

Jean Caciari, 84

Jean Caciari, 84, of Whitefish passed away at Hospice Lakeside on Sunday, April 3, 2005, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Jean was born on Feb. 29, 1921, in Whitefish to Frank and Teresa Caciari. She married Vince Caciari on April 7, 1945, in South Oyster, N.Y. Jean worked in the treasurer's office at the county court house for many years before becoming the vendor of the Whitefish Lagoon Store until her retirement.

Jean was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Women of the Moose, Grammy's Club, Soroptimists, Golden Agers, American Legion, Democratic Women's Club, Altar Society and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. She was most recently named Winter Carnival Queen of Riverside Senior Living.

Jean's family was important to her, and it showed in her generous gestures of unconditional love. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary, and the pleasure she got from watching her grand children grow up was evident by her grandmotherly bragging. Her house was always filled with the sound of her piano and the smell of the "best spaghetti in town!" Jean was an avid sup-

porter of the Whitefish Bulldogs and the Glacier Twins.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Vince; by her parents, a sister and a brother.

She is survived by a brother, Fred Caciari; children, Joseph Caciari and wife, Katie, in Missoula; Dolores Lagerquist and her husband, Jack, in Idaho Falls; and Bentita Delgado and husband, Julio, in Whitefish; grandchildren, Michael Caciari, Stephen Caciari, Marva Warren, Michael and Tracy McMillan, John and Kara Lagerquist, Vinny and Jose Delgado, great-grandchildren, Hannah and Sean Lagerquist, Harley and Anthony Warren, Vinnie Caciari, and Calab Robert Caciari.

Viewing will be 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Christian wake service will be 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home chapel. A Mass of the Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish with Rev. Pat Patton, celebrant. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donors' choice in Jean's name.

Irene Marie Caldwell, 81

Irene Marie Caldwell, 81, of Whitefish, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her sons, Gordon and James.

No local services are planned at this time.

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

Ronald J. Carr, 61

Ronald J. Carr, 61, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Ron was born on March 10, 1944, in Whitesulphur Springs, W.Va., to James and Arlene Cassman Carr.

He did four tours of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy.

Ron was very proud of his bachelor of art degree from Cal State Fullerton and had worked as a real estate broker in Truckee, Calif., and a real estate appraiser in Salem, Ore.

He married Barbara Frawley in 1967, in Las Vegas. He loved to travel, reading, gardening, playing poker in Reno, and truly loved animals.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; a daughter, Heidi Carr; and a son and his wife, Robert and Dana Carr.

Graveside military honors will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Patricia "Patty" Cafero

Longtime resident of Whitefish, Mary Patricia Cafero

passed away at home in her sleep Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Patty was born on Oct. 23, 1915, in Winchester, Idaho, to Dignon Gray and Margaret Osborne. During her childhood she lived in Winchester, Coquille and Coquiam, Idaho, where she loved to be outdoors, to ride horses, and spend time with her younger sister, Virginia, and cousins and friends.

Patty graduated from Washburn and attended college in Lewiston, Idaho.

On Sept. 22, 1943, she married Cecil Cafero in Spokane, and they then moved to Whitefish. A member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Patty was involved in Altar Society and Study Club. She shared a special relationship with the Lord.

Patty was a strong supporter of the Democratic Party. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies of the VFW, and Whitefish Golden Agers.

She was a constant loving support to her husband, her six children, and her grandchildren, and has a very special place in all our hearts.

She worked briefly as a nurse's aid at the old Whitefish hospital, served as a deputy treasurer for Flathead County, and on the election board for many years.

Patty's accomplishments included Lewiston, Idaho, her fourth grade; Lewiston, Idaho, where she was City Girl; Glacier Park, and her home in Whitefish. She proudly raised the beauty of flowers, and raised bright color cats until watching her children swim at Pine Beach, Lunz, and home, including at Glacier Park, and fill the yard with family and friends.

Her parents, Gray and Margaret Osborne, gave warm memories to her.

Patty is survived by her immediate family, Cecil, her sons, Virginia Lambert, of Spokane, her six children, Sharon Hale of Astoria, Ore.; Theresa Sorensen of Whitefish, ID.; Debra McLaughlin of Whitefish; Mary Cafero of Helena, Mont.; Carolyn of Salt Lake City, and Julie Cafero of Helena, her grand children, Spencer, McMillan, Jesse, and Kyle Laible, Margaret Hage, Joseph and Kent Swartz, and all the grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. She and her husband, Cecil, were preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. and Colonel McMillan.

A rosary service will be conducted for Patty at Austin's funeral home at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. The funeral service for Patty will take place at St. Charles Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Hospice, 333 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Ronald McDonald House, 1015 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99201-5001.

Her family will greatly miss her tender loving care and her spunky attitude.

Kyle Carlson, 38

Kyle Carlson, 38, of Littleton, Colo., died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, as a result of an auto accident in Lakeside.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Carlson, and daughter, Mackenzie, of Littleton, Colo.; mother, Karol Stack, and

stepfather, Dennis Stack, of McGregor Lake; and father, Sonny Carlson, and stepmother, Lucy Carlson, of Rollins.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Belt Cemetery in Belt.

Gerald R. 'Rusty' Cargill, 55

Gerald R. "Rusty" Cargill, 55, passed away Dec. 31, 2004, in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 2, 1949, in Butte and attended schools in both Butte and Whitefish.

Rusty served in the U.S. Army, and then worked as an excavator/truck driver, which was the love of his life. He also did concrete work.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, two aunts and an uncle.

Rusty is survived by his mother, Margaret Cargill, of Columbia Falls, and a son, Gary Frank; two sisters, Cathy Raff and husband, Dwayne, of Whitefish, and Lillie May and husband, Jay, of Potomac, Okla.; two aunts, Frances Wilson of Whitefish, and Betty Rickett of Laurel; several nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

JEAN CACIARI, 84

April 29, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Jean Caciari, 84, of Whitefish, passed away of natural causes on Sunday, April 24, 2005, at the North Valley Hospital In Whitefish.

Jean was born on Dec. 28, 1920, in Whitefish, to Frank and Teresa Caferro. She married Vince Caciari on April 1, 1940, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Jean worked in the treasurer's office at the county court house for many years before becoming the vendor of the Whitefish Liquor Store until her retirement.

Jean was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Women of the Moose, Granny's Club, Soroptimists, Golden Agers, American Legion, Democratic Women's Club, Altar Society and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. She was most recently named Winter Carnival Queen of Riverside Senior Living.

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She is survived by a brother, Cecil Caferro; children, Joseph Caciari and wife, Katie, in Missoula; Dolores Lagerquist and her husband, Jack, in Idaho Falls, and Benilda Delgado and husband, Julio, in Whitefish; grandchildren, Michael Caciari, Stephen Caciari, Marya Warren, Michael and Tracy McMullan, John and Kara Lagerquist, Vinny and Jose Delgado; great-grandchildren, Hannah and Sean Lagerquist, Hailey and Anthony Warren, Vinnie Caciari, and Calab Robert Caciari.

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The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donors' choice in Jean's name.

MARY PATRICIA "PATTY" CAFERRO

February 23, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Longtime resident of Whitefish, Mary Patricia "Patty" Caferro, passed away at home in her sleep Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Patty was born on Oct. 28, 1925, in Winchester, Idaho, to Duran Grey and Margaret Osborne. During her childhood she lived in Winchester, Lapwai, and Craigmont, Idaho, where she loved to be outdoors, to ride horses, and spend time with her younger sister, Virginia, many cousins and friends.

Patty graduated from Winchester and attended nurses training in Lewiston, Idaho.

On Sept. 22, 1945, she married Cecil Caferro in Spokane, and they then moved to Whitefish. As a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Patty was involved in Alter Society and Study Club. She shared a special relationship with the Lord.

Patty was a strong supporter of the Democratic Party. She was a

member of the Women of the Moose, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies of the VFW, and Whitefish Golden Agers.

She was a constant loving support to her husband, her six children, and her grandchildren, and has a very special place in all our hearts.

She worked briefly as a nurse's aid at the old Whitefish hospital, served as a deputy treasurer for Flathead County, and on the election board for many years.

Patty's favorite places included Lewiston, Idaho, her family ranch in Winchester, Idaho, Whitefish City Beach, Glacier Park, and her home in Whitefish. She especially enjoyed the beauty of flowers and nature, bright colors, reading, watching her children swim at City Beach, family reunions, picnicking in Glacier Park, and visiting with family and friends.

Her parents, Grey and Margaret Osborne, "are waiting for Patty in heaven."

Patty is survived by her husband, Cecil; her sister, Virginia Lambert, of Spokane; her six children, Sharon Hale of Astoria, Ore., Theresa Senese of Winfield, Ill., Debbie McConnell of Whitefish, Mary Caferro of Helena, Frank Caferro of Salt Lake City, and Duran Caferro of Helena; her grandchildren, Spencer McMahan, Jesse and Keysa Hale, Margaret, Hallie, Joseph and Kenji Swain, Duran Caferro Jr., and Karl and Shawna McConnell; and great-grandchildren, Alyx and Conner McMahan.

A rosary service will be conducted for Patty at Austin's Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. The funeral service for Patty will take place at St. Charles Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25.

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GERALD R. "RUSTY" CARGILL, 55

January 07, 2005 at 5:01 am | Daily Inter Lake

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He was preceded in death by his grandparents, two aunts and an uncle.

