in 1972 and moved back to the ranch where he lived until moving to Kalispell in 1982.

Chuck was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt, fish or just explore. His favorite times were those spent at his ranch. Bordered on one side by U.S. 2 and the other side by Glacier Park, Chuck relished the first day of hunting season like a child anticipates Christmas. His numerous hunting, fishing and survival stories would keep family members glued to their seats for hours.

While hunting, Chuck survived

both a plane crash in a remote area of Alaska and a fall into the frigid Flathead River miles from his hunting camp. Chuck once held the Pope & Young record for the largest moose ever taken by bow and arrow. Many of Chuck's grandchildren still remember that first season when they were old enough to go hunting with Pompy, as he was affectionately called by most of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Along with his outdoor adventures, Chuck's talents and hobbies truly tell the story of his life. With each move his tools, saws and drills would go into the moving truck first. After seeing his first snowmobile, Chuck built one from scratch using only a picture from Popular Mechanics as his guide. He built his own boat out of the pontoons from a sea-plane. He built ice-fishing shacks for himself, family and friends long before they became common or available to buy. He found enjoyment building everything from grandfather clocks to elk horn lamps.

His passion for building and his remarkable eye for detail are evident in the many birdhouses he built over the last few years of his life and shared with his family. Chuck's birdhouses even included handmade cedar shingles. His last project was building cedar high chairs and stools for his great-grandchildren. Everyone in Chuck's family can look around their living room and see something built by his hands.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Felix; and his youngest son, Charles Edward.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Dolly; his brother, Doug, of Great Falls; three of his children, Dianna Hartung of Kalispell, Charlotte Kennedy and husband, Ed, of Bigfork, and John Paul Mendenhall of Aromas, Calif.; his five grandchildren, Ricky Hartung, Ron Hartung and wife, Georgeanna, of Kalispell, Lisa Kennedy-Rashoodi and husband, Fahad, of Bahrain, Shelly Baier and husband, Tim, of Great Falls, and John (Tre) Kennedy and wife, LeAnn, of Portland, Ore.; and his seven great-grandchildren, Dillon and Rueger Baier, Sarah, Norah, Nouf and Rayan Rashoodi and Eddy Kennedy. He also leaves behind his great friends, Don and Jan Smith and Don and Sharon Worley.

Family and friends are invited to the recitation of the rosary and prayer at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary, Monday, Jan. 19. Public viewing will follow from 2:30 to 4 p.m. A family service and celebration of life will be held this summer at the ranch.

Memorial donations may be made to the Essex Quick Response Unit, Essex, MT 59916.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## F. Charles 'Chuck' Mercord, 73

Frederick Charles "Chuck" Mercord died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at his residence in Lakeside after a three-month battle with cancer.

Chuck was born Dec. 5, 1931, in Kalispell. His parents were Milton and Louise Mercord, both deceased. He was a fourth-generation resident of the valley; his great-grandparents homesteaded south of Somers in 1894. His father, a commercial painter and a building contractor, was one of the five founders in 1955 of First Federal Savings and Loan, which has grown and evolved to be today's Glacier Bank system.

After graduating from Flathead High School, Chuck commenced a five-year architectural program at Montana State University. The Korean War heated up, and he switched to an industrial arts major so he could graduate in four years and join the Air Force. He flew jets for three years, and continued flying after leaving the service, first piloting a 1932 Stinson for the Forest Service. After a brief sojourn in the aerospace industry in California, he went back to flying in Montana, first for Plum Creek and subsequently for Johnson Flying Service in Missoula.

In 1961, Chuck began an exemplary 30-year career in banking, as a feller for First Federal. He served as president and managing officer of the organization from 1977 to 1989, during which time the firm went public as First Federal Savings in 1984. Chuck stepped up to the role of chairman and CEO of the institu-



and the move to its present campus; Chuck served on its foundation board for years. His other board and community committee memberships included Northwest Healthcare Foundation, the Flathead Lakers, the Hockaday Museum of Art, the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, the Central School Museum, the Immanuel Lutheran Development Advisory Committee, the Kalispell Development Corporation, and the Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center [TAAC] in Seattle. Chuck was an active member of the Kalispell Rotary Club for 32 years, and a charter member of Northridge Lutheran Church.

In all his commitments, Chuck was energetic, positive, tenacious and visionary. As a founder of the Kalispell Development Corporation, he drove the facilitating of the Kalispell Center Mall via federal financing through HUD grants. For the Flathead Lakers and other organizations, he worked devotedly to enlist fellow citizens as directors and contributors of time and treasure to pertinent causes. In this way, he fostered elevated energy and accomplishment for many organizations in addition to his own contributions. Most recently, he had worked tirelessly to foster capital gifts in support of the ALERT program as a member of the Northwest Healthcare Foundation, and single-handedly achieved his vision of the beach and picnic area developed along U.S. 93 in Somers, persuading state and local agencies and numerous local citizens to convert a blighted highway border into an attractive and functional community asset.

Chuck's energy and competitive-

tion, by then named Glacier Bank, in 1989, and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1992. He continued as a director until April of 2004.

Beyond his efforts for Glacier Bank itself, Chuck served his industry in various capacities. He was a director for more than a decade of the U.S. League of Savings and Loan Associations, held a three-year term as a director of the regional Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, and served a similar term as a director of the Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Chuck married Kathryn Jasken nearly 40 years ago, on March 20, 1965. They had two children, Leslie was born in 1968; she is married to Reed Blackburn, and has a step-daughter, Kirsten. Their home is in Whitefish. Brad was born in 1971; he is married to Corie Bruley. They have two daughters, Maddi and Laci. Their home is in the county, southwest of Kalispell.

Chuck and Kathy have been unselfish contributors to the area's betterment and well-being throughout their marriage, which has been duly recognized by the community. They were designated to receive the United Way Points of Light Award in 2003. Last year, The Flathead Valley Community College Foundation bestowed its Eagle Award on Chuck, and this fall the couple were named recipients of the 33rd Great Chief Award by the Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce. This designation was stated to honor their civic and volunteer spirit that spans a lifetime and provides a legacy for the community. The citation went on to say that "through their efforts, the Mercords have made the Flathead Valley a better place in which to live and work."

Chuck and Kathy were early supporters of the community college, and were instrumental in its growth

and were widely recognized. In 1949, he was state Class B hydro champion, and placed second in the 1962 B hydro national championships at Moses Lake, Wash. In 1965 he set a world speed record of 60 mph in C class hydroplane racing in Oregon, a record which stood for 10 years. Later in life, he concentrated on sailboat racing, and in 1994 acquired a 29-foot Young 88 New Zealand vessel. He campaigned "KIWI BOAT" in various waters under the flag of the North Flathead Yacht Club with son Brad as helmsman. They and their crews raced three years in the famous Whidbey Island Race Week, finishing successfully second in class, first in class and first overall. Those successes led to winning the Seattle Grand Prix, North Sails Race Week in Long Beach, Calif., the Stone Cup in San Francisco Bay, and to competition in the Key West World Competition Regatta.

