

## Tom Taber, 75

Tom Taber, 75, "vacated this earth on April 2, 2004, for a duck-hunting expedition in the next world. He will be joyfully reunited with a few cronies, some forgettable relatives and his beloved black Labrador retrievers."

Hopefully by now these old friends will have forgotten his tall tales so that he can recount them anew to a fresh and enthusiastic audience. With no props other than his Camel cigarettes, his gravely baritone voice and just the right amount of a hearty scotch, he will schmooze with the best of them.

He leaves behind four grown daughters, Claire-france Perez, Laura Meissenburg, Linda Kam-

mins and Colette Taber; and three granddaughters, Codi, Emma and Claire. He also leaves behind two obese felines, Miss Mittens and Domino.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local chapter of the Ducks Unlimited.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Charles Raymond 'Charlie Ray' Talifson, 61

Charles Raymond "Charlie Ray" Talifson, 61, of Marion, "left us" on Feb. 29, 2004.

He was born on Nov. 5, 1942, in Spokane, to Raymond and Irene Talifson.

"Charlie Ray is now telling stories in heaven with his Uncle Bill, old friends and family."

Charlie retired from 3M as top regional salesman in California. He and his wife, Sandra, moved to Montana in 1995 for its majesty and proximity to other family members.

Charlie is survived by Sandra of Marion; his son, Andy, in Chicago;

his brother, Jimmy, of Great Falls; his sister, Jeannie Pajko, of Sand Coulee; sister, Judi Brown, of Grants Pass, Ore., and his special Aunt Betty; and numerous cousins throughout the country. He also leaves behind his dogs, Tillie, Jake and Daisy.

There will be a ceremony of affection for Charlie during the family reunion this summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Marion Volunteer Fire Department, "and that your prayers be sent directly to heaven."

## James Elwood Taplin, 86

James Elwood Taplin, 86, died Feb. 3, 2004, at Evergreen Livingston Health & Rehab Center in the Bozeman area.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda, of Bozeman; son, Lynn

Taplin; and daughter, Ann Ries.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel in Bozeman.

## Calvin Tassinari, 74

Calvin Tassinari, mountaineer, river-runner and wilderness trail-blazer, died in February at age 74, after a three-year battle with lymphoma.

Tassinari split his time between Kalispell and Condon. He was known and respected for his wilderness skills, his passion for wild country and his kind, gentlemanly and playful manner.

Cal was born in 1930 in Cambridge, Mass., to Lillian Burke and Louis Tassinari. He attended Cambridge High and Latin School. He was an avid hockey player throughout life and as an All-American high school goalie. He attended Northeastern University where he studied English literature and was also a goalie.

After college, he spent three years in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Reno, Nev., where he instructed pilots on survival skills.

Cal was a modest, though highly skilled, wilderness traveler. In 1956, he and a companion floated 450 miles of Idaho's Salmon River in 45 days, taking only a rubber raft, a parachute, fishhooks and a 16 mm movie camera to record the trip. The film was aired on the television programs "Bold Journey" and "I Search for Adventure."

Later in the 1950s, Cal worked for the U.S. Forest Service at the Nez Perce National Forest in Grangeville, Idaho. There, he met Fred Matzner, who encouraged Cal to work for him in the Swan Valley at the Condon Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest. Cal built his Forest Service career on the Flathead National Forest.

Cal was the first wilderness ranger in the Northern Region of the Forest Service, continuing in that capacity until 1983. Cal surveyed trail routes in the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range, building many trails that people enjoy today. In 1978, Cal wrote the wilderness management plan for the Mission Mountain Wilderness, which is still the basis for manage-

ment of that wilderness area. He received many awards for his contributions to wilderness management and education.

Cal enjoyed sharing his love of the wilderness with others. He supervised projects for the Youth Conservation Corps and Young Adult Conservation Corps. He often packed great loads of litter and debris out of the wilderness on his back. One summer, Cal and a YCC crew packed out the pieces of a fire spotter plane that had crashed near Hellroaring Pass, deep within the Mission Mountains Wilderness. He also led hikes for the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society and student groups from around the United States.

For nearly 20 years, Cal worked as faculty affiliate for the School of Forestry, Recreation Program at the University of Montana where he taught wilderness education and outdoor leadership skills.

Cal was an avid skier, once skiing the length of the Mission Mountains. He was also involved in early management of The Big Mountain. A ski run on The Big Mountain, Cal's Country, was named in his honor earlier this winter. He was one of the Flathead Valley's early experts on avalanche behavior and safety.

Cal was an expert boatman and canoed and rafted many large, wild rivers of the Far North and shared his slide program with audiences back home. He also enjoyed and excelled at fishing.

Cal is survived by two uncles, William Tassinari, in Massachusetts, and Joseph Tassinari, in Florida. He has 22 cousins, living all over the country.

Cal's friends will hold a remembrance potluck at Kalispell's Lawrence Park at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 21. Attendees may bring a dessert. There will be a microphone for sharing Cal stories.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Swan Ecosystem Center, 6887 Highway 83, Condon, MT 59826; or the Montana Wilderness Association, P.O. Box 635 Helena, MT 59624.

## Ferne I. Taylor, 80

Ferne I. Taylor, 80, a former McKinleyville, Calif., resident, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born in Parsons, Kan., on June 9, 1924.

Ferne is survived by two daughters, Jane Byrne of Kalispell, and Patricia Emmons of

California; and one son, Robert Taylor of Eureka, Calif.

No services are scheduled for Ferne at this time. Urn burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Arcata, Calif.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Jack C. Taylor, 77

Jack C. Taylor, 77, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 5, 1926, in South Bend, Wash., to Jacob R. and Amy (Cornell) Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Rosainne (Poor) Taylor, of Kalispell; three sons, Stuart Taylor and Preston Taylor, both of Whitefish, and Steven

Taylor, of Lewisville, Texas; and a daughter, Vicki Cannon, of Morris, Minn.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Hazel Huggins (Hazel Veronica Taylor), 86

Hazel Huggins (Hazel Veronica Taylor), 86, passed away on April 7, 2004, at the Hillside Manor in Missoula.