Rusty is survived by his mother, Margaret Cargill, of Columbia Falls; and a son, Gary Frank; two sisters, Cathy Raff and husband, Dwayne, of Whitefish, and Lillie May and husband, Jay, of Poteau, Okla.; two aunts, Frances Wicen of Whitefish, and Betty Rickett of Laurel; several nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Ruth A. (Riddle) Carsner, 68

Ruth A. (Riddle) Carsner, 68, of Portland, formerly of Lakeside and Kalispell, died Sept. 14, 2005, at home of cancer.

Surviving children are Timothy Maher, Daniel Maher, Scott Headrick and Frank Carsner Jr.

A memorial service was held Sept. 19 at Life Fellowship church in Portland.

Edward F. 'Nick' Carvey, 83

Edward F. "Nick" Carvey, 83, of Eureka, died of natural causes Saturday, April 23, at his home in Eureka.

Survivors include his children, Ed Carvey, Charles Carvey, Don Carvey, and Ila Tallon, all of Eureka, and Alzera McClam of Boise, Idaho.

Private family services will be held.

Family and friends are invited to a potluck at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the back side of Sophie Lake.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Alice Dinsmore Gurd Casey, 97

The full life of Alice Dinsmore Gurd Casey, 97, ended May 11, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, where she had received many years of loving care.

Alice was born Sept. 7, 1907, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to John Abram Curd and Alice Lee. Soon after, her family moved to New Milford, N.J., where she lived until her early 80s (when she joined much of her family in Montana).

Alice attended the All Student's League in New York City, where she met and married James P. Casey, whom she later divorced. She had four children and raised them through the Depression as a busy working single mom. During World War II, Alice worked at Bendix Aviation, but for many years she was the director of the New Milford, N.J. Public Library, where she particularly enjoyed children's service.

Alice was a gifted researcher, and loved reading, traveling (especially by train), and the arts. Alice read to her children every night, and took them on many trips to the great museums and galleries of New York. She was a long-time member of the Paramus, N.J. Central Unitarian Church. Her three trips to Europe

were among the highlights of her life, the last one being with two of her grandchildren when she was 71. She also treasured her multiple trips to Star Island, in the Isles of Shoals in New Hampshire.

Alice is survived by her sister, Jeanne (Mrs. Ernest) Brown of Arizona; her daughter, Peggy, of Kalispell; son, James Patrick Casey and daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Casey, of Smithville, Texas; daughter-in-law, Marlene, and grandsons, Scott and Stephen Casey of New Milford. She also leaves grandson, Daniel Casey, his wife, Susannah, and great-granddaughters, Lauren and Hannah Alice of Somers; grandson, James Patrick Casey and wife, Vicki, of Houston; granddaughter, Barbara Colson, husband, Billy, and great-grandchildren, Brian and Molly of Smithville, Texas.

Alice was preceded in death by her sister, Katheryn Gurd; brother, John Gurd; and children, Joan Casey and Tim Casey.

As per Alice's wishes, there will be no service, and her ashes will be scattered in a place near and dear to her heart. The family asks that friends enjoy a book with a child in Alice's honor.

Dale Cass, 89

Wife Cass, 89, of Warden, died Feb. 7, 2005, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Services will take place at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Gale M. Chandler, 63

Gale M. Chandler, 63, passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Gale was born Dec. 3, 1941, in Minneapolis, to Robert and Shirley (Larburn) Brauer.

Gale married Lester G. Chandler in Kalispell in the spring of 1979. Lester preceded her in death after 24 years of marriage.

Gale loved crafts, fishing, camping, driving log trucks and motorcycles.

She is survived by two sons, Roger Lambertus, Jr., and Don Chandler, of Kalispell; a daughter, Linda Chandler, of Kalispell; sister, Royce O'Brien, and two brothers, Ron Brauer and Mike Brauer;

grandchildren, Kenny Lambertus, Tyler and Autumn Selke, and Amanda and Michael Swinehart; great grandchild Nevaeh Selke; and Gale's special friend, Marc Johnson.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 28, at Northridge Heights Church of God.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Northridge Heights Church of God, 1970 Hwy. 97 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald N. 'Don' Chaney, 73

Donald N. "Don" Chaney, 73, passed away Oct. 24, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, after a brief but brave battle with cancer.

Don was born Sept. 3, 1932, in Brockton, to Everett and Iona Chaney.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950 and was very proud of his service to his country during the Korean War.

He married Donnajo Steele in Brockway on Oct. 23, 1955. Don and Donnajo moved to Columbia Falls that same year.

Don had worked in construction as a heavy-duty mechanic. He retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 1993, where he had been district mechanic at Murphy Lake Ranger Station.

After retirement he and Donnajo became snow birds, wintering in Quartzite, Ariz., where they immensely enjoyed potluck gatherings and frequent jam sessions with friends where Don played guitar.

Don and Donnajo had just celebrated 50 years of marriage in Trego among friends and family, where again Don and his friends picked up their guitars and performed for those at the party.

He was preceded in death by his son, David; parents, Everett and Iona; and one brother, Sam.

Don is survived by his wife, Donnajo, and their children, Sam Chaney and wife, Tanna, of Trego, Patty Raynes and husband, Wayne, of Libby, Larry Chaney of Eureka, and Dorothy Bickel and husband, Jack, of Eureka; as well as eight grandsons, one granddaughter, and five great-grandchildren; sisters, Sherry Shanks of Kalispell, and Shirley Flynn of Oswego; and brothers, Everett "Junior" of Rigby, Idaho, and Tom of Helena.

Memorial services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Trego Civic Center in Trego, under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, and the VFW Post 6786 in Eureka.

GALE M. CHANDLER, 63

March 26, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Gale M. Chandler, 63, passed away Tuesday, March, 22, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Gale was born Dec. 5, 1941, in Minneapolis, to Robert and

Shirley (Harbin) Brauer.

Gale married Lester G. Chandler in Kalispell in the spring of 1979. Lester preceded her in death after 24 years of marriage.

Gale loved crafts, fishing, camping, driving log trucks and motorcycles.

She is survived by two sons, Roger Lambertus Jr., and Don Chandler, of Kalispell; a daughter, Linda Chandler, of Kalispell; sister, Royce O'Brien; and two brothers, Ron Brauer and Mike Brauer; grandchildren, Kenny Lambertus, Tyler and Autumn Selke, and Amanda and Michael Swinehart; great-grandchild Nevaeh Selke; and Gale's special friend, Marc Johnson.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 28, at Northridge Heights Church of God.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Northridge Heights Church of God, 1970 Hwy. 93 N., Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lillian Irene (McCart) Chapel, 95

Lillian Irene (McCart) Chapel, 95, formerly of Kalispell, died of natural causes on March 22, 2005, in Kalispell.

She was born in 1909, in Missoula, to Anna and Ira McCart.

In 1927, she married Roy W. Chapel, and together they raised five children. From 1946, the family and later, Lillian and Roy, lived in Kalispell for several years, where Lillian operated a boarding house on Third Street.

In 1961, they moved to Spokane with their youngest three children and remained for 31 years. While there they attended South Hill Christian Church and later, Hamden Park Presbyterian Church. Lillian made many friends in Spokane at church and while working



with Scout mothers, Campfire Girls, and LC band parents.

In 1982, she and Roy moved from Spokane to Crista in Seattle. Roy died in 1984.

Survivors include her children, Beatrice Gottys of Escondido, Calif., Shirley Stocke and Ralph of Portland, Jim Chapel and Bobbi of Bend, Ore., Roy Chapel Jr. and Carolyn of Edmonds, Wash., and Sharon Gebhardt Wonders of Missoula; and her sister, Florence Bakke, of Missoula. There are 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 2, at Kings Chapel at Crista.

The family suggests memorials to Crista Good Samaritan Fund, 19303 Fremont Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133.

Arrangements are by Beck's Funeral Home in Edmonds, Wash.

Lola Bell Chittim

Lola Bell Chittim, wife of Harold Chittim, formerly of Kalispell, passed away on March 6, 2005, at the Community Home Health Hospice Center in Longview, Wash., after a courageous five-year battle with cancer.

Lola was born on April 3, 1929, in El Dorado Springs, Mo., to William E. and Clara Bell (Ward) Brazell. She was married to Nathan Johnson on Feb. 14, 1946, and from this union had five children.

She married Harold Chittim on July 1, 1976. She was a professional cook and caregiver. She loved her family and being with her grandchildren. Her hobbies included cooking, sewing, reading, being a homemaker and world traveler.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Harold Chittim; one son, Darrell Johnson of Astoria, Ore.; four daughters, Sharon Clemow of Houston, Texas, Jeanie Halverson of Astoria, Linda Thomas of Longview, Cathy and Ed Haupt of Longview; one stepson, Richard and Jeri Chittim of Corvallis, Ore.; four stepdaughters, Billie and Gordon Herron of Harrington, Wash., Annie and

Steve Hill of Maple Valley, Wash., Phyllis and Al Lauckner of Moses Lake, Wash., and Mary and Stan Timperley of Vancouver, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, 18 stepgrandchildren, 19 step great-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-great grandchildren; five sisters, LaVeda and Thomas Hill of Chino Valley, Ariz., Jerrie Brazell of Ashland, Ore., Marie Roelofson, Helen Ward and Sydna Ornbaum, all of Porterville, Calif.; four brothers, Robert and Katie Brazell of Spirit Lake, Idaho, Johnny and Lee Eita Brazell, Donald and Carolyn Brazell, all of Porterville, Eddie Brazell of Prescott, Ariz.; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one stepdaughter and one stepson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. David Jones of Columbia Falls Methodist Church, and Rev. Dave Merkel of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Earl Eugene Chase, 82

Earl Eugene Chase, 82, died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at his ranch in Troy.