In addition to his immediate family, Chuck is survived by his brother Bruce and sister-in-law Melissa, of Colorado, and their three children and their two grandchildren. Further, Chuck is survived by a legion of friends and fellow contributors to the well-being of Flathead Valley.

Services for Chuck will occur on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 3 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Following, there will be a celebration of his life and reception at the Mackinaw Grill in Somers, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

At the family's request, memorials may be sent to Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901 with designation to the ALERT program or the cancer center; to Flathead Valley Community College Foundation at 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Flathead Lakers, P.O. Box 70, Polson, MT 59860.

## Ida Marie Metcalf, 46

Ida Marie Metcalf, 46, passed away on Oct. 17, 2004, after a two year battle with cancer.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1958, in Watsonville, Calif., the daughter of Francisco and Maria Orozco. She attended school in Salinas, Calif., and was a graduate of Hartnell College with an Associate of Science degree.

Ida had been employed for years in California local and state government as a senior police clerk, secretary, and administrative assistant. She moved to Kalispell with her husband of 12 years, Richard Metcalf, upon his retirement from King City, Calif.

Prior to her illness, Ida celebrated her faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ, by living all of her life to his glory. She was an exceptional athlete who participated in nine marathons. Her love for running and associated physical skills



earned her many awards and medals. She loved all outdoor recreation and was an avid Kalispell hiker, kayaker and cross country skier.

Ida's hobbies included a love of plants, landscaping and working with youth at church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Marja Orozco.

Ida is survived by her husband, Richard, of Kalispell; father, Francisco Orozco, of Salinas, Calif.; brothers, Frank Orozco of Salinas, and David Orozco of Chula Vista, Calif.; sisters, Anita Ayala, Lucy Venegas, Martha Ybarra, Corrine Orozco, Terry Heffington, and Janie Torrez, all of Salinas, and Sandra Orozco of El Monte, Calif.; and grandsons, Carter and Riley Jacobs, of Lemoore, Calif.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California, St. in Kalispell. Pastor Dan Wurster will officiate.

Ida will always be remembered for her God-given athletic abilities, beautiful smile and thoughtfulness toward others.

## Irene M. Oberg Merry, 98

Irene M. Oberg Merry, 98, died Nov. 16, 2004, at a nursing home in California.

She had taught school for 30 years, retiring in 1971.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Arthur of Kalispell, Arlin Merry of Eldorado Hills, Calif., Robert Merry of Great Falls and Kenneth

Merry of Circle.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Circle. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Evangelical Church in Circle. Interment will follow in Riverview Cemetery with a luncheon at the church to follow.

## Charles Edward Meyer, 75,

Charles Edward Meyer, 75, "went to be with God" on May 7, 2004.

He was born July 4, 1928, to Edward Ernest and Alice Ann in Ault, Colo., the first of nine children. He was raised in Colorado until he joined the Merchant Marines where he served in Okinawa, Japan, in 1945. He was married shortly out of the service to Marlene. They had three boys together.

He married Jessie Naomi Wareham in 1957 and they had six children together. He was a union carpenter for 30-plus years and built many hospitals, schools, and some large bridges. He moved often throughout the years for work. He moved to the Flathead in 1979 where he lived most of the time

until his passing.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Jess, and Charles Edward Jr.; his wife, Jessie; two nieces; his father and mother; and three brothers.

He is survived by sons, Darrell Edward, Neal Stewart, Steven Paul, Terrie Dirk, Chad Robert and Daniel Kenneth; and one daughter, Lori Alice; brothers, Gene, Lloyd and Ron; sisters, Judy and Karen; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Happy Valley Missionary Baptist Church, 412 Antelope Trail in Happy Valley with Pastor Mike Frelich officiating.

## Cody Lee Meyer, 16

Cody Lee Meyer, 16, passed away Aug. 30, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born March 4, 1988, in Oak Harbor, Wash., to parents, Luke M. and Lisa M. Meyer.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandfather, Lawrence G. Meyer, aunt Corrina; and cousins, Patrick, Anthony and Thomas Gallagher; and maternal great-grandma, Fay Near; grandpa, Rick Knapp; and great-uncle, Tony Taylor.

He is survived by his parents, Luke and Lisa Meyer, and his little brother, Tim Meyer, of Kalispell; great-grandparents, Ella and Jerry King, of Stanley, N.D.; grandma, Vivian Meyer, of Whitefish; aunt Sherry, and uncle Scott Bradstreet, with son, Bret, and daughter, Marriah, of Bigfork; aunt Deena and uncle John Stein, with daughters, Stephanie and Hailey, of Moscow, Idaho; and aunt Julie and uncle Toby Laroque, with son, Ryan of Whitefish.

He is also survived by maternal grandparents, Tony Caiola "PaPa," and grandma, Harriet Caiola of Lynnwood, Wash; grandma, Judy Knapp of Emporium, Pa.; uncle, Rick and Amy Knapp with



children, Rick Jr., Brook and Zach, all of Emporium; uncle, William Knapp "Uncle Bubba," with daughters, Cassidy and Sydney; uncle, A.J. and Alicia Caiola II, with children, Jay, Stephanie and Dale, of Boise, Idaho; aunt Kelly and Mark Deshong with daughters, Samantha and Dia of Pittsburg; aunt Tracey Resler "Aunt T.T.," with Taylor Resler of Bothell, Wash.; and aunt, Melissa "Aunt Bummer," and uncle, Sam Buno with girls, Casandra, Shelby and Kayla, all of Bothell, Wash.; and numerous aunts and uncles, too many to mention, but many who were touched by the live of Cody.

"Cody was like the stray puppy you wanted to take home. There were tons of hugs, smiles and plenty of play. He was the kind of kid who would corner a skunk at his cousin's to dare the beast to squirt him."

Cody was a caring and giving cousin; a young man full of life and love, always including even the youngest of cousins in events and gatherings.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Austin Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the V.F.W. in Whitefish. All friends are welcome to attend.

Arrangements are provided by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Joseph 'Joe' Meyer, Jr., 84

Joseph "Joe" Meyer, Jr., 84, of Rollins, died June 7, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a brief illness.

He was born in Eichstatt, Germany on Sept. 27, 1919, to Joseph and Helen (Layher) Meyer. They immigrated through Ellis Island in January 1925 to farm in Rockville, Mo.

During his high school years, to help support his family, Joe worked the wheat and apple harvests as far as Washington state. He graduated from Rockville High School in 1936.

He served in the Eighth Air Force 39th Bomb Group during World War II as a radio operator on B-17s in the European Theatre. During the Battle of the Bulge, his plane was shot down but he parachuted to safety, earning entry into the "Caterpillar Club." A decorated veteran, he was a man of peace who never wanted to see any young person have to endure the trauma of war.