She was born March 31, 1918, in Anaconda, to Frank Taylor and Maude Olive (Muncaster) Taylor. Hazel was youngest of three sisters. Her mother, Maude, died three days after giving birth to Hazel. Hazel was raised by her grandmother, Rosella Taylor, and lived in Arlee through the eighth grade. She moved to Big Arm to live with Walter and Martha Askew, her uncle and aunt. She attended high school in Polson and graduated in 1936 and was the class valedictorian.

Hazel enrolled at the University of Montana in 1936. There she met Martin L. Huggins and they were married and moved to Walla Walla, Wash., in 1937. Her sons, James and Michael, and daughter, Patti, were born in Walla Walla. The family moved to Kalispell in 1946.

Hazel loved flowers and gardening in her Kalispell yard. She was an avid reader and enjoyed needlework. Her special talent was bak-



ing pies (particularly raspberry). Oil painting was an interest she developed in her later years.

Hazel was a devoted wife and loving mother who especially enjoyed her grandchildren. She will be remembered for her quick wit and kindness to others. Memories of family picnics in Glacier National Park, picking huckleberries, summer days on Flathead Lake and wonderful holiday dinners will be cherished.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, in November 2002. Martin and Hazel were married 65 years.

She is survived by her son, James M. Huggins and his wife, Cheryl, of Olympia, Wash., son, Michael D. Huggins and his wife, Peggy, of Los Angeles, daughter, Patti Dwight and her husband, Paul, of Missoula, and adopted son, David A. Graham of La Jolla, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A service honoring Hazel's life will be held in May.

Arrangements are under the care of Livingston, Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home in Missoula.

Hazel's remains will be interred at the Fairview Cemetery near Columbia Falls on May 8, Mothers' Day Weekend.

## LaVerne Mabel Taylor, 78

LaVerne Mabel Taylor, 78, passed away Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at her residence in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Whitefish, to Tonie and Mabel (Jones) Kingery. LaVerne received her education in Whitefish.

She met and married her sweetheart, William James Taylor Sr., on Dec. 16, 1941, in Polson. They raised their five children in Whitefish.

She was a loving and devoted wife and mother.

Her husband "Bill" preceded her in death in 1985.

LaVerne was known for her passion of dolls; she enjoyed restoring things and gathering various types of information, hoping one day to write a book on that



information, and to bring knowledge and history to people in a museum.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband.

LaVerne is survived by a son, William "Jim" James Taylor Jr. and his wife, Wanda, of Whitefish; four daughters, Jane Tappan and her husband, Bill, and Shirley Wagner and her husband, Allen, all of Whitefish, Billie Hess and her husband, Steve, of Cabe Creek, Ariz., and Patti Broad and her husband, Ed, of Columbia Falls; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Friday, June 18, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Visitation will take place today from 9 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Logan James Taylor, 18

Logan James Taylor, 18, passed away on July 16, 2004, from an accident in Whitefish Lake.

He was born in Whitefish on Jan. 1, 1986, and was the first baby of the New Year. His life was playing soccer. He played for Whitefish High School during the school year and for the Flathead Force soccer team during the winter.

He was lucky enough to see Hawaii on two occasions during his life. He loved the sun and the sand.

He worked for the city of Whitefish as a lifeguard in the summer and at the ice skating rink in the winter. Logan always had a smile and a nice word for everyone.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Bob Patterson; grandparents, Bob and Pat Taylor; cousins, Amy Patterson, Casey Patterson, Katie Patterson, and Jackie and Karen Patterson.

He is survived by his parents,

Ron and Lita Taylor, and his sister, Cori Taylor, all at the family home in Whitefish; aunt, Tina Meyer; uncle, Robert Taylor; aunt, Denise Taylor, Jim Nelson, Betty and Dick Schultz (grandparents), Lee, Tracy, R.J., Mariah and Jessie Patterson, Ken, Cindy and Alex Stein, Ane and Bob Shields, Lona Patterson and Erik Bergie; his godparents, Tom and Darnell Joy and their girls, Emily and Amanda; his long-time love and supporter, MaKayla Peck; his best friends, Drew Hathaway, Jolly Righetti, Cory Snipes, Ben Swanz, Billy Marcell, Sierra Fellers and Bob Lisk. Also many more loving friends and family.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with Rev. Jon Bent and Rev. Jeff Teeples officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

## Ronald E. Taylor, 54

Ronald E. Taylor, 54, a former Libby resident, died Nov. 13, 2004, in Shelton, Wash.

Survivors include his wife, Betsy of Shelton; and his children, Erica Frishkorn, Nicole Sharp, Denise Bitton and Joe

Taylor; and his mother, Eleanor Taylor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.



## Pauline R. Teel, 80

Pauline R. Teel, 80, former resident of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at Sena Kean Manor in Smethport, Pa.

She was born July 27, 1923, to William and Gertrude Miller Reagan in Belfast, Pa. On Sept. 12, 1942, she was married to Clarence E. Teel in PenArgyl, Pa. In 1966, they moved to Columbia Falls, from Nazareth, Pa. Upon his retirement they built a home on McGregor Lake where they lived until moving to Ludlow, Pa., to be near their son and daughter-in-law.

She was a member of the Central Bible Church of Kalispell.

Pauline is survived by her husband, Clarence Teel; her son, Lee Teel and daughter-in-law, Eileen, all of Ludlow; three brothers, her twin, Paul Reagan of Lincoln,

Neb., William Reagan of Chambersburg, Pa., Kinsey Reagan of Wind Gap, Pa.; and two grandchildren, Aaron and Scott Teel; also many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Carole Louise Teel.

Private visitation will be held at the Ronald McDonald II Funeral Home in Kane, Pa. Followed by public visitation from 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 17, at the George G. Bensing Funeral Home in Moorstown, Pa. Interment will be in Belfast Union Cemetery in Belfast, Pa. A memorial service will held in June during the weekend of the Reagan reunion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601-7633.

