

Jack Romaine Palmer, 71

Jack Romaine Palmer, 71, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at his home in Lakeside, of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 14, 1932, in Great Falls, to Clyde and Bonita Palmer. He loved to tell people he was the son of Bonnie and Clyde. He graduated from Great Falls High in 1951 and from the University of Montana with a degree in business administration.

He was married to Janet Dambly from Billings for 26 years. They had two daughters, Penny and Holly.

He started his construction career working in his father's construction company. He joined in partnership with his father upon graduation from college. Palmer Construction later branched into Palmer Steel Structures and Palmer Leasing with offices in both Great Falls and Billings. The company name was changed to Palmer/Duncan when Dave Duncan joined forces with him.

While living in Great Falls he served on the board of directors of First Bank West Great Falls. He was a great supporter of the C.M. Russell Art Auction, the Elks Club and numerous charity organizations.

In 1982, he married Christine Campbell. Upon retirement in 1986, they moved to Lakeside to their new home on Flathead Lake. They owned and operated Palmer Appraisal Service from 1991 to



2000. He was an active member in the Lakeside community. He served on the board of trustees of the Lakeside Community Chapel and formerly on the water/sewer board.

He enjoyed the Men's Coffee Club, golfing, cribbage, cooking and Montana Grizzly football. He ran in the Bloomsday Race in Spokane for the past 17 years. In 1986, he and his wife placed luminarias throughout the town of Lakeside on Christmas Eve and began a tradition that has also lasted for the past 18 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Christine; his daughters, Penny Palmer, M.D., of Spokane, and Holly Palmer, CPA, of Sammamish, Wash.; his granddaughter, Marcy Chartier in graduate school in London; his stepchildren, Jamie Winchell of Cottage Grove, Minn., Dan Eagen and Laurie Enget of Great Falls; and five stepgrandchildren; a nephew, Gene Wilson, of Wishram, Wash.; and a great-nephew, Jason Miller, of Newport News, Va.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Lakeside Community Chapel in Lakeside.

The Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory has made arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to the Lakeside Community Chapel, the Lakeside QRU — Quick Response Unit, or Hospice.

Florence Parker, 93

Florence Parker, 93, died of natural causes at her home in Kalispell on Aug. 7, 2004. She was born on June 2, 1911, in Rosalia, Kan., the daughter of Joseph and Orpha (Songer) Withrow.



She was educated in Englewood, Kan. She was an avid piano player as a young lady. She played with her father for many dances and celebrations.

Florence was united in marriage to Orville N. Parker on Aug. 4, 1928, at Lipscomb, Texas. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1936, and in 1942 to Vancouver, Wash., working in the shipyards as progress checker until 1945, and then returned to Montana.

She raised large gardens and raised her family until moving to Eureka in 1952. She was a member of the Northridge Heights Church of God, Tobacco Valley Ridge Riders Saddle Club and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Florence worked as a cook and bookkeeper at O.N. Parker and

Sons Lumber from 1952 until 1974. She also helped in the mill working on the green chain, and also helped in raising several of her grandchildren.

She was a lovable mother and grandmother — the pillar of strength and love for family and friends and will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five sisters, one brother, one son, one granddaughter and one grandson.

She is survived by her husband of 76 years, Orville Parker, of Kalispell; three daughters, Billie Nelson and husband Earl of Kalispell, Betty Wise of Kalispell, and Chrystal Schomock of Nikiska, Alaska; one son, Bobby Parker and wife Phyllis of Bigfork; two brothers; two sisters; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, August 13, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be a private service by the family in the Wise Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

Dylan Lane Parkison, 6 months

Dylan Lane Parkison, age 6 months, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at Community Medical Center in Missoula. He was born Sept. 21, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell to Pamela Parkison and Casey VanHeel.

"Dylan blessed us with his short presence of only 6 months and a lifetime of special memories. We wear a smile on our faces just knowing he rests safely in Jesus' arms at home in heaven. Dylan has left his footprints in our hearts, and he will be with us forever. In time we will meet up and walk together again."

Dylan's parents would also like to express their thanks to the nurses of the NICU staff at Community

Medical Center for giving their all in helping make Dylan's days and nights as comfortable as possible.

Dylan is survived by his mother, Pamela Parkison, of Kalispell; his father, Casey VanHeel, of Cut Bank; 2-year-old sister Dazie Parkison; maternal grandfather Ernest Nace of Kila; paternal grandparents Cody and Kathy VanHeel of Cut Bank; two uncles, Ernie Nace II of Marion and Lee Nace of Kila; two aunts, Tiffany Nace of Kalispell and Nicole Waller of Kila; plus numerous friends of the family whose hearts he touched.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Howard Wane Parpart, 77

Howard Wane Parpart, 77, passed away Saturday morning, March 27, 2004, after a long illness at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Howard was born the fifth child of Ida Emily Iverson and Paul F. Parpart on Nov. 6, 1926, on the family farm in Antelope. He attended the Antelope school system.

Joining the U.S. Army on Nov. 24, 1944, he served with Company B of the 108th Medical Battalion in Japan. On Nov. 14, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

Howard was a mechanic for various farm equipment dealers in the Plentywood and Kalispell areas until he retired. In his spare time he loved to read western novels.

On April 11, 1948, Luellen Florence Hollatz and Howard were married at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Outlook. They had two children, Glenn and Paulette Parpart. Luellen preceded him in

death on Nov. 26, 1976.

On Feb. 17, 1979, Howard married Arlene Leighty at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers and sisters, Lyle, Barbara, Ralph, Edward, James, Joan and Doris.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene, of Kalispell; son, Glen and wife, Bev Delladio, of Kansas City; and daughter Paulette of Missoula; his three brothers, Floyd of Enumclaw, Wash., Don of Fort Peck, and Roy Tonasket of Washington; numerous nieces and nephews; and stepchildren, Darlene Moore of Kalispell, Judy Fowler of Spokane, Charles "Chuck" Johnson of Texas, and Jon Johnson of Kalispell, and their families.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation to your local public library may be made.

Donald Howard Partney, 71

Donald Howard Partney, 71, of Kila, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Jane (Loneragan) Partney of Kila; and several sons

and daughters of the Montana and California area.

There will be no services at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Isabelle Johnston Pasquale, 78

Isabelle Johnston Pasquale, 78, passed away peacefully while in the tender care of hospice nurses at Heritage Place in Kalispell, on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004.

Born in Philadelphia on Nov. 27, 1926, to Frances and Thomas Johnston shortly after they arrived from Ireland, she graduated from Temple University in 1948, where she was a championship swimmer.

She married George James Pasquale in 1949. Her beloved husband preceded her in death in 1991.

In 1962, she became a physical education teacher at South Philadelphia High School where

she remained until her retirement in the late '80s. She was a well-read woman of exceptional taste, a great storyteller, and possessed a terrific sense of humor. She was gracious and considerate to all around her and was known for her warm hospitality.

She is survived by her two daughters and their families, Sandra Pasquale Nogal and her husband, Stephen, of Kalispell, and Linda Pasquale Crum and her husband, Jim, of Houston, and their sons, Buck, Andy and Jake.

In lieu of services and flowers, the family suggests a donation to your favorite charity in her memory.

Jerry Conrad Paul, 84

Jerry Conrad Paul, 84, of Polson, passed away on Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at his home in Polson.

He was born June 1, 1920, in DeKalb, Ill., to Leslie and Marjorie Bean. He was adopted by his grandparents, Pearl and Jerry Paul, and moved to the Polson area in 1926. He graduated from Polson High School.