Joe spent 57 beautiful years with his wife, Ruth Evelyn (Fricke) Meyer. The G.I. Bill allowed him to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Missouri in Kansas City in 1955. He completed two years of coursework in social work administration at Washington University in St. Louis. He was regional director of

the Missouri Bureau of Rehabilitation for the Blind and the last 10 years of his career of service to others culminated in his 1974 retirement as executive director of Lutheran Social Services of Montana in Helena.

He was pre-deceased by his wife, Ruth, in July, 2003; his parents; and brothers, Karl and Bob.

Left to mourn are his sister, Elsie Gann, of Greenwood, Mo.; three sons, daughters-in-law, and their children, Dennis and wife, Betsy, and Liam and Megan of Schenectady, N.Y., Dan and wife, Wendy Flaschner, and Emily and Nathaniel of Readfield, Maine, and Jerry and wife, Meredith, and Loren and Liz of Helena; together with surviving in-laws, beloved nephews, nieces, and friends in the community.

In all communities where he lived, Joe was an active leader of the Lutheran church congregation, always enjoying hymns and fellowship.

A memorial service will be scheduled at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Lakeside later in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to the Eidsvold Educational Fund, Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Lakeside, MT, or a charity of their choice.

## Barbara Wills Meyers, 64

Barbara Wills Meyers, 64, formerly of Kalispell, died March 9, 2004, in Half Moon Bay, Calif., after a lengthy battle with muscular dystrophy.

She had worked for RCA in Daly City, Calif.

Survivors include her parents, Colin and Winifred Wills; sister, Colleen Breeze; and brother, Robert Wills, all of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be scattered in the Pacific Ocean.

## Elizabeth 'Betty' J. Gathman Miller, 68

Elizabeth "Betty" J. Gathman Miller, 68, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Evergreen Nursing Home in Polson.

She was born July 31, 1936, in White Earth, N.D., to Victor and Pearl Gathman. She was raised and went to school in South Heart, N.D. In 1952, the family moved to Anaconda.

She went into the W.A.C.s and served for two years. She moved to

the Flathead Valley in 1972.

Betty is survived by two sisters, Margaret Hyorth and Shirley Day; one brother, Thomas Gathman; and several nieces and nephews, and their families.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Cremation.

## Lewis Clifford Miller, 87

Lewis Clifford Miller, 87, of Eureka, died of natural causes at North Valley Hospital on Aug. 6, 2004.

He is survived by a son, Randy.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery, with a potluck dinner following immediately at the Baptist church.

## Lola Marie Miller, 87

Lola Marie Miller, 87, of Coram, passed away Monday, March 1, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 21, 1916, in Lisbon, N.D., to Walter and Luella (Bock) Johnson. Lola completed high school in Lisbon.

She moved to San Diego, Calif., during the war where she met her husband, Menno Miller. They were married June 17, 1944. They moved several times and arrived in the Flathead Valley near Echo Lake in July 1955, where they farmed until 1974, when they moved to the Polson area.

In 1994, they sold their place and Menno passed away. Lola lived in Spokane, until 2000, when she moved back into the Kalispell area.

She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, playing piano and was active in the Lutheran church in Bigfork and Polson.

Lola was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Kathryn Chapin; a son, Robert; her parents; and a brother.

Survivors include three daughters, Rochelle LaValley of Colville, Wash., Elaine Miller of Kalispell, and Dawn Collins of Coram; seven grandchildren, one great-grandson; one sister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held and burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Marilyn 'Pat' Patricia (Wimmer) Meyers, 78

Marilyn "Pat" Patricia (Wimmer) Meyers, 78, passed away on Sept. 3, 2004, at her home in Kalispell, after a courageous three-year battle against ovarian cancer.



She was delivered by a midwife in St. Cloud, Minn., to Ray and Marie (DeMarais) Wimmer on Jan. 16, 1926. Pat attended Holy Angels Elementary School, Cathedral High School, and graduated from the St. Cloud Hospital School of Nursing in August 1946 as a registered nurse. She married James Clarence Meyers, of Waite Park, Minn., on Feb. 14, 1947.

Most of Pat's nursing career was spent in the recovery room at St. Cloud Hospital. When her children were small, she took time off from nursing to volunteer as an interim caregiver for newborns awaiting adoption through Catholic Social Services of St. Cloud.

In 1977, she and her husband moved to Kalispell to pursue the dream of owning their own business. They bought a motel called the Thrifty Scot (currently named the Aero Inn), which they owned and managed for 12 years.

They became active members of various social organizations including the Jazz Society. Pat was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Parish in Kalispell and on the board of directors of the Kalispell Golf Association.

Pat loved the outdoors. She

golfed, hiked, bicycled and cross country skied, all of which were enjoyed with her numerous friends from Kalispell. She also enjoyed dancing and listening to big bands. Pat became quite an adept and masterful quilter. She won many awards and several of her quilts have been donated to various organizations.

Pat will be greatly missed as a wife, mother, grandmother and wonderful friend. Her acts of kindness will be remembered by all who knew her.

Pat was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wimmer in 1999.

She is survived by her husband, James; and four daughters, Vicki Walbruch of Knaresborough, United Kingdom, Jackley Stean of Cascade, Geri Meireis of Denver, and Melani Jaskowiak of Gilbert, Ariz. She was the proud grandmother of four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and aunt to six nieces and five nephews. Her siblings include a sister, Eileen Daley of Hartford, Conn., and brother, Jim Wimmer of Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Rosary services for Pat will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday, both at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 602 S. Main Street, with burial at a later date.

The family suggests memorials go to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, 910 17th St. NW #413, Washington, D.C. 20006. ([www.ovariancancer.org](http://www.ovariancancer.org)), the Home Options-Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Ted E. Mikita Sr., 79

Ted E. Mikita Sr., 79, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at his home in Fortine.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at the

Fortine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

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

## Beverly Ann Miller, 52

Beverly Ann Miller, 52, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She worked with the Department of Family Services in Libby.

She is survived by her father, Gene Edward Miller, of

Great Falls.

Services will be 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and until noon Tuesday.

## Marion Miller, 88

Marion Miller passed away on May 29, 2004, in Mission Viejo, Calif., just nine days shy of her 89th birthday.

Born Marion Bernadine Thompson on June 7, 1915, in Hettinger, N.D., she was called "Mukkie" by dear friends and family.

She is survived by her daughters, Celeste Leitch of San Francisco, and Karen Grosswiler and her husband, Jim, of Mission Viejo, Calif., and stepson, Dr. Cecil Leitch and his wife, Ann, of Litchfield, Minn. She is also survived by three dearly loved sisters, Mavis Tronstad of Kalispell, Sylvane Weinberg of Vancouver, Wash., and Donna Hower of Port Angeles, Wash.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ardmore and Roger Thompson, and one sister, Jean Freeman.

She was a gracious mother-in-law, an enthusiastic grandmother of seven and an adoring great-grandmother of 10.