## Florence A. Termaat, 81

Florence A. Termaat, 81, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1923, in Lewistown, the daughter of Charles and Minnie Ruth (Ekstein) Thomas. She was raised and educated at Moore, and graduated from Moore High School.

On March 19, 1942, she was united in marriage to Harold Otto Termaat at Lewistown. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1943 where they farmed and operated a ski resort on their ranch in Creston. They later owned and operated the Terrace Motel in Whitefish and a trailer park in Kalispell until their retirement.

She was an avid reader of Home & Garden books. She enjoyed gardening and crocheting and also enjoyed being around her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; her husband, Harold, in 1998; her daughter, Linda Conklin, in 2003; and a grandson, Ramoan.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Ann Courtney of Spokane and Dorothy Vivit and her husband, Ron, of Kalispell; two sisters, Helen Pratt and Ruth Tucek, both of Lewistown; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 South 72 West or 2050 Overland Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Georgena Trankle Terry, 78

Georgena Trankle Terry, 78, died on June 12, 2004, in Ukiah, Calif. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1944.

## Edward Teskey, 78

Edward Teskey, 78, a longtime Williston, N.D. resident, passed away Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston.



Edward Roy Teskey was born March 10, 1925, in Harlem, the son of Edward Anton and Mabel Catherine (Billmeyer) Teskey. He was raised on the east shore of Flathead Lake and attended school in Bigfork. He spent his leisure time hunting and fishing, working in the family cherry orchard, working in the woods and firefighting. As he grew and went through school, he worked many jobs including welding, meat processing and working for the Great Northern Railroad cleaning out boxcars.

He was inducted into the Navy while still in high school but was allowed to finish. He graduated from Gonzaga High School in Spokane in 1943. In June of 1943, he reported for training in Farragut, Idaho. Ed served aboard the sea plane tender USS San Carlos as a signalman third class. He was decorated with medals and ribbons for his service in the Philippines and in numerous other locations. His ship also escorted the USS Missouri.

After returning from his tour of duty, he was discharged in March of 1946. Shortly after returning to the states, he started working for the Great Northern Railroad as a fireman on steam engines at Shelby.

In March of 1952, on St. Patrick's Day, he met his soul mate, Mabel Schneidmiller, at the Elks Lodge in Calgary, Alberta. After many long distance calls, he went to the Calgary Stampede and spent a week fishing and hunting with Mabel, he then proposed and they married on Sept. 19, 1952. They established their home in Havre where they started raising a family.

In 1957, he was promoted to engineer working up and down the highline; and in 1964, he relocated to Williston where he worked the locals, traveling to and working out of Glasgow, for many years. In 1982, he went to work for Amtrack where he remained until he retired in 1987.

Ed belonged to the VFW, the Moose Club, the American Legion and was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge. He also continued to be active with the railroad retirees' monthly meeting for breakfast.

Ed was an avid fisherman, hunter and camper. He loved working in his garden and raspberry patch and tending to his flower beds.

Ed enjoyed every aspect of nature and loved his time in the woods. His greatest love was his family and spending time with his five grandchildren with whom he shared his special interests of gardening and nature. The family had a yearly camping get-together in the moun-

tains of Montana.

Ed is survived by his wife, Mildred Mabel Teskey of Williston; his son, Anthony, of Williston; his daughter, LaVonne Lucke and granddaughters, Kristen and Tamera of Whitefish; his son, Jeffrey and grandson, Alexander of Bakersfield, Calif.; his son, Robert Teskey of Glasgow, and son, James Teskey, and his wife, Jacqueline, and granddaughters, Victoria and Katrina of Cloquet, Minn.; a sister, Geraldine McLaughlin of Missoula; a niece, Kathy Sontag of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two great-nephews, Andrew and Aaron Sadler of Missoula, and Washington, DC.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Wade Teskey, and his son, Edward W. Teskey.

Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home of Williston Monday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., and at the church for the hour before service time.

His mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Father John Guthrie. Cremation will follow and burial of the urn will take place in Kalispell at a later date.

A vigil prayer service for Edward will be 7 p.m. Monday evening at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Raymond Aytz leading the Rosary. The public is invited to attend.



## Curtis 'Curt' Allen Teunissen, 53

Curtis "Curt" Allen Teunissen, 53, formerly of Bigfork, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, in an automobile accident near Phoenix.

He was born in Whitefish on April 6, 1951, to Joseph and Barbara (Peterson) Teunissen. He later moved with his family to Modesto, Calif., attending schools there graduating from Modesto Junior College with a forestry degree.

He moved back to Montana, working for the Forest Service a couple of seasons at Murphy Lake Ranger Station and later American Timber in Olney for 10 years in the log yard. He worked at Eagle Bend Golf Club in Bigfork before moving to Arizona because of health problems. He had recently become a certified massage



therapist while living in Sedona, Ariz.

"We remember Curtis' laughter and love of life and adventure." He enjoyed the peace of the outdoors, especially the mountains of Montana. He had the gifts of kindness, gentleness and love which he freely shared with others. Curt lived his life with all that he had.

He is survived by his wife, Jayme, of Sedona; stepdaughters, Melanie Shelabarger of Prescott, Ariz., and Devon Williams of Kalispell; three grandchildren; stepfather and mother, Ed and Barbara Broggi of Modesto; brothers, Mark Broggi of Hope, Idaho, and Lee Broggi of Fresno, Calif.; sisters, Diana Teunissen and Susan Wares of Modesto, and Jerry Ross of Eureka.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Teunissen.

A memorial service was held for Curt in Sedona.

"We will miss him dearly."

## Curtis A. 'Curt' Thompson, 64

Curtis A. "Curt" Thompson, 64, of Lakeside, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Born July 7, 1939 in Coteau, N.D., to Pauline and Alfred Thompson, Curt entered the world with a competitive drive and adventurous spirit. Attending schools in Coteau and Kenmare, where he graduated high school in 1957, Curt discovered a talent as a football player.