Jerry married Edith Lungren on Dec. 18, 1940, and they moved to Oakland, Calif., where he attended and graduated from Boeing School of Aeronautics with an aircraft and engine license.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1943 and was discharged in 1946. After the service, he and Edith returned to Polson and purchased the Wardrobe Cleaners in 1949 and operated it until retiring in 1981.

He was a Cub Scout leader, a Boy Scout master and DeMolay dad for many years during the '50s and '60s. He was also active in the



Sportsmen Club for many years as treasurer and instructor in hunter safety. Jerry loved hunting, fishing and woodworking. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #78 of Polson.

Jerry was preceded in death by a son, Robin, in 1969, and wife, Edith, Feb. 1, 1990.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan and Michael Holmes of Swan Valley; four grandchildren, Tami and Jeff Degele of Kalispell, Shawn and Michelle Holmes of Seeley Lake, Paul and Kris Holmes of Missoula, and Stacy Holmes of Portland, Ore.; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Grogan Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Widerholdt officiating. Military honors will be held at the funeral home following the memorial service.

Memorials may be made in Jerry's name to the Montana Low Vision Center in Helena.

Cremation and arrangements under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

Ruby S. Patton, 81

Ruby S. Patton, 81, died on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. Ruby has been buried at

Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Crystal B. Paulson, 82

Crystal B. Paulson, 82, of Libby, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Libby Care Center.

She worked at the Community Thrift Center for over 20 years.

Survivors include her two

daughters, Arvada Parsons of Libby, and Dawn Thrasher of Troy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Christ Lutheran Church; interment to follow at City of Libby Cemetery.

Donna Lee Paulson, 64

Donna Lee Paulson "went to be with her Lord" on May 12, 2004, after battling cancer one final time.

She was born to Harry and Marguerite Taylor on May 2, 1940, in Havre. She attended 21 different elementary schools, six high schools and three colleges. She wasn't an "Army brat" but rather a "dam brat" as her father worked on dam construction over the North and Southwest.

She was the first graduate of Page High School in Page, Ariz., in 1958, and was the school secretary during her senior year. Turning down a full scholarship to Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff, she chose to move back to Montana and attend Northern Montana College in Havre. She taught eight grades in a one room school 22 miles south of Chinook at Lloyd, Mont.

Donna married Jack Paulson in Chinook, on Aug. 12, 1962, and they both graduated from Eastern Montana College of Billings in 1963. They towed a 10 x 55 trailer to Anchorage, Alaska, for their teaching jobs that year. Enduring the tremendous earthquake of 1964, she had her only child, Kelly Jo Paulson, whereupon they moved back to Great Falls to teach. She became a real estate broker to manage their real estate holdings until arriving in Bigfork in 1980.

Donna has been a Realtor Top Producer for many years with her sales in the last three years topping 22 million dollars. She still found the time to give volunteer service on the MLS Committee and Professional Standards Committee and as a state director, and a director for the NWMAR. Donna was the first president of the Bigfork Area Chamber of Commerce as it was newly formed. She was the leader in moving the building donated by Frank Radice



for the first Chamber office.

She was the Bigfork chair of the Halloween Food Bank, helped for several years with the Realtor highway clean up, worked with the Bigfork Lady Lions to Clothe the Children, and initiated the first Bucks for Ducks community fundraiser. Donna also contributed to many one-time efforts in her community such as painting the bridge across the Swan River, the nature trail between Lake Hills and downtown Bigfork, and helping with the problem of parking in her community. Whenever Donna was asked to help with community or Realtor volunteer services, she would volunteer with joy, exemplifying the Realtor spirit.

Donna loved her three grandsons, James, Mark, and Jacob Parmenter. She had a great deal of influence and spent a lot of time with her grandsons. She was a kind and gentle grandma, as well as their best friend. She always put the needs of others before herself.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother Marguerite Taylor and her father Harry Taylor, who both battled cancer also. She was preceded in death by her brother James "Jimmy" Taylor, who died while serving in the Vietnam war. Jimmy is buried in Arlington Cemetery and received the Silver Star as well as many other medals.

Donna is survived by her husband, Jack Paulson of Bigfork; her daughter Kelly Paulson; and grandsons James, Mark, and Jacob Parmenter of Missoula.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 121 Crestwood Drive, Bigfork. A Celebration of life reception will be held immediately following the service.

Donations in her name may be sent to Hospice/Home Options 175 Commons Loop Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the Hospice in your community.

Kermit Clark 'Kerm' Pearson, 79

Kermit Clark "Kerm" Pearson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, passed away from cancer at 79 years, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at the family home in Somers.

He was born on June 23, 1925, in Spokane, to Elza and Pearl (Kreiling) Pearson, the only boy in a family of five.

An avid outdoorsman, he spent his youth duck hunting with his dad, a passion he enjoyed to the end of his life. He was educated in the Spokane schools and graduated from Washington State University in 1949. In high school he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He continued his involvement in scouting when he moved to Butte where he established a veterinary practice.

In Butte, he met and married the love of his life, Laila Stranahan, and together they raised six kids. While attending college in Pullman, Wash., he joined the ski team, a sport then in its infancy, and later made it a family sport, teaching the whole family how to ski.

During the first half of his veterinary career Kerm practiced large animal medicine. He enjoyed being in the country helping ranchers and farmers — ~~people he really admired.~~ Veterinarians were not numerous in those years and Kerm's territory included a big chunk of the state surrounding Butte.

In 1964, he moved the family to Whitehall, and went to work as a state veterinarian traveling the state to inspect the large sheep ranches. In 1966, he became one of them when he bought a band of sheep for the ranch near Whitehall.

He returned to veterinary medicine with a partner in Missoula from 1968 to 1970. Then he moved to Kalispell and established the Flathead Animal Clinic, a small animal practice. In 2001, he sold the practice to his associate, Kelly Rankin. His many clients miss his great technical skill, love of animals and gentle bedside manner. Kerm selflessly worked long hours for many years to provide his family with a nice life.

Going camping near a good spot of water, with a few trout for Kerm to catch provided the family with budget-conscious vacations around Butte and Whitehall.

Moving to the Flathead allowed him to enjoy one of his favorite activities — sailing. He was a charter member of the North Flathead



Yacht Club and spent many years helping with races and other activities.

He held several positions, including commodore. Of his three boats, he liked his Thistle the best. He campaigned it in class racing all over the Northwest. He traveled to Florida and convinced the Thistle class to hold their national championship on Flathead Lake in 1983. It was such a success they returned in 1987.

Kerm was involved in training dogs most of his life. In the last several years Kerm has enjoyed training his Chesapeakes, Maggie and Jiggs, for hunt tests and fall bird hunting. Kerm especially enjoyed September along the Hi-line with his dogs and hunting buddies, chasing huns and pheasants. His other passion has been fishing or hunting with his grandchildren and their parents.

In September he completed construction of a beautiful 17-foot hunting/fishing riverboat. He needed a bigger boat to haul a couple grandkids, some hunting or fishing gear, two goony brown dogs, and himself.

Kerm's family and friends honor his convictions, his enthusiasm for life, his energy and determination in the face of adversity, his quiet warmth and dry sense of humor. He has been a mentor for many and a role model for all that knew him.

One son, Randolph C. Pearson, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife for 52 years, Laila Pearson, of Somers; five children, David F. Pearson, and wife, Leslie, of Indian, Alaska, Darrielle Wyatt, and husband, Wally, of Homosassa, Fla., Jennifer Fisher and husband, Jeff, Timothy K. Pearson and wife, Barbara, and Benjamin W. Pearson, all of the Flathead Valley.