He was born March 20, 1923, to Fred Earl and Shirley Chase in Whitefish.

Services, with full military honors, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, in the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home, 422 West Second Avenue, in Libby, followed by a reception at the Libby VFW Hall. Interment will follow at a later date in the Whitefish Cemetery veterans' section.

Earl spent his early childhood in Libby before moving back to Whitefish in the summer of 1931 at the age of eight where he began the third grade. He continued his education in Whitefish schools until he enlisted in the National Guard in 1937 at 15 by increasing his age by two years. He later completed high school as well as three years of college.

He soon transferred to the Army where he became one of the 14 members of Americas' first paratroopers, the "original 501." They were soon expanded into the 501st Parachute Battalion. The 501st was then deployed to Panama commanded by Captain William P. Yarborough, the designer of the parachutist badge. The well-known Lt. General Yarborough continued as Earl's life-long friend.

During World War II, he made about 24 combat jumps while serving with the 503rd Parachute Battalion in various battles in the Northern Solomons and other islands in the South Pacific.

After transferring into the Army Air Corps 65th Bomb Squadron (H), 43rd Bomb Group, Earl became the chief radio operator on a B-24 and was also ball turret gunner whenever the bomber was attacked by enemy planes. He was based in New Guinea.

After the war, he transitioned into the U.S. Air Force in 1946 where he continued as a radio operator, serving on B-29 bombers in the Korean War as well serving in Occupied Japan. He retired in 1960 as a senior master sergeant.

During his military service, Earl received nine medals, including the American Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service



Star, one Bronze Service Arrowhead and the Air Medal, as well as numerous campaign ribbons.

After retiring from the military, he began a second career with the National Park Service. He was assistant personnel manager at Glacier National Park, then moved on to become personnel manager at Olympic National Park.

He was later promoted and transferred to Seattle where he was contracting and property management officer of the Pacific Northwest Region. Earl retired in 1979 when he moved to Troy where he built a home and established a cattle ranch with his wife, Helen Jones Chase.

In retirement, Earl was post commander of the Libby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1548 from 1989 to 1991. He served as Montana's VFW state commander in 1994 and 1995. He also became the national Veteran's Administration district representative for the Northwest. Earl became a familiar face in Washington, D.C., attending conventions and lobbying tirelessly on behalf of America's veterans.

He was also a life-long member of the American Legion and a member of the Libby Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by previous wives, Sylvia Pfrimmer Chase and Helen Gentile Chase, and his sister, Arlene Maddux.

Earl's survivors include his wife, Helen Jones Chase; his sister, Evelyn Maddux, and nieces, Janice Maddux and Jeanne Thorsen, of Whitefish; his daughters and their husbands, Marguerite "Rita" and Wm. Terry Hancock of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Peggy Jo and Melvin Cherry of Yakima, Wash.; sons and their wives, Fred E. and Candace Chase of Bigfork, Michael and Maria Chase of Moses Lake, Wash., and Richard and Shirley Chase of Libby; grandchildren and spouses, Wm. Hunter "Moose" and Kelly Hancock of Twin Falls, Brian and Amy Cherry, Jason and Joshua Cherry of Yakima, Donald Chase of Chicago, Traci and Tom Sowards of Auburn, Wash., Michael Chase, Stephanie and Kevin Burgess of Moses Lake, Richard (Jr.) and Lori Chase of Severna Park, Md., and Barbara and Kenneth McElmurray of Everett, Wash.; and numerous great-grandchildren.

LOLA BELL CHITTIM

March 13, 2005 at 5:00 am /

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Eva Marie Christian, 89

Eva Marie Christian, 89, a lifetime member of the Whitefish Community, died July 29, 2005, at the Colonial Manor of natural causes.



Eva was born April 26, 1916, to Chiana and Alex Christian in Whitefish. She was employed by the Big Mountain Ski Resort and the Montana Veterans Home for a number of years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors and Saint Charles Catholic Church since her birth. She taught Sunday school and always looked forward to her weekly dinners after Mass with her friends.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Tony,

Louie, Frank and Albert; her sisters, Rose and Abrosina; and her nephew, Alvin "Nitch" Naccarato.

Eva is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She has been blessed with many close friends who helped care for her. She leaves behind her little dog Fluffy.

Viewing will take place 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 with a rosary and prayer vigil at 7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Funeral will be held 10 a.m. on Aug. 5 at Saint Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with burial in the Whitefish Cemetery, followed by a fellowship at Saint Charles Parrish Hall.

Memorials may be made in honor and remembrance of Eva to one's choice.

Gary Dale Cilenti, 57

Gary Dale Cilenti, 57, passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at his Kalispell residence.



Gary was born July 26, 1948, in Lodi, Calif., to Louis and Esther (Payne) Cilenti. He grew up in the Linden, Calif., area.

Gary served in the U.S. Army and did three tours of duty in Vietnam as a Green Beret. After his discharge, he went into the furniture making business.

He was preceded in death by his

mother, Esther.

Gary is survived by his father, Louis Cilenti; his twin sister, Sherry Miller; children, Chris, Debbie and Gary Cilenti; and nieces and nephews, Kellie Beck, Tammie Ceccarelli, Kim Stryker, Laurie Dearing, and Louis Nicoson.

Visitation for Gary will be held from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at Kalispell Christian Church. Burial will follow the service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military honors.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Glee Adele Clark, 63

Glee Adele Clark, 63, formerly of Kalispell, died Feb. 13, 2005, in Reno, Nev.

She had worked in construction in the area.

Survivors include her children, Terry Goulet of Col-

orado, John Pardin of Montana, Wendy Glanzman of Idaho, and Carla Arribillaga and Stacey Riordan of Reno.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at Walton's Funeral Home in Sparks, Nev.

Lorren D. Claridge, 77

Lorren D. Claridge, 77, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services are pending at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mildred A. Christiansen, 98

Mildred A. Christiansen of Columbia Falls died Aug. 27, 2005, at the age of 98. She was born Mildred Francis Ammer on Nov. 8, 1906, in Fargo, N.D. The family moved near Ryegate in 1910, where they homesteaded. At the age of 4, she contracted polio and lived with its effects the rest of her life.

After her early education in Ryegate, Mildred graduated with honors from the University of Montana in 1928 and received her master's degree in 1931. She taught French at the university for five years. She always remained a loyal Grizzly football fan.

In 1934, she married Harold C. Christiansen. They shared a love of travel, adventure, music,

square dancing, people and each other. Before retiring to Columbia Falls in 1976, they lived in Anchorage, Alaska, and were there for the great earthquake of 1964. Harold preceded her in death in 1979.

Mildred will be remembered for her positive attitude, great wisdom, generosity, sense of humor, forward thinking and compassion. She is survived by numerous family members and friends, each of whom learned something of value from her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807, for the Harold C. and Mildred A. Christiansen Scholarship. No services are planned.

Lorren Duane Claridge, 77

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He attended Bald Rock School and Flathead High School and served in the Army at the end of World War II.

Lorren retired after 30 years as a resident engineer with the Montana Highway Department in 1977. Lorren loved fishing, boating, outdoor barbecues, working with wood and most of all, spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He told many a tall fish tale and made wood projects for family and friends. He was "Mr. Fix It Man" and repaired and remodeled many homes for himself and others. In recent years as health prevented him from actively participating in outdoor activities, he enjoyed frequent communication with his family and keeping up on the world news, via the Internet.

Lorren was preceded in death by his father, Lamo R. Claridge in 1981 and his mother, Lida M. Claridge in 2001.

He is survived by a family who

loves him very much. They include his wife, Phyllis at the family home, son, Don and wife Naomi Claridge, and son, Jerry, and wife Melody Claridge, both of Spokane, daughter, Debb, and husband, John Willett, of Kalispell, and son, Greg, and wife, Paula Claridge, of Kalispell. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kimberly and husband Chris Helseth, Tanner Claridge, Angie and husband Danny Dederer, Jerry and wife Kara Claridge, Tobi and husband Barry Warren, Justin and wife Deann Willett, Johnny and wife Brynn Willett, and Stryder, Spencer and Sierra Claridge, also, great grandchildren, Josiah and Lilly Anna Dederer, Jessica Willett, Kylee Claridge and Haley Walker. He also leaves behind his beloved faithful puppy pal, Taff.

Lorren is also survived by four sisters, Betty Miller and husband Ken, Evelyn Henschel and husband Stan, Marilyn Cartwright and husband Bob, and Verta Guerrero and husband Tom and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Kalispell at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 4, at the Epworth Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. East, with Pastor David Morkle officiating. A luncheon will follow at the church.

The family suggests that memorials can be given to Epworth Methodist Church or charity of choice.

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Lorren was preceded in death by his father, Lance B. Claridge in 1984; and his mother, Lula M. Claridge in 2004.

He is survived by a family who loves him very much. They include his wife, Phyllis, at the family home; son, Don and wife Naomi Claridge, and son, Jerry, and wife Melody Claridge, both of Spokane; daughter, Debi, and husband, John Willcut, of Kalispell; and son, Greg, and wife, Paula Claridge, of Kalispell. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kimberly and husband Chris Helseth, Tanner Claridge, Angie and husband Danny Deder, Jerry and wife Kara Claridge, Tiffany and husband Barry Warren, Justin and wife Deann Willcut, Johnny and wife Brynn Willcut, and Stryder, Spencer and Sierra Claridge; also, great-grandchildren, Josiah and LillyAnna Deder, Jessica Willcut, Kylene Claridge and Haley Walker. He also leaves behind his beloved faithful puppy pal, Tafi.