He continued to play football at Valley City State University in Valley City, N.D., when, in the spring of 1960, George Halas offered him a try-out with the Chicago Bears football organization. However Curt forwent the life of a professional football player and graduated with a teaching degree in 1961. He continued his education at the Colorado State College where he completed credits toward his master's degree.

In 1962, he married Shirley Oberheu, his wife of 12 years, and in 1964, they had their daughter, Lori.

Curt's love for football and education combined into a career that had him teaching and coaching high school football in the cities of Fowler, Colo., Sunburst, and culminating his career with the Flathead High School Braves in Kalispell.



Considered by some to be the epitome of a true "man's man," Curt lived a life full of adventure; from hunting for weeks at a time in the Bob Marshall for bighorn sheep, bear and cougar, to wrestling alligators in Florida swamps; from building his own log cabin to being one of the few people to have floated every mile of every river in the state of Montana, a feat about which he wrote the book "Floating and Recreation on Montana Rivers." Curt Thompson's true passion was the outdoors and his many accomplishments are a testament to that fact.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents but his memory will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of his survivors, including his daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Ahren Spilker, and his grandchildren, Paulina, Keegan and London of Canby, Ore.; his sisters, Marlys Olson and her husband, Oscar, and Lue Maltby and her husband, Bud, both of Kalispell; his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and his countless friends.

Memorial services for Curt will be held at 2 p.m. today at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty Street, Kalispell, MT.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to a local division of the American Cancer Society, WINGS, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT, 59904. (406) 257-9464.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Irene V. Thompson, 83, of Libby, died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, of Libby; and children, Fred Thompson and Patty Thompson of Libby, and

Sharon Raynor of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, June 14, at the Libby Christian Church.

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

### Kenneth Levi Thompson, 29

Kenneth Levi Thompson, 29, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at his Bigfork home.



Levi was born Sept. 2, 1975, in Kalispell, to Steve and Linda (Nichols) Thompson. Levi attended Bigfork schools.

He became a Volkswagen mechanic which he dearly loved to do. Levi was an avid outdoorsman; snowmobiling, fishing, four wheeling and motorcycling. He loved going out with his friends. He was always willing to help out anyone in need, especially mechanic work.

He is survived by his wife, Jasmine Lamar Thompson, and son, Ethan Levi, of Bigfork; his parents, Steve and Linda Thompson of Bigfork; siblings, Janet and husband, Shawn Watmough, of Pincher Creek, Alberta, Martin and wife, Shari Kitzmiller, of Kalispell, Monica and husband, Brian Kerutis of Bigfork, Debbie Winter of Bigfork, and Louis Thompson and Jennifer of Kalispell; aunts and uncles, Bob and Sarah Nichols of Kalispell, Joyce and Jim Holloper of Kalispell, Elaine Hopkins of Bigfork, Clare and Judy Kinyon of Bigfork. Carol and Ed

Sturn of Spokane, and Doris Thompson of Fairbanks, Alaska; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

Visitation for Levi will be held 2 to 6 p.m. today, Nov. 12, at the Bigfork Funeral Home in Bigfork. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Skip Thompson, 57

Skip Thompson, 57, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, in Libby.

He worked as a millwright for St. Regis Paper Company, and later, Champion International.

He is survived by his wife,

Patty, of Libby; daughters, Michelle Nixon and Marcy Roby; and son, Josh Thompson, all of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall in Libby.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

### Tracey Allen Thompson, 69

Tracey Allen Thompson, 69, died Nov. 22, 2004, at his Kalispell home.

No services are scheduled at

this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Charlotte Elaine Thornton, 65

Charlotte Elaine Thornton, 65, beloved wife, mother, friend ... died July 8, 2004, at her home with her beloved life partner, Roger.



Charlotte Haile was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Los Angeles, to Walter and Maryetta Haile.

She met and married Roger Thornton Nov. 5, 1960, and the two forged an unstoppable team. The pair had two children, Dale and Diane and they taught them the importance of home, family and business. Charlotte easily balanced all three as they opened their first business in Santa Monica, Calif., which they owned and operated together until January of 1975.

After visiting the Flathead Valley, the Thornton family packed up their belongings and settled in Kalispell Jan. 12, 1975. Once here, feeling that they had found their "home," they settled into a comfortable life. Together they owned and operated the Chevron Bulk Plant, several Chevron stations, The Doll Castle and Northwest Sports, but Charlotte's true passion, aside from her family, lay in Kalispell Beauty Products, which she opened in 1977 as a small shop on Second Street. She proudly watched its success throughout the years as she put her heart and soul into its operation. As busy and passionate as she was with her store, her family never lacked her support, affection and love. She knew how to give the very best of herself in all that she did.

Charlotte was a generous, giving lady, doing everything within her power to make others feel special. She treated her family and friends like gold and there was nothing she wouldn't do to assist her customers. She was always there, lending her heart through her hand. She lovingly touched many, many people and many, many lives.

Diagnosed with cancer in 2001, Charlotte took it in stride. Her smile never faded and even in her most challenging hour, there was always time for a joke. As was her nature, she even cheered the medical professionals who assisted her. Truly an inspiration, she lived each day fully and completely, experiencing life just the way she wanted to. "Hers was a beautiful light that cannot be dimmed and we are blessed because she was here."

She was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Henningson; her father, Walter Haile; and her mother, Maryetta Haile.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Thornton; son, Dale Thornton and his wife, Carmen; daughter, Diane VonderHeide and her husband, Allen; grandchildren, Blake Thornton, Trenton Thornton, and Angela Berry; and great-grandchildren, Chava Berry and Shoshana Berry.

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

Services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at Johnson Funeral Home. There will be viewing prior to the service between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Dellivan David 'Dell' Thornton Sr., 74

Dellivan David "Dell" Thornton Sr. was born Jan. 3, 1930, to Herbert and Mary Thornton in Grantham, N.H. He passed away April 30, 2004, at the age of 74, at his home south of Lakeside.



Dell was one of 14 children during hard times so as a young teen he learned to work hard. He worked with his dad and uncles in scrap metal to help feed the family. He worked with draft horses doing logging. His mom co-signed for him to buy his first logging truck when he was just 16.