Also surviving are three sisters, Bobby Wylder and Margie Lindstrom of Washington, and Loey Siering of California; with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial reception for Kermit "Kerm" Clark Pearson will be held on Monday, Jan. 10, starting at 5 p.m. in the Winchester Room at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials may be made in Kerm's name to the Glacier Gun Club, P.O. Box 10382, Kalispell, MT 59904; or Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Vance H. Pearson, 75

Vance H. Pearson, 75, passed away May 5, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Vance was born the 11th of 14 children in Ronan, on Aug. 23, 1928. He was born to William Arthur and Leona (Cornelison) Pearson. Vance was raised and graduated from school in Ronan.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was involved in the Korean conflict where he gained the National Defense Service Medal; China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one star; U.N. Service Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal with European Clasp. After his hitch was over in 1954, he moved to Spokane and attended Barber College.

Vance was a member of the Kalispell Veterans of Foreign Wars, and loved to play his guitar and sing. Vance also enjoyed fishing, boating, camping and talking to anyone. No one was a stranger to Vance.

In September 1987, he married Dorothy Long in Kalispell.

Vance was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Wayne, Blanche, Marie, Clem, Grant and Keith.



He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Kalispell; children, Raymond and wife, Georgia Pearson, of Belgrade, Kent Pearson of Houston, Vicki and husband, Scott Winchester, of Kalispell, and Nancy and husband, Jerry King, of Houston; stepchildren, Dan Long and wife, Deb, of Columbia Falls, Bill Long and wife, Mary, of Columbia Falls, and Linda and husband, Marty Martinez, of Great Falls; sisters and brothers, Bernice of Bigfork; Burt of Moses Lake, Wash., Clair of Spokane, Erma of Haines, Alaska, Max of Kennewick, Wash., Vida of La Mirada, Calif., and Stuart of Reno, Nev.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Frank W. Peck, 85

Frank W. Peck died at his home on Oct. 1, 2004, with his loving wife, Carolyn, at his side.

Frank was born in Whitefish on Aug. 17, 1919, to Asa and Pearl McBride Peck. He was the fourth of 14 children. He was educated in Whitefish and Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School where he played football, basketball, and track. He was the state track champion in the mile and the 880.

He enjoyed a very successful amateur boxing career and became known around Northwest Montana as "Fighting Frankie." He represented Montana in the National AAU Championships and won 81 fights in cities all over Montana.

He married Fern Yaple Peck in 1942. They raised four children in Libby.

He worked in Alaska in 1942-43 for a defense contractor where he won the now famous Mount Marathon race in Seward, '43. He enlisted in the Navy later that year and was assigned to duty in the CBs. He served on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, building air strips during the "Island Hopping" phase of World War II.

He was released from duty right before Christmas, 1945. He graduated from Kinman Business College in Spokane in 1947. He moved to Libby in 1948, and began a career with J. Neils Lumber Company. He started as a choker setter and worked his way up through sawyer, saw boss, scaler, safety manager of the logging department, safety manager for the mill, and then personnel director. He represented company on the University of Montana Business School advisory council. He spoke at Inter-Mountain Logging conferences on safety issues.

He retired from St. Regis in 1981. In 1983 after two years of golfing and reading, he was appointed

city judge. Frank held that position until 1999.

He married Carolyn Zajanc Lamey in 1985.

Frank was an involved citizen of Libby and was instrumental in the development of Little League and Babe Ruth in Libby. He coached in both leagues for many years. He managed the state championship Babe Ruth team in 1960. They were third in the regionals. He served as president of the State of Montana Babe Ruth Association. He was elected to the school board for two terms, one as chairman. He served on the Selective Service board. He was involved in building the golf course and was credited with the shaping of the No. 4 green. He served on the board of directors at Cabinet View Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; four children, Gary Peck of Libby, Cathy Waylett of Paso Robles, Calif., Thomas Peck of San Diego, and Connie Peck-Youso and her husband, Dan, of Covington, Wash.; three stepchildren, Gary, Gayle, and Greg Lamey, all of Libby; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; his sisters, Katie Kricken of Carnation, Wash., Helen Hogan of Palm Coast, Fla., Pudgie Cavalari of Polson, and Jacie Ressler of Texas; his brothers, Ray Peck of Helena, Jack Peck of Libby, and Tom Peck of Columbia Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Mary Lou, Virginia and Naomi; and his brothers, Bud, Ed, and Chuck.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. A military burial will be held immediately following at the City of Libby cemetery.

Donations can be made in Frank's name to the American Cancer Society or Cabinet View Country Club.

Michael R. Pelech, 43

Michael R. Pelech, 43, died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at his residence in Elwood, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, Christy Pelech of Elwood; father, Frank Pelech of Kalispell; mother and stepfather, Heidy and Michael Switzer of Libby; and daughter,

Lisa Pelech of Elwood.

A service will be at 11 a.m. today, at Dunnichay Funeral Home in Elwood with the Rev. Jesse Wolf officiating. Burial will be at Knox Chapel in Point Isabell, Ind., with military graveside service conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Bernice A. Willing 'Snookie' Pelo, 75

Bernice A. Willing "Snookie" Pelo, 75, died July 12, 2004, at the Waterford Home in Helena after a short illness.

Survivors include her children, William C. Willing and

Jean Susan Willing Mehrens, both of Helena, and Laura Lee Willing Schroeder of West Yellowstone.

A private family memorial service has been held.

Victor H. Peltier, 90

Victor H. Peltier, 90, of Eureka, died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell from natural causes. He was born Sept. 23,

1913, in Eureka to Joseph and Lottie Adams Peltier, one of 11 children. He grew up and attended school in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1933.

He married Mable Marie Shea on Jan. 31, 1937, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church by Father Delaney.

His earlier years he spent ranching in the Tobacco Valley on land homesteaded by his father, Joseph Peltier.

He owned and operated Eureka Creamery for many years. He also worked as maintenance supervisor for Lincoln County High School and as a saw filer for Gwynn Lumber, as well as numerous other jobs around town.

He enjoyed boating, flying, traveling and making grandfather clocks.



He was a devout member of Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Church.

His wife, Marie, as well as three brothers and six sisters preceded him in death.

Survivors include nine children, Tim Peltier and wife Della of Albuquerque, N.M., Victor D. Peltier and wife Betty, Joe Peltier and wife Teresa, all of Eureka, John Peltier of Kalispell, Faye Stoken and husband Ed, Dorothy Newton and husband Charles, all of Eureka, Mary Ellen Peltier of Columbia Falls, Carol Robbins and husband Joe of Conrad, and Rita Frank and husband Henry of Seal Rock, Ore.; a brother, Leo Peltier, of Redman, Ore.; a brother-in-law, George Shea, of Eureka; a sister-in-law, Ruth Anderson, of Kalispell; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m., with Rosary starting at 7 p.m.

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

E. Dale Pelton, 77

E. Dale Pelton, 77, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., today, Sept. 22, at Coffelt's Moon Chapel with Pastor Darryn Hewson from Sandpoint United Methodist Church officiating.

Dale was born on Sept. 17, 1927, in Elk River, Idaho, the son of Adron and Nelle (Wood) Pelton. He grew up in Ahsahka, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Orofino, Idaho. He attended two years of college at the University of Idaho before being drafted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Following the war he returned to Ahsahka, where he worked for B.J. Carney Pole Company. Dale married Elaine Brandt on Aug. 26, 1955, in Orofino, Idaho. They had three children there, Doug, Gary and Dana. The family moved to Sandpoint, in 1964, where their fourth child, Mindy, was born.