She had an abiding faith in God, always giving of her time and skills to others. A member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell and then Mount of Olives Lutheran Church in Mission Viejo, Marion took part in Bible studies and regularly found ways to serve. Much as her parents instilled a deep faith in her, she passed along a legacy of faith to her family.

Marion was the eldest child of seven, learning to work hard on the family farm, as well as how to

be compassionate and nurturing for her siblings and others. She left home after high school to attend nursing school in St. Paul, Minn. When she finished her degree, she moved to northern Minnesota to work for Dr. Neil Leitch, whom she married in 1938. They later moved to Kalispell, where they cared for Dr. Leitch's five sons and their two daughters. She was widowed in 1957. Many benefited from her attentive and conscientious care as a registered nurse at Kalispell General Hospital, 1958-1975.

She married a Kalispell lumberman and businessman, Clifford Miller, in 1970 and rediscovered the joys of travel, dancing and entertaining. They moved to Laguna Hills, Calif., in 1985. Clifford died in 1989.

Marion was excellent in anything she set her mind to, whether it was cooking — she was famed for her creamed potatoes, pies, and Norwegian lefse — entertaining, sewing, knitting, church work, or playing bridge.

She was a lady, often dressed to the nines, and yet was always ready to laugh and enjoy those about her. Her entire family mourns her passing and all she added to their lives, but celebrates that she knew Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and is now free and at peace.

A memorial service is planned in Mission Viejo for June 18. There will be a graveside service Aug. 3 at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

## Mary Lynne Miller, 73

Mary Lynne Miller, 73, of San Diego, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004. She was born on July 14, 1930, in Kalispell to Austin W. Newell Sr. and his wife, Jesse MacDonald Newell.

She lived in Kalispell and worked for the Child Support Division of Flathead County until she made the move to San Diego in 1986. There she worked as a senior assessment clerk for the San Diego County Clerk and Records Office

until her retirement in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Austin William Newell Jr. of Dallas.

Survivors include her daughters, Maureen Miller of San Diego and Trudie Miller McConnell of Belleville, N.J.; her sister, Janet Wik of Renton, Wash.; and her brother, James Newell of Billings.

Services were held June 19 at Lakeside-Santee Funeral Chapel, Lakeside, Calif.

## Steve Randolph Miller, 54

Steve Randolph Miller, 54, died on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at his home near Kila.

He is survived locally by his wife, Patsy, and his son, Jere-

my, both of Kila.

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



## John J. Ming, 85

John J. Ming, 85, passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004, in Kalispell, with loving family members surrounding him.

He was born on May 8, 1919, in Billings, to John A. and Elizabeth (Cole) Ming. He grew up on the family farm in Bloomfield. He went into partnership with his father in 1937. They also ran a Christmas tree business for 32 years, marketing throughout 10 states.

On July 2, 1939, he married Rachel Marie Bowlds in Clyde Park. Together they farmed in Bloomfield and raised four children. John served as Dawson county commissioner from 1956-1962. He was very pleased with what he was able to accomplish during his term.

In 1964, they moved to Eureka, where he started his first real estate office. He later opened offices in Libby and Kalispell.

John spent his life personally committed to his Savior, Jesus Christ, and was very active in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. He immensely enjoyed the time he spent with his many



golf buddies on the links at Buffalo Hills Golf Course.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Don.

He is survived by two daughters, Beverly Twist and husband, Earl, of Kalispell, and Carol Ming of Altadena, Calif.; two sons, John Kenneth Ming and wife, Roxanne, of Kalispell, and Robert W. Ming and wife, Carol, of Butte; seven grandchildren, Tod Twist of Madison, Wis., and Lt. Donald Twist, Chaplin USN of Keflavik, Iceland, Jerry Ming of Salem, Ore., J. Michael Ming of Billings, Andrew Ming of Cheyenne, Wyo., Jason Ming of Bozeman, and Nichole Fleming of Hesperia, Calif.; 10 great-grandchildren; also two sisters, Cora and Louise, both of California.

A memorial service for John J. Ming will be held at 11 a.m., June 29, at the Faith Alliance Church, 348 Second Ave. West in Kalispell. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today, at the Dawson County Cemetery (on the hill) in Glendive.

Memorials may be made to Faith Alliance Church mission fund or to Flathead Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Irene Amelia Moen, 82

Irene Amelia Moen, 82, died on Friday, April 23, 2004 at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Carol Briner of Kalispell, and Jeanne Vasquez

of Sunnyside, Wash.; and one son, Doug Moen of Kalispell.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## James L. Monheiser, 72

James L. Monheiser, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, in Libby.

He was employed by the U.S. Park Service working in concessions management.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, his children, Linda Leyba and Barbara Monheiser, all of Libby, Andy Monheiser of Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.,

Nancy Vigil of Fort Collins, Colo., and Alice Anderson of Henderson, Nev.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday at the funeral home.

## Anita Sue Monk, 46

Anita Sue Monk, 46, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at her home in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was recently pursuing a license as a massage therapist.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret R. Monk, of Mis-

soula.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Bruce Allen Moon, 78

Bruce Allen Moon, 78, of Kalispell died on March 4, 2004.

He was born on March 26, 1925, in Great Falls, to Charles and Maryon Allen. He graduated from Great Falls High School in 1943.

He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and, after the war, returned to Montana, graduating from the University of Montana in 1948 with a business degree.

He began his career at GMAC Finance Corp. in Great Falls and later worked as the business manager for the Great Falls Clinic. During this time, he met and then married the love of his life, Lois McDonnell, on Feb. 12, 1949.

They moved to Fairfield, in 1953, where they owned and operated a Marshall Wells hardware store. In 1956, they moved to Cut Bank where they owned and operated a Coast-to-Coast store until they sold it in 1971 and moved to Kalispell. Here he owned Moon Agency Real Estate until retiring. Since that time, summers were spent in the Flathead Valley and winters in Arizona. He truly loved his work but also knew how to enjoy his leisure time.

He was a man of many talents and interests including hiking, camping, playing the organ, hunting and fishing, dancing, and attending jazzfests. He had a zeal for life and sense of humor that drew many people close to him. He spent many, many hours hiking and camping in Glacier Park. He hiked most of the trails in

Glacier Park, knew it well, and loved sharing it with others. He also hiked many miles with his hiking gang in Arizona, including numerous trips into the Grand Canyon.

He loved hunting and fishing with son, Scott, and together they traveled to many wonderful places. He also loved helping people, and worked for many years delivering Meals-On-Wheels as well as volunteering at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

His greatest love was his family, starting with his wife and partner, Lois, to whom he was married for 54 years until her death in December 2003.

He is now survived by daughter, Dianna Moon of Fort Collins, Colo.; son, Scott Moon and wife, Beverly, of Kalispell; daughter, Darcy Davis and husband, Pat, of Los Angeles; as well as grandson, Casey Davis and granddaughter, Sara Davis, also of Los Angeles.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but great solace is taken in knowing that "he is reunited with Jesus and his life partner whom he missed so dearly."