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Lisa Chenault-Clark passed away Sept. 23, 2005.

Lisa was born June 17, Fathers Day, 1962, in Fresno, Calif. on a bright and sunny day. She attended school in Bakersfield, Calif. at *Rushmore Elementary*, a *Cardin School*, junior high, at *Compton Junior High* in the mentally gifted program and high school at *Highland High*. After high school she went to work in the family business of *Hair and Co.* as a makeup and facial artist.

She moved to Big Sur, Calif., and became interested in cooking as a career and was accepted to *The Culinary Institute of America* in N.Y. She later moved back to Bakersfield to help in the family business of *Goldman Enterprises* and *Stockdale Fashion Plaza* alongside her grandparents, now deceased, *Frank and Dorothy Goldman* of Bakersfield.

She later moved to Montana to pursue her interest and childhood love of horses. There she enjoyed a life of outdoors and adventure with good friends of the same interest. She loved riding the rails and mountain ranges of *Glacier National Park* and other favorite places with her friends and always made the "best" lunches, pulling wonderful things from her saddle bags, including



Lisa Chenault-Clark, 43

good wine.

She was a kind and caring mentor, always sharing her good horse sense and never criticizing others' mistakes. She also loved team penning and sorting cattle with her horse *Smokey*.

Breeding and raising horses, caring for her garden, and cooking for her friends and family were among her happiest of times. Her latest interest was to enter into the world of a private chef and to teach children to cook.

"We will all remember her beautiful smile and sense of humor, even in the worst of situations. She is an inspiration to us all."

Throat cancer came upon her at the prime of her life. She was strong and brave, never letting go of the possibility of being healed and healthy again. She withstood all she possibly could until she gently and peacefully passed away after a three-year journey with cancer.

She is survived by her loving family, mother, *Carole Brent*; father, *Louis Chenault*; her sister, *Michelle Chenault*; brothers, *David Chenault* and his wife, *Denise*, and *Frank Chenault*. Three nieces, *Elan*, *Nicole*, *Melissa* and one grandnephew, *Ocean*. Along with many loving friends and the loves of her life, her horses, *Smokey*, *Sandy*, *Bill*, *Jewels* and colt, also her dog, *Nora*. Lisa had no children.

"Her gentle loving sprit and love of life will live on in our

hearts and be sorely missed.

May she ride like the wind and cook with the best, eat and drink and sing songs of life to her hearts content."

Donations in lieu of flowers may go to *The Cancer Society Research for Throat Cancer* 1-800-227-2345, or *Human Therapy on Horseback*, P.O. Box 1541, Whitefish, MT 59937.

A celebration of her life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. We invite close friends to join us at the *Bar W Guest Ranch* in the Lodge, at 2875 Hwy. 93 West, RSVP by Oct. 13 to jhendrix1@centurytel.net

Ronald Dean Clark, 76

Ronald D. "Ron" Clark, 76, died suddenly Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at *North Valley Hospital* in *Whitefish* of natural causes.

He was retired from teaching in *Washington* and *California*.

He is survived by his wife, *Carol Sue (Montgomery) Clark*; and four children, *Jeri-*

don Clark of *Mequon, Wis.*, *Vianne Cooper* of *Millington, Mich.*, and *Jerron Clark* and *Jordan Clark*, both of *Livermore, Calif.*; and mother-in-law, *Mary Montgomery*, of *Whitefish*.

Memorial services were held at *Grace Baptist Church* in *Columbia Falls* with the *Rev. Don Bergstrom* officiating.

Lindsay V. Clarke, 54

Lindsay V. Clarke, 54, passed away suddenly Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, at his beloved farm.

Lindsay was born in *Kalispell* on Aug. 31, 1951. He attended grade school at *Lake Blaine* and graduated from high school at *Flathead High*. He went to college for two years and became an excellent meat cutter. His mom said he went to college behind a plow as there was work to do!

Lindsay is survived by his mother, *Junice*; a brother, *Ervin*; a sister, *Janice*; and his beloved children, *Michael*, *Jessica* and *Cody*.



Lindsay was such a hard worker, whether it be farming, logging or truck driving. He just didn't know how to stop. His true love of work was farming, and his pride and joy were his children.

"Dad, you are *Cody's* best bud forever and *Jessica's* best friend in her life. You, Dad, are the dad of the millennium. Goodbye for now."

A funeral service for Lindsay will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at the *Columbia Mortuary* in *Columbia Falls*. Burial will follow in *Fairview Cemetery*.

Viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 12, at the *Columbia Mortuary*.

An account has been set up at *Glacier Bank* for *Jessica* and *Cody Clarke*.

Kenneth 'Keny' Asa Clothier, 86

Kenneth "Keny" Asa Clothier, 86, passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2005, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born on April 21, 1919, in Kalispell. Keny attended grade school in Lakeside and Somers before graduating from Flathead County High School in 1939.

He joined the Army on Sept. 16, 1940. He always said he signed up for one year and came home four years later. He served with the 163 Medical Detachment 41st Infantry Division. Keny was discharged on June 14, 1945.

On June 2, 1946, Keny married Faye Thompson in Kalispell. He worked at services stations, logging, Hungry Horse Dam and drove a Kalispell City bus for several years before going to work for the state highway department in 1954.

In 1974, Keny and Faye built their dream cabin on Bitterroot Lake, which they enjoyed until her death in 1978.

On Nov. 7, 1980, Keny married Beulah Stearns. Since their marriage they have had many happy summers at the cabin. They also made many new close friends between 1980 and 1991 wintering in Good Life in Mesa, Ariz.

Keny retired after 33 years with the highway department, at the age

of 60.

Keny was preceded in death by his first wife; parents; and three brothers, Neil, George Eldon and William.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah, of Kalispell; two sons, Dale and wife, Betty, of Marion and Ricky and wife, Barbie, of Clovis, Calif.; one daughter, Bonnie Clothier of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Linda and Royce Robinson of Kalispell, and Claire and Toby Svejovsky of Henderson, Nev.; one stepson, Clyde and Candi Stearns of Ruston, La.; and a stepdaughter, Janet and Bud Tyree; three brothers, Stan, Don and Darrell; and a sister, Emma Lou Reed. Keny is also survived by eight grandchildren, Toby, Nichole, Crystal, Tiffany, Shelley, Brittany, Tia and Brooke; numerous great-grandchildren; and two very close friends, Bill Merkle and wife of Shelter Bay, Wash., and Jerry Criner and friend of Wyoming.

Visitation for Keny will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Friends and family are invited to a graveside service for Keny at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Robert Malberg officiating. There will be a reception immediately following at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Montana Veterans Home: 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Keny's family.

Pauline 'Polly' Clouse, 90

Pauline "Polly" Clouse, 90, passed away on Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born May 24, 1914, in Windsor, Colo., to David and Elizabeth (Schenkel) Hettinger.

Polly married Arthur Clouse on May 20, 1932, in Windsor, Colo. The couple moved to the Flathead Valley in 1936 and farmed for a time in the area that is now the location of Pacific Power and Light and the junior high school.

Polly began working for the Kalispell Mercantile in 1947. Her first duties included running the doughnut machine in the grocery department. Later she worked in the china department. Upon the closure of the K.M., Polly worked for Coast to Coast, retiring twice.

With her final retirement and Arthur's death in 1991, she began a volunteer career with Brendan House. This became the love and joy of her life. In 1987, Polly was named Brendan House Volunteer of the Year. In 1993, she was named Montana Healthcare Association Volunteer of the Year. At that time, she had volunteered 3,500 hours. She continued her volunteer work with a total of 7,000 hours before becoming a resident of the Brendan House in 1996. She continued to help, where possible, as her health permitted. She loved the other residents, and especially all the care givers.

Polly served two terms as President of Resident Council of Brendan House. She was an active member of Central Bible Church and the Golden Agers Club. She also enjoyed many miles of travel with Montana Tour and Travel.

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shines on anything she touched, from her household to the popcorn machine at the Brendan House.

Polly was preceded in death by her husband; an infant son; two sisters, Mollie and Rose; five brothers, David, Reuben, Carl, Jack and Jim; brother-in-law, Jerry; and sisters-in-law, Bea and Wanda.

She is survived by her son, Harvey Clouse and wife, Mitze, of Missoula; three grandchildren, Kristi Jackson and husband, Ralph, Dale Clouse and wife, Lucy, and Kimberly McGuire and husband, Tom; great grandchildren, Brian, Brad, and Shawn Jackson, Elizabeth and Hannah Pauline Clouse, and Jeff, Kayla, Kristen and Kaitlyn McGuire, one sister, Paula; two brothers, Paul and Harold and wife, Betty; and sisters-in-law, Mollie and Dorothy and their families. She is also survived by many friends and the loving staff at Brendan House. Her family is most grateful to each and every one of them.

If Friends are the Flowers of Life, Polly had a large flower garden.

Graveside services for Polly will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell, with Pastor Ron Youde officiating.

At the family's request, there will be no visitation.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Stanley R. Clothier, 59

Stanley R. Clothier died at the Brendan House Monday, Sept. 19, 2005. Stan was loved by his family and friends.



He was born Nov. 28, 1945, in Cody, Wyo., and raised in the Flathead Valley.