Dale was manager of the pole yard at Joslin Pole Company until 1972 when he moved to Kalispell. While living here he managed Kalispell Pole and Timber. He later moved to Seeley Lake, managing the pole yard there and retired in 1994. He moved to Missoula, returning to Sandpoint, in 1997.

Dale was a voracious bridge player. He was active in his children's activities of Cub and Boy Scouts and was truly a "hands-on" father before there was such a thing.

Dale was a member of the Lions

Club in Kalispell and a past district governor. He was also a member of the Methodist Church in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Elaine, of Sandpoint; three children, Gary Pelton of Kalispell, Dana and Dana Pelton of Nowata, Okla., and Mindy and Guy Kelley of Sandpoint; five grandsons, Nathan, Chris and Douglas Pelton and Kiefer and Carson Kelley; and a brother, Lewis Pelton of Clarkston, Wash.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; son, Doug; brother, Don; and a sister, Virginia.

Memorials may be to the Methodist Church or Sandpoint Lions Club.

Arrangements are under the care of Coffelt Funeral Service, Sandpoint, Idaho.

Melvin L. Pennoyer, 86

Melvin L. Pennoyer, 86, of Palo Alto, Calif., died July 20, 2004.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Feeley) Pennoyer; his daughter, Carole Jennings of Carmichael, Calif.; and a brother, Logan Pennoyer of Ronan.

A visitation will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 26, followed by a chapel service at noon at Redwood Chapel, 847 Woodside Road, Redwood City, Calif. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park, Calif.

Edward Max Peter, 81

Edward Max Peter, 81, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 3, 1922, in Mercer, Wis., the son of August and Monica Peter.

He married Mabelle Oestreich and she died in 1977. He married Alice Bell in 1982.

Edward entered the U.S. Army during World War II and served with the 94th Signal Corps and was discharged in 1945.

From 1945 to 1955, he worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and then worked for the City of Mercer until 1972.

He then worked for the U.S. Forest Service at the Spotted Bear

Ranger District from 1972 to 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, of Turner; daughters, Charlotte and Dave Taylor of Columbia Falls, Barbara and Dave Ogren of Kalispell, and Margie and Mike Rademaker of Brookings, Ore., sons, Edward Jr. and Bonnie of Kalispell, and Glen and Pearl of Lakeside; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret and Art Peck of Mercer.

Graveside funeral services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell, with honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

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

Dorothy Elaine 'Lanie' Peters, 77

Dorothy Elaine "Lanie" Peters, passed away of her daughter's home with her daughter and grand-daughter by her side on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Dorothy Elaine was born on Jan. 26, 1927, to Evelyn and Jack Taylor, the second eldest of seven children to the family. Dorothy was always a very strong child both physically and mentally, said her mother Evelyn. "It was that very strength and faith in God that carried

her through 77 years of her life." Dorothy was born on Jan. 4, 1947, at the age of 19. Dorothy married Orville Peters.

Then on Oct. 7, 1954, came Dorothy's greatest joy in her life when she gave birth to her daughter Lanie. For the next 32 years one of Dorothy's greatest pleasures was being a mother, not just to her daughter, but also to several of the children in the neighborhood.

Then on July 17, 1989, Dorothy found something she enjoyed even more than being a mother — being a grandmother to her only grand-daughter, Sarah.

In addition to being a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, Dorothy enjoyed working at Fairview Cemetery where she volunteered as a custodian for more than 20 years. Dorothy and her husband Orville took over the care-taking duties of Fairview Cemetery in 1954 and since then they have made it the beautiful place that it is today.

Dorothy devoted a lot of her time working at Fairview Cemetery; she worked there for 20 years with little recognition because she loved the place so much that devoting her life to it she said was a "labor of love" and she once said "I work here because I want to, not because I got paid to." As a matter of fact one of Dorothy's favorite holidays was Memorial Day because she and her

granddaughter Sarah volunteered to working at Fairview Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. That is why it is very fitting that Fairview Cemetery will be the beautiful spot where Dorothy is laid to rest.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father, Jack Taylor, and sister, Shirley Claffin.

Dorothy is survived by her mother, Evelyn Taylor, of Kalspell, her husband, Orville Peters, of Columbia Falls, her daughter, Lanie VanDyke, of Columbia Falls, her granddaughter, Sarah VanDyke of Columbia Falls, three sisters, and two brothers. She also left behind her best friend, her dog, Duke.

Dorothy truly was a great and loving person who was always willing to help anybody in need. Dorothy was a great neighbor, friend, daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She earnestly loved by all who knew her, especially her family. Dorothy will be greatly missed.

Dorothy will be buried at Fairview Cemetery in a private burial by the family only on Monday, May 3.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalspell.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to Hospice as a thank you for the wonderful help and support they gave to Dorothy and her family in the last few months of her life.

Dorothy means "Gift from God" and never was this truer than in the case of Dorothy Peters. Dorothy truly was a gift from God and all who knew her know just how special a gift God blessed them with.

Dorothy's granddaughter wrote this obituary in loving memory of her grandmother.

Dustin Dale Petersen, 32

Dustin Dale Petersen, 32, died Nov. 13, 2004, of injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He graduated in 1991 from Flathead High School and lived his life in the Flathead Valley.

He worked at the Cenex Farm Store for several years where he honed his great people skills. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting with his dad.

Dustin was known for his passionate love of the water and enjoyed boating and water skiing. Winter was his favorite time of year and he loved snow and snowboarding.

He was in his last year of training as an X-ray technician and enjoyed his work at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. It was there that he met and fell in love with Tonya Johnson, whom he planned to marry in 2005.

Dustin is remembered by his friends and family as a humble, unassuming man who never knew his worth to other people. His sense of humor, kindness and his gentle smile will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his father, Donald; mother, Agnes; sister,



Lisa; stepdaughter, Lexy Holcomb; fiancée, Tonya, and her children, Brauhn and Seth. He also leaves behind his cat Jack, and Mighty Whitey, the fish.

A memorial fund in his honor has been set up at the Radiology Department at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Kalispell's First Church of the Nazarene at 1295 Whitefish Stage Road.

Edward William 'Ed' Peterson, 82

Edward William "Ed" Peterson, 82, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at his home in Kalispell. Ed was born on Feb. 17, 1921, in Chicago to Gustaf and Toska Sielaff Peterson. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served in the Eastern Pacific, and later occupied Japan during World War II.

After the war, Ed moved to Indiana where he spent his summers farming and his winters in Kalispell. He moved permanently to Kalispell in 1988.

He was a longtime member of the Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell. He helped put together the church bulletins, and assisted with communion.

He was a member of the American Legion in Indiana.

He loved fishing, ice fishing and playing cards, especially

pinochle.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; half brother; and one younger brother.

He is survived by his sister, Ethel Mast of Kalispell; and his fiancée, Mamie Solomonson of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Christian Center Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Gregg officiating. Private interment will follow the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gary Edwin Peterson, 48

Gary Edwin Peterson, 48, of Frenchtown, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2004, from injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident near Lolo Pass.



His warm smile, sense of humor, generous spirit and his love of life will be greatly missed.

Gary was born on April 21, 1955, in Superior, Wis., to Curtis and Amy Peterson. In 1961, the family moved to Whitefish, where he attended school and graduated in 1974.

After graduation, Gary enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany from 1975 until 1978.