Services will be held 10:30 a.m. in Mesa on Friday, March 12, at Victory Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Kalispell.

Because Glacier National Park was so dear to Bruce, the family requests memorials be designated to The Glacier Fund, P.O. Box 14, West Glacier, MT 59936.

## Howard Jay Moon, 100

Howard Jay Moon, 100, died on Monday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Greenwood Village in Kalispell.

Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at St. Jude's

Catholic Church in Havre. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Havre. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Hertha Ann Moore, 87

Hertha Ann Moore "was called peacefully into the arms of Jesus" on Sept. 16, 2004, at the age of 87.

She was born in New Salem, N.D., on Oct. 27, 1916, and received her education in a small rural school near the family farm.

Hertha was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Frieda (Knirk) Kunkel; her husband of 46 years, William B. "Bill" Moore; daughter-in-law, Linda Moore; sisters, Margaret Schwinkendorf and Delores Kunkel; and brothers, Rudolph and Lorenz Kunkel.

Surviving her is her son, Barry Moore of Billings; her daughter and "favorite son-in-law," Lynda Kay and Don Hurter of Renton, Wash.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Hertha is also survived by sisters, Bernice Luoma of Minnesota and Rosemary Kunkel of Idaho; and brother, Archie Kunkel of Wisconsin; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Even though she grew up during the Depression, Hertha never felt poor. The family worked hard and the farm provided the necessities to get by and they remained rich in their spirit and faith and found enjoyment spending time together. Hertha learned strong work ethics and the values of "family" and respect for others.

Hertha met Bill Moore, "the love of her life" in Yakima, Wash., where they were married in 1938. Bill worked for the Bureau of Reclamation on the Grand Coulee Dam, and in 1945, he was transferred to the Hungry Horse Dam project in north-west Montana.



With their two young children, Barry and Lynda Kay, they moved to the Flathead Valley in Montana, fell in love with the beauty of the country and the friendliness of the people, eventually purchased five acres of land and built their dream home just seven miles out of the west entrance to Glacier National Park. They enjoyed sharing their home and the beauty of what they referred to as "God's Country" with family, friends and strangers alike.

They were active members of the Canyon Community Church in Coram, for many years; Hertha taught Sunday School and was involved in many facets of the women's ministries. In retirement years, the couple enjoyed several senior bus tour trips from Alaska to Mexico.

In 1988, Hertha moved to Renton, to be close to her daughter and family. She became a member of Highlands Community Church and was actively involved with the JOY (Just Older Youth) Group and 60s Plus.

Hertha set an example by her life; she loved unconditionally and was devoted to doing the Lord's work. Even in the last days of her life, in a weakened state, she reached out to comfort those who were in need of encouragement. Hertha Moore will be remembered for the loving Christ-like spirit she possessed. "We love you Hertha, and will miss you, but we know you are in a better place now and we look forward to being reunited with you one day."

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Canyon Community Church in Coram. Graveside services are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## H. Jean Moore, 80

H. Jean Moore, 80, passed away at North Valley Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, of a heart attack.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1924, in Alliance, Ohio, to Delvin Murphy and Marie Murphy Freshley. She was the third of eight children and was raised and attended school in Alliance.

During World War II, Jean worked for Taylor Craft, where she did test flights on the aircraft before shipment. Also during this time she met the love of her life, Harry J. Moore, at a dance while he was home on leave from the Merchant Marines. They married on Jan. 7, 1947, in Alliance, where they made their home and raised two children.

During her married life she held several jobs outside of the home but her greatest joy was supporting her husband and children in their various hobbies and careers.

While living in Alliance, Jean was active in the Science Hill Church of Christ and the Lexington Grange. In 1995, Jean and Harry moved to Montana to be near their children. While living here they made many dear friends and became part of the church family at Stillwater Church of Christ. During their short time here, they never forgot their friends and church family at Science Hill United Church of Christ in Alliance. Jean had a deep faith and love for her Lord and Savior and was anxious to go to her heavenly home.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; her parents; and two brothers, Ernest and Del-

bert Murphy.

She leaves behind her children and grandsons, Ernie and Karin Moore of Whitefish, Pam and Dick Walker of Kalispell, Jason Walker of Bozeman and Corey Walker of Kalispell; her special nephew, Dan, and his wife, Tami Murphy, of Alliance; her brothers and sisters, Albert Murphy, Donald Murphy, Leoma Kuntze, Joan Tinker and Barbara Matthew, all of Alliance; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Monday, Dec. 20, followed that evening by a memorial service at 7 p.m. at Stillwater Church of Christ. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Vaughn L. Moore, 74

Vaughn L. Moore, 74, of Stevensville, passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital of natural causes.

Vaughn was born June 27, 1929, in Edgerton, Wyo., the son of Esker and Gertrude Garber Moore.

He was united in marriage to Jo Arnold. They were married 54 years. He taught at Hawthorne School in Missoula for 11 years and in Oak Ridge, Tenn., for 16 years.

After his retirement, he and his wife, Jo, moved to Missoula, in 1997. In 2001, they then moved to Sun City, Ariz.

Vaughn is survived by his wife, Jo, of Stevensville; a son, Jack Earl Moore and his wife, Carol, of

Nevada; a daughter, Vonette Moore Prince and her husband, Glen, of Tennessee; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his brother, Jack L. Moore and his wife, Ann, of California; a sister, June Moore Anderson, of Bigfork, as well as numerous nieces nephews, and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place under the direction and care of Livingston, Malletta, and Geraghty Funeral Home. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Vaughn's name to St. Patrick House, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

## Felix F. Moran Jr., 88

Felix F. Moran Jr., 88, of Polson died July 25, 2004, at Saint Patrick's Hospital of Missoula, from complications associated with heart surgery.



Born Feb. 24, 1916, in Anderson, Texas, to Felix and Grace Moran, he graduated from Navasota High School and married his high school sweetheart, Eunice Wingard of Shiro, Texas, before moving to Houston to work at the Hughes Tool Company.

During World War II, Felix volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on July 16, 1942. He trained at Texas-based Army Air Corps Cadet Schools in San Antonio, Ballinger, San Angelo, and Lubbock, Texas. He underwent transition training at Austin, Texas, Grenada, Miss., and Alliance, Neb.

He served in the European Theater of Operation and the American Theater for 15 months, flying C-47s with the 315th Troop Carrier Group in the Normandy Campaign, Western France, the airborne invasion of Holland, the Ardennes, and the Rhineland. At the end of the war in Europe, he transferred to Puerto Rico and took part in returning veterans to the United States by air.

Felix continued to serve the nation in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and communications officer until his retirement in 1964 with the rank of lieutenant colonel, having flown C-47, C-130, and C-119 aircraft on assignments to post-war Germany, Washington, Hawaii, and California. His decorations include the Air Medal,

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and others.