Stan was a great saxophone player and loved playing in various groups. He was happiest when cooking for a crowd. An avid reader, Stan enjoyed philosophizing and had no trouble sharing his opinions.

For 20 years Stan worked with

his parents managing Spruce Park, and was a longtime member of the Evergreen Water and Sewer board.

Stan is survived by his parents, Darrell and Delores Clothier, of Kalispell; his sister and brother-in-law, Geri and Robert Malberg; his nieces, Amity, Jessica, Cadie, her husband, Ethan; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor Robert Ross officiating.

The family suggests that memorials be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Kenneth A. Clyde, 78

Kenneth A. Clyde, 78, of Fortine, died Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at his home in Fortine.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille, of Fortine, and two sons, Dr. Allen Clyde and

Timothy E. Clyde, both of Fresno, Calif.

Private family services will be held. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Darrin L. Cody, 34

Darrin L. Cody, 34, died Thursday, June 2, 2005, from injuries received in a vehicle accident near Troy.

He is survived by his wife, Sabreena, his children, Jenna and Turner, and his parents, Bob and Betty Cody, all of Troy.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Monday at the Troy Church of God with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Interment services will follow at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

Helen Constans Cole, 91

On Oct. 22, 2005, Helen Cole, 91, died peacefully at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. She was buried beside her husband at Glacier Memorial Cemetery on Oct. 28, 2005.

Helen Constans Cole was born in Lewistown on Sept. 15, 1914, to Henrietta and Charles Little. She was of French, German, and English descent with a little bit of Irish. Helen was the fourth child after three brothers and the oldest of four girls. Now, of the seven, two sisters remain, Lois Taylor of Helena, and Bernice Steiner of Sacramento, Calif.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald K. Cole, in 2003.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Ann and Dr. Amos L. Hergert of Sandy, Ore.; Kathryn and Edward Marquardt of Kalispell; and Jim and Brenda Cole of Macon, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, plus two

great-grandsons on the way.

She spent many years in the Eagles Auxiliary and Beta Sigma Phi. When Helen was six months pregnant with her first child, she marched in the summer heat with the Eagles Drill Team for the state competition in Miles City. She was proud of her many years as a credit manager for Montgomery Ward, Kalispell Mercantile, and Adkin's Lakewood Center. She also worked as a bookkeeper for O'Neil Lumber, Council on Aging and Nutrition, and at the Flathead County Treasurer's Office.

Helen loved bowling, reading and crossword puzzles, and she crocheted many afghans for family and friends. She was very talented at writing poetry and prose. As the wife of an avid hunter-fisherman for more than 66 years, she maintained a sense of humor and quick wit that remained to her last day.

Robert O. Cole, 80

Robert O. Cole, 80, of Eureka, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Eureka Senior Home in Eureka.

A funeral will be held Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at 11 a.m. at the Eureka Senior Home.

J.D. Coleman, 75

Lt. Col. J.D. Coleman (retired), loving husband of 53 years, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died of cancer at his home in Kalispell, on Oct. 4, 2005, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Dec. 16, 1930, in Spokane, the son of Phil and Lois LaBreche. Abandoned by his father during his infancy, he was raised east of the mountains, where his mother taught in several one-room country schools. J.D. and his mother later moved to the Flathead and lived in Columbia Falls and Kalispell.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, J.D. joined the Montana National Guard in 1948 and in April of that year went on active duty with the U.S. Army. After basic training J.D. was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division in Sendai, Japan, and proudly became a "rice paddy jumper." With the start of hostilities in Korea, J.D. served as an Airborne Infantryman in the 187th Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) and during the conflict, made two combat jumps behind enemy lines.

J.D. was honorably discharged in 1952 after four years of service, returned to Kalispell, where he met his future wife, Madeline Young. J.D. and Madeline were married Sept. 14, 1952, and the couple moved to Missoula where J.D. pursued a degree in journalism at the University and graduated in 1956. While attending the University full time J.D. worked at a local radio station where he covered local news and sports.

After graduation J.D. worked for a newspaper in Pasco, Wash., and then returned to Missoula and became the assistant sports information director at the University. He later took the position of news director and editorial writer for Missoula radio station KBTK. J.D. remained affiliated with the U.S. Army Reserve and received a direct commission as a 2nd Lt. in 1958.

Back in the states again in April 1970, he was PIO for the Combat Development Command at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he filled a colonel's slot as a major. J.D. went on to be PIO at Fort Ord, Calif., and chief of command information at Fort McPherson, Ga.

J.D. retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1979. In addition to the Silver Star he wore three Legions of Merit, four Bronze Stars, two CIB's and a Meritorious Service medal.

After retiring from active duty, J.D. became communications director for the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, helping lure Fortune 500 companies to the area (a campaign that won a national award) and PIO for the Georgia Department of Public Safety (Highway Patrol). In 1980, J.D. signed on for some strenuous part-time work as a disaster assistance employee at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). His assignments included hurricanes in Mississippi, Florida and Alabama, and a tornado in Wisconsin.

In 1989 his first book on Vietnam was published — "Pleiku: The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare in Vietnam," covering events of his first tour with the First Cav in Vietnam. He followed up with his second book in 1991 — "IncurSION: From America's Chokehold on the NVA Lifelines to the Sacking of the Cambodian Sanctuaries."

In 1991 he finally returned to his beloved Montana, as a Forest Service public affairs officer at the Flathead National Forest. After retiring from the Forest Service in 1997, J.D. signed back on with FEMA with deployments that included the immense Hayman Fire in Colorado in 2002, and floods in Louisiana and North Dakota. That same year his latest book was published, "WONJU, The Gettysburg of the Korean War."

In 2003 J.D. was recalled by the Forest Service to help run a wild-fire information office.

In 1963, J.D. returned to active duty with the U.S. Army and was assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., where he was an infantry company commander with the 11th Air Assault Division (test) which was later re-designated the 1st Air Cavalry Division (airmobile). As a captain in August 1965, he was deployed to Vietnam with the 1st Cav, initially as assistant public information officer (PIO). During this time J.D. wrote the official After Action Report of the Pleiku campaign that was extensively studied by senior leaders in the military; this report later became the basis for his first published book — "Pleiku, The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare."

Later during his first tour he was selected for command of a paratrooper infantry rifle company with the First Cavalry Division (B Co. 2/8). There J.D. served with distinction and was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star with "V" for Valor for actions during a pivotal battle in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, during which he and his company of soldiers successfully led the defense of a Special Forces camp as several battalions of North Vietnamese Army regulars furiously assaulted it. The 18 hours of intense combat won his unit the first Valorous Unit Citation ever awarded to a rifle company in Vietnam.

Upon returning to the states, J.D. was assigned to the Defense Information School in Indiana for two and a half years. In 1969 he returned to Vietnam as PIO for the 1st Cavalry. There J.D. assembled a team of young soldiers to write and photograph the exploits of the "First Team." J.D., now a major, spent much time sparring with the members of the news media around the world who seemed determined to undermine the war effort and discredit the brave young men who were fighting an unpopular war.

J.D. was a member of the advisory committee of the Journalism School in Missoula, board member on the Flathead County Republican Assembly, and a member of the Flathead County Central Committee and the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell. J.D. was also active in the 1st Cavalry and the 187th RCT (Rakkasans) Association and followed his alma mater's football team with passion.

"J.D. leaves a vacant spot in all of our hearts and, while cancer can kill the body, we know it cannot take the soul which went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

J.D. is survived by his wife of 53 years, Madeline; two daughters, Kathleen Sudan and husband, Marvin, their three children, Tracey Jean, Travis and Kimberly Morrison and husband, Bill, all of Kalispell, and Michelle Standley and husband, John, and their two daughters, Rebecca of New Orleans, and Jennifer of Kalispell; three sons, Darrell Coleman and his wife, Jand, and two children, Alex Jean of Dallas, and Michelle of Salinas, Calif., Roger Coleman and sons, Charles and Roger, of Louisiana, and Joseph and son, Brandon, of Louisiana. J.D. is also survived by two great-granddaughters, Caitlin Jean and Anna Louise Morrison.

Funeral services for J.D. Coleman will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Ed Koteskey officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the scholarship fund for Journalism Students at the University of Montana at Montana Community Foundation, 101 N. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 111, Helena, MT 59601.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for J.D.'s family.

Theodore E. "Ted" Coleman, 90

Theodore E. "Ted" Coleman, 90, a longtime resident of Libby, died Thursday, March 24, 2005, at the Libby Care Center.

He worked for many years in construction and was a non-

smith.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Alexander George 'Sandy' Colville, 50

Alexander George Colville, always known as Sandy, died of a ruptured gallbladder Friday, June 24, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, a month after



his 50th birthday. He was born in London, England, on May 21, 1955, the elder son of Sir John and Lady Margaret Colville.

He had a private education at Sunningdale Preparatory School and then at Harrow, where he was noted for his angelic choir boy's voice and talent as a sportsman. Later, he took a diploma in journalism.

On the first leg of a trip around the world (starting in Canada), he found himself in Montana, and, apart from visits home to renew his visa and recover from a serious illness ... he never left. He made his home in Kalispell, where he acquired a large and diverse circle of friends.

He achieved American immigrant status so he could get a

green card, and finally, in the year 2000, he became an American citizen.

He founded the North American Wildlife Museum and Gift Store near West Glacier and worked tirelessly to make it the success it is today.

Sandy was a deadeye shot from a young age and was able to continue his passion for hunting in the mountains of Montana. He was also an excellent fisherman and an accomplished golfer.