After his honorable discharge he returned to Whitefish and was employed with Safeway, working in Whitefish, Kalispell, Hamilton and then Missoula where he was last employed as the assistant store manager of the Broadway Safeway.

His strong work ethic, sense of responsibility and loyalty will make him greatly missed by the many members of his Safeway "family."

He met his soul mate, Dea, in Missoula, and they were married on Aug. 9, 2003, at Flathead Lake. Although their time together was short, it was the happiest time of their lives.

A devoted dad, he loved spending time playing and finding new adventures for his family to expe-

rience while at the same time instilling them with his strong sense of values.

Gary is survived by his wife, Dea; stepchildren, Tayler, Megan, Morgan and Mathew Betts at their family home in Frenchtown. His son, Curtis, and daughter, Courtney Peterson, of Kalispell also survive him.

Also surviving are Gary's parents, Curtis and Amy Peterson of Kalispell; his sister, Cheryl and her husband, Dave Reynolds of Kalispell; brothers, Cary and his wife, Rose, of San Diego, Calif., and Lt. Col. Steven Peterson and his wife, Karen, of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; his brother-in-law, Staff Sgt. Charles Thomson and his wife, Amy, of Little Rock, Ark.; his father and mother-in-law, Collin and Connie Thomson of Libby; along with many adoring nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive him.

"Gary leaves us with his favorite verse: 'God is my strength, through him all things are possible.'"

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, 7405 Mullan Road, in Missoula. Interment will take place at 3 p.m. in Kalispell on Wednesday, March 10, at Glacier Memorial gardens with military honors with a celebration of life and dinner to follow at the First Presbyterian Church. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Shriners Hospital in Spokane.

Tyler Lewis 'Ty' Pierce, 17

Tyler Lewis "Ty" Pierce, 17, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2004, near his home in Kalispell.



Tyler was born on Sept. 5, 1986, in Kalispell, to Richard and Mary Winje Pierce. He was a junior at Flathead High School.

Ty will always be remembered for his love of music, playing the guitar, playing video games, golf, skate boarding and especially his love of watching the old-time scary movies. He enjoyed fishing but only when going to Minnesota to fish.

He will be truly missed by his

family and friends.

Tyler was preceded in death by a brother, Zakary Pierce.

He is survived by his father, Rick Pierce of Kalispell; his mother, Mary Winje of Lake Stevens, Wash.; a sister, Madison Pierce of Lake Stevens; grandparents, Richard and Katherine Pierce of Columbia Falls, Darlene and David Delap of Redmond, Wash., and Lewis Winje of Marysville, Wash.; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Don 'Whitey' Pilcher, 85

Don "Whitey" Pilcher, 85, of Billings, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004.

He was born on June 26, 1919, to Lewis and Bessie Pilcher in Simpson, Mont.

Upon leaving school he worked as a lumberjack in the Swan Valley. On March 18, 1942, he enlisted into the Army. After basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash., he became a combat infantryman where he served in the Asiatic-Pacific during World War II. He was involved in the battle campaigns of the Aleutian Islands, Eastern Mandates, and the Southern Philippines, with the 7th Infantry Division. During the course of these battles, Don received the rank of staff sergeant.



In February-1945 he received a bronze star, a medal of good conduct, and a Philippine Liberation medal.

For 33 years, Don worked as a freight handler for Burlington Northern Railroad.

On Sept. 1, 1951, Don married Dolores Rogers.

Don is survived by his wife, Dolores; five children, Doug and Doran Pilcher, Dwyn and Dean Barnhart, Michelle and Les Diede, Maureen Collett, and Carleen and Rich Worley; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Opal Greenland and Inez Baldwin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside memorial services with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, at Mountview Cemetery Veterans Section.

Lt. Col. Randolph A. 'Larry' Perry Jr.

Graveside services with full military honors will be conducted Saturday, Aug. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at Troy Cemetery for Lt. Col. Randolph A. "Larry" Perry Jr., United States Air Force.

Lt. Col. Perry was a radar/navigator aboard an Air Force B52 which was shot down Dec. 20, 1972, while on a mission over Hanoi; he was listed as Missing In Action for 30 years. In 1985, his unidentified remains, along with several others, were turned over to the United States by Vietnam. Due to advances in DNA technology, his remains were positively identified in 2003.

Larry was born June 17, 1937, in California to Randolph Perry Sr. and Hope Mayfield Perry, but



came to Troy shortly thereafter in 1939 with his family. He was raised and educated in Troy and graduated from Troy High School in 1956.

He attended college briefly until entering the United States Air Force and later becoming an officer. He served multiple tours of duty overseas, including Vietnam. He was the recipient of several distinguished service awards and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and Purple Heart.

He is survived by two sons, William Perry of Fresno, Calif., and Troy Perry of Olympia, Wash.; sisters and brothers, Janet Pearson of Troy; James Perry of Fresno, Calif.; Gary Perry and Sharon Perry, both of Tucson, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Frank A. Pettinato, 82

On May 19, 1921, Frank A. Pettinato was born in Whitefish to Carmello and Rafaella Pettinato. He passed away at the age of 82 on May 15, 2004, at home in Missoula, attended by his family.

Frank's education began in a two-room school in Essex. He graduated with honors from Flathead County High School in 1939 after which he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, spending time in CCC camps in the North Fork of the Flathead and Camp Grand Manard in the Nine Mile area.

With the entry of the U.S. into World War II, Frank traded one khaki uniform for another. In November of 1942, he was stationed in Iran as part of the Persian Gulf command which was maintaining a supply line to Russia. There he assumed administrative duties, attaining the rank of first sergeant before being discharged in 1945. When asked about his military service, he would say proudly, "I never had to fire a shot in anger."

Frank volunteered at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, the National Senior Service Corps Board of Directors, the Missoula County Cancer Association, the American Heart Association Lead-

ership Council, the Missoula Food Bank, the Service Committee and Pastoral Council of Christ the King Catholic Church and board of trustees of the Stella Duncan Foundation, and was an active member of The Friendship Force.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Marge; children, Donald of Tampa, Fla., and Loretta and husband, Scott, of Huson; brothers, Rudy and Virgil, and their spouses; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Yolanda; and brothers, Joe, Russell, Bert and Rom.

A service to celebrate his memory will take place at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1400 Gerald Avenue in Missoula, at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the UM Foundation for the Frank and Marge Pettinato Scholarship in Pharmacy, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807; or Partners Hospice, 2687 Palmer St., Suite B, Missoula, MT 59808.

For friends in the Flathead Valley there will be a short memorial at the Pettinato house in Essex at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

June G. Pitman, 91

June G. Pitman, 91, passed away Jan. 4, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she had resided for the past year.

She was born June 11, 1912, in Sweetgrass, to Herbert and Louisa Tibbitts. She attended school in Sweetgrass.

In 1930, she married Jack Pitman and resided in the Sweetgrass area until 1940, when they moved to the Cut Bank area. Her husband Jack passed away in 1950, leaving her with seven children to raise.

She worked at the Cut Bank Memorial Hospital as a cook for 35 years. After retiring, she moved to Columbia Falls to be near her son, Harry, and family.

June enjoyed playing pinochle and cribbage, crocheting, fishing, baking goodies for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, picking huckleberries and she took great pride in her flower garden.

She was a longtime member of the VFW and the United Methodist

Church of Columbia Falls and was active member of the Columbia Falls Senior Center. June enjoyed playing cards at the Canyon Quick Response card parties and donating handmade gifts to them.