After retirement, Felix and Eunice moved to Pullman, Wash., while their three children attended classes at Washington State University. When their three kids left college, Felix and Eunice moved to the Flathead Valley, settling in Rollins in 1968. They enjoyed many years in their lakeside home before Eunice passed away in 1985. Felix married Ursula Durst in 1988, and they lived in Dayton, then Polson, until her death earlier this year. Felix enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, hunting and fishing, flying, and traveling the world.

Felix is survived by his three children, sons, Trey and his wife, Connie, of Polson, Tim, and his wife, Karen, of Rollins, and daughter, Monya Virgil and her husband, Jim, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and his brother, Pat Moran of Houston, Texas.

Family and friends from Montana to Texas and all along the west shore of Flathead Lake will miss him greatly.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Cheerful Heart, Inc., P.O. Box 688, Polson, or the Polson Senior Citizens' Center, 504 3rd Ave. E., Polson.

A graveside rite of Christian burial will be conducted at the Lakeview Cemetery in Polson, with Father Gary Reller officiating. The service will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 29.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home.

## Mary Agnes 'Aggie' (Sheehan) Moran, 88

Butte native, Mary Agnes "Aggie" (Sheehan) Moran, 88, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2004, surrounded by her loving family.

Aggie was born on Jan. 8, 1916, to John J. and Julia (Downing) Sheehan. She attended St. Mary's Grade School and Girls Central High, graduating with the class of 1933.

She married James E. "Bud" Moran in 1937, in Butte and they raised five children; Jim, Jon, Jerry, Judy and Joe Pat. Aggie's full time job and enjoyment was the raising of the "5 J's."

She worked as a telephone operator prior to her marriage and then at various retail stores during the holiday seasons. She worked as an election judge for many years and in 1972 began working for the Butte School District on the hot lunch program. She worked at Blaine, Lincoln and Butte Central high schools, enjoying her time with the students and co-workers. She retired in 1996 after serving 24 years.

Aggie did volunteer work at Salvation Army and the Butte Food Bank. She was always concerned for the less fortunate. She was a member of St. Patrick's Parish for almost 60 years. Her greatest joys were her five children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother and sister-in-law, John J. Harp and Loretta Sheehan; her granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Moran Stiles; and

great-grandson, Mikie Stiles.

She is survived by her children, Jim and Kay Moran of Corvallis, Ore., Jon Moran of Seattle, Jerry Moran of Alexandria, Va., Kathy (Costello) Moran of Lompoc, Calif., Judy and Bill Edwards of Missoula, Father Joe Pat Moran of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michelle (Moran) and Brian Cook of Redmond, Ore., Jim Moran III of Haines, Alaska, Debbie Edwards and Jon Davis of Tucson, Rob and Jill Edwards of Missoula, Katie Moran and Joe DeCastro of Lake Ridge, Va., and Colleen Moran of Loma Linda, Calif.; her great-grandchildren, Cassie and Mikayla DeCastro, Austin, Hayden and Delaney Crook, Ben and Staci Davis, and Madison and Makenna Edwards; her niece, Carol Sheehan Acree of Winnemucca, Nev.; nephew, Jack Sheehan of Minden, Nev.; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Phil and Hazel Moran of Tigard, Ore., Harriett Neier of Tucson, and many other nieces nephews and cousins in Butte and around the U.S. and in Ireland.

Relatives and friends may call Sunday after 5 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church. Parish vigil service will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the church. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated by her son, Father Joe Pat Moran, 11 a.m. Monday in the church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to the Butte Food Bank, 602 E. Aluminum or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Ursula I. Moran, 79

Ursula I. Moran, 79, of Polson, passed away on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

Ursula was born to Arthur and Elly Kraft in East Prussia. She grew up in East Prussia and married Harry F. Durst. They moved to the U.S. on July 20, 1951.

Harry was in the U.S. Air Force and the family moved and lived in several locations in the U.S. They retired and moved to Whitefish, in 1978. They eventually moved to Dayton. Harry passed away in 1986.

Ursula married Felix F. Moran on May 7, 1988, in Polson. She and Felix loved to travel and traveled throughout the world together. She wrote her autobiography "Odyssey to Freedom" and had it published in 1999. She loved to paint and had a passion for the outdoors, cooking, fishing, and

hunting.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harry Durst, her parents, and a brother.

Ursula is survived by her husband, Felix, of Polson; her son, Ken Durst and Laura of Tulsa; her daughter, Joan Perkins and Steve of Columbia Falls; her grandchildren, Paula, Seth, and Bryan Perkins; her stepchildren, Felix Moran III and Tim Moran of Polson, and Monya Virgil of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She also has five stepgrandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. on Monday, March 1, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. A reception will follow at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

Memorials may be made to Cheerful Heart or to the donor's choice.

## Nat W. Morey, 50

Nat W. Morey, 50, of Rock Springs, Wyo., died June 29, 2004, following a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife,

Angelika; and his mother, Nola Morey of Columbia Falls. Arrangements by Vase Chapels of Rock Springs.

## Robert Franklin Morris, 91

Robert Franklin Morris, 91, passed away June 5, 2004, at his son's home in Riverdale, Utah.

He was born Nov. 24, 1912, in Fallon, a son of Arthur James and Edna Viola Hill Morris. He attended school in Whitefish and graduated in the class of 1934 as salutatorian. After graduating he went to New York, where he attended a photography school.

On Sept. 19, 1952, he married Margaret Head. He then married Florence Sperry and was currently married to Kathleen Goff.

Robert served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a photographer's mate first class. He was a member of the Intermountain Professional Photographers Association, Professional Photographers of America, Utah Blue Chips, co-owner of Collins and Morris Photographers (later Morris Photography), and a photographer for the



Ogden Standard-Examiner. He was also involved with the Lions Club, and was an amateur radio operator, call sign "NC7A."

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and three children, Dennis H. Morris, Diane M. Plant and Alan D. Morris; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his twin brother, David Morris, of Whitefish; and a brother, Arthur Morris, of Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Florence; his parents; five brothers and sisters; and son-in-law, Keith Plant.

"The family would like to thank Applegate Hospice, especially Emily, Lisa and Tammy Fox, for the loving care given our father."

Graveside services were held June 9 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 845 E. 4800 South, Suite 120, Salt Lake City, UT 84107.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.myers-mortuary.com](http://www.myers-mortuary.com)

## Charles Floyd Morine, 79

Charles Floyd Morine, 79, died on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty"; three sons and two daughters.

Visitation will be at Johnson

Mortuary today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Bishop Ron Catron officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## John F. Morris, 73

John F. Morris, 73, died Feb. 29, 2004, at Roseville, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Morris, of Roseville; son, John Morris Jr., of Folsom, Calif.; and daughters, Lisa Marks of Blue Canyon Calif., Jana Kline of Roseville, Mary Lou Carrillo of Camiro, Calif.,

and Vicki Marsi of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

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

## Darlene R. Morrison, 54

Darlene Ruth Morrison, 54, died Saturday, Jan. 1, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Ken, of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel.