He will be greatly missed by his friends and neighbors to whom he was known as a hard worker, loyal and fun-loving friend always ready to help anyone.

He is survived by his sister, Harriet Bowes-Lyon, of Scotland, and younger brother, Rupert Colville, of France, and their children.

Funeral services for Sandy will be held in his garden at 521 Maple Drive in Evergreen at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2005, with Father William Baumgarten of Christ Church Episcopal officiating, and his burial will be in Scotland.

Sigrid Commers, 88

Sigrid Commers, 88, a resident of Ocean Shores, Wash., died on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Grays Harbor Community Hospital in Aberdeen, Wash.

Mrs. Commers was born on Dec. 26, 1916, in Lost Wood, N.D., to parents, Peter and Karen (Hagen) Rogstad. When she was 12, her mother died and since she was the oldest of 11 children, she was responsible for raising the family.

On June 22, 1940, she was married to Alyn J. Benda in Niehart. Mr. Benda died on Sept. 24, 1991. The couple made their home in Niehart until moving to Seattle in 1942. In 1943, they returned to Montana for a year, then back to Seattle. Sigrid worked as a riveter for the Boeing Company for nearly 25 years, retiring in 1973. She moved to Ocean Shores in 2001.

On May 6, 1990, she and Roy Commers were married. He died on Nov. 29, 1996.

Mrs. Commers was an active person, having belonged to the Ocean Shores Eagles of which she was a past president, the Ocean Shores Elks where she had served

on the Bingo committee, the VFW at Hogan's Corner, the Red Hat Society in Ocean Shores and the Sons of Norway in Hoquiam, Wash. She also served as a committee member for the Ocean Shores Jazz Society.

Relatives include three sons, Tom P. Benda of Snohomish, Wash.; John W. Benda of Ocean Shores, and Robert D. Benda of Thailand; two sisters, Clara Lapham of Ocean Shores, and Edna Jensen of Tacoma, Wash.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sigrid is also survived by extended family members, Geraldine and husband, Jack Lingle, and Norma Commers, six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren, all of the Flathead Valley. "We will all miss you."

A sister, Hilda Wright, and seven brothers, Albert, Oscar, Emil, Carl, Martin, Paul Rogstad and Freddie Rogstad died previously.

Cremation has taken place and services were held in Ocean Shores.

Marilyn Conant, 61

Marilyn Conant, 61, died Aug. 20, 2005, in Alaska.

She was born April 28, 1944 in Kalispell, to Roger and Dorothy (Corson) Conant. She grew up on the east shore of Flathead Lake and attended Bigfork public schools.

She spent most of her life after leaving Bigfork, in Alaska.

She is survived by her daughter, Heide Perry, and grandchildren Vincent and Jessa, in Anchorage, and her son, Michael McBroom and Norma, and grandchildren, Sara and Lance of Olney. She is also survived by her sisters, Arlene Heggen and Wayne of Seeley Lake, Janet Goldstein and Larry of Las Vegas, Jeanne Mullen and Leo of Belle, Mo., and Jamie Conant Balli of Missoula, her uncle, Larry Corson of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins that loved

her.

"Marilyn seemed bigger than life, a wonderful lady with no care for many of societies' restraints, who provided us with so much entertainment and many chuckles. We will miss her!"

Helen Marie Conrad, 95

Helen Marie Conrad, 95, passed away

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at Breddan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 1, 1909, in Wilton, N.D., to Charles and Caroline (Swanson) Hanson. Helen was the youngest of six children. She moved from North Dakota to Spokane, then to Kalispell, prior to her marriage.

She married Werner Conrad on Nov. 12, 1931, in Polson. They moved to Marlow until 1939, when they moved back to Kalispell. She worked at Sutherland Cleaver's.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and volunteered for the American Red Cross and Agency on Spring. She was recognized as a volunteer of the V.O.D. several years. Helen enjoyed painting and gardening.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Werner Conrad, in March 1991, by grandson, Don C. M.

January 1995, and by brother-

She is survived by one son, Charles Conrad with wife, Loretta, one daughter, Cherie Chastain and husband, Edwin, four grandchildren, Scott Edmanson with wife Janet, Clarke Edmanson and wife, Duane, Wade Conrad and wife, Stan, and Boyd Conrad and wife, Bobbie, also nine great grandchildren, Julie, Alex, Edmanson, Emily Edmanson, Ryan Edmanson, Mitchell Edmanson, Jessica Conrad, Karley Conrad, Victoria Conrad, Christopher Conrad, and Amber Conrad.

Funeral services will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Private family burial will be at Oakwood Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The family requests memorials be given to Young Men's Agency, 169 Jerry Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901, or Trinity Lutheran to 604 1/2 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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



SIGRID COMMERS, 88

March 01, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Sigrid Commers, 88, a resident of Ocean Shores, Wash., died on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Grays Harbor Community Hospital in Aberdeen, Wash.

Mrs. Commers was born on Dec. 28, 1916, in Lost Wood, N.D., to parents, Peter and Karen (Hagen) Rogstad. When she was 12, her mother died and since she was the oldest of 11 children, she was responsible for raising the family.

On June 22, 1939, she was married to Alvin J. Benda in Niehart. Mr. Benda died on Sept. 24, 1984. The couple made their home in Niehart until moving to Seattle in 1942. In 1948, they returned to Montana for a year, then back to Seattle. Sigrid worked as a riveter for the Boeing Company for nearly 25 years, retiring in 1973. She moved to Ocean Shores in 2001.

On May 6, 1990, she and Roy Commers were married. He died on Nov. 29, 1996.

Mrs. Commers was an active person, having belonged to the Ocean Shores Eagles of which she was a past president, the Ocean Shores Elks where she had served on the Bingo committee, the VFW at Hogan's Corner, the Red Hat Society in Ocean Shores and the Sons of Norway in Hoquiam, Wash. She also served as a committee member for the Ocean Shores Jazz Society.

Relatives include three sons, Tom P. Benda of Snohomish, Wash., John W. Benda of Ocean Shores, and Robert D. Benda of Thailand; two sisters, Clara Lapham of Ocean Shores, and Edna Jensen of Tacoma, Wash.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sigrid is also survived by extended family members, Geraldine and husband, Jack Lingle, and Norma Commers, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, all of the Flathead Valley. "We will all miss you."

A sister, Hilda Wright, and seven brothers, Albert, Oscar, Emil, Carl, Martin, Paul Rogstad and Freddie Rogstad died previously.

Cremation has taken place and services were held in Ocean Shores.

HELEN MARIE CONRAD, 95

January 22, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Helen Marie Conrad, 95, passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 1, 1909, in Wilton, N.D., to Charles and Caroline (Swanson) Hansen. Helen was the youngest of six children. She moved from North Dakota to Spokane, then to Kalispell, prior to her marriage.

She married Werner Conrad on Nov. 12, 1931, in Polson. They moved to Marion, until 1949, when they moved back to Kalispell. She worked at Sutherland Cleaners.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and volunteered for the American Red Cross and Agency on Aging. She was recognized as a volunteer of the year several years. Helen enjoyed painting and gardening.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Werner Conrad, in March 1991; her grandson, Joel, in January 1998; and five brothers.

She is survived by one son, Charles Conrad with wife, Loretta; one daughter, Cherie Ellingson and husband, Edwin; four grandchildren, Scott Ellingson with wife, Janet, Clarke Ellingson and wife, Diane, Wade Conrad and wife, Star, and Todd Conrad and wife, Bobbie; also nine great-grandchildren, Ashley Ellingson, Emily Ellingson, Kayli Ellingson, Mitchell Ellingson, Jessica Conrad, Karley Conrad, Victoria Conrad, Christian Conrad, and Amber Conrad.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Private family burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be given to Agency on Aging, 160 Kelly Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Trinity Lutheran School, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dale Allen Cook, 72

Dale Allen Cook, 72, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005.

His parents were Stanton Cook and Thelma Keough Cook, with brothers, Everett and Merle and sister, Irma Cook Wells.



Dale was born with fragile X syndrome, an inherited disability trait. We were raised on a farm near Opheim, until we moved to Kalispell in 1948.

Thelma died when Dale was a baby, and Dad died when Dale was 19 years old. Dale then entered the Boulder institution, where he developed many lifelong friendships. Dale left Boulder in 1970, when his family moved him to Kalispell, where we set him up in the Frontier Hotel, beginning a 35-year tradition of eating at Syke's, his second home.

"We thank Doug, Judy, Tim and Toby and all his friends at Syke's who contributed to Dale's well being through the years."

Dale could always be seen riding his bicycle or sitting on the bench in Depot Park on Main Street, enjoying the activities.

In 1996, Bob Allison contacted Randy Kenyon, and Dale became a part of the Opportunity Resources Case Management family. As time went by, Randy, Ed, Cassidy, Peter, Pat, Jenny, Denise, Bill, Jim and others added to Dale's quality of life. Some of Dale's best times were at the

county fair and trips with Special Friends. When Dale finally got his eyes fixed, he was again amazed at our beautiful mountains.

In 2000, his sister Irma moved from Denver to live in Kalispell when she and Dale became reunited as family. She helped Dale and his Special Friends begin a weekly tradition of bowling at Skyline Bowl. Vince Elkhorn added so much to their fun during those wonderful outings. Dale's nephew, Mikel Wells, became the team's captain, with fellow bowlers Allen Levitt, Richard Lorenz, Marshal Fields, Cathy Bott, Kathy Rose, Mark Hulslander, Tim Harris and David Clarke. Many tears were shed when the Skyline Bowl burned down.