He went into the Air Force and served during the Korean conflict, receiving an honorable discharge in 1952, at Spokane. He went to Wallace and Kellogg, Idaho, and worked in the "Morning Mines" where he learned the correct way to use dynamite. Then he moved to Butte where he went to work in the mines; then he became a motorcycle cop for the Butte Police Department, during some of the rowdier times in Butte's history. City life was not for Dell.

In Butte, Dell met Mavis Simons of Lakeside, who became his wife on July 6, 1955. Dell then found work on the Noxon Dam where he drove a Uke (earth mover). When that job was finished they moved to Cobalt, Idaho, for a short time where he worked mining cobalt; then to Lark, Utah, to work in the copper mines. Dell and Mavis were blessed with five children. In 1959 they moved back to Mavis' hometown of Lakeside where they settled in to raise their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Dell worked hard at many jobs and taught his kids at a young age to do the same. He was one of the few men in the Flathead Valley that had experience with dynamite and worked for the Zook Brothers building U.S. 93 south of Lakeside which is still in use today. He sawed logs, moved buildings, and sawed ties for the Somers Tie Yard. He purchased one of the first backhoes in the area (two at that time) and started into general contracting. He built boat docks on Flathead Lake (many of which are

still out there.) He worked contracting for Ben Williams, logged off and parked out the area now known as Ben Williams Park. He built roads and put water and sewer lines in the housing development in the Woodland Park area. What most people will probably remember would be the beautiful Christmas trees he sold each year and also supplied to some of the largest tree yards in Montana.

Dell was always working and made a lot of stuff out of nothing. He would help anyone no matter who they were. He taught his kids and grandkids all about gardening and caring for animals. He always had a bounty from his garden to share with whoever came by. He was famous with his kids, grandkids, and all their friends for making the world's best hashbrowns.

Del worked hard to the very hour of his passing. He may have retired but he never quit working.

Dell was preceded in death by the tragic loss of his youngest son, Dale, on May 5, 1985. He was also preceded in death by great-grandson, Talis Timothy Buck; his parents, Herbert and Mary Thornton; seven brothers; and one sister.

Dell is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mavis; sons, Richard (previous marriage), Dellivan Jr., Donald, Dennis; and daughter, Sherry Williams; brothers, Chuck and John; and sisters, Mabel Click, Irene Trottier and Edith Bell. Dell is also survived by special grandchildren, Melanie and Derrick Blair, Amber, Dallas, Dustin, and Candice Thornton, and their mother, Shirley Helland, Marri and Dwayne Brown, Collin Thornton, Josh and Aaron Cork, and Holly and Josh Rich; great-grandchildren, Angelo, Makenzy, Sierra, Santiago, Chester; and numerous special relatives from back east. Last, but not least, his dogs and cats will miss him greatly, as will all of his friends and loved ones.

A celebration of Dell's life will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 8, at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Daniel Lambert officiating. All friends are welcome. Internment will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a reception following.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Rose Daisy (Bostic) Tietema, 102

Rose Daisy (Bostic) Tietema, 102, of Polson, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell from natural causes.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be

held 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13, at the First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will follow the graveside services at the church hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home.

## Laura E. Timmreck, 101

Laura E. Timmreck, 101, passed away Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, in Billings.

Laura was born July 13, 1903, in Benson County, North Dakota, to Horace and Nellie (Brooks) Trowbridge. The family moved north of Williston, N.D., when Laura was 4. She attended school there also.

She married Marion Timmreck on Oct. 29, 1921, at Williston. They lived near Alexander, N.D., where they farmed and raised their children. They moved to Kalispell in 1964.

Marion passed away in 1985, and Laura moved to Billings, in 1995. She enjoyed music, played the piano and needlecraft.

She had been a member of the First Church of the Nazarene and was in the auxiliary of the D.A.V.

Laura was preceded in death by

her parents and husband; a daughter, Gloria; and one son, Gerald; and by four brothers and one sister.

Laura is survived by six daughters, Lorna Casey of Billings, Betty Sheppard of Long Beach, Wash., Lois Timmreck of Kalispell, Mildred Lee of Williston, Nina Carson of Mason City, Iowa, and Marlene Keever of Epping, N.D.; two sons, Ronald Timmreck of Williston, Keith Timmreck of Minot, N.D.; 32 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## James Morris 'Jim' Todd, 80

James Morris "Jim" Todd, 80, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born in Kalispell, on Feb. 14, 1924, to Harry and Mary Todd.

He graduated from Flathead County High School, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He attended Gonzaga University, then returned to Kalispell where he took over the family business, Todd's Bakery, on Main Street for 25 years.

During his lifetime he loved to hunt and fish and was a talented sculptor. His value for honesty and integrity along with a constant



sense of humor and a gift for storytelling will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; five sons, Tom, Jeff, Joe, Bill and John; one daughter, Mary Young; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sisters, Marie Hartman and Clarann Brady.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Mary Todd; and one son, Mike Todd.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 25, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Immediately following the mass will be full military honors, with a reception to follow at the church.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Matthew's School.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Neva Janet Tollefson, 78

Neva Janet Tollefson passed away March 18, 2004, of complications from pulmonary fibrosis at the age of 78.

Neva was born in Lander, Wyo., Sept. 25, 1925, the oldest of three children to Calvin and Esther Livingston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jeannie F. Jones; and brother, Raymond C. Livingston.

She grew up on the family farm east of Pablo, attending schools in Polson and Ronan, and graduating from Ronan High School.

For many years she worked for the Lake County Soil Conservation Service, and later for the Lake County Planning Board.

She was a founding member of the Sandpiper Gallery and an active artist and wood carver and still a gallery member at her passing. In 1998 she was presented the Arts Award by the Folk Shop for her many years of contributions to

the art community.

On Dec. 21, 1958, she married Ronald E. Tollefson in Missoula.