## Ruby P. Morrison, 76

Ruby P. Morrison, 76, "began her new life with God" on Sunday, May 16, 2004.

She was born in Brockton, on June 28, 1927, to Fred and Grace Rice. She was one of three children. She had 76 wonderful years of life.

She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth J. Morrison Sr., five children, Susan Keller, Wendy

Hurst, Beverly Reim, Stacey Neal, and Bruce Pope; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor David Jones will officiate.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Bill Clark Morse, 82

Bill Clark Morse, 82, passed away on Jan. 9, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center following continuing complications of congestive heart failure.

Bill (not William!) was born on March 19, 1921, to John J. Morse and Mildred (Clark) Morse in Bad Axe, Mich. He attended school in Cleveland, Columbus and Marion, Ohio, graduating in 1939.

In 1940, Bill enlisted in the Army and served several tours, including duty in the Pacific Theater during World War II, service in Korea and post-war Germany. Bill received an honorable discharge from the Army Reserves in 1959.

Bill married Rita L. Pierce in October 1945 and together they



raised two sons.

Following military life, Bill pursued a variety of careers in electronics, spending most of his career life (after 1959) in the area of aeronautical engineering. Bill retired from Rockwell International in 1981.

Following retirement, Bill settled in the Flathead Valley, a former vacation spot during his 15 years as a field engineer.

Bill was pre-deceased by his bride of 36 years in 1981.

He is survived by his two sons, Daniel and Steve; two sisters, Betty Minutilli and Jacqueline D'Aguiar; four grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was also fond of his poodle, Missy.

Memorial services will be held for Bill at 2 p.m. on Friday Jan. 16, at the Kalispell Veterans of Foreign Wars building, Main Street, Kalispell.

## Ruth D. Morrow, 92

Ruth D. Morrow, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at a Libby hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Nelson Morrow, of Libby; and her children, Gordon Beadell and Patricia Gayle Pool, both of Bridgeport, Wash., Garnett Morrow of

Anchorage, Alaska, and Cheryl James of Lake Forest, Calif.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at St. Luke Episcopal Church. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and until noon Wednesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## James E. Moyer, 73

James E. Moyer, 73, of Coram, died Jan. 15, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was retired from the military.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Moyer, of Coram; a son,

James Moyer of Tucson; and daughters, Doris Moyer and Deborah Christensen, both of Spokane.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Canyon Community Church in Coram.



## Earl Leslie Mueller, 74

Earl Leslie Mueller, 74, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Mueller, of Libby; two sons, Leo Mueller of Port Orchard, Wash., and Kris

Mueller of Vacaville, Calif.; and daughters, Kathy Stamm of Santa Maria, Calif., and Connie Lovelace of Belfair, Wash.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## James Edwin 'Jim' Murphy

James Edwin "Jim" Murphy, former valley resident and his twin brother, Joseph Earl, were aboard a float plane missing since Sept. 20, 2004.

They were born Jan. 26, 1940, in St Paul, Minn., to Joseph and Lorraine Murphy. When the twins were three the family moved to Murphy Farm near Murdock, Minn. In 1946 the family moved to the Kalispell area.

The twins attended the one room Half Moon Country School until 1951 when the family moved to Kalispell. They then attended St. Matthew's Catholic school. They served as altar boys for several years. They attended Flathead County High school, class of 1958.

During their high school years they set pins at the Skyline Bowling Alley and became outstanding bowlers, winning several tournaments in the men's division.

At the age of 15, Jim won the local fishing derby. The story was aired by Paul Harvey. Mr. Harvey received the large bull trout.

During his high school years Jim joined the Army National Guard and later was on recall during the Cuban Crisis.

After graduation Jim moved to eastern Montana where he worked until he moved to Seattle, in 1960, where he went to work for Boeing. He had his first experience with unions when he joined the machinists union. In 1962, he moved to Sacramento, Calif., and started his first job as an ironworker, joining the Ironworkers Union 118; three years later he was elected to its board. During his career Jim served as president, business agent and business manager of local 118. Jim also served as president of the Sacramento-Sierra Building and Construction trade and vice president of Sacramento Central Labor Council AFL-CIO.

During the 1990s Jim, along with his fellow workers, celebrated each Labor Day by serving food to the hungry at Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento. At that time Jim said, "I am distressed to see the young people and families who have not achieved the American Dream. Labor stands for compassion. There are people who are at the bottom of the rung. If we can't help them, we can't help our-

selves." Jim was a very caring man, fighting for the rights of the working man.

In 1964, he met his wife, Bonnie Cope, and was married in 1965. On April 13, 1975, they were blessed with their daughter, Jamie. They lived in Elk Grove, Calif., until Jim's retirement. They then traveled until they found the home they wished to enjoy his retirement in overlooking Discovery Bay in Gardiner, Wash.

Some of the things Jim enjoyed throughout his life besides his Union work was working in politics, fishing, golfing, traveling to Ireland with his friend, Father Tom McQuire, whom he loved to challenge to a good discussion, working with his flowers, and cooking for his family and friends. Always a highlight in Jim's life was coming back to Montana to see his family and friends and attending his class reunions where he and his brother with their "Irish charm" entertained all who would listen.

"It will be the little things that we remember, the quiet moments, the smiles and although it may seem hard now, it will be the memories that help push away the pain and bring smiles back again, remembering two lives so important to so many."

Jim was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Murphy; mother, Lorraine Hendrix; and sisters, Barbara Velasco and Sharon Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and daughter, Jamie, at the family home in Gardiner Beach; sisters, Patricia Sonstelie and husband, Dale, and Monica Wright of Kalispell, Cathern Murphy of Sedro Wooley, Wash., Jacky Thorson and husband, Chris, of Bremerton, Wash., and Pam Wingate and husband, Larry, of Whitefish; brother, Michael Hendrix, of Bremerton; nine nephews, and 13 nieces.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 20, in St Paul's Episcopal Church in Bremerton, Wash., with Father Tom McGuire and Father Randy Williams officiating.

A celebration of remembrance is planned for Kalispell next summer.

## Lucida Mae Newton Murray

Lucida Mae Newton Murray passed on Friday, March 26, 2004.

Lucida was born a surviving twin, Feb. 21, 1910, in Eau Claire, Wis., the sixth of seven children of Issac and Elsie Newton, Washington Township farmers.

The preschooler Lucida was known to have run off with a passing sheep drover on the promise of a black lamb. She made it as far as Elbow School. This set a habit, which had profound consequences in her 21st year.

Lucida entered West Side General Hospital nurse training in St. Paul, Minn., in 1925, graduating as a registered nurse, Class of 1929.

There she met George A. Murray, a sheep buyer for John Clay & Co and they were married Nov. 27, 1931. Two surviving children, June Ellen and George Alexander III were born in South St. Paul, Minn. Children and nursing demands were particularly hectic during World War II, while she was supervisor of nurses for the 12-hour night shift at West Side General.