Irma would like to thank Allen for being there for Dale these past years, as well as Opheim friend Rita McDowell of Literacy Volunteers. On this past Aug. 6, Dale fell off his bicycle, suffering a serious injury for which he never recovered. During these final weeks, Dale moved in with Irma and Mikel, who would like to thank his caregiver, Mary, as well as Anne, Leah, Barbara and Jennifer from Grace Hospice.

There will be a celebration and sharing of Dale Cook's life on Dec. 4 at Faith Alliance Church, 348 Second Ave. W., in Kalispell. Doors open at 2 p.m., and service is at 3 p.m. Please use south side door.

Donations to Special Friends in Dale Cook's name would be appreciated.

Lillie B. Cook, 98

Lillie B. Cook, 98, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, in Eureka. Survivors include two daughters, Esther Walker of Eureka, and George Stouffer of Clifton, Arizona. Son, Bob Cook, of Reno, Nev.

Services will be at 11 a.m.

Funeral Home of the Eureka Chapter of the United Methodist Church, 100 E. 1st St., Eureka, Nev. 89401. Phone: 735-2222.

Arrangements by the Eureka Chapter of the United Methodist Church, 100 E. 1st St., Eureka, Nev. 89401.

Frank C. Cope, 59

Frank C. Cope, 59, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, in Eureka. Survivors include two daughters, Esther Walker of Eureka, and George Stouffer of Clifton, Arizona. Son, Bob Cook, of Reno, Nev.



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Violet Alice Cook, 96

Violet Alice Cook, 96, a native of Missoula who moved to Kalispell in 1941, died Sept. 11, 2005, at her home. She had been a resident of Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, Calif., since 1968. She was born Aug. 26, 1909.

She was the wife of the late Dr. John Cook and is survived by her two sons, William and Jack Brinkman. She also is survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Violet worked as a dental techni-

cian for 20 years and was member of Adah Chapter of the Eastern Star, Professional Women's Association and served as a docent at the Rossmoor Dollar Club House.

She loved painting, ceramics, her bridge club and friends.

At her request, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Contra Costa.

Arrangements were by Oak Park Hills Funeral Chapel.

FRANK C. COPE, 59

February 02, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Frank C. Cope, 59, passed away Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell from his long battle with leukemia.

He was born in Alton, Ill., on May 10, 1945. He grew up in Highland, Ill., where he graduated from Highland High School.

He began his working career as a boilermaker and later changed crafts to become a pipe fitter. With his background, he was able to enter into management as a quality control inspector. He was sent to many countries as a quality control manager.

Frank loved the many adventures that came his way. He rode the camels in Egypt, boated the canals in Thailand, viewed the beauty of the Taj Mahal and dove in the Virgin Islands.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Alvin, Texas.

Frank is survived by his wife, Sandra; and four children by a previous marriage, William, Lorie, Shane and Tabetha; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary.

A public reception will be held at the South Fork Saloon at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4.

John C. Corbett, 81

John C. Corbett, 81, of Polson, died on July 22, 2005, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula from a complication of lung surgery.



John was born June 11, 1924, in Fairview. He was the youngest child of George P. and Lottie (Oakland) Corbett. The family moved to Libby, where John attended schools.

He served in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II and later in the Korean War.

John attended Kinman Business University in Spokane and it was at that time that he met and married Therese Biesen in 1950.

John had a long career in law enforcement, which included the Montana Highway Patrol, and as a special investigator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He was a member of the Sons of Norway, Elks, NARFE, Masumola and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

John was a pilot and enjoyed fishing, camping, golf, playing cards and spending time with his family.

John was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mickie Hennesy Decker; brothers, Lloyd and George (Joe) Corbett; and a son-in-law, Rich Stripp.

He is survived by his wife, Therese, of Polson; his children, son, Timothy and Laura Corbett of Boise, Idaho; daughters, Dana and Oscar Escobar of Milwaukee, Ore., Cindy and Kenneth Munski of Great Falls, and Elizabeth Stripp of Ronan; grandchildren, Rainee and Nick Schafer, Andrea Corbett, Neil Corbett, Josh and Callie Munski, Nathan Munski, Katie Munski, Mark Escobar and John Escobar; and great-grandchildren, Hannah and Bailey Munski. He is also survived by his sister, Elva Detjens, of Libby; a sister-in-law, Ruth Corbett of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family & friends.

A memorial Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday, July 29, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson with military honors to follow at the church. A reception will follow the services.

Memorials are suggested to St. Luke's Extended Care in Ronan or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson.

William Roger Coughlin, 76

William Roger Coughlin, 76, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, with his son-in-law, Tim Withrow, by his side, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



COUGHLIN

He was born on Dec. 13, 1928, in Conrad, to William and Olive (Thompson) Coughlin. William received his early education in Brady, and began working at the age of 12 with his uncles in their wheat fields.

In 1946 he joined the Army and after training in California served his country in Japan and in Alaska.

While in California, William traveled to Oregon and met Minnie R. Jimenez; they were married on Feb. 13, 1951, in The Dalles, Ore. William worked for various railroads in Oregon and Washington before moving to Montana in 1954. In 1956 William began work for the Burlington Northern and in 1968 continued with the tie plant in Somers.

William was very active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as commander twice and also as the all-state commander. He was the seam squirrel for the Cooties and a life member of the VFW.

From her earliest recollect, Cecilia, William's granddaughter, was nearly always by his side while volunteering with the VFW. She was his pride and joy and spent many hours with her "Poppy" selling Poppys during the VFW's annual fund-raisers. William's grandsons, Brian and

Tim, were also good poppy salesmen and learned much from their grandpa.

William loved hunting, country music and spending time with his grandchildren. He was very dedicated to his family and country. William was known for his kind heart, his respect for others and his ability to make friends wherever he would go.

William was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter; and three brothers: Jim, Lyle and Tom.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Minnie Coughlin, of Somers; two daughters, Cecilia Withrow and husband, Tim, of Somers, and Marian Coughlin of Oregon; one son, Daniel Coughlin of Lowell, Mass.; four grandchildren, Cecilia Withrow of Kalispell, Brian and Tim Withrow of Somers, and Daniel Coughlin of Massachusetts; as well as one sister, Mary Olson, of Great Falls.

There will be a reception at the VFW Post on Main Street following the services and the family suggests memorial gifts be given to the VFW Post 2252, 111 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorial services for William will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Doug Mead officiating. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for William's family.

Raymond Warren Covill, 95

Raymond Warren Covill, 95, of Columbia Falls, died Feb. 9, 2005, in Falls. Memorial services will take place at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

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Harold E. Craig, 83

Harold E. Craig, 83, died Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He is survived locally by his daughter, Jan Hendrix. His ashes will be interred in Berlin Cemetery next to his wife.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William E. 'Bill' Crist, 73

William E. "Bill" Crist, 73, died June 1, 2005.

A former resident of Kalispell, he is survived by his wife, Wanda; daughter, Kimberlee; sons Bruce, Greg

and William.

A memorial service will be held Monday, June 6, at 1 p.m., at Riplinger Funeral Home, 4305 North Division, Spokane, Wash.

Arlynn Therese Crandall, 39

Arlynn Therese Crandall was born the youngest of nine children Jan. 4, 1966, in Houston. Arlynn grew up in a busy, boisterous home. The year after her birth she moved to Missoula. At the age of 10, she moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., where she graduated from Ursuline High School in 1985.

She love athletics and participated in numerous sports throughout her lifetime. Her love for basketball began in the fourth grade where she participated on an all boys' team. She scored 126 points that year.

She was struck with cancer in her sophomore year, lost a lung and lost the ability to do much of the things she loved. Her strong will, determination and good health care got her through this brush with death.

Arlynn attended SDU, San Francisco State, and graduated from Sacramento State in education.

This was Arlynn's fourth year at Davis Senior High and she devoted her entire self to her career teaching photography and art history. She loved her job and her students — it was her life. In the few short years that she taught she had accomplished so much. She was the art department chair, Pathways co-coordinator and senior-class adviser.

She also loved golf, swimming, tennis, rollerblading, football, soccer, writing, poetry, museums and all forms of art. She made annual summer visits to Montana to visit

family and enjoy the outdoors.

Arlynn never had children of her own, but took a passionate interest in her 21 nieces and nephews, following their sports, academics, music, and personal lives — Joey, Sam, Nick, Breanna, Becky, Rob, Jayme, Lindsay, Lauren, Kyle, Corey, Amanda, Sarah, Hannah, Brian, Yvonne, Rachel, Marc, Hans, Dmitri and Kira.

Arlynn died Nov. 12, 2005, in the morning, riding her bike on the greenbelt doing what she loved in the city that she loved.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Ann Crandall, and infant brother, Arthur.

She leaves behind her father, Arthur Vondal Crandall, of Kalispell; siblings, Michelle Dauenhauer and Roxanne Baker, both of Kalispell, Bill Crandall of Missoula, Rob Crandall of Leonardtown, Md., Mimi Lampert of Puyallup, Wash., Beth Rotteveel of Dixon, Calif., and Yvonne Petrunin of Wilsonville, Ore.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Davis Senior High School. Those wishing to send a memorial donation to the Arlynn Crandall Memorial Fund may do so to: Davis Senior High School, 315 W. 14th St., Davis, CA 95616, attn: Patty Smith; or to Arlynn's sister, Beth Rotteveel, at 6181 Reddick Lane, Dixon, CA 95620.

Those wishing to sign a virtual guest register may do so by visiting www.davisfuneral.com.