She was preceded in death by parents, her husband, Jack; sister, Irene Eckley; three brothers, Maynard, Tom, and Trevor Tibbitts; two sons, Herbert and Roger; daughter, Iris; and great-grandson, Aaron.

She is survived by her sons, Jack and wife, Pat, of La Pine, Ore., Harry and wife, Maureen of Coram; Francis of Enumclaw, Wash.; daughter, Virginia Wampler and husband, Jack, of Farmington, Mo.; 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

June will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Cremation has taken place, a memorial service is planned for this summer and will be announced at a later date.

Fred. H. Poloson, 79

Fred. H. Poloson, 79, of Plains, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born on March 31, 1924, in Helena, the son of Mae and Dan Poloson. He lived in Wolf Creek, until moving to Nirada, in 1928, where his family owned a sheep ranch.

When Fred was young he packed food and supplies on horseback to their two sheep camps in the Thompson River country. By age 16, Fred was shoeing horses on the ranch and taught himself the blacksmithing trade.

During the 1940s, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service and several outfitters packing and shoeing horses and mules in the St. Joe and Kootenai forests and in Glacier and Yellowstone parks. During the 1950s he worked in Alaska on highway construction before moving to Great Falls where he worked as a welder for the missile bases there and on various dams throughout the northwest.

In 1954, he married Ann Hendrickson Olson. The couple lived at Noxon where Fred operated his own welding shop. They moved to Columbia Falls where they lived for 25 years. Fred had a large welding and metal fabricating shop there. They lived in Philipsburg

for nine years where Fred built a smaller welding shop before retiring and moving to Plains in 1994.

Fred continued with metal work in retirement, making miniature tools and attachments as a hobby and collecting antique hammers and axes. He enjoyed taking his displays to show his friends but he enjoyed visiting with them most of all. He was a member of the American Welding Society for over 50 years.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, in 2000.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Bert and Grace Poloson of Polson; two sisters, Fay Haynes of Pablo, and Marie Poloson of Red Wing, Minn.; one stepson, Phil Funk of Petersburg, Alaska; two stepdaughters, Helen Blackwell of Sprague, Wash., and Phyllis Rigg of Waterville, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 23, at Lonepine Hall in Lonepine from 12:30 p.m. until services at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Murray Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Miracle of America Museum, 58176 U.S. 93, Polson, MT 59860.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Lola Rae Pool, 85

Lola Rae Pool, 85, passed away Sunday, March 14, 2004, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Ferndale.

She was born July 19, 1918, in Fruita, Colo., to George E. and Katherine "Katie Ann" Morris. As a young child, Lola grew up in Colorado and Las Cruces, N.M., and at the age of 17, she received her teaching certificate and was a schoolteacher in a one-room schoolhouse in Gothenburg, Neb.

In 1939, Lola moved to San Diego, Calif., and on March 4, 1944, she married Herbert Pool in Bakersfield. They spent most of their married life in southern California. They enjoyed an early retirement in Bullhead City, Ariz., and Lola moved to Bigfork in 2004, living with her daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Michael Whistler.

Mrs. Pool committed her life to being a great wife, mother, daughter, and grandmother, and she loved Jesus and dedicated her life



to serving Him.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Herbert Pool; her parents, George and Katie Ann Morris; a sister, Ester Pitzer Townsend; and four brothers, Loren James Morris, Myrel Francis Morris, Edward Boyd Morris and Ivan George Morris.

Survivors include two sons, Kim Pool and his wife, Josie, of Fort Mohave, Ariz., and Jim Pool, of Bigfork; and a daughter, Jill Whistler and her husband, Michael, of Bigfork; there are 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Lola Rae Pool will be held 2 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Calvary Chapel of Escondido, Calif., phone (760) 489-6255, and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, at the Calvary Chapel of Bullhead City, phone (920)758-2636.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Calvary Chapel of Escondido, 1675 Seven Oaks Road, Escondido, CA 92026, or Calvary Chapel of Bullhead City, 1690 Newberry Dr., Bullhead City, AZ 86442.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Frances 'Micky' M. Poole, 84

Frances "Micky" M. Poole, 84, passed away on July 3, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



Frances was born to James J. and Margaret M. Byrne on Jan. 27, 1920, in Kalispell. She grew up on the family farm in Creston, with a brother, William K. Byrne, sister, Margaret M. Feist, and cousin, John Brady. Frances lived a short time in Moscow, Idaho, and later attended University of Minnesota.

She met her future husband, Alfred M. Poole, at the Flathead County Library — "they liked to read." The couple married at St. Mary's Church in San Francisco. She worked for many years as a librarian in Kalispell.

In addition to reading, Frances enjoyed baseball, crossword puzzles, baking cookies and brownies for family and neighbors, and caring for their small, royal companion, Dandy-Dog. After retirement Al and Micky traveled much of the west in their RV. The couple sent many winters in Yuma, Ariz.

With easy smiles and laughter,

Frances shared current and historic family events. Her quick wit and engaging way touched all who knew and cared for her.

Besides her brother, sister, and cousin and his wife, Clarann, she is survived by nephews, Murphy McMahon, Jeff Thiesen and wife, Karen; Kevin Feist and wife, Liz Kehr, and Dick Brady and wife, Marilyn, nieces, Cathy Brady, Mel Brady and husband, Jeff Robson, all of Kalispell, Greg Feist and wife, Debra Overlin, Sam Feist and wife, Andrea, nieces, Celeste and "Tes" Brady, all of the Seattle area, Ed Byrne and wife, Suzi, of Virginia, Charlie Byrne and wife, Alice, of Missoula, and nieces, Marianne Schumacher and husband, Colt, of Bozeman, Christine Feist of Tennessee; many cousins, grandnieces and nephews.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, and her parents.

Family and friends will gather at Fairview Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, for urn burials for both Frances and Alfred.

Memorials may be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Home or a organization of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

Mabel Lenore Poston, 98

Mabel Lenore Poston, 98, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on April 30, 1905, near Georgetown, Minn., the youngest child of Sivert and Anna (Strem) Iverson. When Mabel was less than a year old, the family moved to Montana and settled in the Swan River area where her father died when she was three years old. She attended Swan River School through the eighth grade and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1923 with a commercial degree.

A life-long Lutheran and a charter member of Bethany Lutheran Church in the Swan River Community, she was confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at the old edifice on Fifth Avenue West.

Mabel worked in business offices in Kalispell until her marriage to Howard J. Poston in 1935. They lived in the home they built on 4th Avenue East, in Kalispell until she moved to Brendan House

in 2000.

Mabel was preceded in death by her husband in 1980, her parents, her mother at age 97 in 1959; and her siblings, Iver, Albert, Rachel, Clara, Reuben, Oscar and William.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Barron and husband, Richard, of Kalispell; a son, Michael Poston and wife, Annette, of Rockville, Md.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Larry Stappler of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the ALERT Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gordon Louis Pouliot, 76

Gordon Louis Pouliot, 76, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born July 11, 1927, in Chicago, to Gordon Louis and Ruth (Smith) Pouliot.

Gordon graduated from high school and then became a Marine. He held the Marine heavyweight boxing title for two years. When his service time was over he continued boxing and was in the ring with boxers like Joe Lewis, Archie Moore, Rocky Graziano and Jack Johnson.

He married Nyalva "Nee" D.Santos Carmargos in Miami on December 13, 1958.

Up to the age of 74, Gordon had been going to the gym to stay in shape by sparing with many individuals there. One of his main focuses in life besides his family was law enforcement. He had been a police officer, a member of the Boarder Patrol, and a U.S. Customs agent.