The family moved to Sidney in 1946, where George soon opened the brokerage Murray Sheep Co.

Lucida managed the household, gardened extensively, had time for civic affairs while raising two not necessarily cooperative children. Private duty nursing and assisting the Sidney Hospital during staff shortage kept her nurse's cap starched.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Richland Chapter

#62, Ladies of the Nile, Al Bedoo Temple.

Subsequent to the death of her husband in 1964 she moved to Rollins, which had served as Murray Sheep Co. western operations.

Lucida, a good neighbor, found her nursing skills useful and good neighbors repaid her in kind following an automobile accident in 1968.

Failing eyesight required her to leave her beloved lake home and move to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell in 1989. Her exceptional memory provided aid to neighbors with failing memories, while good neighbors and staff repaid her with visual matters.

She is survived by children, June Ellen Coady of Hermosa Beach, Calif., and George Alexander Murray of Kalispell. Grandchildren are Thomas Schmitz and family of Redondo Beach, Calif., Elizabeth Ridley and family of San Gabriel, Calif., Leslie Murray of Missoula, Melissa Murray of Baltimore, Md.; and three nieces, Arlis Newton Hale of Baker, La., Billie Rohrer Bush of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Luann Newton Waller of Minneapolis; and one nephew. There are three great-grandchildren, Melanie Schmitz, Timothy and Amanda Ridley.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, in the Buffalo Room at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Lucida often said, "The good, they die young ... that tells you something about me."

## Clara Emma Matilda Kessel Myrhaug, 97

Clara Emma Matilda Kessel Myrhaug, 97, died on Feb. 28, 2004, at the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by her son, Bill Myrhang, of Spokane, and daughter, Kay Olson of Libby.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4, at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating. A reception will follow at the Christ Lutheran Church fellowship hall.

## Hauline Oma Myers, 92

Hauline Oma Myers, 92, died on Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, LaRue Lebel of Bigfork; and her son, Glenn Myers of San Francisco, Calif.

Graveside services will be held 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., at the Green Hills Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Joseph Earl 'Joe' Murphy

Joseph Earl "Joe" Murphy and his twin brother, James, along with three others were enroute from Sitka to Baranof Springs, Alaska, on a fishing trip when their plane disappeared.

The family would like to thank the people of Sitka who volunteered their services and resources. Their generosity and helpfulness has renewed our faith in humanity. Joe's brother, son, and nephews, along with many volunteers, conducted a lengthy but fruitless search of Baranof Island and surrounding waters.

Joe and Jim were born Jan. 26, 1940, to Joseph and Lorraine Murphy in St. Paul, Minn. In 1946, the family bought a farm in the valley near Kalispell where Joe and Jim attended Half Moon one room school. In 1951, the family moved to Kalispell. He finished grade school at St. Matthew's Catholic School and was also an altar boy.

While attending Flathead County High School he worked at the local bowling alley setting pins. He became an outstanding bowler. He also worked for Todd's Bakery.

In August, after graduating from Flathead County High School, he married his high school sweetheart, Gerry Heber. In 1959, they moved to Seattle where he worked as a baker and attended college to become a wireman.

He was a member of the National Guard and was on recall during the Cuban Crisis.

He moved his family back to Kalispell area and worked on the Libby Dam. In 1965, after his mentally disabled daughter was denied an education, he moved his family back to Washington where his daughter was able to receive her education.

He was inspired by Mike Mansfield whose hard work enacted the Education for All Bill in Montana. He became a lifelong Democrat.

Joe worked as a wireman out of Local 46 until he went to work for Puget Power as a substation wireman.

He was chairman of the mental health board and worked on many democratic campaigns. He always kept a close eye on the legislature and senate views so he could support disabled and working people's causes.

He was Kitsap County Democratic chairman from 1974 to 1978, then state Democratic chairman

until 1981. This year he was political coordinator for Local 77 for the Kerry Edwards campaign.

Joe was a lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

He was very proud to be the father of four children and two foster sons.

Joe was a wonderful family man, having been raised in a large loving family. He was one of 10 children.

Joe was able to enjoy 20 years of quality fishing with his father. His mother taught him to be dedicated to his family and have a high work ethic for which he loved and respected her.

Joe was known for his smile and the twinkle in his eye. He never met a stranger and when he reached out his hand in friendship he also reached out in love and caring. Making the world a better place was very important. He had great faith in everyone. He was instrumental in family members and friends becoming wiremen. Whenever there was a need for help Joe was there with a lending hand. He was the mainstay of our family.

Joe and his brother, Jim, loved to do things together. Since retiring they had spent a lot of fun times together. Their faces always lit up when they were together. Joe and Jim will be missed very much by their families and friends.

Along with his father and mother, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Barbara and Sharon.

He is survived by his wife, Gerry, and daughter, Teri, at the family home; sons, Jimmy, Bobby, Joey and wife, Debbie, of Bremerton; sons, Trung and wife, Lana, Tin and wife Trang Pham of Kent, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, Jackie, Tyler, Joey, Katie, Timmy, Tommy, Lisa, Patrick, Danny, Lynda, Vicky, Jason and Michelle; his five sisters, Patty and husband, Dale Sonstelie, and Monica Wright of Kalispell, Cathern Murphy of Sedro Wooley, Wash., Jacquelyn and husband, Chris Thorson, of Bremerton, and Pam and husband, Larry Wingate, of Whitefish; brother, Michael Hendrix, of Bremerton; nine nephews, and 13 nieces.

The family will be gathering together for a memorial for our beloved Joe and Jim at 11 a.m. Nov. 20, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 700 Callahan, Bremerton.

## Russell Andrew Myers, 91

Russell Andrew Myers, 91, beloved husband and father, died Sept. 1, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

He was born March 16, 1913, in Conrad, the son of Charles and Bridget Myers. He spent his boyhood in the Fowler-Ledger area and attended school in Fowler.

He married Ethel "Naomi" Pourroy in 1937, and they had three children, Jerry Myers of Conrad, Hazel Van Dessell of Joplin, and Marion Durney, now deceased. His wife, Ethel, passed away in August 1969.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Ledger Rifle Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was interested in firearms. He farmed in Pondera County in the Ledger-Fowler community.

He married Sarah Jeanne Higgins Dickson in Sandpoint, Idaho, on Aug. 2, 1982. They lived on the farm until 1986 when he retired and came to Whitefish. Jeanne still lives at the family home in

Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roland, Frank, and Fred; sisters, Lorna, Inez, Mary and Sarah; his first wife, Ethel; and a daughter, Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, of Whitefish; sister, Genevieve McCracken in the Pondera Nursing Home in Conrad; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; three stepchildren, Michael Higgins and William Higgins, both of Whitefish, and Maureen MacKaman of Vancouver, Wash.; and by many nieces and nephews.

His last request was that his ashes be scattered on a hill overlooking the area he farmed. No memorial services are planned and details are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.