Neva is survived by Ron at the family home; children, Greg and Susan Tollefson of Missoula; and Toni and Keith Wock of Polson; grandchildren, Heather Tollefson, Ryan Tollefson, Nicole Tollefson, Kristian Wock and Amber Wock; great-grandchild, Taylor Warilla, nephews, Dale Livingston, and Eric Larson; nieces, Linda Clairmont, Ronda Gagnon, Sandra Ouelette, Cindy Morin and Mona Reno; seven great-nephews and nieces; eight great-great-nephews and nieces; and sisters-in-law, Naomi Erickson, Elsa Duford, Sandra and Buck Weaver, and Esther Livingston. She was also fond of her five feline companions.

Cremation has taken place with a private family gathering to take place at a later date.

The family requests that donations and memorials be sent to the Sandpiper Gallery Scholarship

Fund.

## Rebecca 'Becky' Trablik, 77

Rebecca "Becky" Trablik, 77, of Kalispell, passed away on Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Goodland, Kan., the daughter of George and Mary Edmonds Mayer.

She grew up in the heart of the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression. Music was always her heart and soul. She was educated in Kansas and graduated from Brownville, Kan., High School. She attended and graduated from Fort Hays State College in Hays, Kan., in 1944 with a Bachelors of Music degree.

In September 1948 she was united in marriage to Phillip E. Trablik in Kansas. They moved to Kalispell in 1953, settling in the Mountain Brook community.

Becky taught orchestra at Flathead County High School, band and sixth grade in Somers and high school band in Bigfork. She taught grade school at Mountain Brook for 16 years. She followed that with band and first grade at Fair-Mont-Egan for the next 10 years, finishing with a 14-year stint teaching at the Nazarene Christian Academy. She finally

semi-retired in 1995.

Throughout her life and career she taught many of the valley children the pleasures of music by providing private instruction in piano as well as virtually any other instrument of interest. She was very active in her church, First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, generally playing either the piano or organ weekly. Another of her great joys was crocheting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Phillip, in November 1993.

She is survived by her brother, Paul, of Theodosia, Mo.; and a massive amount of friends.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Suite, 100 Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Florence R. (Smith) Trebas, 88

Florence R. (Smith) Trebas was born on Nov. 16, 1915, to Goldie and Charles Smith in Great Falls. She passed away Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center at the age of 88.



At 18, she married George Murray and had a son. She later fell in love and married William Frederick Trebas on April 14, 1942, in Sidney. Together they had six children. In 1959, they moved to a farm south of Columbia Falls where they lived until their deaths.

Early in life, Florence helped run her grandmother's boarding house at the Fort Peck Dam. After she married Bill, they ran 10,000 head of sheep and raised their family on a ranch out of Nashua. She later worked as a cook at the Brass Lantern in Columbia Falls, worked for the Welfare Department as a homemaker, then ran the Coram Cafe. For the last 20 years she invested in rentals for extra money. She always found a way to earn,

save and give to others.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Bill, but is survived by her seven children, Dave Trebas of Columbia Falls, Agnes Henschel and Marilyn Tofte of Billings, Clarice Zabel of Florence, Bill Trebas Jr. of Columbia Falls, John H. Trebas of Marion, and Barbara Reber of Proctor. Her legacy also included 23 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Life was never easy, but she always met a challenge head on and lived life on her terms. After resolving a problem you could hear her say, "And what have you learned from this." We will miss her strength, her wisdom and her wit, but will cherish the memories of her life.

In her memory, spend an extra hour with a loved one, no flowers or money please.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today, Tuesday, May 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

## Dicy Sterling Tucker, 63

Dicy Sterling Tucker passed away of natural causes on Jan. 15, 2004, at his home in Kalispell. He was 63 years old.

Dicy was born to Walter I. and Elanor S. Tucker on a small farm east of Argyle, S.D., on Dec. 7, 1940. In April of 1942, the family moved to Pringle, S.D. He attended eight years of school at the Pringle School.

He worked in the timber and sawmill plant between Pringle and Custer, S.D., in the Black Hills.

He moved to Columbia Falls in 1975.

He married Pat Thomasser. They had two children, son, Isiah, and daughter, Alicia. He lived in Kalispell the last 15 years where he worked at odd jobs including Kalispell Livestock Auction, Northwest Montana Fair and

ranches in the area.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; his wife, Pat Tucker; son, Isiah; and two brothers, Walter and Philip Tucker.

He is survived by his daughter, Alicia Tucker; one grandson, Aidan Robert Tucker; one sister and her husband, Anna and Alberto Sablan of Las Vegas; one brother and his wife, Lawrence and Karen Tucker of Columbia Falls; and two stepsons, David Baker and Jason Jackson.

Services in memory of Dicy will be held 2 p.m. Jan. 22, at the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Drive, (near the hospital). Cremation has taken place. Graveside rites and burial of ashes will be held at a later date at the Pringle Cemetery in Pringle, S.D.

## Donald Harvey 'Don' Treat

Donald Harvey "Don" Treat "went to meet his maker" on Aug. 9, 2004. He was born on March 15, 1909, in Bloomer, Wis., to Hattie (Davis) Treat and Burr Treat.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty V. Treat, in 1975; two brothers, Howard V. Treat and Burr Treat; also a second wife, Alverda.

He is survived by his seven children, Bonnie and George Bancroft of Martin City, Lora and Jim Hanks of Cleveland, Dwight and Velma Treat of Eureka, Linda and Ron Ivers of Eureka, Rose and Allen Hill of Campbellsville, Ky., John and Cathy Treat of Coram, and Wendy and Vinnie Contreras of Martin City.

He was raised in northern Wisconsin and was a fishing guide and trapper. He married Betty Veness on Aug. 19, 1940, and they moved to Montana in 1946 where he worked in logging and millwrighting. They moved to Martin City in 1952 where he resided until his death.

He loved his perch fishing and hunting and camping on our lakes. "Now he can be fishing all the time."

Don left behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Leander 'Leonard' Gonzalez Trevino, 44

Leander "Leonard" Gonzalez Trevino, 44, died on Sunday Sept. 26, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 2, 1960, in San Antonio, Texas, to Leon and Elida Trevino.