Charles L. Crane, 88

Charles L. Crane, 88, formerly of Bigfork, died Sept. 7, 2005, at The Gardens Nursing Home in Kingman, Ariz.

He had worked in construction for Ready Mix Concrete before retiring to Chloride, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Crane, of Chloride and his four children.

No services will be held.

Joe Crane, 79

Joe Crane, 79, of Sun City West, Ariz., died suddenly in his home on Oct. 12, 2005.

Billy Joe Crane was born on Nov. 2, 1925, near Philadelphia, Mo. to Russell Lee Crane and Eula Brown Lake. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a Fireman, First Class during World War II, aboard the ship LST 316. He was one of the few men who survived the invasion of Normandy (D-Day).

After his honorable discharge on Dec. 31, 1946, he moved to Kalispell, to work on the Hungry Horse Dam, where he met and married Elaine E. Graham on Oct. 28, 1949.

He worked in Kalispell, for 32 years as a superintendent for E.F. Matelich Construction building bridges throughout the Northwest. He was also a member of the Kalispell Elks 725.

After retiring in 1985, he moved

to Helendale, Calif. In 1997, he moved again to Sun City West, Ariz.

In his early years, he loved fishing and water skiing. Later in life, he enjoyed golf and exercising.

Joe is survived by his wife, Elaine "Toots" Crane, of Sun City West; his daughter, Pamela Forsythe of Blythe, Calif.; granddaughters, Alishia Zaldivar of Phoenix, and Monika Forsythe of Oceanside, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Tristian and Ashlyn Zaldivar, of Phoenix; one sister, Rosalie Parson, of Quincy, Ill.; and two brothers, Jack and Harold Crane, of Hannibal, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Crane.

A family and friends gathering is scheduled in his home in Sun City West for his "Celebration of Life." No services are scheduled. Cremation has taken place.

Douglas Earl Crowell, 67

Douglas Earl Crowell, 67, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, at Healthcenter Northwest after a long battle with cancer.



Doug was born on Nov. 21, 1938, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Stan and Jane Crowell. He moved to Washington state where he graduated from Monroe High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force for four years.

Doug married Barbara Willcut at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Monroe, Wash., in 1962 and they moved to Montana in 1963.

Together, they had 11 children — Rafe Crowell and his wife, Breeze, of Oregon; Vince Crowell and his wife, Jamie, of Columbia Falls; Douglas A. Crowell and close friend Mandy of Kalispell; Paul Crowell and his wife, Carleen, of Washington; Barb Wheeler of Ronan; Aaron Crowell and his wife, Jen, of Idaho; Theresa Simmons and husband, Jason, of Kalispell; Sarah Jeschke and husband, Chancey, of Kalispell; Joe Crowell and his wife, Heather, of Kalispell; Mary Crowell of New York; and Anna Shanks and husband, Whitney, of Kalispell.

His grandchildren are Kayla, Megan, Chad and Colby Crowell; Raina and Lea Crowell; Tom, Maria and Hope Crowell; Tyrell, Sierra and Cody Crowell; Colton and Tyler Wheeler; Johnny, Erin Elizabeth, Nathan and Michael Crowell; Robert and Jessica Simmons; Levi, Haylie, Dalton, Sara and Cody Jeschke; Brittney, Barron, Devin, Andrew and Phillip Crowell; and Adrian and Rafe Shanks.

He is also survived by his wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; his mother, Jane Crowell of Marion; brother Bruce and wife Judy Crowell of Kalispell; sister Donna and husband Rick Drivstuen of Monroe, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stan, and one brother, Jerry.

Doug worked all his life in the woods as a timber faller. He loved to hunt, fish, trap and spend time with his family. He had a great sense of humor and will be missed by all. A Rosary will be recited for the immediate family on Tuesday evening. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at Risen Christ Catholic Parish. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ruby L. Curtis, 87

Ruby L. Curtis, 87, of Libby, died of natural causes Sunday, April 10, 2005, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born Feb. 24, 1918, in Ontario, Canada, to Lewis and Bertha Gerber Rose. She married John Curtis on March 17, 1962. They moved to Libby in 1965.

She is survived by her husband, John Curtis, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in the Bonners Ferry Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Local arrangements are being handled by Nelson and Vest Funeral Home in Libby.

Gladys Bernice Swenson Curtis, 89

Gladys Bernice Swenson Curtis, 89, died Aug. 14, 2005 at Chattaroy in Deer Park, Spokane County, Wash.

Gladys Bernice Swenson Curtis was born on June 5, 1916, in Oklee, Red Lake County, Minn., to Oscar A. Swenson and Ingoborg Emma Gunnstenson Swenson.

She was a former resident of Troy, Kalispell, and Eureka.

On May 31, 1956, she married Ralph L. Curtis and was a devoted housewife. They moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1958, and together set up a lumber business in College, Alaska. Gladys worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for the lumber company and also cooked at the Fairbanks Elementary School. Her husband passed away in 1998.

Gladys enjoyed playing cards,

and entertaining friends and relatives. She loved to cook and bake, often making a dozen loaves of bread and several pans of cinnamon rolls or pies of every kind.

Gladys is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and stepchildren.

Her parents, one brother, two sisters, husband, Ralph, and two infant children have preceded her in death.

A graveside services and interment honoring Gladys will be held 3 p.m. in Kalispell at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Park on Tuesday, August 23, directed by the Lauer Funeral Home in Deer Park, with her nephew, Donald Curtis, a retired pastor, officiating.

Gladys' family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Spokane or Meals on Wheels.

DAVID ROBERT CURTISS, 84

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David Robert Curtiss, 84, died quietly at his home Thursday morning, July 7, 2005, after valiantly battling an ever weakening heart for a number of years.

Second son of Alvin and Mary Alice Curtiss, he was born Aug. 13, 1920, at his parents' Deep Creek homestead near Fortine. He attended Fortine public school and after graduating from Lincoln County High School at Eureka, attended Benson Polytechnical Institute at Portland.

After completing aircraft instrument technical training he went to work for the Civil Service and before enlistment in the Army Air Force in World War II, he was employed at what was then Geiger Air Force Base at Spokane.

During his active service in the 8th Air Force in the European Theater, Staff Sgt. David Curtiss was attached to the 853rd Air Engineer Squadron, where he served both as a member of flight crews and as an instrument technician helping patch up other disabled B-17s returning from missions over Europe.

Battles and campaigns enumerated to his credit were: Normandy Air Offensive in Europe; Northern France-Ardenes; and Central Europe-Rhineland. He was one of the first Montanans to be discharged under the point system in 1945. He survived a plane crash during his hitchhike home via Casa Blanca and Brazil, as the Air Force which was still engaged in the Japanese Sector at that time, had no transport for returnees.

He led the V-J Day parade at Gore Hill in Great Falls where later in 1945, he and former schoolmate Aubyn A. Armstrong were married at the base chapel. Worried about the belligerent actions of Russia, upon his discharge he immediately enlisted in the Army Air Force Reserve for another three years. In addition to his two honorable discharges and good conduct medal, he was awarded the European African Middle Eastern service medal.

David returned to his instrument technician position at Geiger Field, which had been held open for him, but the couple wished to return to Montana. There they conducted a logging and mill operation for a time until friends encouraged a trip to Alaska, which turned into a three-year adventure and a unique experience with Morrison-Knutson-Peter Kiewit building the Alaska Railroad Terminal and work on the then-Ladd Air Force Base.

Love of Montana and aging parents brought the couple back home to Deep Creek where they briefly resumed their logging business, but soon launched a family-operated wholesale-retail Christmas tree business. The Kooconusa Christmas Tree trademark was recognized and sought after at retail outlets, not only across the Montana Highline through to Williston, N.D., but at Billings, Hayward and Lafayette in California. David by then was employed by the U.S. Forest Service where he served as fire control officer at the Murphy Lake Ranger Station until his retirement in 1975, due to injuries experience in line of duty. It was during his tenure at the fire desk that the Fortine Ranger District became known on the Kootenai National Forest as the "asbestos district."

David will always be remembered as an outdoorsman, proud to be a native Montanan loving this special part of the world, deeply appreciative of his surroundings which he and brothers explored from their early years - a man desirous of extending the opportunity to all to enjoy this heritage even though unable to hike the mountain trails and wade the streams as he once was able to do.

David loved horses and was an avid hunter and fisherman. One of his most treasured experiences was his participation with his brother, Larry, and his family on the Montana Centennial Cattle Drive.

David will be remembered for his boundless love for his family and for his helping hand extended to any in need. He was a lifetime supporter of the Fortine Community Church, served for a time as 4-H leader, helped organize the Blue Sky Riders Saddle Club, was a member of the Back Country Horsemen, member of Eureka Post #6786 of the V.F.W., and along with Norman Livesay and Chester Apeland, initiated the formation of the refuse system in Lincoln County. He had also been a member of Local 202 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Mary Alice Curtiss; brothers, Charles and Alonzo; and an infant brother.

He is survived by brother, Larry and family; wife Aubyn; daughter, Sue; sons, David Marcell and Gareth; grandchildren, Patrick, Heath, Amber, David Marcell Jr., and Aubyn Blulette; and great-granddaughter, Rachel Anne of Joseph, Ore.; and numerous cousins including Grace Johnston and Lew Curtis of Missoula, and Ruth Pomeroy of Kalispell.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Fortine Community Church with Dr. David Kaufman officiating; interment services with military honors will follow at Fortine Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to Fortine Fire Department or Eureka Ambulance.