Gordon loved early Montana history, and studied it in depth. He knew of the various Indian cultures of the area, as well as an extended knowledge of the Col. Custer era, and had uncovered many items and information of



that era and battle site. Gordon had written many articles in the "Sports Afield" magazine of his knowledge and findings. In the Hungry Horse News he had been the focus of many articles. He had also been a great help in assisting the Fish and Game on the subject of the grizzly bear and its behaviors.

He and his wife have been longtime residents of the Flathead since their move here, back in 1961.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Debbie; and a brother, Vernon.

He is survived by his wife, Nyalva "Nee" Pouliot of West Glacier; three sons, Thomas Gordon-Pouliot and his wife, Debbie, of Las Cruces, N.M., Louis Pouliot and his wife, Linda, of Santa Teresa, N.M., and Jean Pouliot of West Glacier; two daughters, Marta Pouliot of Australia, and Margot Pouliot of Missouri; there are four grandchildren, Krystal, Thomas Jr., Ashley, and Jeremy; and a brother, Jay Douglas, of Los Angeles.

A memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m. today at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Full military honors will follow at the church. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gertrude J. 'Sue' Potthoff

Gertrude J. "Sue" Potthoff passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Aug. 23, 2004.

Sue was born in Holbrook, Ariz., on April 7, 1932, and moved to her home in Whitefish in 1980.

She was best known for her kindness to others and her love for



her family and children.

Sue is survived by her five children, Roslyn Binford, Wanda L. Kroll, Connie J. Hunt, Herbert B. Potthoff II, and Ronald B. Potthoff. Sue was further blessed with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

No memorial services are planned. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers a contribution be made to the American Humane Society.

Dean Earl Powell, infant

Dean Earl Powell, infant, passed away on April 26, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on April 26, 2004, to Tony and Tora Powell of Columbia Falls.

Dean is survived by his parents; brothers, Shane and Adrian; and sister, Krystyn Jones; maternal grandparents, Toby and Kay Evans of Coram; paternal grandparents, Dennis and Jennifer Powell of Martin City; great-grandpar-

ents, Jean and Jim Swope; numerous aunts and uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Corey Dean Powell; great-grandparents, Merle and Bertha Powell, Paul and Elinor Walter, and Mary and Ralph Swope.

Graveside rites will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at Fairview Cemetery.

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

Rev. Norman R. Prestbye, 88

Rev. Norman R. Prestbye, 88, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at Tacoma Lutheran Home in Tacoma, Wash.

He was born Nov. 16, 1916, in Kalispell, the son of Abraham and Clara (Gilbertson) Prestbye. He attended elementary schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934 (Commemorative diploma June 5, 1994).

He attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1942. He attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and was a candidate of theology in 1945 and received a Bachelor of Theology in absentia in 1953. He was ordained into the Lutheran Ministry on Feb. 11, 1945, by Dr. L.N. Field at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

On Feb. 15, 1945, he was united in marriage to Catherine Stedje at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. He served parishes at Polson - Ronan, 1945-1950; Culbertson - Bainville, 1950-1956; Clarkston, Wash., 1956-1964; and Canby, Ore., 1964-1981.

He retired Nov. 30, 1981. He served as associate and interim pastor after his retirement at Woodburn, Ore. Following retirement they lived in Lakeside, Beaverton, Ore., Woodburn, Kalispell, Mukilteo, Wash., and Tacoma, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Catherine Sophia (Stedje) Prestbye of Tacoma; his son, Fergus N. Prestbye and wife, Jane, of Kent, Wash.; his daughter, Arletta Anderson and husband, Roger, of Mukilteo; three granddaughters, Dayna Steringer of Portland, Amanda Brunaugh of Puyallup, Wash., and Brita Anderson of Naperville, Ill.; grandsons, Erik and Kyle; two sisters, Beth Adele Beller of Kalispell, and Alta Gaarder of Pierre, S.D.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stapler officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603



S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; or St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carlmae 'Carla' F. Prach, 77

Carlmae "Carla" F. Prach, 77, passed away at her Whitefish home on March 2, 2004.

Carla was born Aug. 31, 1926, in Cincinnati, to Charles Wilson and Adeline Hattie (Foster) Kautz.

Carla lived in Cincinnati until her marriage to Edwin F. Prach of New York. She lived in Arizona from 1960 to 1987 when she and her husband moved to Whitefish after his retirement from General Electric Co.

Carla was a deputy registrar of voters in Maricopa County, Ariz., for 17 years. She was active in the League of Women's Voters, was one of the founders of the Arizona Herpetological Associa-

tion and served on the Deer Valley Planning Committee and North Mountain Village Planning Committee for 17 years in Phoenix.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin F. Prach, of Whitefish; son, Charles F. Prach of Phoenix; and sister, Merry Stockburger of Cincinnati.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, Cancer Society, Planned Parenthood or to the Nature Conservancy.

At her request, no services will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard J. 'Tiny' Powell, 91

Richard J. "Tiny" Powell, 91, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Survivors include a daughter, Jill Carpenter, of Kalispell; and a son, Michael Powell, of

Portland.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 9, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Friday until the time of services at the funeral home.

Ray Edmund Preston Jr., 53

Ray Edmund Preston Jr., 53, passed away Monday, July 26, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born Oct. 11, 1950, in Chicago, to Ray Edmund Sr., and Doris Jeanne (Schmid) Preston.

Ray received his education through McMinnville, Ore. He then started his career in the U.S. Navy in 1968, serving in specialized warfare in Vietnam and aboard the USS Lincoln during Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

He married Barbara Ann Buchman in St. James Church on Sept. 30, 1973.

He retired from the Navy in 1995, putting in 27 years of service for his country. His retirement brought him and his family to the

Flathead Valley.

He was active in helping with the Veterans Stand-down. Ray also enjoyed fishing and making others laugh.

Ray is survived by his wife, Barbara Preston of Kalispell; son, Ray Edmund Preston III, serving aboard the USS Boxer in San Diego, Calif.; a son, Eric Preston and a daughter, Angelique "Angel" Preston, both of Kalispell; one sister, two brothers; three half-brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Ray will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with a military send off at 1 p.m. There will be no formal services at the family's request.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

George M. Pridmore, 91

George M. Pridmore, 91, passed away Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the Montana Veteran's Home, Columbia Falls.

He was born July 18, 1912, in LaCled, Ill., to Dr. George W. and Blanche (Lawyer) Pridmore. George grew up in Illinois, and attended the Chicago Medical School.

At the start of World War II, he left Chicago and enlisted with his brothers in the U.S. Navy. After his service to our country, he moved to Madison, Wis., and was employed as a laboratory technician for the University of Wisconsin.

He came to the Flathead Valley in 1986, and lived in Whitefish and Columbia Falls. He had been a resident of the Montana Veteran's Home since July of 1999.

George is a published author,

with his book "A Different Point of View" in many libraries throughout the state.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff at the Montana Veteran's Home for their excellent service and heartfelt caregiving to George for the past five years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia; a brother, Joe; and a sister, Margaret.

Survivors include a brother, Richard "Dick" Pridmore and his wife, Wanda, of Columbia Falls; a sister, Elizabeth Dawson, of Rhinelander, Wis.; and nieces and nephews.

No services for George Pridmore will be held at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jack L. Prier, 56

Jack L. Prier, 56, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident in Kalispell.

Cremation will take place

and his ashes will be returned to California for burial.