Leonard met Liane Cox in San Jose, Calif., and was married Sept. 2, 1990. They moved to Kalispell in December of 1998.

Leonard graduated from ITTR of Portland, and was a commercial truck driver part of his life; he also was a physical therapist for several years. For the last five years, Leonard worked as night supervisor for Flathead Janitorial.

Leonard was preceded in death by his father, Leon Trevino Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Liane Trevino, and children, Leonard and Daniel, all of Kalispell, Stephanie Trevino of San Antonio, Texas, and Brandie Marzillo of Trout Lake, Wash.; his mother, Elida Trevino of San Antonio; grandchildren, Beth, Anthony, and Ashley, all of Trout Lake, and Kiara of San Antonio; and numerous aunts and uncles; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services for Leonard will be held at 10 a.m. today, Oct. 6, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Gordon N. Triplett, 61

Gordon N. Triplett, 61, died at his Columbia Falls home on Monday, Nov. 29, 2004.

Funeral services are pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lloyd John Trottier, 79

Lloyd John Trottier, 79 years of age, known affectionately to his family and friends as "Chief," passed away of natural causes on Friday, July 16, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Annie Trottier; brother, Buzz Trottier; sister, Laura DeMontigney and her husband, Emil; and sister, Irene Demerais.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Christina Trottier, of Whitefish; three sons, Robert and Patrick Trottier, both of Whitefish, and Richard of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Christina, Cody and Sara in Box Elder, Dale and Michael in Spokane, Jacqueline of Red Pheasant, Saskatchewan, Annie and Tanner of Columbia Falls, and Kenny and Kyle of Kalispell; a brother, Jerry, of Glenrock, Wyo.; five sisters, Joanie Curly of Everett, Wash., Dee Dee Wirtzberger of Great Falls; Dolly Bellefeuille of Calgary, Alberta, Shirley Eklund of Malta, and Ruth Grunrud of Yorkton, Saskatchewan; and by many nieces and nephews.

"Chief" was born Oct. 20, 1924, in Val Marie, Saskatchewan, the oldest of 10 children born to John and Annie Trottier. His early years were spent on the family ranch where he developed his lifelong love for horses and living the lifestyle of a working cowboy. He later expanded this passion with a long and successful career as a saddle bronc rider in rodeo competition. From Winnipeg to Calgary, Cheyenne to Pendleton, if they had a rodeo, he rode in it. After his competitive years ended, he often kept his hand in by serving as a rodeo judge.

Lloyd enlisted with the Regina Rifles Regiment of the Canadian Army during World War II and served with distinction in England, Belgium, Holland and Germany. While in England he met and married Christina Weeds. They enjoyed a wonderful horseback wedding ceremony in London. They had two sons, Robert and Patrick, before moving their family to Malta in 1955.

Lloyd began work as a lineman for the railroad. They moved many times and finally came to Whitefish in 1957 where third son, Richard, was born. Chief continued line work for many years until retirement.

He will be remembered for many aspects of his life; his devotion to his grandchildren, a notorious sense of humor, impeccable dress, and his unselfish generosity and willingness to help others. He was extremely proud of his time serving on the VFW Honor Guard and his terms as a member of the Tribal Council in the Little Shell Chippewa tribe's fight for federal recognition.

Lloyd will continue to be loved and missed by those who knew him. "When the next Heavenly Rodeo rolls around, don't be surprised to hear a voice saying, 'Ladies and gentlemen. Let's give a warm welcome to a local boy — coming out of chute No. 1...'"

"Keep your toes turn out, Cowboy."

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Military honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

A reception will follow the services at 4 p.m. at the Whitefish VFW Club.

## Elta Helen Sperry Townsend, 88

Elta Helen Sperry Townsend, 88, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" Feb. 12, 2004. She was born March 3, 1915, in Ovando. She was the daughter of I.P. Sperry and Elta Parsell Sperry, the second oldest of nine children.

As a small child, Elta moved with her family from Ovando to a remote ranch near Placid Lake. The last 12 miles of the journey was by horse and wagon as they had to ford the Clearwater River and travel was difficult. She described the trip as endless. She attended the Placid Lake country school. The school consisted of a teacher and her brothers and sisters. The ranch is known today as the Grey Wolf Ranch.

The family traveled by horse and wagon to visit grandparents C.B. and Helen (Nell) Sperry, at least once a year. Elta's grandparents came from New York and homesteaded on the Blackfoot River between Clearwater Junction and Ovando in 1899. The grandparents' ranch, known as Sperry Grade, was an overnight stage stop for passengers traveling through the area.

Elta met Herb Townsend of Missoula when he was working for the Forest Service and was stationed near her home at Placid Lake. They were married on May 28, 1932. They moved to the Bitterroot Valley and of this union of friendship, respect and love were born two children, Ed and Jerry. Herb enlisted in the Navy in World War II and Elta moved to Missoula and worked for the University of Montana where she remained until near the end of the war.

After the war, the family moved to Seeley Lake and she worked for businesses in the area. Prior to her retirement, she worked the last 20 years as cook for the Seeley Lake Elementary School. After her retirement, she and her husband spent the next few years traveling to Alaska to visit their two sons and families.

Over the years Elta made many beautiful quilts. Her door was always open to her many friends that stopped to visit and share her apple and huckleberry pies. Her favorite holiday was the Fourth of July — rarely did she miss a parade or fireworks. She enjoyed fishing and picking berries in the summer and snowmobiling and playing cards in the winter.

She is survived by her brother, Gene Sperry; sister, June Stacy of Missoula, sister, Mildred of Spokane, and sister, Faye of Billings; two sons, Edward and wife, Jodi, of Bigfork, two granddaughters Wendy Davis and Angela Sipe; and son Gerald and Brenda of Silver City, N.M., three granddaughters, Cindy Lance, JeriLynn Henderson and Tammy Ryan, and grandson Tim Townsend, and their mother,



Jeanne Townsend of Billings, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Sunset Memorial Funeral

Home.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Elta's name to the library of the Seeley Lake Elementary School or Seeley Lake Museum.

Sunset Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Wayne C. Turner, 58

Wayne C. Turner, 58, beloved husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, pilot, and coach, passed away tragically on June 17, 2004, while fighting the Dammeron Complex forest fire near St. George, Utah.

Wayne was born Dec. 31, 1945, the third of five children born to Kenneth and Edith Turner in Great Falls. He graduated high school from Centerville, Mont., in 1963. He went on to Montana State University and obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and his pilot's license. He enlisted in the Navy in 1968 and served as a flight simulator instructor during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1974.

Wayne's first love, after his family, was flying, and he always felt at home when he was in the air. He maintained a commercial pilot's license for the last 40 years. He owned and operated his own flying service, which included aerial application, flight instruction, and contract piloting.

He was extremely active in the community and the schools, and always especially enjoyed the time he spent with the kids of Big Sandy. Some of his favorite activities were coaching wrestling and the Science Olympiad. Wayne was also a volunteer fireman, EMTI, city council member, 32nd degree mason, and shriner.

Wayne had endless amounts of energy and loved the outdoors. It was his goal to climb the highest peak in every state. He was well on his way. Wayne was funny, enthusiastic, hard working, intelligent, and even sometimes handsome, but most of all he was "neat inside." He was always ready with

a quick joke, a smile and a big bear hug. He was caring and compassionate and was always reaching out to others in need. It didn't matter if he had known you five years or five minutes; he was always ready to help.

He was still a child at heart and was never too busy to have a good "romp" on the floor with one of his grandkids. He was affectionately known as "that crazy grandpa Wayne". He taught us all so much in the short time we were allowed with him. He will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

He was survived by his wife of 37 years, Jan Turner, of Big Sandy; his mother, Edith Turner of Kremlin; son, Jeff Turner and his wife, Kristie, and their children, Abriana and Jabin of Kalispell; daughter, Katrina Salois and her husband, Chad, and their children, Sarah, Jaida, Cole, and Nicki of Helena; son, Daniel Adams and his wife, Heather, and their daughter, Arabella of Wisconsin; sister, Fay Wolf and her husband, Wes, of Kalispell; brother, Ivan Turner and his wife, Mariana, of Bigfork; sisters, Jan Kuno of Arizona, and Judy Seibert and her husband, Dick, of Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His father, Kenneth Turner and his son, Warren, preceded him in death.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on June 22 at the Big Sandy airport with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Big Sandy medical center and the Big Sandy volunteer fire department.

"Flamin' Mamie! I'm incredibly high!"

## Mark Allen Turman, 55

Mark Allen Turman, 55, passed away May 18, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was born July 5, 1948, in Kalispell, to Robert Allen Turman and Gredel Lenore (Hodgson) Turman.

Mark graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1966. After graduation he entered the U.S. Navy and served for 20 years.

He married Eileen Marvin on Oct. 18, 1969, in Kalispell.

After retiring from the Navy in 1986, he attended the University of Idaho, obtaining his teaching certificate in 1989. Mark taught grade school in the Plummer Worley School District in Idaho for 10 years. For the last few years he was the technology coordinator for the schools.

Mark was on the Worley City Council for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Virginia Hardinger.

He is survived by his wife of 35

years, Eileen, at the family home; daughters, Lenore of Pullman, Wash., and Leanna of Lehi, Utah; sisters, Chris Bexell of Tumwater, Wash., and Edith Gilstrap of Sedro Woolley, Wash; brother, Dave Turman, of Plains; mother-in-law, Phyllis Marvin, of Kila; brother-in-law, Terry Marvin, of Athol, Idaho; grandson, Blake, of Pullman; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at Lakeside Elementary School in Worley, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Worley Community Church Charities, P.O. Box 86, Worley, Idaho 83876; or City of Worley, Veterans Memorial Park Project, P.O. Box 219, Worley, Idaho 83876.

## Fred A. Turner, 92

Fred A. Turner, 92, a longtime valley resident, passed away Sept. 16, 2004, at the Bill Nichols State Veterans Home in Alexander City, Ala.

He is survived by a sister, five children, and numerous grandchil-

dren and great-grandchildren.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Fred was an avid outdoorsman and loved the quality of his life spent in Northwest Montana.

## Wilber Russel 'Web' Twitchell, 97

Wilber Russel "Web" Twitchell, 97, of Libby, died Feb. 13, 2004.

He was a furrier and owned his own shop in Burbank, Calif., where he designed furs for celebrities.

He is survived by his daugh-

ter, Sharon Rice of Libby, son, Gary Twitchell of Portland; and stepson, Jerry Brandenburg of Port Hueneme, Calif.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby.



## Josephine 'Frances' Tyree, 91

Josephine "Frances" Tyree passed away at the Brendan House on May 5, 2004, after a short illness. She was 91.

Frances, as she liked to be called, was born at Sisters of Mercy Hospital in Kalispell, on Sept. 19, 1912.

She is survived by five children, Richard Tyree of Kalispell, Shirley Howard of Spokane, Jack Tyree of West Glacier, Barbara Layson of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Doug Tyree at the family home in Kalispell; two sisters, Jane Bolles and Martha Sloan, both of West Glacier; 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, "Curly" in 1969, and one son, Gerald Tyree, in 1970.

Frances was the first of 10 children born to John and Martha Sloan. She was raised in West Glacier but got her schooling in Kalispell.

On Oct. 16, 1931, she married James "Curly" Tyree in Kalispell.

She lived her whole life in the Flathead Valley except for four years when she lived in Renton, Wash., and her husband worked in the war effort at a foundry.

They returned to West Glacier and lived there until 1959 when they moved to Evergreen. When her husband died, her youngest son took care of her for the remainder of her life. Because of her son Doug's loving devotion, she was able to stay in her own home.

She had a quick wit and a ready answer for whatever was asked of her.

She loved her tapes for the blind which she got in the mail regularly from Helena.

When she was younger she entertained with her mouth harp.

She loved huckleberry picking, dancing and crocheted well into the years after she was blind. She made an afghan by feeling and counting the stitches.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Interment will be at 1 p.m., May 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.