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

Loretta Mary Proulx, 71

Loretta Mary Proulx, 71, passed away Sunday, May 30, 2004, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born July 19, 1932, in Vancouver, British Columbia, to Lester and Etta (Wickett) Nesbitt.

Early in her life, Loretta worked at the San Francisco Airport as a hostess, and also was employed at the Villa Chateier. During this time she had her only child, Frank. She then worked seasonally at the Bay Meadows race track and was a hostess and cashier at several dinner houses in the Bay area during off season.

She married Victor Proulx on June 7, 1979, in Reno, Nev. They loved to travel. Loretta was an avid photographer, and had a love for animals. She was a strong supporter of the SPCA.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Ora Lowdell; and two brothers, Bert and



Bobby Nesbitt.

She is survived by her husband, Victor Proulx, of Kalispell; her son, Frank Fumano, of San Mateo, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Victoria Lohman, of Carmel, Calif., and Elizabeth Viera, of Whitefish; a stepson, Daniel Proulx, of Spokane; one sister, Gracie Olsen; and one brother, William Nesbitt, both of Vancouver; also six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass for Loretta Proulx will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans officiating. Urn burial will be at the Resurrection Cemetery in Helena.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Rd., Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Earl Pugh, 78

"In loving tribute to our husband, father, grandfather and friend," Earl Pugh, 78, passed away peacefully at midday, Friday, Dec. 10, 2004. He was with his family as his earthly life ended with courage, dignity and grace.

He is survived by his wife, Leone; two children, Dianne and Terry; and three wonderful grandchildren, Justin, Mckenzie and Tyler; one sister, Gladys; and a large extended family of relatives and friends. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Earl was born in Fort Pierre, S.D., on Feb. 23, 1926, as the youngest of 11 brothers and sisters. Times were tough and he learned very early the desire to excel as evidenced by his early achievements. He took great effort and pride in everything he attempted, even as a youngster. Whether it was winning the Stanley County spelling bee or the attention to his penmanship, he always performed with the hope his efforts would be noticed and appreciated.

His childhood demanded early steps to manhood as he rode his horse to school a distant six miles from home. Even through snow or rain his only concern was a perfect attendance record and the chance to perform. At 16, he left home and worked two jobs as he finished his high school in Pierre, S.D. He was an outstanding student and athlete with a special love for football.

His early sense of responsibility lead him to what he believed was his duty to serve his country. Starting early with the high school cadet program he later joined the U.S. Air Force. He was trained as a sperry ball gunner on the B-24 bomber. His duties were cut short with a training accident that left him 70 percent disabled. After long months of rehabilitation he was given an honorable discharge.

He returned to Pierre where he met his partner for life. It was there he married Leone Petersen, his wife of 57 years. After marriage he enrolled at South Dakota State University where he became the father of two children while he earned a bachelor of science degree. After working a number of jobs, his brother-in-law led him from South Dakota to a "great fishing hole" which was Montana. It was here that he eventually called home for him and his family.

Starting his career at Montgomery Wards he later found his special niche as manager of the B & B Stores working for Jack Brown who would become his mentor and friend. They worked very hard to make the store not just a place to shop but as a center for the community. He felt the cus-



tomers always deserved the best service as well as a kind smile. He genuinely loved his employees and he had such a passion in teaching young employees the responsibility and pride of doing a good job. You could see that passion, whether it was passing out a piece of candy at the checkout stand, booking bands at the teen center or donning his favorite Santa suit, his only desire was to add a little happiness to a every child's face.

Of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, it can be said that he was the kindest and most compassionate person we have ever known. Although we will miss him, he has touched and helped the lives of so many that his presence and memory will remain in our thoughts and hearts forever. He has served as an example to us all of selfless love of others and what it truly means to live by the Golden Rule. He loved to be with family and friends. It was his playful nature in telling a story or pulling a prank which reminds us of his childlike innocence. He loved to make people laugh and know he truly cared about them. To him life was as simple as that. One needs to only close their eyes and think of him to bring a smile to their face.

Earl fought his medical challenges with determination, dignity and courage. He never felt sorry for himself or sought sympathy for his circumstances, and only worried for the well-being of family and friends. He always felt his glass was half full and not half empty. We remember his numerous trips to Mayo Clinic, not because of his illnesses but for his ability to make the doctors and other patients smile with his uncanny ability to make the best of every situation. He could not wait to have to what we have fondly labeled "The Mayo Social Hour."

He was extremely brave in his battle before taking his final rest. He was a true champion and his last wishes were to let you know he truly cared about each and every one of you. We dearly love him and our love is everlasting. Rest in peace.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established for the Kidsports football fields which have been named in honor of Earl and Leone Pugh. Please forward any donations to the Kidsports, P.O. Box 1205, Kalispell, MT 59901, in Earl's name.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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

Robert G. Pugh, 59

Robert G. Pugh, 59, of Libby, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was in sales and marketing of packing and packaging materials.

Surviving are his wife,

Susan, of Libby; children, Kristin Francis and Brian Francis, both of Maui, Hawaii; and mother, Marion Stanley of Joseph, Ore.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Elizabeth G. Pullman, 79

Elizabeth G. Pullman, 79, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her daughter, Billie Diane Foote, of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Libby

with her son-in-law, the Rev. Robert Foote officiating. Interment will be at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Nashville.

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

Allis Elizabeth Winkley Purdy, 95

Allis Elizabeth Winkley Purdy, 95, died March 1, 2004, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Allis Elizabeth Winkley Purdy was born on Oct. 22, 1908, to Charles Oscar and Clara Harris Winkley, the fourth child and first daughter of eight children. She lived with her family on their 160-acre farm in Walcott Township, near Faribault, Minn., until she was about 11 years old, when her father, who as a young man had worked on the railroad in Montana and wished to return some day, decided to move his family west in search of a larger ranch on which to raise his growing family. They purchased the 960-acre H.P. Griffin ranch near Fortine, formerly owned by Dr. Brittel.

The Winkley's arrived in Montana in March 1920 with two rail cars of immigrant goods which included five registered Percheron horses, their purebred cows, registered Poland China hogs, and white Wyandotte chickens. Their oldest son was 17 and the youngest was but 2 years old. It was not an easy move.

Allis attended grade school in Fortine and high school in Eureka. She married Comet Montana Purdy on Dec. 3, 1924, at Libby. They resided at his father's dairy ranch east of Eureka which he and his brother Lynn later purchased from their parents. In 1937, after U.S. 93 had bisected the ranch, the brothers dissolved their partnership. Comet and Allis moved their family to the large meadow south of the highway, where they continued to raise beef cattle. They also operated a small dairy during and after World War II. Allis and Comet were the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter.

When Comet's health failed they

moved into town where he passed away in January 1976. Allis then moved to an apartment at Ksanka View Court and later to Mountain View Manor, where she passed away.

Allis was baptized as a baby in the Congregational Church of Walcott, Minn.

She was a past member of the Order of Eastern Star in Eureka, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Eureka, as well as the Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends. She was a devoted wife and mother, enjoying her family above all else.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sons, Larry, Robert and Duane; her daughter, Sally Ripley; one grandson, Keith Purdy; and one great-grandson, Bradley James Tisdell, as well as five brothers, Charles, Clarence, Jack, Phil and Frank Winkley; and one sister, Helen Israelson.

She is survived by her oldest son, Charles, of Eureka and one sister, Harriet Paulsrud of Bothell, Wash.; three daughters-in-law, Vivian Purdy, Maxine Purdy and Jacqueline Holder, all of Eureka; 16 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Interment will take place at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery, Eureka.

Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 391, Eureka, MT 59917.

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